

J&K Sees 3 Encounters In 2 Days

5 Terrorists, 2 Soldiers Killed

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Three terrorists were killed on Saturday morning in an overnight encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, police said.

They said a cordon-and-search operation was launched in Chak Tapper Kreeeri in the north Kashmir district's Pattan area late Friday night.

Addressing a joint press conference at Hyderabad headquarters, 10 Sector Commander of the army, Sanjay Kannoth said that acting on a specific lead on Friday evening, additional reinforcements were brought to the Tappar area. "As the forces zeroed in on the suspected spot, they fired indiscriminately. The intense exchange of fire continued throughout the night," he said. He was flanked by SSP Baramulla Muhammad Zaid besides other army and police officials.

He said that as the operation progressed, three hardcore terrorists were killed and the operation was called off in the morning. "The operation was carried out in a professional manner without any collateral damage to civilian lives or property," he said. The army officer said that in the operation, three unidentified terrorists were killed whose identity is still being ascertained. "From their possession, war like stores and other | More on P6

It Is 3 Dynasties Versus Youth Of J&K: PM

• First Visit By A Prime Minister To Doda In Last 42 Years • Promises Statehood, Young Leadership For J&K

Observer News Service

Jammu: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that the upcoming assembly election is a contest between the young leadership devoted to Jammu and Kashmir's development and the three dynastic families that "destroyed" the region by "encouraging" corruption and "depriving" the people of their rights.

Addressing an election rally in support of BJP candidates in Doda district of Jammu region, Modi said terrorism is taking its last breath and reiterated his government's promise of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

However, he cautioned the people against bringing the NC, Congress and the PDP back to power, alleging their policies had prepared the ground for terrorism, stifled young leadership and "hollowed out" J&K, and stressed that these parties back to power, claiming that doing so would push J&K back to the era of 'destruction'.

This election would decide the future of Jammu and Kashmir which has remained the target of foreign powers, he said.



This was the maiden election rally by the prime minister in Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the first phase of the assembly polls on September 18, which will cover 24 seats spread across the three districts of Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban in Jammu and the south Kashmir districts of Anantnag, Pulwama, Shopian and Kulgam.

Notably, this marks the first visit by a Prime Minister to the region in 42 years. The last prime ministerial visit to Doda occurred in 1982

Modi began his nearly 45-minute speech by welcoming the people who attended the rally in the Kashmiri language. "This time, the (assembly) election will decide the future of Jammu and Kashmir, which has remained the target of foreign powers since Independence," he told the gathering.

"Not only this, dynastic politics made this beautiful region hollow from within. The political parties you trusted never cared for your children. They only cared for | More on P6

'Terrorism Counting Its Last Days'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that terrorism is taking its last breath in Jammu and Kashmir.

"In the last 10 years, the change witnessed in J&K is nothing short of a dream come true. The stone that used to be thrown at police and the Army is now being utilised for building a new Jammu and Kashmir... This was not done by Modi but by the people of Jammu and Kashmir," the prime minister said.

He said the enemies of the country benefited from the policies of the three families as they promoted terrorism to make their shops run. "Due to their sins, thousands of our youths lost their lives."

Referring to the peak of militancy when shops and business establishments



A NEW FILM POLICY HAS ALREADY BEEN framed and Jammu and Kashmir will once again come on the silver screen."

used to be closed before dusk, he said the home minister of the previous Congress-led government was "frightened" to visit Lal Chowk, the nerve centre of Srinagar.

Modi said the BJP gave ticket to terror victim Shagun Parihar to reflect the party's "determination" to wipe out terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir.

Joining the BJP's election campaign in the Doda district, which | More on P6

HC Quashes 2 PSA Detention Orders

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has quashed detention ordered under Public Safety Act against two persons and ordered their immediate release if not needed in any other case.

"It was incumbent upon the detaining authority to inform the petitioner about his right to make a representation against the order of detention. Omission of the detaining authority in this regard renders the impugned order of detention unsustainable in law" said a bench of Justice Sanjay Dhar while quashing detention order passed by District Magistrate Shopian on 27 October 2022 against Ghazi Ahmad Bhat, a resident of the south Kashmir district.

Similarly, the court also quashed the detention order passed by District Magistrate Shopian against the detainee, Adil Fayaz Lone on 28 November 2022.

"It needs no emphasis that the detenu cannot be expected to make an effective and purposeful representation which is his constitutional right guaranteed under Article 22(5) of the Constitution of India, unless and until the material, on which the detention is based, is supplied to the detenu (detainee)," the court said, adding, "The failure on the part of detaining authority to supply the material renders the detention order illegal and unsustainable in law."

Subsequent | More on P6



Trains To Reach Srinagar 'Very Soon'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday promised to connect unlinked areas of Jammu and Kashmir through the railway network, announcing that trains will soon reach the Kashmir valley. Addressing an election rally in the Doda district in support of BJP | More on P6



BJP Will Prevent Restoration Of Art 370: Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has reiterated the BJP's firm stance against the restoration of Article 370 and the reintroduction of a separate flag in Jammu and Kashmir, a move that he claims the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) and Congress wish to pursue. | More on P6

Focus On 'Security', Not Dynastic Politics: Omar To PM

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi should focus on the "deteriorating" security situation in Jammu and Kashmir instead of raising the bogey of dynastic politics, National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah said on Saturday.

Addressing an election rally in the Doda district in support of BJP candidates earlier in the day, Modi said political dynasties in Jammu and Kashmir have destroyed the region and not allowed new leadership to grow.

Hitting back at Modi, the NC leader

said the BJP has no qualms in forming alliances with these parties and questioned the prime minister's silence over the death of two army soldiers in an encounter in Kishtwar.

"The PM made a speech in Doda... It has not been 24 hours since the attack (in Kishtwar) in which two brave army soldiers lost their lives while an encounter is going on in north Kashmir

"He talks about dynasties to mislead people. He should have talked about the present situation," Abdullah told reporters in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. The NC leader said when Article 370 was revoked | More on P6

Will PDP Play Kingmaker In J&K Polls? Iltija Responds

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The People's Democratic Party (PDP) is at its lowest right now but it will play an instrumental role in forming a non-BJP coalition government after the assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, party leader Iltija Mufti has said.

Iltija, the third generation politician from the Mufti family and daughter of PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, is in the midst of her debut election. She is contesting from south Kashmir's Bijbehara assembly segment, considered the family's bastion.

Iltija Mufti said she is making her electoral debut at a difficult time. "At a time when it is turbulent, not just for Jammu and Kashmir, but particularly for the party. We are | More on P6

Why No Muslim Faces In Your Cabinet?

Omar Abdullah said that the BJP has no right to seek votes from Muslims, as they have not included a single Muslim in the Narendra Modi-led cabinet at the center. "The BJP is trying to deceive Muslim voters in J&K. There isn't a single Muslim in their | More on P6

Is Dooru A Cakewalk For G A Mir?

Agencies

Srinagar: With the elections round the corner, all eyes are on the Dooru assembly constituency in South Kashmir where the National Conference and Congress-ally partners have managed to secure the seat six times out of seven assembly elections held since 1977.

As the assembly constituency is set to go to polls on September 18, the question remains whether the ally parents will manage to regain the power from the segment where All India Congress Committee (AICC) General Secretary and a joint candidate of NC-Congress, Ghulam Ahmad Mir is vying for the seat.

The NC and Congress separately have managed to secure the seat six | More on P6

Private Hospitals Resume 'Golden Card' Services

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Private hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday resumed free health services under the Ayushman Bharat scheme following assurance from Secretary Health and Medical Education.

An official said that private hospitals had stopped services from 1st September as payment was not released since March 2024.

He said that after court directions, Secretary Health and Medical Education assured that pending payment will be released in the shortest possible time.

Secretary Private hospitals Association Maqsood Ahmad said that all | More on P6

Hazratbal Showdown: PDP's Naqash Faces NC's Sagar

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: In the lead-up to the upcoming assembly elections, Hazratbal constituency is set to witness a fierce contest between Asiea Naqash of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Salman Sagar of the National Conference (NC). Although there are 13 candidates in fray for the assembly segment in north of Srinagar city, observers say, the main contest is going to be between arch rivals of NC and PDP.

Both candidates have ramped up their campaigns, but recent internal dissensions within the NC and changes in constituency boundaries after the delimitation exercise have added complexity to the political scenario.

Pertinently, the Hazratbal Assembly Constituency has a voter population of 112541, among which 56,175 are males and 56366 are females and notably, no voters are registered under the third gender category in this constituency.

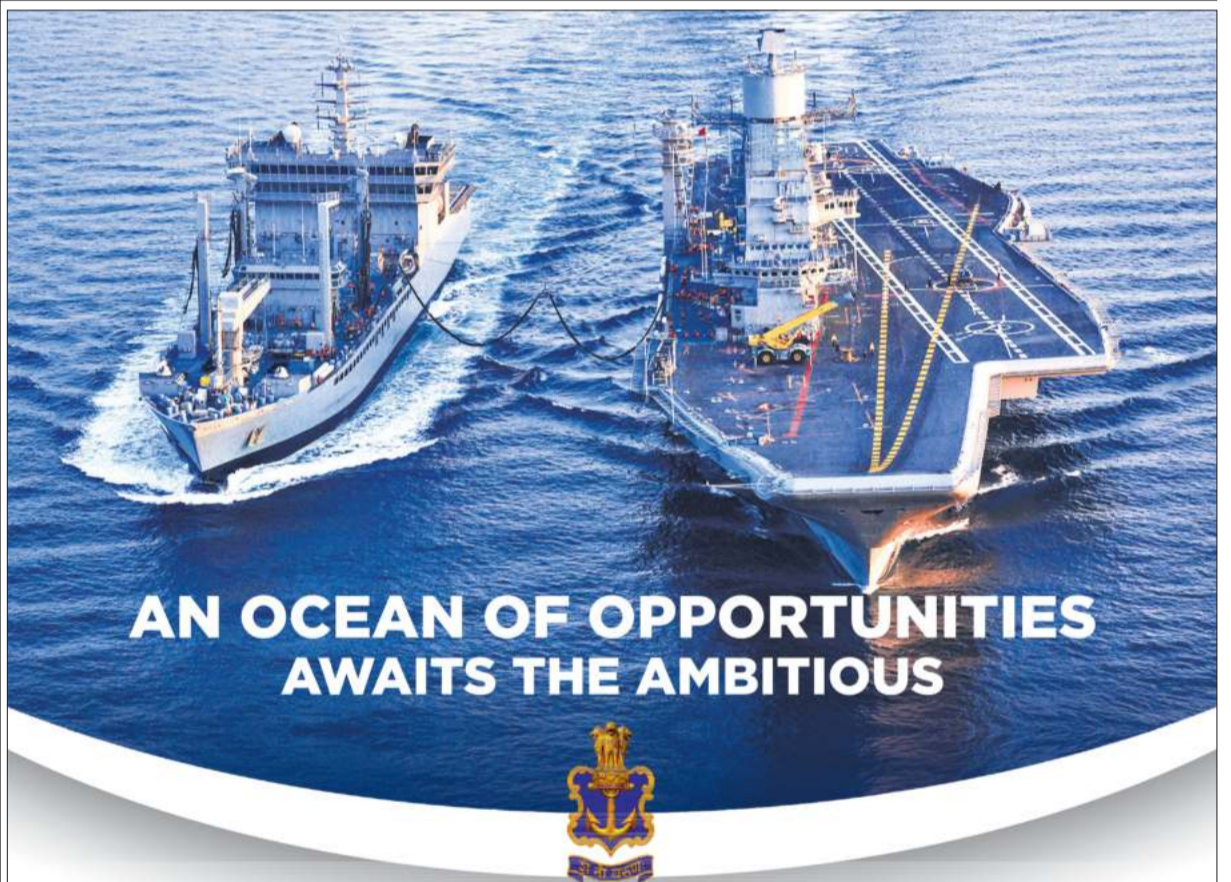
Senior NC Leader Denied Mandate

The National Conference faced internal fights after



Mohammad Sayeed Akhooon, a senior party leader and former MLA, openly criticized the party's leadership. Akhooon accused NC leaders of sidelining experienced members in favor of promoting family ties. His comments have echoed a growing sentiment within the party, especially after he was denied the mandate to contest from Hazratbal.

Akhooon said that the "dynastic favoritism," within the party pointing to examples such as Mian Altaf's son contesting in Kangan and Ali Mohammad Sagar's son, Salman Sagar, being given the Hazratbal ticket. Akhooon said this trend is detrimental to the party's growth and suggested that his exclusion would lead to further unrest among party members. The former | More on P6



THE INDIAN NAVY

online application are invited from eligible unmarried men and unmarried women candidates for grant of Short Service Commission (SSC) for course commencing Jun 2025 at Indian Naval Academy Ezhimala, Kerala.

Branch/Cadre	Vacancies*	Gender
General Service {GS(X)/ Hydro Cadre	56 (Including 06 Hydro)	Men and Women (maximum of 15 vacancies in GS (X) and 02 vacancies in GS (Hydro) for women)
Pilot	24	Men and Women (maximum of 07 vacancies for women)
Naval Air Operations Officer (Air Crew)	21	Men and Women (maximum of 06 vacancies for women)
Air Traffic Controller(ATC)	20	Men and Women (maximum of 06 vacancies for women)
Logistics	20	Men and Women (maximum of 06 vacancies for women)
Naval Armament Inspectorate Cadre(NAIC)	16	Men and Women
Education	15	Men and Women
Engineering Branch {General Service (GS)}	36	Men and Women (maximum of 11 vacancies for women)
Electrical Branch {General Service (GS)}	42	Men and Women (maximum of 13 vacancies for women)

The Vacancies are tentative and may be changed depending on availability of training slots. Candidates will be inducted in the rank of Sub Lieutenant.

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For eligibility criteria and specific details for the batch, visit www.joinindiannavy.gov.in and

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Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI
 (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 Wagoora)/ chokedar has submitted case file pertaining to Birth of GH MOHI UD DIN PARAY S/O KHAZAR PARAY R/O KAREWA KREERI Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth, as 01/03/1970 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
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 I Aashiq Hussain Wagay S/o Abdul Rahim Wagay R/o Krad Shangus want to apply RBA Certificate under Reference No: JK-REV-RBA/2024/14175 Email id: Ashaqhussainwagay@gmail.com. Regarding This, if any person or quater have any objection may file the same to Concerned office within a week after that no objection will be entertained.
9149930194 Media Line

NOTICE
 I Sheikh Mirjan Ahmad S/o Sheikh Ghulam Qadir R/o Dulla Bagh, Soura, Nowshara J&K 190011 want to correct my name & my father's name in my Driving licence Bearing Licence no Jk01 2001 0019212 from Merjejan Ali S/o Gh Qadir To Sheikh Mirjan Ahmad S/o Sheikh Ghulam Qadir Rather as per Aadhar. Regarding this, if anybody is having any objection he/she may file the same to the RTO Kashmir, within a week after that no objection will be entertained.
 Media Line

Office Of The Returning Officer
23-Channapora Assembly Constituency
 (Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Karan Nagar Srinagar)

Subject: General Elections to J&K Legislative Assembly (GELA), 2024- Notification of Postal Voting Center in respect of 23-Channapora Assembly Constituency.

NOTIFICATION

In compliance to the instructions of Election Commission of India and in pursuance of section 60 of the Representation of People Act, 1951 and Rule 27A of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, the below mentioned venue is hereby identified as Postal Voting Centre (PVC) in respect of 23-Channapora Assembly Constituency on the scheduled dates of voting through Postal Ballot, i.e., 19th, 20th & 21st September, 2024:-

S.No.	NAME OF THE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY	VENUE OF POSTAL VOTING CENTER (PVC)	CATEGORY	DATE & TIME OF PVC
1	23-Channapora Assembly Constituency	Department of History, Amar Singh College, Gogjibagh Srinagar (Room No.01)	Essential Service Voters (ESVs)	Dates: 19.09.2024 to 21.09.2024 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) Time: 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM

All the Absentee Voters in the categories of Essential Service are requested to note the above notified schedule and to cast their votes at designated PVC, on any of the three days mentioned above. It may be also noted that those voters who have been approved for voting through this facility, can only vote at such PVC and not in any other manner.

Returning Officer,
 23-Channapora Assembly Constituency

No. SMC/RO-23AC/ 245-260
 Dated: 13/09/2024

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
23-CHANNAPORA ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY
 (SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, KARAN NAGAR SRINAGAR)

Subject: General Elections to J&K Legislative Assembly (GELA), 2024- Notification of Voters Facilitation Center in respect of 23-Channapora Assembly Constituency.

NOTIFICATION

In compliance to the instructions of Election Commission of India and in pursuance of section 60 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and Rule 18A of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, the below mentioned venue is hereby identified as Voter Facilitation Centre (VFC) in respect of 23-Channapora Assembly Constituency on the scheduled date of voting through Postal Ballot, i.e., 18th September, 2024:-

S. No.	NAME OF ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY	VENUE OF VOTERS FACILITATION CENTER (VFC)	CATEGORY	DATE & TIME
1	23-Channapora Assembly Constituency	Department of History, Amar Singh College, Gogjibagh Srinagar (Room No: 02)	Personnel engaged with election process (VFC)	Date: 18.09.2024 (Wednesday) Time: 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM

All Voters of 23-Channapora Assembly Constituency who are drafted for Election Duty are requested to note the above notified schedule and to cast their vote at designated VFC, on the scheduled date.

Returning Officer,
 23-Channapora Assembly Constituency

No. SMC/RO-23AC/ 261-275
 Dated: 13/09/2024

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
23-CHANNAPORA ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY
 (SECRETARY, SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, KARAN NAGAR SRINAGAR)

Subject: General Elections to J&K Legislative Assembly (GELA), 2024- Notification of Postal Voting Center in respect of 23-Channapora Assembly Constituency.

NOTIFICATION

In compliance to the instructions of Election Commission of India and in pursuance of section 60 of the Representation of People Act, 1951 and Rule 27A of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, the process of **VOTING THROUGH POSTAL BALLOT BY ABSENTEE VOTERS**, comprising Senior Citizens/ 85+ (AVSC) and Persons with Disability (AVPD) at their homes with the help of Special Polling Teams that will facilitate all such voters whose requests have already been registered and verified through Form 12D is hereby scheduled as per the dates given below in respect of 23-Channapora Assembly Constituency:

S.No.	NAME OF ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY	DATES OF HOME VISITS BY POLL PARTIES FOR HOME VOTING	TIME
1	23-Channapora Assembly Constituency	19.09.2024 to 21.09.2024 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)	09:00 AM to 03:00 PM

DIPK-5467/24
DATED: 14-09-2024

Returning Officer,
 23-Channapora AC

No. SMC/RO-23AC/
 Dated: /09/2024

Study Links Lotions, Sunscreens To Hormonal Disruptions In Children

Press Trust Of India
 Love to lather your children with lotion to keep their skin hydrated? Beware, a new study has linked personal care products like lotions and conditioners with increased levels of chemicals known to cause hormonal disruptions in their bodies. The study, published in the peer-reviewed Environmental Health Perspectives Journal, showed that lotions, hair-care products like shampoos and conditioners, and sunscreens contain endocrine-disrupting chemicals called phthalates, posing severe health risks in children. A team of researchers led by George Mason University, in the US, examined urine samples of children aged between 4 and 8 years from 2017 to 2019, and found increased levels of mono-benzyl phthalate, Monoethyl phthalate, monobutyl phthalate. These chemicals cause hormonal changes in men and women, increasing waist circumference and insulin resistance. It can also affect reproductive health in both men and women and also leads to an increase in skin and respiratory issues like eczema and rhinitis. "These results may inform policymakers, clinicians, and parents to help limit children's exposure to



developmental toxicants," the researchers said. Dr. Jyothi Raghuram, Senior Consultant - General Pediatrics & Pediatric Rheumatology, Aster Women & Children, Bengaluru said that "this is alarming because phthalates are commonly used to improve the product's texture and durability, but their exposure has been linked to hormonal disruptions in children". She noted that parabens and strong fragrances -- usually found in skin and hair care products -- are an uncommon cause of rashes, and can

lead to breathing difficulty in susceptible children. "At an age when the hormonal systems of the body are still developing, phthalates can negatively impact the growth rate, metabolic strength, and even reproductive health of the child," Raghuram said while cautioning parents to be mindful of the ingredients when choosing products for children. "Avoiding products that mention the presence of phthalates, parabens, and synthetic fragrances, and choosing ones that specifically state to be 'phthalate-free,' 'para-

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At an age when the hormonal systems of the body are still developing, phthalates can negatively impact the growth rate, metabolic strength, and even reproductive health of the child

ben-free,' or 'fragrance-free' can bring about a great difference." She suggested mineral-based sunscreens and lotions made from natural oils like coconut or shea butter as safer alternatives that provide the same benefits without the associated risks.

ICMR To Develop Evidence-Based Guidelines For Antibiotic Use In Respiratory Infections, Pneumonia

Press Trust Of India
 The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is working towards formulating the first-ever comprehensive set of evidence-based guidelines on the empirical use of antibiotics for upper respiratory infections, fever and community-acquired pneumonia. The process of generating such evidence will entail the compilation of systematic reviews and meta-analyses from the existing literature, focusing on well-defined review questions, sources said. The evidence derived from these



systematic reviews and meta-analyses will be systematically assessed for its strength by utilising the GRADE (Grading of Recom-

mendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation) Approach, they said. In this connection, the apex health

research body has invited Expressions of Interest (Eoi) from researchers. This grading methodology will serve to evaluate the quality of evidence, which will subsequently inform the formulation of recommendations following the application of the Evidence to Decision (EtD) framework. The PICO review questions are divided into four scopes -- when to start the empirical antibiotics, which class of antibiotics to start empirically, when to stop empirical antibiotics and when to change antibiotics.

General Elections to Legislative Assembly J&K 2024
 RETURNING OFFICER 25-Eidgah Assembly Constituency
 Amar Niwas Complex, Tankipora, Srinagar - 190001

All Contesting Candidates
 25-Eidgah Assembly Constituency

No:RO/25/EDGH/2024/316-325 Dated: 13-09-2024

Subject:- General elections to J&K Legislative Assembly, 2024- Home voting at Postal Voting centers (PVC) & Voter Facilitation Center (VFC) 25-Eidgah AC - Deputation of Representative to the special strong room thereof.

References: 1. RO/25/EDGH/2024/286-295, dated 13-09-2024
 2. RO/25/EDGH/2024/296-306, dated 13-09-2024
 3. RO/25/EDGH/2024/307-315, dated 13-09-2024

With regard to above subject and references, you are requested to depute your authorized representative to the Strong Room at Abdul Ahad Azad Memorial Degree College, Bemina Srinagar for safe and secure storage of Postal Ballot Votes cast under different categories of voters eligible for postal voting for 25-Eidgah Assembly Constituency.

The representatives be deputed on daily basis (18th to 21st September 2024) from 05:00 PM onwards till the votes cast through postal ballots are returned and securely stored in the above referred strong room.

The matter may kindly be treated as Election urgent.

DIPK-5475/24 DATED: 14-09-2024 Returning Officer 25-Eidgah Assembly Constituency

The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education
 New Campus Bemina Srinagar
 Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-
Roll No: 5181254
Class 10th
Year & Session : Annual Regular 2014
Registration: N13480970014
Name : Nuzhat Manzoor
Father's Name: Manzoor Ahmad Kumar
Mother's Name : Haleema Bagum
Date of Birth:- 12-02-2000
Residence:- Kandi Khass Handwara



According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: --- be treated as "CANCELLED")
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in driving licence bearing dl no: JK0420150026858 as Ishfaq Ahmad Parry while my correct name is Ishfaq Majeed which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the RTO Budgam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice I have changed the name of my son from Mohammad Affan Parry to Luqman Hassan. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Routs International Public School Beerwah Budgam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION NO. 06 OF 2024

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to below mentioned certificate course for the Academic Session 2024.

Programme	Eligibility	Duration	Course Fee
Certificate Course in Arabic	Having passed 10 th class or equivalent examination and is able to read and write Urdu/ Arabic Script	06 Months (with flexible timing)	Rs. 1500/- (One Time)

IMPORTANT DATES:
 Last Date for submission of Application Forms : 24-09-2024

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORMS:

The eligible interested candidates desirous for admission in the aforesaid Certificate course are advised to submit an application in the Office of the Dean Academic Affairs, IUST Campus Awantipora on any working day by or before 24-09-2024 (except on Saturday & Sunday) alongwith application fee of Rs. 200/- and copies of below mentioned documents:
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DIPK-NB-1568/24 DATED: 14-09-2024

Bukhari Bats For 'Reconciliation' To Ensure Justice For All

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari on Saturday emphasized the need for reconciliation to achieve justice for all "victims" in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that reconciliation was needed to ensure justice for all victims in Jammu and Kashmir, as the region has endured death and destruction since 1987. "Over the years, we have witnessed a countless number of widows and orphans as a result of these tragedies," Bukhari said.

He made these comments while speaking to media reporters during his ongoing public outreach campaign in his home constituency of Chanapora today.

Responding to a question, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari assured

traditional parties accusing AIP leader Engineer Rashid of being a BJP agent and suggesting his release was part of a conspiracy, Bukhari responded, "I believe that even Almighty Allah likes the release of prisoners. He was imprisoned and subsequently released by the court. No one has favored him to secure his release."

Taking a dig at the traditional parties, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said that these parties were responsible for the miseries that people have been facing here for the past several decades.

He said that countless youths were killed, blinded by pellets, and imprisoned when the traditional parties were in power. "No one came from Delhi to register FIRs against these young people. Now, the situation is such that many of these



As autumn season begins, vendors begin to offer fresh lotus seeds, also known as 'Pambach', which is consumed raw due to its rich, sweet taste. KO photo, Abid Bhat.

LMD Seizes Petrol Pump For Cheating Customers In Khonmoh

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Enforcement Unit of Legal Metrology Srinagar today inspected and sealed a Petrol Pump at Khonmoh Srinagar for delivering short fuel to the consumers and operating without any license.

Following the surprise inspection, during which the delivery of fuel was checked in presence of the Consumers and management of this outlet, it was noticed that the two existing Nozzles were delivering short by about 200 ml against every 5 litres which is a serious offence under Section 30 of Legal Metrology Act 2009.

The consumers were shown the wrong reading which was not

The shortage was not only resulting in the unfair trade practice on account of this outlet but was also causing huge loss to Consumers who were fueling their vehicles from this illegal outlet.

matching with the actual delivery. The shortage was not only resulting in the unfair trade practice on account of this outlet but was also

causing huge loss to Consumers who were fueling their vehicles from this illegal outlet.

It was also revealed during the inspection that this outlet was operating without any valid license or document from either the Government or the Oil Marketing companies and it remains to be seen where from it was sourcing the fuel in absence of these valid documents.

It is pertinent to mention that the Legal Metrology Department has noticed frequent cases of underweight and under delivery of fuel and LPG and during the recent past (during current financial year 2024-25 alone), an amount of about Rs: 7 Lacs have been realized as fine from the offenders indulging in these offences.

2-Day Training Program On 'Concept & Overview' Begins At JKJA

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Under the patronage of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice (Acting), High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy) and guidance of Chairperson, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy (JKJA) and Members of Governing Committee, JKJA organized Two days training Program on 'Concept & Overview'.

General Financial Rules (GFR), Financial Management System (PFMS), concept and procedures, Taxation maintaining financial record and audit, execution of warrants, carrying out attachment sales and any other official duties for executing orders of the execution court for AOs/Nazir of high court/ subordinate courts of Jammu & Kashmir province including UT of Ladakh through physical as well as virtual mode at JKJA, Mominabad, here.

The training program was in-

augurated by Sonia Gupta, Director Judicial Academy in presence of G.M Wani, Audit Officer who also happens to be the resource person in the opening session of the first day.

Delivering her inaugural address Sonia Gupta highlighted the significance of the training programs for AOs/ Nazir of the high court of Jammu & Kashmir/subordinate courts of Jammu & Kashmir province and UT of Ladakh.

In the first session, G.M Wani gave a detailed concept and overview of general financial rules (GFR) and essential framework governing financial management in our system. He stressed upon the rules that guide the preparation of budget documents, which are crucial in ensuring that our judicial institutions run efficiently and transparently. Additionally, he explored the use of e-commerce platforms in judicial operations, a contemporary approach that can simplify processes and enhance

transparency.

In the second session, resource person Adil Bashir Sofi, Senior Technical Support Engineer, PFMS State Directorate, J&K gave a detailed overview of the critical aspects of the public financial management system (PFMS) and discussed in the session how pivotal it is for maintaining financial records and ensuring smooth audit.

The main focus was on taxation procedures which are integral to maintaining compliance with financial regulations.

The learned resource person also guided the participants through the complexities of PFMS and maintaining financial records. He discussed that PFMS which is the public financial management system provides an online subsidy payment network to both Non Aadhar based bank accounts and Aadhar based bank accounts under DBT (direct benefit transfer) through the NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India)



that "if the Apni Party receives a public mandate to serve, it will start by releasing all detainees and announcing a general amnesty for the youth facing charges."

He also stated that if the Apni Party forms the next government, it will ensure that "the eligibility criteria for domicile status in J&K require a minimum residency of 35 years, rather than 15 years."

When asked about

youngsters are not being given police verification reports, which are mandatory for obtaining jobs and passports. Those who remained in power after 1987 are responsible for all this."

"Sadly, none of the governments formed in 1996, 2002, 2009, and 2014 could provide solace to the victims. All these governments failed to secure the future of young generations," he added.

Naqib Assumes Charge As Interim DCC President

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Senior Congress Leader Irfan Naqib today assumed charge as interim President of District Congress Committee, Srinagar.

In an extraordinary function held at Srinagar Party Office, Congress

Leaders and workers hailed Naqib's appointment as interim DCC President. On this occasion Naqib expressed gratitude to Party President Tariq Hameed Karra for reposing faith in him. He vowed to work hard to strengthen Congress in Srinagar.

Darul Khair Distributes Relief To Noorbagh Fire Victims

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Darul Khair Mirwaiz Manzil on behalf of the organization and its Chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq Saturday expressed grief and sorrow over the damage of three residential houses and the losses to properties in a terrible incident of fire at Noorbagh Srinagar, recently.

In a statement, Darul Khair expressed heartfelt sympathy and solidarity with the affected families and emphasized the need for all possible help of the affected families.

Meanwhile, a delegation from Darul Khair Mirwaiz Manzil, under the leadership of Mufti

Ghulam Rasool Samoon, went Noorbagh Srinagar and presented rice, flour, blankets and kitchen kits and other basic necessities to the seven affected families as aid and expressed solidarity with them.

Darul Khair Mirwaiz Manzil has again made it clear that the Millat-e-Kashmir is aware of the fact that Darul Khair Mirwaiz Manzil since its inception, has been providing financial and material support to the people in need during the calamities without discrimination of caste, creed and religion, and is engaged in rehabilitation of the victims as much as possible.

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**Office of the Returning Officer,
26-Central Shalteng Assembly Constituency**
(Sub-Divisional Magistrate Srinagar (West))

Phone No:-01943526159

Subject: General Election to Legislative Assembly of J&K-2024 - Home Voting by Senior Citizens and Persons with Disability (AVPD & AVSC) in respect of 26-Central Shalteng Assembly Constituency.

NOTIFICATION

In compliance to the rules/guidelines/instructions of Election commission of India, the following date(s) are hereby notified for conducting of Home Voting in respect of Absentee Voters including Persons with Disabilities (AVPD) and Senior Citizens (AVSC) categories who have opted to cast their vote through Postal Ballots by submitting Form-12D in respect of 26- Central Shalteng Assembly Constituency.

Date(s) of voting	Time of Visit by Poll Party
19th (Thursday), 20th (Friday) and 21st (Saturday), September, 2024	9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M

The team of polling officials shall visit the electors (AVPD & AVSC) at the address mentioned in their application (12D) for facilitating their voting by postal ballot paper-

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26- Central Shalteng A.C

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This Day In History

- 1966 - First British nuclear ballistic missile submarine HMS Resolution launched
- 1968 - Launch of Zond 5, 1st lunar fly-around with Earth re-entry
- 1968 - Probable Test flight for a manned fly-around (scooped by Apollo 8)
- 1970 - PLO leader Arafat threatens to make a cemetery of Jordan
- 1972 - An SAS domestic flight from Gothenburg to Stockholm was hijacked and flown to Malmö-Bulltofta Airport.
- 1973 - OPEC supports price hikes and designates six Gulf countries to negotiate collectively with companies over prices; other members to negotiate individually
- 1974 - Air Vietnam flight 727 is hijacked, then crashes while attempting to land with 75 on board.
- 1976 - Soyuz 22 carries 2 cosmonauts into Earth orbit for 8 days
- 1978 - Muhammad Ali beats Leon Spinks in 15 rounds for heavyweight boxing title
- 1981 - The John Bull becomes the oldest operable steam locomotive in the world when the Smithsonian Institution operates it under its own power outside Washington, D.C.
- 1981 - Vanuatu becomes a member of the United Nations.
- 1982 - Israeli forces began pouring into west Beirut
- 1982 - Pope John Paul II receives PLO leader Yasser Arafat
- 1988 - Test Cricket debut of Ian Healy, vs Pakistan at Karachi
- 1990 - France announce it will send 4,000 troops to Persian Gulf
- 1991 - US women's gymnastics team win 1st World Championships medal (silver)
- 1996 - Bangladesh beat UAE by 104 runs to win the ACC Trophy Final
- 1998 - With the landmark merger of WorldCom and MCI Communications completed the day prior, the new MCI WorldCom opens its doors for business.
- 1998 - Google.com is registered as a domain name
- 2011 - The St. Thomas Assembly plant is closed permanently after decades of providing employing to the region of St. Thomas, Ontario and resulting in the loss of roughly 1,400 well-paid jobs

From KO Archives

Kupwara Villager Kills Wife, Absconds

Ghulam Jeelani

Kupwara: Police have launched a manhunt to nab a Kupwara villager accused of killing his wife. Though he has not left behind any clue, his arrest was expected by this evening, reports said. The gruesome murder has taken place at Surmarg, 15 km from Handwara in the border district.

According to the senior superintendent of police (SSP), Kupwara, J B Singh, Jawahira was married to one Nazir Ahmad Bhat of the village about six years ago from whom she has a child. But their relations became strained about six months ago. The dispute between the couple had even landed in a court of law, according to reports.

Singh said Bhat had apparently mended fences with his estranged wife about five days ago. However, during the night he allegedly killed her. After that, Bhat packed the body of his slain wife in a trunk and hid it in a room of his house. He is believed to have fled from his home immediately after commission of the crime.

It was only after some foul smell started emanating from the house that Bhat's neighbours became suspicious. Soon they informed the police who recovered the highly decomposed body of the woman from the house.

(Kashmir Observer, September 15, 2000)

Safeguarding Childhood

HIMANGSHU RANJAN BHUYAN

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The POSCO Act represents a significant advancement in the protection of children from sexual offenses. Its comprehensive approach to addressing child sexual abuse, focus on child-friendly legal processes, and emphasis on support and rehabilitation for victims reflect a strong commitment to child welfare and justice

In an era where the protection and well-being of children are paramount, legislative measures play a crucial role in ensuring that these young individuals receive the care and protection they deserve. One such significant piece of legislation in India is the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO) Act. Enacted in 2012, the POSCO Act represents a landmark move in safeguarding children from sexual abuse and exploitation. Its comprehensive approach to addressing and combating child sexual offenses reflects a robust commitment to child welfare and justice.

The POSCO Act was introduced in response to a growing recognition of the need for specific legal frameworks to address the increasing cases of child sexual abuse. Prior to its enactment, child sexual offenses were covered under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), but the legal framework lacked the specificity and focus required to adequately protect children. The POSCO Act fills this gap by providing a detailed and child-centric approach to addressing these heinous crimes.

At its core, the POSCO Act aims to protect children from sexual offenses, ensure a safe environment for their growth and development, and establish a clear and efficient legal process for prosecuting offenders. The Act is designed to be comprehensive, covering various aspects of sexual abuse, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, and penetrative sexual assault. By categorizing these offenses separately, the Act ensures that the nature and severity of each crime are accurately addressed and appropriately penalized.

One of the most significant aspects of the POSCO Act is its focus on the child's perspective and the need to create a child-friendly legal process. The Act mandates the establishment of Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPU) and Special Courts to handle cases of child sexual offenses. These specialized units and courts are designed to ensure that the legal proceedings are conducted in a manner that minimizes trauma for the child victim. The presence of trained professionals who understand the psychological and emotional needs of children is crucial in providing a supportive and sensitive environment for the victims.

The Act also emphasizes the importance of confidentiality and

privacy for child victims. It prohibits the publication of the identity of the child victim or any details that could lead to their identification. This provision is essential in protecting the child's dignity and ensuring that they are not subjected to further trauma or stigmatization. Additionally, the Act requires that the statements of child victims be recorded in a manner that is non-threatening and supportive, further safeguarding their emotional well-being.

The POSCO Act also addresses the issue of mandatory reporting and the responsibilities of various stakeholders in preventing and addressing child sexual abuse. It places a legal obligation on individuals, including parents, teachers, and healthcare professionals, to report any suspicions or knowledge of child sexual offenses to the authorities. This provision aims to ensure that cases of abuse are promptly reported and investigated, reducing the likelihood of offenders escaping justice and minimizing the risk of further harm to the child.

Another important aspect of the POSCO Act is its focus on providing support and rehabilitation for child victims. The Act mandates the provision of counseling and support services to help children recover from the trauma of sexual abuse. It also ensures that victims receive medical care and legal assistance throughout the legal process. By addressing the immediate and long-term needs of child victims, the POSCO Act plays a crucial role in their recovery and reintegration into society.

Despite its comprehensive framework, the implementation of the POSCO Act faces several challenges. One of the primary challenges is the need for effective and consistent enforcement across different regions. The success of the Act de-

pends on the availability of trained personnel, the establishment of dedicated facilities, and the commitment of law enforcement agencies and judicial authorities to uphold the provisions of the Act. In some regions, inadequate resources and lack of awareness about the Act can hinder its effective implementation.

Another challenge is the social stigma and cultural barriers associated with discussing and reporting child sexual abuse. In many communities, there is a reluctance to address issues of sexual abuse due to fear of social ostracization or shame. Overcoming these cultural barriers requires sustained efforts to raise awareness, educate communities about the importance of reporting abuse, and create a supportive environment for vic-

tims to come forward.

The POSCO Act also requires ongoing evaluation and adaptation to address emerging trends and challenges in child protection. As societal attitudes and technologies evolve, new forms of abuse and exploitation may arise. The legal framework must remain dynamic and responsive to these changes to effectively safeguard children. Continuous training for law enforcement personnel, judiciary members, and child protection professionals is essential to ensure that they are equipped to handle new and evolving forms of child sexual offenses.

Public awareness and education play a crucial role in the success of the POSCO Act. By educating the public about the provisions of the Act, the signs of child sexual abuse, and the importance of reporting incidents, society can contribute to a culture of vigilance and protection for children. Schools, community organizations, and media campaigns can all play a part in disseminating information and fostering a more informed and proactive approach to child protection.

In conclusion, the POSCO Act represents a significant advancement in the protection of children from sexual offenses. Its comprehensive approach to addressing child sexual abuse, focus on child-friendly legal processes, and emphasis on support and rehabilitation for victims reflect a strong commitment to child welfare and justice. While challenges remain in its implementation and effectiveness, ongoing efforts to address these challenges and promote awareness are crucial in ensuring that the POSCO Act fulfills its promise of safeguarding children and upholding their rights. As a society, it is our collective responsibility to support and uphold the principles of the POSCO Act, ensuring that every child can grow and thrive in a safe and nurturing environment.

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Saving The Planet From Plastics

Jayati Ghosh

There is no denying that plastics have delivered tremendous benefits over the past century, driving technological innovation, transforming health care, and fueling global economic growth. But as we now know, this progress has come at great cost.

The adverse consequences of our overreliance on plastics are well-documented. From the extraction and transport of the fossil fuels required to produce them, through the manufacturing process, to their everyday use and disposal, each stage of plastics' life cycle implies pollution and environmental degradation.

Plastic pollution endangers wildlife, damages ecosystems, and poses serious risks to human health. Microplastics, along with the toxic chemicals they contain, are found in the air we breathe, the food we eat, and can be absorbed through the skin. As plastic waste accumulates in oceans, rivers, and lakes, harmful chemicals contaminate the soil, disrupting plant life. While the full implications of nanoplastics for human health remain under-researched, it is clear that vulnerable groups – children, women, impoverished communities, and workers in plastic production, waste management, and recycling – bear the brunt of these hazards.

The current debate, particularly concerning single-use plastics, often centers

on disposal, prompting calls for “circular economy” solutions like recycling. But there are no truly “safe plastics,” and product labels claiming otherwise are misleading and obscure the damage caused by oil and gas extraction, which accounts for 99% of the world's plastic. The toxins released during fossil-fuel extraction are known to harm the skin, eyes, and the respiratory, nervous, and gastrointestinal systems, as well as the liver and brain.

Plastic production is not only a direct threat to human health but also a major driver of climate change, accounting for roughly 3-8% of global greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions. Yet, despite the existential dangers posed by the climate crisis, plastic production continues to surge. OECD estimates suggest that, if current trends persist, global plastic use – and the waste it generates – could nearly triple by 2060. Half of this waste is expected to end up in landfills, with less than 20% being recycled.

Even more alarmingly, recycled plastics are projected to account for just 12% of all plastic use in 2060, while plastic leakage to the environment is set to double, reaching 44 million tons annually, with devastating consequences for human health and natural ecosystems. If the industry's expansion plans are realized, plastic production could consume 31% of the planet's remaining carbon budget for limiting global warming to 1.5° Celsius.

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creasingly misaligned with projections of future demand. One study suggests that the global production of plastics like polypropylene may need to decrease by 18 million tons annually by 2030, owing to reduced demand from China and other countries. In fact, petrochemical companies are already grappling with a global glut – yet another example of market forces failing to deliver efficient or even sensible outcomes.

With corporations under growing pressure to reduce GHG emissions, doubling down on fossil-fuel-based plastic production seems not just reckless but also economically shortsighted. Still, a recent study by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis found that even in the face of potential credit downgrades,

the world's largest petrochemical companies are “making major investments going in the wrong direction.”

Given the stakes involved, it is clear that reducing plastic consumption alone will not be enough to protect human health, the environment, and the planet. As the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution approaches its final meeting in Busan later this year, ongoing efforts to conclude a global treaty to end plastic pollution must confront the urgent need to curb production.

Regrettably, as with many international negotiations, resistance from powerful vested interests may block essential measures from making it into the final agreement. The Committee's April meeting in Ottawa was a case in point, revealing deep divisions over key strategies. The most contentious issue was the proposal to cap global plastic production, which faced fierce opposition from plastic manufacturers, their host countries, and oil and gas producers. These interest groups favored a narrower approach, focused on recycling. Some petrostates even argued that the treaty should cover only waste management.

To be sure, recycling is essential. But it cannot deliver the necessary reductions in plastic production and consumption, nor can it address the effects of plastic pollution on human health. Even in the best-case scenario, without broader measures to control production, pollution will continue to surge, causing

severe health crises, exacerbating environmental degradation, and accelerating global warming.

Unsurprisingly, industry lobbies are pushing for a non-binding international plastic treaty without a clear legal mandate and enforceable commitments. Such treaties are bound to become little more than vague promises and quickly fade into irrelevance.

Curbing plastic use and production is crucial to facilitating the behavioral changes needed for humanity to adapt to new ecological realities. If industry lobbies succeed in weakening the plastics treaty by excluding production limits or making its provisions non-binding, they will undermine efforts to combat climate change.

As the climate crisis worsens, reducing plastic pollution has never been more urgent, which is why negotiations for a global treaty have gained so much momentum. But the negotiations deserve far more public attention and engagement. To ensure a more sustainable future, we should be pressuring our governments to commit to a binding international agreement that would limit and ultimately reduce plastic production and use.

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How Important is School for a Child?

Mohammad Hanief

An important part of a child's life is school education, which helps to mould their future and establish the groundwork for both intellectual and personal development. Every child has a fundamental right to an education, and schools act as places where kids can learn, grow, and get ready for the challenges of tomorrow. The influence of school on a child's development spans the academic, social, emotional, and cognitive domains. An in-depth discussion of the relevance of school in a child's life is provided in this article, emphasising its contribution to the development of the young learner, the importance of school life, and the larger effects of education.

Schools play a crucial role in children's moral and cultural development. They serve as a platform for learning and comprehending various values, views, and perspectives. Schools help children develop a strong moral compass, respect for others, and understanding of cultural variety by educating them, exposing them to diverse cultures, and nurturing empathy.

Schools also give opportunities for youngsters to learn about both their own and other people's cultures. Schools encourage cultural understanding, respect, and appreciation by honouring cultural events and creating an inclusive environment. Interactions with classmates from various backgrounds help children get a broader perspective, develop cross-cultural communication skills, and become more open-minded.

Furthermore, a bilingual school fosters a feeling of global citizenship by teaching pupils to respect and engage with many cultures, so contributing to their moral and cultural growth and cultivating a broader perspective.

Participate actively in your child's life by engaging in activities that encourage curiosity, creativity, and learning. We understand that parenting may be challenging at times, as can finding the perfect work-life balance, so we urge parents to spend quality time with their children after school as much as possible. During this time, we recommend that parents foster open communication, listen intently, and express genuine interest in their child's thoughts, feelings, and experiences.



It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of school for a child. Schools are important in a child's development because they provide chances for academic, social, and emotional growth. Comprehensive education is provided by school fosters individual potential, develops character, and encourages life-long learning.

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experiences in school. Schools encourage moral conduct, order, respect for diversity, and civic responsibility. They give young people a place to practise morality, empathy, and social responsibility. Children gain the skills of rule compliance, group collaboration, and peer and teacher respect in the classroom. Schools frequently have projects and programs to develop values like integrity, compassion, and awareness of the environment. Schools help create people with strong morals and ethical standards, which are necessary for success in life, by teaching these values to students. There is a massive role of school in child development.

Children make friends for the rest of their lives at school. Classmates form relationships that can last a lifetime through exchanges and shared experiences. School friendships offer opportunities for social development, emotional support, and company. The capacity to form and maintain relationships as well as social skills and empathy are all benefits of these friendships for kids. The social networks formed at school have the

potential to last beyond the walls of the classroom and serve as an invaluable support system for the rest of a person's life.

Schools are varied settings that expose kids to a range of cultures, traditions, and viewpoints. Children learn about other cultures, how to be tolerant of difference, and how to appreciate it by engaging with classmates from various backgrounds. Cultural festivals are frequently observed in schools, and intercultural activities and lessons are frequently incorporated into the curriculum. Children's horizons are widened through exposure to many cultures, which encourages inclusivity and prepares them to live as global citizens in a linked world.

A major factor in determining both individual and society's prosperity is the role of education in life. Schools help children prepare for future employment prospects and economic empowerment by providing them with the knowledge and skills they need. Increased employability, higher earning potential, and lower poverty rates are all benefits of education. A population with a high level of edu-

cation also aids in societal and economic advancement. Understanding the role of school in a child's life is important. Schools enable youngsters to follow their aspirations by giving them a solid educational foundation that opens doors to a variety of job possibilities.

Children are instilled with a love of learning in schools, and education is a lifetime process. Schools help kids build the skills they'll need for a lifetime of intellectual growth and personal development by encouraging curiosity, critical thinking, and a passion for knowledge. Education goes beyond the classroom, enabling people to accept continual learning, adapt to societal changes, and pick up new skills. Schools equip students with the skills necessary to become independent researchers who can conduct in-depth analyses of complicated issues and use their knowledge in a variety of settings. People with this perspective may take advantage of new opportunities and remain relevant in a world that is continually changing. Parents need to understand the role of school in child development.

Education is about more than just learning academic material; it's also about developing personally and learning about oneself. Children can explore their hobbies, talents, and passions in the school's nurturing environment. Schools expose kids to a wide range of knowledge through a variety of disciplines and extracurricular activities, and they assist them in identifying their interests and abilities. Children can acquire a sense of identity, purpose, and direction in life through this process of self-discovery. Schools support students' personal development and self-confidence by encouraging them to create objectives, follow their dreams, and accept their talents.

The role of school in child's life is the provision of structured learning environments where children can acquire the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for their intellectual development is one of the fundamental functions of schools. Children gain literacy, numeracy, critical thinking skills, problem-solving skills, and a broad range of academic disciplines through the formal role of education.

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How Nature Can Alter Our Sense Of Time

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Do you ever get that feeling that there aren't enough hours in the day? That time is somehow racing away from you, and it is impossible to fit everything in. But then, you step outside into the countryside and suddenly everything seems slower, more relaxed, like time has somehow changed.

It's not just you - recent research showed nature can regulate our sense of time.

For many of us, the combined demands of work, home and family mean that we are always feeling like we don't have enough time. Time poverty has also been exacerbated by digital technologies. Permanent connectivity extends working hours and can make it difficult to switch off from the demands of friends and family.

Recent research suggests that the antidote to our lack of time may lie in the natural world. Psychologist Richardo Correia, at the University of Turku in Finland, found that being in nature may change how we experience time and, perhaps, even give us the sense of time abundance.

Correia examined research which compared people's experiences of time when they performed different types of tasks in urban and natural environments. These studies consistently showed that people



report a sense of expanded time when they were in nature compared to when they were in an urban environment.

For example, people are more likely to perceive a walk in the countryside as longer than a walk of the same length in the city. Similarly,

people report perceiving time as passing more slowly while performing tasks in natural green environments than in urban environments. Nature seems to slow and expand our sense of time.

It's not just our sense of time in the moment which appears

to be altered by the natural world, it's also our sense of the past and future. Previous research shows that spending time in nature helps to shift our focus from the immediate moment towards our future needs. So rather than focusing on the stress of the demands

on our time, nature helps us to see the bigger picture.

This can help us to prioritise our actions so that we meet our long-term goals rather than living in a perpetual state of "just about keeping our head above water".

This is in part because

spending time in nature appears to make us less impulsive, enabling us to delay instant gratification in favour of long-term rewards.

Why does nature affect our sense of time?

Spending time in nature is known to have many benefits for health and wellbeing. Having access to natural spaces such as beaches, parks and woodlands is associated with reduced anxiety and depression, improved sleep, reduced levels of obesity and cardiovascular disease, and improved wellbeing.

Some of these benefits may explain why being in nature alters our experience of time.

The way we experience time is shaped by our internal biological state and the events going on in the world around us. As a result, emotions such as stress, anxiety and fear can distort our sense of the passage of time.

The relaxing effect of natural environments may counter stress and anxiety, resulting in a more stable experience of time. Indeed, the absence of access to nature during COVID-19 may help to explain why people's sense of time became so distorted during the pandemic lockdowns.

In the short term, being away from the demands of modern day life may provide the respite needed to re-prioritise life, and reduce time pressure by focusing on what actually

needs to be done. In the longer term, time in nature may help to enhance our memory and attention capacity, making us better able to deal with the demands on our time.

Accessing nature

Getting out into nature may sound like a simple fix, but for many people, particularly those living in urban areas, nature can be hard to access. Green infrastructure such as trees, woodlands, parks and allotments in and around towns and cities are essential to making sure the benefits of time in nature are accessible to everyone.

If spending time in nature isn't possible for you, there are other ways that you can regain control of your time. Start by closely examining how you use time throughout your week. Auditing your time can help you see where time is being wasted and to identify action to help you to free up more time in your life.

Alternatively, try to set yourself some boundaries in how you use time. This could be limiting when you access emails and social media, or it could be booking in time in your calendar to take a break. Taking control of your time and how you use it can help to you overcome the sense that time is running away from you.

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It Is 3 Dynasties

and projected their children and did not let new leadership grow," Modi added.

The prime minister said his government focused on carving out a young leadership in Jammu and Kashmir soon after "we came to power at the Centre in 2014".

"The youths of J&K used to face the brunt of terrorism. The parties that encouraged familism by misleading people enjoyed power and did not allow young leaders to take root.

"Panchayat elections had not taken place since 2000 and Block Development Council and District Development Council polls had never taken place... After 2014, I tried to bring forth the young leadership, holding panchayat polls in 2018, BDC elections in 2019, and DDC in 2020.

"The reason for holding these elections was to take democracy to the grassroots so that the youth could take charge," Modi said.

Continuing his tirade against the Congress, NC and the PDP, he said these parties never wanted the youths to join politics but "we challenged their intentions and the result was that 30,000 to 35,000 youngsters got elected (in the local body elections) and took control of J&K."

In the years under the BJP government, the prime minister said, Jammu and Kashmir witnessed a new phase of development and the credit for that goes to these elected youth. "I salute them for their contribution," he added.

"This assembly election is between three families and the youth. On one side, there are those three families, and on the other, my daughters and sisters who are driven by their dreams.

"The Congress, NC and PDP have done nothing short of a sin as these three families are responsible for destroying J&K. They encouraged corruption and land grabbers and deprived the people of their rights and facilities.

"They gave government jobs to only those linked to them, besides preparing the ground for separatism and terrorism," the prime minister alleged.

He said the J&K BJP has promised in its manifesto the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrant pandits to provide them their rights.

"The BJP also promised to bring white paper to provide justice to all victims of terrorism and you are aware that BJP keeps its promise," he said.

"We and you, together, will build a secure and prosperous J&K and this is Modi's guarantee," he said.

The prime minister said the political parties that ruled J&K for decades "deprived your children of facilities because they never accepted you as their own. You were only a ladder for them to reach the power."

However, he said, "Modi is the person who cares for your children and your future and that is the reason that the BJP-led government opened a number of educational institutions and medical colleges to fulfil your long pending dreams."

The statehood will be restored to J&K by the BJP government, he said but added, "You have to remain cautious of those who for their interests have taken your rights."

"They are the ones who deprived Gujjars and other communities of their right to reservation and deprived sections of the society of their voting rights as guaranteed by the Constitution.

"They have exploited the constitution for their own benefit..." he said.

"They never take names of OBC, SC, or ST, and after generations only the BJP could give them reservations; they even stole voting rights of some of you for seventy-five years. They also deceived the women J&K by enacting legislation that effectively deprived them of their own property," he added.

He said it was the PDP, NC and Congress which opposed the Triple Talak bill introduced in the parliament by the BJP government "and I want to remind my Muslim sisters and daughters that they are not your well-wishers but dupes you to further their own agenda."

The second phase of polling is on September 25 covering 26 constituencies. The last phase will be on October 1 for 40 seats. (with inputs from PTI)

'Terrorism Counting

along with six other districts of Chenab valley and south Kashmir are going to polls in the first phase of elections beginning September 18, PM Modi said the BJP is looking forward to make Jammu and Kashmir 'free of terrorism' and 'heaven for tourists', besides an attraction for international film shooting.

The BJP candidates fighting elections from eight assembly segments in Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts were present on the dais along with other senior leaders of the party, including Union Minister Jitendra Singh and working president Satpaul Sharma.

Shagun Parihar (29), whose father Ajit Parihar and uncle Anil Parihar were shot dead by terrorists in November 2018, is fighting elections from the Kishtwar constituency. Gajay Singh (Doda), Shakti Raj Parihar (Doda West), Taraq Hussain Keen (Inderwal), Shagun Parihar (Kishtwar), Rakesh Singh Thakur (Ramban), Sunil Sharma (Padder-Nagseni) and Daleep Singh (Bhaderwah) and Mohd Saleem Bhat (Banihal) were the other candidates present.

"Shagun is sitting on the dais whose father and uncle were killed by terrorists. The BJP gave ticket to this daughter, a terror victim. She is not only a candidate but is a living picture of our determination to root out terrorism (from Jammu and Kashmir)," PM Modi said.

He said the BJP wants to make Jammu and Kashmir "free of terrorism and heaven for tourists".

"I am reminded of the old days, especially Bhaderwah where shooting for films was hit after the eruption of terrorism as film-makers stopped coming to this place. After 10 years of hard work we are not only seeking to bring back film-makers of our country to this place, but also we are working in the direction to pave the way for international film-makers to come here.

"A new film policy has already been framed and Jammu and Kashmir will once again come on the silver screen," PM Modi said.

He said lakhs of holiday-makers have started

coming to the valley where new hotels are coming up. "We will further boost tourism and improve connectivity," he said.

Asking people to go through the NC-Congress manifesto and the BJP's poll promises, PM Modi said, "You should know what they are saying and what its outcome will be. The NC, Congress and PDP are talking of the restoration of Article 370.

"What does it mean to you? It implies that the three families will take away your reservations, deprive those who have been given voting rights after decades of wait, and also snatch the rights of daughters and sisters by bringing back Article 35A.

"If their manifesto gets implemented, schools will start burning again, stones will be back in children's hands, strikes will affect the business, the youth will be jobless. Do you want them to bring those frightening days back?"

Modi is the first prime minister to visit Doda in more than four decades for election campaigning.

HC Quashes

to the quashing of the detention orders, the Court directed the release of both the detainees provided they are not required in any other case.

Trains To Reach

candidates earlier in the day, Modi said work on the railway line between Srinagar and Ramban is complete and the trial runs have begun.

"We are working to connect the unlinked areas of Jammu and Kashmir through rail. Soon, the people of Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar, and Kashmir will be able to travel directly to Delhi by train. I will fulfil your dream," Modi said at the rally.

"Very soon, trains will run to Srinagar through Ramban. The work on the railway line is complete, the station is ready, and trials have already begun," he added.

The Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) project nearing completion is set to establish a direct link between Kashmir and the rest of the country. Of the total 272 km of the USBRL project, 161 km has already been commissioned in phases.

The first phase, the 118-km Qazigund-Baramulla section, was commissioned in October 2009, followed by the 18-km Banihal-Qazigund stretch in June 2013, and the 25-km Udhampur-Katra section in July 2014.

The 48.1-km Banihal-Sangaldan section of the USBRL project, one of India's most ambitious rail projects, was dedicated to the public by Modi in Jammu on February 20.

Several inspections of the tracks and stations were conducted in June and July this year.

The Commissioner of Rail Safety (CRS), DC Deshwal, also inspected the 46-km Sangaldan-Reasi section, which includes the world's highest steel arch rail bridge over the Chenab River and several major tunnels.

Given the strategic importance of the USBRL in providing seamless and uninterrupted connectivity to Kashmir, the project was declared a "National Project" in 2002.

BJP Will Prevent

In an interview with a Jammu-based newspaper, Shah stated the transformation of Jammu and Kashmir under the current government, highlighting the positive change among the youth.

"Today, the youth of Kashmir hold the Tiranga, not stones--this is our greatest achievement," he added.

He credited this shift to the government's efforts in restoring peace and normalcy in the Union territory, suggesting a significant departure from the past tumultuous years.

He criticized the National Conference (NC) and Congress, accusing them of trying to eliminate reservations for Gujjar, Bakarwal, Pahari, Dalit, and OBC communities.

He mentioned that the defeat of the "Abdullahs (NC) and the Muftis (PDP) reflects the people's changing sentiments, suggesting that new political leadership is on the rise in the region."

Reaffirming the government's stance on Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), he stated that it belongs to India and expressed a commitment to reclaim it.

He highlighted the "irony of those who once demanded a separate nation now participating in elections, indicating a shift in the political landscape".

He reiterated the government's stance that there will be no talks with Pakistan until terrorism ceases, emphasizing national security concerns.

He referred to the progress in the Peer Panjal region, indicating that it has transitioned from a local to a global stage, possibly referencing economic or infrastructural development.

Amit Shah as per news agency KINS said that stone-pelting and anti-India agitations, which were once prevalent in the region, have ended under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, highlighting a significant change in law and order.

Focus On 'Security'

on August 5, 2019, the people of the country were told that the violence in Kashmir was because of the special status and that once it was revoked, the impact of the gun would "vanish".

"It has been five years, but encounters are still going on," he said.

Asked about Modi's attack on the "dynastic politics" of the NC, the Congress, and the PDP, Abdullah said the BJP does not see anything wrong in forming alliances with these parties to come to power.

"When the BJP needed one of these families, that time we were not responsible for the destruction (of J-K). When the BJP had an alliance with the PDP, that time they did not see anything wrong with the PDP. When (former prime minister) (Atal Bihari) Vajpayee had to make a minister and he picked me, there was nothing wrong with us. Now, during the elections, they say that we are wrong," Abdullah said.

The NC leader said if the BJP does not have the required numbers to form the government after the polls in Jammu and Kashmir and the PDP decides to support them again, "Then they

(BJP) won't see anything wrong in that".

"It is a matter of time, such political rhetoric goes on, and then these things are forgotten after the elections are over," he added.

Why No Muslim

Cabinet. Could they not find even one credible Muslim to induct? What should we expect from such a party? They only want to cheat the people of J&K," Omar said.

He was responding to PM Narendra Modi's visit to Doda, where the Prime Minister addressed an election rally seeking votes for BJP candidates on Saturday.

Will PDP Play

probably at our lowest point right now. To be honest, for me, it is about saving a lot of things," she said.

Asserting that her family legacy would survive no matter what role she plays, Iltija Mufti expressed hope of alleviating the sufferings of the people of J-K.

"The media is making it seem like my mother is Queen Elizabeth and I am Queen Victoria, with her putting a crown on my head. It is not like that. I have to struggle quite a bit, as you can see the seat is challenging," she said.

On a question about her claims that the PDP will play the role of a kingmaker post-polls, Iltija Mufti said she believed J-K would get a coalition government after the polls and her party would play an instrumental role in its formation.

"Well, if I was not confident, I would not repeat that at every forum. I believe that, in the end, it will be a non-BJP coalition government that will be formed and the PDP is going to play an instrumental role in deciding when it will be formed," she added.

Asked about several independents including former members of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) contesting the assembly polls, the PDP leader said the mainstream parties in the Valley should not be insecure about the JeI fighting the polls.

"Let them fight. The Jamaat is such a good organisation, they have done incredible work. They provide free education to children, why don't we talk about that? This is the same Jamaat that was criminalised by the National Conference in 1987, which rigged the elections and won through mass rigging. We are still suffering the consequences.

"So, why shouldn't the Jamaat fight? Let everybody fight. Why should we be so insecure, fearing that they will eat up our electoral space and try to prevent their participation. Let them participate," she said.

It is up to the voters to decide whether they want to choose Mufti, the Jamaat, or anybody else, she said.

The 37-year-old politician says she cannot help when some people label her party as a BJP proxy.

"I don't think it is fair to paint everyone with the same brush to generalise. We see how mainstream parties are being discredited. Let's not do that to each other. Let's not rip each other's reputations, let's be kind and keep our discourse civil," Iltija added.

When asked about Baramulla Lok Sabha MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid's constant attack on her party and the NC, the PDP leader said she does not believe in mudslinging.

"Well, that's his opinion and I am not here to throw mud at anyone. That's not my style, and I don't like getting into that. Like I said, I want to keep the discourse civil," she said.

However, Iltija Mufti welcomed Rashid's release from the Tihar Jail on an interim bail, but demanded the MP be granted regular bail.

"I am glad he has been released. In fact, why not grant him full bail instead of just interim bail? Let him be out, release him. For God's sake, he is a Member of Parliament, representing north Kashmir. The people of north Kashmir deserve to have their MP out. Why is he being jailed like a caged bird," she said.

Referring to the electoral battle on the Bijbehara seat, Mufti's daughter said it is good that there is a tough challenge because if it is a cakewalk, it is not fun winning.

"You want to come in at a time when things are tough and you want to earn that victory and each one of those votes. If it were a cakewalk for me, the media would lampoon me. They would berate my mother, saying she handed her daughter an easy constituency. So, I like the fact that it is hard. It is going to make my victory more meaningful," she said.

Jammu and Kashmir goes to polls in three phases: September 18, September 25 and October 1. The Bijbehara seats votes in the first phase. The counting of votes will take place on October 8.

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times since 1977 as the NC candidates have won the elections from the segment four times in the year 1977, 1983, 1987 and 1996 while Congress candidate G A Mir has managed to secure the seat twice in 2002 and 2008.

However, the PDP has won the seat once in 2014 elections.

While the seat is going to polls on September 18, G A Mir among other candidates from different parties including Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Apni Party, DPAP and four independents are in the electoral battle.

The candidates who are contesting elections on the seat include Bashir Ahmad Wani of Apni Party, Hiral Ahmad Malik an independent, Riyaz Ahmad Sofi independent, Sameer Ahmad Parry Rashtriya Lok Janshakti party, Nizamuddin Bhat an independent, Mohammad Ashraf Malik of People's Democratic Party, Gulam Ahmad Mir NC-congress alliance candidate, Mohammad Saleem Parry of Democratic Progressive Azad Party, Mohsin Shafiqat Mir of Aam Aadmi Party and Mohammad Iqbal Ahanger an independent.

The constituency has a total of 1,16,749 voters including 59,052 males, 57,695 females and two transgender with the authorities setting up 152 polling stations including 18 in urban areas

and 134 rural in rural areas.

Political analysts believe that since there is no prominent political candidate vying for the seat, it may be a cakewalk for the NC-Congress alliance candidate G A Mir, who is having a complete support of the NC in the polls.

He said NC leader, who was the frontrunner for the seat, Syed Tawqeer Hussain has extended his full support to G A Mir.

They added that the other candidates who can get a good share of votes include PDP's Mohammad Ashraf Malik and DPAP's Saleem Parry along with Apni party's Fayaz Ahmad.

In 2014, Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party candidate Syed Farooq Ahmad Andrabi emerged victorious from the seat by securing 18,150 votes while Indian National Congress candidate Ghulam Ahmad Mir stood second, who lost by a margin of just 161 votes.

In 2008, Indian National Congress candidate Ghulam Ahmad Mir won the elections after securing 15,870 votes. Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party candidate Syed Farooq Ahmad Andrabi stood second, who lost by a margin of 5918 votes.

In 2002, Indian National Congress candidate Gh Ahmad Mir emerged victorious from the seat by securing a total of 14,461 votes while Jammu & Kashmir National Conference candidate Syed Manzoor Ahmad stood second, who lost by a margin of 11,342 votes.

In 1996, National Conference candidate Ghulam Hassan Wani won the elections by securing a total of 10,076 votes while Indian National Congress candidate Ghulam Ahmad Mir stood second and lost by a margin of 4901 votes.

In 1987, National Conference candidate Muhammad Akbar Ganie became MLA by securing a total of 13,826 votes while an independent candidate Noor Ud Din Shah stood second and lost by a margin of 1232 votes.

In 1983, National Conference candidate Muhammad Akbar Ganie won and became MLA from this seat. He secured a total of 12,854 votes. Indian National Congress candidate Sher Ali Boda stood second after securing 8367 votes. He lost by 4487 votes.

In 1977, National Conference candidate Haji Abdul Gani Khan emerged victorious from the seat by securing a total of 10,817 votes while Indian National Congress candidate Sneer Aki Boda stood second and lost by a margin of 5345 votes--(KNO)

Private Hospitals

services have been resumed today after assurance from Secretary Health and for the benefit of the public at large.

Notably, a meeting was convened by Secretary Health Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah with private hospital and dialysis centres associations of J&K, where he stressed that in compliance with the High Court directions, all dues will be disbursed in the shortest possible time.

The High Court had instructed J&K administration to utilise available funds for reimbursing medical claims.

Private hospitals had stopped services under Ayushman Bharat scheme from September 1 due to non-receipt of funds amounting to around Rs 200 crore since March this year.

Last November, IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance Company, the insurer for Ayushman Bharat in J&K, informed the State Health Agency (SHA) of their decision not to renew the contract after its expiry on March 14, 2025.

Initially, the scheme was managed by Bajaj Allianz GIC, whose contract ended in 2022. IFFCO-TOKIO was brought in as a replacement but has since attempted to withdraw from the scheme, citing financial losses. Despite requests from the SHA for the company to continue operations in the interest of patient care, IFFCO-TOKIO refused.

The SHA then approached the High Court to prevent the company's exit, but the petition was dismissed on February 2, which complicated the situation further.

The government later appealed to the division bench to stay the single bench's order, making the issue sub-judice.

Recently, the high court directed the IFFCO TOKIO General Insurance Company to continue with the existing arrangement as per the terms and conditions of the contract agreement regarding Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana-SEHAT (AB-PMJAY-SEHAT) pending resolution of dispute with UT Government by the Arbitrator.

However, the company hasn't started implementing the scheme following which authorities have filed a contempt petition against the company. (KNO)

Hazratbal Showdown

MLA also said that he had approached NC vice-president Omar Abdullah with concerns over the strong candidacy of Asiea Naqash from the PDP. He believed that he was the best

choice to challenge her. However, after an initial discussion, Akhoun says he was never consulted again, adding fuel to his discontent.

Exclusion Of Mir Behri Dal

The political dynamics in Hazratbal have also been reshaped by the exclusion of Mir Behri Dal, a locality known for its considerable Shia voter base, from the constituency after the recent delimitation exercise. Mir Behri Dal has now been added to the Zadibal constituency, which changes the electoral composition of Hazratbal.

Asiea Naqash spoke to Kashmir Observer about the significant changes post-delimitation. She said that the constituency has expanded, adding areas such as Lal Bazar and Fakir Gujri, while some key regions like Hazratbal and Dhobi Ghat have been excluded.

"This shift could benefit certain political parties, hinting at a behind-the-scenes alignment between these parties and the delimitation commission, Asiea said. She expressed concern that this could lead to an unfair advantage in the forthcoming assembly elections

In the last few weeks the PDP also got a major boost when Saleem Lone, an ex-counselor from the NC, joined the PDP along with hundreds of his supporters.

On the other hand, Salman Sagar is focusing his campaign on promises of development, expressing his intent not only to contest this election but also to become a long-term representative. He assures voters that development will be at the forefront of his agenda if elected.

Pertinently, the Hazratbal constituency has historically been a stronghold of the National Conference, with elected representatives from the party holding the seat consistently from 1977 to 2009.

For over three decades, the NC dominated the political landscape of Hazratbal, securing the trust of the electorate through successive elections. However, in a significant political shift during the 2014 assembly elections, this long-standing trend was broken when the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) candidate, Asiea Naqash, emerged victorious.

It marked the first time in the constituency's history that a candidate from the PDP won the seat, signalling a major change in the political choices of Hazratbal.

J&K Sees

ammunition has been recovered," he said. He said the operation assumes significance in the forthcoming events in Kashmir. "This is also a major disruption to Pakistan's nefarious designs. Chinar Corps and Kilo Force are working with close synergy to ensure that the daily routine activities are conducted in a peaceful manner," the army officer said.

Earlier, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir V K Birdhi visited the encounter site. Speaking to reporters, Birdhi said that nobody will be allowed to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere prevailing in Kashmir.

In a separate encounter, troops of the Army's Rising Star Corps unit shot dead two terrorists in Kathua on Friday.

"Large war-like stores were recovered after the operations concluded," they said in a statement on X.

Earlier Friday, two Army personnel, including a junior commissioned officer (JCO), were killed in action and an equal number injured in an encounter with terrorists in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district.

The firefight broke out when a joint security party of the Army and police, acting on a tip-off, launched a cordon-and-search operation in the Naigdhama area in the Chhatroo belt connecting Kishtwar with south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Four Army personnel were injured in the gunbattle and two of them -- Naib Subedar Vipan Kumar, a JCO, and Sepoy Arvind Singh -- later died, the officials said, adding that one of the soldiers died of splinter injuries caused by a grenade explosion and another of a bullet injury in the head.

These encounters happened ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mega poll rally in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district.

Multi-tier security has been deployed across the twin districts of Doda and Kishtwar, particularly around the venue, to ensure a peaceful and smooth conduct of the election rally.

Voting in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections will be held in three phases - September 18, September 25, and October 1. The counting of votes will take place on October 8.

This is the first Assembly election in J&K in 10 years, and the first since the abrogation of Article 370 - which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir - and Article 35A - which empowered Jammu and Kashmir's legislature to decide who the erstwhile state's permanent residents were.

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Kashmiri Bird Researcher Bags Scholarship At James Cook University

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In a remarkable achievement highlighting the potential and determination of Kashmiri youth, Parvaiz Yousof, a recent graduate from the Central University of Kashmir, has earned a fully funded scholarship to pursue a PhD in Ecology and Evolution at James Cook University, one of the world's top-ranked institutions.

Parvaiz, a resident of Chatlam Larpora in Pampore, completed an integrated BSc-MSc in Zoology in 2022. He has been awarded the prestigious James Cook University Postgraduate Research Scholarship (JCUPRS), which covers full tuition fees, provides a generous stipend, and includes overseas health coverage. The total value of the scholarship amounts to approximately Rs 1.66 crore.

Growing up near the serene Chatlam Wetland Reserve in Pampore, Parvaiz developed a deep fascination with the migratory birds that frequented the area, which sparked in him a lifelong passion for ornithology. After completing his master's degree, he authored a well-received book titled Birds of Jammu and Kashmir Including Ladakh, the first comprehensive documentation of the region's avian diversity.

Parvaiz's early curios-

ity about birds turned simple childhood walks into thrilling discoveries, which fuelled his future academic pursuits. After his MSc in Zoology from the Central University of Kashmir, he assumed the role of Director at the Wetland Research Centre for Wildlife Conservation Fund (WCF), where he focused on studying migratory birds in wetlands.

The JCUPRS scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding academic performance, research experience, strong references, and proficiency in academic and English language assessments. James Cook University, located in Australia, is renowned for its excellence in ecology and evolution studies and ranks in the top 0.5% of universities globally.

For his PhD, Parvaiz will focus on the Southern black-throated finch, a bird species facing habitat loss due to environmental changes. His research aims to contribute significant insights into ecology and develop strategies for conserving this and other endangered species.

This achievement is a witness to the global aspirations and capabilities of Kashmiri scholars and serves as an inspiration for many young students in the region to pursue their passions with dedication and rigour. —(KNO)

SKIMS Nurse Wins Prestigious Florence Nightingale Award

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Dr Tabasum Irshad Handoo, a nurse at Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura, has been honoured with the prestigious Florence Nightingale Award for her extraordinary contributions to the medical field. A resident of Buchpora in Srinagar, she has been serving at SKIMS for over two decades.

Dr Tabasum expressed her happiness at receiving the award, saying, "It shows that your work is being recognised." Dr Tabasum said her educational journey started with Presentation Convent School, Rajbagh, and matriculation from DAV Higher Secondary School, Jawahar Nagar (Girls' Wing). "I graduated from the Government College for Women, MA Road, Srinagar. After earning my Diploma in Nursing from SKIMS, I briefly worked there before moving to Saudi Arabia, where she served for seven years," she said.

Upon her return, Dr Handoo transitioned to the Department of Education, earning a BED and an additional BA in English Literature. "However, I felt unfulfilled and rejoined SKIMS in 1999. Over the years, I worked in various clinical areas and realised her desire for higher education," she said, adding, "Despite having three children, I pursued Post Basic BSc in Nursing, followed by an MSc in Nursing (Obstetrics/Gynecology) from Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi, in 2012."

Her career has spanned numerous roles, including Stoma Nurse, Hospital Infection Control Nurse, and tutor at the College of Nursing, where she has

served as both a deputed and visiting tutor. In 2023, Dr Tabasum completed her PhD on promoting natural childbirth preparation, a study aimed at reducing Caesarean section rates among antenatal women. Her research has been published in several national and international journals.

Dr Tabasum has also made contributions during crises, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, where she played a key role in setting up COVID and quarantine wards, as well as during the 2014 floods when SKIMS was one of the few functioning health facilities. She has also advocated for women's empowerment and girls' education, delivering talks on these issues on All India Radio and Doordarshan (DD Kashir).

"In May 2021, I trained 140 NDRF personnel in first aid nursing care in a 10-day workshop, preparing them to manage the COVID-19 crisis during the surge of the Delta variant," she said.

Sharing her message to nurses, Dr Handoo highlighted the importance of compassion and quality patient care. "It is not just about giving an injection; nurses need to provide evidence-based care," she said, adding that one should continuously learn and enhance skills to better serve society.

Dr Tabasum received the National Florence Nightingale Award from the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, in recognition of her meritorious service. Instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 1973, this prestigious award honours outstanding nurses and nursing professionals for their service to society—(KNO)

Foundation World School Hosts Award Ceremony



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Foundation World School hosted its Award Ceremony on Saturday, celebrating the achievements of 92 students who received Cambridge certifications for IGCSE, Primary, and Lower Secondary Checkpoint exams. Additionally, 18 staff members were recognized for their dedicated efforts, and 36 staff were felicitated for completing Cambridge Training programs since April 2024.

The event was graced by Dr. Kaiser Ahmed Koul, Former Principal & Head of the Department of Paediatrics, GMC Srinagar, as Chief Guest, with Dr. Sheikh Khurshid Ul Islam, Associate Professor at the Institute of Management, Public Administration & Rural Development; Dr. Asifa Mehraj Baba, Dean of Students, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora; and Dr. Khurshid Mahajan, Director at Islamia College of Science and Commerce, as Special Guests.



AGA MUJTABA SON OF AGA SYED HASSAN and brother of PDP Budgam candidate Aga Muntazir called on Peoples Conference leader and candidate for Pattan Imran Raza Ansari at his residence on Saturday.

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS-2024

CEO Convenes Meeting Of 22 Enforcement Agencies Ahead Of 1st Phase Polling

Ensure Effective Seizures To Uphold ECI's Guidelines On Conduct Of Inducement Free & Fair Elections: CEO

Observer News Service

JAMMU: In order to maintain the sanctity of the much awaited J&K Assembly Elections 2024, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K, Pandurang K Pole on Saturday convened a meeting of 22 Enforcement Agencies at Nirvachan Bhawan, Rail Head Complex here.

The meeting was also attended by Additional CEO Rahul Sharma, Special Secretary Nirupam Rai Nodal Officer Expenditure Monitoring UT of J&K and Under Secretary Huma Khan among others.

The agencies were sensitized about the inter-agency coordination, stressing for prompt action and consequent seizures of freebies including drugs, liquor and cash meant to lure the voters around 72 hours before the commencement of Phase 1 of the J&K Assembly Elections.

In phase 1, elections will be held on 18 September, 2024 across the 24 Assembly constituencies in seven districts—Pulwama, Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag in Kashmir Division; and Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban in Jammu Division.

In order to impose strict vigil, CEO exhorted upon the agencies to ensure close monitoring at all the entry and exit points of Jammu and Srinagar airports; while instructions were also issued to monitor the similar



activities both at the interstate check posts and border check posts across the union territory.

Pole also instructed all the financial institutions including Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and UTLCB to keep a strict vigil on the suspicious digital transactions by banks and the institutions were instructed for the onward submission of such transactions to the Income Tax Department for appropriate action under the laid down financial laws.

Giving reference to the guidelines laid out by the Election Commission of India (ECI), the CEO asked the J & K Excise Department to ensure the strict implementation of all the restrictions provided in Excise Act on the storage of liquor in unlicensed premises.

"The Excise Act must be vigorously enforced during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll as envisaged in guidelines laid out by the ECI," the CEO stressed.

Additionally, the Excise Department was also directed to ensure strict enforcement of restrictions on dry days.

Pole also directed the J&K Excise Department to launch special drives to unearth illicit liquor making factories; destruction of illicit liquor; and establish backward linkages for liquor intercepted in neighboring states of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and UT of Ladakh.

To curb the cultivation of Opium and Cannabis, the excise department was asked to utilize the services of Lumberdars and Chowkidars of hotspot villages in J&K UT.

Meanwhile, the agency-wise seizures made till date from the announcement of J&K Assembly Elections 2024 were also discussed and all the agencies were asked to gear up their efforts to ensure effective seizures during the election process so as to uphold the guidelines of ECI regarding conduct of inducement free and fair Elections.

CS Participates In 'Hindi Diwas' Organized By JKAACL

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) Saturday organized the 'Hindi Diwas' at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu. The full-day event, dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the Hindi language, featured engaging activities including debates and poetry recitations, with enthusiastic participation from students across the region.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his speech, he underscored the significance of Hindi as a unifying language and a symbol of India's cultural heritage. He highlighted the importance of the younger generation maintaining a strong connection to their linguistic roots, stating, "Hindi is more than just a language; it is the essence of our rich cultural identity and plays a vital role in strengthening national unity."

Principal Secretary, Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta, appreciated the efforts of JKAACL in organizing the event and encouraged students to explore the richness of Hindi literature. "Programs like these cultivate a love for the language and foster future poets, writers, and scholars," he remarked.

Deepika Sharma, Secretary,



Department of Culture, was also present on the occasion, adding to the significance of the event.

Academic excellence in Hindi was celebrated with honors bestowed on student achievers. Ms. Sonali Thakur, Gold Medalist in M.A. Hindi (Session 2022-24) from Jammu University, Ms. TanuChoudhary, a graduate of Govt College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, and Ms. Kashish Kaila, who achieved a perfect score in Hindi in her 12th class exams, were felicitated by Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo for their outstanding achievements in the subject.

Prominent scholars, Prof. Ashok Kumar, Dr. Parshottam Kumar Associate Professor, Hindi Department, and Dr. Bhagwati Devi Assistant Professor, Hindi Department

presented insightful papers on the importance and globalization of Hindi.

Around 30 students from various schools and colleges participated in the poetry and debate competitions. The event's standout performers were awarded certificates and prizes in recognition of their excellence. The judging panel, comprising Khema Koul, Sham Bihari Juneja, and Suman Sharma, commended the participants for their impressive performances.

Suresh Kumar Gupta distributed certificates to the winners, congratulating them on their achievements. The event concluded with a renewed commitment to promoting Hindi and other regional languages as part of JKAACL's cultural mission.

Couple Found Dead Under Suspicious Circumstances In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A retired principal and his wife were found dead under mysterious circumstances in their house on the outskirts of Jammu Saturday evening, an official said.

Sanjay Chandel and his wife Veena Devi were living alone at their Patta Chungi Udheywala residence as both their daughters were presently outside Jammu and Kashmir, the of-

ficial said, adding preliminary investigation suggests murder.

He said a police team rushed to the scene after getting information about the death and further investigation is on.

A relative on a visit to the family found the couple dead and immediately informed police, suspecting that they were strangled.

Forensic and sniffer dog squads have also reached the scene, the officials said.

JCO Cremated With Full Military Honors In Rajouri

Press Trust Of India

RAJOURI/JAMMU: A junior commissioned officer (JCO) of the Indian Army, who was killed in an encounter with terrorists, was cremated with full military honors at his village in Rajouri district on Saturday.

Naib Subedar Vipan Kumar (42), along with Sepoy Arvind Singh from Himachal Pradesh, was killed while two other soldiers were injured, when terrorists opened fire on a joint search party of the Army and police in a forest area in the upper reaches of Chhatroo in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Friday evening.

A pall of gloom descended on Kumar's native Patra village of Sunderbani in Rajouri when his mortal remains, wrapped in the tricolour, were brought in a decorated military vehicle for the last rites on Saturday afternoon.

Kumar is survived by his wife and two children -- a boy studying in Class 7 and a girl studying in Class 3.

Emotional scenes were witnessed at Kumar's house as the relatives, including his 100-year-old grandmother, burst into tears on seeing the body.

Thousands of people joined the funeral procession, raising slogans praising Kumar, the Indian Army and the country, while denouncing Pakistan for providing support to terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We are proud of our martyr

who made the supreme sacrifice for the country. However, his departure has left a deep wound that will not heal easily," the JCO's uncle, Ashok Kumar, said, as he consoled his brother and the minor son of the deceased soldier.

The cremation took place with full military honours, including a wreath-laying ceremony and a gun salute.

Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina, the party's member of Parliament Jugal Kishore and local leaders of other political parties took part in the cremation and paid tributes to the fallen soldier.

Earlier in the day, the Army organised a wreath-laying ceremony at the Indian Air Force (IAF) station in Jammu for both the soldiers killed by the terrorists.

General Officer Commanding of the Jammu-based White Knight Corps, Lieutenant General Navin Sachdeva, led the wreath-laying ceremony and paid rich tributes to the two soldiers. Senior police officers, including Deputy Inspector General of Police, Jammu-Samba-Kathua range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, also attended the function.

"In a solemn wreath-laying ceremony, GOC White Knight Corps laid a wreath to pay homage to bravehearts Naib Subedar Vipan Kumar and Rifleman Arvind Singh who made the supreme sacrifice in the highest traditions of the Indian Army. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten," the Army said in a post on X.

Soldier Injured As Army Foils Infiltration Bid In Nowshera

Agencies

JAMMU: An army soldier was injured during an infiltration bid by terrorists along the Line of Control (LoC) in Nowshera sector of Rajouri district on Saturday, officials said.

An official said that an encounter ensued in Kalal area of Nowshera sector when army troops intercepted a group of terrorists trying to sneak into

this side from across the border.

He said that a soldier was injured during the exchange of fire, while terrorists fled from the spot even as a massive search operation was launched in the area.

This is the second infiltration attempt by terrorists in Nowshera in the past week. On September 9, two heavily armed terrorists were killed in Laam area near the LoC—(KNO)

80 Posts Including Key Positions Vacant In Revenue Dept

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar, at least 80 posts including several key positions are lying vacant in the revenue department.

The posts include dozens of Pathwari's, Tehsildar and Naib Tehsildar.

According to the official figures available in Srinagar district at least 37 posts of Patwari are lying vacant in the revenue department.

It also reveals that one post

of Tehsildar and five posts of Naib Tehsildar are lying vacant in the district.

This information was revealed by the Public Information Officer (PIO) in a reply to Right to Information (RTI) filed by the activist M M Shuja.

The PIO further said that 13 posts of Junior Assistant, four posts of senior assistant, 8 posts of Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS), six posts of Girdawar, OQ and BQ, three posts of WBM and two driver posts were lying vacant in revenue department of Srinagar—(KNO)

No Significant Weather Activity In J&K Till 23rd September: MeT

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Saturday said that there would be no significant weather activity in J&K till the 23rd of this month.

An official from the MeT department in the latest update said that the weather would remain generally dry from the 15th to the 20th of September, with chances of brief showers or light rain at isolated places during the period.

While giving an outlook for

the subsequent three days i.e., 21st, 22nd and 23rd September, the MeT said that the weather again would remain dry except for rain or thunder at isolated places.

"Overall there will be no significant weather activity till the 23rd of September," it added.

Regarding today's weather conditions in J&K, the weatherman added that skies would be generally cloudy, with the possibility of a brief spell of showers or thunder at scattered places. (CNS)

Morne Morkel Set His Goals As India's New Bowling Coach

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: "What isn't broken shouldn't be mended" is the mantra of new India bowling coach Morne Morkel, who loves how the Indian cricket set-up runs on auto-pilot, and says his new assignment will involve helping that system "get better in small ways".

Morkel, who has worked with current head coach Gautam Gambhir in Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), has been in India enough times and seen it from close quarter to understand how it works and where he would fit into the ecosystem.

"Coming here, this is a set-up that operates by itself and so to protect that and make it better in small ways is going to be the goal," Morkel told BCCI.TV, making it clear that his focus is on minor tweaks rather than overhauling



what works.

He also feels that super seniors like Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah will always lead the charge and his job will be to be the sounding board as part of

the support staff.

"We are quite lucky to have quality senior players and they will lead the charge. Our responsibility is to support them and give them best sort of advice that we can give," said Morkel, who turns 40 soon and

has played alongside legendary Dale Steyn.

Morkel, who has 544 international wickets across three formats with 309 of them coming in Tests, was "blown away" by how Indian cricketers went about things and "how profes-

sional they were".

"That's a good sign and hope we can build on that," Morkel said.

He joined the pre series camp in Bangladesh and currently, he wants to build a trust with players and see how he can help them.

"For me, this is important to connect well with the guys, played a lot against some of the players, seen and connected with some of the guys during IPL and to be in the camp and form friendships and relationships with players is very important," said the former Proteas speedster.

"...trying to understand the guys and their strengths and weaknesses and help them set goals for the upcoming series."

He hoped that he can channelise the enormous level of talent that Indian cricketers possess.

Short TAKES

District Level Net Ball For U-17 Girls Held In Anantnag

The District Youth Services and Sports Officer Anantnag conducted Netball Competition for Under-17 age group girls on Saturday at GHSS Barakpora Anantnag. The event featured the girl teams from different zones of District Anantnag, and saw the participation of large number of students.

The final match was played between Mattan and Anantnag, where Mattan emerged as winners.

Rashford Ends Goal Drought as Man United Beats Southampton

Marcus Rashford snapped a 12-game barren run in front of goal as Manchester United beat Southampton 3-0 in the Premier League on Saturday.

Rashford doubled United's lead at Saint Mary's after Matthijs de Ligt scored his first for the club. Substitute Alejandro Garnacho added a third in stoppage time.

The win came after back-to-back defeats for United, marking a disappointing start to the season. Rashford hadn't scored since United's 4-3 win over Liverpool in the FA Cup in March.

Liverpool Slump To Shock 1-0 Home Defeat By Nottingham Forest

A superb second-half goal from substitute Callum Hudson-Odoi gave Nottingham Forest the biggest surprise win of the Premier League season so far as they beat Liverpool 1-0 at Anfield on Saturday.

The win was Forest's first at Anfield since 1969 and the players and the away fans celebrated accordingly as the home crowd was left to rue a rudderless display from the Reds that lacked a cutting edge.

Haaland Scores 2 As Man City Come From Behind Against Brentford

Manchester City beat Brentford 2-1 to maintain their perfect start to the season after Premier League top scorer Erling Haaland netted twice on Saturday following the fastest goal of the season from the visitors. Haaland's double takes his tally to nine goals in four games.

Brentford had the perfect start when they scored 22 seconds after kickoff when a mix up allowed Yoane Wissa to nod the ball into an empty net.

Under-17 Girls Kho Kho C'ship Kicks Off In Budgam



Observer News Service

BUDGAM: The Inter-District Provincial Level Kho Kho Championship for Under-17 girls began Saturday at Sports Stadium, Char-i-Sharief, in Budgam. The event, hosted by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSSO) Budgam, was inaugurated by Shakeel ur Rehman, a member of the Activity Section, DYSSO Budgam, in the presence of senior PEMs and field officials.

The competition is expecting the participation from 11 athletes representing

all 10 districts of Kashmir division.

In his opening remarks, Shakeel ur Rehman emphasized the vital role of sports in youth development, particularly highlighting the importance of providing a platform for young girls to display their skills and compete at higher levels.

"The participants and officials alike are looking forward to a spirited competition, which will foster camaraderie and sportsmanship among the youth of the region," DYSSO Budgam said in a statement.

Volleyball Competitions Held In Ganderbal



Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: In an effort to increase awareness and encourage voter participation, the Youth Services and Sports Ganderbal organised Volleyball competitions for boys in Zone Kangan and Zone Tullamulla on Saturday.

These events were conducted as part of the broader Systematic Voters Educa-

tion and Electoral Participation initiative, implemented on the directions of the District Election Officer, Ganderbal.

"The initiative seeks to utilize sports as a platform to inspire the youth and the broader community to actively participate in the electoral process, emphasizing their role in strengthening democracy," the department said in a press release.

Kashmir Cup Season 2 Concludes At TRC Ground

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Kashmir Cup Season 2, organised by Dalgate Sports Club, concluded at TRC Ground on Saturday, with Dadoo Rangers emerging as the champions. Dadoo Rangers defeated Valley Fresh in the final.

Seven franchise teams from across Kashmir participated in the tournament, which was modeled on the Indian Premier League (IPL) format.

Dignitaries present at the



closing ceremony included Parvaiz Qaiser, Ex-Ranji Player, Emraan Bhat, Organiser, Shah Javid, Organiser, Syed Ajaz Kashani, Dr. Touseef Ahmed, Patron and Mentor, Dalgate Sports Club, and members of

Dalgate Sports Club. The tournament showcased seven teams, 22 matches and 15 days of cricket action. Over 100 talented cricketers from across Kashmir participated.

2nd Fencing Championship Begins In Budgam



Observer News Service

BUDGAM: Fencing Association Budgam started its 2nd Fencing Championship at Sacred Heart Public School Nasrullah Pora, Soibug, on Saturday.

At the opening ceremony, Sub-Inspector Police Post Soibug Suhail Ahmad, along with Principal Sacred Heart School, inaugurated the competitions.

On this occasion Secretary Fencing Association Muhammad Zaheem Malik and staff associated with Youth Services and Sports Department were also present.

Ayra Akhtar won the Under-14 foil event. Rifat Nabi was defeated by Sania Mushtaq in Under-17 Epy event while Asra Farooq was defeated by Saba Nisar in U-19 Saber event.

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