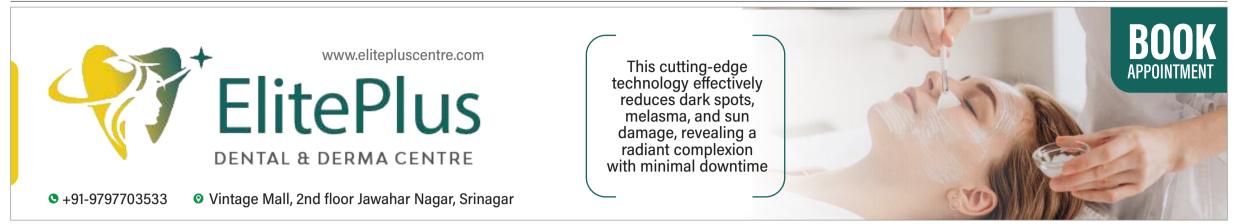
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WORK BEGINS ON **GURDASPUR-JAMMU GAS PIPELINE**

Jammu To Get Piped LPG By 2026

Agencies

Srinagar: Work has commenced on the 175-km Gurdaspur-Jammu Tawi natural gas pipeline project, which is expected to provide domestic gas to Jammu households by 2026.

GAIL (India) Ltd is undertaking the pipeline construction along and across the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, with initial work already underway on sectionalizing valves in Kathua and Hiranagar.

Officials said that this prestigious pipeline project involves developing essential infrastructure, including laying pipes, establishing pumping stations, and creating distribution networks.

"As a cleaner fossil fuel compared to coal and oil, natural gas will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality, benefiting the environment and public health. The project aims to ensure an uninterrupted gas supply year-round, regardless of weather or road conditions," they said.

The tentative route of the main trunk pipeline is Gurdaspur-Pathankot-Kathua-Samba-Jammu City, with the originating point at Gurdaspur and the termination point in Jammu City.

The pipeline is designed to transport up to 2 million standard cubic meters per day.

Officials added that the Gurdaspur-Jammu pipeline is expected to play a pivotal role in meeting the natural gas require-ments of the | More on P6

SKIMS 42ND FOUNDATION DAY

CM Pledges to Restore SKIMS Autonomy

Inaugurates Emergency Operation Theatre, SKIMS Medical University Complex Releases Annual Report of SKIMS, Lays E-foundation Of Several Projects



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staff shortages"

Observer News Service

Srinagar: On the 42nd foundation day of Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Chief Minister Omar Abdullah his government's priority is to restore its autonomy, address staff shortages, and modernise equipment.

"SKIMS has given a lot to Jammu and Kashmir, far beyond expectations, despite difficulties, financial constraints,

outdated equipment, and staff shortages," Omar Abdullah said, He lauded SKIMS authorities for handling immense pressure **SKIMS HAS GIVEN A LOT** due to inadequate infrastruc-TO JAMMU AND KASHMIR, ture at district and sub-district hospitals, which forces patients with routine medical needs to seek treatment at SKIMS. outdated equipment, and

He said that SKIMS' autonomy, once a hallmark of its efficient functioning, has been eroded, impacting its engineering and | More on P6

Will Renew Talks With PM On J&K's Statehood

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said he will take up the issue of restoring statehood to J&K with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

"The prime minister and the home minister were busy with elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. But now that they have time, this issue will be taken up so that J&K's statehood is restored soon," Abdullah told reporters after attending a function to commemorate the 42nd foundation day of SKIMS

Hospital here. The foundation for the tertiary care hospital was laid on the birth anniversary of National Conference founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on this day in 1982, less than three

months after his demise. Asked if the holiday on the NC founder's birth anniversary will be restored, the chief minister said there are many things that need to be brought back in Jammu and Kashmir, but the priority is to restore its statehood first.

"There are many other dates as well, but we have to fight a bigger contest. We | More on P6

J&K SIA Gets Police Station Powers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu & Kashmir Government has declared offices of the Senior Superintendents of Police of the State Investigation Agency (SIA) as police stations for registering and investigation of cases.

The Union Territory's Home Department, in a notification said, that the Government has declared the offices of SSP. SIA. Kashmir and SSP, SIA, Jammu as police stations respectively for SIA Kashmir and SIA Jammu for the purpose of registering and investigating cases within the territorial jurisdiction of

Kashmir and Jammu. The notification was issued under the Section 2(1) (U) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023) on November 19, 2024.

On November 01, 2021, the SIA was set-up by the J & K administration for speedy and effective investigation and prosecution of militancy-related cases.

It also acts as a nodal agency for coordinating with the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and other central agencies. In its order regarding creation of SIA in 2021, the Home Department had said that the SIA will have powers to suo moto register First Information Report (FIR). "All the officers in-charge of the police stations shall mandatorily intimate the SIA immediately upon registration of terrorism related cases and also about the cases where any terrorism | More on P6

J&K Govt Sets Up CM's **Public Outreach Office**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir government has announced the establishment of the 'Chief Minister's Public Services and Outreach Office' within the Chief Minister's Secretariat to ensure efficient grievance redressal and enhanced public service delivery through direct citizen engagement.

According to a government order issued on December 5, a copy of which lies with news agency KINS, the office will initially function with two specialized wings at the central level, each led by an officer of the rank of Special Secretary/

Additional Secretary. According to the order, Grievance Redressal Wing (Raabita) will focus on the prompt resolution of grievances and oversee the performance of regional and district

offices in addressing public concerns.

Public Outreach & Evaluationcum-Feedback Wing will engage with citizens through outreach programs, monitor the Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA), collect feedback on governance and service delivery, and recommend improvements based on evaluations of government initiatives.

enhance accessibility "To and responsiveness, the office will utilize an integrated online grievance portal linked to the existing Samadhan Portal, enabling citizens to register, track, and resolve grievances. The Information Technology Department has been directed to implement this integration within 15 days," the order reads. "Additionally, the office will adopt a hybrid communication approach, employing both online methods | More on P6



Sheikh Abdullah Remembered

Srinagar: The National Conference on Thursday paid National tributes to party founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on his 119th birth anniversary.

including NC president Farooq Abdullah and vice president, and Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, paid floral tributes to the party founder at his mausoleum in Hazratbal area of the

citv here. They also offered Fateha (special prayers) at his grave to honor his legacy and reaffirm their commitment to the ideals he stood for. | More on P6

Over Fee Violations: Govt

Strict Action Against Pvt Schools

Savs Winter Vacations To Begin After New Session Starts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir's Education Minister, Sakina Masood (Itoo) Thursday said that the government will take strict action against private schools that are violating government norms.

"Whosoever is facing the issue of admission and capitation charges from private schools must approach the concerned authorities with a proper proof and the government will ensure accountability and action against the institute," she said. Itoo on Thursday announced

that winter vacations will be declared soon after students begin their new classes, despite the recent adjustments to the academic calendar.



With annual examinations now conducted in October and November instead of March, the decision to commence winter vacations earlier is aimed at providing relief to students struggling with the severe winter conditions in the Valley.

The education minister acknowledged the challenges faced by students due to the intense cold and emphasised the need for an early winter break to alleviate their difficulties. "We want to ensure the welfare of our students, | More on P6

Kashmir Reels Under Sub-zero Temp

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Cold conditions intensified in Kashmir on Thursday as the minimum temperature settled below the freezing point across the Valley, with a few places experiencing the season's coldest night, officials said.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar dropped to a season's low of minus 2.1 degrees Celsius on Thursday, compared to the previous night's minus 2 degrees Celsius, officials said.

The city registered a low of

Deficit Rainfall Increases **To 72%**

Despite frequent snowfall in higher reaches for the last two weeks, the Jammu and Kashmir continues to witness deficit rainfall with the local Meteorological department (MeT) stating that the deficiency has gone up

minus 2.1 degrees Celsius on November 28 as well to the Valley in | More on P6

> to 72 per cent from October 01, 2024 to December 04, 2024. The data prepared by the MeT has revealed that against the normal precipitation of 70.5 mm, J&K has recorded a rainfall of only 19.9 mm during the | More on P6

Qazigund -- the gateway town

Sexual Harrasment At Workplace **Belated Complaint** Non-maintainable: HC

M Ahmad

Srinagar: If a statute requires a thing to be done in a particular manner that thing has to be done in that manner alone, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh observed as it held a belated complaint under sexual assault at workplace against an official of Income Tax department as non-maintainable.

Allowing a petition filed by the official of Income Tax department calling into question cognizance and subsequent recommendation by Internal Complaints Committee of the department on a complaint filed by woman employee



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after about year and half of the alleged incident of sexual assault, a bench | More on P6

LG Sinha Grieved Over **Kishtwar Accident**

Observer News Service

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday expressed grief over the tragic road accident in Dangduru, Kishtwar.

In a condolence message, the Lieutenant Governor has said: "I am deeply saddened to learn about the loss of precious lives in an unfortunate road accident in Kishtwar. My sincere condolences to the bereaved families. Praying for the early recovery of the injured. I have directed the District Administration to provide all necessary assistance to the affected families."

Two persons were killed and 14 others were injured when a vehicle carrying workers of a private company skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge near an under-construction power project at Dangduru in Kishtwar on Wednesday evening, officials said.

Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and two senior BIP leaders on Thursday visited the Government Medical College in Jammu to check on the patients who suffered injuries in a fatal road accident in Kishtwar district.

Accompanied by senior National Conference leader and District Development Council (DDC) chairperson Pooja Thakur, Choudhary visited GMC Jammu where he inquired about | More on P6



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OFFICE OF THE UTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION SRINAGAR

NEAR J&K BANK, (Zaldagar)

Telefax No. 0194-2952696 e.mail Id: xenmidsrinagar@gmail.com

Gist of Short-Term e-NIT No. 21 OF 2024-25, Dated:-04-12-2024

dering mode for:-

fee

(In Rs.)

50.00

The critical dates are as tabulated below:

Bid submission/ Document Download/sale end dat

DIPK-9044/24

dated: 05-12-2024

Document Download/sale start Date

Tender Estimated

Cost

"Rs" in

Lacs

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The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover '1st' consisting of Tender Document

fee, EMD in the form of CDR/FDR, Pre-qualification. Cover '2nd' shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed

The bid uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on scheduled date /time or any other date convenien

to the tender opening authority in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Zaldagar Srinagar.

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD Form No. 25 & 33.

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Dated:-04-12-2024

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For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Srinagar,

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Budgetary Provisions

Accorded under order No. 43-MCO DF 2023-24 Dated: - 30-03-2024

Sanctioned vide No. 88 of 2024-25 respectively

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04-12-2024 at 1600 hrs

04-12-2024 from 1600 hrs

04-12-2024 from 1600 hrs

10-12-2024 upto 1400 hrs

Sd/-

Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division,

Srinagar

11-12-2024 at 1230 hrs

Class/ Registration

Type (Qualification

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Mechanical Contractors/

SSI Unit Holders/ Workshop holders/ other

firms having relevant

experience

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

Application Of Shaista Ahad D/o Ab Ahad Kumar R/o Sariwarpora for obtaining OBC certificate in favour of self for cast of Kumar

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the applicant file is currently under process in the office of undersigned regarding obtaining OBC certificate. According to the field staffs report the applicants are permanent resident of village Sariwarpora 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 546000 /-. Family details of the applicant are give below.

S. No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
1	Ab Ahad Kumar	S/o Ab Fata Kumar	46	Labour
2	Saja Begum	W/o Ab Ahad	44	H/W
3	Shaista Ahad	D/o Ab Ahad	20	Student
4	Firdous Ahad		17	Student

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my Adhaar card as Irfan Ahmad Sheikh while my correct name is Mehraj Ashraf which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Concerned Adhaar centre within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Mehraj Ashraf

S/o Mohammad Ashraf Sheikh R/o Muradpora Shopian

The Jammu and Kashmir **State Board Of School Education**

New Campus Bemina Srinagar Notice for General Public

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

Roll No: 262498

Class 10th Year & Session 2007 / Bi-annual Registration: 04NKM208362 Name : Ishfaq Ahmad Khan Father's Name: Bashir Ahmad Khan Mother's Name : Dilshada Bano Date of Birth:- 02-04-1989



Naib Tehsildar

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Residenc:- Gundipora Beerwah Budgam According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 3705440 be treated as "CANCELLED") No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/ Dated 05-12-2024 Assistant Secretary laa

منوان: _ درخواست منجانب مشتاق احمد شیر گوجری وعشرت حسن وریشمه حسن عاقب حسن و

اشتهار هرخاص وعام

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Certificates, KD.

از دفتر نائب تحصيلدار پڻن

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

Application Of Nazir Ahmad Kumar S/o Late Fata Kumar R/o Sriwarpora for Obtaining obc for the cast of Kumar PUBLIC NOTICE

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S. No N	ame	Parentage	Age	Occupation
1 R	ahti Begum	W/o Late Fata Kumar	7Ŏ	H/W
2 N	azir Ahmad	S/o Fata Kumar	35	STUDENT

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

Naib Tehsildar

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 Saliha Tarig D/o Tarig Ahmad Bhat R/o Balipora Sadapora Tehsil Sopore District Baramulla with vertified date of event (birth) as 13-05-2020 occurred at SDH Pattan

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**

Government of Jammu and Kashmir OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER **POSHAN PROJECT PULWAMA**

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Applications on prescribed Proforma (Annexure-I) are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch wards/Muncipal Wards shown against the below mentioned Panchayat Halqas/Muncipal Wards ,for the engagement of **Sanginis (AWWs)** for the Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Pulwama on "Honorarium basis". The applications along with required documents shall be deposited in the Office of undersigned i.e the Child Development Project Officer Pulwama within 15 days from the date of Publication of this advertisement against proper receipt

S.No	Name of	me of Name of the Name of		Vacancy of Sanginis (Anganwadi V		
	District	Project	Panchayat/Municipality	No. Of Panch	Name of AWC	
			Ward	Ward/MC ward		
01	Pulwama	Pulwama	Tahab	Ward No:03	Tahab A	
02	Pulwama	Pulwama	Chandgam	Ward No:02	Chandgam B	
03	Pulwama	Pulwama	Ashmander	Ward No:01	Ashmander A	
04	Pulwama	Pulwama	Murran	Ward No:10	Murren E	

Criteria for Selection of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) Shall remain as envisaged in the Govt Order NO 103 JK(SWD) OF 2023 Dated 28.04.2023 i.e:

- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be considered for the post.
- The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.
 The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where AWC is located
- Minimum Education qualification should be 10+2 pass and maximum graduation.
 Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be
- Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 2012 and 201
- candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.
- Candidates with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.
 The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where AWC is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of the residence .In case the name of the candidate appears in voter list along with her parents ,then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by the concerned Tehsildar

Self-attested copies of documents to be attached with the application form: Panch Ward Certificate /present /continuous, ward residence certificate issued by BDO duly

NOTICE . Shaheena W/o Tarig Ahmad Sheikh R/o 141. Mirza Kamil Sahib Hawal, Tehsil Eidgah, Srinagar, do hereb declare as under: That I am holding an India Passport bearing No. M5289027 that in the said passport my name has been recorded as Shaheen and I have changed my name from Shaheen to Shaheena that I solicit this affidavit before the ancerned authorities for change of name from naheen to Shaheena in the concerned records that my actual/ correct name is Shaheena as per my Aadhar Card/ Pan Card, That the information furnished hereinabove is true and correct to the bes of my knowledge and belief. If the information is

found to be false, the concerned department or any other stakeholder may raise objections within one week from the date of issuance of this declaration After the stipulated period, no objections will be

Media Line Ads

PUBLIC NOTICE

name has been wrongly My mentioned in my aadhar card bearing aadhar no 9637 7659 1322 as Puja Navek now I want to change it to my new name Kohinoor begum .If anybody has any objections in this regard he/she may kindly approach the concerned office within seven days. No objection will be entertained after the said time period. JVD

PUBLIC NOTICE In the Disability Certificate vide No. 749

Dated 16-08-2011 my Son's disability has been wrongly written as Post Hypoxic Ischemic which is incorrect. The actual disability is Paralyze by both legs. Hence correction is needed. In this regard anybody having any objections may contact Medical Board Bandipora within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained at

Bilal Ahmad Wagay F/O. Mudasir Ahmad Wagay R/O. Sadunara Sonawari Bpr. fko

Government of Jammu and Kashmir,	
FICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJ	EC
OFFICER, ICDS PROJECT LAR.	
Address: Main Market Lar	
E. mail: cdpolargbl@gmail.com	

Advertisement Notice: No. 03 CDPO, Lar of 2024

Dated: - 05 /12/2024

Subject: - Advertisement for Recruitment of Sahiyakas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centers of Poshan Project Lar. 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

Applications on the Prescribed Proforma in Annexure "A" are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch ward/Municipal ward concerned for engagement as Sahiyaka (Anganwardi Helper) purely on Honorarium basis for the below mentioned posts of Anganwardi Centers of Poshan Project Lar:

Sr.	Name of Angan-	Name of Panchayat/	Panch Ward No./ Mu-	Name of Post	No. of
No	wadi Centre	Municipal Ward	nicipal Ward No.		Posts
01	Lar	Lar B	Dobi Mohalla-03	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
02	Check Watalbagh	Watalbagh	Check Watalbagh-02	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
03	Syed Mohalla	Arhama-C	Gab Shan Mohalla -01	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
	Yarmugam				
04	Watlar Ċ	Watlar B	Makhdoom Mohalla-07	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)

A) Date of commencement for submission of application is 06.12.2024

B) Last date for submission of application is 23.12.2024.

ELIGIBILITY

The selection of helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwardi Centre is located. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Where ever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.

- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- The candidate must be domicile of UT of J&K.
- Minimum qualification for Sahiyaka (Anganwadi Helper) shall be matriculation.

The committee will select the married woman of the ward as Sahiyaka (Helper) from amongst those who fulfill the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate will be considered.
 In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)/ Sahiyakas

countersigned by ACR/SDM.

شیر گوجری پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے ریورٹ طلب کی گئی ہےجس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل واقعی شیر گوجری ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور سائل پٹن میں رہائش پذیر ہےاورکبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ۔ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد پرمشتمل ہے غلام حسن شیر گوجری مزدوری 65 سال حىلى بىيم گھريلوکام 64 سال د کانداری 29 سال مشتاق احمد شير گوجري ز پرتعلیم 27 سال سبينه حسن ريشميةحسن 25 سال عشرت حسن 23-بال --عا قب حسن 21سال 19 سال شاہدحسن اقراحسن 17 سال --سائل مذکورہ OBC سرتفیکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خوال ہے اور کنبہ کی مہوارہ آمدنی 9000 روپے تک ہے ۔ سرٹفہیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر 🔹 کہا گرکسی شخص کو کوئی عزریا ا عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد مشتہراخبار سات دن کے اندرا ندرآ پنے عذر یا عتر اض ودالت ھذا کودفتر ی ادقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گز رے میعادکویی عذر یاعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ نائت تحصيلدا FKO از دفتر نائت تحصيلدار پڻن عنوان: _ درخواست منجانب مشاق احمد نحبار وطاهره سلطان زوجه مشاق احمد نحبار ساکنه بالجی ويره پيڻ بمراداجرائي OBC بحق سائلان اشتهار هرخاص وعام معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹفیکیٹ بذمرہ نجار پیش کی ہےجو کہزیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سےریورٹ طلب کی گٹی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل داقعی نجار ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے۔ اور سائل ہانچی ویرہ میں رہائش یذیر ہےادر کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ۔ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد پرمشتمل ہے مشتاق احمد نجار ولدبشيراحمه مزدوری 40 سال گھريلوکام 38 سال طاهره سلطان زوجه مشتاق احمد زيرتعليم 9سال محمدابن مشتاق ولدمشتاق احمر سيرت مشتاق دكتر مشتاق احمد 3 سال --سائل مذکورہ OBC سرٹفیکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خوال ہے اور کنبہ کی مہوارہ آمدنی 6000 رویے تک ہے ۔ سرٹفییکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کہ اگر ^سخص کو کوئی عزریا ا عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد مشتہر اخبار سات دن کے اندر اندر آپنے عذر یا عتراض ودالت هذا کودفتر ک ادقات *کے دور*ان پیش کریں۔ بعد گز رے میعاد کویی عذر یا عتر اض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ نائب تحصيلداه FKO

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرتھیکیٹ بذمرہ	 Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned. Date of Birth Certificate. 	(Anganwadi Helpers) the said candidate shall q 7- Candidate with qualification high
شیر گوجری پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کا روائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب	 Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10+2. If candidate belong to family of retired AWW/AW Helper, Copy of document proof. 	DOCUMENT TO BE ATTACHED WITH THE APPLIC
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اغلام ^ح س شیر گوجری مزدوری 65 سال	An Affidavit duly attested by 1 st Class Magistrate showing that her qualification is not more than	4) Domicile Certificate.
	graduation.	5) Unmarried Certificate (where requ 6) Voters ID slip.
حبلی جیگم هم یاد کام 64 سال	Sd/=	7) Self-attested envelope with posta
مشاق احمد شیر گوجری د کانداری 29 سال	Child Dev. Project Officer Poshan, Pulwama	8) Aadhar Card. All applicants must submit affidavit stating
سپین ^ح سن زیرتعلیم 27 سال	No:-CDPO/Pulwama/Adv/2024/666-79 Dated:-05.12.2024	 All Documents submitted are corr incorrect at any stage, the candidature of the de
ریشمہ حسن 25 سال	(ANNEXURE-I) S.NO:	2. Maximum Qualification is Class 10 nent.
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	1. Name of the District: - Pulwama	salient features of the policy and shall be applic
	 Name of the ICDS Project: Name of the Anganwadi Centre for which engagement sought 	
شاہدحسن 19 سال	4. Panch Ward/MC Ward Panchayat Halqa/MC Ward	
اقراحسن 17 سال	5. Name of the Candidate (In Block Letters)	
سائل مذکورہ OBC سر شفیکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواں ہے اور کنبہ کی مہوارہ آمدنی	 Fathers Name (In Block Letters) Marital Status: - Married /Un Married 	No:-CDPO/Poshan/Lar/2024-2025/4
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· · ·	9. Place of Permanent Residence	
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FKO نائب تحصير	House No (As per latest Panchayat Ward Electoral)	4. Name of the Candidate
	Block:	5. Marital status
بالمعتقدين والمعتقد	10. Address for Correspondence	6. Father's Name
از دفتر نائب شخصیلدار پینن	D D M M Y Y Y Y	7. Husband's Name 8. Residence
عنوان: د درخواست منجانب مشاق احمه نجار وطاهره سلطان زوجه مشاق احمه نحبار ساکنه با		9. Municipal Ward name& No
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معامله مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹفیکیٹ بذمرہ	1 10+2 2 Graduation	13. Address for correspondence
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جب یہ میں جب دیکہ میں موقع میں اور خات سے تعالق رکھتا ہے اور سائل ہانچی و یرہ میں	 15. Documents attached. ♦ Panch Ward Certificate /present /continuous, ward residence certificate issued by BDO duly 	15. Date of Birth
	countersigned by ACR/SDM.	16.Age as on 01.01.202417.Academic Qualification:
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محمدا بن مشتاق ولد مشتاق احمد زیرتعلیم 9 سال	 Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/ 	
سیرت مشتاق دکتر مشتاق احمد ۔۔ 3 سال	Signature of Candidate UNDERTAKING	
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City Markets Abuzz As Winter Sales Bring Cheer

Agencies

Srinagar: With winter setting in across the Kashmir valley, Srinagar's markets are bustling with the excitement of seasonal sales.

From warm clothing to home appliances and other essentials, shops across the city are offering irresistible discounts, attracting large crowds eager to prepare for the chilly months ahead.

Many shops in the city have become hotspots for winter clearance offers, with shoppers flocking to stores showcasing a wide range of products, including essential home appliances.

To ease the financial burden, many retailers have introduced financing options, making it simpler for families to upgrade their homes in time for the biting cold.

Fazil, a local resident, said, "These sales are a blessing. With rising costs, getting good deals on items like heaters and blankets makes winter much more manageable."

Another shopper, Bilal, said, "It's not just about buying things. The lively vibe in These sales are a blessing. With rising costs, getting good deals on items like heaters and blankets makes winter much more manageable

the markets and the availability of almost every item make the sale amazing. Everyone is out looking for something to make the season cozier.'

Retailers are equally optimistic. A store owner in the city said, "The response has been overwhelming. People are showing great interest in the sales and the variety of options available, which has made this season both exciting and beneficial for us."

Notably, for many residents in Srinagar, the winter sales are more than just a shopping spree. They are a cherished seasonal tradition, bringing warmth, joy, and a sense of community as the cold sets in, with all essentials conveniently available in one place—(KNO)

section 8/21 NDPS Act was

registered against the accused

at Police Station Chanapora.

CM Omar Abdullah's sons pay tributes to National Conference founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on Thursday. KO Photo Abid Bhat SKIMS 42nd Foundation Day

Declare SKIMS JK's Medical University: Director Urges Govt

Agencies

Srinagar: During its Annual Day celebrations, the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) was lauded as the ultimate healthcare destination for patients across Kashmir, reaffirming its pivotal role in the re-

gion's healthcare landscape. Speaking at the event, Director SKIMS, Dr. Mohammad Ashraf Ganie, highlighted the in-

Police said that the seizure of vehicles acquired by illegal means through narcotsignificant challenges. ics trafficking had been made

constraints faced by SKIMS, including operating with just 40% of the required staff, relying on outdated and worn-out machinery, and managing limited resources. "Despite these hurdles, our team works tirelessly day and night to ensure that every patient receives the best possible treat-

ranks among the top three or four institutions in the country, meeting all the parameters set by premier institutes like PGI Chandigarh and AIIMS Delhi.

Sharing operational statistics, he revealed that SKIMS, with its 1,100 beds, caters to approximately 5,000 patients daily in its outpatient department (OPD), handles 250 daily admissions, manages 100 daily emergencies, performs 60 emergency surgeries, and maintains an 86% bed occupancy rate.

Dr. Ganie advocated for SKIMS to be declared a Medical University for Jammu and Kashmir, under which all Government

Man Allegedly Loses Rs 3,000 To Scammer At SKIMS

"The scammer told me that he

needed the money urgently and

promised to repay me immediate-

ly. He even gave me his ATM card

as collateral and asked me to wait

near the OPD for 10 minutes.

Medical Colleges (GMCs) in the region could function. He also proposed the construction of a 1,000-seat auditorium, a dedicated library block, a nuclear medicine block, and mechanized parking facilities for the hospital.

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Highlighting the need for improved infrastructure, he called for a one-time package for repairing and maintaining all medical equipment, upgrading machinery, and addressing the 60% vacancy in staff recruitment. Additionally, he stressed the need for facilities like liver transplants and other advanced healthcare services.

Dr. Ganie also underscored the importance of implementing a structured referral system to ensure that patients who can be treated at other hospitals are not unnecessarily directed to SKIMS.

'SKIMS remains committed to serving the region and providing accessible, quality healthcare to all," he added—(KNO)

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This Day In History

- 631 1st predicted transit of Venus (Kepler) is observed.
- 1534- Quito, Ecuador, founded by Spanish colonists on the ruins of an Inca city
- 1631- 1st predicted transit of Venus (Kepler) is observed
- 1723- Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI's Pragmatic Sanction with the Diet of Hungary recognizes the King's daughters as successors
- 1756- British troops under Robert Clive occupy Fulta, India
- 1873 1st international football game in US: Yale 2, Eton (England) 1
- 1877 First recording made of the human voice -Thomas Edison reciting "Mary had a little lamb".
- 1877 Washington Post publishes 1st edition. 1897 - London becomes the world's first city to host licenced taxicabs.
- 1912 China votes for universal human rights
- 1916 German army under Gen Mackensen occupies Bucharest
- 1916 World War I: The Central Powers capture Bucharest.
- 1917 French munition ship "Mont Blanc" explodes in Halifax, kills 1,700.
- 1917 Taking advantage of the temporary relaxation of authority in Russia, Finland declares itself a republic, following the Ukraine on 20 November.
- 1921 Anglo-Irish Treaty signed; Ireland receives
- dominion status; partition creates Northern Ireland. 1925 - Italy, Britain & Egypt sign Jaghbub accord

Two Vehicles Of Accused Drug Peddler Confiscated An FIR vide 36/2024 under

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Srinagar: Police seized two vehicles acquired through proceeds of the illegal narcotics trade in Kashmir capital Srinagar.

The vehicles of Corolla brand DL4CNE-6086 and BMW JK01AF-0047 belonged to the accused drug peddler Mudasir Rasool Wani of Stadium Colony Natipora.

Service To Empower Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited Technology & Development, Ground Floor, Air India Building Residency Road, Srinagar 190001

Online Request for Quotation (e-RFQ) For Selection of Service Provider for **Managed DNS services**

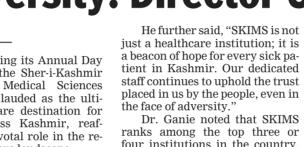
RFQ Notice along with Complete documents outlining the minimum requirements can be downloaded from and BIDs can be submitted on the Banks' e-Tendering Portal https://jkbank.abcprocure.com w.e.f. December 05, 2024, 16.00 Hrs. RFQ Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website www.jkbank.com. Last date for submission of Bids is December 26, 2024, 17.00 Hrs.

under the provisions of the 68 NDPS Act. Police said it is committed to eradicate the drug menace from society.

ment." he said.

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stitution's relentless efforts to deliver quality medical care despite Dr. Ganie acknowledged the



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DIPK-NB-2665/24

DATED: 05/12/2024.

The incident allegedly occurred when a stranger approached the attendee, claiming that his father had suffered a heart attack and was in the ICU. The scammer pleaded for urgent financial assistance, asking the attendee to lend him 3,000.

edly deceived by a scammer

Srinagar: A daily wage labourer cur-

rently attending to a family member

at SKIMS Soura hospital was alleg-

The attendee, a daily wage labourer, recounted the incident:

However, when the attendee waited for two hours, the scammer never returned. A search of the hospital premises, including the ICU, yielded no results.

The attendee said he has meager daily income of 500, was left devastated by the loss. "We are very poor, and the 3,000 that was taken from me is a significant

for high blood pressure and partial paralysis. The family has been at the hospital for the past three days, struggling to make ends meet.

amount for my family. I have two

sons and two daughters to sup-

port.they all are yet at student",

undergoing treatment at the hospital

The attendee's uncle is currently

the attendee added.

The attendee urged people to be cautious and not trust strangers easily. "I was always a kind person, but today I felt that being too kind and innocent in today's age is not right, he said".

(Italy).

- 1938 117 Spanish knights under capt Piet Laros return to Netherlands.
 - 1938 French/German non-attack treaty drawn (Ribbentrop-Bonnet Pact).
- 1941 Dutch & British pilots see Japanese invasion fleet at Singapore.
- 1956 Nelson Mandela & 156 others arrested for political activities in S Africa.
- 1957 1st US attempt to launch a satellite fails-Vanguard rocket blows up.
- 1958 US lunar probe Pioneer 3 reaches 107,269 km, falls back.
- 1962 US abandons Skybolt balistic missile program.
- 1965 Pakistan's Islamic Ideology Advisory Committee recommends that Islamic Studies be made a compulsory subject for Muslim students from primary to graduate level.
- 1977 South Africa grants Bophuthatswana independence.
- 1980 NASA launches Intelsat V satellite, no. 502.
- 1988 Arafat meets prominent American Jews in Stockholm, Sweden.
- 1990 Saddam anounces release of all foriegn hostages.
- 1992 300,000 hindus destroy mosque of Babri India, 4 die.
- 1998 Hugo Chávez is elected President of Venezuela.
- 2006 NASA reveals photographs taken by Mars Global Surveyor suggesting the presence of liquid water on Mars.
- 2012 A 243 million year old Nyasasaurus fossil is discovered in Tanzania
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- 2012- Typhoon Bopha's death toll rise to 418 with 318 missing and 179,000 displaced
- 2013- Pope Francis gives his ascent to a proposal to create a permanent post on the Pontifical Commission on cases of sin and sexual abuse of minors
- 2017- Andrej Babiš is sworn as Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
- 2017- Starbucks opens its largest cafe in the world in Shanghai, 30,000 square-feet, 1/2 size of a football field
- 2017- US President Donald Trump officially recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital, announcing plans to move US embassy there
- 2018- Oldest-known plague sample found in 4,900-year-old remains of 20-year old woman in Gökhem, southern Sweden published in "Cell"

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	System at Centre for				(6.00 PM)		
	Career Planning and						
	Counselling, Main						
	Campus						
2.		0.97Lacs	200/-	1,948/-	07-12-	17-	"AAY"
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KO VIEW

Kashmir's Plastic Plague

WW ill use of polythene ever be stopped in Kashmir? It looks unlikely. This is despite the fact that there is a blanket ban on polythene bags and single use plastics. But go anywhere in the Valley, the polythene bags are freely available. In fact, all shopping in the region relies on plastic bags. It is because they are cheap, handy, and their use is ingrained in collective habit. But the damage they do to the environment because of their non-biodegradability is colossal. They are dumped into water bodies, landfills and forest areas, choking and polluting them.

Now the situation is such that polythene is everywhere. There's hardly any shop in the Valley where you can't get polythene carry bags. Though polythene pollution is a worldwide phenomenon, in Kashmir the penetration seems to be even deeper. Supermarket bags, nylons and other plastics litter roads, croplands and water bodies. The impact has been highly damaging. The humble plastic bag and plastic drink container play a far greater role in changing the planet than has been realized.

According to an estimate, over 50,000 tons of polythene and plastic waste is generated in Jammu and Kashmir annually. Ironically, this is happening despite the trade being illegal. This state of affairs has also exercised the Jammu & Kashmir High Court. On October 17, a Division bench comprising Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta ordered respondents to submit a status report within four weeks, failing which a cost of Rs 50,000 will be imposed. The court also sought details about the steps being taken by the government on polythene bags ban and the awareness measures among people for avoiding its use in Jammu and Kashmir.

Though several times bans have been imposed on the use of plastic bags in J&K over the last two decades, not much has changed on the ground. The reason is that the bans were never seriously implemented. Here's hoping that the current government finally gets the act right and ensures not only that the use of plastic is strictly banned but that the use of environmentally friendly products is aggressively promoted. While regulations and policies are integral, a collective commitment to reduce plastic consumption and encourage responsible waste management is paramount. There is an urgent need to end this criminal negligence towards our environment. More so in the Valley, the paradise on earth, whose natural beauty draws lakhs of tourists every year.

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

he Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Govt of India has categorized farmers into different groups like large, medium, semi medium, small and marginal. As per the official statement issued by the Ministry through Press Information Bureau on February 5th 2019, the farmers who own more than 10 hectares (200 kanals +) of agricultural land fall in the large agricultural landholding category. Those who own 4 to 10 hectares (80 to 200 kanals) come under the medium category. Then we have a semi medium category of 2 to 4 hectares (40 to 80 kanals). Another category of farmers is "small". This is a large group of Indian farmers who own between 1 to 2 hectares (20 to 40 kanals) of land. The last category is marginal farmers who own below one hectare of land i.e. less than 20 kanals.

The number of small and marginal agricultural land holdings in the country also called the operational holdings has registered an increase in 2015-16 compared to 2010-11 agriculture census. This is a clear indication that there are more people who now own smaller parcels of agricultural land in the country and the land is shrinking day by day because of population growth and urbanisation.

As per Govt of India data, more than 86% agriculture land owners are small and marginal farmers in India. In a massive country like India, only 9 % of people own large parcels of land and they are categorized as large farmers.

As per official records, the Nagaland state has the biggest average size land holding in India i.e. 4.9 hectares (almost 100 kanals) / farming family. The reason for such a huge land holding is the small population in this state i.e. 1.5 million (15 lakhs) while the land area of the state is 1.7 million hectares. Kerala has the lowest land holding in the country as per 2015-16 agriculture



In the Name of Development: Kashmir's

Biodiversity Under Threat

" 95% of farmers in Kashmir are the below the marginal farmers metric. In such a situation, it is the prime duty of the Government to protect the interests of the farming community in Jammu & Kashmir especially Kashmir valley. But what we see is that the Govt is planning to further take over the land from Kashmir's below marginal

sion especially the Doodh Ganga forest range - Yusmarg, Raithan forest range - Doodh Pathri , Sukhnag Forest Range in Arizal Beerwah. Thousands of Kail, Fir and Deodar trees would be axed, fresh water streams would be plundered to excavate riverbed material -RBM and hundreds of acres of pastureland would be damaged. The Herpora wildlife century in Shopian will also get impacted, which is known for spiral horned Markhor (wild goat) population. This wildlife century was disturbed already with the construction of Mughal Road 20 years back and now it will be further affected with this new highway project.

Impact on Tribal Population, Pastoralists

The highway from Shopian to Beerwah especially will directly impact the livelihood of hundreds of tribal -pastoralist families from Gujjar , Bakerwal and Chopan communities. Their livelihood is at stake as the new highway will pass through their traditional meadows and pasturelands which they use for grazing their cattle, sheep and goats in summer months. The highway will either pass through south or north of Yusmarg bowl and from both sides the proposed highway will have to traverse through the dense forests of Doodh Ganga forest range. Thousands of forest trees would have to be cut down. After crossing Yusmarg and Doodh Ganga the road will enter Raithan forest range and pass via Doodhpathri forests. This entire area with meadows like Haijan, Surakhnari, Palmaidan will be ruined. The Gujjars, Bakerwals and Chopans during their seasonal migration graze their animals in the aforementioned meadows and forests. Once huge cranes and trucks start the construction work it will destroy the entire landscape of the area that will snatch the livelihood of these nomads and other disadvantaged communities who had been waiting to get the benefits under the Forest Rights Act-FRA. Before they could get these benefits they are now facing a larger challenge which will destroy their traditional migratory routes and meadows.

mental projects?

Horticulture is the backbone of Kashmir's economy. Around 80% of apples produced in India come from Kashmir. Commercial apple farming and its value chain is one of the mainstays of Kashmir's rural economy, with an estimated revenue of around Rs.1500 crores. Govt estimates say that around 10 to 11 Metric Ton (MT) of apple is produced per hectare in Kashmir, while this is 40 MT per hectare in European countries, like France and Italy. The South American nation Chile, which is 10th largest apple producing country in the world, has better ranks than Italy, France, Russia, when it comes to the yield. The Chile per hectare yield of apples is 50 MTs. To enhance the apple yield in Kashmir and to double farmers income which is PM Modi's dream we need more apple plantations which need more land. But when the Govt is prioritising highways and railways to be set up on our apple farms and forest land, how can we expect to double the farmers income in J&K which is possible when we increase the apple production or have more sheep, goat and cattle population across J&K? Member Parliament from Srinagar Aga Ruhulla also raised this issued in Lok Sabha few days back and said "this is not a developmental project but a colonial project"



Did You Know? Understanding Shariah-Compliant Investments in India

Irshad Mushtaq

nvesting in stocks typically involves purchasing shares, essentially representing ownership in a company. Investors hope the company's expansion and growth will increase their share value, achieving capital gains. Alternatively, companies often distribute part of their profits as dividends.

Shariah-Compliant Investing

1. Ethical Screening:

 Shariah-compliant investments exclude involvement in banking, alcohol production, gambling, and related industries.

• An ethical screening process ensures these investments align with Islamic principles by evaluating the company's income sources and financial practices.

2. Shariah Index Role:

• India's Shariah indices, such as the Nifty Shariah Index, offer guidance for investors seeking ethical investments under Islamic law.

3. The Appeal of Shariah Investments:

• Shariah-compliant investments are gaining attention due to their robust ethical standards and competitive returns.

• These investments often outperform conventional options over time, despite some investors preferring banks due to familiarity and accessibility.

4. Investment Strategies:

A successful stock investment relies on patience, disciplined money management, building a quality portfolio, and courage.
 Investors can participate in the stock market directly or via mutual funds, aligning their choices with ethical standards.

5. Why Awareness is Lacking:

• A considerable number of Muslim investors remain unaware of Shariah-compliant options, often due to limited knowledge and access.

6. Government Support and Growth:

• The Indian government plays a role by supporting Islamic finance initiatives, promoting financial inclusivity.

 Various companies listed on Indian exchanges like NSE and BSE offer Shariah-compliant shares, yet knowledge and engagement remain critical.

7. Potential for Growth:

 Shariah-compliant shares and mutual funds offer significant potential for growth, advocating ethical wealth generation.

• Investors are encouraged to explore these avenues for greater returns aligned with their ethical values.

In conclusion, Shariah-compliant investments present a viable alternative grounded in ethical principles, providing competitive returns. Raising awareness and encouraging informed decisions can foster more inclusive investment practices. *Learn from the insights of @Irshad Mushtaq, Writer, Investor,*

Entrepreneur & Founder of M I Securities! Connect for valuable financial advice at misecurities@p.sharekhan.com census. This is merely 0.18 hectares (3.55 kanals)/family.

Below Marginal farmers of J&K

When it comes to Jammu & Kashmir, the average operational land holding is 0.59 hectares (11.6) kanals as per 2015-2016 census. But as per my own research and inputs from officers of Agriculture and Revenue departments, this is an exaggerated figure only to get more funds from Govt of India in the past decades. The average land holding in J&K would have been not more than 0.25 hectares (5 kanals) in the 2015-2016 agri census. This has gone down further after 2019 as Ladakh was separated from J&K and land holding there was more than what we have in Kashmir valley of Jammu division. I am of the firm belief that our land holding is less than Karela i.e. not more than 3 kanals. Being a mountainous state and with very little land under cultivation the agricultural holdings in J&K particularly in Kashmir are smaller than the national average, but the yield from our land is more especially the apple orchards fetch more revenue to farmers compared to other states / UTs.

Rajouri -Poonch -Baramulla Highway

The Govt of India is planning to build a highway from Rajouri to Baramulla that will pass through Poonch, Shopian, Pulwama and Budgam districts. The work on this 300-km highway is going to be taken up in some months. The Govt has handed over this road construction to the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) . On 28th October 2024, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), through its Regional Officer in Jammu, assigned the task of engaging a consultant to provide Project Management Consultancy (PMC) services. This includes conducting a feasibility study, preparing a Detailed Project Report (DPR), providing pre-construction services, and overseeing construction work.

The proposed highway will pass

farmers and build highways, railways and roads on them

through mountains and forests of Rajouri, Thamanadi, Surankot, Bufliaz and enter Shopian district after crossing Pir Gali and then pass via Kellar ,Yousmarg, Doodhpathri, Beerwah and Magam. Media reports say that from Magam, the proposed highway will be connected with Gulmarg and Baramulla. The highway will be built at an estimated cost around Rs 3,300 crore, and will link the Rajouri and Poonch districts in the Jammu division with the Kashmir Vallev via the existing Mughal Road. This 70 feet highway is being designated as National Highway-NH 701A. The section between Surankote (Poonch) to Magam in Budgam will be 159 km long and will pass through tourist destinations of Yousmarg and Doodhpathri that fall under the Pir Panjal Forest di-

Impact on Biodiversity, Livelihood

vision of Budgam.

The proposed highway will be disastrous as this will impact the entire biodiversity in the upper reaches of Shopian, Pulwama and Budgam districts. Thousands of apple trees would have to be axed for this project in more than two dozen villages in Shopian, Pulwama and Budgam districts. It will affect the livelihood of thousands of families who are associated with apple farming in villages such as Zawoora, Moshwara, Kellar, Shadimarg, Drubgam, Aglar, Gujjar Basti, Chararipora, Pakherpora, Kanidajan, Drawan, etc.

More than this, the impact on forests and environment would be huge in the Pir Panjal Forest divi-

Doubling Income of Farmers?

The average size of operational land holdings in India is 1.15 hectares (21 kanals +) and our farmers own less than half acre of land. For the farmers of J & K, the Govt of India has to devise a new definition because our farmers are not even the marginal farmers as they own less than an acre of land? 95% of farmers in Kashmir are the below the marginal farmers metric. In such a situation, it is the prime duty of the Government to protect the interests of the farming community in Jammu & Kashmir especially Kashmir valley. But what we see is that the Govt is planning to further take over the land from Kashmir's below marginal farmers and build highways, railways and roads on them. For construction of the Srinagar Ring Road we lost 5000 kanals of agricultural land in Budgam district alone. Thousands of apple and plum and pear trees were axed. Those which were left are rusting with dust pollution. How can we afford to give more and more land for so-called develop-

Conclusion

Kashmir is a small valley with a plain area of 150 kms x 70 kms max from Kupwara in the north to Qazigund in south and Tral in east to Tangmarg in west. In this valley we have already set up several highways, railway lines, flyovers, mega transmission lines and other infrastructural projects. We have set up new housing colonies and even filled our wetlands for the same because of population growth in the last 3 decades. Our land is shrinking day by day and the agricultural land holding is not more than half acre as explained above. The cement factories, brick kilns and surface transport are causing massive air pollution and there is a huge increase in black carbon emissions in our atmosphere. This is settling on our glaciers as well and I have written about in past as well. Now imagine when hundreds of vehicles will pass through the forests of Pir Panjal between Shopian, Yusmarg and Doodhpathri, what kind of disaster will it cause to our glaciers which are our lifeline?

We don't have space to set up a scientific landfill site for Srinagar city or other towns ? In such a situation if we make new highways and railways our landmass will further shrink. How can we expect our valley will survive for many centuries to come and our tourism will sustain for a long time. If we try to replicate the developmental model of Delhi , Mumbai or Indore in Kashmir , we will perish in another 30 to 40 years. Let us all think it over.

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Slavery Under Music How Melodies Can Rewire the Mind and Transition Consciousness

Umair Ashraf

usic, often celebrated as a universal language, L has the unparalleled ability to heal, connect, and inspire. Yet beneath its harmonious charm lies a profound influence over the mind-a power capable of reshaping thoughts, emotions, and even perceptions of reality. This article explores how music impacts brain chemistry, rewires neural pathways, transitions consciousness and into alternate realms. By understanding this duality, we can better navigate its therapeutic potential while recognizing its risks, particularly in creating illusions or dependencies.

The Neural Symphony: Music and the Brain

The brain processes music through a sophisticated network, including the auditory cortex, prefrontal cortex, and limbic system. The auditory cortex deciphers melody, rhythm, and pitch, while the limbic system, including the amygdala, assigns emotional value. The prefrontal cortex integrates these inputs into memories, decisions, and beliefs.

For children, whose brains are highly adaptable, this interaction holds heightened significance. A child exposed to specific genres or emotional themes in music may mirror these as coping strategies, shaping their long-term emotional habits. Repeated exposure to particular rhythms or lyrics strengthens neural pathways, reinforcing music's role in emotional regulation.

Dopamine and Dependency: The Brain's Chemical Orchestra

Music's profound influence lies in its ability to manipulate dopamine, the neurotransmitter linked to pleasure and reward. Listening to a favorite song triggers dopamine surges in the brain's mesolimbic pathway, creating a euphoric "high" akin to the effects of addictive substances.

For children and adolescents, this effect is particularly pronounced. Observing peers using music to escape stress or sadness can reinforce a cycle of



worlds music creates, detaching from practical realities.

Neural Overload: Dependency and Its Costs

Frequent reliance on music to manage emotions or escape challenges can overstimulate dopamine receptors, making ordinary activities feel dull or unrewarding. This dependency loop disrupts natural coping mechanisms, especially in young, impressionable minds.

For children and adolescents, this heightened reliance diverts cognitive resources from problem-solving and resiliencebuilding. Instead of facing challenges head-on, they may retreat into musical escapism, delaying the development of essential emotional skills.

Breaking Free: Mindful Engagement with Music

While music can transition consciousness and provide solace, it should not replace emotional acceptance and growth. Encouraging mindful listening engaging with music intentionally rather than reflexively—can restore balance. Complementary practices like meditation, journaling, or exercise help retrain the brain to process emotions independently of external stimuli.

In Sufi culture, such mindfulness is ingrained. Music is experienced as part of a larger spiritual practice, where its transformative power is tempered by grounding rituals and community support. This balanced approach ensures music enriches rather than enslaves.

Harmonizing Music and Life

Music's ability to heal, inspire, and transport is undeniable. Yet, unchecked, its influence can create a kind of neurological "slavery," fostering dependency and unrealistic expectations. For children and adults alike, understanding the science and spirituality of music offers a path to balance.

By integrating mindful practices and grounding rituals, we can harness music's potential as an enriching art form. In doing so, we reclaim our autonomy, allowing melodies to serve not as masters but as companions in

Sufi Culture: Music as a Spiritual Transition

In the Sufi tradition, music is more than auditory entertainment; it is a spiritual medium. Carefully crafted melodies and repetitive lyrics induce a trance-like state, guiding the listener into a world beyond tangible reality. Here, music transitions the conscious mind, creating an immersive experience that feels deeply personal and transformative.

Interestingly, the "realm" entered through Sufi music is not universal but shaped by genetic predispositions and individual inclinations. Some may feel spiritual enlightenment, while others experience introspection or emotional catharsis. This genetic grounding highlights the intricate interplay between music, biology, and perception. This can also extend to lifestyle choices, like experimenting with drugs, where music glorifying substance use can encourage these behaviors. A behavioral psychologist observing a teenager's music playlist might deduce dominant traits, such as a focus on hedonism

ideals. For instance, young listeners internalize themes of love, success, or rebellion presented in songs, influencing their worldview. In the case of teenagers, the type of music they consume, especially with explicit lyrics or themes of lust and romantic conquest, can deeply influence their attitudes toward relationships and self-worth. A teenager struggling with their identity or emotional challenges may gravitate toward music that glorifies lust or seeking superficial connections, often influenced by the personas of certain artists. For these young minds, the con-

For these young minds, the content of the music—and the artist's image—becomes a blueprint for behavior. It can fuel the desire to pursue relationships based on physical attraction or empty ideals, distracting them from building deeper, healthier emotional connections. This can also extend to lifestyle choices, like experimenting with drugs, where music glorifying substance use can encourage these behaviors. A behavioral psychologist observing a teenager's music playlist might deduce dominant traits, such as a focus on hedonism or escapism, based on the themes and messages in the songs they listen to regularly. These behaviors can align with risky tendencies, like drug use, as the music may reinforce the notion that indulging in substances or seeking immediate gratification is a form of rebellion or self-expression.

Basslines, on the other hand, stimulate theta brainwaves associated with relaxation and imagination. While this fosters creativity, overexposure can blur the lines between reality and illusion, leading to emotional escapism.

In Sufi music, these effects are deliberately channeled. Under the guidance of Sufi experts, listeners are grounded in the experience, ensuring they navigate these altered states with purpose and clarity. Without such frameworks, however, individuals risk becoming lost in the illusory

dependency, where the brain craves musical stimulation to replicate dopamine highs. Simultaneously, serotonin, which stabilizes mood, bolsters the association between music and emotional relief, creating a loop difficult to break.

The Illusory Power of Lyrics and Bass

Lyrics, paired with evocative melodies, often serve as mental scripts, subtly shaping beliefs and or escapism, based on the themes and messages in the songs they listen to regularly our journey through life.

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Seven Reasons and Five Ways to Get Out of Your Bubble

Jim Taylor

Whe like our bubbles. Not the bath or blowing varieties, but the psychological, emotional, social, and physical spaces we create to feel safe and protected. Bubbles are an evolutionary thing that initially developed as a means of increasing our chance of survival.

As we have evolved, there are five feelings that humans don't like to experience:

- Unfamiliarity
- Unpredictability
- Uncertainty
- Uncontrollability
- Discomfort

When our ancestors experienced these feelings on the Serengeti 250,000 years ago, we officially became Homo Sapiens, and death was likely to follow. Though, thankfully, most of us don't have to worry about physical death these days, we are faced with a myriad of situations that could be perceived as threats to us psychologically, emotionally, and socially, which trigger those five feelings, and motivate us to stay in our protective bubbles.

Two Types of Bubbles

To minimize the presence or intensity of those feelings,

we actively create bubbles to enable us to feel secure. We create external bubbles comprised of habits, routines, rituals, and patterns. We surround ourselves with people known to us and use well-trodden daily practices—where we stop for coffee, the route we take to work, or the exercise programs we use to stay fit. All are used in the service of creating lives that are familiar, predictable, certain, controllable, and comfortable (or as much as can be expected given that life can be anything but). We also create internal bubbles; psychological and emo-

tional spaces in our minds. These ways of thinking and feeling enable us to defend ourselves against threatening perceptions and uncomfortable emotions that disrupt our equilibrium. These internal bubbles express themselves in biased self-perceptions, rationalizations, delusions, and suppressed unpleasant emotions. Bubbles are good things, to a

Bubbles are good things, to a point. They create consistency, save cognitive energy, and offer a solid base of comfort. In theory, bubbles provide a safe harbor from which you can explore the world outside of your bubble without feeling overwhelmed. At the same time, too much time spent in your bubble can cause you to fear life outside the bubble, leading you to either reluctantly and unsuccessfully leave your bubble, or avoid the world completely by not trying to think and feel in different ways, or being unwilling to try new things or experience new people.

Problems with Staying in Your Bubble

A simple reality of life is that, for most of us, we can't stay in our bubbles 24/7; life requires that we leave our bubbles and engage with the "real world." If you spend too much time in your bubble, you have little opportunity to interact with the real world and learn how to cope with and manage it effectively.

Two problems arise. First, you don't learn to positively deal with unfamiliarity, unpredictability, uncertainty, uncontrollability, and discomfort. In most cases, exposure to these five feelings reduces their intensity. Second, you don't give yourself the chance for life outside your bubble to become more familiar, predistable control and control

dictable, certain, and controllable, and, as a result, more comfortable. You are unprepared for the real world. The thought of leaving your bubble leads you to avoid going outside your bubble. Leaving your bubble causes doubt, worry, and stress. It feels overwhelming because you lack the practical capabilities and the confidence to know that, though uncomfortable, you can navigate life outside of your bubble.

As the carbon-to-diamond and sand-to-pearl metaphors allude to the need for pressure and friction to grow, life predominated by your bubble limits your growth in all aspects of your life because there is little incentive or motivation to develop in a world of your own creation and in which you feel very comfortable.

Finally, without substantial discomfort outside of your bubble, you will never learn to challenge yourself or push your limits, both experiences essential to accomplishing goals and achieving success.

7 Reasons to Experience Outof-Bubble Experiences

You learn essential ways of thinking, feeling, behaving, and interacting to survive and thrive in the real world. Exposure to the world requires knowledge, experience, and skills to make new experiences more familiar, predictable, certain, controllable, and comfortable.

 You develop flexibility, adaptability, and resilience. One aspect of your bubble is that life is consistent. An aspect of life outside your bubble is that it is not consistent, so you need to make adjustments.
 You gain confidence in

- 3. You gain conndence in points 1 and 2, so life outside your bubble isn't as threatening or overwhelming. When you know what to expect and know that you can deal with new experiences, they become less threatening, and you're more likely to want to experience them.
- You learn how to deal with the five feelings I described above; they aren't as intimidating and don't prevent you from venturing outside your bubble.
 You have the competunity
- 5. You have the opportunity to continually challenge yourself and grow. By their very nature, new experiences require you to change to survive and thrive.
- It feels really good to overcome your fears and turn experiences that started as very uncomfortable into ones that are not only manageable but

even enjoyable. There is something deeply satisfying about facing and surmounting once intimidating experiences but now are not.

7. Time outside your bubble will make you more capable of attaining your goals and finding success. Striving for greatness is never easy, but having new experiences prepares you for the many challenges, setbacks, and failures that you will surely experience as you pursue your goals.

5 Ways to Embrace Out-of-Bubble Experiences

- Accept that new experiences will be uncomfortable at first but recognize that the discomfort will dissipate with every experience you allow yourself.
 See these as challenges to pursue rather than threats to avoid.
- Make no assumptions and have no expectations about what the new experience will be like. Curiosity is an acceptable middle ground between excitement (rarely possible the first time you leave your bubble) and fear (much too strong an emotion for most new experiences).

Say to yourself:

- 1. "I wonder what is possible."
- 2. "I want to find out."
- 3. "It might not go well, but I'll be okay if it doesn't, and I will learn from it."
- 4. "It might go well, and I will then be better off for leaving my bubble."
- 5. "It is more likely than not that good things will happen."
- 4. Understand that new experiences generalize, meaning that new experiences in one area of your life translate into greater comfort in other parts of your life (you come to see yourself as capable).
- These experiences are selfreinforcing; you feel good after, and good things usually happen. After you've had a new experience, it's very satisfying, so you want to have that feeling again by exposing yourself to more.

Out-of-bubble experiences are never easy or comfortable the first time. But, in almost every case, when you challenge yourself to have one, you will be glad you did.

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NEWS

Principal Scientific Advisor to GoI chairs high-level meet at SKUAST-K

Nation must learn from SKUAST-K says Prof Sood

Srinagar, Dec 5: Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to the Government of India and Chairperson of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology & Innovation Advisory Council, Prof Ajay Kumar Sood, Thursday chaired a high-level review meeting of Rural Technology Action Group (RuTAG) 2.0 at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Shalimar campus.

The two-day Annual Review Meeting of RuTAG 2.0 organised by the Office of Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India and SKUAST-K's Division of Food Science and Technology to assess the progress of the projects carried out by IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, IIT Guwahati, IIT Roorkee, IIT Delhi, ICAR NAARM

and SKUAST-K. SKUAST-K is the only university in the country besides IITs and NARM that has the distinction of having a RuTAG Project.

RuTAG 2.0 is a national initiative aimed at addressing technology gaps in rural areas through innovative, affordable, and scalable solutions. By leveraging the expertise of premier academic and research institutions, RuTAG strives to improve the quality of life in rural India while promoting sustainability and inclusivity.

The inaugural function of the review meeting was also attended by the Scientific Secretary to the Government of India, Dr Parvinder Miani; Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Nazir Ahmad Ganai; Prof Secretary, Commissioner Technology, and Science Government of J&K, Saurabh Bhagat; Staff and Scientists of Office of Principal Scientific Advisor; all the principal investigators of RuTAG 2.0 projects

promoting and empowering the youth. tion in the region.

from IITs and NAARM; officers of SKUAST-K; Directors of the Development Departments of J&K Government; and various industry representatives from Kashmir. Director Research, SKUAST-K, Prof Haroon R Naik presented the welcome address. Prof Ajay Kumar Sood, in his address, highlighted the critical role of RuTAG in bridging the technological divide in rural

India. He stressed that the technologies which provide solutions to the rural problems does not mean that their standard is lower. He said the time for 'Jugad' is over. These technologies developed under RuTAG 2.0 must adhere to all the quality standards and must be internationally competitive and sustainable, which would not only solve the Indian problems but

also global ones besides being affordable. PSA said RuTAG 2.0 must em-

power rural youth by providing grassroots innovations so that they don't have to move to cities for livelihood. While praising SKUAST-K for its innovations, Prof Sood re-

marked that the nation has much to learn from the way SKUAST-K is fostering innovation. entrepreneurship,

It is for the first time that the office of PSA has moved out of Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, to choose SKUAST-K as venue for the RuTAG annual meeting as we place this university in the league of IITs, he said, adding, this proves SKUAST-K's technology prowess and its contribu-

Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-Kashmir, provided an insightful overview of the university's achievements and its vision for advancing rural technologies. Prof Ganai emphasized the importance of adapting and innovating technologies to meet the unique needs of rural communities. He highlighted how RuTAG plays a pivotal role in bridging the gap between traditional knowledge and modern scientific advancements. Highlighting the spirit of teamwork, he praised the synergy between academic institutions, research organizations, and community partners in addressing rural challenges. He called for greater interdisciplinary collaborations to achieve impactful outcomes.

Dr Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary in the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, in her address, said RuTAG is a flagship project of Office of PSA and was conceptualised with the aim how the rural community can be advanced through small S&P interventions, frugal innovations by grassroots innovators in an inclusive way. Mandate has been given to seven premier institutions of the country including SKUAST-K to innovate and scale technologies that would help our rural community in enhancing their livelihoods, she remarked.

At the event, the unveiling of the RuTAG 2.0 logo, the release of a book, Technologies Developed by SKUAST-K's Division of Food Technologies, and a success story also took place.

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Jammu To Get

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Once completed, the pipeline will transport environment-friendly fuel to Jammu and, eventually, to Kashmir, enhancing the region's energy security.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh shared an update on the progress through a post on X (formerly Twitter), stat-ing, "The 160-km Gurdaspur-#Jammu Tawi natural gas pipeline project has started, expected to provide domestic gas to households by 2026. GAIL is laying the pipeline alongside the Delhi-#Katra Expressway, with work starting on sectionalizing valves in #Kathua and #Hiranagar."(KNO)

CM Pledges

maintenance capabilities.

"My government is committed to restore the Autonomy of this premier institution in full so that patients get quality health care. For that I will sit with the Health Minister Sakina Itoo and chalk out a strategy," he said.

In February last year, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha led administration had rolled back SKIMS Autonomy and its administrative control was given to the Health and Medical Education Department.

Citing critical challenges like power outages, oxygen plant failures, and cumbersome procurement procedures, he called for immediate action to restore the institution's operational independence.

The chief minister also raised concerns over prolonged recruitment delays, particularly in nursing, where a single nurse is reportedly tasked with managing 30 beds at night-a situation he termed "unsustainable."

Omar said that SKIMS was

administrative interference undermining SKIMS' functioning and pledged to restore its autonomy on a priority basis. To further strengthen the Institute, the Chief Minister assured full government support to ensure patients receive topquality healthcare. During the event, the Chief Minister e-inaugurated multiple facilities, including the Attendants Inn with washroom facilities at the emergency block, the Attendants Inn at the Maternity Hospital, the 4DCT Simulator at Radiation Oncology, and the Daycare Ward.

He also laid e-foundation stones for the Sports Ground, Transport Yard, and construction of more space for attendants.

Additionally, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Emergency Operation Theatre Block and commissioned the SKIMS Medical University Complex, further enhancing emergency and educational facilities.

Earlier, the Chief Minister inspected an exhibition organized by SKIMS, which showcased innovative contributions and success stories from various departments of the Institute.

On the occasion, he also released the Annual Report of SKIMS, highlighting the Institute's significant achievements and activities. Minister of Health & Medical Education, Sakina Masood Itoo. also addressed the gathering, emphasizing Sher-i-Kashmir's vision of establishing SKIMS as a world-class medical facility for the people of J&K.

Director SKIMS, Prof. Mohammad Ashraf Ganai, provided a comprehensive overview of the Institute's contributions to public healthcare in his speech.

Other dignitaries present at the event included Minister of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Satish Sharma Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, former J&K Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah and several MLA's. The event was also attended by Secretary Health & Medical Education Dr. Sved Abid Rashid Shah, senior faculty members, former directors, and other staff members of SKIMS.

the prime minister will keep his promise made not to us, but to the people of J&K during the Lok Sabha elections and the Assembly polls that followed," Abdullah said.

"The elections saw huge participation of people. There were no complaints of people being forcibly taken to the booths. Rather, they went on their own and made the elections a huge success with the hope that the promises made to them, especially on restoring J&K's statehood, will be fulfilled," the chief minister said.

J&K SIA Gets Police

linkage surfaces during the investiga-tion," the order said. (KNO)

J&K Govt Sets

such as social media, helplines, and grievance portals, alongside offline methods including public interactions and district-level meetings. The Chief Minister's Secretariat will finalize the staffing and other operational modalities of the new office. This initiative aims to improve governance and strengthen the bond between the administration and citizens by addressing grievances effectively and incorporating feedback into policymaking and service delivery," the order added. (KINS)

Sheikh Abdullah

Speaking on the occasion, Omar Abdullah reflected on Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah's enduring impact on Jammu and Kashmir, stating, "Sher-e-Kashmir's vision continues to inspire us to work tirelessly for the betterment of our people. Today, we remember his sacrifices and reaffirm our dedication to his ideals of justice, equality, and communal harmony."

Dr. Farooq Abdullah also expressed his deep respect for his father's contributions calling him "a guiding light whose principles will always lead us forward."

regard to the holiday on December 5, marking the birth anniversary of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

He said that hopefully, the holiday will be observed on this day again next year.

"The holiday on this day (December 5) was cancelled, but a proposal has been sent to LG again by the council of ministers and hopefully from the next year, the holiday will be observed on this day," Wani told reporters after paying tributes to Sheikh Abdullah on his 119th birth anniversary at his grave.

Strict Action Against

cope with the harsh winter," she said. The Education Minister also addressed tion is above the rules, and we will ensure strict action is taken against any violations," she stated.

Responding to criticism on social media and in the press, she stated the importance of substantiated complaints. Statements made on Facebook or in the media for self-promotion won't suffice. Provide evidence, and I assure you, action will be taken," she asserted.

The minister reiterated the government's commitment to maintaining accountability and ensuring students' welfare during the harsh winter season. **Kashmir Reels**

south Kashmir -- recorded a low of minus 2.7 degrees Celsius, while the minimum temperature at popular tourist destination Pahalgam settled at minus 5.3 degrees Celsius the lowest so far this season. The famous ski resort of Gulmarg registered a low of minus 3.6 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara reeled at minus 2.5 degrees Celsius, and Kokernag at minus 1.4 degrees Celsius, officials said. The Met department said the weather would stay generally dry till December 7, and a further fall in night temperature is expected while the days would be warmer.

a few plain and hilly areas in Jammu division, and light rain/light snow over a few places in the higher reaches during late night on December 8 to the morning of December 9, the Met office said.

The weather would remain dry from December 10-14, while there is a possibility of light rain/light snow over isolated places from December 15-16, it said.

Deficit Rainfall

last over two months period. The data reveals that the majority of the stations across J&K recorded a deficient rainfall in between 60 per cent to 99 percent during the period. Srinagar, the summer capital of J&K, has recorded a deficient rainfall of 82 per cent while Shopian in South Kashmir has recorded the highest deficit of 96 per cent during the last over two months.

As per the data, Samba is the only station above normal precipitation has been recorded as against the normal rainfall of 18.1 mm, it has recorded 47 mm, marking an increase of 160 per cent during the period.

Kulgam, Budgam and Poonch stations in J&K have recorded a deficit rainfall of above 90 per cent while Anantnag, Kishtwar, Pulwama and Udhampur have recorded a deficit of above 80 per cent. As per the data, Baramulla, Ganderbal

and Ramban have recorded a deficit rainfall of above 70 per cent.

Belated Complaint

of Justice Javed Iqbal Wani observed that in terms of the section 9 of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act 2013 any aggrieved woman may make, in writing, a complaint of sexual harassment at workplace to the Internal Committee if so constituted or the Local Committee, in case it is not so constituted, within a period of three months from the date of incident and in case of a series of incidents, within a period of three months from the date of last incident. "Record reveals that the respondent 4 herein (woman employee) admittedly filed the complaint before ICC (Internal Complaints Committee [of the department]) on 16th of October 2017 in respect of the alleged incident dated 25th of April 2016, much beyond the period

prescribed for filing such complaint under Section 9 of the Act of 2013," the court said.

Under these circumstances, the court said, the complaint filed by the woman employee against the petitioner (official) under the Act of 2013 on 16 October 2017 regarding an alleged incident dated 25th of April 2016 "indisputably could not have been either entertained or else taken cognizance of by the ICC and dealt with thereafter."

"Thus, the preliminary objection qua the maintainability of the complaint filed by respondent 4 herein (woman) against the petitioner herein (official) before ICC raised by counsel for the petitioner, is found to be legally sustainable rendering the impugned complaint filed by respondent 4 (woman), taken cognizance of by the ICC, and the recommendation made therein illegal and invalid on the basis of settled position of law." The court said underlining that if a statute requires a thing to be done in a particular manner, that thing has to be done in that manner alone.

"Having held the complaint in question non-maintainable and proceedings initiated thereon invalid, the rest of the grounds urged by the petitioner herein in the instant petition against the complaint inasmuch as the proceedings conducted thereon by the ICC including the recommendations made thereof pale into insignificance and need not be adverted to," the court added.

LG Sinha Grieved

the health of six seriously injured per-sons who were referred there for specialised treatment.

"We have come to see the injured. We will soon talk to the deputy commissioner and implement the orders of the chief minister for the welfare of the accident victims," Choudhary said, as he prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. There has been a lot of improvement in the functioning of the hospital since his last visit to the facility in November, the deputy chief minister said. BJP's Leader of Opposition in J-K Assembly Sunil Sharma and Kishtwar MLA Shagun Parihar also visited the hospital and met the injured persons, assuring them all possible help.

and this step will help them better

concerns regarding private school practices and urged parents facing issues, including excessive fees, to file formal complaints with her office or the department. "If a parent feels exploited, they should come forward and complain. No institu-

by Sheikh Abdullah to provide advanced medical care within the region, reducing the need for patients to seek treatment outside Jammu and Kashmir.

He reiterated his government's commitment to supporting SKIMS by introducing new technologies, upgrading equipment, and alleviating its operational burdens.

"SKIMS represents a beacon of hope for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. My government will continue to stand with SKIMS to ensure it grows, thrives, and continues to serve the people with excellence," Omar said.

On the occasion, the CM e-inaugurated and laid e-foundation stones for several projects, highlighting the government's commitment to strengthening healthcare infrastructure.

Addressing the gathering, the CM underscored the indispensable role SKIMS has played in enhancing the healthcare system of Jammu and Kashmir.

He praised the Institute for its invaluable services and its readiness to respond in times of exigency.

He further noted that SKIMS provides technologically advanced and evidencebased healthcare services to the general public.

Omar Abdullah congratulated SKIMS administration, faculty, and staff for their exemplary performance, particularly during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises. Reflecting on the vision of Sher-i-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, the Chief Minister remarked that SKIMS was founded to offer advanced healthcare facilities within J&K, reducing the need for patients to seek treatment outside the region.

He also emphasized the importance of medical tourism, expressing hope for infrastructure upgrades around SKIMS to make this vision a reality.

CM called for minimizing referrals to SKIMS by strengthening sub-district and district hospitals, thereby reducing the pressure on the Institute.

"We should not have cases of normal delivery, appendicitis and headaches at SKIMS from districts. This should stop to ensure there is less burden on the Institute. The basic concept of the SKIMS is to provide quality health care and specialised treatment," he said.

He expressed concern about

Will Renew Talks

have to fight for the restoration of J&K's statehood. We are hopeful that

The commemoration programme was attended by senior party leaders, workers, and supporters who gathered to commemorate the life and legacy of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, a towering figure in the history of Jammu and Kashmir.

'Proposal To Reinstate Dec 5 As Holiday Sent To LG'

Meanwhile Advisor to Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani said that the council of ministers has sent a proposal with

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Govt Allocates ₹14,810 Crore For Rural Infrastructure

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Ministry of Rural Development has sanctioned 3,437 roads totalling 20,801 km in length and 305 bridges under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Jammu and Kashmir, with a project value of Rs 14,810 crore till December 02 2024, the Lok Sabha was informed on Thursday. Of these, 3,214 roads

(19,324.72 km) and 217 bridges have been constructed at an expenditure of Rs 12,610 crore, including the UT share, according to details.

According to the Health Dv-

J&K Medical Council **Partners With ECHO-India To Enhance Healthcare**

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Medical Council (JKMC) has partnered with ECHO-India, a leading not-for-profit organisation focused on transformative capacity-building in healthcare, education and livelihoods. The collaboration, aimed at improving Continuing Medical Education (CME) and providing mentorship to local healthcare professionals, will ensure better access to quality healthcare for the region's residents.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Prof (Dr) S. Muhammad Salim Khan, President of the JKMC, and representatives from ECHO-India, including Dr Sandeep Bhalla, Vice President of Projects, Ms Paromita Das, General Manager of Projects and Dr Mariya Beigh. The event was attended by several distinguished members of the JKMC, including Prof Sandeep Dogra, Prof Vishal Tandon and Dr Jyoti Jolly, among others.

This partnership will focus on capacity-building and providing accredited CME programmes for healthcare profession-als across Jammu & Kashmir, with the goal of enhancing the knowledge and skills of doc-tors, particularly those working in peripheral health setups. The unique ECHO model, which stresses case-based learning and mentorship, will allow local healthcare providers to tap into expert-led knowledge-sharing networks, ultimately improving patient care and outcomes.

namics of India (Infrastructure & Human Resources) 2022-23, as of March 31, 2023, 198 Sub Centres, 65 Primary Health Centres (PHCs), and 3 Community Health Centres (CHCs) are operational in the tribal areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

The government said that it remains committed to ensuring comprehensive development in rural areas, with a focus on improving infrastructure, healthcare and connectivity. "Through initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the government aims to provide all-weather road connectivity, enhancing access to essential services," it said.

Observer News Service

Starting January 2025, the JKMC will introduce a new system for medical practitioners in the region. In addition to their regular responsibilities, the Council will require doctors to renew their registrations everv five years, with the requirement of earning 30 accredited CME credit hours to maintain their certification. This move is expected to foster continuous professional development and ensure that doctors remain updated on the latest medical advancements.

Prof Muhammad Salim Khan, President of the JKMC, expressed enthusiasm about the collaboration, saying, "This partnership is a crucial step toward bridging healthcare access and knowledge gaps in Jammu & Kashmir. By joining hands with ECHO India, we are empowering our healthcare providers with the essential tools and mentorship needed to serve their communities more effectively. We are committed to creating

challenges. ECHO India, which has been actively working with the state's healthcare departments, medical institutions, and community health workers, has already made substantial strides in improving health services in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Its initiatives have focused on critical areas such as tribal health, tuberculosis, oncology, comprehensive primary healthcare (CPHC), and geriatric care.

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that can tackle evolving health

Over 2,000 km Of National Highways Maintained In 5 Years: Gol

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Jairam Gadkari on Thursday informed the Lok Sabha that 2,074 kilometres of national highways were maintained, repaired and improved under various types of Maintenance and Repair (M&R) works over the last five years in Jammu and Kashmir.

The year-wise details of the work completed are as follows: 429 kilometres in 2019-20, 429 kilometres in 2020-21, 454 kilometres in 2021-22, 334 kilometres in 2022-23, and 428 kilometres in 2023-24.

The minister said the government has prioritised the maintenance of the existing national highway (NH) net-work and developed a mechanism to ensure the Maintenance and Repair (M&R) of all NH sections through accountable maintenance agencies.

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Maintenance, and Transfer (OMT) Concessions or Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Contracts have been awarded, the responsibility of M&R lies with the concerned concessionaires or contractors until the end of the Defect Liability Period (DLP) or the Concession Period," Gadkari said.

Similarly, for NH stretches under the Toll Operate and Transfer (TOT) and Infrastrucmenced or where Operation, ture Investment Trust (InvIT)

Govt Not Functioning Without Powers: Dy CM

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Deputy Chief minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary Thursday said that the Omar Abdullah-led government is not functioning without powers, but has the control and thus suspended employees for dereliction of duties.

'We don't want to act tough against employees, but they need to understand their responsibility like the government is performing its job,' Choudhary told the media

persons in Jammu. He said that there is a clear distribution of power, every-

PDP Questions Intent of Satellite Townships Along Sgr Ring Road

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief spokesperson Dr. Mehboob Beg on Thursday expressed serious concerns over the proposed satellite townships

ment to act responsibly. "Do the people of Jammu

and Kashmir have any rights in these townships? Will the domicile laws be respected?" he asked.

Dr. Beg also disclosed that the Jammu and Kashmir

Omar Abdullah-led government doesn't have powers. "It is because of the pow-

models, the M&R responsibili-

ty remains with the concerned

concessionaire until the end

of the Concession Period, he

stretches, the minister said,

the government has decided

to undertake maintenance

works through Performance-

Based Maintenance Contracts

(PBMC) or Short-Term Main-

tenance Contracts (STMC), he

remaining NH

ers with this government that the employees have been suspended," he said.

government will ensure good "We are not governance. against employees. Voters and the government employees are equal for us, but we want them to be accountable and people should get their rights," he said.

Cab Drivers, Locals Allege **Faulty FASTag Deductions At Kachkoot Toll Plaza**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Cab drivers and locals from various parts of the valley have alleged faulty deductions from their FASTag accounts at the Kachkoot Bijbehara Toll Plaza.

Several individuals have reported being charged Rs. 120 or more for both onward and return trips, even though their vehicles were parked at home. One cab driver said: "We

usually pay Rs. 120 when traveling from Srinagar to Pahalgam and Rs. 80 on the return journey. However, recently, was charged Rs. 120 for both legs of the trip, even though my car was parked at home. This seems like a technical issue with the system."

Another cab driver echoed the same concern, stating: "This problem is affecting many of us. We have always paid the standard toll rates, but now we are being charged twice the amount for no appar-

ent reason." Similarly, a local resident from Srinagar shared a similar complaint: "I received a deduction of Rs. 120 at 10:45 PM, even though my vehicle was parked at home. It's frustrating to see such discrepancies in the system."



Pertinently, FASTag, an electronic toll collection system introduced by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), is designed to make toll payments hassle-free. However, the alleged malfunctions at the Kachkoot Toll Plaza have left many drivers and locals worried about unjust deductions.

The affected individuals have urged authorities to investigate and resolve the issue promptly. When contacted, an official from the Kachkoot Toll Plaza in Bijbehara said "We have not received any such complaints so far. However, if anyone has faced such an issue, we request them to contact us. We will verify the claim, and once verified, we will take the necessary steps to address the problem."–(KNO)

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dress category shifts during ser-

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Despite repeated repre-

sentations by candidates and

clarifications from the General

Administration Department

(JKGAD), JKPSC continues this

A recent JKGAD order (No.

1826-JK(GAD) of 2024, dated

October 24, 2024) explicitly

stated that the JKCCE 2018 rules

do not include a provision for a

waiting list, further highlight-

ing JKPSC's failure to imple-

ment the Reserve List correctly.

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ated confusion, denied deserv-

ing candidates their rightful

opportunities, and undermined

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based selections, they said.

Reserve List Rule Being 'Misinterpreted', Allege **JKPSC** Aspirants

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Aspirants of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) have voiced strong discontent over the alleged misinterpretation of the "Reserve List" provision by the Commission, which they claim is being treated as a "waiting list."

Aspirants said that this issue pertains to the implementation of the rules outlined in the Jammu and Kashmir Combined Competitive Examination (JKC-CE) Rules, 2018, amended by S.O. 61 on February 23, 2021. The aspirants allege that the

Reserve List, intended as a supplementary list for candidates ranked just below the final recommendations, is being erroneously used as a waiting list. The lackadaisical approach

transparency. by the authorities has raised They said that such adminconcerns over transparency istrative lapses erode trust and and efficiency in the selection compromise the meritocratic principles meant to guide the process. –(KNO)

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He also assured that the

J&K Gets ₹3349 Cr Under **DAPST In 5 Years: Gol**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The central government informed Lok Sabha on Thursday that it has released an amount of Rs 3349.26 crore to Jammu and Kashmir under the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) over the past five years.

According to the Minister of State (MoS) for Tribal Affairs, this includes Rs 617.04 crore in 2019-20. Rs 319.06 crore in 2020-21. Rs 541.48 crore in 2021-22, Rs 765.57 crore in 2022-23 and Rs 1106.11 crore in 2023-24.

The house was informed that the government is implementing the DAPST as a strategy for the development of Scheduled Tribes and areas with tribal con-

centrations in the country. "In addition to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, 41 other Ministries/Departments allocate a certain percentage of their annual budgets for tribal development under DAPST," the government said.

"This funding supports various tribal development projects, including those related to education, health, agriculture, irrigation, roads, housing, electrification, employment generation, and skill development," it added. "Most of the schemes from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are demand-driven, and funds are provided to state governments based on the proposals received from them after appraisal and approval by the Ministry," the government added.

planned along the Ring Road project in Srinagar. He questioned the intent behind these developments and their potential beneficiaries.

Addressing a press conference Dr. Beg said the Ring Road project, which connects Galandar, Pampore, to Narbal, involves significant land acquisition. He questioned whether the proposed satellite townships are intended for the local populace or outsiders.

"The government, elected with a massive mandate, must answer the people. Who are these satellite townships for? What compensation will landowners receive? These are not just questions from the PDP but from the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Calling for greater transparency, Dr. Beg demanded increased compensation for affected landowners and urged the governHousing Board, through an order dated October 9, 2024, outlined plans for developing satellite townships along a 500-meter stretch on either side of the Ring Road. "This project, though presented under the guise of development, raises alarming questions about land rights, compensation, and the future of residents," he added.

He highlighted reports suggesting that approximately 1.20 lakh kanals of land would be required for the project, much of it sourced from fertile horticultural and agricultural zones-key components of Kashmir's economy.

The government's decision to reserve a one-kilometerwide corridor (500 meters on each side of the road) prohibits construction, leaving landowners in a state of uncertainty. "While compensation for ket values, with payouts reportedly as low as 20% of the actual land price. "This land is not just a source of income; it is our heritage and lifeline," he said. He also raised concerns about whether the proposed townships align with Srinagar's Master Plan and existing land use policies.

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no clarity here on how much

compensation will be pro-

vided or whether it will be ad-

Dr. Beg alleged that compen-

sation rates were far below mar-

equate," he said.

"The government must clarify the objectives of these townships and ensure the protection of local residents' rights," he urged. "Compensation must be fair, and the affected people must be taken into confidence."

Dr. Beg further stressed the importance of constructive opposition to hold the government accountable. "This is not about opposing for the sake of opposition: it's about ensuring justice and fairness. Measures like these affect the very existence and livelihoods of the people," he said.

Unlike a waiting list, which is

process," they added

Concerns Raised Over Decline In Saffron Production Under NSM

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Environmental lawver and convenor Civil Society Pampore Advocate Nadeem Qadri has raised serious concerns over the decline in saffron production under the National Saffron Mission (NSM). Expressing the disappointment and worries of saffron growers, Qadri highlighted that the expenses incurred in preparing saffron fields far exceed the returns from the crop, leaving growers in a dire state.

Qadri allegedly pointed out the discrepancies between the production figures provided by the concerned department and

the ground reality. He further criticized SKUAST-K for failing to play a proactive and vibrant role in addressing the challenges faced by the saffron industry, labeling their ambiguous stance as a significant setback for the mission.

Qadri raised questions about the accountability, integrity, and transparency of the Department of Agriculture, which, according to him, is the primary department and the prime accused in the failure of the National Saffron Mission. He stressed that the Department must be held responsible for its role in the alleged mismanagement of funds and resources allocated

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE AISHMUQAM

QUOTATION

For and behalf of Municipal Committee Aishmugam, sealed short term "QUOTATION" affixed with Revenue stamp of Rupees Ten are invited from the registered private Transport owners for hiring of Tractor with leveller for Snow clearance during winter season 2024-25. The operator/owner of the tractors with leveller shall quote their rates per hour/per day during winter season 2024-25 along with all charges including fuel rate. The quotation should reach this office by or before 11/12/2024 upto 2:00 pm, and the successful bidders shall have to clear the snow as per the schedule to be provided by the Municipal Committee Aishmugam.

Only those transporter owners shall quote their rates that are ready to perform the job under challenging circumstances and have updated machinery and shall enclose the documents of the machinery like ownership, RC and valid driver license.

In case any person who doesn't have his own but, have the access upon at least two number tractors with leveller can also offer their rates. The Undersigned reserves the right to reject or accept any or all the quotations without assign any thereof.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: ·

- Rates to be quoted per hour separately for tractor with leveler. 1.
- Snow clearance is to be made under the close supervision of I/C Sanitary Supervisor of Municipality who will authenticate the 2. progress.
- 3. The payment will be made after completion of the job as per work order.
- 4. The rates shall have to be quoted inclusive of all applicable taxes, and driver charges etc including fuel charges.
- 5. The quotations should be supported with CDR amounting to Rs.1000.00 pledged to Executive Officer Municipal Committee Aishmuqam
- The participating firms/individuals shall provide necessary applicable documents viz. GST or PAN whichever is applicable. 6.
- Other terms and conditions can be had from the office of the Undersigned during working hours. 7.

No:-MC/ASH/024/1360-68 **Executive Officer** DIPK-NB-2652-24 Dated:- 02-12-2024 **Municipal Committee**, DT: 05/12/2024 Aishmugam

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LETTER FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

No: 02/E0I/EE of 224-25

Srinagar Development Authority (SDA), Housing and Urban Development Department, Government of Union Territory, Jammu & Kashmir (hereinafter called "SDA or Authority") wants to develop projects on various identified land parcels in Srinagar on Public Private Partnership (PPP).

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1.	Title for Expression of Interest	Development of various Land Parcels in Srinagar City on Public Private				
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2.	Download of Eol Document	Complete EOI documents can be downloaded from the Website:				
		http://jktenders.gov.in (From 2nd of Dec. 2024 to 23rd Dec 2024)				
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Jasprit Bumrah Nominated

asprit Bumrah was on Thursday nominated as one of the three contenders to win the ICC player

of the month award for November following his

magnificent performance in India's massive win by

295 runs over Australia in Perth while captaining

Bumrah led the Indian team in the absence of

skipper Rohit Sharma, who missed the series opener

of the five-match Test rubber due to the birth of his

The peerless fast bowler was nominated along

Bumrah returned to the top of the ICC men's Test

bowling rankings in November and aims to win his

was impressive in the T20I series over India before

The ICC women's player of the month contenders

for November include Bangladesh's Sharmin Akhter,

South Africa's Nadine de Klerk and Danni Wyatt-

second player of the month award. Joining Bumrah on the shortlist is Jansen, who

dazzling with the ball in the Proteas' win by 233

runs against Sri Lanka in the Durban Test. Completing the line-up is Rauf, who inspired Pakistan's first ODI series win in Australia since

ICC Chairman Jay Shah

Vows To Take Cricket To

with South African left-arm seamer Marco Jansen

For ICC POTM Award

CT Hybrid Model Finalised, Same Plan For All ICC Events Till 2027

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The International Cricket Council has reached a consensus to conduct next year's Champions Trophy in a hybrid model, allowing India to play its share of matches in Dubai while agreeing "in principle" to a similar arrangement in multi-lateral events till 2027.

According to a top ICC source, the decision was more or less finalised during an informal meeting between the body's new President Jay Shah and the Board of Directors, including Pakistan, at its headquarters in Dubai on Thursday.

The Champions Trophy is to be held in February-March next year

Pakistan, while withdrawing its boycott threat and agreeing to go hybrid in the previous ICC meet last week, had demanded a reciprocal arrangement for itself till 2031. However, the ICC has agreed to a hybrid model for all its events till 2027.

During this period, India will be hosting the women's ODI World Cup in October this year



and the 2026 men's T20 World Cup jointly with Sri Lanka.

Given the hosting arrangement, Pakistan would not have been compelled to travel to India if they had insisted against neutral venue to play their

it in 2026 even if a hybrid model was not in place. Agreeing to this arrangement means that the Indian women's team will have to travel to a

league match against Pakistan, should that be necessitated by the schedule which is yet to come out.

The latest development will clear the decks for the release of Champions Trophy schedule which has been long awaited by fans and broadcasters, Star Sports.

As per the contract between the ICC and the broadcaster, the governing body was expected to give it the schedule of the tournament at least 90 days in advance but that deadline has already been breached.

The channel's representatives were in Dubai to discuss the operational modalities of the 'Hybrid Model' and prospective schedule with Shah. But that meeting was postponed to Saturday, according to sources.

The PCB had earlier indicated that it wanted a greater share in the annual revenue cycle to accommodate the Indian demand for a hybrid model but there is no word yet on whether this has been discussed.

Their latest refusal to travel has been blamed on security concerns and the ICC has stated more than once that it does not expect any member board to go against government travel advisories.

BGT 2024-25 2nd Test KL Will Open Innings & I Will Bat In Middle: Rohit



Press Trust of India

ADELAIDE: KL Rahul's composure and brilliant technique while opening the innings in Perth convinced skipper Rohit Sharma to move himself down the order and "bat somewhere in the middle" in the day/night Test against Australia starting here on Friday.

The Indian captain said on Thursday he didn't wish to tinker with a combination that brought the team success in the series opener of the fivematch rubber which the visitors lead 1-0 following their 295-run win at Optus Oval. Rahul looked solid with scores of 26 and 77 and added 201 runs with fellow opener and centurion Yashasvi Jaiswal in the second innings of the first Test. "He (Rahul) will open the innings. I will play somewhere in the middle," Rohit told reporters on the eve of the second Test. The Indian skipper was both categorical and objective in his reply when asked about his hotly-debated batting slot after returning from a brief paternity break.

37-year-old Rohit explained part by part the need for continuity.

"How I came to that decision of, you know, batting down the order is clearly, you know, we want results. We want success," Rohit was categorical about his decision to take a step back after opening the innings for five years.

He was also objective about the rationale.

"Those two guys (Jaiswal and Rahul) at the top, just looking at this one Test match, they batted brilliantly. I was at home with my newborn (son Ahaan) in my arms and I was watching how KL batted." Rohit didn't want to disturb Rahul but also said that the decision is based on current situation.

J&K Football's Santosh Trophy Final **Round Camp Starts In Jammu**



Observer News Service SRINAGAR: Following their advancement to the final round of the 78th National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy 2024-2025, the J&K senior men's football team is currently undergoing a

rigorous coaching camp in Jammu, under the guidance of Mehraj Ud Din Wadoo and Satpal Singh.

The team is placed in Group A, which includes hosts Telengana, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Manipur and Services. The first match between J&K and West Bengal

is scheduled for December 14 at Deccan Arena Artificial Turf Sta-

J&K Sports Council is providing and access to the sports facilities.

J&K Beat Haryana By 6 Wickets In Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

dium in Hyderabad, Telangana.

all the facilities to the team, including boarding and lodging, transportation, refreshment, apparels

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five games and losing two. The

team also defeated powerhouse

teams like Jharkhand and Uttar

'Unprecedented Heights' Newly-appointed ICC chairman Jay Shah on Thursday vowed to take cricket to "unprec-

edented heights" following his first visit to the headquarters of the game's global governing body as its head.

Elected unopposed in August, the 36-year-old Shah became the youngest and fifth Indian to take over as the ICC chair. His term began on December 1.

Shah visited the ICC Headquarters in Dubai for the first time in his role as chairman as he described it as "productive and inspiring."

"While I am encouraged by what I have seen, I recognise that this is just the beginning," Shah stated in an ICC release.

The hard work to elevate cricket to unprecedented heights starts now, and I am confident that together, we will deliver on this vision."

Speaking after meeting with ICC Board Directors and staff, Shah emphasised the importance of collaboration in shaping the future of cricket.

"This visit provided an invaluable opportunity to connect with my colleagues on the ICC Board where we discussed the initial roadmap and strategies to shape the future of this incredible sport.

"I was equally delighted to meet with the dedicated ICC team working tirelessly behind the scenes to propel cricket forward.'

Zimbabwe Win 3rd T20 **Against Pakistan With Late** Flourish

7 imbabwe beat Pakistan by two wickets in the last of their three-match Twenty20 series at the Queens Sports Club on Thursday, a consolation win after heavy defeats in the first two clashes. Zimbabwe scrapped past the target of 132 with one ball to spare in an exciting finish for home supporters with Richard Ngarava scoring the winning run. Pakistan had won by 57 runs and 10 wickets in the first two T20 internationals and fielded a much changed line-up for the last encounter and scratched their way to 132-7 off their 20 overs after winning the toss and choosing to bat first. Zimbabwe were always in the hunt after opener Brian Bennett top scored with 43 off 35 balls but they were still 12 runs shy of victory going into the last over.

A team man to the core, the

"It was brilliant to watch, to be honest. And I felt that there is no need to change that now. I don't know, may be in the future. things will be different." Rahul has so far scored eight

Test hundreds, and five of those tons have come in Australia, South Africa and England, and the skipper feels the Karnataka player is the most deserving to face the new ball.

SRINAGAR: J&K senior men's cricket team ended their 2024-25 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy with a six-wicket victory over Haryana on Thursday at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Bowling first, J&K restricted Haryana to a total of 128/4 in 20 overs. Ankit Rajesh Kumar top scored for the team with 59 (49 balls). Murugan Ashwin took two wickets for J&K.

In reply, J&K suffered early hiccups and were reduced to 28/3 at one point. However, under-fire captain Paras Dogra proved his worth with a resounding unbeaten knock of 63 (42). Lone Nasir



also helped stabilise the innings, making 29 not out from 36 balls. Paras was named player of the match for his game-winning knock.

The win meant I&K ended Pradesh.

Tinotenda Maposa hit a four and a six off the first two balls of the last over to set up the home victory as Zimbabwe squeezed through to 133-8.

Mbappé Enduring 'Difficult Moment' As He **Misses Another Penalty Kick & Madrid Loses**

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MADRID: Kylian Mbappé admitted he is going through a difficult moment as he missed another penalty kick and Real Madrid lost ground to Barcelona in the Spanish league after a 2-1 loss at Athletic Bilbao on Wednesday.

Mbappé had his penalty saved by Athletic goalkeeper Julen Agirrezabala in the 68th minute, and later Fed-erico Valverde gifted a late goal by losing possession on defense to allow an easy winner by Gorka Guruzeta in the 80th.

"Bad result," Mbappé posted on Instagram. "A big mistake in a match where every detail counts. I take full responsibility for it. A difficult moment but it's the best time to change this situation and show who I am."

Mbappé sent the penalty shot to his right and Agirrezabala dived that way to make the stop.



2-0 win over Getafe to ease "We knew that he is a good penalty taker," Agirrezabala said. "He missed him and the club. the last one and I believed

that he was going to choose the same side and luckily that's what happened." Mbappé, who had a goal disallowed for offside in the Spanish powerhouse. 13th, had also missed a pen-

alty in Madrid's 2-0 loss at Liverpool in the Champions League last week. He didn't take the one for the club in a Spanish league match on Sunday, but he scored in the Mbappé. "He is not at his best level, but you have to give him time to adapt. You have to give him time to be able to do better."

Ancelotti also downplayed the bad play by Valverde, saying that mistakes can happen to anyone.

Valverde had control of the ball but gave it away while trying to get past a couple of Athletic players instead of passing it to a teammate, leaving Guruzeta with an easy run into the area for his goal.

some of the pressure on Álex Berenguer had put the hosts ahead in the 53td But it was another lackand Jude Bellingham equalluster outing for the France ized for Madrid in the 78th. star, who continues to The defeat left Madrid struggle in his first season four points behind Barcesince finally joining the lona, which on Tuesday ended a three-match winless "I won't evaluate the streak in the league with a performance of a player 5-1 rout at Mallorca. Madrid, which has a game in hand, because of a missed penalty. Obviously he is sad and had won three consecutive disappointed, but you have league games since a 4-0 to move on," Madrid coach loss at home in the "clasico" Carlo Ancelotti said about against Barcelona. (AP)

Lewis Hamilton 'Underestimated' How Hard Leaving Mercedes For Ferrari Would Be

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ABU DHABI (UNITED ARAB EMIR-ATES): Lewis Hamilton says he "massively underestimated" how big a toll his decision to leave Mercedes for Ferrari would take on his relationships with the team where he won six of his seven Formula 1 championships.

Hamilton's move to Ferrari for 2025 ends the most successful partnership between a driver and a team in F1 history. The decision was announced in February and has overshadowed an often-difficult season with Mercedes that has vielded two wins but some poor recent results.

"I anticipated it would be difficult, but massively underestimated how difficult it would be. It was straining on the relationship very early on, took time for people to get past it," Hamilton said Thursday. "And then just for my own self, it's been a very emotional year for me and I think I've not been at my best in handling and dealing with those emotions.

Speaking ahead of his final race for Mercedes on Sunday at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Hamilton said he'd been left with "loads of bruises" fol-



lowing a game of paintball with some Mercedes colleagues shortly after his move to Ferrari was revealed. "People went in on me that day," he said.

Hamilton added that he was working on how he handles difficult personal situations following some of the strain in his relationships this year. "I think you've all seen the worst of me and seen the best of me, and I'm not going to apologize for either because I'm only human and I don't always get it right," Hamilton said. "I definitely would say this year has been one of the worst in terms of handling that from my side, which I work on trying to be better at. But I hope the good and the highs far outweigh the negatives and how I've handled it or behaved." (AP)