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First Snow Of Season Falls In Upper Reaches



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Srinagar: The Higher reaches of Kashmir valley experienced season's first snowfall while intermittent wide-spread rains lash Kashmir valley for the second day resulting in considerable drop in the temperature on Thursday, officials said. Meteorological department officials said that higher reaches of Sonamarg in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district and southern region of Himalayan range of Margan top also received the first light snowfall of the

season overnight.

"There is a possibility that some higher reaches may also receive snowfall in the Kashmir valley tonight", they said.

The plains of Kashmir valley, including Srinagar received intermittent wide-spread rains since this morning bringing down the temperature besides disrupting normal activities. Reports of rainfall were also received from the Jammu division also.

The day temperature in Srinagar and other weather stations of the Kashmir valley was | More on P6

MeT Predicts Continued Rainfall in J&K Dry Weather Expected From Sept 4



The maximum temperature plummeted across Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday with most of the places recording below normal temperature amidst the rainfall at multiple places of the Union Territory. Srinagar, the | More on P6

15 Candidates Have Crorepati Status

Agencies

Srinagar: As the first phase of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections approaches, financial disclosures reveal that more than 15 candidates from major political parties are crorepatis, and their spouses also possess significant wealth, particularly in gold. The luxurious lifestyles of these candidates and their families have become a talking point in the region.

Ghulam Ahmad Mir, Congress candidate from the Dooru assembly seat in South Kashmir, tops the list with a staggering Rs 15 crore worth of movable and immovable property. His wife, who owns 1,320 grams of gold, has more gold than the spouse of any other candidate. In second place for gold ownership is the wife of PDP candidate Sartaj Madni from Devsar,

ECI Issues Notification For 2nd Phase Of J&K Polls

• 26 Assembly Constituencies To Vote On September 25 • Last Date Of Filing Nominations Is September 05

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Election Commission of India (ECI) Thursday issued election notification for the 2nd phase of the General Elections to the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir.

26 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in the districts of Ganderbal, Srinagar, Budgam, Reasi, Rajouri and Poonch shall go to polls in the second phase.

In Kashmir Division 15 Assembly Constituencies comprising Kangan (ST), Ganderbal, Hazratbal, Khanyar, Habbakadal, Lal Chowk, Channapora, Zadibal, Eidgah, Central Shalteng, Budgam,



Beerwah, Khansahib, Chrar-I-Sharif, Chadoora, and in Jammu Division 11 Assembly Constituencies comprising Gulabgarh (ST), Reasi, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Kalakote-Sunderbani, Nowshera, Rajouri (ST), Budhal (ST),

300 Paramilitary Companies Deployed

Over 300 additional companies of paramilitary forces will be deployed in Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the three-phase assembly elections commencing from September 18 in the union territory, officials said on Thursday. According to the officials, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of the Jammu-Kathua range, Shiv Kumar Sharma arrived at the Police Reception | More on P6

Thannamandi (ST), Surankote (ST); Poonch Haveli and Mehndhar (ST) are scheduled to go to polls in the second phase of the electoral process.

As per the Notification, the last date for filing nominations is September 05, 2024 (Thursday). Scrutiny of the nomination papers shall take place on September 06, 2024 (Friday) and last date of withdrawal of candidature is September 09, 2024 (Monday).

The polling day for these Assembly constituencies is scheduled for September 25, 2024, (Wednesday) and the Polling will be conducted from 07:00 AM to 06:00 PM, the notification reads. | More on P6

7.74 Lakh Voters To Cast Ballots In Srinagar

8 Constituencies
3,86,654 Male Voters
3,87,778 Female Voters
30 Third-gender Voters
932 Polling Stations

With the issuance of notification for the second phase of elections in J&K, the capital city of Srinagar is all set to go for polls on September 25. As per the final Electoral Rolls, Srinagar District has a total of 7,74,462 electorate, among which 3,86,654 are male voters, 3,87,778 are female voters while 30 belong to the third gender. Srinagar District comprises 08 Assembly Constituencies viz. 19-Hazratbal, 20- Khanyar, 21-Habbakadal, | More on P6

3 Former CMs Opt Out Of J&K Elections

Observer News Service

Srinagar: For the first time in the electoral history of Jammu and Kashmir, three prominent former Chief Ministers of Jammu and Kashmir—Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Ghulam Nabi Azad, and Mehbooba Mufti—have decided not to contest the upcoming Assembly elections.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah, a three-time Chief Minister, played a pivotal role in forging the alliance between the National



Conference (NC) and the Congress party but has chosen to remain out of the contest himself. Similarly, Ghulam Nabi Azad, another three-time

Chief Minister, has also opted out of the race. Azad had previously secured a record 62.86% of the vote from Baderwah in 2008, where | More on P6

5 Kin Of Top Politicians Get Tickets

The National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party- the two main regional political parties- have fielded at least five candidates who are kith and kin of senior politicians. Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has given mandate to Iltija Mufti, daughter of former Chief Minister and party president | More on P6

3 Members Of Aga Family Compete For Same Assembly Seat

Dabeerah Hassan

Budgam: As assembly elections approach, Budgam has emerged as the center of a unique and intriguing political contest.

Three members of the influential Aga family are competing for the same assembly seat, each representing a different political party.

Aga Syed Mehmood, a senior politician with the National Conference; Aga Syed Muntazir, a new member of the Peoples Democratic Party; and Aga Syed Ahmad, representing the Awami National Conference (ANC), are all vying

for the Budgam seat.

Many members of the Aga family, which enjoys a considerable clout among a section of Shia community, have been affiliated with almost all political parties from both separatist and mainstream camp for decades but never have they been pitted against each other as it looks certain now in Budgam Assembly segment.

Followers of the family now face the challenge of choosing between three candidates from the same clan, each with distinct party affiliations and political platforms but all claiming to be part of Anjuman-e-Sharie | More on P6

AG Noorani Is No More

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Distinguished Kashmir expert, author, political commentator and supreme court lawyer Abdul Ghafoor Majeed Noorani, popularly known as AG Noorani has passed away at his Mumbai residence. He was 94.

He was one of the few remaining experts on the Constitution of India from his generation.

Noorani, who was born in Mumbai in 1930, wrote columns for various publications, including Hindustan Times, The Hindu, Dawn, The Statesman, Frontline, Economic and Political Weekly, and Dainik Bhaskar. He wrote thousands of articles and began writing in the early 1960s.

He was the author of numerous books, | More on P6

SCO MEET IN OCTOBER

Pakistan Formally Invites PM Modi

Press Trust Of India

Islamabad: Pakistan on Thursday invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's Council of Heads of Government meeting to be held here in October.

Pakistan holds the rotating chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of Government (CHG) and in that capacity, will be hosting the two-day in-person SCO Heads of Governments Meeting in October.

"Invitations have been sent to the heads of countries to participate in the meeting which

will take place on October 15-16. An invitation has also been sent to the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi (too)," Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch told the weekly press briefing.

Some countries have already confirmed participation (for the meeting), which will be informed in due course, she said.

When asked about ties with India, the spokesperson said, "Pakistan does not have direct bilateral trade with India."

The Islamabad summit meeting will be preceded by a ministerial meeting and several rounds of senior officials' meetings | More on P6

102 Judges Transferred In Major Reshuffle

MAHMAD

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Thursday ordered transfer of 102 judicial officers including 57 district judges in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to an order by Registrar General, Sanjay Parihar, Principal District & Sessions Judge (PDSJ), Jammu has been transferred and posted as Member J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu on deputation.

Yash Paul Bourney has been posted as PDSJ, Jammu; Jaffer Hussain Beg has been posted as PDSJ Srinagar; Ashok Kumar as Member, J&K Special Tribunal, Srinagar on deputation; Ravinder Nath

Wattal as PDSJ, Samba; Jawad Ahmad as PDSJ, Baramulla; Haq Nawaz Zargar as Special Judge, Anti Corruption, Jammu; Tahir Khurshid Raina as PDSJ, Anantnag; Ms Sonia Gupta, PDSJ Reasi has been transferred and her services are placed at the disposal of the Chief Justice (A) for her appointment as Director, J&K Judicial Academy; S.C Kattal has been posted as PDSJ, Reasi; Jatinder Singh Jamwal, has been posted as PDSJ, Kathua; Virinder Singh Bhouas as PDSJ, Udhampur; Khalil Ahmad Choudhary as PDSJ, Bandipora; Rajeev Gupta posted as PDSJ, Rajouri; Chain Lal Bavaria as | More on P6

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NOTICE. I need to rectify the name/ surname of my Driving License Bearing No JK-012000067355 from Ab Khaliq Bhat to Abdul Khaliq Matta as per my Adhaar.

Public Notice. I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate. As per school records my DOB is 11-03-1978. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Naib Tehsildar Kakapora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam Executive Magistrate 1st Class. Subject: Order for registration of Date of Birth in the records of Municipal Committee Pattan. Public Notice. The registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Pattan / Khaipora) has submitted case file pertaining to birth of Zaina Bano W/o Showkat Ahmad Peer R/o Chandraseer Tehsil pattan District Baramulla having verified the date of birth as 28-03-1979 and the event has been shown to be occurred at home for issuance of Delay order.

از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار پٹن. عنوان:- درخواست منجانب فیضان فاروق وچند فاروق واڈان فاروق پیران فاروق احمد شیر گورجری ساکنہ پٹن تحصیل پٹن برادر اجرائی OBC بچہ خود. اشتہار ہرخاص وعام. معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹیفکیٹ بذمہ کما پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹناری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن واقعی کما ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور ساکن پٹن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے۔ ساکن کا کنیدہ ذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے: 60 سالہ زمینداری محمد رشید، 55 سالہ گھریلو کام شہیر احمد ولد، 35 سالہ مزدوری ریشہ دختر عبدالرشید، 24 سالہ -- -- مبینہ بانو دختر، 22 سالہ -- -- فرحت رشید ولد، 20 سالہ -- -- حفیظہ ولد۔ اور کوئی افراد کنیدہ نہیں ہیں۔ ساکن مذکورہ OBC سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے۔

از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار پٹن. عنوان:- درخواست منجانب محمد شفیع کمار ولد محمد رمضان کمار ساکنہ ڈیگم پٹن تحصیل پٹن برادر اجرائی OBC بچہ خود. اشتہار ہرخاص وعام. معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹیفکیٹ بذمہ کما پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹناری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن واقعی کما ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور ساکن ڈیگم پٹن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے۔ ساکن کا کنیدہ ذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے: 55 سالہ مزدوری محمد رمضان کمار ولد محمد، 54 سالہ گھریلو کام رحیمی بیگم زیدہ بیگم رمضان، 25 سالہ زینت محمد شفیع ولد محمد رمضان، 23 سالہ -- -- سائہ بانو دختر، 78 سالہ عمر رسیدہ رحیمی بیگم زیدہ بیگم کما۔ اور کوئی افراد کنیدہ نہیں ہیں۔ ساکن مذکورہ OBC سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے۔

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla. TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER. NIT No: M&HDB/TS/2024-25/17/1213-20. Date: 29-08-2024. For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT, Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla, invites online e-bids in Two Cover system (Technical and financial) on Percentage basis from OEMs or Registered suppliers/dealers/firms/agencies/contractors having experience for execution of below mentioned work:

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از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار پٹن. عنوان:- درخواست منجانب بشیر احمد کمار ولد محمد طارق اور سائہ بانو اولادان غلام قادر کمار ساکنہ پٹن تحصیل پٹن برادر اجرائی OBC بچہ خود. اشتہار ہرخاص وعام. معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹیفکیٹ بذمہ کما پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹناری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن واقعی کما ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور ساکن پٹن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے۔ ساکن کا کنیدہ ذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے: 55 سالہ مزدوری غلام قادر کمار ولد محمد طارق، 54 سالہ گھریلو کام نوری بیگم زیدہ بیگم طارق، 28 سالہ زینت بشیر احمد کمار ولد، 26 سالہ -- -- سائہ بانو دختر، 24 سالہ -- -- عمر قادر ولد۔ اور کوئی افراد کنیدہ نہیں ہیں۔ ساکن مذکورہ OBC سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے۔

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Palhallan Executive Magistrate 1st Class. Application Of Aasy Ashraf Bagath & Arsalan Ashraf Bagath S/D/o Mohammd Ashraf Baghat R/o Palhallan Pattan for obtaining OBC 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 OBC certificate. According to the field staffs report the applicants are permanent resident of village Palhallan 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 78000 /-. Family details of the applicant are give below.

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam Executive Magistrate 1st Class. Application of Waseem Ahmad Najar S/o Ghulam Ahmad Najar R/o Resraypora Tehsil Pattan regarding obtaining of OBC 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 OBC certificate. According to the field staffs report the applicants are permanent resident of village Tresraypora 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 595392/- . Family details of the applicant are give below.

NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC The Jammu & Kashmir State Board Of School Education. CERTIFICATES-KD, NEW CAMPUS BEMINA SRINAGAR. ATTENTION PLEASE. The candidate whose photograph is published in the notice is claimed to have lost his qualification certificate of with the following particulars.. 1. Roll No:- 211194 2. Class:- 10th 3. Year & Session :- April - May 1991 4. Registration No:- 24256-SLB-IX-87 5. Name : MOHD ASHRAF WANI 6. Fathers Name: ASSADULLAH WANI 7. Mothers Name: N/A 8. Date of Birth: 25-11-1972. 9. Residence:- SHOLIPORA TEH. & DISSTT BUDGAM PIN 191111 Now the candidate has applied for the DUPLICATE QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE. before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, any person having any objection in this regard may please file the same before the secretary BOSE or undersigned with in 7 days from the date of issue of this notice. Besides, the above losted QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE bearing S.No. 140541 be traeted as CANCELLED.

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Office Of The Naib Tehsildar Kreeri. Sub: Application of Mohammad Ashraf Wani S/o Ghulam Mohiuddin Wani R/o Hall Jagir Tehsil Kreeri for issuance of income dependant certificate in favour of his son namely Irfan Ahmad Wani. NOTICE. Regarding the Subject cited above the applicant has submitted the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of Income Depent Certificate in favour of his son Namely Irfan Ahmad Wano. In this connection a report of patwai halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in village Hail Jagir and is labour by profession and annual income of the applicant is Rs 84000 . Moreover the report of Patwari Halqa concerned reveals that he requests for the issuance of income dependant certificate in favour of his son namely Irfan Ahmad Wani The details of the family of the applicant are as follows:

Office of the Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal Budgam. Notice For General Public. I tis hereby notified that the applicant namely Mohamad Ayoub Bhat S/o Ghulam Mohammad Bhat R/o Narbal Pethpora District Budgam had applied for the issuance of Birth Certificate of his son namely Burhan Ayub S/o Mohammad Ayoub Bhat . The applicant intends to register the DOB of his Son as per school record is 05-08-2014. 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE. This is to formally notify that ADAM AIJAZ, residing at 331 Devonshire Street, Apt D10, Pittsburgh, PA.15213, USA and a citizen of India, has legally changed his surname from AIJAZ to SHAH. This change aligns with his correct surname and is effective as of 06.10.2021, following all necessary legal procedures. All future references to ADAM AIJAZ should now reflect with the new surname, ADAM AIJAZ SHAH. Please update your records accordingly. For any inquiries or clarifications, please contact the details provided below. Aijaz Ahmad Father of Adam Shah 331 Devonshire Street, Apt D10, Pittsburgh, PA.15213, USA Phone no.: +1858 305 8301 Abdul Rashid Grandfather of Adam Shah Utikoo Bangil, District Baramulla, Jammu and Kashmir Phone no.: +91 990 652 6870

Elderly Locals Corner BJP Habakadal Candidate Over 'Statehood'

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Ashok Bhat, the Bhartiya Janata Party candidate from the Habakadal seat, was cornered by the locals on Thursday over the promises the saffron party made regarding the restoration of J&K's 'statehood' and the 'issues' people confront on a daily basis.

Bhat, a BJP nominee for the Habakadal Assembly constituency will square off against Arif Laigaroo of the Peoples Democratic Party and Shamima Firdous, a strong contender from the National Conference.

Upon his arrival in the Habakadal locality to solicit support for the upcoming assembly elections, the BJP

your government installed smart meters in J&K? Isn't the unemployment rate in Kashmir at an all-time high? People here pine for a drop of water and your government is planning to install smart water meters? questioned the elderly man.

When challenged by one of the supporters of Bhat to lay his hand on his heart and swear that regional parties did not 'exploited' Kashmiri's for 72 years, the elderly man replied "That was the past, nowadays, people are well aware of political gimmicks. We shall cast our votes for a candidate who can deal with our problems and relate to us emotionally"

The BJP politician was requested to ask his party to fulfill its promises on the res-



leader was confronted by a few elderly residents, leaving him with little room to answer the volley of questions.

An old man, puffing on a cigarette, engaged Bhat and his supporters in a moderate discussion over the party's performance, asking the latter to explain how the BJP changed the lives of ordinary Kashmiri's in the last 10 years.

"What actions did your party take to restore J&Ks statehood? Isn't the energy shortage causing people to live in absolute gloom and

toration of J&K's statehood on the ground.

However, the BJP candidate in a polite manner promised the old man that his party is committed to develop Kashmir on modern lines while every single promise will be adopted on the ground at an appropriate time.

"I appreciate your feelings, and want people to be extremely direct in expressing what they really need, whether its ration, power, water, jobs, or anything else connected to daily living," Bhat replied.



File Photo

Nightlong Prayers To Mark Annual Urs At Makhdoom Sahab Shrine

Agencies

Srinagar: The annual Urs at the Makhdoom Sahab Shrine in the old city will be observed on Friday, while the nightlong prayers will commence tonight.

The Urs Mubarak of the Sufi Saint, Hazrat Shaykh Hamza Makhdoomi (r.a), which is usually held during the intervening nights of 23rd and 24th of the Islamic month of Safar, will be held this year on the 29th and 30th of August tonight.

Devotees present at the shrine told the news agency—KNO, that at the shrine, the ambience is filled with divinity as devotees from across the

valley will be gathering here for nightlong prayers.

"For me, the Urs is not a convention; it is a divine pilgrimage. I come here every year, seek blessings, and find solace," said Owais Ahmad from Kupwara.

Another believer, Sahil Bhat, who came from Baramulla, shared his attachment to the shrine, saying Hazrat Makhdoom Sahab (RA) has been a source of strength for his family for generations. Being here, especially during special nightlong prayers, fills his heart with thankfulness and hope.

Similarly, the prayers will continue all night with the recitation of holy

Quran verses. "These prayers draw us closer to the divine and remind us of the values Hazrat Makhdoom Sahib (RA) stood for: compassion, humility, and faith," said Abdul Rahim, a local from Karan Nagar, Srinagar.

Notably, the Urs attracts devotees from all over the Valley, who never forget to visit the shrine.

In connection with tonight's nightlong prayers (Shab Khawani), Nimaz-E-Isha will be offered at 10:00 PM tonight. After that, recitation of the Holy Quran, Naat Khawani, and religious gatherings will be held throughout the night, a shrine member said.

Prominent Businessman Qadir Kawoosa Passes Away FCIK Mourns Loss Of Veteran Entrepreneur

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Prominent businessman Ghulam Qadir Kawoosa passed away here on Wednesday.

Kawoosa, a pioneering figure in the region's entrepreneurial scene, passed away late Wednesday night at his Nishat residence.

Meanwhile the Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has deeply mourned the passing of a distinguished businessman and visionary personality who made a profound impact on Kashmir's economic and cultural landscape.

Kawoosa, originally from Nowhatta area of the old city at present residing in Nishat, left behind a legacy of innovation and dedication that has profoundly impacted the region.



People from a cross section of the society gathered to participate in the funeral prayers of the deceased at Jamia Masjid this afternoon and later he was laid to rest at their ancestral graveyard.

In a statement, FCIK acknowledged Kawoosa as a trailblazer among the first generation entrepreneurs in Kashmir following 1947 with a record of success in all that he touched.

"His significant contributions are remembered with deep respect and admiration. Kawoosa was instrumental in advancing Kashmiri handicrafts, bringing the region's rich artisanal traditions to the global stage. His relentless efforts to promote and elevate Kashmiri craftsmanship, coupled with his involvement in diverse manufacturing and service sector ventures, were pivotal in enhancing the region's economic stature" said FCIK President Shahid Kamili.

Besides business acumen, Kawoosa's visionary approach extended to education. He established one of the city's most esteemed schools, which has become a cornerstone of high-quality education in the region. His dedication to improving educational standards and opportunities has left a lasting legacy on the community.

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This Day In History

- 257 - St Sixtus II begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 1125 - Duke Lotharius of Supplinburg elected King of Germany
- 1146 - European leaders outlaw crossbow, intending to end war for all time
- 1363 - Beginning of the Battle of Lake Poyang; two Chinese rebel leaders Chen Youliang and Zhu Yuanzhang are pitted against each other in what was one of the largest naval battles in history during Mongol-led Yuan Dynasty
- 1464 - Pietro Barbo elected to succeed Pope Pius II as Pope Paul II
- 1481 - 2 Latvian monarchs executed for conspiracy to Polish king Casimir IV
- 1574- Guru Ram Das became the Fourth Sikh Guru/Master.
- 1645- Dutch & Indians sign peace treaty (New Amsterdam (NY))
- 1673- Leopold I, Spain, Netherlands & Lutherans form anti-French covenant
- 1721- Russian/Swedish Peace of Nystad, ends North Sea War
- 1751- George Frideric Handel completes oratorio "Jephtha"
- 1757- Battle at Gross Jagerdorf: Russian army beats Prussia [OS=Aug 19]
- 1776- Continental Army evacuates Long Island and falls back to Manhattan, NYC
- 1791- Thomas Jefferson responds to Benjamin Banneker's letter on the issue of slavery writing that "no body wishes more ardently to see a good system commenced for raising the condition" of blacks "to what it ought to be." [1]
- 1799- Batavian fleet surrenders to British navy during Anglo-Russian invasion of Holland

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
Office Of The Tehsildar Baramulla
(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)
Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer BARAMULLA) / chokedar has submitted case file pertaining to Birth of MUZAMIL FAYAZ S/O.FAYAZ AHMAD DAR R/O DELINA Tehsil BARAMULLA Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth, as 08/05/2009 and event has been shown to be occurred at HOME for issuance of delay order. In this connection, if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained
Executive Magistrate 1st Class
BARAMULLA
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E-TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No:433-Sig-T-20-24-25 Date:- 28.08.2024
Closing Date/Time: 20.09.2024 15:00
Sr. DST/E/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders on <https://www.ireps.gov.in> against Tender Notice no. 433-Sig-T-20-24-25 Closing Date/Time 20.09.2024 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 this tender, 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 online 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.

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Tender Closing Date/Time	20.09.2024 15:00
Advertised Value (Rs.)	(i) 12346694.28 (ii) 19956175.65
Earnest Money (Rs.)	(i) 211700.00 (ii) 249800.00
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Bidding Start Date as per IREPS	06.09.2024
Period of Completion	(i) 36 Months (ii) 6 Months

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یہ خبر انتہائی دکھ اور غم کے ساتھ دی جاتی ہے کہ محمد شفیع دگر بزرگ ولد مرحوم عبداللہ دگر بزرگ ساکنہ ایم این پی کالونی بسند زدیگ مسجد ذہیرہ 28 اگست 2024 بروز بدھوار کو رحلت کر گئے۔ اللہ تعالیٰ مرحوم کو جو رحمت میں جگہ دے مرحوم کے لواحقین کو یہ صدمہ برداشت کرنے کی توفیق عطا کرے۔ تعزیت پر ہی سنجہ واریگی 31 اگست تک رہے گی۔
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**Office Of The Returning Officer,
AC : 23 Channapora**
(Secretary, Srinagar Municipal Corporation)
"Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy"

District Election Officer,
Srinagar
No: RO/23Chan/LA/2024/02
Dated: 29-08-2024

Subject: General Election to the J&K Legislative Assembly 2024, Notice of Election in respect of AC-23 (Channapora) - regarding.

Sir,

With reference to subject cited above, kindly find enclosed herewith copy of notice of Election issued in Form-1 (in English and Urdu) in respect of 23- Channapora, Assembly Constituency under endorsement No: RO/23Chan/LA/2024/01 dated: 29-08-2024, for favour of information and further necessary action.

Yours Faithfully,
(Suhail -UI-Islam) JKAS
Returning Officer,
23-Chanapora

CONDUCT OF ELECTION RULES, 1961
FORM I
(See rule 3)
NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that:-
(1) An election is to be held of a member to the Legislative Assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the 23- Channapora Assembly Constituency;
(2) Nomination papers may be delivered by a candidate or any of his/her proposers to the Returning Officer (Secretary, Srinagar Municipal Corporation) or Assistant Returning Officer (Mr. Kifayat Ali, Tehsildar Channapora) at Block "D", Room No. 34, 3rd floor Central office, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Karan Nagar, Srinagar, between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. on any day (other than Public Holiday), not later than 5th September 2024 (Thursday);
(3) Forms of nomination papers may be obtained at the place and times aforesaid;
(4) Nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at the office of the Returning Officer (Secretary, Srinagar Municipal Corporation), at Room No. 34, Block "D", Central office, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Karan Nagar, Srinagar on 6th September, 2024 (Friday) at 10:30 AM;
(5) Notice of withdrawal of candidature may be delivered either by a candidate or by any of his/her proposers or by his/her/Election Agent who has been authorised in writing by the candidate to deliver it to either of the officers specified in paragraph (2) above at his office specified above, before 3:00 P.M on or before 9th September, 2024 (Monday).
(6) In the event of the election being contested, the Poll will be taken on 25th September, 2024 (Wednesday) between 07:00 A.M. and 06:00 P.M.
Place: Srinagar
Date: 29th of August, 2024
No: RO/23Chan/LA/2024/01

Yours Faithfully,
(Suhail -UI-Islam) JKAS
Returning Officer,
23-Chanapora

DIPK-5237/24
dated: 29-08-2024

انتخابی قواعد 1961ء کے طرز عمل
فارم-1
(قاعدہ 3 دیکھیں)
(اطلاع باپت انتخابات)

اطلاع دی جاتی ہے کہ:-
1- جموں و کشمیر قانون ساز اسمبلی 2024ء کے انتخابات کیلئے نوآباد امیدوار منتخب کرنے کیلئے انتخابات عمل میں لائے جا رہے ہیں۔
2- خواہشمند امیدوار کاغذات نامزدگی بذات خود یا کسی تجویز کنندہ کے ذریعے ریٹرننگ آفیسر (سکرٹری سرنیگار میونسپل کارپوریشن) اور اسٹنٹ ریٹرننگ آفیسر (محترم طاقت علی، تحصیلدار، چھان پورہ 23- چھان پورہ اسمبلی حلقہ سرنیگار کے پاس اُس کے دفتر واقع مرکزی دفتر سرنیگار میونسپل کارپوریشن، (کوہنمبر 34 بلاک D، تیسری منزل) کرن گھر سرنیگار میں جمع 11:00 بجے سے سہ پہر 3:00 بجے کے درمیان کی جی دن (ماسوائے عام تعطیلات) 5 ستمبر 2024ء (جمعرات) تک جمع کر سکتے ہیں۔
3- مطلوبہ کاغذات نامزدگی نامزدگی مندرجہ بالا پر مقررہ وقت کے دوران حاصل کیے جاسکتے ہیں۔
4- کاغذات نامزدگی کی جانچ پڑتال 6 ستمبر 2024ء بروز جمعرات 10:30 بجے سے ریٹرننگ آفیسر 23- چھان پورہ اسمبلی حلقہ سرنیگار (سکرٹری سرنیگار میونسپل کارپوریشن) کے دفتر واقع مرکزی دفتر سرنیگار میونسپل کارپوریشن، کرن گھر سرنیگار میں عمل میں لائی جائے گی۔
5- امیدوار اپنے کاغذات نامزدگی واپس لینے کیلئے بذات خود یا دیگر تجویز کنندہ یا مجاز شدہ ایجنٹ (کارندہ انتخاب) جس کو امیدوار نے تحریری طور پر اختیار دیا ہو، متذکرہ بالا ریٹرننگ آفیسر کے دفتر واقع مرکزی دفتر سرنیگار میونسپل کارپوریشن، کرن گھر سرنیگار میں جمع 9 ستمبر 2024ء (سوموار) سہ پہر 3:00 بجے تک تحریری طور پر منظر رکھنا ہے۔
6- انتخابات کی صورت میں پولنگ (ووٹ ڈالنے) کی تاریخ 25 ستمبر 2024ء (جمعرات) صبح 7:00 بجے سے شام 6:00 بجے تک مقرر ہے۔

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After Azad's Exit

The Democratic Progressive Azad Party suffered a further setback with its founder Ghulam Nabi Azad expressing his unwillingness to campaign in the ongoing polls. In a statement, Azad cited health reasons for the decision and urged his party leaders, who have filed their nomination forms, to assess whether they can continue without him. Former top Congress leader said he had developed chest pain on the night of August 25 and took the earliest available flight to Delhi and was admitted to AIIMS hospital for two days. If anything, Azad's message to his party signals the end of his party. If a party floated just two years ago isn't contesting its first Assembly election, it means it has no intention to stay afloat. The DPAP anyway wasn't expected to make any serious impact in the election. In the recent Lok Sabha polls too, Azad withdrew his candidature from the Anantnag-Rajouri seat where he was up against the PDP's Mehbooba Mufti and the NC's Mian Altaf. He surprisingly did not fight from Udhampur seat in Jammu division, otherwise seen as his stronghold. In the 2019 election, he had lost it to the BJP leader and the union minister Jitendra Singh.

So, what is Azad's future in J&K politics? As of now, things look very uncertain. Once a powerful national level leader who held top organizational positions in Congress, was a union minister and also J&K Chief Minister, Azad's politics has now narrowed to areas of Chenab Valley in Jammu. His sudden decision to quit Congress in 2022 has drastically reduced his political profile. And it is difficult to imagine if he could regain it anytime soon, if at all.

However, when Azad floated his own party two years ago, it did generate some stir. Many high-profile Congress leaders with a solid support base, both from Kashmir and Jammu joined him, leaving Congress reeling in the union territory. But subsequently several of them soon returned to Congress in the wake of Rahul Gandhi's first padyatra, among them Tara Chand, former J&K Deputy Chief Minister.

Where does Azad go from here? There is no easy answer. After some show of strength around the time of the launch of the party, Azad has failed to maintain the political momentum to keep his support base energized. Nor has he spelt out any coherent political narrative. The DPAP is now seen as a secret ally of the BJP and the perception has caught on among the people, making its task of rallying the voters even more challenging, more so, in Kashmir. It would be interesting to see what would be the fate of the DPAP and what new direction Azad's political journey takes. However, it would have been good, had Azad's health permitted him to stay on to fight the polls.

Hazardous Waste Not Being Treated at Industrial Estates

- The JKPCCE has maintained a criminal silence and
- No action is being taken against the SICOP for open discharge of Industrial Waste into residential colonies



J&K Small Scale Industries Development Corporation (SICOP), a Public Sector undertaking under the command and control of J&K Government, manages around 58 industrial units across J&K. SICOP was incorporated as a company under Indian Companies Act 1956 around 50 years back i.e November 28, 1975. This Govt owned company claims that it has authorized share capital of Rs. 100.00 crore and paid up capital of Rs. 89.91 crore. The main objective of SICOP is promotion and development of the Small Scale Industries in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

According to the mission statement of J&K SICOP available on its website, the company is a profit earning organization and is not receiving any budgetary support from the J&K Government. This is quite encouraging as most of the Govt owned Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are running in losses. All the revenue expenditures are being generated internally and have no statutory/non-statutory liability as on date.

During the financial year 2018-19, SICOP had achieved a turnover of Rs 684.39 Crore with cash surplus of Rs 5.88 crore. During the financial year 2019-20 (ending 3rd Quarter), SICOP had achieved a turnover of Rs 507.57 crore against target of Rs 700.00 crore with cash surplus of Rs 4.43 Crore. From 2019 onwards the revenue details are not available on its website.

Among 58 industrial estates, the SICOP controls and manages 525 kanals Industrial Estate Zainakote in Srinagar. As this Govt owned company claims that it has a huge turnover in crores and is the profit earning organisation and doesn't get any grant from Govt, why are its Industrial Estates in a very pathetic condition?

On the request of local residents of the Zainakote area I recently visited the industrial estate Zainakot and I found this entire area in shambles which punctures the tall claims of SICOP.

Misleading info provided by SICOP

The SICOP claims that all its 58 industrial estates are provided with modern infrastructural facilities like better road networks, water, power, drainage system and above all the Common Effluent Treatment Plants-CETPs. These details available on SICOP website under its activities link and industrial estates link which reads as :

"All the Industrial Estates are being provided with all infrastructural facilities like Road network, water supply, internal Power distribution, drainage system besides CETP, Common facility Centre, which houses Conference Hall, Bank Counter, Dispensary, ATM, Cafeteria etc. SICOP also estab-



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colonies.

In the last 45 years, the SICOP has failed to set up a Centralized Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) which is itself a criminal act and the J&K Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) must take serious notice of it.

Local Residents suffer

The residents living around Industrial Estate Zainakote are very much impacted with the discharge of liquid waste especially the hazardous effluents. Due to absence of any facility to treat this waste, the same is being pumped out on the main road which then enters the residential colonies like Ansari lane and Rose Avenue. During my visit to this area, the residents whom I met told me that SICOP management which manages Zainakote Industrial Estate has been ignoring their pleas for redressal of their problem. I filed a video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMJHUIr-1OM&t=32s> report as well.

Earlier, the local residents had submitted a written representation to Member Secretary J&K Pollution Control Committee. The Member Secretary assured them and me as well that JKPCCE will act but till date no action has been taken even after two weeks.

This matter was brought to the notice of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar as well. He directed that the issue be addressed but on the ground no restoration work was done. The locals of Zainakote have already informed Managing Director SICOP and other higher-ups of the administration about the issue, the aggrieved residents alleged that no measures have been taken in this regard so far.

The residents of Zainakote and HMT areas are now at health risk as the hazardous liquid waste enters the water table which is impacting the ground water. This has been happening for the last several decades and J&K Pollution Control Committee has not even bothered to check this.

When this author went to meet the officers of SICOP at Zainakote along with the local residents of Zainakote on 14th August at their office, I was asked to meet the Divisional Manager who was not available. I was referred to various other officers who were all confused and nothing meaningful came out of my interactions with them as I was sent from one person to another.

NGT's order on Industrial Waste

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) in July 2020 directed Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and state pollution control boards/committees to ensure that no permit is given to any new industry which generates hazardous effluents till facilities for disposal of

such waste are made available. The NGT directed CPCB to enforce its directions for recovery of compensation for the continuing damage to the environment as per 'Polluter Pays' principle.

A bench headed by the then NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel asked CPCB to set up a system to cross verify the status of hazardous waste generating industries and also direct state pollution control boards to impose environmental compensation against delinquent industries.

"CPCB and pollution control boards may not permit any new industry having potential to generate hazardous waste till facilities for disposal of such waste are ensured," the bench said.

Conclusion

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) in its order dated May 28, 2020, states that any industrial unit that requires "consent to operate" from the State Pollution Control Board / Committee must have a primary effluent treatment plant (ETP) in place. The order also states that no industry that requires an ETP will be allowed to operate without one. I am unable to understand how the erstwhile J&K Pollution Control Board which is called J&K Pollution Control Committee (in UTs) has allowed SICOP to run the Industrial Estate at Zainakote Srinagar where huge effluents are produced every day and the same is not being treated at all.

When a private entrepreneur wants to set up some business centre that requires PCC's consent, it takes months to get such clearance but it is an irony that for the last 40 years the hazardous waste from Zainakote Industrial Estate is not being treated and PCB/ PCC has been tight-lipped?

In addition to SICOP, the JKPCCE is also equally responsible for this criminal offence and severe environmental lapse. Due to inaction, the intervention of National Green Tribunal would be inevitable which may lead to imposition of huge Environmental Compensation on SICOP and JKPCCE as well.

This is not the case with only Industrial Estate (IE) Zainakote but most of our industrial estates lack this facility and there should be a hazardous waste audit done by competent authority in all the IE's managed by J&K Small Scale Industries Development Corporation (SICOP).

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

Emotional Financial Decisions are Risky

Irshad Mushtaq

Many make poor investment decisions based on emotion rather than analysis. Avoid pitfalls by educating yourself, researching products, and being wary of advisor influence. Understand insurance for risk protection, not wealth creation. Be aware of hidden costs and lack of flexibility in some investments.

It's true that many people make poor decisions when investing in financial products, often acting based on emotion or guidance from sales-driven advisors rather than rigorous analysis. Here are some crucial insights into the common pitfalls and how to avoid them:

1. Emotional Decisions:

Investors often buy financial products based on emotions, influenced by persuasive sales pitches or trends, rather than a grounded understanding of the products. This leads to impulsive decisions that don't align with their long-term financial goals.

2. Lack of Research:

Many people spend little time understanding the financial products they're investing in. Unlike everyday purchases like shoes or groceries, investments require comprehensive research to understand the risks, returns, and costs associated with them.

3. Advisor Influence:

Financial advisors, especially those working on commission, may push products that benefit them more than the client. Goals driven by sales targets can lead to the promotion of suboptimal products that carry high fees or unsuitable risk levels.

4. Misunderstanding Insurance:

Insurance products are often marketed as investments. However, insurance's primary purpose is risk protection, not wealth creation. Mixing up these objectives can lead to costly products with high administrative fees, such as mortality charges and other hidden costs, which erode returns.

5. Hidden Costs:

Many financial products, especially insurance-based investments, come with various hidden costs that can significantly impact returns. Fees like mortality charges, administrative fees, and GST can add up, reducing the effective yield on investment.

6. Lack of Flexibility:

Certain investments, especially some insurance policies, lock in funds for several years, reducing liquidity. Investors should understand the entry and exit restrictions and ensure they have the flexibility in their portfolio.

BEST PRACTICES

Educate Yourself:

Take time to learn about different financial products, understand their features, risks, and costs. Knowledge reduces emotional decision-making and helps align investments with personal financial goals.

Conduct Thorough Research:

Before purchasing, compare products, read reviews, look at the fine print, and understand the fees involved. Look beyond the marketing materials and consult independent sources.

Seek Advice Carefully:

Consult with trusted financial advisors who have a fiduciary responsibility to act in your best interest. Avoid advisors incentivized purely by commissions.

Separate Insurance and Investment Needs:

Use insurance for protection and seek pure investment vehicles like mutual funds, stocks, or bonds for wealth creation. This ensures clarity and efficiency in achieving financial security and growth.

Be Patient:

Don't rush into investments. Spend quality time evaluating options based on personal financial needs, risk tolerance, and long-term objectives.

By incorporating these principles, investors can make more informed, logical, and beneficial financial decisions.

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Mindful Fridays

Parentification

Healing the Emotional Scars of a Stolen Childhood

Wasim Kakroo

Parentification, as psychologists define it, is a psychosocial situation where parents or caregivers handover the duties and responsibilities of practical and emotional caretaking to a child that should have been handled by their parent(s) themselves. This can happen in different ways, but in every case, the child is given emotional or practical tasks that are too difficult for their age. Superficially, it might seem like the child is just being helpful or very mature for their age. However, deep down, it is a complex and often damaging experience that can have a life-long emotional and psychological impact.

Types of Parentification

Parentification can be divided into two main types: emotional and instrumental.

- 1. Instrumental Parentification:** In this type, the child is given the responsibility of doing physical tasks around the house, such as cooking, cleaning, looking after younger siblings or managing the family finances. Although such tasks can be done by children in a household anytime, instrumental parentification means that the child does such tasks for most of the time with very less time left for their own self care and for various age appropriate playful activities.
- 2. Emotional Parentification:** In this situation, the child is asked to fulfil the emotional needs of the parent or other family members. This could mean the child becomes a close friend, a person who helps resolve conflicts, or even a replacement partner for the parent. The child is given emotional tasks that are usually for adults, such as comforting the parent, listening to their issues, or con-



trolling the mood at home.

How Parentification Becomes Emotional Abuse

Teaching a child various life skills such as cooking, cleaning, taking care of family finances, understanding what is wrong in a situation at emotional level etc. can be helpful to them for their skill building and overall maturity and growth, however, when the child is chronically burdened with too many responsibilities while ignoring their own needs,

as happens in parentification, it becomes emotional abuse. Following are the various reasons for parentification to be seen as a form of emotional abuse:

- 1. Violation of Boundaries:** Parentification violates the boundaries that are essential for a child's healthy development by blurring the lines between the roles of parent and child. When a child is forced to assume a role where they have to handle adult problems ei-

ther emotionally or psychologically, for which they are not yet equipped, it can lead to confusion and stress.

- 2. Neglect of the Child's Needs:** During parentification, parents or adults around such children get so obsessed with getting their own practical or emotional needs fulfilled that the parentified child's own developmental needs get ignored leaving the child emotionally neglected. This

might cause the child to feel alone, sad, and not good enough, because they learn that their main purpose is to help others instead of being taken care of themselves.

- 3. Emotional Burden:** It can be emotionally burdening for a child to be put in a position where they feel responsible for the well-being of their parent or family. This consistent emotional burden can lead to chronic stress and anxiety. The stress of trying to keep the family feeling good can be very hard, especially when the child doesn't have the skills to handle this kind of

believing they are valuable just for being themselves.

- 5. Long-Term Psychological Effects:** Parentification can continue to affect people even when they are grown up. People who were parentified might have problems with feeling anxious or sad, and they might find it hard to set limits in their relationships. They could also have trouble trusting others or asking for help because they have learned to focus on other people's needs more than their own.

Recognizing and Addressing Parentification

Identifying parentification as a type of emotional abuse is the first step towards addressing it. It's essential for us as members of the society and mental health professionals to identify these patterns early to avoid lasting damage. Solutions might involve counselling/ Psychotherapy to assist the person who was parentified in understanding their past, setting limits, and rediscovering their own desires and sense of self.

During counselling, the person can explore how their childhood has influenced their actions and self-image. Psychological tools such as working on one's inner child, cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), Psychodynamic psychotherapy etc. and learning to set boundaries can be useful. Moreover, informing parents and guardians about the risks of parentification is important to stop this kind of emotional abuse from affecting future generations.

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When the child is chronically burdened with too many responsibilities while ignoring their own needs, as happens in parentification, it becomes emotional abuse

- 4. Impact on Identity and Self-Esteem:** Children who are given adult responsibilities often have trouble figuring out who they are. They might feel too much pressure to take care of others, which can make it hard for them to have good relationships. They might also feel bad about themselves because they think they are only important if they can help others, instead of

Robots Are Taking Over Kitchens

Patrick Lin

Automating food is unlike automating anything else. Food is fundamental to life – nourishing body and soul – so how it's accessed, prepared and consumed can change societies fundamentally.

Automated kitchens aren't sci-fi visions from "The Jetsons" or "Star Trek." The technology is real and global. Right now, robots are used to flip burgers, fry chicken, create pizzas, make sushi, prepare salads, serve ramen, bake bread, mix cocktails and much more. AI can invent recipes based on the molecular compatibility of ingredients or whatever a kitchen has in stock. More advanced concepts are in the works to automate the entire kitchen for fine dining.

Since technology tends to be expensive at first, the early adopters of AI kitchen technologies are restaurants and other businesses. Over time, prices are likely to fall enough for the home market, possibly changing both home and societal dynamics.

Can food technology really change society? Yes, just consider the seismic impact of the microwave oven. With that technology, it was suddenly possible to make a quick meal for just one person, which can be a benefit but also a social disruptor.

Familiar concerns about the technology include worse nutrition and health from prepackaged meals and microwave-heated plastic containers. Less obviously, that convenience can also transform eat-

ing from a communal, cultural and creative event into a utilitarian act of survival – altering relationships, traditions, how people work, the art of cooking and other facets of life for millions of people.

For instance, think about how different life might be without the microwave. Instead of working at your desk over a reheated lunch, you might have to venture out and talk to people, as well as enjoy a break from work. There's something to be said for living more slowly in a society that's increasingly frenetic and socially isolated.

Convenience can come at a great cost, so it's vital to look ahead at the possible ethical and social disruptions that emerging technologies might bring, especially for a deeply human and cultural domain – food – that's interwoven throughout daily life.

With funding from the U.S. National Science Foundation, my team at California Polytechnic State University is halfway into what we believe is the first study of the effects AI kitchens and robot cooks could have on diverse societies and cultures worldwide. We've mapped out three broad areas of benefits and risks to examine.

CREATORS AND CONSUMERS

The benefits of AI kitchens include enabling chefs to be more creative, as well as eliminating repetitive, tedious tasks such as peeling potatoes or standing at a workstation for hours. The technology can free up time. Not having to cook means

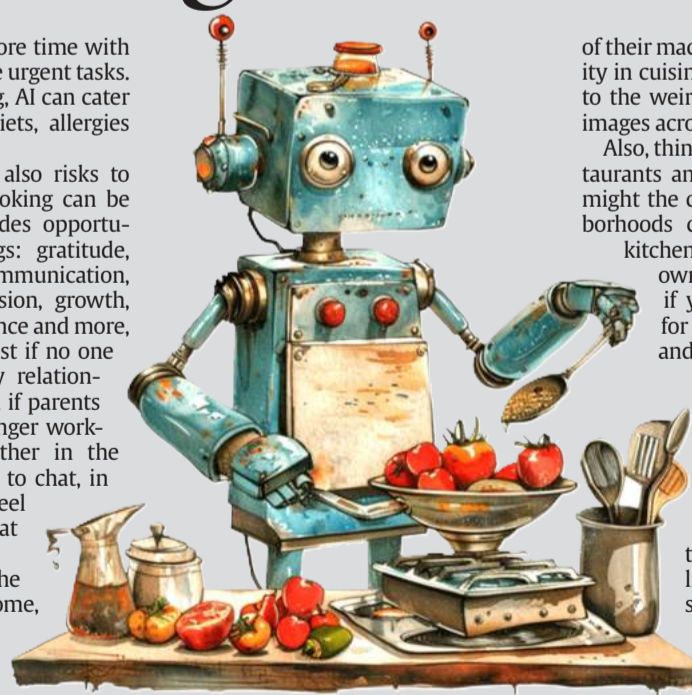
being able to spend more time with family or focus on more urgent tasks. For personalized eating, AI can cater to countless special diets, allergies and tastes on demand.

However, there are also risks to human well-being. Cooking can be therapeutic and provides opportunities for many things: gratitude, learning, creativity, communication, adventure, self-expression, growth, independence, confidence and more, all of which may be lost if no one needs to cook. Family relationships could be affected if parents and children are no longer working alongside each other in the kitchen – a safe space to chat, in contrast to what can feel like an interrogation at the dining table.

The kitchen is also the science lab of the home, so science education could suffer. The alchemy of cooking involves teaching children and other learners about microbiology, physics, chemistry, materials science, math, cooking techniques and tools, food ingredients and their sourcing, human health and problem-solving. Not having to cook can erode these skills and knowledge.

COMMUNITY AND CULTURES

AI can help with experimentation and creativity, such as creating elaborate food presentations and novel recipes within the spirit of a culture. Just as AI and robotics help generate new scientific knowledge,



they can increase understanding of, say, the properties of food ingredients, their interactions and cooking techniques, including new methods.

But there are risks to culture. For example, AI could bastardize traditional recipes and methods, since AI is prone to stereotyping, for example flattening or oversimplifying cultural details and distinctions. This selection bias could lead to reduced diversity in the kinds of cuisine produced by AI and robot cooks. Technology developers could become gatekeepers for food innovation, if the limits

of their machines lead to homogeneity in cuisines and creativity, similar to the weirdly similar feel of AI art images across different apps.

Also, think about your favorite restaurants and favorite dinners. How might the character of those neighborhoods change with automated kitchens? Would it degrade your own gustatory experience if you knew those cooking for you weren't your friends and family but instead were robots?

The hope with technology is that more jobs will be created than jobs lost. Even if there's a net gain in jobs, the numbers hide the impact on real human lives. Many in the food service industry – one of the most popular occupations in any economy – could find themselves unable to learn new skills for a different job. Not everyone can be an AI developer or robot technician, and it's far from clear that supervising a robot is a better job than cooking.

Philosophically, it's still an open question whether AI is capable of genuine creativity, particularly if that implies inspiration and intuition. Assuming so may be the same mistake as thinking that a chatbot understands what it's saying, instead of merely generating words that statistically follow the previous words. This has implications for aesthetics and authenticity in AI food, similar

to ongoing debates about AI art and music.

SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Because humans are a key disease vector, robot cooks can improve food safety. Precision trimming and other automation can reduce food waste, along with AI recipes that can make the fullest use of ingredients. Customized meals can be a benefit for nutrition and health, for example, in helping people avoid allergens and excess salt and sugar.

The technology is still emerging, so it's unclear whether those benefits will be realized. Foodborne illnesses are an unknown. Will AI and robots be able to smell, taste or otherwise sense the freshness of an ingredient or the lack thereof and perform other safety checks?

Physical safety is another issue. It's important to ensure that a robot chef doesn't accidentally cut, burn or crush someone because of a computer vision failure or other error. AI chatbots have been advising people to eat rocks, glue, gasoline and poisonous mushrooms, so it's not a stretch to think that AI recipes could be flawed, too. Where legal regimes are still struggling to sort out liability for autonomous vehicles, it may similarly be tricky to figure out liability for robot cooks, including if hacked.

Given the primacy of food, food technologies help shape society. The kitchen has a special place in homes, neighborhoods and cultures, so disrupting that venerable institution requires careful thinking to optimize benefits and reduce risks.

First Snow Of

recorded 6-12 degree Celsius below normal on Thursday. Srinagar recorded the maximum temperature at 21.5 degree Celsius and it was 7.8 degree Celsius below normal for the day.

Kupwara had a maximum temperature of 18.5 degree Celsius recorded on Thursday and it was 11.6 degree Celsius below normal for north Kashmir's border district.

Barring the ski resort of Gulmarg, the minimum temperature recorded during the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday was 0 to 1 degree Celsius above normal across the valley. The night temperature at Gulmarg was 0.6 degree Celsius below normal of 11.2 degree Celsius the previous night.

The MeT office forecast light to moderate rain/thundershower at most places today and rain/thundershower at scattered places on August 30 in Jammu and Kashmir.

It said the weather will generally remain dry with a brief spell of rain/thundershower at isolated places on the last day of the August and first day of September, while the weather will generally remain cloudy with the possibility of a spell of light to moderate rain/thundershower showers at many places on September 3 and 4.

The weather will generally remain dry from September 4 to 7, the MeT officials said.

It has also issued an advisory for the general public stating that there is a possibility of intense showers for brief periods at few places with heavy rain at isolated places during tonight/early morning which can trigger flash floods/landslides/mudslides and shooting stones over few vulnerable places.

Meanwhile, the district authorities Anantnag has issued an advisory stating that in light of the current weather conditions and the forecast predicting moderate rainfall, with the possibility of isolated heavy rainfall in some areas of the district, there is an increased risk of cloud bursts.

It said such events may lead to a sudden rise in the water levels of the Jhelum River and its tributaries.

Therefore, based on the latest weather forecast from the IMD, precautionary measures are advised for all the concerned departments to prevent and manage any potential incidents or flash floods.

MeT Predicts Continued

summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the Union Territory received fresh rainfall. As per the details, Gulmarg has received the highest precipitation till 05:30 PM where 21.8mm rainfall was recorded followed by Kupwara where 12.4 mm rainfall was recorded during the period.

Pahalgam also received heavy rainfall while as per the details; the station recorded a precipitation of 10.1mm during the period. Srinagar, however, recorded a rainfall of 5.0 mm till 05:30 PM.

Similarly, Katra in Jammu division has recorded a rainfall of 14.2mm while Jammu station has recorded 12.2 mm during the period.

Furthermore, the Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that there is a possibility of a spell of rain and thundershower at scattered places tomorrow while on August 31, to September 01, the weather would remain generally dry with brief spell of rain and thundershower at isolated places.

On September 02 & 03, the weather would remain generally cloudy with the possibility of spells of light to moderate rain and thundershower showers at many places.

He added that from September 04 to 07, the weather would remain generally dry.

However, in its advisory, the MeT has predicted flash floods, landslides, mudslides and shooting stones over few vulnerable places. (KNO)

15 Candidates

who possesses 700 grams of gold and has assets worth over Rs 46 lakh. The third place goes to the wife of Bijbehara candidate Abdul Rehman Veeri, with 100 grams of gold.

Interestingly, the wives of these affluent candidates are themselves millionaires. The wife of Banihal candidate Imtiyaz Ahmed Shan ranks first in terms of property ownership, with assets totalling Rs 11 crore.

The educational background of the candidates also varies significantly. Many male candidates who filed their nominations have only completed general education, with most being 10th or 12th pass.

However, both women candidates from Kishtwar, Shagun Parihar of the BJP and Pooja Thakur of the National Conference (NC), are well-educated, holding M Tech and MA, B Ed degrees, respectively.

Among the male candidates, Congress's Pradeep Kumar, contesting from Doda West, stands out with a PhD in English. None of the candidates from BJP, Congress, NC, or DPAP contesting from Doda and Ramban have qualifications beyond the 12th grade.

In terms of wealth, Ghulam Ahmad Mir of Congress emerges as the richest

candidate with assets valued at Rs 15.80 crore. Following him are BJP's Rakesh Singh with Rs 13.45 crore and Sunil Kumar Sharma with Rs 2.97 crore. Other notable candidates include Hasnain Masoodi of NC with Rs 7 crore, Mehboob Iqbal of NC with Rs 7 crore, and Imtiyaz Ahmad Shan of PDP with Rs 7.76 crore. (KNO)

300 Paramilitary

Centre (PRC) at Bari Brahma Railway Station on Wednesday night to welcome the arriving forces.

DIG Sharma assessed the accommodation facilities for the paramilitary forces and briefed the officers on the sensitivity and importance of their duties, emphasising full cooperation with local police forces, the officials said.

Accompanied by senior officers, the DIG also addressed concerns raised by the security personnel, assuring them of prompt resolution, they added.

These paramilitary forces will be stationed across Jammu, Kathua and Samba districts to maintain security during the assembly elections in the union territory.

7.74 Lakh Voters

22- LalChowk, 23- Chanapora, 24- Zadibal, 25- Eidgah and 26- Central Shalteng.

To facilitate the voters for smooth and hassle free electoral participation, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has established 932 polling stations, of which 885 are urban polling stations while 47 are rural polling stations.

Continuing from its past experience of inclusive and participative elections, the ECI has established special polling stations and these include 8- Pink polling stations, 8-Youth polling stations, 8-PWD polling stations, 5-Unique polling stations and 8-Green polling stations.

The last date of filling of nominations is September 05, while date of scrutiny of nominations shall be September 06 and last date for withdrawal of candidature is 09 September, 2024.

The District will go to polls on September, 25 while counting of votes and results shall be declared on October 04, 2024.

3 Former CMs

he had been a popular figure, leaving many surprised by his decision to step back.

Mehbooba Mufti, the first woman to serve as Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, has also decided not to run for the Assembly seat. Mehbooba, who began her political journey as an MLA from Bijbehara in 1996, became a significant figure in J&K politics when she took over the reins of the state in 2016. This year, however, her daughter, Iltija Mufti, is contesting from the Bijbehara seat.

Mehbooba's decision has sparked discussions about the future of her party, the People's Democratic Party (PDP), in the Union Territory. Citing the constraints posed by Jammu and Kashmir's current political status as a Union Territory, she expressed doubts about fulfilling her party's agenda if elected.

Mehbooba Mufti has made significant efforts during her previous tenure as Chief Minister, including the withdrawal of FIRs against 1000 people and attempts to engage in dialogue, actions she believes are challenging to replicate in the present circumstances.

Mehbooba also commented on the NC-Congress alliance, stating that their union is motivated purely by power, unlike her previous alliances which were formed based on specific agendas, such as maintaining Article 370 and initiating talks with Pakistan and Hurriyat.

Meanwhile, a senior PDP leader said that the party President's decision to not contest the polls proves the commitment of the party towards the people of this region. "Mehbooba ji had already stated on record that she will not step inside the assembly that has been disenfranchised and downgraded beyond imagination. She has once again proven that she would not backtrack from her stand unlike those who change their stances every now and then," says the PDP leader. (KNO)

5 Kin Of Top

whereas National Conference has given mandate to four such sons of former ministers who will contest to get elected to the Legislative Assembly. From NC, Mehar Ali, son of Member Parliament (MP) from Anantnag-Rajouri seat Mian Altaf, has got the mandate to contest

from their traditional seat Kangan seat of Ganderbal district, which is now reserved for the Scheduled Tribe (ST), Salman Sagar, son of former minister Ali Muhammad Sagar will be contesting from Hazratbal seat of Srinagar district, Hilal Akber Lone, son of former minister and Speaker Muhammad Akber Lone, to contest from Sonawari seat of Bandipora district and Sajad Shafi Uri, son of former MLA Muhammad Shafi Uri will contest from Uri seat of Baramulla district.

These are the first time candidates belonging to the already established political families of Jammu and Kashmir and will be banking on the traditional vote bank of their parties as well as their parents who have been elected to the J&K Legislative Assembly many times in the past.

There has been a lot of criticism from different groups on promotion of dynastic politics including from Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP).

All the four newcomers of NC are from political families who have been loyal to the party and Abdullahs and the party and its leadership has trusted them at every level.

For PDP Mufti family is a reason to keep the party together even at the toughest times when many leaders deserted it after August 5, 2019 episode of abrogation of Article 370. (KNO)

3 Members Of

Shiyan founded by family patriarch late Agha Syed Yusuf.

This situation has also sparked internal bickering within the Aga family. In a statement to the Kashmir Observer, son of a family elder who is also an influential cleric voiced strong opposition to the current scenario, saying, "I, as a member of this family, strongly oppose this shift. A single representative, if chosen wisely, might be sufficient to uphold our values in the political arena. However, the current trend seems more about personal ambition than serving the community. This not only tarnishes our family's reputation but also undermines the sacrifices of those who came before us. It is a reminder that we must realign our actions with our true heritage of service and faith rather than be swayed by the lure of power."

A Budgam resident Sajad Hussain stated, "It's unfortunate the way things are developing. Two stalwarts of the family, Aga Mahmood and Aga Ruhullah, have for the past ten years consistently worked together for unity, irrespective of their differences, and have brought the estranged party cadres together. Now we are witnessing an attempt to spread discord merely for personal, meager gains."

Dr Jaleel Mehdi, a scholar from Budgam, commented, "This is not surprising at all. This is the nature of dynastic politics. In dynastic politics, people are extremely sensitive to even the modest changes in the relative balance of power among themselves. This has not happened for the first time. Maybe the public is dumbfounded by the scale and the extent of the competition this time, but this has happened even before. I mean there are members of this family who have vigorous-

sometimes unpleasant political competitions between Agha Syed Mahmood and Late Agha Syed Mehdi for a long time and now we see the realignment of those political forces where you have three odd people competing with each other. On the face of it we are only seeing three candidates, but if you look deeper these are reflective of the deeper cleavages and fault lines in the family. And this is not only with this family alone, this is true for all the dynasties engaged in dynastic politics. Unfortunately, they are destined to fragment invariably, thereby creating and recreating unhealthy schism in the constituent populations, he added.

"It's neither about the election nor about an individual or the family; it's about a society that refuses to mature. A progressive society requires collective responsibility to lead from darkness to light," another Budgam resident, wishing anonymity, said.

The emergence of multiple family members as candidates for the same seat adds complexity to the election, potentially influencing voter sentiment and political dynamics in Budgam.

AG Noorani

including "The Kashmir Question", "Badruddin Tyabji", "Ministers' Misconduct", "Brezhnev's Plan for Asian Security", "The Presidential System", "The Trial of Bhagat Singh", "Constitutional Questions in India", "The RSS and the BJP: A Division of Labour", and "The RSS: A Menace to India."

He also authored the biographies of Badruddin Tyabji and Dr. Zakir Husain.

He defended Sheikh Abdullah of Kashmir during his long period of detention.

Noorani's death has been widely mourned. Asaduddin Owaisi, in a message on X, said, "A.G. Noorani, a giant among scholars, has passed away. I learned a great deal from him, from the constitution to Kashmir, to China, and even the art of appreciating good food. May Allah grant him maghfirah."

Former J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also expressed his condolences on X, stating, "Sorry to hear about the demise of A.G. Noorani Sb earlier today. Noorani Sb was a man of letters, an accomplished lawyer, a scholar, and a political commentator. He wrote extensively on matters of law and on subjects like Kashmir, RSS, and the constitution. May Allah grant him the highest place in Jannat."

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq also condoled the death of legal luminary, eminent writer and a great scholar on Kashmir who authored books on it, AG Noorani who passed away in Mumbai today.

In a statement issued here, Mirwaiz Umar said that he had great personal relations with the deceased who had many times advised him on political and legal matters. He was a very sincere person and forthright in his opinions.

Mirwaiz said that Noorani sahab was a true friend and supporter of the people of J&K and had a deep and critical understanding of the Kashmir issue. Mirwaiz said that in his death

focused on financial, economic, socio-cultural, and humanitarian cooperation among the SCO member states.

The SCO, comprising India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, is an influential economic and security bloc that has emerged as one of the largest trans-regional international organisations.

As part of this key regional group, both Pakistan and India can hold summit meetings.

India hosted the SCO Summit last year, organised in a virtual mode, and attended by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif through a video link.

However, Pakistan's then foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari visited India in May 2023 to attend the in-person two-day meeting of the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers in Goa, which was the first Pakistani foreign minister to visit India in almost 12 years.

Islamabad and New Delhi have a long history of strained relations, primarily due to the Kashmir issue as well as the cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan.

India has been maintaining that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan while insisting that the onus is on Islamabad to create an environment that is free of terror and hostility for such an engagement.

Pakistan downgraded its ties with India after the Indian Parliament abrogated Article 370 on August 5, 2019.

102 Judges

Presiding Officer, MACT, Jammu on deputation; Ritesh Kumar Dubey, posted as Additional District and Sessions Judge, Jammu; Mehmoed Ahmad Choudhary as PDSJ, Shopian. "He shall take charge on retirement of present incumbent Mirza Riyaz Ul Haq."

Also, Ranbir Singh Jasrotia has been posted as Additional District and Sessions Judge (ADSJ), Jammu,

Masarat Roshni, Principal Judge, Family Court, Srinagar as ADSJ Anantnag, Balbir Lal as PDSJ, Bhandarwah; Kusoom Lata Pandita as ADSJ Bank Cases (Commercial Court), Srinagar; Aijaz Ahmad Khan, Presiding Officer, Fast Track Court, Budgam as PDSJ, Kulgam; Deepak Sothi, as PDSJ Ramban;

Sunil Sangra as Special Judge NDPS, Jammu; Abdul Nasir as PDSJ, Ganderbal; O.P. Bhagat as PDSJ, Budgam; Pardeep Kumar as Presiding Officer, Fast Track Court (cases against women including rapes), Ramban; Amarjit Singh Langeh as ADSJ Baramulla; Sandeep Gandotra as Presiding Officer, NIA Court; Arvind Sharma as ADSJ Samba; Amit Sharma as ADSJ Jammu; Renu Dogra as Principal Judge Family Court, Srinagar; Adnan Sayeed as Special Judge, Anti Corruption (CB Cases), Srinagar; Prem Sagar as Additional Judge Family Court, Jammu; Archana Charak as ADSJ Doda; Abdul Quayoom Mir as Special Judge NDPS, Baramulla; Manzoor Ahmad Zargar as Special Judge NDPS, Pulwama; Yahaya Firdous Ahangar as Presiding Officer, Fast Track

post; Manzoor Ahmad Khan as Special Judge UAPA, Anantnag against the available post; Rajni Sharma as ADSJ Anti Corruption, Jammu; Madan Lal as ADSJ TADA/POTA, Jammu; Ahsanullah Parvez Malik as ADSJ against the available post; Vinod Kumar as Special Judge NDPS, Srinagar; Arun Kumar Kotwal as District Judge LRP, High Court Wing Jammu against the available post; Sushil Singh as ADSJ Bandipora against the available post; Romesh Lal as ADSJ Sopore; Mansoor Ahmad Lone as District Judge LRP, High Court Wing Jammu against the available post; Parvin Pandoh as ADSJ Kathua; Faizan Ul Haq Iqbal as ADSJ Srinagar against the available post; Noor Mohammad Mir as ADSJ Pulwama against the available post; Swati Gupta as 2nd ADSJ Srinagar; Rafia Hassan as ADSJ Ganderbal.

Also, 45 civil Judges (Senior Division) have been transferred and include Mir Wajahat who has been posted as Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Sopore; Aadil Mushtaq as CJM Srinagar; Ms. Mehreen Mushtaq as CJM Kulgam; Feroz Ahmad Khan as CJM Anantnag; Imran Hussain Wani as CJM Budgam; Ms. Preet Simran Kour as CJM Jammu; Mehreen Sharma as CJM Samba; Sheikh Gowhar Hussain as CJM Shopian; Geeta Kumari as CJM Reasi; Javed Rana as CJM Rajouri; Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi as CJM Pulwama; Ms. Anjana Rajput as CJM Ramban; Munish Kumar Manhas as CJM Kathua; Wajahat Hussain CJM Doda; Raj Kumar, Sub Judge, Ramnagar as Special Mobile Magistrate (T), Jammu; Sarfaraz Nawaz as CJM; Iqbal Ahmad Akhoun as CJM Bandipora; Tabasum Qadir Parray as Sub Judge, Bijbehara; Meyank Gupta's services are placed at the disposal of the Chief Justice (A) for his appointment as Joint Registrar (Judicial), High Court Wing Jammu; Ms. Rekha Kapoor has been posted as CJM Udhampur; Ms. Nusrat as Secretary DLSA;

Mudassar Farooq as CJM Handwara; Muzamil Ahmad Wani as Secretary DLSA, Anantnag; Iqbal Rafiq Vakil as Sub Judge, Chadoora; Touseeef Ahmad Magrey as Special Mobile Magistrate (T), Srinagar; Ms. Madhu, Munsiff, Majalta as Sub Judge, Bhandarwah; Zahoor Ahmad Ganaie as Secretary DLSA, Pulwama; Ms. Lubna Sultan as Special Mobile Magistrate, Anantnag; Jeewan Kumar's services are placed at the disposal of the Chief Justice (A) for his further posting as Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee; Ms. Arti Devi has been posted as Electricity Magistrate, Jammu; Ms. Jyoti Bhagat as Special Mobile Magistrate (PBT), Jammu; Fida Hussain Nayek as Municipal Magistrate, Srinagar; Ms. Girja Shavan, Munsiff, Akhnoor as Sub Judge, Batote; Tabraiz Ahmad as Secretary DLSA, Bhandarwah; Junaid Imtiyaz Mir as Sub Judge, Surankote; Shafeeq Ahmad Malik as Sub Judge, Vailoo; Ms. Rajni Bhagat as Municipal Magistrate, Jammu; Brij Raj Singh as Excise Magistrate Jammu;

Sandeep Singh Sen as Secretary DLSA, Samba; Shabnam Sheikh as Sub Judge, Ramnagar; Shafeeq Ahmad as Sub Judge/Special Mobile Magistrate, Poonch; Wangial



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Indian Red Cross Society At The Service Of Humanity

J&K Bank Donates Wheelchairs

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Indian Red Cross Society, under the leadership of Lt. Governor, Manoj Sinha and supervision of Rohit Khajuria, General Secretary, IRCS, J&K is undertaking a significant humanitarian mission to help the society in different areas of J&K.

In a significant move to support the differently-abled and contribute to the welfare of society, J&K Bank on 29th August, 2024 donated wheelchairs to the Indian Red Cross Society, J&K.

This initiative is a part of the bank's ongoing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities aimed at empowering communities and promoting inclusivity.

The event was held at the Red Cross Bhawan, Kachi Chawni, Jammu where senior officials from J&K Bank participated.

Indian Red Cross Society, J&K UT also organized an eight days

First-Aid training programme for the volunteers and general public which concluded.

During the 8 days training, different topics were covered like various techniques of Disaster Management during Earthquakes, Fires, Floods, First-Aid Kit, wounds, bandages, types of fractures, bleeding emergencies, burns etc. Emergency technique of handling bleeding patients, Fracture/accident victims was also emphasized. Highlights of the programme were how to resuscitate a patient of fainting and Cardiac Arrest. Emphasis was laid on the Management of injuries, fracture, burns, control of bleeding, practical demonstrations of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Choking. Along with that a special lecture on Drug De-addiction was also organized and free eye check-up of the participants was also done.

'Open Debate On Terrorism'

BJP Challenges NC, PDP, Congress

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: The BJP on Thursday challenged the NC, PDP, and the Congress to an open discussion on terrorism, violence, and public security, even as it criticised the three parties for the restive period in the 1990s in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The party said it has zero tolerance for terrorism and civilian casualties.

"I challenge the Gandhi-Nehru, Abdullah, and Mufti families — akin to generational medical shops — to an open debate on the state of terrorism, security, and civilian safety during both their tenure and ours, and their misleading claims and conspiracies about Article 370 and 35 A," BJP J-K In-charge Tarun Chug told reporters here.

"We are ready for an open debate anywhere, with a journalist to moderate and a TV channel to broadcast it," he said, as the party inaugurated its media centre in Jammu for the upcoming assembly elections in the Union Territory.

During the event, Chug asserted there had been a significant decline in terrorism and law and order issues since August 5, 2019, when Article 370 was abrogated and the state was carved into two UTs.

"Since August 5, 2019, we have not only neutralised terrorists and reduced terrorism but also drastically decreased civilian casualties, security force casualties, and incidents of violence," the BJP national general secretary said.

He also shared casualties year-wise that took place under earlier dispensations.

"During their (NC-Congress-PDP) tenure, incidents of civilian casualties averaged 60-70 annually, decreasing to 55 in

2018, 24 in 2023, and further to 14 this year. Terrorist incidents dropped from 228 in 2018 and 46 in 2023 to just 11 this year.

"Encounters reduced from 189 in 2018 to 48 in 2023 and further to 24 this year. Similarly, security force casualties

fell from 91 in 2018 to 23 in 2023 and are now at 14. Our efforts continue to safeguard lives and property," Chugh said.

He also accused the local political families of encouraging stone-pelting in Kashmir under their rule.

"Under their governance, there were approximately 1,328 incidents of stone-pelting annually, reduced to zero in 2023, and none reported this year," he claimed.

"We have not only reduced terrorism but also shortened the lifespan of terrorists. We have eradicated fake encounters and innocent killings. They must answer for their records. I challenge Abdullah to prepare for this debate. I am ready," he added.

Chugh also asked the Congress its stance on release of prisoners and on reinstatement of Article 370 as proposed by the NC in its manifesto.

"Dr Farooq Abdullah and his Srinagar MP talk of reenacting the 1990 situation and violence in Jammu and Kashmir, which led to the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits. Does Congress support this? Is this the stance of the NC?" he asked.

"People have not forgotten the turmoil of 1990 under Mufti Sayeed and Farooq Abdullah's leadership," he asserted.

The leader also alleged that jailed separatist Yasin Malik received red-carpet treatment under the Congress rule at the Centre and posed with then-Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

"Terrorists were honoured and emboldened. Does Congress wish to return to that era?"

&K ASSEMBLY POLLS

Candidates Face Challenges Of Delimitation, Short Campaign Window

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SRINAGAR: As Jammu and Kashmir is all set to witness first Assembly polls after a decade, the candidates in fray are finding it difficult to maneuver with the new challenges—redrawing of boundaries of assembly constituencies and short span for campaigning. The only thing which keeps the leaders in fray moving and ticking is the 'positive mood of voters'.

Post delimitation exercise, the boundaries of Assembly constituencies that existed earlier were changed. This resulted in the addition and deletion of booths in the majority of the Assembly constituencies. A large chunk of candidates ready to contest the first phase of Assembly election believe they had never expected to see change in the boundaries of their respective constituencies.

"It is like going to school afresh and starting from grade 1," National Conference candidate for Bijbehara Assembly constituency, Dr Bashir Ahmed Veeri said. "I had never thought I would be going to a village for campaigning that never was part of my constituency. This demographic composition is indeed a challenge for me and I believe for all those in the fray."

Veeri said Bijbehara has been a bastion of NC till PDP's intrusion. "The constituency always witnessed direct battle between NC and PDP but now a BJP candidate is also in the fray this time," he said.

"Another challenge is that most of the elderly voters have passed away and the young voters I knew 10 years ago, who were in their 20's are now in their 30's and those who were in their 30's are in their 40's. Ten years delay in holding polls is a long time. With my party at the back, I am somehow able to persuade my voters and make them accept my party's agenda and manifesto. But this isn't a cake walk" He said that some part of his constituency has gone to the



Home Shalibugh constituency.

"Despite this, the mood of my voters is positive enough to push me through. Negative perception about NC seems to have changed on ground," he said. "What is worrisome for me is the shortage of time for campaigning."

Young politician and former legislator of Wachi constituency in Shopian Aijaz Mir, who is fighting as an independent candidate after being denied the ticket by the PDP, said post delimitation, his over a dozen booths from the erstwhile constituency have gone to other constituencies.

"Traditional demands by the voters—Sadak, Bijli and Pani are there but at same time, there are new concerns and demands. Sale of fake pesticides is a major problem for apple farmers. Likewise, there are issues that need to be resolved by the person who will win," he said.

"One big difference in the upcoming polls, the level of fear has vanished and there is excitement among voters, which keeps my morale high."

He, however, said fighting polls as an independent is full of challenges. "I am yet to get a symbol. When would I publish my posters and when can I start campaigning. I have only 15 days. This isn't a cakewalk," Mir said.

CPI (M) leader and former MLA from Kulgam, M Y Tarigami said that post 2019, a lot has changed.

"Not just the boundaries of the erstwhile Assembly constituencies, the number of Assembly seats too changed. Statehood is also lost and there is no word from anybody over its restoration. Though Supreme Court

word is there but there is no word from those at the helm at the Centre," he said. "I am against the parameters used for delimitation. It is not clear what method was adopted for delimitation that added seven seats to Jammu where population is less and one seat to Kashmir where population is more. The situation is altogether different this time around as we are witnessing polls after 10 years."

About his campaigning, he said he doesn't need to move around a lot as voters know him and he knows them too. "I have my own way of campaigning. I believe in this choked atmosphere, Assembly polls are an opportunity on which we have to cash in," Tarigami said, adding that "only thing we need is a level playing field."

Senior BJP leader and party's candidate from Bijbehara Sofi Yousuf said that a lot has changed since 2014 when PM Narendra Modi took reins. "Development is there but there is more scope. There is a change. I could feel the people's aspirations and wishes during my campaigning. They want new leaders and new representation," he said. On redrawing of boundaries of Assembly constituencies post delimitation, Yousuf said this has unnerved regional party candidates not BJP.

"I believe my constituency has become vast post delimitation. More people means more votes. I am happy," he said. Sofi, however, admitted that time left is very less given the fact he has 113 villages to cover. "Somehow I manage. Hope I will emerge victorious." (KNO)

NC Workers Express Discontent Over Mubarak Gul's Candidature

Syed Mohammad Burhan

SRINAGAR: Discontent is brewing among workers of the National Conference (NC) in the Eidgah constituency following the decision by the party high command to grant Mubarak Gul the party ticket for the upcoming Assembly Elections.

Several workers have voiced their dissatisfaction, saying that Gul's tenure has failed to bring about the much-needed development in Eidgah constituency.

Fayaz Ahmed, a worker of the National Conference said that he is unhappy with the party high command for granting Mubarak Gul the party ticket for Eidgah constituency.

"Eidgah is in the heart of Srinagar city, but our condition is worse than that of far-flung areas. We crave basic amenities. Mubarak Gul has done no development for the area. We need someone who will work for development," Ahmed said.

Similar views were shared by other NC workers within the constituency, who feel that the leadership has not paid enough attention to the developmental needs of Eidgah.

The workers argue that despite being centrally located in Srinagar, the constituency

has been neglected, leading to a significant lag in infrastructure and basic services.

The NC workers have, however, made it clear that their dissatisfaction does not extend to leaving the party. "We have no intention of leaving the party but we want the party ticket to be given to someone who is young, dynamic, and committed to working for the prosperity of the Eidgah constituency."

However, the party leadership is yet to respond to the concerns made by the NC workers.

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J&K Contractual Lecturers Urge LG To Address Appointment Delays

Syed Mohammad Burhan

SRINAGAR: The contractual lecturers of Jammu & Kashmir have sought intervention from Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to address delays in their joining orders to various colleges across the UT.

The contractual lecturers have written a letter to the LG with a hope that the administration will listen to their demands.

In the letter, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, to the Lieutenant Governor, the lecturers have alleged that the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) has stalled their appointments.

"We, the contractual lecturers aspiring to serve in various colleges across Jammu and Kashmir, find ourselves in a state of distress and uncertainty due to the prolonged delay in our appointments. Despite fulfilling all the necessary requirements and submitting applications for contractual positions over

two months ago, approximately 2,500 to 3,000 highly qualified youth like us are still awaiting directions from the concerned authorities to join our respective colleges," the letter states.

"Our counseling process commenced on the 16th of August, and we were allotted colleges based on merit. However, following the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), we were informed that our joining would require permission from the Election Commission of India (ECI). Since then, we have been consistently reaching out to the ECI through emails and phone calls. Unfortunately, we have been repeatedly told that the Nodal Principal of Jammu & Kashmir has not forwarded the necessary documentation through the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO-JK)," it adds.

The candidates also alleged that their counterparts in Cluster Universities were permitted to join even after the implementation of the

MCC, raising concerns about why the same policy does not apply to us.

"The delay in our joining seems to be a deliberate tactic to compel us into taking extreme steps, including resorting to protests, to have our legitimate demands addressed," a candidate said.

The absence of faculty has been particularly problematic as the new academic session commenced on August 12, 2024. The shortage has forced colleges to assign inappropriate faculty to subjects outside their expertise, resulting in concerns over the adequacy of educational standards. Last year, similar issues were noted at Government Degree College Baramulla, where faculty were required to teach subjects beyond their specialization.

Candidates alleged that the administration is resorting to dilly delaying tactics.

"If colleges have been allotted to the contractual faculty why aren't we allowed to join, our families are suffering because of us as we have no

other jobs," said Ishaq Pir, another candidate.

Another contractual lecturer waiting for his joining order said that if the colleges are allotted then why are we kept waiting for our lives, we fail to understand how colleges are functioning in absence of the contractual faculty as there is staff deficit, the government should think about the future of students as well as the faculty.

Pertinently, the aspirants fulfilled all requirements and underwent a counseling process that began on August 16. Kashmir Observer tried to contact Nodal Principal Jammu & Kashmir Seema Naz for comment but despite repeated requests, she did not respond.

The lecturers also urged the Lieutenant Governor to expedite their appointments and ensure alignment with UGC guidelines regarding salary parity. They pinned hope that the LG administration would listen to what they called their genuine demands.



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