

# Good Morning Kashmir

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Good exchange of perspectives with President @raisi\_com of Iran on the difficult situation in West Asia and the Israel-Hamas conflict. Terrorist incidents, violence and loss of civilian lives are serious concerns. Preventing escalation, ensuring continued humanitarian aid and early restoration of peace and stability are important. Welcomed the progress in our bilateral cooperation, including on the Chabahar port.

### 3 Killed, 17 Injured In Rajouri Accident

**RAJOURI:** Three passengers travelling in a Tempo Traveller lost their lives while 17 others including children as well as women were injured in a road accident that took place at Charhan as the ill-fated vehicle fell off the road on Monday. Police informed that an accident took place when a Tempo Traveller bearing registration number JK02AB-5535 on way to Rajouri from Budhal skidded off the road at Charhan, around 15 kilometres away from Rajouri. The vehicle fell into a deep gorge, resulting in injuries to 20. **●P-02**

## 2024 Lok Polls J&K Admin Appoints 12 Nodal Officers



**NASIR AZAM**  
**SRINAGAR:** In a significant development, the administration of Jammu & Kashmir has appointed Union Territory level nodal officers for smooth conduct of Lok Sabha polls-2024. The administration of the UT on Monday appointed 12 nodal officers to look into different areas/ issues for smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha polls. The appointments have been made after directives of Election Commission of India (ECI). The officer appointed as nodal officers include administrative secretary, Jal Shakti department (water and sanitation issues), administrative secretary, Housing & Urban Development department (local bodies), administrative secretary, Power Development Department (power), administrative secretary, Public Works Department (public works), administrative secretary, School Education department (education), administrative secretary, Social Welfare department (social welfare) Commissioner, Sales Tax (sales tax), Managing Director, J&K Regional Transport Corporation (transport). **●P-02**

### DGP Chairs Meeting Of Senior Officers



**JAMMU:** Director General of Police (DGP) R.R. Swain Monday chaired a meeting of all senior police officers of different wings across J&K in which he reviewed the Police functioning at Zonal, Range & District levels besides other wings of the organization. The new DGP **●P-02**

### Paradise Polluted

## "Srinagar Chokes as Air Pollution Hits Alarming Record High Levels"

**JAVED SHAH**  
**SRINAGAR:** Srinagar, once known for its clean and natural mountain air, is now making headlines for all the wrong reasons. Kashmir Valley has millions of trees, including Chinar, apple, and willow. Some are traditionally pruned in autumn and early winter, or produce leaves that fall as a thick red and amber carpet on the ground. The burning of biomass picks momentum across Kashmir with the beginning of the autumn season as people prepare for the approaching winter by preparing charcoal from leaves and twigs. "The air quality of the Kashmir valley deteriorates significantly during autumn. The burning of fallen leaves and biomass is adding to the smog, deteriorating the air quality," Environmental Lawyer, Nadeem Qadri said. He added that the current cold temperature in Kashmir along with the elevated level of emissions from the biomass burning is likely to cover the Valley with a blanket of smog in the next few days. "We don't have 24/7 electricity, we are an energy deficient state, so people are moving towards these things which are traditionally securing them, be it Kangri or Chorcoal, Qadri said, adding that the government must come up with a comprehensive action plan to mitigate such challenges in rural areas, especially in the winter months. Kashmir has millions of fruit and other trees, including poplar, willow and chinar, an oriental plane tree. Some are traditionally pruned in autumn and early winter, or produce leaves that fall as a thick red and amber carpet on the ground. Often the pruned wood and leaves are burned, with the ash combined with charcoal for winter heating or mixed into the **●P-02**




## Rain, Snowfall Likely From Tomorrow In J&K



**OWAIS GUL**  
**SRINAGAR:** The weatherman here on Monday asked the farmers to suspend their farm operations, predicting light rains and snowfall on November 09. According to the details shared by the Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhat Ahmad, the weather would remain mainly dry from November 07-November 15. However, he said that there is a possibility of light rains over plains and **●P-02**

## 'To Help Curb Terrorist Activities' With 'GPS Anklets', JKP To Monitor Terror-Accused On Bail

**YOGESH**  
**JAMMU:** With Jammu and Kashmir Police taking lead in using Global Positioning System (GPS) trackers on ankles of terrorists out on bail, Director General of Police (DGP) RR Swain Monday said that move will help curb narco-smuggling and terrorist activities too. A few days ago, J&K police on the directions of court, installed an ankle worn GPS tracker on a terror crime accused out on bail, so that his movements can be monitored round the clock during the bail period. The Special National Investigation Agency Court in Jammu ordered police to affix a GPS tracker on an alleged terrorist operative of Hizbul Mujahideen, who is accused for mobilizing funds for Pakistan-based terror outfit and released on bail. The direction by the NIA court came after the accused applied for bail in the case registered under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) in Udhampur in Jammu region. The special court issued the direction to affix an ankle with GPS tracker after the prosecution submitted that there was a need for close monitoring of the terror-accused. Director General of Police (DGP) Swain explained the procedure for installation of first of its kind Global Positioning System (GPS) **●P-02**

## CS Reviews Progress Of Implementation Of JJM



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**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta Monday took a detailed review of progress under the Jal Jeevan Mission in the UT of J&K. The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra along with Mission Director, JJM, Chief Engineers of Jal Shakti Jammu/Kashmir besides other senior officers of the department. At the outset, the Chief Secretary undertook live virtual review of several ongoing Water Supply Schemes at various far-flung areas of J&K such as Tangdara (Kupwara), Chithi Bandey (Bandipora), Agar **●P-02**

## Delayed Bloom Pampore's Saffron Fields Draw Hundreds Of Tourists

**JAHANGEER GANAIE**  
**PAMPORE:** The saffron fields of Pampore have become a centre of attraction for hundreds of tourists as they throng here to see the bloomed flowers. With the recent saffron bloom, tourists have flocked to the saffron town to witness the maroon, yellow, and purple hues of the famed flowers. Ghulam Rasool, a local resident said that tourists have been visiting the fields for the past week and capturing the mesmerising scenery through photographs. He said the recent rainfall has played a pivotal role in the blooming of saffron fields which are attracting an increasing number of tourists each day. "Similar to the way tourists capture the beauty of Dal Lake, Pahalgam, Gulmarg, and other popular spots, the saffron fields have become a must-visit destination," he said. Bilal Ahmad, another local resident, said that visitors are not only captivated by the visual splendour but also by the fragrant aroma of saffron, prompting many to buy them on the spot. Rajan, a tourist from Gujarat, said it was his dream to visit Kashmir and spend time in the saffron fields. Other visitors said that it is a rare experience to spend time in saffron fields and witness this flower considering it is the world's costliest spice (by weight). Officials told KNO that this year, the bloom was delayed due to a sudden drop in temperature last October. Ordinarily, the fields would be in full bloom by the last week of October, but despite the delay, the saffron fields continue to enchant visitors with their breathtaking beauty, they said—(KNO)



## 'Tourist Arrivals Will Surpass J&K's Population This Year'

**REHAN QAYOOM MIR**  
**SRINAGAR:** Secretary Tourism Syed Abid Rasheed Shah said the number of tourists' arrivals this year will surpass the population of Jammu and Kashmir. While speaking to media on the sidelines of a Film Festival 2023 at Tagore Hall, Shah said the last year record of tourist arrivals broke in the first 10 months this year. "Last year we received some 1.28 crore tourists. We have breached this number in first 10 months of the year. This year we have some of the best numbers," he said. The tourism secretary said he has full confidence that Jammu and Kashmir will cross 2 crore plus tourists arrivals this year. "The number of tourists is almost near to 2 crores. I hope and have full confidence we will cross the two crore figure this year. It should be noted that Jammu and Kashmir, which has a population of 1.40 crore people will receive more tourists than its population," he said. Shah said that post G20, they had almost 150 major events in Jammu and Kashmir. "In coming time, we will be having even more such events." When asked whether Jammu and Kashmir will host Miss World event, the tourism secretary said Jammu and Kashmir was ready to host best global events in the world. "We have the infrastructure and beauty in magnificence, which is not anywhere else. We are ready to hold the best global events in the world," he said. Pertinently, Jammu and Kashmir for the second consecutive year is witnessing a record-breaking tourists' arrivals. Kashmir, which has been in the spotlight for witnessing packed winter, spring, summer and autumn received as many as 1.6 Cr tourists including 31,000 foreign in first eight months of the year. With increasing numbers, the administration is building demand driven infrastructure to **●P-02**





# DC G'bl Convenes Meeting For Finalizing Modalities Of MCP

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**GANDERBAL:** The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir Monday convened a meeting to finalize the Modalities for running of milk chilling plant at Chountwaliwar.

In order to make the project potentially a viable unit, it was decided that a tri-party agreement shall be made between

Animal Husbandry Department Ganderbal, Department of Cooperatives Ganderbal and The Chountwaliwar Milk Producers Dairy Cooperative Society Ltd Chountwaliwar Lar.

The DC directed the concerned that the unit shall be outsourced on cooperative pattern strictly on the terms and conditions under the relevant Cooperative Societies Act

1989 and MoU shall be signed between the Animal Husbandry Department District Ganderbal, Department of Cooperatives District Ganderbal and Chountwaliwar Milk Producers Dairy Cooperative Society Ltd Chountwaliwar Lar before handover of the unit (Milk Chilling Plant ) to the Chountwaliwar Milk producers Dairy Cooperative Society

Ltd Chountwaliwar Lar. Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Ganderbal was directed to facilitate the establishment of the Milk plant and JKMPCL shall monitor the quality of the products produced.

It was also decided that the necessary training/ technical assistance for operating this milk plant at the initial stage shall be provided by the Animal

Husbandry Department. The Cooperative Society was directed to manage the proper maintenance of the plant and ensure the optimum capacity utilization of the Milk Processing plant in order to fulfill the goals of the project after taking required undertaking from the Managing Body of the said Cooperative Society.

It was also decided that the

close monitoring and supervision of the project shall be strictly carried out by the Department of Cooperatives as per the provisions of the Cooperative Societies Act 1989 and the rules made there under and as mandated in the registered bylaws of the society.

Furthermore, the Managing body of the Cooperative Society will take steps to link it with the

JKMPCL and to increase the number of its members in order to make an FPO.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies Lar, Live stock Development Officer, Ganderbal, Block Vet Officer Kangan, besides Chairman Dairy Cooperative Society Chountwaliwar along with PRs.

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### J&K Admin

Commissioner, Excise Department (excise), Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (migrants), Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, J&K Bank Limited (banks and financial institutions) and chairman and chief executive officer, J&K Bank Limited (SLBC convenor).

The Lok Sabha elections are likely to take place in April -May 2024. In the last Lok Sabha polls, NC and BJP won three seats each in J&K—(KNO)

### "Srinagar Chokes

soil to enrich it. Rafi Ahmad Bhat, regional director of Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee told Good Morning Kashmir that the department is taking to control air pollution, and are continuously monitoring the ambient air quality in Srinagar at different stations to assess the level of air pollutants. "The air quality of the Kashmir valley has started deteriorating from last two days due to burning of biomass, particularly the fallen chinar and apple tree leaves," Bhat said. Adding that sensitizing the masses by conducting various outreach programmes, plantation drives are some of the other steps taken to reduce the particulate matter concentration," Bhat said.

As air pollution is increasing day by day, Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee has directed authorities to be more serious about it. " With reference to the subject (Control of Stubble Burning in Jammu and Kashmir), your attention is invited to the directions of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dated 21-08-2023 in OA 681/2018 TITLED "NCAP with multiple timelines to clean air in 102 cities to be released around August 15," for control of stubble burning wherever necessary, and in this regard, it is requested that the concerned District Magistrates/ Deputy Commissioners of your respective regions may be instructed to take necessary measures to control stubble burning wherever necessary in their respective jurisdictions," reads the letter issued by Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee to Divisional Commissioner Kashmir.

A recent survey showed around 10,000 people die in Jammu and Kashmir every year due to diseases attributable to air pollution, Director of Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr Parvaiz Koul, had said. "Pollution is affecting every organ of our body. Srinagar city has the highest incidence of lung cancer in the country, and Jammu and Kashmir has a high prevalence of lung diseases, and air pollution is a major risk factor for the ailments," he said.

The city, which was historically considered an ideal place for people suffering from tuberculosis and other respiratory ailments, is grappling with a severe air quality crisis. Recent data reveals that Srinagar has been consistently breaking records in the air quality index, raising concerns among residents and environmentalists alike.

Kashmir valley endures harsh winters. Kashmiris traditionally use charcoal to keep warm in winter, burning it in Kangris which they hold against their bodies under a large cloak.

On the other side, the burning ban in both City as well as in rural areas has run into some opposition, both from residents dependent on charcoal for winter heat and from those making it. "The burning ban is not an option. Yes if the government thinks so, then they should make proper arrangements for our winter heating. How can we keep ourselves warm during winter without charcoal?" asked Mudaser Ahmad, a Dalgate resident.

Environmental experts point to rapid urbanization and increased vehicular traffic as major contributors to the deteriorating air quality. "The unchecked growth of industries and the rise in the number of vehicles on the roads have significantly impacted the air we breathe," says an environmental scientist based in Srinagar.

Local authorities are now under pressure to address the issue promptly. The government has initiated measures to curb vehicular emissions, promote public transportation, and enforce stricter regulations on industries contributing to pollution. Additionally, afforestation drives and awareness campaigns are being launched to encourage residents to actively participate in preserving the city's natural beauty.

As Srinagar grapples with this environmental challenge, communities, policymakers, and environmentalists are joining hands to find sustainable solutions. The hope is that with collective efforts and stringent measures, Srinagar can reclaim its status as a haven for clean, fresh air and once again become a safe haven for those suffering from respiratory ailments.

### 3 Killed, 17 Injured In

passengers. Dr. Mehmood H Bajar, Medical Superintendent of GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri, said that all the injured were brought to the hospital where three among them were declared as brought dead whose bodies have been handed over to the police after conducting medico-legal formalities.

He said that three injured have been referred to Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu due to some serious complicated injuries whereas other injured are undergoing treatment at GMC associated hospital.

Those who have been referred to GMC Jammu include an adult and two children.

The three passengers, who lost their lives in the accident, include Abdul Rashid (34), son of Chandia of Hubbi Kand, Mohammad Shabir (40), son of Nazir Hussain of Badhal and Mohammad Azam (37), son of Ghulam Din of Draj Budhal.

Meanwhile, the injured have been identified as Jagdev Singh (30) son of Lal Chand, Kirna Devi (25) wife of Jagdev Singh (25), Jajant Singh (2) son of Jagdev Singh, Naseem Akhter (30) wife of Abdul Rashid, Saika Kouser (4) daughter of Abdul Rashid, Wajid Ali (2) son of Abdul Rashid, all residents of Hubbi, Showket Ali (35) son of Nazir Hussain resident of Kand, Mohammad Kafil (15) son of Ghulam Rasool resident of Dhar Sakri, Imtiaz Ahmed son of Ghulam Mohammad (20) resident of Mogra Draj, Mashooma Begum (64) wife of Abdul Aziz resident of Jaglanoo, Mohammad Altaf (34) son of Abdul Aziz resident of Jaglanoo, Mohammad Younis (55) son of Ali Mohammad resident of Dhar Sakri, Vinod Kumar (55) son of Parshotam Kumar resident of Khawas, Hamida Begum (55) wife of Abdul Aziz resident of Kotranka, Abdul Aziz (62) son of Hassan Mohammad resident of Kotranka, Imtiaz Ahmed (24) son of Yaseen resident of Hubbi and Rajeev Singh (38) son of Daleep Singh resident of Sakri—(KNO)

### DGP Chairs Meeting

interacted with senior officers in the PHQ and also various wings of Jammu and Kashmir Police. Outstation officers in the Kashmir Valley and remote districts of Jammu province too participated in the meeting, a police spokesman said in a statement issued here.

At PHQ, the meeting was attended by Director SKPAU Garib Dass, IGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain, IGP CID Nitish Kumar, IGP Hqs/CIV PHQ B S Tuti, IGP Armed Jammu M N Tiwari, DIsG Dr Sunil Gupta, Shakti Pathak, Shridhar Patil, Haseeb ur Rehman, Sarah Rizvi, Nisha Nathyal & Javid Iqbal Matoo, all district SSSP of Jammu Zone (except Samba & Ramban) and all AIsG of PHQ.

ADGs P S. J. M. Gillani, Vijay Kumar, DsIG Sujit Kumar, Vivek Gupta, M Suleman Choudhary, Dr Haseeb ul Mughal, Shahid Mehraj, Abdul Qayoom, Altaf Ahmad Khan, Rayees Mohammad Bhat, all district SSSP of Kashmir Zone, SSP PCR Kashmir, SSP Ramban and SSP Samba attended the meeting through video conferencing.

During the meeting the discussions were held in an informal environment to identify the challenges, the work environment related difficulties, as also difficulties in planning and executing responses that are practical and effective.

The DGP listened to the participants patiently, noted down issues, gave his views and said, it is absolutely necessary that leaders of the force at different levels must unhesitatingly interact with their junior colleagues and take their feedback so that the police and law enforcement responses are cost effective, public friendly and aligned to national security interests.

R R Swain further stated that it's a great pleasure and privilege for him to have an interaction with all the senior officers of a professional force at a big platform for the 1st time after assuming the charge of DGP J&K.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir Police has faced many challenges with fortitude and have made a top position among the different forces of the country. He emphasized upon the officers that there is no looking back rather to look forward to enhance our capabilities of working & functioning to deliver better to the people. He advised for developing competence of personnel in dealing with public, crime, law & order, and generating human intelligence etc.

The DGP directed the officers to work out measures to enhance professional ethics among the personnel and to ensure transparency and accountability in the working. "There should be no hesitation in self correction", Swain said adding that one should take pride in self correction.

He directed for optimum use of resources. He ensured that at PHQ level all possible support and resources will be provided to augment and strengthen the working & functioning.

The DGP emphasizes upon officers to

ensure that welfare of personnel should be taken care of at different levels.

The senior officers briefed the DGP regarding the functioning of different units and measures taken to extend better police service to the people—(KNO)

### Rain, Snowfall

light snow over the higher reaches including Razdan Pass, Sadhna Top, Sinthan Top, Zojila and Mughal Road on November 09, 2023.

On November 07, the weather would remain mainly dry while on November 08, there is a possibility of fairly to generally cloudy weather conditions with forecast of light rain over plains and light snow over few higher reaches.

He added that on November 10, the weather is expected to remain fairly to generally cloudy while the light rains and snow is also expected at isolated places in the morning hours.

As per the detailed forecast shared by Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, the weather conditions are expected to remain mainly dry during November 11-November 15.

He added that the minimum temperature will plummet during the period.

The MeT also issued an advisory, asking the farmers to suspend the farm operation during the period especially on November 09.

It further reads that the temporary disruption of surface transportation over the higher reaches due to slippery conditions is also expected and advised the people to plan their travel accordingly—(KNO)

### With 'GPS

trackers in the region. Emphasizing the critical role of tracker, the DGP said it is a crucial tool in monitoring the activities of individuals who have received bail under specific conditions.

Swain while speaking to media in Jammu said, there are legal contexts and operational contexts, both are interconnected.

"Operational context is that those who do repeated offences be it terrorism, smuggling of narcotics, or heinous offences of some sort, when they get bail, it is given on the condition that they'll not commit another crime, will not tamper with the evidence, and will not avenge the witnesses," he said.

The DGP said that that bail granted on these conditions does not imply the closure of the case, and the legal system places its trust in the individuals to adhere to the stipulated bail conditions.

DGP Swain elaborated on the practical implementation of GPS trackers, stating, "The first tracker was installed on an individual who was carrying Rs 50 lakh in a cylinder for terrorist and separatist financing. Through the tracker, we can monitor his movements and ensure that he complies with the bail conditions following the orders of the Court," he said. The DGP said that introducing of GPS trackers will help curb narco-smuggling, terror-funding and terrorist activities as well.

"With this device, we would be able to monitor the movement as to whether the person out on bail is meeting someone to collect narco-consignment, terror funds and also whether he is meeting any active terrorists etc. So the technology will help us a lot," he said—(KNO)

### CS Reviews

Ballian (Reasi) and also took feedback from local community members/Pani Samitis regarding the pace and quality of the ongoing works. Dr. Mehta, while impressing that water is a basic necessity that touches the life of every citizen, directed senior functionaries and field staff of Jal Jeevan Mission for strict adherence to the deadlines set for completion of the project with active on-boarding of Pani-Samitis.

During the subsequent meeting, the Jal Shakti Department made a detailed presentation regarding the status of progress under the Jal Jeevan Mission. It was informed that 99% of the works in Kashmir division and 95% of works in Jammu division out of the total 6623 works in the UT stand allotted; and that by December end, 91% of the functional household tap connections shall be made functional. It was also highlighted that the pace of the providing of household tap connections have increased from the average rate of 3200 per month previously to 37400 per month during the current year with 41000 tap connections provided in the month of October this year.

It was also apprised that at the current pace of work, J&K was expected to enter into the above 75%- High Achiever Category (4 star) by November end. On the district front, it was informed that 09 districts have entered the 4 star category (more than 75%), 07 districts have entered the 3 star category (more than 50%) in this current year with 02 district- Sri-

nagar and Ganderbal having achieved the 100% target already.

Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Jeevan Mission apprised that J&K stands at the top among UTs and 3rd overall in the country with respect to Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance with 1.7 lakh test conducted through a network of 98 water testing labs and 32000 women having being trained for use of Field Test Kits for water quality testing so far.

He also stated that a total of Rs. 2100 crores stand spent on Jal Jeevan Mission in the current financial year with transparency, accountability being fostered through disclosure of real-time status of physical and financial progress available on the JJM-IMIS portal of GoI, disclosure of details of release of UT funds available on the Janbhagidari Portal and disclosure of details of allotments of works under various scheme under JJM available on the departmental website of respective Chief Engineers besides various robust interventions like monitoring through District level Project Management Units (DPMUs), Consultants and Third Party Inspection Agencies (TPIAs).

During the review, Dr. Mehta observed that the public involvement through Pani Samitis is key tool for real-time feedback of the work and to create a sense of public ownership of these works. In view of the onset of winter in the Kashmir division, the Chief Secretary directed carrying out work on war-footing and to innovate to ensure that works are completed before peak winters. He enjoined upon all present to ensure that timelines are not breached and works are completed within the timelines set for completion.

Also, the Chief Secretary observed that the upcoming visits of Prabhari Officers during the upcoming 5th Phase of Back to Village Program presents a great opportunity to review the ongoing/completed scheme under JJM and accordingly, issued directions that the same be made one of a focus areas in this edition of Back to Village Program.

### 'Tourist Arrivals

accommodate even bigger arrivals. With homestays and opening of new destinations, Jammu and Kashmir government as per the official documents is eyeing an investment of Rs 2000 crore per year in the tourism sector for the next five years to generate jobs to at least 50,000 people.

Currently, the total registered capacity for tourist accommodation in Kashmir is 62,488 beds, which include all the hotels of A, B and C category and also the Guest Houses and Houseboats.

The 'A' category hotels in Srinagar have 8,778-bed capacity, 'B' category hotels in Srinagar have 7,036 bed capacity, 'C' category hotels in Srinagar have 10,500 bed capacity, Guest Houses have 17,114 bed capacity and the registered operational Houseboats have 4,462 bed capacity.

Travel agents also said they had another "great season" of tourism this year.

"Indeed we had a great season this year. Consistently 2023 was like 2022 when we received good number of tourists. We have November and December left and queries are coming in good numbers for Christmas and New Year. If Sonmarg is all through for tourists during winters, we will have an enormous number of arrivals throughout winter," said Rauf Trambo, president Travel Agents Association of Kashmir—(KNO)

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# B'pora village's organic spring onions add flavor to Kashmiri Wazwan

SAJID RAINA

**BANDIPORA:** Kashmiri cuisine is celebrated for its intricate flavours, relying on indigenous ingredients and time-honoured culinary techniques. Of late, northern district Bandipora's Buthoo villages is offering organic spring onions that makes the traditional Kashmiri Wazwan more spicy and tasty.

Spring onions, known as "Peraan" in the local language, stand out, lending its unique flavour to a multitude of Kashmiri dishes, from soups and stews to curries and kebabs.

The use of spring onions in Kashmiri cuisine has deep historical roots, closely intertwined with the region's agricultural heritage. With its fertile soil and favourable climate, Kashmir has long been an agricultural hub. For generations, local farmers have cultivated spring onions, incorporating them into their traditional recipes.

However, it was during the 14th century that spring onions truly gained prominence in Kashmiri cuisine, thanks to the Mughal Emperor Akbar's fondness for Kashmiri food. His court's opulent feasts featured a diverse array of dishes, many of which prominently featured spring onions.

Over time, spring onions became an indispensable



component of Kashmiri cuisine, particularly in the elaborate "wazwan" feasts, a cornerstone of the region's culinary culture, often served at weddings and special occasions. No wazwan feast is deemed complete without the addition of spring onions, which impart a refreshing, aromatic note to the rich and spicy dishes that define the feast.

The Buthoo village earned renown for producing a prized ingredient of Kashmiri cuisine: organic spring onions. This unassuming vegetable, cherished for its delicate flavor and crisp texture, plays a pivotal role in enriching the famous Kashmiri wazwan, a multi-

in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mohd Shafi Reshi, a farmer who annually sells five to ten quintals of spring onions, told KNO that their pivotal role in Kashmiri cuisine, especially in the Wazwan feast. "It fills me with pride to know that our hard work contributes to preserving our cultural heritage and promoting our local cuisine," he said.

For these farmers, cultivating organic spring onions is more than a livelihood; it is a means of preserving their traditional way of life and honouring their forebears. They take immense pride in growing these onions organically, viewing it as a passion and a heritage they've inherited.

Abdul Gani Reshi, another farmer, said that cultivating spring onions is not just a means of making a living but a way of honouring their ancestors and preserving their legacy. "We take great pride in farming these onions organically and maintaining their quality and taste," he added.

Shahid Reshi, a young farmer, highlights the importance of sustainable farming practices. By cultivating spring onions organically, they ensure not only the health and safety of their customers but also the preservation of the environment for future generations—(KNO)

# Famous 'Kawdari Hakh' loses sheen as production declines by 40%

OWAIS GUL

**SRINAGAR:** There was a time when the collard (Hakh) grown in Kawdara area of Srinagar, known as 'Kawdari Hakh' was being exported to different districts and areas of Jammu & Kashmir, but everything from its prominence to production has changed with the local vegetable sellers claiming that the production in the past two decades have declined by 40 per cent.

According to the local collard growers in the area, there are two major factors behind the decline in the production of 'Kawdari Hakh', saying that many among them have used their land for the construction purpose while a large chunk of youth—a new generation have showed reluctance to continue with



their traditional work of growing the collard.

Fayaz Ahmad, one of the growers said that there was a time when the 'Kawdari Hakh' was being exported to different areas and districts of J&K, but now the production has declined by 40 per cent in the last 20 years.

He further stated that the production has declined to just 10 quintals only, adding that the production has declined especially from the last 10 years.

Ahmad also said that the 'Kawdari Hakh' is famous for a couple of things, which include the presence

of black soil in the area, well water and its seeds.

"The collard is being grown at multiple places in Srinagar, but what makes Kawdari collard special is its soil, well water and the seeds. There is no place where you can find the collard being grown on the soil. The well water is being used for it unlike other places while its seeds are nowhere available in the market. These seeds are being grown by the growers themselves on their particular land and cannot be found in the markets," Ahmad divulged.

"A huge chunk of land has been used for construction purpose and also the new generation are not willing to go ahead with the production as they believe the income generating from it is not upto the mark," he added—(KNO)

## Babila Rakwal assumes charge of Mission Director NHM



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**JAMMU:** Babila Rakwal, Monday assumed the charge of Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K, at State Health Society, Nagrota here.

After assuming the charge, Mission Director had an introductory meeting with the officials of State Health Society, NHM, J&K. She emphasised upon them to work with utmost dedication and devotion so that the objectives behind establishment of Mission are achieved in full.

"National Health Mission envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable and quality healthcare services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs," she maintained.

On the occasion, the officers of National Health Mission informed the Mission Director about various components of the Mission and highlighted that NHM places greater emphasis on Health System Strengthening in rural and urban areas especially related to Reproductive-Maternal- Neonatal-Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A), and Communicable and Non-Com-

municable Diseases. Following the introductory meeting, Mission Director visited 104 Centralised Health Helpline established at Nagrota, Jammu under J&K National Health Mission through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

During the visit, MD reviewed availability of range of services being provided through the call center like medical advice for preliminary diagnosis of symptoms by skilled medical professionals. She also assessed other services like counselling services on mental health, chronic diseases, psychological distress, early childhood development and grievances redressal. She sought feedback from general public as well as field functionaries such as ASHAs and ANM regarding various National Health Mission Programmes, AB-PMJAY Sehat etc.

Babila Rakwal, while appreciating the functioning of 104 Centralised Health Helpline, issued directions for further strengthening the service so that better services are provided to the common people.

## Dir Horti assesses progress of various dev works



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**SRINAGAR:** The Director Horticulture Kashmir, G. R. Mir conducted a comprehensive tour of district Kupwara and made significant visits to key horticultural facilities, besides engaging with departmental staff.

During the tour, the Director actively assessed the progress of various developmental works and addressed critical issues within the region.

On the occasion, the Director visited Fruit Plant Nursery, Zangam Pattan, Baramulla, where he meticulously evaluated the operations and provided essential directives to enhance efficiency and productivity. He underlined the importance of bolstering the nursery's performance for the betterment of the horticulture sector in the area.

Subsequently, Director Horticulture proceeded to the Fruit Plant Nursery in Chougul Handwara, where he closely examined the ongoing activities and offered valuable guidance to the staff to optimize their efforts and resources. His visit aimed to ensure that the nursery continues to serve as a hub for nur-

ture quality fruit plants.

The Director also visited the Hi-Tech Walnut Nursery in Chandigam, where he highlighted the critical role of walnut cultivation in the region's horticultural landscape. He shared insights into further promoting hi-tech techniques in walnut production for the benefit of local farmers and the overall economy.

Mir, who is also the Prabhari Officer for Panchayat Halqa Chandigam-A, Sogam convened a crucial meeting there which brought together representatives from various government departments. The meeting served as a platform for a comprehensive review of developmental initiatives across departments such as Jal shakti, KPDCL, Revenue, R&B, RDD schemes, Health, Education, Agriculture and Horticulture.

During this meeting, Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members presented their concerns and issues to the Director. In response, it was directed that the Secretary Panchayat would compile a comprehensive report addressing these concerns, to be forwarded to the relevant authorities for prompt resolution.

## Brain-dead person can save 8 lives, donate 50 tissues: Urologist

JAHANGEER GANAIE

**SRINAGAR:** A single brain-dead person has the potential to save up to eight lives by donating around 50 tissues, according to a noted urologist who called for an urgent need for increased awareness on the issue.

Speaking at an awareness programme on organ donation, Dr Saleem Wani highlighted the critical impact of organ donation and stressed the urgent need to raise awareness of this life-saving practice.

Dr Wani said there is hardly anybody ready to donate organs. Individuals who are brain dead due to severe accidents or terminal conditions, such as tumours with no chance of survival, can donate organs, thereby contributing to saving multiple lives, he said.

The noted urologist said there is a need for organising awareness programmes, given the limited availability of donors. He highlighted the role of religion in cadaveric donation, noting that Islam permits organ donation to save lives. The people should pledge online for organ donation, he urged.

The awareness pro-

gramme was organised by the Jammu and Kashmir State Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO).

Dr Elias Sharma, Head of Urology at GMC Jammu and Nodal Officer of SOTTO J&K, delivered a comprehensive presentation on Human Organ Donation and Transplantation. He dispelled various myths associated with organ donation, saying that cadaveric organ donation in India could bridge the gap between demand and availability, which would save many lives.

Dr Sanjeev Puri, Joint Director of SOTTO J&K, highlighted the importance of the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) in India, launched under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The programme aims to boost cadaveric donations across the country. Dr Puri provided details on how individuals can register for the Organ Donation Pledge Drive under Ayushman Bhav to become organ donors.

Irfan Ahmed, Transplant Coordinator at SOTTO, shed light on the process of cadaveric organ donation within hospitals—(KNO)

## J&K VISION DOCUMENT 2047 'Constant threat of poaching of skilled youth by foreign countries'

RIYAZ BHAT

**SRINAGAR:** Against the backdrop of 'inadequate employment avenues', authorities have said that there was a constant threat of poaching of learned and skilled youth by foreign countries.

Planning and Monitoring Department in 'JK Vision Document 2047' while mentioning the threats in Higher Education Department has said, "Constant threat of poaching of learned and skilled youth by foreign countries due to lack of proper employment avenues."

It also states that a lack of coherence between academia and industry has caused unemployment or underemployment of the educated class which then looks back and banks on the Government sector for employment.

The document suggests that in order to enhance the academic competence in students and competition thereof, market oriented practical based courses need to be made available for the students.

"The student passes out of the degree program with lack of diversification which the modern competitive world demands," it reads.

Stating the weaknesses, JK Vision Document 2047 states that there was a lack of technical exposure due to non-availability of a vibrant private sector in the UT. "Lack of interest

of youth in skill education, despite the fact skill courses are available in J&K." It also mentioned that at least 25 newly established and existing colleges are without their own building.

"Despite the richness of high qualification and eligibility criteria, the faculty is not allowed to work as Ph.D. supervisors and co-supervisors," it reads.

However, the document states that the department as per NEP-2020 has initiated the process of establishment of autonomous Degree Granting Colleges. "A good number of faculty from different subject areas is contributing to quality research. This has provided the basis for integrating research in undergraduate degree courses," it reads.

The document further reads that the Higher Education Department has brought in various digital initiatives and e-source management for the better learning outcomes of the students.

"Most of GDCs are having state of the art laboratory facilities, virtual laboratories with latest facilities available at the reach of learners," it reads.

Besides, the department constantly promotes the knowledge enhancement among the faculty of the GDCs to keep the percolation of latest happenings to the youth studying in these institutions—(KNO)

## Don't pay heed to phone calls seeking details vital information: FCS&CA

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** The government on Monday said that it doesn't seek any information from the rationees through telephonic calls and asked the people to pay heed to any such unverified phone calls and immediately report it to the police.

The Directorate of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, said that it has come to the notice of department that taking undue advantage of ongoing drive undertaken by the department, as per the instructions of Department of Food and Public Distribution, GoI, to capture e-KYC credentials of ration card holders,

some unscrupulous elements are trying to telephonically obtain some vital information from the rationees, beneficiaries, citing attractive and luring benefits.

"It is understood that some innocent, gullible beneficiaries may fall prey to such traps, causing them some financial or other losses. With a view to avert occurrence of any such incident, General Public at large and the ration card holders in particular are informed through the medium of this notice to not pay any heed to such unverified telephonic calls and immediately report the same to the police," the spokesman said.

## Four cops injured in Kulgam road accident

UMAISAR GULL GANIE

**KULGAM:** At least four cops were injured after a vehicle they were travelling in skidded off the road in Mohipora area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Monday, officials said.

An official said that soon after the incident the injured cops were



rushed to district hospital Kulgam. He said the condition of all the injured is stable—(KNO)

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## EXTENSION NOTICE

**Subject: Extension in e-NIT.**

Reference: This Office e-NIT ECDK/PDC/TS/04 of 2023-24 dated: 25-10-2023 for "Repair and Maintenance of 63kVA DG Set at MHEP Karnah".

In view of the poor response, the above-mentioned e-NIT for following work is hereby extended:

S. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs Lacs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount (2%) (Rs)	Cost of tender documents (Rs) (Non - Refundable)	Time of Completion
1	Repair and Maintenance of 63kVA DG set at MHEP Karnah	1.49	3,000.00	200.00	25 days

The Revised Critical Dates for the above-mentioned e-NIT are given as under:

1	Date of issue of Extension Notice	06/11/2023
2	Document download End Date	13/11/2023 at 12:00 p.m.
3	Bid submission End Date	13/11/2023 at 12:00 p.m.
4	Date and Time of Opening of Bids (Online)	14/11/2023 at 12:30 p.m.

The Bidders who have already participated in the Bidding are requested to upload only BOQs online. Moreover, it is hereby notified that if a bidder has already submitted Cost of Tender Document in response to the above referred e-NIT, he/she is NOT required to deposit the said cost afresh while uploading BOQ. The previously deposited cost shall be considered at the time of evaluation of tenders.

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Executive Engineer  
ECD Karnah.



Good Morning **Kashmir**

EDITORIAL

## Smart E-Buses – A Success Story

**L**ieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha recently flagged off a fleet of state-of-the-art e-buses equipped with modern navigation gadgetry, smart boarding, and much larger space providing citizens of Kashmir with a great commuting experience. This move has been received well by the general public and appreciated by all sections of society including school-going children, college goers, working women, general line commuters, and old-age residents. This is nothing short of a boon and also the environment is not affected – remember the environment of a place like Kashmir is the Unique Selling Point (USP). Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is trying his level best to see to it that the environment is not harmed by any of the developmental measures.

The Smart-e-buses equipped with state-of-the-art features like ultra-high-definition dash cam, stop push button, and smart boarding and deboarding facilities for the individuals with disabilities, are about to provide the people of Srinagar a whole new travel experience.

The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha this week unveiled a fleet of 75 electric buses in Srinagar, and another 25 buses would be added in the next few days. We hope and pray that sooner more and more buses would be added to the list and almost all districts of the valley will have this unique experience of traveling in such buses. The older buses used for commuting are overcrowded, awfully crammed, and maintain an irregular schedule. We hope this new fleet of buses maintains a regular steady flow and an unflinching schedule.

However, a few concerns remain. Prominent among them is the evening transport and the last-minute buses. There are not any. The government must make it mandatory for these buses to operate regular schedules at 7 pm, 7.30 pm, and 8 pm on routes leaving central Srinagar towards Chadoora, Ganderbal, Pampore, Pattan, and Budgam. These are the small unofficial townships in the periphery of Srinagar where many people live now and often suffer a lot due to the unavailability of transport in the evening hours. We would sincerely request the relevant authorities to see to it that an evening schedule is adhered to without fail by these bus operators.

We would once again like to thank Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for this step and hope that with the passage of time many more buses are added to the fleet. A great success story indeed.

# Ignorance And The Quest For Knowledge



AUBAID AHMAD AKHOON

**I**gnorance, often deemed bliss, is a sentiment we've all encountered in our lives. The idea that being unaware of certain truths can provide a sense of contentment and happiness is intriguing. However, as the veil of ignorance lifts and reality dawns, we may grapple with profound regret for the pleasures derived from ignorance.

**The Pleasures of Ignorance:** In the embrace of ignorance, we often find comfort. It shields us from the harshness of reality, the weight of responsibility, and the burden of knowledge. Ignorance becomes a sanctuary where we indulge in simple pleasures, free from the complexities of the world. This blissful state allows us to live in the moment, without dwelling on the past or worrying about the future.

**The Painful Awakening:** However, reality cannot be ignored forever. The awakening can be triggered by various life events – the stark truth about a relationship, a profound realization about one's health, or a sudden understanding of societal injustices. This awakening can be a rude shock, shattering the comforting cocoon of ignorance.

**The Regret of Lost Bliss:** As reality dawns, the initial pleasure of ignorance can turn into deep regret. Regret for not having acted sooner, for not making better choices, and for squandering precious time in blissful ignorance. It's a regret that can linger, casting a shadow over our lives.

**The Power of Knowledge:** Yet, it's important to acknowledge that ignorance is not a sustainable or healthy way to live. Knowledge, even when painful, empowers us to make informed decisions and inspires change. While awakening may bring regret, it also brings the opportunity for growth, meaning, and purpose in our lives.



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**Islam and the Pursuit of Knowledge:** In Islamic thought, the pursuit of knowledge is highly valued. The first word revealed to the Holy Prophet as a revelation of the Holy Qur'an was "Iqra," which translates to "read in the name of the Lord." This was a call to the believers, the Muslims, to seek knowledge and remove darkness from their lives and the lives of others. Yet, as history has shown, not all Muslims responded positively to this call.

Allama Iqbal, the famous revolutionary poet, used his poetry to inspire Muslims towards education. In one of his poems, he expressed surprise at the lack of progress in education and civilization among the Muslim community, despite the fact that their journey towards knowledge and enlightenment began with the word "Iqra" (Read!). He was trying to encourage Muslims to rediscover their love for learning and to strive towards greater educational and cultural achievements.

Instead, some chose to ignore the

message and remain in the dark, listening to the "Kathas" and "Dastans" of others, including anti-Islam non-Muslim propagandists, ignorant Muslim preachers, politicians, writers, and culturalists.

**The Role of Knowledge in Islam:** Islamic tradition emphasizes that understanding the implications of rulings, like those found in the Qur'an and hadith, requires deep knowledge. Scholars dedicate years to studying the Qur'an and hadith to establish principles for understanding the shari'ah (Islamic law).

**The Responsibility of Laypersons:** For those who are not scholars, seeking knowledge is encouraged. When faced with complex questions related to Islam, it's essential to consult reputable scholars. The Quran instructs believers to "ask the people of knowledge if you do not know" (Surah Al-Anbiya: vs. 7). Some research is required to ensure the credibility of the scholar you consult.

**Talipiece:** The paradox of ignorance and knowledge is a complex facet of the human experience. It underscores the value of knowledge and the importance of living intentionally, even if it means confronting uncomfortable truths. While

the transition from blissful ignorance to the reality of life can be painful, it can also be transformative and ultimately lead to a more fulfilling existence. In the end, wisdom often outweighs the fleeting pleasures of ignorance.

**Embracing Knowledge:** Embracing knowledge is a fundamental aspect of personal growth, intellectual development, and our ability to navigate the complexities of the world. Here are some key points to consider:

**Empowerment:** Knowledge empowers individuals to make informed decisions and take control of their lives.

**Critical Thinking:** Knowledge fosters critical thinking, enabling the evaluation of information and the avoidance of bias.

**Personal Growth:** Learning leads to personal growth and a sense of accomplishment.

**Adaptation:** Knowledge allows for adaptability in a rapidly changing world.

**Problem Solving:** Knowledge equips individuals with problem-solving skills.

**Informed Decision-Making:** Informed choices are crucial in health, finances, and relationships.

**Building Relationships:** Knowledge enhances the ability to connect with others and fosters empathy.

**Inspiration:** Learning from the achievements of others can spark creativity and motivation.

**Lifelong Learning:** Commitment to lifelong learning keeps individuals engaged and curious.

**Social Responsibility:** Informed individuals are more likely to engage in civic life and contribute to society's betterment.

In summary, embracing knowledge is not just about accumulating facts and information but adopting a mindset that values learning curiosity, and the pursuit of wisdom. It leads to personal fulfillment, improved decision-making, and a more enriched, purposeful life. So, the next time someone asks a challenging question related to Islam, strive to consult reputable scholars, or if you don't know, don't hesitate to say, "I don't know."

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## Social Festivals Losing Their Color



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**B**eing agricultural, each change of season has its use with joy and entertainment. Festivals have been included on these occasions, which is appropriate. In the first category, there are those fasts, festivals, and fairs, which are cultural and whose objective is to protect the basic elements and ideas of Indian culture. All the major festivals of Hindus come under this category, like Holika Utsav, Diwali, Basant, Shrivani, Sankranti etc. Preservation of culture is their soul. The second category includes those festivals which are created in memory of some great man. They are meant to remember the qualities, activities, pious character, and greatness of the great man whose memory they symbolize. Festivals like Ram Navami, Krishna Ashtami, Bhishma Panchami, Hanuman Jayanti, Nag Panchami, etc. can be kept in this category.

That means there is a festival here every day. An example of unity in diversity is seen on the occasion of this festival. In the daily hustle and bustle, which has become energy-intensive and is becoming desolate, these festivals bring refreshing moments to a person along with happiness, joy, joy, and happiness. This applies not only to Hinduism but to various religions and sects. These festivals are based on the social beliefs, traditions, and past rituals of different people and communities. All festivals have their traditions



and customs. These festivals provide character and emotional strength to humans by developing moral qualities like compassion, kindness, simplicity, hospitality, mutual love, goodwill, and philanthropy in human life. The pride and identity of Indian culture, these festivals are very important from social, religious, cultural, and spiritual points of view.

Social festivals and inter-school cultural programs provide wonderful opportunities to help build children's self-confidence and interpersonal skills. Interpersonal skills include the ability to communicate and interact effectively with others and self-confidence is the belief in oneself and one's abilities, both of which are essential for building positive relationships with others. Social festivals bring exposure to different cultures, languages, and traditions, which can broaden their horizons and help them develop empathy and understanding towards

others. You can make new friends and contacts, which can help you feel more connected to the community and develop a sense of belonging. These events are a great way to develop this because they bring a lot of people together, and thus create a feeling of unity and brotherhood. These teach us to be more accepting, tolerant, and inclusive towards people from different walks of life.

Marketization has changed all the systems. Our festivals also did not remain untouched by this. Perhaps that is why major festivals are losing their flavor and it seems that we celebrate festivals only to fulfill formalities. No one has time to inquire about people's pain and suffering at these major festivals. Everyone is busy earning money. Dirty politics has also spoiled the fun of festivals. We were slaves for hundreds of years. But our elders never let the color of these festivals fade. Today in this economic era everything

has changed. It was said that on festival days there should be no small person. And not any big one. All equal. But now it is just a display of colors and the meeting is just a formality. Even on festival days, we are not able to fully connect with our loved ones and society. Due to this the taste of sweets has become bitter. We talk about removing the darkness from the entire earth, but we are not able to remove even the darkness within ourselves. This ritual performed by us on festivals perhaps indicates that our festivals too have gone away along with our older generations.

Our festivals are the living form of our sensibilities and traditions, which every community member likes to celebrate or rather, to celebrate again and again, every year. Innumerable concerns about our civilization and culture are hidden in these beliefs, traditions, and ideas. The thought of our festivity, which fills our lives with unique

colors of life, gives birth to a new flow of zeal and enthusiasm in the mind. Both our mind and life are festive. Our festive spirit binds family and society together. It teaches us to live in an organized manner. Gives the gift of participation and mutual coordination. Our festivals, which add colors to our lives, social festivals provide a unique platform to collaborate, meet and socialize with peers, showcase one's talent, and teach and learn about different cultures and traditions. Is. These skills are an essential part of our lives and are often at the core of almost all aspects of our lives.

Therefore, as far as their relevance is concerned in the present times, on the days of fasts and festivals, we remember the said deity, observe fast, donate, and listen to stories, which shows the message of social harmony along with personal progress. The seeds of Indian culture are hidden in it. "Festivals have an unmatched contribution to the development of Indian culture. Fasts, festivals, fairs, etc. have special significance in Indian culture. Most of the festivals of Hindus are celebrated because Hindu sages have made plans to make life interesting and beautiful. Every festival, fast, celebration, fair, etc. has a hidden significance. Indian culture is associated with each. They have been decided keeping a specific idea or objective in mind. Special emphasis has been laid on the need for value education to re-establish values. Value education has become the need of the hour today. Therefore, it needs to be implemented as soon as possible. In the present digital age, people are forgetting their civilization and culture.

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## Book Review

# Twilit Towns: A Review Of Transition Town Movement

FAROQUE CHOWDHURY

One can identify the present time as The Age of Crises. "The world system is riddled with crisis."<sup>1</sup> Crises in the areas of finance banking, and environment-ecology have brought the issue of crisis starkly into public perception. "In the capitalist world-economy of the modern world system, accumulation on a world scale can no longer proceed as it did in the postwar era of expansion until and unless unequal development and dependent accumulation are put on a new footing."<sup>2</sup> However, a section of theoreticians try to disregard analysis of this time of crisis. Disregarding the analyses of crises in the capitalist world system is part of their effort to show "invincibility" and "eternity" of the world capitalist system. But, crises in the capitalist system persists. "Crisis does not mean the end. On the contrary, 'crisis' refers to the critical time during which the end will be avoided through new adaptations if possible; only failing these, the end becomes unavoidable."<sup>3</sup> "[C]yclical crises have characterized the history of capitalism for at least a hundred and fifty years, and most of them have not left any lasting effect. [...] [M]ost of them have had a beneficial effect in that they have been the means whereby accumulated distortions and disequilibria have been corrected and the system has prepared itself for a new advance."<sup>4</sup>

Whatever escapes way the capitalist system prepares, all the time the system puts burden of preparing the escape ways on the people, and benefits itself.

Which crisis isn't hurting people in countries? It's not possible to name. Capitalism in its life spanning centuries has never before created so many crises simultaneously. There're crises in all aspects of life, nature, environment and ecology, not only in human life or in a particular branch of flora and fauna. There're crises in all aspects of economy, not only in the area of production relations or mode of production or in the mechanism and arrangements for production and distribution, not only in the area of employment. There're crises in capitalism's highest form - imperialism, in imperialism's diplomatic and military power, in imposing its hegemony, within its political system, in election, legislative, juridical and its so-called separation of power arrangement, with its credibility, acceptability and media.

## Reality of decadence

Today's towns and cities are burning examples of capitalism's failure to create livable abode for human beings. It's the system's crisis with living space, which is related to labor and reproduction. These are, especially the parts of cities and towns lived by the poor, low-income group of population, the exploited are burning furnaces. Human beings can't live in these areas. Despite this bitter fact, millions of human beings live in these furnaces, dungeons of decay. In the Third and Fourth Worlds, the urban scene is more inhuman, more brutal, more unlivable, more stuffed with inconsideration and illogic. In the last century, it was said:

"Few city governments in the developing world have the power, resources, and trained staff to provide their rapidly growing populations with the land, services, and facilities needed for an adequate human life: clean water, sanitation, schools, and transport. The result is mushrooming illegal settlements with primitive facilities, increased overcrowding, and rampant disease linked to an unhealthy environment."<sup>5</sup>

"In most Third World cities, the enormous pressure for shelter and services has frayed the urban fabric. Much of the housing used by the poor is decrepit. [...] So too is the essential infrastructure of the city: public transport is overcrowded and overused, [...] Water supply systems leak, [...] A large proportion of the city's population often has no piped water [...]."

"A growing number of the urban poor suffer from a high incidence of diseases; most are environmentally based and could be prevented or dramatically reduced through small investments."<sup>6</sup>

"Nor is the emphasis on Third World cities meant to imply that problems within the cities of industrialized countries are not serious. They are. Many face problems of deteriorating infrastructure, environmental degradation, inner-city decay, and neighbourhood collapse. The unemployed, the elderly,



and racial and ethnic minorities can remain trapped in a downward spiral degradation and poverty, [...] City or municipal governments often leave a legacy of poorly designed and maintained public housing estates, mounting costs, and declining tax bases."<sup>7</sup>

Today, decades after the findings by the Brundtland Commission, mentioned above, the urban picture hasn't changed much. Rather, it has deteriorated further. Press and study reports from countries and international organizations tell many tales of this disheartening and painful reality.<sup>8</sup> It's like towns in twilight - urban living condition in decline. Findings from one such United Nations report include:

"Cities are consuming land faster than they grow in population: Urban sprawl is an increasingly common phenomenon. Once associated with the land-rich developed countries of North America and Australia, it is now occurring in cities all over the world. Whether horizontal spreading, dispersed urbanization or peri-urbanization, the physical extent of urban areas is growing much faster than their population, thereby consuming more land for urban development. The unbridled expansion of urban areas has profound implications for energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, climate change and environmental degradation. Findings from a global sample of cities show that between 1990 and 2015, cities in developed countries increased their urban land area by 1.8-fold while the urban population increased by 1.2-fold; thus, implying that the expansion of urban areas in relation to urban population growth increased by a ratio of 1.5."

"Inequality remains a persistent trend in urban areas: Growing levels of inequality and exclusion are becoming persistent trends in urban areas. For more than two-thirds of the world's urban population, income inequality has increased since 1980. This widening gap means that about 2.9 billion people are living in cities where income inequalities are currently more pronounced than they were a generation ago. In a rapidly urbanizing world, the nature of inequality will largely depend on what happens in cities. Today, many US, UK, Latin American, Caribbean and African cities have levels of inequality higher than their respective countries. Inequality can fuel social unrest, as witnessed in Chile in 2019."

"Affordable housing remains elusive: Housing affordability is not confined to a handful of expensive cities; it is a global challenge that affects virtually all households. Globally, prospective homeowners are compelled to save more than five times their annual income to afford the price of a standard house. Renter households often spend more than 25 per cent of their monthly income on rent. High levels of unaffordability mean that inadequate housing and slums remain the only housing choice for low-income households. Currently, 1.6 billion people or 20 per cent of the world's population live in inadequate housing, of which one billion reside in slums and informal settlements. In developed countries, unsheltered or homeless populations are a small but significant feature of the urban landscape."

"Urban areas bore the initial brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic: Even as

coronavirus has now hit rural areas, the pandemic was initially an urban phenomenon as epicentres flared in Wuhan, Milan, Madrid, New York City, Guayaquil and Manaus among other cities. As the world slips into a severe recession, urban areas, which account for more than 80 per cent of global GDP, will be affected in several ways."<sup>9</sup>

## Two years later, another UN report found:

"Globally, 1.6 billion people or 20 per cent of the world's population live in inadequate housing, of which one billion reside in slums and informal settlements. Under these conditions, the goal of eradicating poverty in all its forms by 2030 and leave no one behind will not be achieved."

"While the city population share doubled from 25 per cent in 1950 to about 50 per cent in 2020, it is projected to slowly increase to 58 per cent over the next 50 years. The share of other settlements in the urban-rural continuum (towns and semi-dense areas as well as rural

low-income countries: Small cities (less than 250,000 inhabitants) cover almost half of city land (about 45 per cent) in low-income countries, a trend that will persist over the coming decades."

"Urban poverty and inequality remain one of the most intractable challenges confronting cities: Urban poverty and inequality are highly complex and multidimensional challenges whose manifestation go beyond lack of income. Urban poverty and inequality are intertwined; they reinforce each other to create conditions of disadvantage that constrain the poor from enjoying the benefits of sustainable urbanization."

"Without concerted action at all levels, poverty and inequality could become the face of the future of cities: Poverty and inequality are increasingly becoming pervasive in our cities. In developing countries, slums and informal settlements are the most enduring spatial manifestation of poverty and inequality. For the millions living in slums, access to essential services remains elusive; thus, preventing the realization of a better urban future. In cities of developed countries, pockets of poverty and destitution have become entrenched, where minority groups endure marginalization and stigmatization coupled with underinvestment in urban infrastructure. If decisive actions are not taken, urban poverty and inequality will become endemic."

"The twin crises of climate change and the loss of global biodiversity threaten the futures of cities: Climate impacts and other environmental crises interact with drivers of urban inequality, affecting people's capacity to anticipate the impact, then respond and recover from them. Dealing with future risks - including environmental risks - has become one of the main concerns for local governments and other urban-based actors, eliciting diverse responses."<sup>10</sup>

## The reality that emerges is of decadence.

"Today, some 56% of the world's population - 4.4 billion inhabitants - live in cities. This trend is expected to continue, with the urban population more than doubling its current size by 2050, at which point nearly 7 of 10 people will live in cities. [...] The expansion of urban land consumption outpaces population growth by as much as 50%, which is expected to add 1.2 million km<sup>2</sup> of new urban built-up area to the world by 2030. Such sprawl puts pressure on land and natural resources, resulting in undesirable outcomes; cities represent two-thirds of global energy consumption and account for more than 70% of greenhouse gas emissions."<sup>11</sup> "In much of the world, the growth and developmental advantages of living in cities have diminished in the twenty-first century [...]"<sup>12</sup>

The existing reality shows: The system, no doubt, is failing to sail smoothly. Its core components are shaking and tearing apart the system. Never before the world system imperialism has built up and commands has faced so much questions and challenges that put at stake its legitimacy in so many areas of the globe.

The recently-gone pandemic starkly and powerfully pressed the capitalist system to a precarious position, which was unprecedented: Entire livelihood and health care systems capitalism operates in countries stood sterile;

global governing system in commodity production and distribution went ineffective hurting not only peoples in countries, but also the system itself. It came out the system can't operate in certain situations.

First of all, these crises fatally hurt people, as capitalism transfers the crises into people's life within shortest possible time; followed by the system creating the crises: capitalist economy and politics.

## How to survive?

### The question is:

1] How can people survive in these overwhelming crises? The answer, in brief, is radically changing the system that produces so many crises. It's a long task.

2] Should people sit idly for a long period of time, turn into helpless witness to all the catastrophic "games" capitalism plays with and engages in misadventures for transferring burdens of crisis from its shoulder to people's life while reaping profit?

3] Should inaction dominate people's life being battered by crises of an alien system?

If, "no" and "not at all" are the answers to the 2nd and 3rd questions above, then, what initiatives can people take within the interim period - a period for transition from capitalism?

It's, people initiating steps within the interim period, a huge task. With this perspective, T Vijayendra writes in "Preface" of Transition Town Movement, Local Action in the Wake of Global Emergency and Collapse:

"The Pandemic has taught us many things. It has shown the inability of the state to help people during deep crises. Most importantly it has shown us that people and life find ways of taking care of themselves without assistance from the state. Now I no longer fear the collapse of capitalism. The sooner the better!"

The states' inability that T Vijayendra is pointing out are relative, and all states haven't rescinded its responsibilities towards their citizens during the pandemic. At initial stage, many states just left away or brushed out souls they governed; the poor, the working classes, the most vulnerable. Economically, socially and organizationally the weakest section of societies were left to the consideration of "fate", and "fate"'s consideration was nothing, but brutal death, and in cases having no-death, that was unemployment/loss of earning, destitution, hunger. In cases of hundreds of thousands, as media reports showed, the first phase was walking away of hundreds of miles. In cases, scores, in total hundreds, of working persons huddling in small, narrow living quarters, while the pandemic demanded keeping safe distance from one another. Many, hundreds, of the huddled souls died. Those were like running away or living in of scared beasts of prey. This section - the weakest, the most silent, the most disorganized - had least access, and in many/most cases, at all no access to essentials for survival. Later, state machines extended survival services to the haunted; and that was for the interests the state machines were assigned to protect. That was for capital's regeneration. Without labor power, capitalists fail to regenerate, fail to make profit, as labor power is the "magic" that creates profit, and capitals can't survive without making profit. So, T Vijayendra's assertion - states don't help people during deep crisis - stands valid. His finding - people find ways of taking care of themselves - is also valid. He cites the last pandemic to substantiate his claim. It was found not only during the last pandemic, but also at other times, in many areas. One example was found in Greece during its recent period of turmoil - the period of austerity measures imposed by seemingly all powerful Troika. A number of citizens moved to villages from urban areas in Greece, and organized community living, beginning with collectively preparing food. These are people's rejections of the state machine. But, the main message of these developments is capitalist state machine's failure. Assault by so-called neo-liberalism, so-called because it's fundamentally capitalism, and there's nothing new other than a few neo-words, terms and sentences, a few measures intensified and made brutal, is another evidence of capitalist state machine's failure to attend to the citizens the machine rules. (Courtesy: Counter Currents)

Farooque Chowdhury writes from Dhaka, Bangladesh.



# DC B'la chairs DRAC meeting, approves 25 cases



GMK NEWS NETWORK

**BARAMULLA:** A District Rent Assessment Committee (DRAC) meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar Monday approved 25 rent cases pertaining to the district.

The rent cases pertaining to Agriculture, Education,

FCS&CA, and Horticulture besides others were approved by the committee. The Committee discussed the fixation of rent of various structures in which various government offices are functioning across the district.

41 cases were taken up for discussion in the meeting, out of which 25 cases were approved.

Addressing the meeting, the DC asked the officers to pay rent to the concerned owners of land and structures on time and ensure the safety of the government/rented accommodation. She further asked the intending authorities to pay the approved rent along with the arrear after the title verification certificate is issued from the concerned Tehsildar.

The meeting was attended by Director Planning, M Yousuf Rather; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad; Superintending Engineer R&B, Reyaz Ahmad Parry; Agriculture officer besides other concerned officers of various departments.

# DC B'pora reviews working of Revenue Deptt



GMK NEWS NETWORK

**BANDIPORA:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Monday conducted a comprehensive review of the overall functioning of the Revenue Department in the district.

The meeting assessed the efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness of the departmental operations and its impact on the residents.

Dr Owais interacted with the officials and staff members of the department, discussing their roles, responsibilities, and challenges.

He also examined various aspects of revenue administration, including 5- Marlas land allocation, land records, mutation processes, land acquisition, and the issuance of important documents like revenue extracts and income certificates.

The meeting discussed identifying any bottlenecks in the system and ensuring that the services provided by the Revenue Department are accessible, efficient, and responsive to the needs of people.

The meeting also discussed various aspects of land allocation, including eligibility criteria, documentation procedures, and the timeline for implementation. The digitization process of land records and other e-services were also reviewed threadbare during the meeting.

Dr Owais emphasized the importance of transparency and accountability in the Revenue Department's functioning and urged the officials to adopt modern technology for record-keeping and service delivery.

The DC also stressed the need to address pending land disputes and expedite the disposal of cases to provide timely justice to the affected parties. He assured full support in addressing these issues.

The meeting, was attended by, ADC Bandipora Umar Shafi; ACR Bandipora, Shabir Ahmad; SDM Sumbal, SDM Gurez, Tehsildars, BDOs, Officials from Municipalities besides concerned officials from the Revenue Department, including senior officials and experts in land allocation and social welfare.

# DLSA G'bal conducts Door to Door Legal Awareness

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**GANDERBAL:** On the eve of celebration of Legal Services Week, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal in collaboration with Tehsil Legal Services Committees Ganderbal and Kangan conducted two days mass Door to Door Legal Awareness and Legal Literacy in their mission of justice at doorsteps in the district.

The campaign was organised under the guidance of Chairman DLSA, Ganderbal, Ritesh Kumar Dubey and under the supervision of Secretary/Civil Judge (Sr. Division) Nusrat Ali Hakak and Chairman Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC) Ganderbal, Mohammad Waseem Mirza.

DLSA Ganderbal has taken this proactive step towards providing free legal aid services in far-flung areas by conducting this two days door-to-door awareness programme.

Through door-to-door awareness programmes conducted by para-legal volunteers of the DLSA Ganderbal, DLSA aims to empower individuals by disseminating information about their rights and the legal assistance available to them.

During the door to door awareness programmes, number of applications have been received from the legal aid help seekers especially those residing in rural and far-flung areas, of district Ganderbal particularly Anderwan A&B, Yarmukam, Yarmukam C, Jabalpati Anderwan, Rabitar, Khan Mohalla Gund Roshan, Takanwari, Dab, Haknar Gund and Doieepati Gund.

Secretary DLSA Ganderbal, expressed immense satisfaction over the successful implementation of the door-to-door awareness programmes. She stated, "By organizing these targeted awareness programmes this authority aims to bring the benefits of legal aid services to the farthest corners of Ganderbal. DLSA Ganderbal efforts align with the vision of ensuring equal access to justice for all our citizens, regardless of their geographical location."

DLSA, recognizing the dire need for accessible and affordable legal aid services across the district, organised this door-to-door awareness programmes to eliminate barriers and raise awareness among the residents of far-flung regions, ensuring they are informed about the free legal assistance available to them.

## LEGAL SERVICES WEEK

# DLSA conducts Door to Door awareness campaign across B'pora

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**BANDIPORA:** As part of Legal Services Week and commemoration of Legal Services Day 2023, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandipora in collaboration with Tehsil Legal Services Committees, Bandipora, Sumbal and Gurez conducted two days door to door awareness campaign in remote areas of the district.

The campaign was organised to impart legal awareness and provide basic legal assistance to public living in far flung areas. The campaign was held under the supervision of Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Bandipora, Nusrat Ali Hakak. It was given out that the main purpose of the campaign is to spread awareness about welfare legislations, various schemes and to strengthen the community's access to the schemes being implemented by the Legal Services Authorities and other departments of the Government.

The campaign also aims at identifying and connecting people to NALSA Schemes to ensure that fruits of the welfare are passed to the eligible people.

During the course of campaign, PLVs conducted door to door awareness/counseling and apprised the public of far flung areas including Panhar, Hudbal, Aemshareef, Shahpora, Badwan Gurez, Asham, Inderkote, Parbal and Budgund, Sumbal, about free legal aid and services and those entitled under Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

# DC G'bal reviews land acquisition cases for Z-morh, Zojila tunnel

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**GANDERBAL:** The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir Monday convened a meeting to review the status of land acquisition for the construction of Z-morh and Zojilla Tunnel projects.

At the outset, DC sought details of all pending land acquisition cases/rent agreements coming under the construction of Z-morh and Zojilla tunnel projects.

While reviewing the status of land acquisition, the DC directed the official of NHIDCL to ensure consent is taken from the land owners for acquiring the land besides all agreements with the land owners shall be notarized at Sub-Registrar Office.

He also directed the concerned to disburse the compensation amount in the cases where final awards have been issued and asked for clearing the pendency



with regard to the acquisition of land within the shortest possible time.

The Executing Agencies were asked to work in coordination with the SDM Kangan and Tehsildar Gund for resolving the issues regarding revenue matters.

Meanwhile, the DC also reviewed the preparation of Z-morh tunnel for winter and maintenance of approach roads. He maintained that the district administration has made all preparations for keeping Sonamarg open to tourists during winter and directed the Executing Agency to ensure one tube of tunnel is made functional from 10th of December for emergency purposes during winter.

Earlier, the DC disbursed an amount of Rs 1.07 Crore compensation among the families of Rezan Kullian whose houses and shops were damaged due to the avalanche.

The meeting was attended by SDM Kangan, Javid Ahmad Rather; Tehsildar Gund, Executive Director, NHIDCL (projects) and officials of Executive Agencies.

**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**

## OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) PROJECTS DIVISION-III, SRINAGAR.

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 25 of 11/2023 Dated: -03-11-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Incl: GST & Carriage) (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money @2%of Advertised Cost (In Rupees)	Time of Completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1.	Supplying, Installation & Testing of Water Heater Geysers at various buildings / Bungalows, of (Estates Department) at Project Division III Srinagar.	17.54	800/-	35080/-	As and when required for the Year 2023-24	Registered Approved Suppliers/ Dealers	M&E
2.	Supplying of oil filled radiators room heaters at various buildings/ Bungalows, of (Estates Department) at Project Division III Srinagar.	2.48	200/-	4960/-			

**Position of AAA:** Recorded  
**Position of Technical Sanction:** Available  
**Position of Funds:** Estates Department Kashmir  
**Project Authority:** The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the scheduled date given below.

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	03.11.2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	04.11.2023 From 10.00 AM
3	Bid submission Start date	04.11.2023 From 10.00 AM
4	Bid Submission End Date	15.11.2023 upto 4:00 PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	16.11.2023 upto 12:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Project Division III Srinagar.
6	Submission Of Performance Security (PS).	Within 7 days of receipt of Letter of Acceptance. The bidders to provide 5% of Advertised Cost as Performance Security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG.

- Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 mentioning therein the name of work / NIT No. in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Project Division III Srinagar (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.
- At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e., Executive Engineer R&B Project Division III Srinagar. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5%of Advertised Cost, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the Advertised Cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.
- The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.
- The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Project Division III Srinagar.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
- The bidder shall be debarred for tendering process for a period of 2 years, from the date of notification, if-
  - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
  - Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
  - Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bid due to any reasons.
- The contractor shall furnish the list of employees with Aadhaar cards for issuance of entry passes at various Security Sensitive places Srinagar. (for L1 bidder only).
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, name of work duty crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer (R&B) Project Division III, Srinagar uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG (The date of Treasury Challan/Bid Security between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer (R&B) Project Division III, Srinagar. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the rates inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of two (2) years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.
- Price escalation & taxes: - The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work unless otherwise, specified deductions on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Defect Liability Period (DLP): The DLP shall be calculated from the date of certified completion of work and shall be twelve (12) Months.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- The key construction materials like Cement, Tor Steel, Bitumen of required grade from refineries as per Circular of MORT&H/BIS specification dated August 24, 2018 shall be arranged/purchased by the Contractor/Firm on his own for the above said work and the quality of these materials arranged/purchased by the Contractor/Firm shall have to be verified/assessed by Engineer In-charge before start of the work and during the currency of the work.
- Bids from Joint Venture are not allowed.
- Performance Security
- Within 07 (seven) days after the date of receipt of the Letter of Acceptance, the successful bidder/contractor shall deliver to the Employer/concerned authority, a Performance Security in any of the required forms for an amount equivalent to 5% of Advertised Cost. The performance security shall be released after expiry of Defect Liability Period (DLP). If the Performance Security is provided by the successful bidder in the form of a bank guarantee, it shall be issued by either
  - at the Bidder's option, by a Nationalized / Scheduled Indian Bank or
  - by a foreign bank located in India and acceptable to the Employer.
- Failure of the successful bidder to comply with any of the clause(s) of this e-NIT shall constitute sufficient grounds for cancellation of the award. The Performance Security shall be provided to the Employer not later than the date specified in the Letter of Acceptance and shall be issued in an amount and form and by a bank or Security acceptable to the Employer, and denominated in Indian Rupees.
- The Performance Security shall be valid upto a date 28 days from the date of expiry of Defects Liability Period.
- Any damage caused to the private/public property during execution of works shall be the liability of the contractor and no claim on account of any such restoration to be carried by the contractor shall be entertained by the Department.
- The bidders at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.
- If the contractor fails to start the work within the time mentioned in the award of contract, the contract will automatically stand cancelled after forfeiting the performance security of the contract.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (2% of the Advertised Cost of the tender) from all the bidders in the shape of CDR/FDR before evaluation of technical bids.
- Instructions to Bidder (ITB)
  - All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria/ qualification information with their bids
    - Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business.
    - Those cards which stands renewed/alonged through www.jkpwds.gov.in are eligible for bidding only.
  - Valid GSTIN Registration No. & Pan No. with the latest GST Return Form GST-3/GSTR-3B (Month: September-2023-24/ Quarter: July-September 2023-24), i.e., latest clearance certificate. The confirmation status of GST-3/GSTR-3B will be verified online. If it is determined to be invalid, the defaulting contractor shall be debarred from participating in future Tendering Processes within this Division.
  - Earnest money/Bid Security & tender document Fee indicating name of the work/NIT No. therein.
  - No documents which has /have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents. The bidders at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.
- Classes of Contract is strictly as per Column number 7. No other CARD and Certificate is accepted.

All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English language only.  
 No. XEN/R&B/PDIII/2023/846-56/T-1  
 Dated: -03-11-2023  
 DIPK-11676-23  
 DT: 06/11/2023

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
R&B Project Division-III  
Srinagar.



# Chairman DLSA flags off Mobile Van for providing legal services

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**KATHUA:** For the "Observance of Legal Services Week" launched by the Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority under the Patronage of Justice Tashi Rabstan who is also Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority and in compliance to his directions, District Legal Services Authority Kathua on Monday kick started the Campaign by flagging off a Mobile Van here from the District Court Complex. The Mobile Van was formally flagged off by Chairman District Legal Services Authority Kathua Ashok Kumar Shavan.



The idea behind deploying Mobile Van was to give wide publicity about the legal services being provided by legal service institutions at the doorsteps of the litigants besides creating Legal Awareness among the masses in remote and backward areas of the District Kathua. After leaving the District Court Complex, the Mobile Van traversed through the interior areas and stopped at Kathua Main Market, Kalibari, Shaheedi Chowk, Shiva Nagar, PWD Colony, Govt. Hr. Sec. School (Boys) Kathua and Govt. Degree College Kathua to spread awareness about the Legal aid being provided by the Legal Service Institutions to the people. The campaign was held

under the supervision of Secretary District Legal Services Authority Kathua Rekha Kapoor Nischal. Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel Neeraj Kumar, Panel Advocates Mukesh Kumar Talotra, Rameshwar Chouhan, Rajesh Kumarand, Jyoti Dwivedi acted as the resource persons in the programs held at these places. They highlighted the role of Legal Service Institution at Centre, State, District and Tehsil levels and also the category of persons who are entitled to Legal Aid. Besides this, Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Kathua distributed pamphlets of DLSA Kathua with respect to the persons eligible for getting legal services.

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## 3 Day District Level Kala Utsav takes off in GBHSS Gandhi Nagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**JAMMU:** A three- Day District Level Kala Utsav-2023 Competition was inaugurated Monday here in Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar.

participate in the Division Level Kala Utsav competition. Further he added that the competition was being organised every year for IX to XII class students giving them an opportunity to exhibit their talent in different art forms. The Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India (GoI), launched in 2015, to promote different art forms in education, by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students in the country. Lecturers, Masters and Teachers having expertise in different art forms were nominated as Jury members to judge the contestants. Deputy Chief Education Officer, Jammu Ashok Kumar Raina, Principal GHSS Hari Singh, Dr. Kishor Kumar along with the Jury members.

Speaking on the occasion, Suraj Singh Rathore said that Kala Utsav-2023 competition will be conducted in ten different art forms which includes Vocal Classical-Music, Vocal Music-Traditional Folk, Instrumental Music-Percussion, Instrumental Music-Melodic, Dance-Classical, Dance-Folk, Visual Arts(2D), Visual Arts(3D), indigenous Toys and Games, Drama (Solo Acting). He also said that in all ten art forms, one male and one female winner will

## CONSTITUTION DAY GDC Vijaypur hosts Slogan-Writing Competition

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SAMBA:** To foster a safe and welcoming academic environment and to commemorate Constitution Day, Government Degree College on Monday organized two significant events.

Renuka Kundal, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, expertly assessed the entries. The Principal of the College, while speaking on the occasion, articulated that ragging is a crime because it affects an individual's mental and physical health and it should not be propagated in the college campus. She congratulated all the winners of the competition. The first place was bagged by Tanshu Gakhar of B.A. sem.V stood First, Ira of B.A. sem.V secured the second place and the third place was shared by Manvi Sharma of B.Sc. Sem. III and Pallvi Sharma of B.A. sem.III. The students were also provided certificates for their endeavours. Meanwhile, the Career Counselling Cell of the College, in collaboration with NSS Unit (KHIDMAT), organised a one-day workshop cum awareness programme on "Career Guidance" in collaboration with Wings- Ek Udaan Institute. NSS volunteers and other college students actively participated in the awareness programme with great interest and zeal. The team of Wings- Ek Udaan briefed the students about different government sponsored self-employment schemes. They presented a talk on how individuals can start preparations for different competitive exams and highlighted the strategies of cracking the same. It was followed by a question and answer session with the students.

The Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the Anti-Ragging Committee and NSS Unit (KHIDMAT), organised an Anti-Ragging Slogan Competition on the theme "Anti-Ragging Laws" under the flagship banner of "My Constitution My Pride." The event was guided by the unwavering vision of the Head Prof. Anita Jamwal. This initiative underscores the institution's commitment to eradicate ragging and to cultivate healthy relationships among students. The slogan writing competition served as a platform for the students to express their thoughts against ragging creatively. Through impactful and thought-provoking slogans, participants conveyed the importance of a harmonious campus atmosphere that promotes respect, empathy, and a sense of camaraderie among all students. The competition invited young minds to come forward with their innovative ideas and compelling words to inspire change.

The discerning eyes of Prof. Poonam Kundan, Convenor Anti-ragging Committee and Prof.

## AYUSH organises farmers' awareness program on Agri-Ayurveda



GMK NEWS NETWORK

**RAMBAN:** Department of Indian System of Medicine (ISM)- AYUSH Ramban Monday organized an awareness camp on the theme, Agri-Ayurveda for farmers to promote cultivation of medicinal plants in the district. Delivering a lecture on the importance of medicinal plants and their use, Senior AYUSH Medical Officer Dr. Masood Iqbal Zargar encouraged the farmers to develop Herbal Gardens to add to their income generation. He also highlighted

the importance of AYUSH medicines, saying that these are helpful in strengthening the immune system, besides improving the overall strength and vitality in humans. He also dwelt in detail on different schemes launched by the Government for promotion of cultivation and marketing of medicinal plants. The farmers appreciated the ISM Department Ramban for organizing awareness camps across the district and urged the officials to organize more such camps for the benefit of the farmers.

## GDC-R organises awareness workshop on Domestic Violence

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SAMBA:** Women Development Cell, Government Degree College Ramgarh on Monday organised an Awareness Workshop for students on 'Critical Issues of Domestic Violence and its far-reaching impact on individuals and Communities.' The event was organized under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College. Advocate Kiran Thakur, a cyber security expert and Human rights expert was the Resource Person. In her address, Advocate Kiran Thakur introduced the students to her initiative namely "DHIRA"- the undistracted mind, a commitment to empower individuals with knowledge, understanding and confidence in the realms

of legal protection and digital security. She emphasized the need to create awareness among the general public regarding different forms of Domestic Violence and the legal services available. She further added that Domestic Violence is violence or other abuse that occurs in a domestic setting, such as in a marriage or cohabitation. She urged an end to the silence around any sort of abuse. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra said that Domestic Violence is not an issue specific to one gender or one place, it can happen to anyone. The more we talk about domestic violence, the more we will be able to spread awareness about it and be better able to identify abusive behaviors and take active steps to fight against it.

## VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

# DHSJ concludes activities across Jammu Division

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**JAMMU:** Vigilance Awareness week that commenced on 30th October 2023 was observed in all health institutions and offices under Directorate of Health Services Jammu in collaboration with Panchayati Raj Institution members and schools. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about detrimental effects of corruption on the society and to bring transparency and accountability in governance to achieve all round development of the country. A series of activities were conducted during



the week starting with taking of Integrity pledge by all health employees. The week-long activities undertaken included lectures cum discussions, drawing, painting, slogan writing, essay writing, quiz competitions and signature camps were organised for

citizens to ensure zero pendency of complaints. Gram Sabha awareness camps, to sensitize the public regarding online services and the portal of health department, were also held. Information, Education and Communication activities conducted included displaying posters, placards depicting messages of "Zero tolerance against

corruption in offices, District Hospitals and all health blocks."

At the Directorate of Health Services Jammu, an impressive skit related to the theme "Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation" was presented by the staff of Directorate in presence of Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma. The informative lectures on topics related to the theme were delivered by Director Health Services Jammu, Dy. Director Dentistry, Assistant Director Schemes, State Epidemiologists, Technical Officer NIDDCP and Law Officer of the Directorate.

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION & FLOOD CONTROL DIVISION SRINAGAR.

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### NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM E-TENDER

e-NIT No: - IFCDS/25of 2023-24 | Dated: 04/11/2023  
For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) on item ratebasis are invited from approved and eligible contractors for the following work to be opened by the Executive Engineer Irrigation & F C Division Srinagar;

S. No	Name of work.	Estt. Cost (₹. in lakh)	Earnest Money (in ₹.)	Cost of T/Doc. (in ₹.)	MH of Account	Time of Completion	Class of contract
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
1	Upkeeping of weir premises Chattabal by way of repairs and painting of ornamental Grill.	1.96	3920	150		15 Days	DEE
2	Upkeeping of Guest House including Installation of balanced Chain Link fencing, erection of barbed wire fencing and repair and renovation of boundary wall of weir premises Chattabal.	2.14	4280	200	2711 M&R	15 DAYS	DEE
3	Construction of lining wall on SE Canal at Spots near Gandthal /Bajri	5.00	10000	450	4711 Capex	25 DAYS	DEE
4	Removal of unhygienic material from Left bund of River Jhelum at D/S lasjan Bridge at spots.	2.21	4420	150	2711 M & R	15 Days	DEE
5	Upkeeping of three (3) No Guest Houses Jammu/Ram Munshibagh/ Chattabal including Chief Office and S.E. Office (Part-D) sub Divisional office at weir Chattabal.	0.46	920	50	2711 M & R	15 DAYS	DEE

Position of AAA = Approved.  
Position of TS = Under process.  
Position of funds: 100% Budgetary provision  
The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of date given below:-

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	04.11.2023	FROM	4:00 P.M
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	04.11.2023	FROM	4:00 P.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	04.11.2023	FROM	4:00 P.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	11-11-2023	upto	4:00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids	13-11-2023	at 11.00 A.M	in the Office of the Executive Engineer Irr. and Flood control Division Srinagar.
	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	The Successful bidder has to provide 5% of Adv. Cost as Performance Security within 7 days after opening of Financial Bid.		

Note:-  
1)- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploaded soft copy any short fall if any found in the soft copy the tenders shall be rejected  
2) As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Sectt. Finance department vide No.OM No.A/24(2017)-651 dtd. 07-06-2018 which reads as under:-  
a) Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of E-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids .  
b) The Cost of tenders should be collected by uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan/Receipt.  
c) Bidders who had applied in response to E-NIT 19 Dt: 30.08.2023 and can upload the tender document fee /Earnest Money/other documents of the previous NIT floated for the same work.  
1. Fresh Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0701 -Rev. Misc) and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Srinagar failing which the tender will be rejected outrightly. The issuing date of CDR/FDR uploaded must be between issuing date to Bid Submission end date of NIT. CDR/ FDR (Earnest money/Bid security) and relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.  
2. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer Irr. and F.C. Division Srinagar.  
3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.  
4. The normal deposits to be deducted as per GFR 2017 rules from running bills to be released after total completion of the work.  
5. The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or any part of any tender without assigning reason thereof.  
6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.  
Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to acquaint bid submission process.  
To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.  
The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.  
Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.  
6.1 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.  
7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.  
8. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0701-Rev.Misc) in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Srinagar and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Srinagar failing which the tender will be rejected outrightly.  
9. Bidders are advised not to make any changes in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. The BOQ downloaded should be inclusive of all taxes.  
10. Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found fake/ not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/ bidder shall be blacklisted for participation in this division for a period of One year besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.  
11. Price escalation and Taxes:- The %age quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to store such documents as are required.  
12. Instruction to Bidder (ITB)  
The Bidder must have to upload (soft copies) of the following documents (Photostat/Original should be clearly seen in all respect with Ink Signed and Seal):-  
▶ Valid original Treasury Challan/Receipt (MH.0701-Revenue.Misc).  
▶ Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Irr. and F.C. Division Srinagar.  
▶ Registration Card valid & renewed for the year in which bids are invited.  
▶ Valid GSTIN Registration Certificate.  
▶ PAN Card With No.  
▶ Bidder shall furnish proof of latest returns (i.e. latest clearance certificate) in form of-  
▶ GSTR-3B of the latest quarter / latest month whichever is applicable to the bidder.  
▶ (Note:- The GSTR-3B Confirmation status will be checked online. If GSTR-3B found invalid. The Card will be Barred for further tendering Process in the concerned Division)  
▶ Other Relevant Documents according to the NIT.  
▶ The lowest Tender will have to submit hard copies of all documents uploaded on e-tendering portal before issuance of LOI or Allotment.  
▶ No exemption or concession towards furnishing of earnest money/E-challan will be given to the tenderers registered with DGS&D/NSIC Small Scale Units except the Small-Scale Units registered with Director, Industries and Commerce Department J&K in which case guidelines framed by Industries Department shall apply.  
14. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.  
15. The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of the work and its surroundings before submission of bid.  
16. The Departmental material shall be supplied to the contractor as per the stock rate in vogue for financial year 2022-23. (In case of non-availability of stocks in divisional stores the contractor may purchase required material of quality and specifications prescribed, to be certified by Engineer incharge after getting non availability certificate from Executive Engineer and shall not be entitled for any type of excessive rates on this account).  
17. 1%(One percent) Labour Cess shall be deducted at the time of payment.  
18. The work should be executed within the time limit as stipulated in the NIT.  
19. No variation of quantity or rates is admissible.  
20. In case if the contractor fails to execute the work as per condition and time limit prescribed in the NIT. The work shall be put to fresh tenders at his risk and cost, besides debarring from participation in tendering process. In addition to imposition of penalty as warranted under rules.  
21. The Service Tax will be deducted from the gross amount as per the rates in vogue at the time of payment.  
22. All other terms and conditions same as laid down in the PWD Form 25Double shall also remain in force.  
No. IFCDS/CS/E-NIT-25/6327-41  
Dated: 04/11/2023.  
DIPK-11657-23  
DT: 06/11/2023

sd/-  
(Er. Bashir Ahmad)  
Executive Engineer  
Irrigation and Flood Division Srinagar.



# Navratri 2023 auto sales surge 18 pc YoY to surpass previous high: FADA

**UNI**  
**NEW DELHI:** Domestic auto sales soared 18% year-on-year during Navratri this year following muted retail in the beginning of October due to the inauspicious Shradh period, as per data published by Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) on Monday.  
 Dealers across the country sold 7,59,281 vehicles during Navratri this year as against 6,44,023 units in Navratri 2022.  
 "Navratri 2023 brought unprecedented sales to auto retail, surpassing the previous high of Navratri 2017. YoY figures for this period show a robust 18%

increase in overall auto retail," the trade body said.  
 During the 10 days of Navratri, all categories except tractors saw gains. Two-wheelers (2W), three-wheelers (3W), commercial vehicles (CV) and passenger vehicles (PV) grew by 22%, 43%, 9% and 6.5%, respectively, while tractors faced an 8% decline.  
 The dealers' association said that in the first half of October, domestic auto sales dipped 8% year-on-year (YoY). However, a month-on-month (MoM) comparison reveals a 13% surge, indicative of resilient market demand.



"The month commenced under the shadow of the inauspicious Shradh period, persisting until the 14th. Consequently, a YoY comparison may not accurately reflect the actual trajectory of growth in the Indian auto retail

sector," FADA President Manish Raj Singhania said.  
 The dealers' body, however, flagged critical inventory concerns in the passenger vehicle (PV) segment.  
 "With passenger vehicle inventory levels soaring to an all-time high of 63-66 days, dealerships are signalling capacity concerns. FADA has issued a red flag, urging OEMs to not only moderate vehicle dispatches but also to introduce more aggressive and attractive schemes promptly. This dual approach is essential to help dealers clear their inventory before year-end, averting the potential financial repercussions

associated with excess unsold stock," it said.  
 On the near-term outlook for the auto sector, the trade body said that festivities along with harvest season (especially paddy) are expected to boost 2W sales, with optimism fuelled by new schemes and a push towards electrification, despite supply concerns.  
 "CV's are looking at a strong November, with festive and construction activities enhancing demand, alongside anticipated financial schemes," it said.  
 All India auto retail data showed total sales of 21,17,596 in the month of October 2023, down 7.73% year-on-year.

## Sensex soars 594.91 points

**UNI**  
**MUMBAI:** Extending its rally for the third consecutive session on Monday, the BSE Sensex edged up 594.91 pts to close high at 64,958.69 following gains in metal, capital goods, industrials, and commodities stocks amid positive global cues.  
 The Nifty of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) rose 181.15 points to 19,411.75.  
 The Sensex rose by 472 points to open at 64,835. It took 679 points to 64,992.54, days high, before closing at 64,958.69, up 594.91 points from its previous close.  
 In stocks, capital goods were a major stock, rising 1.64 pc, followed by metals at 1.64 pc, industrials at 1.42 pc, and commodities at 1.38 pc.  
 In scrips, L&T advanced by 2.16 pc to Rs 2971, Axis Bank by 2.14 pc to Rs 1010, Tata Steel by 1.96 pc to Rs 119.60, Bajaj Finance by 1.86 pc to Rs 7558, and Powergrid by 1.84 pc to Rs 208.10.  
 However, selling in SBI, Hind Unilever, and Tata Motors capped further gains, the broker informed.  
 SBI fell by 0.72 pc. to Rs 574, Hind Unilever by 0.42 pc. to Rs 2498, and Tata Motors by 0.32 pc. to Rs 645.75.

### Government of Jammu and Kashmir OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT URI (PUBLIC NOTICE)

**Subject: Tentative Selection List of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) of Poshan Project Uri.**  
 In pursuance to Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023, and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar vide No: MD/POSHAN/Estt/13281-94, dated: 08-05-2023, vide No: SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/31250-60, dated: 03-10-2023 & NO: MD/POSHAN/Estt/2023/30680-30821, dated: 27-09-2023 (16) posts of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) have been advertised by this office vide advertisement notice No:07-CDPO URI of 2023 Dated: 13-09-2023, NO:09-CDPO URI of 2023, dated: 03-10-2023 and advertisement notice No: 10-CDPO URI of 2023, dated: 05-10-2023 Published in Daily "Kashmir Images, Tameel Irshad & Srinagar-e-Jung" on 14/09/2023, "Global Kashmir, Srinagar Mail & Morning Kashmir" on 06-10-2023 & "Alsafa News, Precious Kashmir & Srinagar Observer" on 05-10-2023 respectively. In response to above said advertisement notices, 25 application forms were received against (12) Posts of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) on the basis of Wards within cut-off dates and merit list of candidates have been prepared as per criteria laid down vide Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023 and No: SWD-ICDS/43/2022, dated: 14-08-2023. The tentative selection list has been framed on the basis of merit list herewith as Annexure-A, comprising of 12 candidates Tentatively selected as Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers). The general Merit List of candidates for (12) Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Uri is annexed herewith as Annexure-B. Both Tentative Selection List and Merit List are hereby published for information of general public and inviting appeal/objections if any.  
 The appeal/objection if any against the said Tentative selection list, shall be filed in the office of the Child Development Project Officer, Poshan Project Uri against proper receipt with in ten days up to 4:00 PM, from the date of publication of tentative selection list, no appeal/objection shall be entertained after expiry of the last date for filling appeal/objections.  
 Tentative Selection List of Candidates for the post of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) for Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Uri advertised vide above said notices.

**(ANNEXURE-A)**

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in Matric/8th		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	2	Nargees Bano	W/o Mukhtar Ahmad Chachi	Muqam Piran	05	05-07-1993	12th	196	500	39.20%	39.20	No	0	39.20
2	3	Afsha Khan	D/o Shameem Ahmad Khan	Bugna Khan Mohalla	07	14-12-1998	12th	336	500	67.20%	67.20	No	0	67.20
3	6	Bibi Rifat	D/o Syed Yasir Rayaz	Lower Uroosa	01	10-03-2000	12th	276	500	55.20%	55.20	yes	1.10	56.30
4	16	Iqra Khurshed	D/o Khurshed Ahmad	Dhani Sydaan	11	30-12-2004	12th	386	500	77.20%	77.20	No	0	77.20
5	1	Mehwish Salaria	D/o Altaf Ahmad Salaria	Muhara	06	03-03-2001	12th	305	500	61.00%	61.00	No	0	61.00
6	1	Syeda Nazmeena Geelani	D/o Syed Ab Rahim	Busgran	04	19-03-2004	12th	411	500	82.20%	82.20	No	0	82.20
7	1	Ishrat Begum	W/o Sameer Ahmad Mughal	Kundi Barjalla	02	10-01-2004	12th	274	500	54.80%	54.80	No	0	54.80
8	10	Zamrooda Bano	D/o Abdul Rahim Qureshi	Dawaran	01	21-03-1994	12th	381	500	76.20%	76.20	No	0	76.20
9	11	Rafiya Bano	D/o Mohd Muzaffar Sheikh	Chakra	07	10-02-1999	12th	390	500	78.00%	78.00	No	0	78.00
10	13	Falaq Salaria	D/o Ali Akbar Salaria	Aithshampora	03	25-12-2002	12th	380	500	76.00%	76.00	No	0	76.00
11	5	Naseema Akhter	D/o Abdul Jabar Dar	Lachipora	11	10-02-1988	12th	247	600	41.17%	41.17	No	0	41.17
12	4	Subiya Tanvir	W/o Javid Ahmad Dar	Lachipora	11	07-12-1993	12th	419	500	83.80%	83.80	No	0	83.80

**ANNEXURE-B**

Merit List of Candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWWs) in response to above mentioned advertisement notices:

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Muqam Peeran Ward No:05 Ahangar Mohalla.

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	2	Nargees Bano	W/o Mukhtar Ahmad Chachi	Muqam Piran	05	05-07-1993	12th	196	500	39.20%	39.20	No	0	39.20

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Bugna Ward No:07 Khan Mohalla

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	3	Afsha Khan	D/o Shameem Ahmad Khan	Bugna Khan Mohalla	07	14-12-1998	12th	336	500	67.20%	67.20	No	0	67.20
2	5	Musrat Jan	W/o Aiyaz Farooq Batila	Bugna Khan Mohalla	07	03-08-1990	12th	404	750	53.87%	53.87	No	0	53.87
3	9	Saida Bano	W/o Imtiaz Ahmad Batila	Bugna Khan Mohalla	07	01-06-1989	12th	342	750	45.60%	45.60	No	0	45.60
4	12	Ishrat Bano	D/o Bashir Ahmad Pullar	Bugna Khan Mohalla	07	04-04-1998	12th	255	500	51.00%	51.00	No	0	51.00
5	18	Shahnaz Shabir	D/o Shabir Ahmad Malik	Bugna Khan Mohalla	07	06-04-2004	12th	311	500	62.20%	62.20	No	0	62.20

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Lower Uroosa Ward No:01

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	6	Bibi Rifat	D/o Syed Yasir Rayaz	Lower Uroosa	01	10-03-2000	12th	276	500	55.20%	55.20	yes	1.10	56.30

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Dhani Sydaan-A Ward No: 11

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	7	Nasreena Akhter	W/o Ajaz Ahmad	Dhani Sydaan	11	12-12-1986	12th	269	600	44.83%	44.83	No	0	44.83

2	15	Sumaira Bano	D/o Abdul Rahim	Dhani Sydaan	11	22-05-1996	12th	288	500	57.60%	57.60	No	0	57.60
3	16	Iqra Khurshed	D/o Khurshed Ahmad	Dhani Sydaan	11	30-12-2004	12th	386	500	77.20%	77.20	No	0	77.20
4	17	Night Jabeen	W/o Kh Mohd Yasir	Dhani Sydaan	11	15-05-1987	12th	213	500	42.60%	42.60	No	0	42.60
4	4	Subiya Tanvir	W/o Javid Ahmad Dar	Lachipora	11	07-12-1993	12th	419	500	83.80%	83.80	No	0	83.80

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Muhara Upper Ward No:06.

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	1	Mehwish Salaria	D/o Altaf Ahmad Salaria	Muhara	06	03-03-2001	12th	305	500	61.00%	61.00	No	0	61.00
2	2	Gul Rukh	W/o Rashid Bashir Salaria	Muhara	06	03-01-1987	12th	285	750	38.00%	38.00	No	0	38.00

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Dachi Busgran, Ward No:04 Peer Mohalla

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	1	Syeda Nazmeena Geelani	D/o Syed Ab Rahim	Busgran	04	19-03-2004	12th	411	500	82.20%	82.20	No	0	82.20
2	2	Sabreena Bano	D/o Basharat Hussain Syed Geelani	Busgran	04	10-12-1993	12th	278	500	55.60%	55.60	No	0	55.60
3	3	Zameena Fatima	W/o Mohammad Iqbal Gillani	Busgran	04	01-03-1992	12th	487	750	64.93%	64.93	No	0	64.93
4	4	Sumaira Shabir	D/o Syed Shabir Gillani	Busgran	04	01-04-2001	12th	386	500	77.20%	77.20	No	0	77.20

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Kundibarjalla Ward No:02 Kundi.

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	1	Ishrat Begum	W/o Sameer Ahmad Mughal	Kundi Barjalla	02	10-01-2004	12th	274	500	54.80%	54.80	No	0	54.80

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Dawaran Ward No:01 Gazibad Batnadd.

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	8	Fozia Syeed	W/o Aamangzaib Mangral	Dawaran	01	01-01-1995	12th	223	500	44.60%	44.60	No	0	44.60
2	10	Zamrooda Bano	D/o Abdul Rahim Qureshi	Dawaran	01	21-03-1994	12th	381	500	76.20%	76.20	No	0	76.20

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Chakra Ward No:07.

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	11	Rafiya Bano	D/o Mohd Muzaffar Sheikh	Chakra	07	10-02-1999	12th	390	500	78.00%	78.00	No	0	78.00
2	14	Tabassum Hafeez	D/o Mohammad Hafeez	Chakra	07	02-07-2000	12th	352	500	70.40%	70.40	No	0	70.40

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Aithshampora Ward No:03 Khan Mohalla

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	13	Falaq Salaria	D/o Ali Akbar Salaria	Aithshampora	03	25-12-2002	12th	380	500	76.00%	76.00	No	0	76.00

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Dar Mohalla Lachipora, Ward No:11

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additonal 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	5	Naseema Akhter	D/o Abdul Jabar Dar	Lachipora	11	10-02-1988	12th	247	600	41.17%	41.17	No	0	41.17

Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sanginis (AWW) against the location AWC :Wathari Lachipora, Ward No:11.



# Over 20 Civilians Killed In Bombardment Exchange In Omdurman: Lawyers Group

UNI

**KHARTOUM:** A Sudanese lawyers group on Sunday announced that more than 20 civilians were killed in Omdurman city, north of the capital Khartoum, as a result of exchanged bombardment between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

"Due to the escalation in the clashes between the two parties and the exchanged indiscriminate shelling from both sides, many shells fell in district (15) of Al-Thawra Neighborhood of Omdurman, killing more than 20 citizens and injuring others," Sudan's Emergency Lawyers, a non-governmental group, said in a statement on Sunday.

The group held both the SAF and RSF responsible as they continued fighting in populated areas. It called on both sides to stop the war and search for a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

The group did not mention the



date on which the civilians were killed, but the Al-Thawra neighborhood's Emergency Room, a local popular group, said the bombardment took place on Saturday.

"It has been confirmed that more than 15 civilians have been

killed in district 15 of Al-Thawra neighborhood as a result of shelling on their homes," the emergency room said in a statement on Sunday.

Deadly clashes have been going on between the SAF and the RSF in Khartoum and other

areas since April 15, killing up to 9,000 people, forcing more than 5.6 million out of their homes and leaving 25 million in need of aid, said UN Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Martin Griffiths in a statement on Oct. 15.

# Dalai Lama Writes To Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal; Condoles Loss Of Lives In Earthquake

PTI

**NEPAL:** Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama has written to Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal to express his condolence over the loss of lives in the earthquake that recently struck western Nepal.

He also said he would like to make a donation for the relief-and-rescue operations in the quake-hit country.

"I offer my condolences to the families of those who have lost their loved ones," he wrote, "and pray for all those affected by this tragedy." "I understand that everything is being done by your government, as well as related agencies, to provide necessary help and support to the people affected by this calamity," read Dalai Lama's letter shared by his office.

"As a token of my solidarity with the people of Nepal, I hope to be able to



make a donation towards the rescue-and-relief efforts," the spiritual leader said, adding that he offered his prayers for those who lost their lives and got injured in the quake.

Nepal was jolted by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake just

before midnight on November 3 that killed 157 people and injured more than 250 others.

"The earthquake, which hit Jajarkot and Rukum West districts in western Nepal, also damaged around 8,000 houses, both public and private," according to officials.w

# "First Responder": India Sends Medicines, Relief Materials To Quake-Hit Nepal



PTI

**NEW DELHI:** India on Sunday sent medicines and other relief materials to Nepal for its earthquake-affected people.

Over 150 people have been killed and more than 160 injured after an earthquake struck several areas in western Nepal on Friday.

India sent the relief materials in a military transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF).

"Providing emergency relief assistance to earthquake-affected areas of Nepal. As a first responder, India delivers medicines and relief material. PM @narendramodi's Neighbourhood First policy in action," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on X.

The relief consignments were handed over to Nepalese authorities by Indian Ambassador to Nepal Naveen Srivastava.

# Explosions Reported At U.S. Base In E. Syria Amid Escalating Tensions



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**DAMASCUS:** Sounds of powerful explosions reverberated through a U.S. base in Syria's northeastern province of al-Hasakah on Sunday night, a war monitor reported.

The explosions were heard at the Qasrak base in the countryside of al-Hasakah followed by the presence of unmanned aerial vehicles hovering over the area, according to the Syrian Observatory for

Human Rights.

The Observatory said uncertainty looms over the nature of the explosions, whether they were the consequence of routine military drills or deliberate targeting.

The incident came a day after an explosion that rocked the vicinity of a U.S. base in al-Shaddadi south of al-Hasakah, amid a surge in attacks against U.S. military installations in eastern Syria by

pro-Iran militias in response to U.S. support for Israel in the ongoing conflict in Gaza, according to the Observatory.

Over the past several days, these groups have executed a series of targeted assaults against U.S. forces across various bases in northern and eastern Syria.

According to the Observatory, a total of 15 attacks have been recorded since Oct. 19, targeting several key U.S. bases in Syria.

# 3 Killed In Road Crashes In Philippines



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**MANILA:** Three motorcycle riders were killed in separate road accidents in Batangas province, south of Manila, over the weekend, a local newspaper reported on Monday.

Quoting police reports, the Philippine Daily Inquirer said a 40-year-old man was killed after his vehicle collided with another motorcycle on Sunday afternoon in

Nasugbu town. Another tragedy occurred when a 52-year-old male motorcycle rider collided with a sports utility vehicle coming from the opposite direction in Laurel town on Sunday.

The third victim was a 19-year-old tricycle backrider due to a road crash in Lobo town. A tricycle is a three-wheeled vehicle and a typical means of public and private transport in the Philippines.

# 8 Herders Killed In Mongolia Snow Storms



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**ULAN BATOR:** Eight herders have been killed in central Mongolia due to snow storms, the country's National Emergency Management Agency said Monday.

One male, six female herders, and a 12-year-old boy from the central provinces of Tuv and Uvurkhangai lost their lives while looking after their herd in the snow

storms that hit large parts of the country over the weekend, the agency said in a statement.

Since Friday evening, snow and blizzards have caused icy roads and poor road visibility.

The hardest-hit central Mongolia has been covered by a layer of snow up to 34 cm thick, according to the country's National Agency for Meteorology and Environmental Monitoring.

# Indian Man Stabbed Wife 17 Times, Drove Over Her In US. Now Jailed For Life

PTI

**HOUSTON:** An Indian man was sentenced to life imprisonment in the US state of Florida for the gruesome murder of his wife in 2020 in the parking lot of a hospital where she was working as a nurse, according to a media report. Philip Mathew on Friday pleaded no contest to the first-degree murder of Merin Joy, his wife who was planning an escape from an abusive relationship. The Sun Sentinel newspaper reported.

The plea deal spared him from the possibility of a death sentence, the report said.

In 2020, Joy, 26, then a nurse at Broward Health Coral Springs, was stabbed 17 times. Police said Mathew blocked her car in with his, slashed her repeatedly, and then drove over her body on the ground before driving off.

One of her co-workers would later say Mathew drove over her "like she was a speed bump," and as employees rushed to her aid, Joy could only cry to them over and over: "I have a baby." Before she died, police said, she revealed her attacker's identity. On Friday, Mathew also pleaded



no contest to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was immediately sentenced to life in state prison with no possibility of release, plus a maximum of five years for the aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The decision was made to waive the death penalty because of the certainty of the life sentence and because the defendant was giving up his right to appeal, said Paula McMahon, spokeswoman for the

State Attorney's Office. Joy's family remains devastated by their profound loss.

Joby Philip, a cousin on Joy's side of the family, watched Friday's hearing on Zoom from where he lives in Tampa, then translated the outcome to her family.

Joy's mother is "glad to know her daughter's killer would remain the rest of his years in jail and she's relieved to know the legal process is over," he said Friday.

# Single-Vehicle Crash Kills Two Teens In Australia's Sydney



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**SYDNEY:** Two teenage passengers died in Australia's Sydney on Monday after a car crashed into a tree and a power pole.

At about 10:50 a.m. local time, emergency services were called to Maxwells Avenue in Ashcroft, a suburb in southwest Sydney.

Police were told that a grey Ford Falcon sedan smashed into a tree and a power pole before two people exited the vehicle and fled.

Two boys in the rear seats died at the scene. They are yet to be formally identified, but both are believed to be aged between 10 and 15.

Speaking at a press conference, New South Wales (NSW) Police Force Assistant Commissioner Brett McFadden briefed that the vehicle was traveling at a speed "well above the prevailing 50 km per hour

speed limit."

"The vehicle has lost control and impacted with a telegraph pole, causing the Falcon to be separated in half quite dramatically. Unfortunately, we believe that two males seated in the rear of the vehicle, aged between 10 and 15, were ejected from the vehicle and are deceased," the officer noted.

Following the crash, a driver and a front-seat passenger ran away from the scene on foot, and multiple forces, including the aviation branch and dog squad, are making concerted efforts to identify them.

McFadden said police are looking for two "young males" whose ages and specifics still remain to be ascertained.

Data from the NSW government showed that as of Sunday, the state's road accidents killed 299 people this year, while the death toll in the same period last year was 234.



# Andhra Minister Says 103 Mandals Declared Drought-Hit

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**NELLORE:** Andhra Pradesh Minister for Agriculture Kakani Govardhan Reddy said on Sunday that 103 mandals have been declared as drought affected so far as per the report submitted by the district Collectors.

Addressing a press conference here, he made it clear that the government would declare drought hit mandals as per the national disaster management guidelines, but accused the state's opposition parties of "misleading" the farmers on the issue.

Drought-hit mandals should be declared as per

the reports of national disaster management. So far 103 mandals have been declared as drought affected, the Agriculture minister asserted.

The minister said that the rainfall registered so far was 487.2 mm which is less than 15 percent of the normal showers. Due to this, the cultivated land has decreased to some extent, he said, adding the normal rainfall is 574.7 mm. He informed that 1.13 lakh farmers were given 29000 quintal of seeds.

Kakani Govardhan Reddy said the subsidy was increased from 25 to 40 percent for the groundnut farm-



ers and over 89,000 farmers were given Rs 40.45 crore worth of groundnut seeds.

The farmers who enrolled crops under e-crop need not worry as the government would pay compensation equal to yield of their produce. In the drought-hit mandals, the MGNREGA work days were enhanced from 100 days to 150 days and loans of farmers were rescheduled, he stated.

"We have advised the farmers to raise the paddy which can be harvested by 4 months during the kharif. If paddy sowing operations are completed by January, the harvest can be taken up during March

and April," he said.

The Agriculture minister said they had also advised the tail end farmers to raise other crops rather than the paddy crop and the required seeds were made available in the RBKs.

Kakani Govardhan Reddy dismissed allegations being made by the opposition TDP that the government did not take the needed steps to tackle the drought situation. The TDP is trying to stoke the farmers taking the drought situation as an advantage; he criticised and recalled that drought prevailed during the TDP regime also.

## Odd-Even Scheme To Be Implemented In Delhi From Nov 13 To 20: Minister



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**NEW DELHI:** Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Monday said the odd-even scheme will be implemented here from November 13 to 20 in view of the likely increase of level of pollution after Diwali festival.

On odd-even implementation, Rai said, "It will be implemented for a week and after that taking into account the level of pollution, the future course of action will be decided."

It is forecast that the wind will be blowing 12

km per hour on November 7 and it will blow 10-12 km per hour on November 8, so there is a possibility that the pollution accumulated here will be dispersed following which the pollution levels may reduce slightly.

The work has been done to reduce pollution throughout the year in Delhi, said Rai.

Delhi government has ordered that all classes, except 10 and 12, in all schools here will be held online till November 10, in view of the implementation of Stage IV Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

## Delhi Air Pollution: Primary Schools To Remain Shut Till Nov 10



UNI

**NEW DELHI:** Amid severe air pollution grappling the national capital, the Delhi government on Sunday announced the closure of primary schools till November 10, and the schools have been given the option of shifting to online classes.

Delhi Education Minister Atishi informed about it and said that due to poor air quality, primary schools in Delhi will remain shut till November 10.

Atishi posted on X, "As pollution levels continue to remain high, primary schools in Delhi will stay closed till November 10. For grades 6-12, schools are being given the option of shifting to online classes."

It is known that the air quality in Delhi continued to remain in the poor category on Sunday. It is believed that students are more vulnerable to air pollution.

On Saturday, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai wrote to Union Minister Bhupender Yadav,

seeking a ban on the entry of 'polluting vehicles' in the National Capital Region. He also sought to convene a meeting with the neighbouring states' environment ministers over the rising pollution issue.

In a letter to Yadav, Gopal Rai urged him to effectively ban the entry of vehicles non-compliant with BS VI norms into Delhi from neighbouring states and also to ban such vehicles in the NCR, so that the contribution of air pollution from vehicles can be controlled.

## HP To Promote Tourism And Water Sports Infrastructure In Nadaun: Mukesh Agnihotri



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**NADAUN:** HP Deputy Chief Minister, Mukesh Agnihotri on Sunday evening said the Himachal Pradesh government has decided to promote tourism activities in Nadaun area of hamirpur and a sum of three hundred crore rupees will be spent in the town and its adjoining areas for promoting and water sports facilities.

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri concluded the championship at Ramlila Maidan here and distributed prizes to the winning teams.

Mukesh Agnihotri said this championship will prove to be a milestone in the direction of promoting adventure sports and tourism in Nadaun and will create a distinct identity for Nadaun on the tourism map.

He said this competition, organised as per the visionary thinking and instructions of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, will give new wings to the tourism industry in Nadaun.

He said a plan of about Rs 42 crore for hotel con-

struction, Rs 65 crore for wellness centre, Rs 3.50 crore for heliport and Rs 13 crore for way-side amenities had been made for this historic town of great Katoch rulers of Kangra hills.

He said schemes worth about Rs 300 crore have also been sanctioned through the Jal Shakti Department for the Chief Minister's home area.

Agnihotri said only 10 months of tenure of Himachal Pradesh government has been completed, but the opposition people are making unnecessary comments on the ten guarantees of Congress.

The Deputy Chief Minister said our government will fulfill every guarantee. The state government has fulfilled the biggest guarantee of restoring OPS of the employees in the first cabinet meeting itself. This is the biggest bold decision of the government.

On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Hemraj Bairaava welcomed the chief guest, other guests and all the participants and gave detailed information regarding the championship.

## Kerala To Bring Out 'Mission 2030' Master Plan For Tourism In 2024: Minister



UNI

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** Kerala Tourism Minister P A Mohamed Riyas has said the government will come up with a comprehensive master plan, 'Mission 2030', for the tourism sector next year.

Addressing a seminar on tourism held here as part of Keralaeyam, Riyas said the master plan will lay down policies and suggestions on matters including increasing tourism's contribution to the state's GDP from the current 12 percent to 20 percent.

"Regarding dry days, a decision will be taken after discussions with the Excise Minister," he said.

Noting that Kerala Tourism's major focus in 2024 will be leveraging private investment on a larger scale, Riyas said the government alone cannot achieve the goal of enhancing the state's presence in the global tourism domain.

Addressing a seminar on tourism held here as part of Keralaeyam, Riyas said rapid decentralization in the tourism sector is also inevitable to make the entire state benefit from tourism.

Riyas said the two-day Tourism Investors Meet, scheduled for November 16, is an important endeavour in that direction and will also serve as a venue for discussing new ideas and opportunities with investors.

"We have to increase private investments in the tourism sector where cooperative sector and individuals can also partner with the government. The Glass Bridge at Vagamon is an example for PPP model; still, we are yet to fully utilize the potential of PPP models," he observed.

The Minister informed that Heli tourism and cruise tourism will be developed in partnership with private players next year, besides the renovated 132-year-old Feroke Bridge across the Chaliyar River

will be dedicated in 2024.

"Work on another bridge at Aluva will commence in 2024. All these projects are being implemented with the cooperation of public and private sectors," Riyas said on Sunday.

The innovative 'Kerala Model' of tourism development has set a model for the entire world on account of its emphasis on sustainability and inclusivity, he said.

Elaborating on the achievements and initiatives of Kerala tourism in recent years, Riyas said that, most importantly, the state was able to sustain the flow of revenue tourism post-pandemic by introducing trendy attractions like the Vagamon Glass Bridge, Floating Bridge, Cinema Tourism, and Caravan Tourism as part of leisure tourism activities.

Citing the progress of Wayanad, he said that during the pre-Covid era, around 11,43,710 domestic tourists visited Wayanad, while in 2022, their number rose to 150,9207.

In tourism centres under DTPC, pre-Covid number of domestic tourists was 11, 84,526 with a revenue of Rs 79,98, 719.

In 2022-23, the number of domestic visitors are 24,34,756 and revenue stands at Rs 12,213,79,45.

During the Pujya holidays, around 52,416 footfalls of visitors recorded at DTPC tourism centres in Wayanad and got a revenue of Rs 31,73, 785.

Riyas also lauded the tremendous contributions of Kerala Travel Mart Society (KTM) and other stakeholders to the sector,

besides the globally-acknowledged activities of State Responsible Tourism Mission (RTM).

Tourism Secretary Biju K said the tourism sector contributes 10 percent of the state's GDP, and total employment generation in this sector is about 15 lakh.

Explaining the spectacular growth of the sector, Biju said the total revenue from the sector in 2022 was Rs 35,168.42 crore, while foreign exchange earnings in 2022 were Rs 2,792.42 crore and direct earnings from domestic tourists in the same period were Rs 24,588.96 crore.

State Planning Board Member Santhosh George Kulangara said tourism sector should have projects by making each village and individual consumers of tourism.

International Centre for Responsible Tourism (ICRT) Director Dr Harold Goodwin, who joined the seminar through videoconferencing, said Kerala has already set a remarkable example in the RT sector for the world.

Kerala Tourism Additional Director (General) S Prem Krishnan was also present. University of Kerala Senior Professor in Management, IMK, Dr K S Chandrasekar was the moderator.

KITTS Director Dr Dileep Madhav; State Coordinator of Responsible Tourism Mission K Rupeshkumar; CGH Earth Co-founder Jose Dominic; Past President of KTM Baby Mathew; Muddy Boots MD Pradeep Murthy; Kottakkal Arya Vaidyasala Managing Trustee P M Varier; and Paithrukam Hospitality Group MD Sajeew Kurup; were also present.

## 3 Killed As RTC Ploughs Through Bus Station



UNI

**VIJAYAWADA:** Three persons were killed when an APSRTC bus ploughed through Pandit Nehru RTC bus station here on Monday.

Police said that the Guntur bound RTC bus mounted the platform and ploughed through the bus station killing three passengers who were waiting for their buses. The deceased were identified as Kumari of Chirala town in Prakasam district, booking clerk Veeraiah and 10 month-old infant Ayansh.

APSRTC MD Dwaraka Tirumala Rao visited the place where the accident took place in the bus station. He said that the Guntur bound bus was about to leave the station

but suddenly it went forward, mounted the platform and ploughed the passengers waiting there for their buses. The driver who was driving the bus is 61-year-old and the bus is in good condition. He said that 232 outdated buses had been removed from the fleet, he stated.

Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan expressed shock over the RTC bus accident at the Pandit Nehru bus station on Monday and conveyed condolences to the bereaved families.

he Chief Minister directed the officials to pay a compensation of Rs 10 lakh each to kin of the deceased and provide better medical treatment to the injured. He ordered an inquiry into the accident.

## Youth Killed By Friends For Money, 2 Arrested



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**AURAIYA:** Two youths were arrested by the police for the murder of their 21-year-old friend from Bihar allegedly for Rs 20,000 in Auraiya district here in Uttar Pradesh, a senior police officer said here on Monday.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Charu Nigam said that on November 5 Babloo, a resident of Sikrapur village under Sikta police station in West Champaran district in Bihar, lodged a missing complaint of his son Suraj. "The complainant informed the police that Suraj worked in a network marketing company in Auraiya," she said.

She said that on the basis of suspicion the police detained Anil and Deepak, both residents of Bihar, in custody and quizzed them. "Initially the accused misled the police, but when quizzed strictly they confessed their crime," she said.

The SP said that the

arrested accused revealed that Suraj had given 20,000 to Anil and was demanding money back. "The accused revealed that they took Suraj with them on the pretext of catching a train from Orai railway station. Between Paharpur and Madari village in Jalaun district the accused strangled Suraj and beheaded him with a kitchen knife," she said.

She said that while Anil and Deepak left the body in a drain on the spot, they threw the head in a river in Auraiya district. "The police have recovered the body along with two knives used in the murder and the victim's bag. Action under Gangster Act and National Security Act (NSA) will be taken against the accused as it is a heinous and brutal murder case," she said.

The SP said that an inquiry will also be conducted against several network marketing companies operating in the district. "A team has been constituted to investigate the company," she said.



# 52nd National Sports Competition Concludes

Contestants Showcase Talent, Sportsmanship

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**JAMMU:** The 52nd National Sports Competition for the Girls' Category, meticulously organized by the esteemed Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, was hosted from November 2nd to November 6th across numerous dynamic sports venues in Jammu. As the curtains fell on this remarkable five-day event on Monday, it marked a celebration of exceptional sporting displays and a commendable portrayal of sportsmanship.

PM SHREE Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1 Hosts remarkable Chess tournament: A brilliant showcase of skill and strategic acumen unfolded in the Chess tournaments. In the U-14 category, Arhasshirsha Biswas of Kolkata Region clinched the Gold Medal, followed by Aayusree Sarkar from Kolkata Region with the silver medal, and Korukonda Rishitha from Hyderabad Region securing the bronze. In the U-17 category, Daksha Rudra of Kolkata Region triumphed with the gold medal, while Elakshi Srivastava from Jaipur Region secured the silver, and Nisha Bhushan from Lucknow Region bagged the bronze. For the U-19 category, Adra P from Ernakulam Region claimed the gold, followed by Pournami S also from Ernakulam Region taking the silver, and Shreya Rana from Delhi Region securing the bronze. The overall winner of the Chess Girls' Tournament was Kolkata Region, with Ernakulam and Jaipur Region emerging as the 1st and 2nd runners-up, respectively.

**Hockey U-14: Jaipur Clinches Top Spot in KVS National Sports Meet**

In the fervent matches of the U-14 category in hockey at the KVS National Sports Meet, Jaipur secured the first position, showcasing exceptional skills and determination throughout the tournament. Their consistent and impressive performances culminated in their triumphant achievement as the tournament's winners. Chennai, displaying commendable prowess and resilience, attained the second position, finishing with a notable display of talent and sportsmanship in this highly competitive tournament. Lucknow's spirited and competitive efforts earned them the third position, showcasing remarkable sportsmanship and skill, securing a well-deserved spot on the podium.

In a riveting showdown in the Under-17 final, Jaipur emerged victorious, defeating Ranchi with a score of 1-0 to claim the championship title. The high-stakes first semi-final witnessed Ranchi edging past Bangalore 3-2 in a thrilling match. Jaipur secured their final berth by dominating Chennai with a 4-0 victory. The battle for the third-place position saw Bengaluru triumph over Chennai with a 2-0 win, securing the bronze medal, while Chennai settled for the fourth spot.

In the Kabaddi Under-14 final match at the Maulana Azad Memorial Stadium in Jammu, Chennai secured the gold medal by overpowering Bengaluru with a commanding 38-17 victory. The preceding semi-final



matches held on the 5th Nov. revealed Chennai's triumph over Kolkata with a 46-24 win, while Bengaluru secured their spot in the semi-final by defeating Jaipur 36-25.

In the Under-17 Kabaddi final, Mumbai secured a resounding victory, triumphing over Chennai with a score of 33-18 to claim the championship title. Chennai advanced to the final by defeating Gurugram with a score of 40-27 in the gripping semi-final rounds. Mumbai earned their place in the final by overcoming Hyderabad with a score of 33-26.

Remarkable Boxing Showdown in KVS National Sports Meet

The boxing competition held at Jammu and Kashmir

Police Public School, Miran Sahib, Jammu, as part of the KVS National Sports Meet witnessed a display of sheer skill and determination.

The under-14 category showcased exceptional performances by Sakshi Meena from Mumbai, Hansika Attri representing Delhi, Spoorthi Ranna Wali from Bangalore, and Deeksha from Chandigarh, each emerging victorious in their respective weight categories. Ayushi from Delhi, Dimple from Jaipur, Angel Gautam representing Delhi, Mannat Yadav from Bhopal, and Sakshi from Gurugram stood tall, securing gold medals in their specific weight categories, exhibiting exceptional prowess and dedication.

The U-17 category showcased outstanding performance by Bhoomi from Delhi, Vijeta (Gurugram), Megan (Gurugram), Anushka (Delhi), Sneha (Gurugram), Diksha Rani (Gurugram), Vanshika (Gurugram), Sanchi Thapa (Dehradun), Vanshika Yadav (Gurugram), Kajal (Gurugram), Kiran (Jaipur), Khushi (Gurugram), Pratiksha (Gurugram) achieved victory, securing gold medals in their respective weight categories.

Furthermore, in the under-19 category, Pawannoor Kaur hailing from Chandigarh, Unnati Banshkar from Jabalpur, Swati Yadav representing Delhi, Radhika Chaudhary from Gurugram, Kashish Verma of Jaipur, Jesmita Doimari from Guwaha-

ti, Lavisha Swamy and Harshita Lochan from Jaipur, Manya Singh representing Delhi, and Khushboo from Gurugram achieved victory, securing gold medals in their respective weight categories.

This event underscored a remarkable showcase of talent, resilience, and unwavering commitment demonstrated by the young boxing talents at the KVS National Sports Meet.

Nagendra Goyal, the esteemed Deputy Commissioner of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Jammu Region, expressed immense pride as Jammu hosted this prestigious national sports competition for the very first time in the 52-year legacy of the organization's national sports events.

He extended heartfelt gratitude to the KVS Headquarters, applauding the victorious athletes and acknowledging all the players for their outstanding performances, emphasizing the resounding success of this lively sports event in Jammu.

Islam Khan, the Assistant Commissioner overseeing this monumental sports event, conveyed his deep appreciation to the Deputy Commissioner for his invaluable guidance, crucial in steering this event toward resounding success. A collective of about 1300 talented girls from 25 diverse regions of KVS actively engaged in enthralling battles across disciplines such as Hockey, Kabaddi, Chess, and Boxing during this exciting sports extravaganza, ably supported by a contingent of 200 escorts. The outstanding achievers were duly honoured with certificates, Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, each recognition marking their exceptional abilities, culminating in the presentation of a prestigious trophy.

Hari Singh, Assistant Commissioner was the chief guest of the valedictory function at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Miran Sahib. He congratulated the winners as well as all the players for their excellent performance. He expressed happiness over the wonderful sports event in Jammu.

The 52nd National Sports Competition for Girls' Category encapsulated a spirited synergy of talent, sportsmanship, and relentless dedication, signifying a milestone in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's sporting legacy.

## Ponting predicts bigger things for Kohli at World Cup

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**KOLKATA:** India star Virat Kohli may raise his game even further during the remainder of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup now that he has equalled Sachin Tendulkar's record for most ODI hundreds, according to Australia great Ricky Ponting.

Kohli equalled Tendulkar's record of 49 ODI centuries with a brilliant individual ton against South Africa on his 35th birthday on Sunday, and the India dynamo now has a total of 543 runs at this edition of the World Cup at an imposing average of 108.60.

But Ponting has predicted even bigger things to come for Kohli at the World Cup, with the former Australia captain expecting the India right-hander will play with more freedom now that he has drawn level with Tendulkar.

"That might be a bit of a monkey off his back," Ponting said of Kohli's innings when speaking with ICC on the latest episode of Digital Daily. "I think he has been working extra hard to equal Sachin's record," he said.

"That's done now and it has happened at a really good time at the tournament for him," Ponting said.

"One more game to go



and then they head into the semi-finals," he said.

"It was an almost perfect day for Virat and a great day for India," Ponting said.

The century against South Africa was Kohli's second of the tournament and fourth overall in all 50-over World Cups, and only further strengthens his case of being one of the greatest players of modern times.

But Ponting thinks Kohli has held that mantle

innings is unbelievable," Ponting said.

While Kohli and his fellow batters will get much of the plaudits for India's unbeaten run at the World Cup, Ponting made note of the strong impact their bowlers have had in many of their resounding victories.

South Africa's star-studded batting line-up were skittled for just 83 on Sunday and only two teams have managed to bat out their 50 overs against India through their first eight games of the tournament.

India now have three players among the top 10 wicket-takers at the tournament - Mohammad Shami (16), Jasprit Bumrah (15) and Ravindra Jadeja (14) - and Ponting believes opposition teams have their work ahead trying to quell the powerful bowling group.

"What we have seen in this World Cup so far, is that India's bowling attack has clearly been the best," Ponting noted.

"Opposition teams are going to have to put a lot of analysis into how they play Bumrah, how they are going to play (Mohammed) Siraj, as they need to get on top of these guys early," he said. "Because if they don't, their spinners will come and get you in the middle of the game," Ponting added.

for some time now and should be considered the best batter of all time.

"There is no doubt he is the absolute best and I have said that for a long time," Ponting noted.

"He didn't need to equal Sachin's record, he doesn't need to break the record," Ponting said.

"If you look at his overall batting record it is incredible," he said.

"To think that he got 49 ODI hundreds and equalled Sachin and in 175 less

## LLC announces national campaign to promote sports

UNI

**KOLKATA:** Legends League Cricket along with Indian Railways has announced a national campaign as the coveted trophy of the league will travel from November 8 on the Vande Bharat Express.

The trophy will travel across 17 different states and UT's all over the country, an organiser announced on Monday.

This unique first of its kind experience is a 15-day extravaganza to capture the imagination of cricket lovers from every part of the country. Cricket lovers along with the legends of the sport will be a part of the Legends League Cricket via the nation's fastest train network - the Vande Bharat Express.

"We welcome Legends League Cricket and the legendary players on the Vande Bharat and look forward to this incredible journey of promoting sports across the nation," Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnav, said.

"We are proud to partner with Indian Railways and contribute in promoting sports. The game is getting bigger each day at

Legends League Cricket. With more and more players joining, we must keep the fire burning and give fans the chance to witness the best competitive cricket across the new venues. I would say that Legends are going to rock this season," Commissioner of Legends League Cricket Ravi Shastri said. The campaign commences from New Delhi and will be the first of this 16-route journey.

"As we flag off this unique collaboration with the Indian Railways, Legends League Cricket is committed to give the fans the best experience possible. This is one of its kind of initiatives to promote the culture of sports to every corner of the country. Top Legends like Gayle, Sreesanth, and Watson along with the LLC trophy will embark on a nationwide tour in the Vande Bharat Express," said.

The addition to this unique campaign is the inclusion of cricketing legends like Gautam Gambhir, Suresh Raina, Irfan Pathan, Chris Gayle, Kevin Pietersen, S. Sreesanth, Parthiv Patel, Shane Watson, Praveen



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Kumar, Jhulan Goswami to name just a few. These national and international stars who continue to be an inspiration to more than one generation will be onboard the Vande Bharat Express spanning across the 5 railways zones namely North, South, Central, East, and West.

Speaking about this journey, Shane Watson commented, "The idea of promoting the spirit of sports in such a special way is amazing. I am very excited to be a part of such an initiative and can't wait to share my stories with my fans."

"Being a part of the Legends League Cricket, it is exciting for me to witness incredible collaboration of the league with the Vande Bharat. Looking forward

to this journey that will build the excitement for the upcoming season," commented Chris Gayle.

"The collaboration of LLC with the Vande Bharat Express is truly remarkable, and happy to be a part of such initiatives that promotes sports in our nation. I am amazed with the ideas that make the league better each season," said Sreesanth expressing his delight.

The second edition of Legends League Cricket begins from November 18 to December 9, 2023 and will be held in five cities: Ranchi, Dehradun, Jammu, Vizag and Surat.

The first match will be played between Bhilwara Kings led by Irfan Pathan, and the defending champions, Gautam Gambhir led India Capitals. Six teams; India Capitals, Manipal Tigers, Gujarat Giants, Urbanisers Hyderabad, Southern Super Stars, Bhilwara Kings will be fighting their way to the coveted trophy that will be unveiled via this tour. Legends League Cricket will be broadcasted on the Star Sports Network and FanCode.

## CWC: Angelo Mathews becomes first batsman to be ruled timed-out

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**NEW DELHI:** Angelo Mathews became the first batsman in cricket history to be adjudged timed-out by the umpire against Bangladesh in the 38th match of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup at Arun Jaitley Stadium here on Monday.

Mathews was adjudged timed-out as he failed to receive his first ball within 3 minutes of the dismissal or retirement of the outgoing batsman.

"After the fall of a wicket or the retirement of a batsman, the incoming batsman must, unless time has been called, be ready

to receive the ball, or for the other batsman to be ready to receive the next ball within 3 minutes of the dismissal or retirement. If this requirement is not met, the incoming batter will be out, timed out," says the ICC rule for timed-out.

However, the umpires can adjudicate according to the playing conditions of the World Cup, and in this case Mathews took more than 2 minutes to receive his first ball before he was ruled timed-out.

Mathews failed to receive his first ball as he was unhappy with



the straps of his helmet. Taking note of it, Bangladesh Captain Shakib Al Hasan appealed for a timed-out dismissal, and the umpire obliged.

An irritated Mathews did not leave the field

immediately, and engaged himself in explaining to the umpires and Shakib the reason for him for the delay in receiving his first ball.

Television visuals showed Mathews indicating his straps of the helmet to the umpires and Shakib, but could not convince them, and took a long way back to the pavilion.

Just after crossing over the boundary ropes, Mathews threw his helmet in disgust on the ground before climbing the stairs of Sri Lanka's dressing room.

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# CS reviews preparation for the upcoming fifth phase of B2V

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Monday chaired a high level meeting of senior functionaries of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to review preparations for 'Fifth Phase of Back to Village Programme (B2V5)' which is J&K Government's flagship public outreach programme and serves as a robust tool for participation of people in Governance.

The meeting was attended by DGP, Administrative Secretaries of Home, Jal Shakti, PWD (R&B), Finance, Education, General Administration Department, Rural Development Department, Information Technology Department, Revenue Department and other senior functionaries, besides Divisional Commissioners of



Jammu and Kashmir provinces, ADGP Kashmir, IG Jammu, DCs and SSPs and District Officers thorough video conference.

At the outset, Chief Secretary said that the previous editions of B2V have helped in improving service delivery, bridging infrastructure gaps and ensuring last mile delivery. They have also helped in identification of beneficiaries (especially youth and women) for availing

skill development and self-employment schemes.

Dr. Mehta said that Prabhari Officers should take their job seriously and visit their respective panchayats to interact with the public and undertake review of previous and current year deliverables, preparation of next year Gram Panchayat Development Programme with special focus with respect to improving e-services penetration, and saturat-

ing flagship programmes.

Chief Secretary stressed that this edition of B2V shall among others focus on saturation of self-employment schemes, progress on implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission, saturation of welfare schemes including old-aged pension scheme, sports, culture, progress on achievement of deliverables, availability of electricity in villages along with host of other parameters for which a booklet is being circulated to Prabhari Officers.

Dr Mehta asked the Deputy Commissioners to do the phasing of B2V in their districts as per their felt requirements.

B2V5 will be conducted from November 7 to 16 with main objective to saturate the services and bridging the gap between Government and people.

# Kashmiri Students Set for Six Weeks of Agricultural Training in Australia

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: SKUAST-Kashmir has initiated an overseas visit for a group of 15 undergraduate students to WSU Australia, with the goal of globalising agricultural education in the union territory.

SKUAST Kashmir flags off 15 undergrad students for exposure visit to WSU Australia on November 6, 2023

The students are embarking on a six-week international fellowship sponsored by the World Bank-ICAR funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP). This marks the sixth batch sent abroad to enhance their skills and expose them to international learning environments.

The students will receive training at WSU in modern agricultural



concepts, including digital tools and AI&ML. The Vice Chancellor congratulated the students, encouraging them to represent the university and J&K positively. He urged them to establish connections and seek opportunities for higher education at esteemed institutions, thus expanding the university's global network.

The Vice Chancellor anticipates that this training will enhance the students' skills and enable them to pursue advanced careers in agricultural sciences. He also engaged with the students' parents at the send-off ceremony, emphasizing the significance of such exposure visits in nurturing the next generation of leaders.

This batch of students consists of three boys and 12 girls from Kashmir, Jammu divisions, and Ladakh UT. As part of its international education initiative, over 70 students from SKUAST-K have completed exposure visits to renowned institutions in Australia, the USA, Thailand, and other countries in five previous batches.

# 5 drug peddlers arrested in Bla, Kulgam: Police

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Police on Monday said to have arrested five drug peddlers in Baramulla & Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession besides frozen bank account of a notorious drug smuggler in Bandipora.

In Baramulla, a police party of Police Post Palhallan headed by Incharge Police Post Palhallan under the supervision of SDPO Pattan at a checkpoint established at Palhallan Pattan, intercepted a vehicle (Swift) bearing registration number JK01M-7247 with 04 persons onboard, a police spokesman said.

During their search, 265 grams of Heroin like contraband substance was recovered from their possession. They were identified as Ashiq Illahi Parray son of Ab Razaq resident of Lawaypora HMT Srinagar, Mohammad Asif Bhat son of Ghulam Ahmad, Bilal Ahmad Bhat son of Gulzar

Ahmad both residents of Noorbagh Maloora Srinagar & Altaf Ahmad Mir son of Ghulam Mohammad resident of Malpora Warpora Sopore, he said, adding that they have been arrested and shifted to PS where they remain in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

"In Kulgam, a police party headed by SHO Police Station Kulgam during patrolling at Chawalgam crossing, intercepted a suspicious person carrying a bag. During search, officers were able to recover 4.5Kgs of Poppy Straw like contraband substance concealed in the bag from his possession. He has been identified as Jora Singh son of Darshan Singh resident of Dohalan Ludhiana, Punjab. He has been arrested and shifted to PS where he remains in custody," police said.

Accordingly, police said that cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations & investigations have been initiated.

Moreover, police in

Bandipora froze a bank account having savings of Rs 1,70,807 belonging to a narcotics smuggler namely Aamir Rashid Sheikh son of Abdul Rashid Sheikh resident of Shilvat Sumbal.

The bank account has been frozen under section 68F (2) of NDPS Act by the competent authority & administrator, SAFEM (New Delhi). The accused drug smuggler was involved in Case FIR No.147/2023 NDPS Act of Police Station Sumbal. All these savings were illegally acquired by the accused through the sale of narcotic contraband substances, police said.

"We urge the common masses that if you witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society. We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law," police said—(KNO)

# DC Pulwama takes comprehensive review of Self Employment Schemes

GMK NEWS NETWORK

PULWAMA: A meeting was Monday convened under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom to undertake a comprehensive review of various self-employment related schemes within the district.

The meeting, held to address employment initiatives, encompassed an extensive evaluation of multiple departments, including Employment, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, NRLM, Handicraft, Handloom, Sheep Husbandry, and Animal Husbandry.

In the pursuit of optimizing self-employment opportunities and enhancing the efficiency of schemes, the DC highlighted the imperative necessity to expedite case processing and eliminate procedural delays.

Emphasizing the goal of achieving full employment

saturation in the panchayats, the meeting addressed the critical need to ensure timely and seamless disbursement and sponsorship alignment.

Furthermore, the banking institutions were directed to play a pivotal role in facilitating the expeditious clearance of pending cases, ensuring no backlog and swift processing of all applications. The imperative of conducting awareness camps to facilitate the effective implementation of beneficiary-oriented schemes at the grassroots level was also underscored.

In the review meeting, it was noted that in the fiscal year 2023-24, self-employment schemes have made significant strides in job creation within the district. With 2,429 cases sanctioned, they've successfully generated employment for 10,356 individuals. A total of 63 crore rupees has been disbursed, indicating substantial financial backing for these initiatives.

# LG condoles loss of lives in Rajouri accident



SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has condoled the loss of lives in the tragic road accident in Rajouri on Monday.

"I am deeply shocked to learn of the unfortunate road accident in Rajouri today, in which precious lives have been lost and many others have been injured. I send my heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families and wish those injured a speedy recovery. I have directed the district administration to provide all necessary assistance to the affected persons," the Lt Governor said.

**J&K Police: An Appeal to General Public**

JKP announces a reward of INR 1000000 (ten lacs) each for credible information about below mentioned terror crimes.

- Date 29 October 2023, Place of incident: Eidgh in Srinagar FIR No.146/2023: u/s 307 IPC, 7/27 Arms Act, 13,16,18,20,38,39 UAP Act Police Station Safakadal Name of Victim: Insp Masroor Ali Wani
- Date of Incident: 30th October 2023 Place of incident: Trumchi Nowpora FIR 293/2023 U/S 307 IPC 7/27 I A Act , 16, 18, 20, 39 UA(P)A act Name of victim : Mukesh Kumar S/O Ganga Prasad R/O Bhatpuna, Samadha, UP
- Date of incident - 31st October 2023. Place of incident- Wailoo kralpora Baramulla FIR no- 364/2023 u/s 302 IPC, 7/27 Arms act, 16, 20 UA(P)A Police station - Pattan Victim- Head Constable Gh Mohd

Information about attacker or his associates or helpers or harbourers of attacker can be shared with any police officer you trust including:  
**SSP Baramulla 7051000999**  
**SSP Srinagar 9419096599**  
**SSP Pulwama 9419046660**  
 Or email it directly to DGP Sh R R Swain at : [rrswainips@jkpolice.gov.in](mailto:rrswainips@jkpolice.gov.in)

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