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district on Saturday, with

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and adequate relief, includ-

The bodies of Nazir Ahmed

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each of the two families.

(42) and Kuldeep Kumar

(40) were found near a

rivulet deep inside the

search operation.

Kuntwara forest on Friday

after a hectic 12-hour-long

The hunt for the terrorists

behind the gruesome inci-

dent was underway, with

from adjoining areas on

Saturday to extend the

cordon, officials said.

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additional forces mobilised

Village Defence | More on P6

near their village in Jammu

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two Village Defence Guards killed by ter-

SKIN CARE

Class 1-9

Exams To Begin

ZIROCONIA-CROWNS

From Nov-25 School Edu Deptt Issues Uniform Date Sheet For **Summative Assessment**

Observer News Service

Srinagar:School Department Saturday issued a uniform date sheet for summative assessment from classes 1st Primary to 9th standard for all Schools.

The summative exams of these classes will commence from Nov-25 and will culminate December-12.

The Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) in an official communique said, "The question papers shall be set by the concerned and individual schools as per student evaluation and assessment scheme keeping in view the competencies, curricular goals and learning outcomes of the students as envisaged in holistic progress card.'

'The Heads of the institutes (Hols) shall ensure all requisite arrangements are in place for the smooth conduct of the examinations," reads the official communique.

It also said that the Hols

North Kashmir Sees 2nd Encounter In 24 Hrs



Agencies

Queta — A suicide bomber blew himself up at a train station in restive southwestern Pakistan on Saturday, killing at least 26 people, including soldiers and railway staff, and wounding about 62 others, some critically, officials said

The explosion on Saturday happened as nearly 100 passengers waited on a platform at about 8:45am local time (03:45 GMT) in Quetta, the capital of Balochistan, for a train to Peshawar.

More than a dozen soldiers and six railway employees were among the dead at the station and 62 people were wounded, many of whom were in critical condition, said Wasim Baig, a Balochistan health department official.

Pakistan's largest and poorest province, resource-rich Balochistan, is home to separatist armed groups and has been a frequent target of deadly attacks. The province borders

Afghanistan and Iran.

The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) claimed responsibility for the attack, saying in a statement that a suicide bomber targeted troops present at the railway station.

The outlawed BLA has long waged an armed rebellion seeking independence from Islamabad. It is the biggest of several ethnic rebel groups battling the government, claiming it unfairly exploits the province's gas and mineral resources.

When asked about a security breach that led to the bombing, Shafqaat told reporters that "it is usually very difficult to stop such suicide attacks.

However, Shahid Nawaz, who is in charge of security at Quetta's train station, insisted there was no breach as the attacker was disguised as a passenger and blew himself up among people at the station.

blown apart I More on P6





Terrorist Killed In Sopore Gunfight

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A terrorist was killed in a gunfight that broke out on Saturday evening between the security forces and terrorists

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday re-

viewed the preparations for

winter in the Kashmir and

lammu divisions of the Union

The review for the 2024-25

season was held at a meeting chaired by Abdullah at the

Civil Secretariat, an official

"Plans have been an-

nounced, but execution is now

crucial. Our preparations will

truly be tested with the first

snowfall. The prolonged dry

spell is already creating chal-

lenges of depleted water levels

and reduced power genera-

spokesperson said.

. Territory.

in the forest area of Rampura Rajpora in Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Officials said that an en-

counter broke out when joint teams of forces launched a search operation in the area.

"During a search operation, as the search party proceeded towards the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists fired indiscriminately upon them, which was retaliated, leading to an encounter," they said.

"Acting on a specific input regarding the presence of #terrorists in Rampora #Sopore area of #Baramulla, a joint anti-terrorist operation was launched | More on P6

THE AREA WAS SUBSEQUENTLY cleared of terrorism more than 15 years

ago and the latest incident is a cause of concern for the villagers."

shall also ensure | More on P6 **Art 370 Echoes In BJP's**

Maharashtra Poll Pitch **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: In the run-up to the Maharashtra elections, Article 370 has once again emerged as a rallying cry for the Bharatiya IP), portraving it as <u>testament to the party's com-</u> nent to national integrity.

llowing a recently passed cial status resolution in Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister embly, endra Modi, along with BJP leaders Amit Shah and iti Irani, has sharply criticised the Opposition for alleg-

edly backing the return of the scrapped Article 370. Modi launched a scathing attack on the Congress on Saturday for supporting a resolution in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly calling for the restoration of Article 370, and said it reflects the party's

disregard for the Constitution and its architect BR Ambedkar. Addressing an election rally at Akola. Modi said. "Congress wants to push Jammu and Kashmir back into violence by restoring Article 370. Article



RAHUL GANDHI NOW RIDES MOTORCYCLE

IN KASHMIR & plays snowball with his sister because of the abrogation of Article 370-" Amit Shah

370 will never be restored." Without naming Rahul Gandhi. Modi remarked that the Congress leader, who frequently brandishes

Constitution | More on P6

TV footage showed the steel structure of the platform's roof **UT CM Sets Winter Preparedness In Motion** Says 'Plans Announced, But Execution Crucial' **Observer News Service**



India Slams Pak For UNMOGIP Remark

Press Trust Of India

United Nations: In a strong retort, India slammed Pakistan for peddling "falsehood" after it referred to Jammu and Kashmir during a debate on peacekeeping operations in the UN.

"India chooses its right to reply in response to the comments made by Pakistan that has yet again made an attempt to divert this

august body from its agenda," Member of the Rajya Sabha and National Spokesperson of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Sudhanshu Trivedi said.

His remarks came during a debate on peacekeeping operations at the Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth Committee) of the UN

General Assembly here Friday. Trivedi asserted that the Union Territory of Jammu and

Kashmir I More on P6

tion due to a decrease in water flow," the chief minister said during the meeting. "The credibility of the government rests on us. Once

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eputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary on Saturday said that the National Conference (NC) is J&K AS UT: dedicated towards restoring Statehood to the region, saying that they don't consider

J&K Union Territory but a State. "We are clear on our stand for the restoration of statehood. We will continue to fight against the forces who downgraded J&K to a | More on P6

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other

conference.

Secretaries, divisional

missioners, senior police

also attended the meeting.

district

security officers, deputy com-

missioners, and BRO officers

Officers from Jammu and

The Kashmir Divisional

ters participated via video

Commissioner gave a presen-

headquar-

India A Powerhouse Of Science, Spirituality: J&K LG

Observer News Service

Jammu: India has been a powerhouse of science and spirituality for thousands of years, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday as he reiterated the government's resolve to promote ancient Indian ideals and values. Sinha, who was addressing

the first Vedic conference, also said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had rekindled a sense of self-respect in the country's 140 crore people. The event, based on the

theme "Vedon Mein Vigyan", was held at the Shri Ranbir Campus of Central Sanskrit University in Jammu.

The lieutenant governor also commended the endeavours of Vigyan Bharati, Central Sanskrit and everyone University



associated with the event. Highlighting the significant scientific achievements of the Vedic period, Sinha said, "Our Vedas are the first and a complete scientific knowledge system of mankind, which has been inspiring learning tradi-

tions since ages. "India has been a powerhouse of science and spirituality for thousands of years. When the Vedas were composed, India was the centre of the world's economy, education, culture and philosophy. It was the engine of world civilisation and our country laid the foundation of socioeconomic progress through science, mathematics, astronomy and medicine," he said.

Sinha claimed India was not only emerging as the new economic power of the world under Modi's leadership but also gaining the respect and glory "achieved by our ancestors thousands of years ago in the Vedic period".

He underscored the need to utilise the treasure of knowledge in science, mathematics, medicine, botany, arts and humanities to enrich the existing knowledge system and I More on P6

'Misusing Mumkin Scheme'

administrative

plans are announced, effec-

tive implementation becomes

The meeting was attend-

ed by Advisor to the Chief

Minister Nasir Aslam Wani,

Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo,

Additional Chief Secretary

Jal Shakti Shaleen Kabra, and

Additional Chief Secretary to

Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta.

paramount," he said.

Ex- Assistant Director Employment Booked By ACB

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in Jammu and Kashmir lodged a case against a government official on Saturday for allegedly taking bribes from the representatives of a car dealership for recommending its vehicles.

The ACB verified the allegation that as the nodal officer under the Mumkin scheme for Kupwara and Bandipora districts, Shabnam Arif Mir, the then assistant director,

employment, demanded and accepted bribes from officials of the Himalayan Motors showroom at the Tengpora bypass here for processing and recommending their vehicles under the scheme during 2021-2022, a spokesperson of

the agency said. "The verification has revealed that under the Mumkin scheme, the applications of eligible candidates were to be placed before the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) by the | More on P6

ED Files Complaint **Against Gujarat** Conman

he Enforcement Directorate Srinagar has filed a prosecution complaint against the Gujarat conman, who was arrested for posing as a senior official in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in March this year. In a post on X, ED Srinagar said that it filed a prosecution complaint | More on P6

Govt Seeks List Of School Land Donors Awaiting Compensation

Agencies

Srinagar: Following a short span of time of government formation, authorities have raised concerns over those families and individuals who have given their land for construction of schools but have not been given any appointment or compensation so far.

In this regard, Education Minister, Sakina Itoo has sought a list of such cases from the concerned authorities in a week's time.

The minister in a review meeting of the School Education Department asked the directors of school education of both Jammu and Kashmir regions to prepare a

Sakina in the meeting said, "It has come to my notice that some individuals or families

list of such cases.

have given their land for construction of schools and neither their family members have been given appointment nor any kind of compensation has been provided to them."

In the meeting, it was advised that Directors of School Education in both Jammu and Kashmir regions shall prepare the lists of such cases and submit the same within one week positively.

Pertinently, in times of 7th pay commission wherein government employees enjoy the perks of 7th pay commission, thousands of Contingent Paid Workers (CPWs) in school education departments are being paid a meager monthly salary-ranging from Rs 25 to 500.

The majority of the CPW's have provided the land to the school education department.

Some CPWs | More on P6



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GENERAL NOTICE

In my Son's School records my name has been wrongly written as Ashraf Mohi-Din Lone which is incorrect. The actual name is Ashraf Mohi-Ud-Din Lone. Hence correction is needed. In this regard anybody having any objections may contact Principal Morning Star Public School Haiin within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained at all

Ashraf Mohi-Ud-Din Lone F/O. Taiamul Fazlie R/O. Sadunara Sonawari Bpr.

Office of the Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal Budgam

Tele Fax 01951-260-276 Pin Code 193401

Notice For General Public

I tis hereby notified that the applicant namely Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh S/o Habib Sheikh R/o Aarath tehsil Narbal District Budgam had applied for the issuance of Death Certificate of his father namely Habib Sheikh S/o Mohammad Sheikh . The applicant intends to register the DOD of his Father as per school record/vaccination card School Record as 06-12-2014

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

Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Dated: 09-11-2024

Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Pattan

Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/ Block Development Officer Lolpora) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Tehsil Singpora District Baramulla with vertified date of event (birth) as 18-05-2022 occurred at SDH

In this connection, if anybody having any objection to the issuance of said registration may contact this office within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained. **Executive Magistrate 1st Class** Naib Tehsildar Pattan

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER BUDGAM

Advertisement Notice: No- - of 2024

Dated: - 11-2024

Subject: Re-Advertisement for Recruitment of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper) in Anganwadi Centre of POSHAN Project Budgam. Pending against 2nd Phase due rectification of Panch Ward No.

Reference: 1. Government order No 222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30.11.2022

- 2. Government Order No.103-JK (SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023 3 SMD/ICDS/Requirement/2022-23/6239-42 dated: - 21-02-2024.
- 4. CDPO/Poshan/Bud/2024/1388 dated 04-11-2014/ 5. DPO/ICDS/Bud/2024/2296 dated 06-11-2024.

Approval has been accorded, vide letter No: 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28.04.2023 for filling up of various vacancies of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centre of POSHAN Project Budgam, as per the details given below:

S.No	Name of Project	Name pf Post	No of Post
01	Poshan Project Budgam	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01
Total Posts	01		

The rest of the eligibility conditions and terms and conditions remain the same as mentioned in references. Date of commencement for submission of application 12-11-2024

- Last date for submission of applications is 02-12.2024
- Annexure B- Name of the Post, Location/Ward, Qualification and Criteria for selection Annexure C- Affidavit

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ANNEXUR	E 'A'S.No								
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1.	Name of POSHAN Project Bu	udgam							
2.	Name of Anganwadi Centre						Dhotogr	nh of the	
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4.	Name of the Candidate							icant	
5.	Father's Name							ttested	
6.	Husband's Name						by Gazet	ted Officer	
7.	Residence								
8.	Ward. No	1				L			
9.	Address for correspondence								
10.	Contact No								
11.	Date of Birth								
12.	Age as on 01.01.2024								
13.	Academic Qualification:								
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14. 15.	Do the candidate belong to Document Attached:	Retiring AWW/AWH((YES/NO)						
						9	Signature of th	e Candidate	
Date:									
1			ANNEXURE 'B'						
	Detail of '	Vacant Posts Sahayika	as (Anganwadi Helper a	along v	vith name and l	ocation of	AWC.		
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Eligibility Sahavikas (Anganwadi Helpers:

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The selection of Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located.

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Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible. The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.

3. Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be matriculation.

In case no matriculate candidate available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered. The committee shall select the most destitute/needy married woman of the ward as helper from amongst those who fulfill the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be considered.

Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper

In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWHs, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points. Document Verification The candidate who is shortlisted for Document verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original

documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the $prescribed\ academic\ qualification\ and\ other\ document\ like\ Domicile\ Certificate, on\ or\ before\ the\ last\ date\ of\ submission\ of\ application\ form.$ Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification.

Date of Birth/Matriculate Certificate. Domicile Certificate

d) 2) Unmarried Certificate (where required)

Candidates have to bring two passport size recent color photographs and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be:

The candidate who are supposed to furnish various certificate issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final.

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:

All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature, If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.

The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and

shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Anganwadi Helper.

Child Development Project Officer

01

No.:-CDPO/Poshan/Bud/2024/Adv/ dated: 09-11-2024

NOTICE

I have changed my name from (Old Name)Nadiya Zargar to(New Name) Nadiya Khajwal

Zargar. In future I will be known as (New name) Nadiya Khajwal Zargar. If any body is having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar with in 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

MEDIA LINE ADS

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam **Executive Magistrate 1st Class**

Application of Sameera Rasool, Nelofar Rasool, Afroza Rasool & Parveena Rasool Ds/o Gh Rasool Teli R/o Chanderseer TehsiL Pattan Regarding Obtaining OBC Certificate **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

S. No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
01	Gh Rasool Teli	Gh Oadir Teli	6Ö	Labour
01 02	Saja Begum	W/o Gh	60	H/ work
	, ,	Rasool Teli		
03	Parveena Rasool	D/o Gh Rasool	32	Student
		Teli		
04	Afroza Rasool		30	Student
05	Nelofar Rasool		27	
06	Sameera Rasool	D/o	25	

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

Naib Tehsildar

Jammu & Kashmir Small Scale Industries Development Corporation Limited (SICOP)

(A J&K Government Undertaking) 2nd floor, Sanat Ghar building Bemina Srinagar

Tender NOTICE No: 12-PEK of 2024-25 dated:08-11-2024 For and on behalf of the Managing Director of Jammu & Kashmir Small Scale Industries Cooperation

Limited, online tenders are invited from reputed contractors who are registered with CPWD/MES/PWD of appropriate class in India

Name of work	Adv. Cost. In lacs	Earnest money	Class of contract	Cost of tender document	Time of completion	Position of AA
Fencing to newly	₹40.55	₹0.811	"A" & B" Class	2000.00	30 days	Accorded
retrieved land at	lacs	lacs	civil			
Industrial Estate Radbug						
Kupwara						

Terms and Conditions:

The tender documents for the above job can be seen on the website www.iktenders.gov.in from 08-11-2024

- The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website from 08-11-2024 (1200Hrs) onwards
- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on website www.jktenders.gov.in from 08-11-2024 1200Hrs) upto 29-11-2024 (1630Hrs) only. The uploaded Pre-Qualification bids in the first instance on the website will be opened on 30-11-2024 (1200Hrs). In
- case of holiday on the date of opening of bid, bids will be opened on the next working day. The financial bids of only those firms shall be opened who qualify in pre-qualification bid, intimation in respect of opening of financial bids shall be notified separately. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Bank Receipt with seal and signature of bank
- official in favor of Project Engineer (K) SICOP Srinagar Kashmir in Account No CC-0148020100001980 ,IFSC Code JAKAOKARRAN , J&K Bank Branch Karan Nagar Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of bank receipt should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Project Engineer (K) SICOF Srinagar Kashmir. (tender receiving authority) and EMD 2% of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Project Engineer, SICOP Kashmir. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of
- CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Project Engineer, SICOP Kashmir) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period(DLP) of the work.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape CDR/FDR of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @3% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect liability period (DLP) of the work.
- The advertised cost shown above is inclusive of 9.5% SICOP service charges and other taxes as admissible.
- Complete bidding process will be online (price bid not to be submitted in physical form).

DIPK-NB-2293/24 **Project Engineer** dated: 09-11-2024 SICOP Kashmir

Government of UT Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER POLICE CONSTRUCTION DIVISION PHQ J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS TWO COVER SYSTEM

e-NIT No.EE-PCD/PHQ/70/2024-25 Dated:-08-11-2024

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on Percentage basisfrom approved and eligible Contractors registered

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1.	Construction of Additional Accom-	516.73	10000.00	1033460/-	18 Months	23-11-2024	AAY
	modation of Police Station Baramulla						
	(Under Zero Terror Plan Phase-I)						
2.	Construction of Additional Accommo-	526.93	10000.00	1053860/-	18 Months	23-11-2024	AAY
	dation of Police Station D. H. Pora Kul-						
	gam (Under Zero Terror Plan Phase-I)						

Position of AAA = Accorded Position of TS = Sanctioned

tion of forus - Available	
Date of Publish of Tender Notice	09-11-2024, 16.00 P.M
Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 09-11-2024.16.30 P.M to 22-11-2024, 4.00 P.M
Bid submission Start Date	12-11-2024 From 09.00 A.M
Bid Submission End Date	22-11-2024upto 4.00 P.M
The Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR/ in favour of	As per time specified in SBD.
Executive Engineer PCD PHO J&K Jmu/ Sgr.	
Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	23-11-2024 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of Executive Engineer PCD
	PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar in presence of S.E PHC J&K Jammu/
	Srinagar.
Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed
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The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www. jktenders.gov.in as per above schedule:

Note:- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploaded softcopy and short fall if any found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

1.1 Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly crediting to 0055 MHA (Revenue) uploading a same copy of treasury challan/receipt & in case of firms / agencies outside the UT of J&K the cost of tender shall be submitted in the shape of demand draft (DD) of any nationalized / scheduled Bank pledged to Ex. Engineer Police Construction Division PHQ J&K Jammu/Srinagar. In addition to this the bidder shall submit the demand draft through Registered post/courier by or before 21-10-2024. The department shall not be responsible for any delay in submission of DD due to any reasons. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD pledged to Ex. Engineer Police Construction Division Jammu/Srinagar and relevant documents of L1 must be submitted to the Ex. Engineer Police Construction Division PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar within 5 days after opening of price bid.

(Er. Neeraj Gupta) **Executive Engineer**

PCD PHQ J&K Jmu/Sgr. No: -PCD/PHQ/2024-25/5154-61 DIPK-7694/24 Dated: 09-11-2024

RAILWAYS

HIGHWAY STATUS

TRAFFIC POLICE: 9419993745, 01998-266686

Ambulance: Kashmer EMS Service: +919484100200

PRAYERS

5: 32

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PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883 PDD: 0194-2450213

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259

ANANTNAG: 01932-228243

BARAMULLA: 0194-102029

BIJBHERA: 01932-228243

PAMPORE: 01933-294132

QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)

PATTAN: 01954-293507

Mughal Road - (Open)

Srinagar-Leh- (Open)

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES: 2479488,2452222,2452155 CAPD: 18001807011

SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081

"Urdu Journalism's Legacy & Future Discussed At **World Urdu Day Event**

Agencies

Srinagar: The Anjuman Urdu Sahafat organized a significant event at Tagore Hall today, marking World Urdu Day.

The event focused on the current state of Urdu journalism, its opportunities, and the challenges it faces.

During the ceremony, Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Manzoor Anjum, Editor of Daily Uqab, and Abdul Rashid Shah, Editor-in-Chief of Daily Nida-e-Mashri, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Urdu journalism.

Additionally, Shamim Ahmad Shamim Award was presented to Mohammad Shafi Samanani, founder Editorin-Chief of Daily. The event also honored late stalwarts of Urdu journalism, including the founder-editor of weekly Rahbar, Late. Ghulam Mohiuddin Rahbar and the founding editor of Daily Roshni, Aziz Kashmiri, who were recognized with posthumous awards for their immense contribution to the field.

Furthermore, Dr. Ruhi Jan, an academic scholar in Urdu journalism, was also honored with an award for her

scholarly contributions. The ceremony was attended by several prominent personalities from the media and political spheres, including former Minister Naeem Akhtar, Anjuman Urdu Sahafat's patron Hamid Hamid, Javaid Azar of Kashmir Uzma, Mohammad Aslam Bhat of Kashmir News Service, Haroon Rashid of Nida-e-Mashriq,

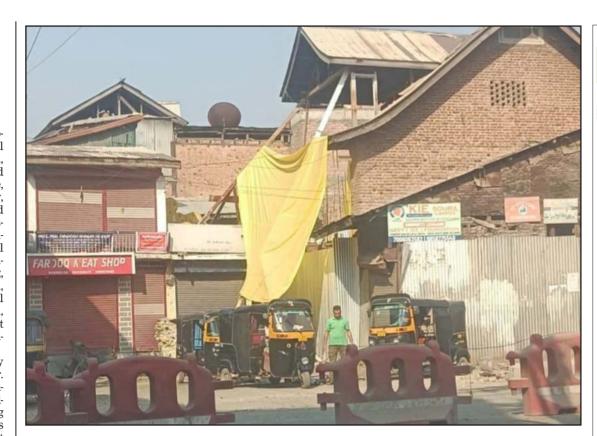
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Zahoor Ahmed Shoria of Roznama Roshni, Rashid Rahil of Asian Mail, Haroon reshi, Tariq Bhat of The Vivek, Maiid Jahangir of BBC Hindi Service. Qurat-ul-Ain, Hawa Basheer, Professor Muslim Jan, Javaid Matji of Urdu Council, Professor Hamida Naeem, Dr. Mushtaq Haider, Dr Kounser Rasool of Kashmir University, columnists Mohammad Saleem Baig, Professor Hamida Naeem, Anjuman's Jammu Provincial President Jeahangir Khan, Kashmir Provincial President Raja Irshad, and Chief Coordinator Firdous Rehman.

The event was hosted by Showket Sahil and Nazim Nazir. The chief guest, BBC correspondent Riyaz Masroor, in his address, emphasized the growing involvement of Urdu journalists in digital media over the past few years, which he described as a positive development.

He pointed out that although the number of journalists in print media is declining, the production of content and interest in Urdu journalism on digital platforms continues to thrive. Kashmir Life's Editor-in-Chief, Masood Hussain, emphasized the professional responsibility of journalists, urging the need for better training and skill development for new journalists to improve the standards

of Urdu journalism. Professor Nasir Mirza, speaking on the occasion, highlighted the importance of promoting the Urdu language, calling it a vast and rich language that requires serious efforts for its development.



SMC Ignoring Illegal Constructions: Ex-Deputy Mayor

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Former Deputy Mayor Sheikh Imran has accused some officials of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) of turning a blind eye towards illegal constructions in Srinagar city. Imran took to social networking site 'X' formerly twitter to voice his anger. "Welcome to Srinagar where illegal construction sites are busier than a politician's wallet after elections — back in action with a grand comeback. The election recovery scheme is thriving brick by brick with politicians and officials sharing & caring like besties. Wah, kya teamwork hai!" he tweeted

"In Khawajabazar-Nowhatta a building with some 'extra toppings' gets a green light from SMC's enforcement wing courtesy of a JKNC leader's election recovery drive. Deviations galore: residential turned commercial - norms thrown out the window. Surprise - Even R&B officials are acting like they've taken a vow of silence due to kharcha Pani. ACB: Complaint registered. SMC: Arrey bhai, pehle chai, phir complaint." The tweet added

Imran also accused the enforcement officer of allowing the illegal construction. "Heard the recording where an enforcement officer is telling juniors: 'Top se order hai, bas allow karna hai." Former Mayor Srinagar Junaid

Azim Mattu retweeted his tweet.

In a bid to take an official version, Kashmir Observer tried to reach SMC Commissioner Dr Owais Ahmed, however, he did not respond to repeated calls.

Heroin In City Outskirts

Agencies

Srinagar: As part of efforts to curb the drug menace in Srinagar city, police on Saturday arrested a 27-year-old woman between Gangbugh and Khumani Chowk, while carrying about 3.65 grams of heroin, officials said.

An official said that acting

on specific intelligence, the police from Tengpora—Batamaloo intercepted a 27-year-old woman in the Bund area between Gang bugh and Khumani Chowk.

He said that during the search, they recovered 3.65 grams of heroin from her possession. "Investigations have been initiated, and further actions as per legal proceedings have been taken up," he said—(KNO)

DC Reviews Functioning Of Health Sector

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Saturday chaired a meeting of senior health functionaries here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex in order to review the health sector of the District to ensure better healthcare facilities to the patients.

At the outset, the Deputy

Commissioner took a detailed review of achievements under Health Sector Schemes, functioning of health Institutions, infrastructure upgradation and the healthcare facilities being extended to patients.

The DC also took the first hand appraisal about the City Hospitals from respective Medical Superintendents with respect to the healthcare facilities being extended to the patients and works being executed for infrastructure upgradation and procurement of machinery.

The DC asked the Medical Superintendents of SMHS, Lal Ded, Bone & Joint, JLNM, Children Hospital Bemina, Chest Disease Hospital and Super Speciality Hospital to submit detailed issues so that necessary interventions are taken to resolve the issues at the earliest to further strengthen the patient care system in the District.

This Day In History

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- 1938 Nobel for literature awarded to Pearl Buck (Good Earth)
- 1945 Heavy battle in Surabaya between Indonesian nationalists and returning
- colonialists after World War II, celebrated as Heroes' Day (Hari Pahlawan).
- 1950 Nobel for literature awarded to William **Faulkner**
- 1970 Luna 17, with unmanned self-propelled Lunokhod 1, is launched
- 1975 PLO leader Yasser Arafat addresses UN in
- 1975 UN General Assembly approves resolution equating Zionism with racism
- 1978- Israel's top negotiators broke away
- from Middle East peace talks 1979 - Train detrailment in Mississauga, Ontario;
- a 106 car train derails causing the evacuation of 200,000 people
- 1980 Iraq captures southern port of Khorramshahr 1982 - IMF lends Mexico \$3.8 billion due to threatened bankrupcy
- 1982 Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened 1986 - Bangladeshi Constitution restored
- 1989 Germans begin demolishing the Berlin Wall
- 1993 Slovakian government of Vladimír Meiar 1995 - In Nigeria, playwright and environmental
- activist Ken Saro-Wiwa along with eight others from the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (Moson) are hanged by government forces 1996 - 46th NASCAR Sprint Cup: Terry Labonte wins
- 2001 An agreement is reached at talks in Marrakech, Morocco, on rules for implementation of the Kyoto climate change treaty
- 2006 Sri Lankan Tamil Parliamentarian Nadarajah Raviraj assassinated in Colombo.
- 2012 20 Syrian troops are killed by suicide bombings in Daara
- 2012 27 people are killed and dozens injured in a prison conflict in Colombo, Sri Lanka

From KO Archives

US Hostage's Wife Wants Write-Ups Back

rinagar- The wife of an American hostage missing in Kashmir for more than five years has issued an emotional appeal for the return of draft articles he wrote for foreign journals.

"If I never see my husband again, at least to have something he wrote would be of comfort to me Jane Schelly said in a letter sent to media offices in the Kashmir summer capital.

Schelly is the wife of Donald Hutchings, who was abducted along with five other foreigners in Kashmir in July 1995.

One of the hostages escaped, one was beheaded and the other four-included Hutchings remain missing, presumed dead.

Schelly said Hutchings used to write for some journals, and the rough articles were with him when he was kidnapped. 'Some of the pages of that written material

might exist somewhere, left in some hut or home, passed to the side and forgotten, she said, appealing to anyone who might have found the papers to send them to her. Hutchings would have been 48 on November 12,

and Schelly said the return of his writings would comprise the perfect birthday gift.

"I have done my utmost to find out what has happened to him... There is no conclusive answer," she wrote. If 1 have no closure to this sad situation ...only the assumption that my husband and three westerners were most likely killed. (AFP)

(Kashmir Observer, November 10, 2000)

FSD Conducts Milk Quality **Drive In City**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Food Safety Department (FDA), Drug and Food Control Organization, conducted a surprise milk quality drive in Srinagar city on Saturday. As per a statement issued

to Kashmir Observer, the operation, carried out by Food Safety Officer (FSO) Zone 1.Zone II and Zone IV aimed to inspect the quality of loose milk supplied in the city.

28 legal samples of loose milk collected for analysis, it said. adding that the drive focused on ensuring compliance with food safety standards- Intensified inspections to continue in Srinagar city in coming days.

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SKIMS MEDICAL COLLEGE/HOSPITAL

BEMINA, SRINAGAR 0194-2493226 Department of Materials Management

Sub: -Extension of e-tender for procurement of Mannequins for the department of Pharmacology, SKIMS MCH Bernina.

1. SKIMS MCH 09 Tender of 2024 dated: 22/10/2024

E-tenders for procurement of Mannequins for the department of Pharmacology, SKIMS MCH Bernina, invited vide above referred NIeT No., is hereby extended up to 19/11/2024 as per following schedule.

- 1. The last date for depositing the bids in electronic format on website www.iktenders.gov.in 19/11/2024 upto 02:00 P.M.
- 2. The date of opening of e-tenders will be on 21/11/2024 at 3:00 PM. 3. Other terms and conditions of the NIeT shall remain unchanged.
- No: SKIMS/MCH/MMD/24/24/3430-35

DIPK-NB-2301/24 Dated: 09/11/2024

> Materials Management Officer (SKIMS MCH Bemina)



IAPMD Department Zonal Office, Srinagar

POSSESSION NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8(1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules ,2002

Whereas Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002 and in exercise of powers under Section 13(2)of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 16.02.2023 thereby calling upon the borrower namely M/S Al Kabir Fleshy Food Centre Prop. Mr. Feroz Ahmad Charloo S/o: Kh. Ali Mohammad Charloo R/o: Qaziyar Zainakadal Srinagar presently residing at Shahi Hamdan Lane House No 99 behind Noora Hospital HMT Srinagar to repay an amount of Rs 84.01.000/- (Rupees Eighty Four Lac One Thousand Only) being the balance outstanding as on 31,01,2023 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general, that the undersigned being Authorized Officer of the J&K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 5th day of November of the year 2024.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealing with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Ltd for the in aggregating to Rs. 92,29,765.88 (Rupees Ninety Two Lac Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Five and paisa Eighty Eight Only) together with future interest thereon from 01.11.2024 and other charges incurred or to

The Borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

1. Mortgage of leasehold rights of land measuring 12 Marlas allotted in favour of the party by SIDCO / DIC Srinagar along with Civil Structures constructed thereupon situated in Industrial Estate Khonmoh Srinagar.

DATE: 05.11.2024 **Bilal Ahmad Wani** PLACE: Khonmoh **Authorised Officer**

Trump's Triumph and the 'Message' It Holds for US and Beyond

Haider Abbas

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From all the seven swing states, Arabs, Muslims and Indians voted in absolute large numbers to give an unassailable victory to Trump, solely on the issue to shut down the wars

he Republican Donald John Trump has been elected as the 47th President of the US, in the most eagerly awaited results. He has drubbed Democrat Kamala Harris. His triumph has stomped his commitment against the 'corrupt establishment' which he had 'called for' as the last chance to defeat. The 'establishment' is of course, the Central Investigation Agency (CIA), US secret-services, US military industrial complex, Pentagon command and media. The vote has been cast. The countdown is now set to begin. But, how the things would unfold, make me reflect to an article I did write in November 2020 in CounterView, as to how Trump wanted to cleanse the 'establishment' but could not and the darling of 'establishment', the outgoing Joseph Biden, self professed Zionist and the biggest war monger ever, won over to run havoc on the whole world, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine, in the last four years.

I feel tempted to quote from my previous copy. Trump had to relinquish the power then but "it was on November 10, 2020, when he had 'fired defense-secretary Mark Esper shortly after as he (Esper) had sent a classified-memo to the White House on Afghanistan, in which he had expressed 'concern' towards the withdrawal of US forces from Afghanistan. Esper was toeing Biden's line, as against Trump, who had announced that US troop s(w) hould return by Christmas. It won't be a surprise if Trump next in the 'fireline' would be the CIA director, the FBI chief, and the Pentagon command. The tussle throws 'wide-open' the US establishment into deep clash with Trump."

This clash which could not begin then, is set to make a new kickstart.

It would also be interesting to know that then in the wake of China and Pakistan gearing-up tensions with India, India and US had signed the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA). The signatory from the US side, ironically, was Mark Esper.

This tussle which got delayed by four years is now set to be open! The insult Trump had swallowed then as 'immediately after Esper was fired, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley had made clear his dedication to the 'constitution' and not to any dictator, tyrant, king or a queen. Milley has not endorsed Trump's plan to fully withdraw from Afghanistan. He wanted a 'conditionsbased' withdrawal-his condition being 'unless peace prevails'. Indeed, Milley was singing to the tune of Biden' but the US despite all that had to withdraw from Afghanistan.

Thereafter, came the tenure of Biden which only brought new wars to Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Iran through US devoted and blatant support to Israel and likewise to Ukraine too. Unbridled US military and money, worth billions and billions of US dollars, have been funneled to Ukraine and Israel during Biden's tenure. Trump was never to forget about how he was forced to abdicate the power then, and had not had then tweeted



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to take to streets, despite the fact that Trump supporters had come unmasked to vote, even after Corona crisis, while Biden supporters had voted from home, or else US streets were to have been littered by riots on the lines when George Floyd episode had taken place. Trump's polity then as well as now is that he was not to start any new war and also bring forces back to the US.

Now it is 2024. From all the seven swing states, Arabs, Muslims and Indians voted in absolute large numbers to give an unassailable victory to Trump, solely on the issue to shut down the wars. Even the Simpson's cartoon, a tool of predictive programming of US establishment, in which it was shown Kamala Harris with the same dress and necklace to don as President (in the year 2000) did not help, and eventually the 'establishment' is now to 'eat the humble pie', its blue-eyed protégé Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, was the first to call-up Trump and thereby, to also seek Trump's support for Israel. Trump will never forget as to how Netanyahu, had not waited for a second to congratulate Biden, back in 2020, which had triggered Trump to f**k him for his disloyalty, had reported Axios in 2021. Therefore, why would Trump turn a blind eye to Netanyahu now, more particularly, when 76% US Jews, according to Times of Israel, have voted for Harris! On the contrary, it is also now a daylight fact, that the Lebanese billionaire Massad Boulos, whose son, has married Trump's youngest daughter, in 2022, is the key figure to align all the Arab-Americans to come to the rescue of Trump.

Trump is set to take his oath on January 20,

2025, the 'inauguration day', but the lines to be followed have been clearly laid down. The heat to surmount the 'establishment' has begun as an inquiry is already underway to nail the faces-behind, which were involved in his July 14 murderous assault. He is now very likely to declassify the files pertaining the killing of JFK Kennedy (1963), by setting up a new Presidential commission, and who knows an Israeli or a CIA hand may tumble out of the closet? A huge political storm is now set to hit US polity. Moreover, Elon Musk, the owner of X, previously twitter, had been by the side of Trump throughout. He has conveyed that soon, the 'client-list and data' of the sex-scandal of Jeffery Epstein (2019), which had been swept under the carpet, is to be made public. Another scandal which is to rock the US political atmosphere even more is that of the rapper Sean Diddy, currently in jail, accused of kidnapping, drugging and coercing women into sexual activities. His list of clients is also to be set-out, thus, a fire is what all to beset in the US.

A new wave is now supposedly to hold sway in the US. Will Trump be able to achieve it? Or to which extent? Is he going to end up with the fate of JFK? Time will tell. Yet, it is clear that never has a President taken the 'establishment' by the horns.

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Is Manning Up Enough For Womxn?

Sabzara Ali

If you are a woman looking forward to pursuing a traditionally male-dominated profession, this simple strategy can increase your chances of being hired: Man Up. According to a recent study by Michigan State University, using male language to describe themselves in the application process can make women appear more suited for typically masculine jobs.

The patriarchal standards of masculinity have

shaped the men's language to a great extent.

Traditionally, men speak in a forceful, abstract, and authoritative way. Men, for example, are more likely to use direct imperatives such as, "Get it done". Women, on the other hand, tend to use a tentative, indirect, and communal speech, relying on collaborative directives such as "let's do it". Since men have dominated the workplace for a long time, masculine styles have now become the gold standard for communicating in professional spaces. As a result, women who use feminine language in the workplace are often seen as less competent. So, to be recognised at the workplace, women are often advised to switch to more "forceful language", or to "man up."

However, the question remains: does Manning Up actually fix all of the issues that women face in the workplace because of their unique speaking styles? In reality, no, because these masculine styles contradict the characteristics of socially acceptable feminine speech. Thus, utilizing these styles diminishes women's likeability in the workplace, which inturn can limit women's professional advancement chances.

When women begin speaking like men, they have to face the social backlash for violating gender norms. Traditionally, men are expected to be "hard-core" and "tough" and women are expected to be "sensitive" and "soft spoken." When women break these norms and switch to a more masculine style of speech, society usually dislikes them because these styles make them appear less feminine, and therefore, less of a woman. The Psychologist Linda



Carli's experiment provides evidence for this. In her experiment, she found that women who spoke assertively were seen as more competent and knowledgeable by the audiences, but they were less likable to both men and women.

The potential downside of appearing less likable might outweigh the benefits of coming across as more competent through the use of masculine language. This could particularly place women at a disadvantage in hiring processes . This is because women using masculine styles like assertiveness are often perceived as "bossy," "rude," and dismissive of others' perspectives. This inturn diminishes their perceived suitability for the workplace. In a meta analysis of dozens of studies, it was found that women who assert their ideas and advocate for themselves are often viewed as less hirable by managers. Although they are seen as equally competent, they are liked less than men who engage in the exact

Further, use of masculine language can attract

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negative feedback from the employers. Ultimately, this can make it harder for women to advance in their careers. It happens because women are evaluated more on their interpersonal traits such as likeability than on their actual skills. Therefore, it becomes important for women to care about how they sound.

By telling women to change their speech, we are reinforcing the notion that women's speech is intrinsically flawed. This can make women feel that they are unfit for jobs traditionally held by men, which, in turn, can prevent them from considering these jobs. Psychologist Tanja Hentschel found that when employers use stereotypically masculine language in job ads, female candidates view these jobs as unwelcoming. They don't apply as often and expect lower chances of success.

Women contribute in workplaces all over the world. As such, the work force carries a responsibility to make changes in their working culture to ensure that women are not discriminated against because of their distinct speech styles. Workplaces should be open to different communication styles. Managers should be trained to recognize unconscious biases in professional language. Clear criteria for evaluating candidates should prioritize performance—not personality or communication style. And if communication metrics are necessary, these should focus on results. Recruiting ads should also use and be checked for gender-neutral language to encourage women to apply for these positions.

We're all entitled to express ourselves how we want, and especially through language. However, why do workplaces expect women to make compromises because of the sexism in so-called professional language. Rather than "manning up," I think it's time for the professional world to try womaning it up instead.

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Downtown Kot Laments

Coffee Shops, Asses, Classes and Fake Westernization in Kashmir

Wajahat Qazi

Thile I am neither a sociologist nor an anthropologist, but a curious people watcher with a passing (non -theoretical) interest in sociology, I must profess Kashmir presents a fascinating portrait of the intersection of cultural change(s), class(es) and their orientation and globalization and sameness. The picture that emerges is as complex as it is a crude caricature. It is complex because it suggests a Kashmir in the melee and vortex of a zig zagged, crass modernity (that is actually somewhat at odds with modernity itself); it is a caricature because its fundamental premise is mimicry. In terms of a simplified 'reality', we can call it the 'instagram effect' – persons of a certain age cohort take a cue from Instagram trends and then transform their 'lived reality' on the same pattern or form.

But this aped and mimicked reality is at odds with their actual 'lived reality' that is determined and shaped by the contextual setting of Kashmir; it is still very much a traditional, religiously informed family-oriented society. So while Kashmiri yuppies (they are not very successful though by the metrics of money and purchasing power thereof) may get a wee thrill and kick in a simulated 'reality', he or she has to return to the actual reality of Kashmir. This is best reflected in a coffee shop scene and ambiance of Kashmir. A Kashmiri coffee shop will my starting point to delineate the theme of this essay.

A hypothetical may help illustrate the point here.

Enter a snazzy café with a fancy sounding western name. Western music- either the soft or hard variety- will be playing in the background. Waiting staff (mostly from rural areas of Kashmir) will either greet you or they won't. The greeting will be western. If there will be a smattering of customers in the given café, they will be either morose, asocial or passive aggressive. They will pretend not to notice you- as if youre invisible but they will start judging and checking you out in the crassest way. A be very well dressed- mostly western attire. Some women's hair will be streaked(blonde), others will be defined by latest and trendy haircuts. The guys will have a certain swag-



ger to and about them suggesting confidence (but actually a poor sense of self inflated by a café ambiance). The language spoken between couples and assorted customers will be either a mish mash of Urdu and English or badly spoken English (to me). Barring outliers, our own language Kashmiri will not be spoken in a café. If the waiting staff will not attend a person, he or she will say, 'excuse me', check out the menu or order her or his preference, say for a café latte, or a cappuccino, or a pizza- without actually being a connoisseur of any of these. They will then eat, perfunctorily, suggesting that they are not savoring the food but doing their best to maintain a front or façade of - whether they know it or not- a western experience. The fakeness of this 'experience' cannot be more eloquent than this. Some people will stare rudely; others will be hacking away at their laptops, while others will be people watching and sulking or gawking as the case

Now the moment our Kashmiri coffee shop yuppie or assorted customers will leave the café, smug in his or her brief encounter with a fake western ambiance, he or she will encounter real Kashmir. This will be an urban setting defined by heavy, crazy and crazed traffic, hollering, traffic snarls, clogged roads and so on. He or she will either go to work again overlaid by a Kashmiri ingress and finally home where dad or mum will glower and growl: 'Katio /katee aesekh. Yoot xeer chaa garre yivaan: where have you been? You can't come home at this ungodly hour)- even though the



BY ALL MEANS, WEAR **RAYBAN SUNGLASSES OR MERRELL SHOES BUT BE SURE TO WEAR THE KASHMIRI PHERAN AND SPEAK** your language in a way that would make our greats like Soche Kraal sahib, Rasool Mir Sahib and Mahmud Gaemi sahib proud. It is here – not in fake settings of coffee shops with fake demeanours and fake accents -where respect, dignity and pride lies

time may be 6 pm.

A word about the class characteristics and features of our café going yuppies is called for here: these mostly constitute the 'upper' educated classes of Kashmir. Their exposure to the world and understanding mostly comes from some education and some work experience in Delhi or Bangalore and above all from the internet- social media like Instagram, Facebook, chatrooms and twitter. It is then a mediated experience; not an organic or a real one- an experience that is a mish mash of the rest and the west, is more image than substance, and one which crafts not a synthesis between the East and the East

but a transmogrified corrupted self. It may, on the face of it. look or seem western but in real terms it is far from in. (I am NOT rooting or supporting a western defined and orientated self here. Far from it actually. Each and every culture in the world is unique and has something to offer. Each of us while not denigrating and demeaning other cultures and traditions must respect our own one too. This is where selfrespect lies). This is the story. self-narrative and self-concept- a mangled, distorted an inorganic one -of our elite educated 'upper' classes. It's all in a Kashmiri coffee shop that it can be seen and observed.

What about the 'others'?

I can only speak with reasonable confidence about MY downtown Srinagar- where I am from. (I have since a while shifted to suburbia – unfortunately). Downtown Srinagar used to be a place characterized by deep social capital where everyone knew everyone and where everyone cared for everyone. To be sure, there were different economic and social classes in Kashmir but all in all it was a large family. This downtown, unfortunately, is dissipating and disappearing, owing to structural and social changes, trends like peri-urbanization, the dissipation of the joint family, the breakdown of the extended family, some degree of economic mobility and so on. But despite this downtown retains some of its character spontaneous sociability, care for and of others, and overall empathy in varying degrees. Downtown Srinagar is perhaps the only urban space in the world that is safe and warm against a baseline comparison of downtowns across the world. Downtown Srinagar is a space where a woman can, bedecked with jewelry, walk alone at midnight without fear of assault, robbery or unsavory attacks. Downtown Srinagar is still a space where people know each other and care for each other, to a large extent. It is also a raw space where fake sensibility and fake culture does not exist. It, to some extent, retains its organic nature. It is a space where after spending time in New York, London or Australia, I feel real, and authentic. It is a space where I connect, where I relate and where I am ME. The snaking alleys of Downtown, the cramped spaces of human habitation, the smells and sounds of downtown Srinagar, the rawness of its denizens, their love, their arguments overlaid by the architecture of the space - the Great Grand Mosque and the Khanqah a Mualla which are spiritual retreats are spaces where I am in mv element. But there is a peril that awaits

downtown and that peril emanates from the fake Westernization of our elite educated classes. It is these classes that set the tone for society. Overlaid by the Instagram effect, the titillation and immediate fake and illusory gratification by the internet, aped by our elite classes, this fake westernization can percolate to

OUR downtown, MY downtown. This sill not merely dilute its character but destroy its character and nature. If this happens it will be the saddest day of my life. How, the question is, can our downtown which emblematizes our essence be protected from depredations and assaults?

Ultimately, it depends on us. We have to take stock of ourselves by becoming real and not indulging in crude and fake mimicry. This is not to suggest that aspects of western modernity be entirely rejected. No. Not at all. There are some noteworthy aspects of the west that are real and substantive, where our (Eastern) and their values mesh: truth telling, honesty and integrity. (These are, by and large, relative. No human society is perfect; values are reified practically in varying degrees of intensity). But the west has its own culture and we (as Easterners) have our own. We cannot and must not become western clones. Plus the images of the west that are beamed into our living rooms and smart phones, these are just that: images and a mirage. By all means, we must go to the West, understand its wellsprings and nature if only to understand ourselves. This is the path to real and substantive dialogue between us and the West a dialogue informed and defined by who we are, and by who they are informed by a respectful, dignified idiom, where difference and diversity are the operative dynamics. It is then a Kashmiri man or woman, for example, can be home both in New York City's Manhattan area and downtown Safaa Kadal or Maharaj Gunj. This is where real confidence and authenticity. By all means, wear Rayban sunglasses or Merrell shoes but be sure to wear the Kashmiri pheran and speak your language in a way that would make our greats like Soche Kraal sahib, Rasool Mir Sahib and Mahmud Gaemi sahib proud. It is here - not in fake settings of coffee shops with fake demeanours and fake accents -where respect, dignity and pride lies. The rest is

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Tribute to Shri Ratan Tata

Shri Narendra Modi

t has been a month since Shri Ratan Tata Ji left us. From bus-Ltling cities and towns to villages, his absence is deeply felt across every segment of society. Seasoned industrialists, budding entrepreneurs and hardworking professionals mourn his loss. Those passionate about the environment and devoted to philanthropy are equally saddened. His absence has been deeply felt not only across the nation but also around the world.

For the youth, Shri Ratan Tata was an inspiration, a reminder that dreams are worth pursuing and that success can coexist with compassion as well as humility. For others, he represented the finest traditions of Indian enterprise and a steadfast commitment to the values of integrity, excellence and service. Under his leadership, the Tata Group ascended to new heights, embodying respect, honesty and credibility worldwide. Despite this, he wore his achievements lightly, with humility and kindness.

Shri Ratan Tata's unwavering support for the dreams of others was one of his most defining qualities. In recent years, he became known for mentoring

India's StartUp ecosystem, investing in many promising ventures. He understood the hopes and aspirations of young entrepreneurs and recognised the potential they had to shape India's future. By backing their efforts, he empowered a generation of dreamers to take bold risks and push boundaries. This has gone a long way in creating a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, which I am confident will continue to positively impact India for decades to come.

He constantly championed excellence, urging Indian enterprises to set global benchmarks. This vision, I hope, will inspire our future leaders to make India synonymous with world-class quality.

His greatness was not restricted to the boardroom or helping fellow humans. His compassion extended to all living beings. His deep love for animals was wellknown and he supported every possible effort focused on animal welfare. He often shared photos of his dogs, who were as much a part of his life as any business venture. His life was a reminder to us all that true leadership is measured not just by one's achievements, but by one's ability to care for the most vulner-



able.

For crores of Indians, Shri Ratan Tata's patriotism shone brightest in times of crisis. His swift reopening of the iconic Taj

Hotel in Mumbai after the 26/11 terror attacks was a rallying call to the nation—India stands united, refusing to yield to terrorism.

On a personal note, I had

he invested extensively, including in many of the projects he was very passionate about. Just a few weeks ago, I was in Vadodara with the President of the Government of Spain, Mr. Pedro Sánchez and we jointly inaugurated an aircraft complex where C-295 aircrafts would be made in India. It was Shri Ratan Tata who started working on this. Needless to say, Shri Ratan Tata's presence was greatly missed. I remember Shri Ratan Tata

the privilege of knowing him

very closely over the years. We

worked closely in Gujarat, where

Ji as a man of letters—he would frequently write to me on various issues, be it matters of governance, expressing appreciation for government support, or sending congratulatory wishes after electoral victories.

Our close interactions continued when I moved to the Centre and he remained a committed partner in our nation-building efforts. Shri Ratan Tata's support for the Swachh Bharat Mission was particularly close to my heart. He was a vocal advocate of this mass movement, understanding that cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation are vital for India's progress. I still remember his heartfelt video message

for the Swachh Bharat Mission's tenth anniversary at the start of October. It was among his final public appearances.

Another cause close to his heart was healthcare and especially the fight against cancer. I recall the programme in Assam two years ago, where we had jointly inaugurated various cancer hospitals in the state. In his remarks that time, he had categorically stated that he wishes to dedicate his final years to healthcare. His efforts to make health and cancer care accessible and affordable were rooted in a profound empathy for those battling diseases, believing that a just society was one that stood by its most vulnerable.

As we remember him today, we are reminded of the society he envisioned-where business can serve as a force for good, where every individual's potential is valued and where progress is measured in the well-being and happiness of all. He remains alive in the lives he touched and the dreams he nurtured. Generations will be grateful to him for making India a better, kinder and more hopeful place.

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NC Appoints New Provincial President Gor Kashmir

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The National Conference on Saturday appointed Showkat Ahamd Mir as the new provincial president for Kashmir.

Mir, who was earlier provincial secretary, will be the new provincial president of the Kashmir unit, the ruling party said in a statement.

Mir will take over from Nasir Aslam Wani, who has been appointed as advisor to chief minister Omar Abdullah.

Sajad Shafi Uri, who was earlier district president for Baramulla, has been appointed as Zonal President for the North Zone, replacing Javid Ahmad Dar, who was inducted into the Abdullah-led ministry.

Advocate Shahid Ali Shah will succeed Uri as District President of Baram

NIT Srinagar delegation hosts key meeting with 'Bagh-I-Ali Mardan Khan' unit holders

Srinagar, Nov 11: The delegation from Mechanical Engineering Department and senior students of Electrical **Engineering Department of National** Institute of Technology (NIT) on Saturday held a meeting with the office bearers of the Industrial Union of Baghe Ali Mardan Khan regarding the 100% solar rooftop installation.

The meeting was attended by several unit holders of the industrial area to discuss the development of the area as a model industrial zone for 100% solar rooftop installation.

It was initiated by the MED, NIT Srinagar, represented by Dr. Saad Parvez, with Ex M.D and CE KPDCL Er. Bashir Ahmad Dar also graced the

During the meeting, a proposal was presented by a group of NIT students who had conducted a detailed survey of the industrial area,under the supervision of Dr Saad Parvez, Greenovator Director and PI Incubation Foundation, NIT Srinagar, estimating the potential for solar power generation, cost analysis, and return on investment.



The proposal was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided to finalize the Detailed Project Report (DPR) within the next week for submission to higher authorities, including Director Industries.

This initiative began on 17th September of last year when Er Bashir Ahmad, who is also a startup at GIF-NIT and Dr. Saad Parvez gave a presentation on the scope of solar rooftops in Jammu and Kashmir.

The students from Electrical engineering department who were present at the occasion later formulated a consultancy firm,to conduct a survey and cost estimation for solar rooftop installation first at NIT Srinagar, and later at the industrial estate BAMK. The survey found a potential of 3MW (3000 kW) of solar generation capacity on the NIT campus.

Following the success of the NIT project, the department then assigned the students to prepare a similar proposal for the Baghe Ali Mardan Khan Industrial Area.

The students surveyed every unit in the area and successfully drafted a proposal for the saturation of solar

rooftops in the industrial area. Baghe Ali Mardan Khan Industrial

Area, located in Downtown Srinagar, is an ideal location for implementing solar rooftop technology, not only to promote solar power usage within industries but also to extend its benefits to the broader Shahri Khas area.

A key immediate outcome of this initiative is that six senior NIT students are now set to become consultants for small-scale solar plants, pending some field exposure.

Additionally, the unit holders of the industrial area have gained valuable insights into the benefits of solar rooftops and are now more informed about the potential of solar energy.

Dr. Saad Parvez said that immediate achievement is that 6 senior students of NIT are all set to become consultants for small solar plants, of course after some field exposure and unit holders have also become aware about benefits of Solar Roof Top.

"The potential of solar energy is limitless, and together, we will illuminate a brighter, greener tomorrow," he said.

CUKashmir's SLS holds moot court competition

Ganderbal, Nov 9: Law Society, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies (SLS), Central University of Kashmir (CUK) organized the 2nd "Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani (RA) Inter-Semester moot court competition" from November 6 to 7, 2024.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmad Mir, Head and Dean, SLS, said that a Moot Court Competition is essential for anyone aspiring to become an eminent lawyer. He stated that the journey from a "born lawyer" to a "made lawyer" is marked by acquiring the necessary legal skills, particularly in courtroom settings. Prof. Mir underscored the value of both participation and observation in such events, encouraging students to observe closely to gain deeper insights into the legal profession.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Mr. Vineet Kothari, former acting Chief Justice, Gujarat High Court talked about the growing preference for the legal profession, highlighting that a successful lawyer is not merely one who is well-versed in statutory laws, but also a person of high ethical standing. He stressed the importance of adapting to the evolving needs of society and the significant role that courtroom mannerisms play in shaping a lawyer's success.

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26 Killed At

and a destroyed tea stall. Luggage was strewn everywhere. Most of the victims were taken to a state-owned hospital and some to a military one.

Saturday's assault came a little over a week after a powerful bomb attached to a motorcycle exploded near a vehicle carrying police officers assigned to protect polio workers in the province, killing nine people, including five children who were nearby.

In August, the BLA carried out multiple coordinated attacks on passengers, buses, police and security forces across Balochistan, killing more than 50 people, mostly civilians.

The BLA mostly targets security forces and foreigners, especially Chinese nationals who are in Pakistan as part of Beijing's multibillion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative, which is working on major infrastructure projects. The group often demands the halt of all Chinese-funded projects and for workers to leave Pakistan to avoid further attacks.

Last month, the BLA claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing that targeted a convoy with Chinese nationals outside Karachi airport, killing two. Beijing has asked Pakistan to ensure the safety of its citizens working in Balochistan and other parts of the country.

Iran, which is facing similar terrorist threats in its part of Balochistan, has strongly condemned the blast at Quetta railway station, reiterating Tehran's readiness for bilateral cooperation to counter terrorism.

in Tehran on Saturday that such terrorist attacks are in violation of all legal and human rights principles and rules and are "not acceptable at all."

Afghanistan's Foreign Ministry also condemned the bombing and expressed its condolences to the families of the victims, as did the Russian Embassy in Islamabad.

North Kashmir

by Police and security forces. During the search operation, an exchange of fire took place. Further details shall follow. Kashmir Zone Police wrote on X.

However, a terrorist was killed in the gunfight while the search operation is going on in the area.

Notably, this is the second gunfight in Sopore jurisdiction in less than 24

Earlier On Friday, forces gunned down two militants at Sagipora. The killings of two were termed as a 'big success' for the security forces.

Ex-Gratia For

Guards reached their homes in Ohli village late Friday night.

Post-mortem examination of the bodies was conducted in the village in the morning which confirmed that they were shot in the head from behind, the officials said, adding that the victims were found blindfolded and their hands tied to their back.

They said the terrorists used a pistol to kill the unarmed VDGs, who had gone to the forest area to graze their cattle on Thursday. Kumar lost his father Amar Chand over a week ago and this was his first trip to the forest area after the tragedy, otherwise, it was his friend Ahmad who took care of his livestock during the mourning period.

While Ahmad was the first to be laid to rest at the local graveyard, Kumar's cremation took place in the periphery of the village with the participants chanting anti-Pakistan and anti-terrorism slogans.

"This was the second incident of its kind in our village as decades back one of the residents was shot dead by terrorists. The area was subsequently cleared of terrorism more than 15 years ago and the latest incident is a cause of concern for the villagers," former sarpanch Mohammad Farooq

Nazir is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter, besides a handicapped brother, while Kumar left behind his wife, two sons and a

Farooq said while the village is five kilometres from the last motorable road, it took almost eight hours for the search parties to retrieve the bodies from the forest area.

"Both the deceased belong to poor families and were the sole bread earners, leaving behind their children. We request the government to provide adequate ex gratia relief, including a government job to each family," he said.

The former sarpanch also demanded the strengthening of the VDGs in the village to counter terrorism.

"They want to create a wedge between our communities but we want to tell them that we have lived together for centuries and will thwart their nefarious designs," he said.

Firdous, another villager, said such incidents spread disturbance and "we want the government to recruit one VDG from each of the 130 houses." He demanded a massive search operation to wipe out the terrorists.

"People are frightened by this incident as we are mostly farmers and depend on the forest produce for livelihood," he added.

Rajesh Kumar, another villager, said the whole village was grieving. "We want the government to ensure proper rehabilitation of the families,"

Rikhi Raj slammed Pakistan and said killing unarmed and poor persons is "We shame the terrorists and

Pakistan for this cowardly action. They

cannot fight our army and are shedding the blood of innocents," he said. The Kashmir Tigers, an offshoot of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), has claimed that it

killed the VDGs. The group also shared pictures of the bodies. Kishtwar along with several other districts of Jammu region, including Rajouri, Poonch, Reasi, Udhampur, Doda and Kathua districts, recorded

increased terror attacks this year. Director General of Nalin Prabhat and General Officer Commanding of Jammu-based White Knight Corps Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva visited the area on Friday and later held a joint meeting to review the security situation in the district, the of-

Meanwhile, former president of I-K BIP Ravinder Raina and the party's Kishtwar MLA Shagun Parihar visited the village to convey their condolences to the bereaved families.

Class 1-9 Exams

the answer papers are evaluated in time so that the results could be declared by or before December-15.

UT CM Sets Winter

the winter preparedness measures already in place under his jurisdiction.

The CM was apprised of how the snow clearance and maintenance of inter-district highways, district roads, town roads have been put on priority and focus is being laid on ensuring essential services and functioning of hospitals, PHE supply, grid stations, and Fire & Emergency Services.

In regions such as Gurez in Bandipora and parts of Kupwara, where access during winter remains limited, sufficient fuel supplies have been pre-stocked.

The Srinagar Municipal Corporation and other Urban Local Bodies have geared up for de-watering activities, with pumps set and ready.

Essential winter stockpiles, including food grains, fuel, HSD for generators, and repaired distribution transformers are in position, people in the meeting were told.

In addition, subsidised helicopter

services are on stand-by to fly into snowbound areas across Jammu and Kashmir to meet emergency and medical needs.

Medical facilities have been stocked with adequate medicines, oxygen cylinders, and firewood, with duty rosters issued for hospitals through March 2025.

Control rooms have been established at divisional, district, and departmental levels to ensure coordination and swift response throughout the winter season, they were told.

The CM instructed officials to ensure there is helicopter service in cutoff areas and make helicopter services financially viable for operators.

He also directed officials to fill up vacant posts at medical facilities in remote areas.

Don't Consider

Union Territory," Choudhary said. Speaking with the reporters, Dy CM said that security forces should strengthen the measures and carry out their duties diligently. "The attacks must stop," he said. "This is the people's government, and the National Conference leadership, especially Farooq Abdullah and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, will not tolerate this

He said that the Home Minister Amit Shah admitted in the Parliament that land and jobs in Jammu and Kashmir belong to its residents. But safeguarding these would require special status for the region, which appears contradictory to his own statement. Additionally, he did not condemn the National Conference's resolution advocating for the return of special sta-

tus to Jammu and Kashmir, he said. Replying to a query, the Dy CM said that they expected the BJP to address issues such as employment, industrial policies, illegal mining, ASHA workers, daily wagers, and the influx of drugs into J&K during the assembly session, but they didn't, as these issues appear to hold little interest for them. Instead, it seems their primary focus is on securing power and positions, he said.

He further criticized the BJP's current stance, adding, "The BJP in J&K seems more concerned with their own benefits, commissions, and maintaining influence. Ironically, this is the same BJP that once promised to fight against corruption and injustice, yet their actions on the ground today tell a different story. It's clear where their priorities lie."

Meanwhile, addressing attendees post inauguration of a new Water Supply Scheme (WSS) at Asia's second-largest Fruit Mandi, Choudhary, the Deputy CM highlighted the lack of representation that Jammu and Kashmir has faced over the past decade due to the absence of a stable government, saying this void has led to various challenges for the region.

"We were distanced from the people under the previous regime, which often overlooked the issues that matter most to Kashmiris. Now, we are committed to addressing these concerns."

"National Conference has continued to push for Jammu and Kashmir's statehood in the legislative assembly. We passed a resolution for statehood, as promised. This fight isn't just ours; it's a collective one to secure the future of J&K, from job security to economic development," he said, urging citizens to remain cautious of those seeking to mislead the public.

Dy CM praised Minister Javed Rana for his work in securing a reliable water supply to the Fruit Mandi, calling it "the best a leader can do" to support local infrastructure.

He also lauded the global demand for Kashmir's apples but acknowledged ongoing challenges in production, including adverse weather conditions and the threat of counterfeit

He urged the concerned authorities

to address these grievances and proposed a special task force dedicated to protecting the integrity of Kashmir's apple industry.

Choudhary assured stakeholders that infrastructure projects, such as the Maharipora and Seer bridges, will be investigated, and any officials responsible for delays will face strict action. He directed the District Commissioner and Chief Engineer to provide detailed reports to expedite action.

Additionally, he confirmed that the truck yard will be tendered within ten days and that construction on Mazbug Bridge, already under contract, will conclude by March 2025.

The Dy CM expressed confidence that the National Conference and its leadership, particularly under Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, remain devoted to meeting the promises made to the people. He called on the public to place their trust in the party, assuring that it will guide them through the challenges inherited from previous administrations. (KNO)

Art 370 Echoes

in meetings, is now advocating for the restoration of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir-a position entirely at odds with the vision of Ambedkar.

Modi said the Congress and its lead-

ers who were pretending to protect the Constitution through Samvidhan Samman Sammelans were in fact totally against the Constitution and opposed Ambedkar while he was alive and even today by disregarding the Constitution of Modi said while the Congress leader publicly holds the

his party has repeatedly insulted Ambedkar's legacy and alleged that the Congress and its allies show blatant disregard for Ambedkar's Constitution, the rule of law, and the sentiments of the Indian people. Modi said for 75 years India effec-

tively operated under two constitutions- one in Jammu and Kashmir and another for the rest of the countryand said strengthening the Congress would lead to a weakened and helpless nation.

"Congress knows that the weaker the country, the stronger the party becomes. When Congress grows stronger, the nation grows weaker. That's why they pit different castes against each other," he said.

He further accused the Congress of preventing unity among Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Other Backward Classes (OBC), and alleged that the party encourages division to fragment their votes and diminish their collective power.

"If you remain divided among your own castes, Congress will exploit this division to snatch away the rights of the SC community and establish its government at your expense," he said.

At a rally in Sangli, Maharashtra, Union Home Minister Amit Shah took an even sharper tone. Challenging Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Shah proclaimed, "From the land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, I am telling you, Rahul baba, that neither you nor your fourth generation will be able to restore Article 370."

He recalled the circumstances surrounding the 2019 repeal: "When Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the decision to abrogate Article 370, I brought the bill [in Parliament] but Rahul Gandhi, Sharad Pawar, Mamata Banerjee, Akhilesh Yadav, and Stalin opposed the move. They said do not remove Article 370 as it would lead to bloodshed in the Valley. Forget rivers of blood, nobody dared to throw a stone," Shah remarked.

"Rahul Gandhi now rides motorcycle in Kashmir and plays snowball with his sister because of the abrogation of Article 370," Shah said.

Union Minister Smriti Irani took a firm stance against the Congress-led INDIA bloc's support for Article 370's restoration, emphasising national unity: "I want to assure all leaders of the INDI alliance and citizens of the country that the abrogation of Article 370, passed by Parliament, will not be restored. And their effort to divide India will not succeed," she declared. Irani went on to call the November 6 resolution by the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly a 'disregard and insult' to decisions by Parliament and the Supreme Court on the matter.

India A Powerhouse

transform India into a knowledge

"The prime minister gave a clarion call to shed the vestiges of colonial past to regain global stature. Our ancient past was glorious and we are poised for a brighter future. We should not live in the past but use the ancient values and ideals to face the future challenges," he said.

Sinha also emphasised the important role of academic institutions and social organisations in reconnecting youngsters with their cultural roots.

"I am confident that this conference will also provide guidance towards better teaching-learning tools for the Indian knowledge system," he said.

Sinha also unveiled an idol of the goddess Saraswati on the university premises and released several publications.

Ex- Assistant Director

nodal officer after verifying the credentials of the applications as per the

"But Shabnam Arif Mir, being he nodal officer for Bandipora and Kupwara districts, demanded Rs 10,000 per vehicle as bribe/commission from officials of Himalayan Motors, Tengpora, Srinagar, for recommending their vehicles," the ACB spokesperson said in a statement.

The verification also revealed that the public servant demanded and accepted bribes to the tune of Rs 4 lakh from a sales consultant, including Rs 1.39 lakh received through e-transactions into the account numbers provided by her to the officials of Himalayan Motors.

Following an investigation, a case under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act and section 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code was registered against Mir, two officials of the car dealership Sumeer Pandita and Junaid Bashir Beigh -- and others.

Searches were carried out by the ACB at multiple locations in Bandipora, Kupwara and Srinagar during which various incriminating documents were seized, the spokesperson said.

Govt Seeks List

had alleged that the then government has promised them of a secure job in return of their land which they have provided to the school education department for establishing educational institutions.(KNO)

India Slams

"was, is and will remain an integral part of India.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir have recently exercised their democratic and electoral rights and elected a new government. Pakistan must desist from such rhetoric and falsehood because it will not alter the facts," Trivedi said.

He added that out of respect for the august members of the UN forum, India will refrain from responding to any further attempts by Pakistan to "abuse" the UN procedures.

Trivedi delivered India's strong response after the Pakistani delegate spoke about the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP), mandated to supervise the ceasefire along the Line of Control.

India maintains that UNMOGIP has outlived its utility and is irrelevant after the Simla Agreement and the consequent establishment of the Line of Control. Later in a post on X, Trivedi said that during discussions in the United

Nations on peacekeeping operations, the representative from Pakistan, while speaking on the subject of UN peacekeeping, "tried to digress the subject and unnecessarily mentioned that Pakistan's involvement with UN peacekeepers started when UN has put up peacekeepers in 1948" in territory Jammu and Kashmir.

Trivedi added that "taking a sharp exception of this remark," he exercised the Right of Reply and "firmly stated on the floor that the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir was, is and will remain an integral part of India."

"It has also recently gone through a proper democratic election. So the august forum of United Nations cannot be used in mentioning these types of non-substantive and misleading terms," Trivedi said.

He added that this could have been "possible because of firm foreign policies" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government for a "strong and assertive India on the international stage.

Trivedi is part of a delegation of 12 Members of Parliament from India who are visiting the UN for diverse engagements at the world body.

Earlier, delivering a statement on the comprehensive review of peacekeeping operations, Trivedi said that recent conflicts are more challenging, spreading through myriad spectrums with volatile and complex settings now additionally involving terrorism and armed groups who are capitalising on the situation to serve their own objectives.

"India stands at the forefront in the effort to contribute to the peacekeeping efforts as the largest cumulative troop contributor to the UN peacekeeping operations."

He added that India's cumulative experience is that in most cases today, conflict resolution lies in the sociopolitical domain. Highlighting the importance of "realistic mandates", he said "we must

insist on practical and achievable mandates. Mission failures can be attributed to the non-robust mandates. This normally is the result when we keep the troops or police contributing countries out of the initial mandate formulation processes which we

should avoid." He further said that in recent years, peacekeepers have experienced a great level of asymmetric threats ranging from land mines to IEDs. "We cannot

remain indifferent in this prospect." Trivedi also underscored that India upholds the safety and security of peacekeepers as one of the most important aspects of peacekeeping in a complex conflict scenario involving both state and non-state actors.

"It is necessary that the perpetrators of crime against peacekeepers need to be brought to justice and accountability for these crimes sought," he said.

He further said that redundant peacekeeping missions existing for political purposes are a drain on depleting resources.

"Exit strategies for peacekeeping missions need to be built in from their very inception," he said.

India is among the largest troopcontributing countries to UN peace-

keeping missions. **ED Files Complaint**

against Kiran Patel, the Gujarat conman, before the special court (PMLA)

It said that the complaint was filed under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002 and has taken cognisance.

Patel was arrested from a five-star hotel in Srinagar for allegedly posing as an "additional secretary" in the PMO. He was on his third visit to Kashmir when he was nabbed by security officials in March this year.

Army Chief Reviews Security Situation In Kathua



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The visit of the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) to Kathua, bordering Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, comes amid stepped up anti-terrorist operations across Jammu region where two village defence guards were shot dead by the militants after their abduction in a latest attack in Kishtwar district on Thursday.

"General Upendra Dwivedi, COAS, visited forward units of Rising Star Corps deployed in Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir and was briefed on the existing security situation. (The) COAS also interacted with troops & commended them for their high standards of professionalism & devotion to duty," Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) of the Indian Army wrote on 'X'.

CB Files Charge Sheet In Rs 84L Embezzlement Case

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Crime Branch of the Jammu and Kashmir Police has filed a charge sheet in connection with the alleged embezzlement of Rs 84 lakh by two filling station employees in Ramban district, a senior officer said on Saturday.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Crime, Jammu) Benam Tosh said the case against Mohd Ashraf Rather of Baramulla and Aftab Ahmad Bhat of BBanihal was registered at Banihal police station in 2021.

The investigation has been completed and a charge sheet consisting of five parts filed in a local court in Banihal for judicial determination, he said.

The case was transferred to the Crime Branch, Jammu, by the police headquarters for in-

depth investigation. In his complaint, filling station owner Javed Ahmad Wani had alleged criminal breach of trust, embezzlement, misappropriation and cheating against Bhat and filling station manager Rather, the Crime

CM Calls For 'Change In Approach', Reaching Out **To The People**

'Following The Elections, People's Expectations Have Risen, And More Will Be Visiting Government Offices'

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: Asserting that Sonamarg has an immense potential for winter tourism, the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah on Saturday directed the Tourism Department to come up with a plan for skiing at this tourist destination,

"Until now, Sonamarg was known as a summer destination. However, with the Z Morh Tunnel, Sonamarg now becomes accessible year-round. Previously, Gulmarg was our primary ski destination, but I believe Sonamarg holds immense potential for winter tourism. We should consider Sonamarg from a winter tourism perspective and develop a comprehensive plan. This will allow us to mark areas for skiing and install ski lifts. Given Sonamarg's excellent snowbound conditions, it deserves our attention," Omar said.

He was chairing a comprehensive review meeting at the Mini Secretariat here today to assess the status of various development activities, projects, and schemes in the district.

Highlighting the year-round tourism potential of Sonamarg following the opening of the Z Morh Tunnel, the Chief Minister directed Tourism Department to come up with a plan for skiing at this tourist desti-



nation, he remarked, During the meeting, the CM emphasized the need for a proactive approach among officers to ensure swift and effective resolution of public concerns.

"Our contact with the public must increase. Following the elections, people's expectations have risen, and more will be visiting government offices. We need to change our approach, reach out to people, and address their concerns," he said.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, other Cabinet Ministers including Sakeena Masood Itoo, Javed Ahmad Rana, Javid Ahmad Dar, and Satish Sharma; Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani and Member of Legislative Assembly Kangan Mehar Ali also participated in the meeting.

Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, other Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, senior police and civil officials, Heads of Departments, and other concerned district officers were also present during the meeting.

As the representative of Ganderbal constituency in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, CM reaffirmed his commitment to supporting the district's development efforts.

"Ganderbal, as my constituency, will experience more pressure-coming not just from me, but from the voters and residents here. Being elected from this segment naturally adds responsibility. I assure you of my full support and assistance in carrying out these duties," he said.

The Chief Minister also cautioned about delays in execution of works under CAPEX and centrally sponsored schemes, underscoring the need to expedite execution of works in all districts, including Ganderbal.

Recognizing the potential of Manasbal Lake for water sports, CM said, "Manasbal has tremendous potential for water sports, with its water quality, depth, and unique conditions. We need to explore the possibility of establishing infrastructure to develop water sports at

Bengaluru College 'Forces' **Kashmiri Students To Shave Beards: JKSA**

Association Seeks Intervention Of Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) has accused a Bengaluru based government college of discrimination against Kashmiri students enrolled under the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) and forcing them to even shave beards.

In a statement issued to media, the JKSA alleged that the Government College of Nursing, Holenarasipur, affiliated with the Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, had imposed undue restrictions over two dozen Kashmiri students regarding their personal appearance, specifically the growing of beards in accordance with their cultural and religious practices.

"The college administration has mandated that students either trim their beards to a "01" trimmer length or be clean-shaven as a condition for participating in college activities and entering the premises, particularly for clinical duties," the student's association said.

The JKSA has written a letter to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, urging his immediate intervention in alleged discrimination against Kashmiri students.

National Convenor of the Association, Nasir Khuehami, said that students who do not comply with this directive are being marked absent during clinical duties, negatively impacting their academic records and attendance.

He emphasized that the right to personal appearance, including the choice to grow a beard, is a fundamental part of an individual's identity and freedom. He expressed concern that no student should be subjected to such discrimination or forced to compromise on their beliefs and practices as a condition for accessing education.

"These actions not only infringe upon the rights of these students but also foster an atmosphere of fear and exclusion," stated Khuehami, adding that such policies are contrary to the spirit of education and democracy.

The Association urged Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to intervene to protect the fundamental rights of these students and to take swift, decisive action to address the issue. "As a state that prides itself on its rich cultural heritage and tradition of embracing diversity, such incidents are deeply concerning.'

Highlighting Karnataka's reputation as an inclusive and diverse state, the Association called on the state government to initiate steps that promote tolerance and inclusivity in educational institutions and to ensure that students from all backgrounds feel welcome and valued. "We believe that with the intervention of the Karnataka Chief Minister, the rights and dignity of all students will be protected and upheld,"

Court Quashes PSA Detention Of Bandipora Man

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A Double Bench of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court has guashed the detention of a North Kashmir man under the contentious Public Safety Act (PSA).

Senior Advocate Bashir Ahmed Tak representing the incarcerated man who is a cook by profession informed that the detention of 48-year-old Ghulam Muhammad Waza, a resident of Bagh village of North Kashmir's Ban diporawas quashed by the court of Justice Tashi Rebastan and Justice Muhammad Akram Chowdar nearly over a year after he was arrested on charges of allegedly indulging in antinational activities in and simultaneously booked under the PSA

Advocate Bashir Tak told the court that the accused was put behind bars in an old FIR lodged against him by Bandipora police, who was not even provided with the material or informed of the grounds of his detention. He is currently languishing at Kot Bhalwal Jail

The Division Bench after hearing the arguments directed authorities to release him from the Jail. [KNT]

Kangri Craft Faces Challenge From Modern Heating Gadgets

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In Kashmir, artisans who have been crafting the traditional Kangri—a portable clay and wicker heater for generations-are witnessing a slow decline in their trade.

Once an essential item for every household during the harsh winters in Kashmir, the Kangri is gradually losing its place as modern heating appliances have become increasingly popular in the region

The craft, as per the artisans, requires skill and patience to produce each unique piece. However, the art of making Kangris is waning as affordable electric and gas heaters become more accessible, bringing a shift in winter traditions.

The artisans, who make Kangris are mostly based in rural areas like Anantnag, Kulgam. For them, creating these small heaters has been a way of life. Ghulam Nabi, a 65-year-

old Kangri maker from Budgam, while sharing his concerns, said, "This craft has been in my family for generations. My father and his father before him made a living through this. But now, fewer people are buying Kangris, and even few-



learn how to make them. They feel it doesn't provide enough to live on."

With a declining demand, artisans find themselves squeezed by rising costs of raw materials and diminishing returns. A single Kangri, which can take hours to make, often sells for as low as Rs 250-Rs 350, barely covering the costs involved.

This shift is leaving artisans, who rely on this craft for their livelihood, struggling to make ends meet.

While the cultural historians believe the decline of the Kangri is symbolic of larger cultural shifts in the region. "The Kangri is more than a heating device; it is a part of Kashmir's identity and history. Its decline reflects how modern

changing the way we live and interact with our traditions," he said.

However, without substantial support, the future remains uncertain for artisans like Ghulam Nabi, who wonders if the next generation will even remember the warmth of a Kangri on a frigid winter night.

For many in Kashmir, the decline of the Kangri's art form is not just a story of a craft fading away; it's the end of an era, a loss of a small yet significant piece of their cultural identity.

As more households turn to modern heating solutions, the Kangri's makers brace for a long, cold winter in a world where their ancient craft no longer holds the warmth it once did-(KNO)

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2024 in Government/Private Colleges/Institutions of UT of J&K.

2. Conduct of 1st round of Counseling (physical) for admission to Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery Course (BHMS)- 2024 in Government Medical College and Hospital

1. Conduct of Stray Round of Counseling (physical) for admission to BAMS/BUMS/ BPT Courses-

Reference:

Subject:

i) Notification No. 152-BOPEE of 2024 Dated 30-10-2024 ii) Notification No. 155-BOPEE of 2024 dated 05-11-2024.

iii) Notification No. 157-BOPEE of 2024 dated 07-11-2024.

iv) Notification No. 160-BOPEE of 2024 Dated 08-11-2024

NOTIFICATION NO. 162-BOPEE OF 2024 DATED 08-11-2024

It is hereby notified for the information of all the concerned candidates that Board shall conduct the stray round for admission to BAMS/BUMS/ BPT in Government/Private Colleges/Institutions of UT of J&K and 1st round of physical counseling for admission to BHMS Course- 2024 in Government Medical College and Hospital Kathua as per the following schedule:

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	S.No.	Date/Day of Counselling	Courses		
	1	13-11-2024 (Wednesday)	BAMS/BUMS/BHMS (All NEET UG 2024 candidates who are registered with JKBOPEE		
	1	15-11-2024 (Wednesday)	and are qualified as per NEET cut off)		
П	2	2 13-11-2024 (Wednesday) BPT (NEET UG 2024 Appeared candidates who are registered with JKBOPEE)			
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It is further notified that the candidates may go through the Notification carefully as only the following candidates shall be eligible to participate in this round of counseling and in case of nonfulfillment of the conditions mentioned herein below such candidate(s) are not eligible to participate in this round: -

PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED FOR BAMS/BUMS/BPT

The eligible and willing candidates shall have to report at the BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar for Registration/Attendance and fulfillment of other formalities, from 08:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the day/

The candidates who have not been allotted any seat during 2nd and Mop-Up Rounds of counselling shall be eligible to participate in this Stray Round.

The candidates who have been allotted a seat during the 2nd and Mop-Up Round of counselling and have joined the college but have not been upgraded during the Mop Up Round shall be eligible to participate in this round of counseling.

The candidate(s) who has been allotted seat during 1st Round of Counseling but has not joined against the said allotted Seat/College shall also be eligible for Special Stray Vacancy Round of counseling. However, any candidate upgraded during Mop Up Round of counseling shall under no circumstances be eligible to participate in the Mop Up Round.

The candidates who have been allotted seat(s) in AIQ Mop-up round(s) of counseling and have joined the respective allotted College/Institution shall not be eligible to participate in this stray round of counseling. The candidates participating 1st time shall have to pay the counseling fee of Rs 1500/- through POS

machine available at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar using their Debit/Credit Card. (B) PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED FOR BACHELOR OF HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY(BHMS) The eligible and willing candidates shall have to report at the BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar for Registration/Attendance and fulfillment of other formalities, from 08:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the day/

date of counseling. 2. The candidates participating 1st time shall have to pay the counseling fee of Rs 1500/- through POS machine available at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar using their Debit/Credit Card.

The seats shall be allotted to the candidates as per S.O. 176 dated 15-03-2024 read with S.O. 305 dated 31-05- 2024 issued by Social Welfare Department, UT of J&K.

If any candidate is not able to participate personally in the counselling on the day / date of counselling due to unavoidable circumstances, he/she can authorize his/her close family member who falls in his/ her blood relation on the devised format of the Board to participate in the counselling on behalf of the concerned candidate. The said authorized person had to submit the authorization letter along with his identity Card and Aadhar Card during the process of counselling, otherwise he/she shall not be allowed to participate in the counselling on their own risk and responsibility.

The counseling shall automatically be stopped as and when the seats get exhausted and no claim(s) from the waiting candidate(s), if any, shall be entertained by the Board.

The Tentative Seat Matrix shall be made available on the website of the BOPEE www.jkbopee.gov.in before start of the counseling which shall, however, be subject to changes, if any, as deemed necessary

The other Terms and Conditions shall, however, remain the same as contained in the e-Information Brochure, Notifications and Notices issued by the Board from time to time in this regard.

No. BOPEE/Exam/ 22/2024(7489127) Dated 08-11-2024 DIPK-NB-2297-24

DT: 09/11/2024

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Sub:- Revision of Panchayat Electoral Roll with Reference To 01/01/2025 as the qualifying date- Regarding

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for information of General Public of District Kupwara, that State Election Commission of UT of Jammu & Kashmir has issued schedule for Revision of Panchayat Electoral Rolls w.r.t 01-01-2025 as qualifying date. Accordingly all the Eligible Electors of District Kupwara are informed through this Public Notice to file claims & objections in terms of Addition, Deletion, Correction and Transposition in the Electoral Rolls within the time frame fixed by State Election Commission of J & k before the office of the concerned Electoral Registration officers, Assistant Electoral Registration officers (BDOs) S Panchayat Election Booth level Officers as per below schedule

S.No	Activity	Timeline
01	Publication of Draft Panchayat Electoral Roll in Form PER-1	11.11.2024 (Monday)
1 11.7	Period of filling claims and objections for Additions /Deletions/ Corrections/Transposition	11.11.2024 (Monday) to 09.12.2024 (Wednesday)
03	Special Camps at the Polling Booth Locations (The Panchayat Election Booth Officials (PEBO) (i.e. VLW/MPW/ GRS)along with the Assembly BLOs shall remain available at the Polling Booth Locations with the requisite Forms and Panchayat Roll for the guidance of the Electors.	16.11.2024 (Saturday) 17.11.2024 (Sunday) 23.11.2024 (Saturday) 2411.2024 (Sunday) 30.11.2024 (Saturday) 01.12.2024 (Sunday)
04	Disposal of Claims and Objections by ERO	23.12.2024 (Monday)
05	Publication of Final Panchayat Electoral Rolls 2024	06.01.2025 (Monday)

No: - DEOK/2024/16940-47 Dated: 09-11-2024

DIPK-7741-24 DT: 09/11/2024 **District Panchayat Election Officer,** (Deputy Commissioner) Kupwara

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

BCCI Intimates ICC About Not Going To Pakistan, PCB Still 'Unaware'

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) will not have any other option but to organise the ICC Champions Trophy in the 'Hybrid Model' as the BCCI has intimated the global body about India's inability to travel to the neighbouring nation. As reported earlier, India will play all its matches in Dubai and the high-profile India vs Pakistan match will also be held in the UAE.

"This is an ICC event and BCCI has informed the global body that it won't travel to Pakistan. It will depend on ICC to inform the host nation about the development and then close in on the scheduling of the tournament. The convention is to announce the schedule 100 days



prior to the commencement of the event," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

The PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi in a press conference had said that his board has not received any official communication from the BCCI, but it is the ICC's prerogative as the principal organisers to intimate Pakistan about the latest development.

The PCB has maintained that

it has not received any official communication from the global body also. Naqvi, who is also a federal interior minister in the current regime of his nation, also said if India doesn't come to Pakistan he will have to consult his government for further directive.

It is understandable that Dubai is the best location for India's matches as it has the highest capacity among three stadiums, and all the essential infrastructure is well in place after hosting the Women's T20 World Cup last month.

PCB APPOINTS NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

A senior bureaucrat, Syed Sameer Ahmed has taken charge as the new Chief Operating Officer of the Pakistan Cricket

Ahmed, a deputy commissioner in Lahore, has taken over from Salman Naseer after his appointment was approved by the PCB's board of governors on

Naseer, who had been serving as the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) COO for the last few years, has been appointed Chief Executive of the Pakistan Super League.

PCB Chairman, Mohsin Naqvi is expected to bring in more people from his team of bureaucrats when he was the caretaker chief minister of Punjab province.

A major change is also expected in the International Cricket Department with a new head likely to be announced next week.

J&K Women's Throwball Team Leaves For National C'ship

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K Women's Throwball team has left for Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, to participate in the 45th National Throwball Championship, set to take place at the Vivek Group of Colleges from 9 to 11 November. The championship is organised by the Uttar Pradesh State Throwball Association and the Throwball Federation of India.

The team was selected after a rigorous trial and a week-long coaching camp held in Srinagar. The contingent includes talented players such as Arsha, Wadeeka, Tashifa, Rukaiya, Kareema, Urba, Sania, Bisma, Al-



eema, Areesha, Hibasha and Rameesa. The team will be guided by Coach Vilayat Hussain and Manager Shahida Parveen.

Sponsorship for the team's sports kit was provided by Genius Career Consultancy, Parraypora, Srinagar, and The Legends School of Education.

The championship is expected to be a tough competition, with teams from all over India vying for the top spot.

"The J&K women's team is ready to showcase their skills and make their state proud," Sahil Ali, general secretary of the association, said.

Inter-College Table Tennis Tournament Held At GCoE Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Cluster University of Srinagar, under the supervision of Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Mobin, organised an InterCollege Table Tennis Tournament (Men and Women) 2024 on Saturday at Govt. College of Education (GCoE) M.A. Road Srinagar here.

The tournament was inaugurated by Nodal Principal Kashmir Division Colleges, Prof. Dr. Seema Naz.

The tournament witnessed an impressive participation of students/players almost from all the affiliated/constituent colleges of the Cluster University of Srinagar.



In the Men's category, S.P. College Srinagar lifted the Winner's Trophy while as AAAM Degree College Bemina secured the Runner-Up Position. On the other hand, in Women's Category, AAAM

Degree College Bemina won the 2024 title of Inter College Table Tennis Tournament while as Govt. College of Engineering and Technology Safapora was declared as the Runners-Up.

Khelo India Initiative Propels J&K Athletes To National Platforms

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two athletes from the Khelo India Volleyball Centre in Shopian, along with four from the centre in Baramulla, have been selected to compete in the North Zone Inter University Tournament for 2024-2025 at Geeta University, Panipat.

Additionally, two players from the Khelo India Volleyball Centre in Ganderbal have been chosen to participate in the ongoing Under-17 68th School Nationals at Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. Furthermore, two more girls from Ganderbal have been selected for the North Zone Inter University Tournament at Panipat, adding to the region's growing list of sports achievements.

The success story continues with four players from the Khelo India Kabaddi Centre in Shadipora, who have earned places in the Under-17 Kabaddi National Championship, where they will represent Jammu and Kashmir on the national stage.

Also marking this wave of accomplishments, Wani Mursal Haq from the Khelo India Centre in Kupwara will compete in the Under-17 Boys' Kabaddi event at the School National Games, scheduled for November 16-20, 2024, in Madhya Pradesh.

The Minister for Youth Services and Sports, J&K, Satish Sharma, extended congratulations to all the selected athletes, expressing pride in their achievements.

The Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, IAS, highlighted Jammu and Kashmir's exceptional sports infrastructure.

Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, added that through the dedication and support of Khelo India, young athletes from rural areas across J&K are rising to compete at national events.

DYSS Budgam Refresher Training Course Continues On Day 3



Observer News Service

BUDGAM: Department of Youth Services and Sports Office Budgam is running its Refresher Training Course for Rehbar-e-Khel teachers at Sports Stadium, Budgam. Now in its third day, the week-long course, which began on November 7, will continue until November 13. The program aims to enhance teachers' awareness of new sports and refresh

their skills in physical education.

Under the direction of Mohd Rashid Kohli, Joint Director DYSS Kashmir Division, the training sessions have been thoughtfully designed to equip teachers with updated coaching techniques and introduce them to emerging games. This initiative ensures that the teachers are well-prepared to pass on the benefits of their training to young athletes across the region.

Short TAKES

India Need Top-Order To Bat Better In 2nd T20I Against SA

Sanju Samson will look to continue his domination of the bowlers but India need more stability in the top order when they clash with South Africa in the second T20I South Africa, aiming to extend their superior run in the shortest format, here on Sunday.

Samson's 107 off 50 balls powered India to a commanding 61-run victory in the series opener, but the lack of runs from other key batters remains a concern for the visitors.

India needs to address this issue to ensure that the burden doesn't fall too heavily on their in-form keeper-batter.

The continued failure of opener Abhishek Sharma, who has squandered multiple opportunities, would be worrying the team management.

Apart from his memorable 47-ball century against Zimbabwe in Harare earlier this year, Sharma has struggled for runs with scores of 0, 10, 14, 16, 15, 4, and 7 in recent outings.

Tilak Varma showed promise with 33 runs off just 18 balls in the first match but will need to convert such cameos into bigger knocks.

Match starts at 7:30 pm IST.

Pankaj Advani Wins 20th Billiards World Title



A ce Indian cueist Pankaj Advani clinched a historic 28th World title, his seventh in a row, after outclassing England's Robert Hall 4-2 at the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Doha on Saturday.

Advani's winning streak had begun in 2016 and has also survived two years (2020, 2021) of vacuum created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

This was the Indian's 20th World title in billiards. Hall took an early lead in the opening frame, but the Indian rallied to reach the magic 150 first. He then delivered an astonishing unfinished 147 break in the second frame, leaving Hall stunned. The third frame was a masterclass in tactical brilliance from both finalists.

The fifth frame saw Hall on fire once more, delivering another stunning 154 break to level the pressure on Advani.

But the Bengaluru man elevated his game in the sixth frame with a crucial century break. After a series of strategic safety exchanges, the Indian maestro crossed the finish line.

Vinicius Nets Hat-Trick As 3 Madrid Players Go Down Injured

Vinicius Junior scored a hat-trick to lead Real Madrid a 4-0 win over Osasuna on Saturday in a much-needed victory that was dampened when teammate Éder Militao left on a stretcher.

Madrid had heard jeers in its previous two home games — a 4-0 loss to fierce rival Barcelona and 3-1 defeat to AC Milan. But the easy victory may have come at the high price.

Militao was taken off after the central defender

crumbled to the turf and clutched the back of his right knee shortly before halftime. Rodrygo and Lucas Vázquez also were unable to continue after apparently sustaining muscle injuries in the first half.

Vinicius, who felt overlooked when the Ballon d'Or went to Spain's Rodri last week, got his second hat trick of the season and took his overall tally to 12 goals. Jude Bellingham added a goal to make it 2-0.

Madrid is in second place in the Spanish league at six points behind leader Barcelona.

Don't Judge Kohli On Current Form, Australia Series Could Change It All: Ricky Ponting

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Indian batting stalwart Virat Kohli should not be judged on the basis of current form and that the champion cricketer could make a powerful statement during the upcoming five-Test Border-Gavaskar series given his class, feels legendary Australian player Ricky Ponting.

The much-awaited series against Pat Cummins' Australia will commence in Perth on November 22 and Kohli, as always, will be a vital cog in India's scheme of things if they are to retain the prestigious trophy.

India's famed legacy in Test cricket at home was torn to shreds during their 0-3 decimation by New Zealand recently, with Kohli scoring just 93 runs in six innings.

But Ponting, the former Australian skipper, said he had full faith in Kohli's fighting abilities.

"I've said it before about Virat -you don't ever question the greats of the game. There's no doubt he's a great of the game," Ponting told ICC.

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Kohli scored 93 runs in three Tests
against the Black Caps, scoring a
half-century and averaging 15.50

The 36-year-old Kohli was averaging 50-plus runs between 2016-19, but his average has dipped to 31.68. However, Ponting said playing

against Australia brings the best out of the Indian stalwart.

"He loves playing against Australia. In fact, I know he loves playing against Australia. And his record (in Australia) is very good."

Ponting believes the Border-Gavaskar series could see the revival of Kohli's Test career.

"If there's a time for him to turn it around, it'd be this series. So, I wouldn't be surprised to see Virat make runs in the first game." Since the beginning of this year,

Kohli has averaged just 22.72 in six Tests -- the lowest in the format for him in a year since his debut in 2011. He has slipped in the ICC Test rankings as well, moving out of the top-20 list for the first time in 10

years, and Ponting does feel it is a matter of concern.
"I saw a stat the other day about Virat; it said he's only scored two (three) Test hundreds in the last five years. That didn't seem right to me, but if that is right, then that is, I

mean, that's a concern.
"There wouldn't be anyone else probably even playing international cricket as a top-order batsman that's only scored two Test match hundreds in five years."

INDIAN BATTERS' SKILLS AGAINST SPIN NOT THE SAME



India suffered a shock whitewash for the first time at home when they

lost to New Zealand recently. It was also the hosts' first Test-series loss at

home in 12 years.
Ponting feels that the Indians' vul-

nerability against spin cost them the series.

"I think the one thing it (white-wash) does probably say is it's really starting to highlight India's vulnerability against good quality spin bowling," he said.

"It seems as though the skill of the modern Indian batsmen of playing spin is probably not what it used to be."

Ponting added that the change in the nature of Indian pitches, which have become more favourable to pacers lately, could be responsible

for the loss.

He also highlighted that the Indian batters' tendency to go overboard with their aggressiveness, thanks to the IPL, could be one of the reasons for the debacle.

"Maybe because they're playing on different wickets in India that are probably for the fast bowlers a bit more, maybe because there are more high-quality fast bowlers in India now that they're not playing as much spin

bowling as they did.

"Maybe it's the IPL or how much IPL cricket they're playing that the younger players are learning the game that way rather than the way that players did 15 or 20 years ago," Ponting concluded.