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## Vidhi Kumar Birdi Is New IGP Kashmir



**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Home Department on Tuesday ordered transfer and posting of two senior IPS officers with Vidhi Kumar Birdi posted as new Inspector General of Police Kashmir Zone. According to an order, ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar has been transferred and posted as ADGP Law and Order •P-02

## Soldier Dies On Duty Near LoC In Poonch



**SRINAGAR-** A soldier died during duty along Line of Control in Poonch district on Tuesday, official said. They said the soldier, Naik Rohan Patel, fell unconscious, while moving towards drill. Thereafter, the soldier was immediately evacuated to hospital, where he was declared brought dead. (GNS)

## J&K Govt To Conduct Land Audit Of Industrial Estates



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**SRINAGAR:** In a significant move, the Jammu & Kashmir government has decided to conduct a land audit of industrial estates in the Union Territory. To begin with, the UT administration would carry out land audits of two industrial estates—one each in Kashmir and Jammu—on the pilot basis. Documents accessed reveal that the Department of Industries & Commerce has constituted two committees headed by the respective Joint Director (Development) Industries & Commerce for the exercise. The committees would comprise of concerned functional manager, concerned industrial promotion officers/block investigator, concerned Estates Manager SIDCO and concerned Estates Manager SICOP. The committees have been directed to begin their exercise with pilot projects of industrial Estate Bari Brahmna in Jammu and Industrial Estate Lassipora, Pulwama in Kashmir. The panels would approach their respective regional directors for their support and assistance of both men and machinery, in order to conduct the exercise in a time-bound manner. According to the Department of Industries & Commerce, the committees shall submit its audit report of pilot projects within one month along with specific recommendations. As per official •P-02

## LG, Maha CM Unveil Statue Of Chhatrapati Shivaji In Kupwara

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**KUPWARA:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha along with Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde, and Maharashtra's Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar Tuesday unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Kupwara. In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the 'Amhi Punekar' and 41 Rashtriya Rifles of Indian Army for historic initiative. He said the statue of Great Shivaji will be a source of inspiration for people and the bravehearts of the army. Paying homage to the great warrior and founder of Swarajya, the Lt Governor said, Shivaji was a born leader, who scripted a new history of India through his mesmerizing victory against the enemy. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was also a fountainhead of high standards of morality, right conduct, and respecter of all religions and sects. Youth must follow his ideas and ideals and selflessly serve the poor and weaker sections of society and contribute to nation-building, he added. By unleashing his military genius and moral force, Shivaji mobilized millions of Indians and achieved sovereignty for Maratha empire. His universal and eternal values continue to be relevant today and guiding us on the path of social equality and peaceful co-existence, the Lt Governor said. He further called for celebrating the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj festival in Kupwara on 7th of November every year.



Shri Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister of Maharashtra said, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is an inspiration for every Indian. Maharashtra has a great tradition of sacrifice and bravery. It is indeed commendable that this statue is being •P-02

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## Govt Adds 2000 New Medical Seats To Address Doctor Shortage In J&K

JAHANGEER GANAIE

**SRINAGAR:** The government has taken a significant step towards enhancing healthcare services in Jammu and Kashmir by increasing around 2000 medical seats. The move aims to address the shortage of doctors and paramedics in the Union Territory. Several primary health centres are also being upgraded to the level of Sub-District Hospitals (SDHs) to meet Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) norms, officials said. According to Vision Doc-



ument 2047 of the Health Department, the objective is to ensure the availability of quality and affordable healthcare services at the doorstep by rationalizing existing facilities and establishing new ones. •P-02

## Srinagar Youth Crafts Traditional 'Diyas' For Diwali

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

**SRINAGAR:** A dedicated potter, Muhammad Umer Kumar, is leaving no stone unturned as he handcrafts traditional earthen lamps – diyas – in preparation for the upcoming Diwali festival. Umer, a resident of Nishat, has been following his family's pottery tradition. A skilled artisan with a passion for his craft, has been a beacon of creativity in the Nishat community for years. As the 'festival of lights' approaches, he has doubled his



efforts to ensure that the celebration is illuminated by his meticulously designed diyas. Inspired by the rich cultural heritage of the region, his diyas

are a testament to the artistry and craftsmanship that has been passed down through generations. "Each diya is created with the utmost care, moulded with precision, and adorned with intricate designs that capture the essence of Diwali," Umer said. Umer's commitment to preserving traditional methods is admirable. "I use locally sourced clay and natural dyes to ensure that these diyas are not only eco-friendly but also a tribute to the environment," he said, adding that this eco-conscious approach resonates with those who •P-02

## Back To Village 5 Begins In J&K

CS Interacts With Visiting Officers, PRIs



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**JAMMU:** In connection with the fifth phase of the Back to Village program, the Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Tuesday held an interaction with visiting Prabhari Officers, PRI members, field officers of the line departments and common masses to assess the participation, outreach and feedback regarding •P-02

ERA OF 1980S IS BACK

## 'J&K To Emerge Top Film Shooting Destination In The World'

MUBASHIR ALAM WANI

**SRINAGAR:** Secretary Tourism Syed Abid Rasheed Shah Tuesday said the era of 1980s when Kashmir was preferred as the most suitable destination for shooting films, is back with a bang. While speaking to the media here after Muhurat of a film produced by 4 Chinar Cinemax, which is simultaneously shot in Kannada and Kashmiri languages, Shah said the single window clearance and facilitatory eco-system created by the government will promote Kashmir as the leading destination in the world. "Today it is a wonderful occasion where we have a bilingual movie being made in Kashmiri and Kannada language. I am confident such steps, which we take in promoting film tourism will go a long way in



making Jammu and Kashmir a top destination for shooting movies," he said. The tourism secretary said so far 400 movies have been granted permission to shoot in Jammu and Kashmir. "During 1980s the majority of the films were shot in Jammu and Kashmir. Now that era is back because the government has taken some important facilitatory

## SIA Chargesheets 2 Kashmiris For Raising Funds In Gulf



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**SRINAGAR:** The State Investigation Agency presented a charge sheet against two accused persons in a terror funding case registered in police Station CIK/SIA Kashmir. SIA spokesperson in a statement said that the accused individuals namely Danish Ahmad Koul and Faizan Ishtiyak Kharadi both residents of Srinagar were found involved in raising funds from Saudi Arabia and Muscat Oman as part of a criminal conspiracy. The funds raised were pumped to support terror activities in JK. "After strenuous investigation, SIA Kashmir gathered vital evidence against the accused persons and filed the charge sheet after the allegations were established against them in •P-02



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# India Investing In Infrastructure To Meet People's Aspirations: Piyush Goyal

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**NEW DELHI:** Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday that India is moving towards massive investments in infrastructure to meet the aspirations of its growing population, addressing the 4th edition of 'ISA Steel Conclave 2023' held in New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister acknowledged that steel is vital to achieving this goal, with an aspiration to produce 300 million tons of steel annually by 2030.

Addressing concerns about the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), Shri Goyal assured that the Indian government has taken up the issue with the European Union and at the World Trade Organization (WTO). He emphasized the importance of fair treatment for Indian producers and exporters and reaffirmed India's commitment to opposing unfair taxes or levies that may harm the steel industry.

The Minister further highlighted efforts to secure better Free Trade Agreement access for the steel industry in developed countries and emphasized the importance of intellectual property and value addition in trade agreements. He also recognized the industry's support for the MSME sector in India and urged continued commitment to this segment.

The steel industry's role in

the construction sector, India's growth, and its influence in helping the nation become self-reliant were highlighted by the Minister. Shri Goyal commended the industry's commitment to quality standards and the need to expand quality control orders to ensure high-quality steel products for consumers. Additionally, the Minister pledged to address concerns related to safeguard duty and other international trade agreements impacting the steel industry.

Shri Goyal said that the steel industry in India currently employs approximately two million people, making a substantial contribution to the national GDP. The Minister conveyed his confidence that the steel industry can significantly enhance self-reliance as India strives to meet the increasing demands of the sector. The industry's growth and performance have been remarkable in recent years, with Shri Goyal receiving feedback from major steel producers regarding their plans for capacity expansion and sustainable manufacturing practices.

Shri Goyal referenced Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, emphasizing that as India moves toward becoming a developed nation, the steel industry will play a pivotal role in strengthening the country's infrastructure. He noted that this recognition of the



steel industry's importance is well-placed, especially as India gears up for massive investments in infrastructure. India's per capita steel consumption is expected to rise significantly as the country aspires to fulfill the dreams of its billion-plus citizens.

The Minister noted that India aspires to transform from being a net importer of steel to a net exporter, sup-

porting its "One Earth, One Family, One Future" theme. The Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) for specialty steel is one of the steps taken in this direction, promoting the manufacturing of high-quality steel and bolstering India's position in the international market. He recalled pioneering initiatives like steel slag road technology, emphasizing the efficient utilization of waste stream slag

in road and highway construction. This practice aligns with the principles of the circular economy.

The Minister expressed admiration for the vibrancy of the Indian steel industry, describing it as the bedrock of the country's development. He reflected on the industry's growth journey since its inception, harking back to the first steel town in Jamshedpur.

Sharing a personal connection to the steel industry, Shri Goyal conveyed his sense of pride as India now stands as the second-largest steel producer globally, surpassing Japan. He underscored that with the National Steel Policy 2017 and the industry's recent investments, along with abundant iron ore resources and surging domestic and international demand, India is poised to approach the target of producing 300 million ones of steel.

The event was marked by discussions on the theme, 'Steel Shaping The Sustainable Future,' underscoring the multifaceted role of the steel industry in India's growth and development. Shri Piyush Goyal lauded the theme, highlighting the pivotal role of steel in building a more sustainable future. He emphasized how steel, as an essential material in construction and manufacturing, can significantly contribute to replacing traditional, polluting industries. In the era of growing environmental concerns, the Minister underlined the importance of sustainable practices, including responsible construction methods that could help mitigate pollution.

He said that India's leadership in the G20 presidency this year provided a fitting backdrop to the theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future." Shri Goyal encouraged further discussions on sustainable prac-

tices, reinforcing how steel remains integral to our daily lives, underpinning our infrastructure and economy.

The Minister acknowledged the challenge of coking coal availability and costs and encouraged the industry to explore alternative technologies to address this issue. Research and development are essential for the steel industry's sustainability and the future, promoting green and low-carbon steel production. He highlighted the importance of recycling steel scrap, referring to the recently promoted automobile scrapping policy and the potential it has to reduce pollution and crude oil imports while fostering demand for energy-efficient electric vehicles.

Piyush Goyal stressed the importance of a collaborative approach between the government, the industry, and consumers. He emphasized the need for an aspirational target for per capita steel consumption in India and encouraged industry players to engage in innovative and sustainable practices to achieve this goal.

Piyush Goyal acknowledged the steel industry's support for the 'Brand India Project' and urged the industry to actively participate in forthcoming exhibitions to showcase their strengths. He reiterated his belief in the industry's potential to be a cornerstone of India's growth and development.

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### J&K Govt To

documents, 67 industrial estates developed by SIDCO and SICOP are in Jammu & Kashmir.

As many as 5294 industrial units are functioning in these industrial estates spread over 37,341 kanals of land. Apart from this, 42 new industrial estates are being developed in the UT—(KNO)

### LG, Maha CM

erected at Kupwara in the same year as the 350th anniversary of the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji, he said.

Shri Sudhir Mungantiwar, Cultural Affairs Minister Maharashtira, speaking on the occasion paid homage to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. He said the unveiling of Shivaji's statue is the proudest moment of his life.

Major General Girish Kalia, GOC, Vajr Division presented the National Flags handmade by women of Kupwara to the dignitaries.

Earlier, the Lt Governor paid tributes to the bravehearts of Indian Army and laid wreath at Vajr War Memorial, HQ 28 Infantry Division in Kupwara.

Sh Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K; Major General Girish Kalia, GOC, Vajr Division; Sh Vivek Gupta, DIG NKR Range; Ms Ayushi Sudan, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara; Sh Abhayraj Shirole, Founder Amhi Punekar and senior officers of Army, civil and police administration were present at the ceremony.

### Vidhi Kumar Birdi Is

J&K. "Vijay Kumar, IPS (AGMUT: 1997), ADGP Kashmir, is transferred and posted as ADGP (Law & Order), J&K. A post in the rank of ADGP viz. ADGP (Law & Order), J&K, is temporarily added to the J&K Segment of AGMUT Cadre, in terms of 2nd proviso to sub-rule (2) of Rule 4 of the Indian Police Service (Cadre) Rules, 1954, for a period of two years or till the post is held by said officer, whichever is earlier," reads the order.

It reads that Vidhi Kumar Birdi, IPS (AGMUT:2003), is posted as IGP Kashmir vice Vijay Kumar, IPS. "In addition, the officer shall also hold the charge of the post of IGP Armed Kashmir, till further orders." It added that iis further ordered that the Zonal IGSP of Kashmir and Jammu, shall report to ADGP (Law & Order), J&K, under the overall command and control of DGP, J&K—(KNO)

### Govt Adds 2000

Presently, the region boasts a robust public healthcare infrastructure, including over 4100 health facilities.

The plan focuses on upgrading existing Primary Health Centers (PHCs) to SDHs to meet IPHS norms. Furthermore, Non-Traditional Public Health Centers (NTPHCs) can be elevated to the level of PHCs, and new Sub Centers will be established in remote and underserved areas, based on the actual requirements arising from population growth, according to the document.

Efforts are being made to achieve full geographical coverage and implement IPHS/NMC norms at various facility

levels, starting from the district level, it states, adding that over the past few years, more than 2000 medical seats have been added to improve the availability of doctors and paramedics.

The initiatives include increasing MBBS seats from 500 to 1100, adding 26 BDS seats under the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) category in Dental Colleges, introducing 50 PG seats under EWS in Medical Colleges/SKIMS, and approving 38 Dental PG Seats in Dental Colleges. Additionally, 250 Diplomate of National Board (DNB) seats have been approved in SKIMS Soura/Government Medical Colleges/District Hospitals/Sub-District Hospitals, along with 590 B.Sc paramedical seats in seven Medical Colleges and 440 B.Sc. Nursing seats.

Moreover, 60 seats for Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery (BUMS) have been introduced in Government Unani Medical College, Kashmir, and 63 seats for Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) have been added in Ayurvedic Medical College, Akhnoor, Jammu.

An additional 200 MBBS seats have also been introduced, raising the total intake capacity to 1300 seats. This has been achieved by operationalizing Government Medical Colleges in Udhampur and Handwara during the year 2023-24.

"1612 posts of different categories have been created in New GMC Udhampur and Handwara @806 each and the process for filling the same has also been initiated," the document states. "This shall help improve the doctors' population ratio pivotal in achieving quality healthcare for the populace."—(KNO)

### Srinagar Youth

appreciate sustainable practices. He added, "Locals and tourists alike eagerly anticipate my handcrafted Diyas each year, making my small shop a hub of Diwali shopping. Last year, we received an order of 15,000 diyas, and this year we have boosted production 20 days in advance, preparing 20,000 in total, among which we have already sold more than 8 thousand, and we are preparing more for Diwali."

Umer said the art of pottery was dying in Kashmir, as people were using plastic and other materials, but with this year's Diwali, he is hopeful this art will gain a further boost—(KNO)

### Back To Village 5

various flagship programmes of the Jammu and Kashmir government.

During the interaction, the Chief Secretary enquired about the quality of works implemented under various schemes, including Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Mission Youth, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Amrit Sarovar, Swachh Bharat Mission, self-employment schemes, etc. Dr. Mehta also sought public review of various services at the Panchayat-level such as the quality of education, status of cleanliness, progress under NashaMukt J&K and quality of water supply under JJM.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the Prabhari Officers (POs) to lay special focus on raising awareness on 137 deliverables points that are being prioritized during B2V5 and ensure follow-up actions on the raised demands, besides capturing

achievements made so far. He also directed all line departments to fully support the Prabhari Officers in coordinating the speedy resolution of highlighted issues. He said that fulfillment of these 137 objectives is a priority and Prabhari Officers are expected to ensure that the assigned targets are achieved.

Emphasizing the role of self-employment as a driver of the economy, the Chief Secretary asked the POs to identify youth looking for such opportunities and guide their ventures through their respective departments towards saturating the demand. They were further asked to ensure assistance in establishing self-help groups (SHGs), Micro-Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), PACS, and coverage under MUMKIN scheme. Clear instructions were given to the relevant departments to offer all possible assistance, including training and financing, to help young people establish their own self-employment units.

The Chief Secretary asked the visiting officers to lay special focus on JJM. He reiterated regular monitoring of water projects under the scheme to ensure the supply of quality drinking water all year round to the residents of each Panchayat. He further asked the officers to expedite the pace of ongoing works to ensure that they are completed by December this year.

It was informed that there are services offered by different departments which can be accessed through 1075 online mobile phones in a hassle-free manner. The visiting officers were asked to promote awareness on all these services.

Dr. Mehta issued instructions to all Prabhari Officers to lay emphasis on PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, PM was Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, PM Vishwakarma, PM Kisan Saman, Kisan Credit Card, PM PRANAM.

During the interactive session, importance of Janbhagidari portal was discussed and nodal officers showcased the ease of retrieval of public information on the ongoing programs in their allocated Panchayats on a real-time basis. The Chief Secretary appreciated the role of such a portal in promoting public surveillance of ongoing projects encouraged the members of gram sabhas to play a more active role in the process of participatory governance.

### SIA Chargesheets 2

case FIR No.09/2021 u/s 13,17,18,20,38,39 and 40 of UA(P)A of P/S CIK/SIA Kashmir and supplementary charge sheet was presented before the designated Court Srinagar. It is pertinent to mention here that the charge sheet against one more accused namely Hamaad Farooq Trambooboo has already been presented before the court and he is presently facing trial," reads the statement.

They said during the investigation conducted by SIA Kashmir it was established that funds raised from foreign soil were subsequently laundered through banking channels, and money exchange and further deposited in the bank accounts of the family members of killed and active terrorists. "The money was chiefly channelized through the accounts of Hamaad Farooq Trambooboo – a notorious OGW."

"The accused duo namely Danish

Ahmad Koul and Faizan Ishtiyah Khairadi were evading arrest for long and accordingly the SIA had opened Look Out Circulars (LOC) against them. Subsequently, they were apprehended in the case and today the charge sheet was presented against them within the stipulated time, the statement said, adding that SIA Kashmir reiterates that its prosecution staff will vigorously follow the case before the Court to ensure that all the accused persons are brought to justice," it said.(KDC)

### 'J&K To Emerge

Jammu and Kashmir. With such film shootings, Jammu and Kashmir is getting promoted at a global platform. We have an enabling atmosphere, single window clearance for permissions. I am confident that Jammu and Kashmir will be the best and most sought destination for shooting films in the world," he said.

Regarding shooting of Kannada-Kashmiri film, he said it depicts the meeting of minds between Jammu and Kashmir and Karnataka.

"This is also a great example of national integration where Jammu and Kashmir is meeting Karnataka. We have a very nice film policy, which is the best in the country. We have a better policy climate and I am confident that Jammu and Kashmir will be the most sought destination for films," Shah said.

Meanwhile, it will be for the first time that a bilingual film is made in Kannada and Kashmiri language.

The film has a story by Ashok Cashyap and a screenplay by Rekha Rani and MS Ramesh a renowned writer from Karnataka and will be directed by Ashok Cashyap who also happens to be an award-winning Cinematographer and director—(KNO)

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# Obsession of valley youth with Dream11, Religious Scholars call it "Haram"

MUBASHIR AALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: It is the ODI cricket world cup at its peak and Sajad (name changed), an avid cricket lover from north Kashmir, is hopeful to make his fortune out of the game.

Since the beginning of the prestigious tournament, he has been entering into an online betting contest -Dream 11- to win the prize worth crores of rupees.

Though in the beginning he won a few thousands, Sajad kept losing the amount he invested in Dream 11 for the last one month.

In hope for a jackpot overnight, he for the last month lost more than Rs20,000, which he had saved to buy a second-hand bike.

Sajad is not an isolated case as thousands of the people, particularly youth, join online betting platforms, only to lose money.

In recent years, fantasy gaming apps have exploded in popularity in India,



with millions of users joining platforms such as Dream11, My11Circle and MPL, among others.

Dream11, a fantasy sports platform that allows users to create their virtual cricket teams and participate in cash-based contests, has gained immense popularity in recent years. It offers the thrill of participating in cricket matches on a digital platform, allowing users to use their knowledge of the game and compete for cash prizes.

The addictive nature of this virtual cricket world has left many young Kashmiris engrossed in their

smartphones, spending hours on end selecting their dream teams, making predictions, and monitoring the real cricket matches.

This obsession with Dream11 has not only raised concerns about productivity and academic performance but also caught the attention of religious scholars who believe it is at odds with Islamic principles.

Religious scholars call participation in such fantasy contests 'haram'.

They argue that Dream11 involves elements of gambling and relies

heavily on chance, which contradicts the principles of Islamic finance and ethics.

"It is gambling, which is clearly prohibited in Islam. Gambling whether physical or online both are against the principles of Islam. It is akin to other major sins including drinking alcohol," said Mufti Zia-ul-Haq, religious scholar.

He appealed to the youth from Kashmir to give up such practices. "No matter even if someone wins the game, God will never be happy with him. I appeal to our youth not to enter into such contests," Mufti Zia-ul-Haq said.

Pertinently, many states including Assam, Sikkim, Nagaland, Odisha, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh have banned the fantasy cricket application Dream 11. Karnataka had previously banned all forms of online gaming which includes wagering, betting and gambling in any form—(KNO)

## SAFFRON HARVESTING SEASON

# Div Com visits IKSTC, reviews it's functioning

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PULWAMA: In view of saffron harvesting season, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Tuesday chaired a crucial meeting to review the functioning of India International Kashmir Saffron Trading Centre (IKSTC) and take stock of other important issues at the IKSTC, Pampore.

This meeting witnessed the attendance of key officials and stakeholders, including Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, Director Horticulture Kashmir, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Director Planning and Marketing J&K, Chief Engineer MED and District officers. Saffron farmers from the region also actively participated, further highlighting the importance of their insights and experiences in the industry's growth.

The meeting threadbare discussed the progress and achievements of the National Mission on



Saffron and the initiatives taken to enhance saffron production, while simultaneously addressing the concerns of saffron growers in the area.

Director Agriculture, Kashmir presented a comprehensive review of the National Mission on Saffron, highlighting its significant role in improving saffron quality and increasing both vertical and horizontal productivity.

During the discussion, important facets highlighted by saffron growers in Pampore were thoroughly examined.

The Div Com actively engaged with the farmers, lending a sympa-

thetic ear to their suggestions. While discussing the Mission, the Div Com directed the officers to immediately take over the completed assets and submit a detailed report on further course of action to complete all the components as envisaged in the Mission.

Additionally, a strong focus was placed on the Operational and Maintenance systems, calling for a robust community involvement and ownership through Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO). Agriculture and MED were directed to impart necessary training to empower and

enable community ownership through Farmers Collectives.

Director Agriculture informed that the Saffron Park is fully equipped for value addition and quality control to ensure best returns on produce.

Later, the Div Com also conducted field visits including the Saffron Research Station of SKUAST at Dusso Pampore.

The meeting underscored the commitment of the Government to the welfare and growth of the saffron industry, aiming to ensure better prospects and livelihoods for saffron growers in the region.

# Winter preparedness reviewed in Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir Tuesday chaired a meeting of officers to review the winter preparedness of line departments for winters in the district.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held regarding availability of snow clearance machines, establishing of Joint Control Room and action plans prepared by the concerned departments to prevent interruption of essential services during inclement weather.

The DDC impressed upon the officers to remain available at headquarters

for prompt response to the public grievances and for better coordination in dealing with snow clearance operations in the district.

The Executive Engineers of PMGSY, R&B and Beacon briefed the DDC about the action plan and availability of snow clearance machines in the district.

While reviewing the preparation of PDD, the Executive Engineer informed that sufficient buffer stock of transformers, insulators and Conductors are available in the district. The DDC directed him to ensure sufficient stock of transformers is kept available at Kangan also.

It was also directed that

the joint control rooms should be activated under the supervision of ADC Ganderbal at district headquarters with adequate manpower to cater to the needs of the general public especially during snowing days.

Regarding preparation of FCS&CA, the AD informed that storage of essential commodities in higher reaches of the district will be done in identified granaries for four months which will be distributed to the consumers accordingly.

The DDC directed for ensuring that snow clearance machines are positioned at all critical spots and that these are pressed into service as soon as snow starts to accumulate

prioritizing roads leading to all important installations across the district including Hospitals.

The DDC sought inter-departmental coordination for effective response for any eventuality in the approaching winter season and exhorted that the reaction time should be prompt and the snow clearance plan besides the restoration of affected services should be effectively implemented.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Gulzar Ahmad, ASP, CPO, SE, R&B; CEO SDA, SDM Kangan, Executive Engineers of various Engineering wings, CMO and other district and sectoral officers.

# Saffron growers to get proper irrigation facilities very soon: Dir Agri

JAHANGEEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: The government is actively working to enhance irrigation facilities for saffron growers to boost production, Director Agriculture, Choudhary Mohammad Iqbal said.

The Director Agriculture said the National Saffron Mission, initiated in 2010-11 under one scheme, received an extension and was later included in the MIDS scheme. He expressed gratitude to the Government of India for it.

Director Iqbal said that over the past two years, the government has been diligently pursuing funding for the Mechanical Engineering Department to expedite pending work. This effort is aimed at providing proper irrigation facilities to growers at the earliest, he said, adding that the department is committed to addressing the concerns of saffron growers and ensuring they face no challenges.

Regarding the conversion of land for alternate crops like mustard

or apple trees, Choudhary Iqbal said that as per recommendations, only around trees can be planted in these fields.

"We have raised this issue with the relevant authorities and will continue advocating for the growers' interests," he said, adding, "Ultimately, the land belongs to farmers, and they have the freedom to plant what they choose."

The Director Agriculture said the department is actively educating and assisting growers to

enhance their production and income.

Regarding this year's saffron production, Iqbal explained that various parameters are used to measure production. "However, due to snowfall in upper areas in October, which resulted in a dip in temperature, saffron bloom was delayed," he said.

Once saffron reaches its optimal temperature, full bloom is expected, and any necessary improvements will be prioritised accordingly, he assured—(KNO)

# A decade on, maternity hospital Kangan awaits completion

RAJA SYED RATHER

GANDERBAL: Almost a decade later, Maternity Hospital at Kangan in Ganderbal is still incomplete causing inconvenience to people.

The residents of Kangan have been waiting for the completion of the Maternity-cum-Child Care Hospital for the last eight years. The project, which is being executed by the J&K Housing Board at a cost of INR 27.66 crore, has missed multiple deadlines for completion since the construction began in 2014.

The building has been completed but the hospital lacks necessary medical equipment and other infrastructure.

According to details, the land for the hospital was identified in 2005 when Ghulam Nabi Azad was the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and Jammu Kashmir Housing Board was directed to execute the work on the hospital that was supposed to come up at an estimated cost of Rs 27.66 crores.

An official said that the establishment of the hospital was meant to provide residents with access to quality maternity and childcare services without having to travel to hospitals in other towns or cities. It was also hoped that the hospital would ease the influx of maternity patients from the area to hospitals in Srinagar.

"However, the delay in completing the hospital has left locals relying on the Sub District Hospital in Kangan, which does its best to provide maternity care, but can't always meet the needs of patients with serious complications."

Local residents of the area said that patients have to travel up to 100 kilometers to reach the Maternity Hospital in Srinagar, a journey that can be dangerous for those in critical condition.

CMO Ganderbal Dr Afroza Shah said housing board has been delaying the project and all the funds from their side has been released and it's up to the housing board now.—(KNO)

# Shooting for Multi-lingual Kashmiri-Kannada Film begins in Srinagar

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

SRINAGAR: An excitement is in the air as the shooting for a unique Kashmiri-Kannada multi-lingual film has officially started in Srinagar.

The cinematic endeavor has brought together artists from Kashmir and the culturally rich state of Karnataka on a single platform to showcase their talent.

The film, a celebration of cultural diversity, brings together the rich and vibrant talents of two distinct regions, as it promises to be a visual treat for cinema enthusiasts, showcasing the rich tapestry of Kashmiri and Kannada culture on the screen.

Similarly, the project has generated a buzz not

only for its artistic aspirations but also for the locals as well, who are excited to see the cross-cultural collaboration in the film industry.

The artists of the movie from Karnataka were delighted saying that the film depicts how two cultures come to Kashmir and live harmoniously and peacefully in the valley, while they find the theater, culture, and everything to be stunning, and they consider Kashmir as the real heaven on earth.

Ashok Kashap, a cinematographer, director, and producer of the movie said that he possesses the script and is also directing this multilingual movie titled 'Harmukh'. The shooting is taking place under a new banner, '4 chinar,' and they

aim to present something new to the world under '4 chinar productions.'

"I am feeling very happy, and the administration here is very cooperative, granting permissions easily and quickly. I am thankful to them for their support, while the atmosphere here is wonderful, and I am very happy and excited to shoot the movie here," he added.

Furthermore, Dr. Seeta Kootay, a dancer and actor from Bangalore, said the movie explores the love and the relationship between a Kashmiri family and a South Indian family. She represents the South Indian family, while expressing her love for Kashmir, appreciating its outstanding and glorious beauty.

She added that as an actor and artist, being here and acting in this place is a wonderful feeling that she can't express in words.

Secretary of Tourism Dr Abid Rashid Shah said that the shoot of the bilingual movie today includes actors from Kashmir and the South. "As the Jammu Kashmir tourism sector has experienced a significant increase in tourist presence, this film tourism is an important segment that will further boost JK's tourism industry," he said.

Dr Shah added that from the '70s to the '90s, no movie was complete without scenes from Jammu and Kashmir, and the movie shooting represents a step toward reviving that era collectively—(KNO)

# J&K exhibits abundant culinary offerings at World Food India

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NEW DELHI: Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO), as part of its endeavors towards facilitating entrepreneurs with vital market linkages and opportunities on both domestic and international fronts, participated in World Food India (WFI) held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

The JKTPO, in an endeavor to actualize the vision of Government of Jammu and Kashmir of providing market linkages to entrepreneurs of the UT, participated as the "Focus State" in the "World Food India 2023" event and facilitated participation of 24 exhibitors from the region. This engagement was aimed at enhancing market exposure and connecting these exhibitors with a diverse audience of international and domestic buyers and customers.

The 'World Food India 2023' event, now in its second edition, was inaugurated at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. The event's primary objective was to position India as the 'food basket of the world' and celebrate 2023 as the International Year of Millets. During the address, Narendra Modi highlighted the unique agricultural and horticulture products being exported from India, including black garlic from Himachal Pradesh, dragon fruit from Jammu & Kashmir, soya milk powder from Madhya Pradesh, and more.

The exhibitors from J&K showcased wide variety of authentic GI tagged and

high quality food products from Jammu and Kashmir before the buyers from different parts of the country and globe. The products displayed by the exhibitors included Apples, Walnuts, Red Chillies, Kidney beans, Honey, Lavender oil, Mushkubdji, Lemon grass oil, Saffron, Dragon fruit and other processed food products which are famous not only in India but across the world for their unique selling points.

Jammu and Kashmir also actively participated in knowledge sessions alongside Gujarat, Netherlands, Ministry of Aayush, Punjab and others. The main theme of J&K's sessions centred around 'Women Leadership in J&K', during which seven women entrepreneurs from the region shared their experiences in their business ventures besides elaborating the role of technology in their entrepreneurial journeys.

Notably, during the Business-to-Government (B2G) and Government-to-Government (G2G) meetings, prominent figures and leaders from the business world, such as Sharaf-ud-din Sharaf, Vice Chairman of Sharaf Group UAE, Yusuf Tambawala, Vice President of Ghassan Aboud Group UAE, Salim VI, Chief Operating Officer of Lulu Group UAE, Do Duy Khanh, First Secretary at the Embassy of Vietnam, Ranjeet Kohli, CEO & Executive Director of Britannia, Vivek Chandra, CEO of LT Foods, Sanjay Singanai, Vice President of Haldiram, Kaif Siddiqui, General Manager of Godrej Tyson, and other high-ranking executives participated, fostering meaningful collaborations.

# Vigilance Week celebrations conclude in J&K

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Tuesday chaired a meeting of Administrative Secretaries and took stock of activities undertaken during the course of vigilance week. During the meeting, it was informed that the government had been vigorously working to promote both preventive and participatory vigilance for bringing transparency and accountability in governance.

The meeting was attended by Director General of Police, all Administrative Secretaries of various departments, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of all districts.

The Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department informed the Chief Secretary that following the government's resolve to make government-to-citizen interactions more transparent and accessible through 1075 e-services which is high-

est in the country, along with related IT initiatives such as MobileDost, Rapid Assessment System, DigiDost for doorstep delivery of e-services, linking of services with DigiLocker, there has been immense progress in mitigating corruption. The latest data indicates that more than 52 lac applications have been processed for availing various services in the online mode of which more than 42 lac have been disposed off.

To ensure time-bound delivery of online services, e-services are progressively being covered under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) with linkage to Auto-Appeal System (AAS) which escalates breach of timeline cases to the next authority for action against defaulting officer. As of now, around 64000 appeals have been generated with 32000 appeals disposed off. Besides, penalty proceedings have been initiated against 55 officers who have delayed deliv-

ery of various services in the Revenue Department.

To address complaints of frivolous reverts in the online mode, the government has started analyzing such reverts and unjustifiable reverts shall be inquired and defaulting officers penalized.

Dr Mehta stressing upon measures to promote participatory vigilance mentioned that initiatives such as Janbhagidari online portal which allows citizens to oversee and review all developmental works being executed in the region. This exclusive portal has been designed to facilitate easy access to information related to developmental works and ensure transparency in the execution of such projects.

Emphasizing the importance of financial discipline in checking the abuse of discretionary authority, the Chief Secretary highlighted the functioning of BEAMS and PaySys

linked digital payments have further streamlined the disbursement of timelines. In tandem with these initiatives, the Government has achieved 100 per cent disbursement of financial assistance under 55 flagship schemes in the UT exclusively through DBT mode.

Strict enforcement of e-tendering mandatory, prior Technical and Administrative sanction has led to fiscal prudence with more than 92000 works completed during the financial year 2022-23 which is highest ever.

The Public Distribution System (Food Supplies) has also undergone significant improvements, switching to distribution through POS machines, besides achieving 100% Aadhaar seeding both at Ration Card and Beneficiary level under both NFSA and Non-NFSA categories. The exercise has empowered the department to remove around 11.5 lakh persons from the ration cards database under the de-weeding exercise. This

effort has saved 1.6 lakh metric tonnes of food grains worth Rs. 230.00 crore per annum. Simultaneously, nearly 90,000 genuine households were added to PDS.

In the Revenue Department, 'Apki Zameen Apki Nigrani' Portal (Land Information Management System) has facilitated easy access to land records with Land Passbooks providing clear information regarding account number, khasra number, land type, land owner, cultivator, gender, etc. Issuance of Land passbooks in all districts was completed during the last year. Further, demystification of revenue records has been undertaken which has allowed citizens to have comprehensive information about their land record. The launch of 'Online Fard', Mutation, Revenue extract, Income Certificate etc. are steps to bring greater transparency in time-bound delivery of revenue services.

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EDITORIAL

## Conmen Duping Jobseekers

The news that a conman successfully duped many job aspirants of five million rupees in lieu of the promises of a government job has left everyone in the valley in shock. The fact that the offender who operated out of north Kashmir's Pattan is a habitual offender and a history sheeter has further angered everyone in the valley. The prompt action triggered by the administration has brought in a sigh of relief over the matter. Government jobs are considered to be the most stable source of income. Your right as an employee is guaranteed by the law of the land, health insurance coverage to the family, a hefty severance package at the time of willingly leaving your job, six hours working schedule, hardly any overtime, the work-life balance – all these are the contributing factors why everyone wants a government job. Government jobs all around the world are considered to be the most secure of all. These lucrative benefits are very rare in private sector jobs where one has to put in more working hours and this is exactly what makes people go to any extent to fetch one for themselves or for their siblings or their children. However, the current government dispensation led by the able leadership of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has waged a war against corruption and nepotism. Just a few weeks ago we published the news of the designation of some of the senior-most officers who were put behind bars for committing acts of corruption. The list includes the deputy superintendent of police, the senior superintendent of police, and many other senior bureaucrats. The government of the day has made it amply clear that any act of corruption or nepotism will incur a jail term irrespective of how important or senior post you hold in the government machinery – as simple and plain as that. The days when we could grease the hands of a bureaucrat and ask some influential person in the bureaucracy to fetch a government job for your children or siblings are over. The only way one can get a government job is to fill up the job form in case you meet the requisite criteria, sit in the screening examination, and then subsequently appear for the interview. In case you are found good enough for the job you will be hired. There is absolutely no other way. The days of corruption and nepotism are over. People must not waste their hard-earned money by giving it to thugs like the one arrested recently. There is no way anyone can fetch you a government job by sitting in an examination and meeting the requisite criteria. Those days are over.



QYSAR UL ISLAM SHAH

The tradition of Anchaar in Kashmir has a poignant reminder of the past when resources were scarce. The most liked recipe is mostly in the winter seasons. It remains a priority food item consumed in the harsh winter season. Collard green locally known as Haakh harvested during October carefully stored and washed with water in utensil and left to dry for two or three days. It is a laborious practice that brought every family member intact, while adults chopping or mixing the children reveled in the excitement of the age-old tradition. After leaving it to dry the 'Monji Haakh' is mixed with garlic water, green chili, red chili, salt, oil, turmeric powder, ginger powder, cumin powder, Black cardamom, vinegar, etc.

The pickle is not only delicious but also packed with nutrition. The combination of vegetables and spices used in the pickle offers several potential health benefits, which include improved digestion, boosted immunity, and anti-inflammatory properties. However, the real magic lies in the spices. During the 90s and even today spices with all ingredients mixed into the dried greens. It was this blend that lent each pickle its distinct flavor, a flavor that would transport Kashmiris back to their roots with every bite. A special day is kept for packing the pickle especially during supper time, rather a night would be fixed when



the entire family would come together and each member would be cherished to pack the pickle in the big earthen pots. From younger to adult everyone had a role to play. With lanterns and torches providing the necessary illumination to carry the process of pickle packing commenced. During the process of filling pots, there was laughter, and the stories and there was an undeniable sense of togetherness that permeated the night.

Packing pickle (Achaar) is not a swift task but works painstakingly, it demands patience and precision. On average it took two to three hours to fill the single pot. In the past, a single-family usually used to fill 8 to 10 earthen pots to sustain them through harsh winter months. The essence of pickle making in Kashmir villages – a labor of love that transcends generations, filling each pot with not just flavors but also the spirit of unity and family. Pickle-

making art in Kashmir is more than just culinary practice. Today the scenario has changed likewise the grocery offers a bounty of fresh vegetables even during the frost winter. As a result, the quantity of pickles dwindles. Anchaar serves as a reminder of the resilience and resourcefulness of Kashmiri people.

Pickles can be a healthy addition to your diet as they are low in calories and fat while providing a good source of essential nutrients like vitamin K and anti-oxidants. It also boosts the immune system. Initially, we used to fill earthen pots during a specific period, now taking into its health benefits people used to fill the Pickle (Anchaar) throughout the year. Some studies have suggested that consuming vinegar-based pickles can help to regulate blood sugar levels, even benefiting those with diabetes. It can be also satisfying and healthy for those trying to lose weight. Researchers even suggested that Pickles can help to

reduce inflammation in the body. In the past era, people in remote areas used to eat pickles with bread during morning tea or evening tea time. This depicts the essence of the pickle tradition in Kashmir.

May this tradition continue to endure passing its flavours and stories down to generations, ensuring that the taste of Kashmiri's heritage remains ever alive. Pickles can add a burst of flavor to meals, enhancing the taste of various dishes. They can be versatile and enjoyable condiments to incorporate into your meals. The vegetables in the pickles contain several essential vitamins like vitamin C, vitamin A, and vitamin K and minerals like iron, calcium, and potassium which improve your overall well-being.

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# The World Of Jinn At The Crossroads - Of Science, Religion



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Recently the festival of Halloween was held in the Western world. It would be apt to try to peep into the strange paranormal world. We humans have always been fascinated by supernatural phenomena featured since times immemorial in folklore (tales, myths, legends) and religious contexts. The domain of the supernatural world transcends all the physical sciences. The practices such as occult, magic, telekinesis, levitation, precognition, and extrasensory perception to name a few are also enumerated in this mysterious world.

Historical background: It was perhaps this 'sense of fascination and fantasies' that elevated human imagination to the level of impossibility. One outcome of such an innate quest for spine-chilling metaphysical adventures unfolded in the form of 'Fiction' that encompasses imaginary narratives expressed in any medium from writings to live theatrical performances, films, television programs, radio dramas, comics, role-playing games, and ballads.

In the subcontinent, the prominent form it took was Dastangoi—a 13th-century Urdu oral storytelling art form. In these Daastans (feebls) the metaphysical things and supernatural beings would constitute an inseparable part. This is manifested by the vast amount of literature written on fairy tales, devils, ghost stories, depiction of mythical characters with extraordinary powers and qualities, tales, mythologies, and other non-physical or incorporeal entities such as angels, demons, gods spirits, etc all belong to the realm of paranormal.

Interestingly, this unrealistic 'flight of Fascination' couldn't be dampened in this Post-modern world where every single concept, hypothesis, theory or claim is con-

tested, assessed, and investigated to the core on the touchstone of rational, scientific analysis and principles.

As Dr Bilal Philips puts it "Throughout history man has always had a strong attraction for the occult and supernatural. In the past, high priests, mediums, shamans, secret societies, cults, and religions were always there to satisfy this thirst. With the birth of industrialization and the evolution of modern science, there arose in the West an era of skepticism that relegated the occult to the realm of fairy tales and Fiction. However, from time to time there have been upsurges of spiritualism...Belief in the spirit-world and diabolical possession of human beings has continued (to remain) virtually unchallenged since the earliest times..." [The Exorcist tradition in Islam].

However, the scientific temperament has managed to shift, to a large extent, the trajectory of the erstwhile mythological depiction of "Sci-Fi" in the form of literature as well as movies. The Sci-fi films like Avengers, Dr Strange, Interstellar, Guardians of the Galaxy, Superman, Prometheus, Everything Everywhere all at once and so on should be conceived as an evolved form of Dastaan. The mode of depiction might have changed over time; nevertheless, the curiosity for the unseen world is very much intact to this day.

Exorcism and Islam: Though the mystical world of unseen creatures and characters is a part and parcel of almost every mythology and religion, it's unlikely to put forth every religion's point of view regarding them in such a brief column. As a corollary, we will confine our quest to Islam only.

The unseen spirit world of created beings in the Islamic cosmological view is formed of three entities viz Human spirits, Angels, and Jinn.

At least to the extent of the Quranic perspective, these three immaterial beings are explicitly mentioned. This doesn't, anyhow, rule out the possibility of other unseen creatures like Aliens or any kind of extra-terrestrial life. This is so because many verses of the holy Quran refer to such possibility here and there, though in a subtle manner and via delicate



signs. I believe it is just a matter of time before all these ambiguous signs in the Quran would be better understood with further scientific advancement, especially in Astrophysics at the Quantum level.

The Jinn world: 'The world of Jinn is one, which is both threatening and fascinating'. There is a great deal of misconception both within and outside Islam about the Jinnkind among folks. Some think of Jinn as equal to ghosts or Aatma in Hindu mythology, some deny their existence while some equate them to Greek gods and deities. Let's briefly find out where the truth lies.

Islamic position is crystal clear regarding the existence of Jinnkind i.e, they do exist. Quran says, "I did not create jinn and humans except to worship Me." (51:56)

A Muslim can't afford to deny the existence of Jinnkind otherwise it would amount to disbelief in the Quranic narrations and its claims. This can be inferred from the fact that a whole chapter "Al jinn" finds its place in the Holy Quran, let alone the corpus of prophetic narrations.

"Jinn" is an Arabic word that comes from the verb Janna meaning "to hide or conceal". This is so that the very nature of Jinn is to remain hidden/unseen to the human eye. But not necessarily to animals for they can see them as clearly as they see us.

In a narration by Abu Hurayrah, he quoted the Prophet (PBUH) as saying, "When you hear a donkey braying, seek refuge in Allah from Satan, for he has seen a devil." [al-Bukhari and Muslim] Jinn or J nn [both terms used in Quran(72:1, 55:39)] is a plural form of Jinn (Eng., genie).

Numerous Quranic references

identify fire to be their origin. Here one verse should suffice: "And He created the jinn from a flame of fire marj jin nar]." (Qur'an, 55:15)

Despite Jinniyat (Urdu) being from spirit world they do live their life much like humans. Scriptures & exorcists tell us that they are born, marry, eat, procreate and die. Their average life expectancy spans thousands of years. The author of the book 'creation mystery: Quran and science' writes at P. No 101: "Some Muslim scholars claim to have met the jinn of prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) time, whom the prophet taught praying Salah...The jinn of prophet Muhammad's time are still at their prime youth". Amazing! Isn't?

They dwell either in colonies or individually in dense woods, deserted places, uninhabited buildings etc alongside humans in parallel world. They (Devils) may sleep in the houses of humans and eat with a man while he eats.

Jabir ibn 'Abdullah narrated that the Prophet said, "If a man enters his house and remembers Allah while entering and while eating, Satan says [to his companion], 'There is no place to pass the night and no dinner.' But if he enters without remembering Allah while entering, Satan Says, 'You have caught a place to pass the night.' And if he does not mention Allah's name before eating, he says, 'You have caught both a place for the night and dinner.'" (Muslim, Ibn Majah)

According to various authentic hadiths, the jinn may be divided into three broad types about their modes of existence. Prophet (saw) said, "There are three types of jinn: one type which flies in the air all of the time, another type which exists as snakes and dogs, and an

earthbound type which resides in one place or wanders about." [al-Tabari and al-Hakim]

String theory postulates the possibility of not just existence of unseen parallel world but also argues the existence of many universes called 'Multiverses'. It's pertinent to mention that this theory is considered as the best candidate among all other theories that has exceptionally done well trying to explain everything that exists within & outside our universe. It's also called "The Theory of Everything".

String theory, inter alia, talks about the existence of "Multi-Dimensions" within our 3-dimensional world. The world we dwell in is three-dimensional (length, width & depth) but the mathematical equations of string theory lead us to 10 dimensions—each higher dimension unfolding with an array of possibilities & powers which is not possible to experience or visualize in lower dimensions.

Theories like string theory, M-Theory, Superstring theory, Quantum Mechanics, and all other scientific theories point to the possibility of other dimensions & parallel worlds with different sets of physical laws & types of life. One glaring example is Aliens. It's true Alien life hasn't been confirmed so far but the continuing fervent exploration, to find any, by the scientific fraternity shows their optimism.

The supernatural world may unfold a lot of mysteries of our universe. However, it demands serious consideration from the scientific community. The need of the hour is to shun 'the forbidden tree approach' & deeply engage with this uncanny world. Physicists believe that quantum mechanics only needs to be tweaked to incorporate paranormal effects.

I end this piece with a quote of Bernard Carr, a cosmologist at the University of London. He says; "I do not believe the subject (paranormal studies) will make any progress unless we are sufficiently open-minded to accept the possibility of supernatural powers, and sufficiently critical to abandon claims shown to be false."

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## FCTC Treaty Meet

# Will Governments Firewall Public Health From Big Tobacco?



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**T**obacco industry interference in its myriad sinister forms is one of the biggest obstacles to implementing the legally binding global tobacco treaty. Unless the devious designs of Big Tobacco are thwarted and the industry is held to account legally and financially for causing irreparable damage to human life and our planet, #endTobacco will continue to remain elusive. The upcoming inter-governmental meeting of the global tobacco treaty offers a historic chance to put people before profit and advance stronger measures for tobacco control.

"Together, promoting healthier lives" is the theme of the upcoming 10th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) to the global tobacco treaty (formally called the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control - WHO FCTC). This meet will be held later this month in Panama.

A media briefing recently hosted by The Network for Accountability of Tobacco Transnationals (NATT) provided a background on the pivotal role of the global tobacco treaty in saving lives, and how the tobacco industry's tactics are trying to undermine it. Key issues and high stakes of COP10 were also in focus.

The WHO FCTC is the first international public health and corporate accountability treaty negotiated under the auspices of the WHO. It was adopted by the World Health Assembly on 21 May 2003 and entered into force on 27 February 2005. It has since been embraced by 183 countries, covering 90% of the world's population. Its main objective is to protect present and future generations from the devastating health, social, environmental and economic consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke - BUT - tobacco industry and its nefarious designs have jeopardised life-saving efforts of governments to save people from tobacco hazards.

Opening the discussion, Sabina Timco Lacazzi, Legal Officer, WHO FCTC, explained that this intergovernmental meeting of the global tobacco treaty is held once every two years, to review the implementation of the treaty and take decisions to promote its effective implementation. Discussions and decisions taken at these meetings influence tobacco control policies at a national level. COP10 will be the first in-person treaty meeting in five years- the last in-person meeting (COP8) was held in 2018 in Geneva.

She listed various tactics used by the tobacco industry to thwart global efforts of tobacco control, through legal threats and actions; intimidation; lobbying and influencing policy; claiming a public health role; controversial marketing; corporate social responsibility; involvement in illicit tobacco; influencing science and/or undermining national as well as international laws.

Referring to Article 5.3 of the global tobacco treaty that addresses conflicts of interest and industry interference, Keltie Vance, Deputy Campaigns Director, Corporate Accountability shared that at COP8, a decision was passed on "maximizing transparency," which asks governments, media and civil society delegates to submit declarations



of conflicts of interest. COP10 is the first in-person meeting in this decision will be in effect.

She also said that implementation of Article 19 of the treaty that addresses liability can (i) recover health care and environmental costs incurred by governments for tobacco-related harms to people; (ii) create the public cli-

despite there being no supporting scientific evidence that these are safer, he said. It also tries to infiltrate COP by buying tickets, giving other incentives to certain delegations, and has its own media platforms to oppose discussions and policies.

Labram Musah, Executive Director, Vision for Alternative

reports on manufacturing; and for a ban on the industry's so-called "social responsibility" activities.

Irene Reyes, Tobacco Industry Denormalisation Program Officer, Southeast Asia Tobacco Control Alliance (Philippines) rued that the market is flooded with a diverse range of flavored and

to tobacco industry interference. Academics have limited funding, and the tobacco industry comes in with funding to promote industry-sided 'research' (or junk science) on so-called 'harm reduction products.'

Norman rightly remarked that the tobacco industry masquerades itself as 'part of the solution' instead of the problem. He said that journalists play a critical role for social mobilization as well as in influencing governments' policies and decision-making. They should be wary of the tobacco industry and should not echo its chants as "there is a fundamental and irreconcilable conflict between the tobacco industry's interests and public health policy interests" (WHO FCTC Article 5.3). They should use the WHO and FCTC secretariat as official resources for information and analysis rather than tobacco industry spokespersons.

The theme of COP10 is "Together, promoting healthier lives." As Lacazzi pointed out tobacco is a threat to health, life, well-being and the environment. It is the only legal product that when used as recommended by its manufacturers kills up to half of its users. Not only more than 8 million lives are lost every year to tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke, but the total economic cost of tobacco use (from health expenditures and productivity losses) amounts to a whopping USD 1.4 trillion annually, with almost 40% of this cost occurring in developing countries. We have to safeguard public health from Big Tobacco.

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mate and political will to pass and enforce the lifesaving measures enshrined in the FCTC; and (iii) expose and halt misconduct, deter future misconduct, and punish wrongdoing. To date, countries like Brazil, South Korea, Canada, and the USA have initiated liability against the tobacco industry. Samuel Ochieng, Executive Director, of Consumer Information Network (Kenya), shared examples of tobacco industry interference in Africa. It is pushing 'harm reduction products'

Development (Ghana) referred to the African Tobacco Industry Interference Index Report 2023 which was created to address the urgent need for monitoring and evaluation of tobacco industry tactics, ensuring transparency in decision-making processes, and for raising awareness, empowering policymakers, and mobilizing public health advocates. He called for the implementation of code of conduct for government officials; a requirement of the tobacco industry to submit peri-

odically designed new tobacco products tailored to entice the youngsters. They are readily available on e-commerce channels at very reasonable prices. So the industry is busy building up its next line of customers, even as the older ones get wary of the ill effects of tobacco use.

Norman Maldonado, CEO of PROESA, Research Center on Health Economics and Social Protection (Colombia) said that it has been very difficult to raise taxes on tobacco in Colombia due

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Refer to the subject and reference quoted above,In this connection offline applications cum , forms were invited from eligible applicants for the engagement of AAYA/HELPERs under ECCE scheme for the year 2023-24 for(61) schools of zone Trehgam with cut of date 27.08.2023.

- Whereas this office has given wide publicity to the same through social media and displayed same On the prominent places including office notice board, panchayats ghars etc,
- Whereas this office has received 333 files from eligible applicants for scrutiny of requisite documents
- Whereas the date of submission of applications cum forms was extended on the request of PRI's/BDC's upto 05-09-2023.
- Whereas in order to expedite the process of selection ,this office has constituted a four member Committee vide No .ZEO/ AAYA/ 1220-28 dated;03-10-2023 in order to Complete the process of selection in fair and transparent manner.
- Whereas the constituted committee has scrutinise the documents of all the 333 files and prepared the merit list on revenue village basis who fulfilled the required criteria of selection. While preparing the merit list of eligible applicants,the below mentioned criteria has been followed.

- Widow
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- Orphan
- BPL/AAY/PHH

The tentative merit list of applicants is hereby appended in 'ANNEXURE A' .Any person having any objection/ grievance regarding the tentative merit list of applicants can file his/her objection with documentary proof in the office of undersigned within (7) days of the publication of this notice in the local dailies & social media. No claim/objection afterwards will be entertained and the tentative merit list will be considered as final.

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| Subject :- Tentative revenue village wise merit list of candidates for engagement of AAY for the year 2023. |           |  |                       |                          |              |               |                         |
| S.No  | Village   | No of schools where AYA is to be engaged | Name of the applicant | Parentage /W/o,D/o       | Residence    | Date of birth | Category of ration Card |
| 1   | Trehgam   | 6  | Raja Begum            | Lt. Mohd Yaseen Malik    | Trehgam      | 8/11/1978     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Saleema Begum         | Lt. Arfat Hussian Zargar | Trehgam      | 3/1/1981      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Shakeela Bano         | Abdul Aziz Malik         | Trehgam      | 12/1/1982     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Tahira Ahad           | Lt. Ab. Ahad Malik       | Trehgam      | 11/1/1983     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Kulsooma Mohi U din   | Gh Mohi U din Malik      | Trehgam      | 3/3/1991      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Shafata Farooq        | Lt. Farooq Ahmad Malik   | Trehgam      | 4/1/1988      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Mumtaza Ali           | Ali Mohd Malik           | Trehgam      | 8/2/1989      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Yasmeena Akther       | Lt. Gh. Rasool doom      | Trehgam      | 3/1/1997      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Saima Akhter          | Lt. Saif U din Mir       | Trehgam      | 4/8/1997      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Shabnum Bano          | Sharief U din Malik      | Trehgam      | 3/13/1998     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Ulfat Ara             | Mohd Sultan Mir          | Trehgam      | 2/1/1999      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Mehvish Ismail        | Lt.Mohd Ismail Khan      | Trehgam      | 2/15/2002     | BPL                     |
|   |           |  | Nelofar Bashir        | Lt. Bashir Ahmad Dar     | Trehgam      | 8/10/2004     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Rehana Begum          | Mushtaq Ahmad Dar        | Trehgam      | 3/1/1980      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Safeena Begum         | Sajad Ahmad Malik        | Trehgam      | 5/2/1981      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Bilqueesa Bano        | Altaf Hussain Wani       | Trehgam      | 3/18/1982     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Tahida Jameel         | Sajid Khaliq Khan        | Trehgam      | 11/30/1982    | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Masooda Begum         | Malik Haroon Rashid      | Trehgam      | 3/4/1985      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Mubeena Begum         | Mohd Yousuf Ganie        | Trehgam      | 3/10/1985     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Nahida Begum          | Ashiq Ali Masoodi        | Trehgam      | 1/5/1986      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Rubina Bano           | Mohd Sarfaraz Khan       | Trehgam      | 2/1/1986      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Rubeena Begum         | Tariq Ahmad Malik        | Trehgam      | 2/1/1986      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Sameera Begum         | Gh. Rasool Doom          | Trehgam      | 3/25/1986     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | shahida Begum         | Mukhar Ahmad wani        | Trehgam      | 4/2/1986      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Tahira Begum          | Aijaz Ahmad Pir          | Trehgam      | 2/2/1987      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Mubeena Begum         | Mohd Abass Najar         | Trehgam      | 3/4/1987      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Ruksana Begum         | Aijaz Ahmad Mir          | Trehgam      | 3/21/1987     | BPL                     |
|   |           |  | Halima Akhter         | Ab Rehman wani           | Trehgam      | 7/14/1987     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Sakena Bilkees        | Showkat Ahmad Sheikh     | Trehgam      | 11/8/1987     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Hussiana begum        | Bila Ahmad Wani          | Trehgam      | 11/7/1988     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Sameerah Akhter       | Mohd Rafiq Mir           | Trehgam      | 2/1/1989      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Sony Begum            | Nazir Ahmad Dar          | Trehgam      | 2/15/1989     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Saima Begum           | Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh     | Trehgam      | 3/5/1989      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Shafiq Begum          | Sajad Ahmad Peer         | Trehgam      | 1/3/1990      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Tasleem Begum         | Javeed Ahmad Wani        | Trehgam      | 4/10/1990     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Zamrooda Akhter       | Manzoor Ahmad Wani       | Trehgam      | 1/17/1992     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Shaheena Bagum        | Mohd sadiq khan          | Trehgam      | 10/9/1992     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Asifa Begum           | Irshad Ah Sheikh         | Trehgam      | 3/12/1993     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Sabreena Begum        | Mohd Abdulah Peer        | Trehgam      | 3/8/1994      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | AmreenaBano           | Mohd kalander khan       | Trehgam      | 3/2/1997      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Nayeema Bano          | Lt.Gh. Ahmad Tanzoo      | Trehgam      | 10/16/1997    | BPL                     |
|   |           |  | Tahira Mohammad Malik | Gh. Mohd Malik           | Trehgam      | 1/1/1998      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Tabasum Wali          | Wali Mohd Malik          | Trehgam      | 2/5/1998      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Zahida Fayaz          | Fayaz Ahmad Shah         | Trehgam      | 3/7/1998      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Kulsooma Begum        | Rayees Ahmad Khan        | Trehgam      | 2/6/1999      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Asiya Rizwan          | Khazir Mohd Najar        | Trehgam      | 4/1/1999      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Zahida Akhter         | Mudasir Ahmad Malik      | Trehgam      | 10/6/1999     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Abida Nabi            | Gh. Nabi Mir             | Trehgam      | 2/9/2001      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Asmat Aziz            | Ab. Aziz chopan          | Trehgam      | 4/3/2001      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Gousia Gulzar         | Gh. Mohd Mir             | Trehgam      | 9/15/2001     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Tanzeela Manzoor      | Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh     | Trehgam      | 5/1/2002      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Iqra Sayeed           | Mohd sayeed Khan         | Trehgam      | 10/1/2003     | AAY                     |
| 2   | Hirri     | 5  | Masooda Begum         | Mushtaq Ahmad Pir        | Hirri Bala   | 3/12/1985     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Rifat Akram           | Lt. Mohd Akram Mir       | Hirri Bala   | 2/9/1988      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Rubina Bano           | Gh. Mohi U din lone      | Hirri        | 9/10/1988     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Shaista Hassan        | Lt. Gh Hassan Lone       | Hirri Bala   | 3/1/1991      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Tasleema Hassan       | Gh Hassan lone           | Hirri        | 3/15/1994     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Sakeena Gani          | Ab. Gani Lone            | Hirri Bala   | 3/5/1995      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Bilgeesa Bano         | Mohd Sultan Lone         | Hirri        | 3/5/1995      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Rifat Aziz            | Pir Ab Aziz              | Hirri Payeen | 3/15/1997     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Raziya Razaq          | Ab Razak Lone            | Hirri Payeen | 2/1/2000      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Ishrat Rashid         | Lt. Ab Rashid Lone       | Hirri Payeen | 3/14/2001     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Sara Begum            | Mohd Yasin Pir           | Hirri Payeen | 4/17/1978     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Fareeda Begum         | Ashiq Ali Lone           | Hirri Bala   | 4/3/1979      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Shakeela Begum        | Mohd Amin Lone           | Hirri Payeen | 3/15/1980     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Fancy Begum           | Imtiyaz Ahmad Mir        | Hirri Bala   | 7/1/1981      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Gulshan Akhter        | Nazir Ahmad Pir          | Hirri Payeen | 2/13/1984     | BPL                     |
|   |           |  | Shakeela Begum        | Mushtaq Ahmad hajam      | Hirri        | 4/1/1984      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Aabida Begum          | Gh. Hassan Tanzo         | Hirri Payeen | 5/1/1984      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Mehfooza Begum        | Rayees Ahmad Mir         | Hirri Bala   | 7/6/1985      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Jana Begum            | Mohd Rafiq Lone          | Hirri Bala   | 1/4/1986      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Sameera Begum         | Ab Rashid Mir            | Hirri Payeen | 3/14/1989     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Dilshada Parveen      | Istiyaq Ahmad Tanzoo     | Hirri Payeen | 2/10/1990     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Tahira Maqboo Sheikh  | Mohd Maqbool Sheikh      | Hirri        | 3/1/1994      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Shayista Begum        | Rameez Raja Tanzoo       | Hirri Payeen | 4/19/1995     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Jabeena Akhter        | Gh Ahmad Lone            | Hirri Payeen | 3/11/1998     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Rehana Rashid         | Ab. Rashid sheikh        | Hirri        | 3/3/2002      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Sabreena Akhter       | Ab Hameed Pirzada        | Hirri Payeen | 11/11/2003    | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Sakeena Gulzar        | Gulzar Ah Lone           | Hirri Payeen | 1/4/2004      | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Shabnum Fayaz         | Fayaz Ahmad              | Hirri        | 4/6/2004      | BPL                     |
|   |           |  | Khusboo Jaan          | Ab. Hameed Dar           | Hirri Payeen | 4/8/2004      | PHH                     |
| 3   | Hanjipora | 1  | Rafiq Bano            | Lt. Mohd Ramzaan Dar     | Hanjipora    | 3/12/1993     | BPL                     |
|   |           |  | Shugufta Bano         | Lt Mohd Shafiq sheikh    | Hanjipora    | 2/15/1996     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Sumaya Mushtaq        | Mustaq Ahmad Wani        | Hanjipora    | 4/6/2000      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Rubeena Bano          | Ab. Gani Dar             | Hanjipora    | 3/15/1989     | BPL                     |
|   |           |  | Taliba Tabasum        | Firdous Ahmad Wani       | Hanjipora    | 12/1/1989     | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Waheeda Bano          | Gh. Ahmad Wani           | Hanjipora    | 4/1/1994      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Ruheela Bashir        | Bashir Ahmad Lone        | Hanjipora    | 3/1/2003      | PHH                     |
| 4   | Kunan     | 1  | Rugaya Shaheen        | Ab.Gani Dar              | Kunan        | 2/1/1994      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Shabeena Akhter       | Gh. Nabi Peer            | Kunan        | 3/1/1999      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Masrat Jabeen         | Mohd Gulzar Dar          | Kunan        | 11/6/2001     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Bismah Bashir         | Bashir Ahmad Dar         | Kunan        | 6/15/2001     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Aasiya Mohi U din     | Gh. Mohi Ud din Dar      | Kunan        | 6/20/2002     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Posha Bano            | Ab. Kareem Sheikh        | Kunan        | 3/3/1987      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Shahnaza Bano         | Lt. Sonullah Chopan      | Poshpora     | 3/3/2002      | PHH                     |
|   |           |  | Tameema Akhter        | Gh. Rasool Bhat          | Poshpora     | 3/11/1995     | AAY                     |
|   |           |  | Tabasum Akhter        | Gulshah Sheikh           | Poshpora     | 3/8/2001      | AAY                     |

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|   |        |   | Hussiana Begum     | Javid Ahmad Lone       | Poshpora        | 3/3/1982   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Shakeela Begum     | Gh. Rasool Sheikh      | Poshpora        | 3/4/1984   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Nasreena Begum     | Ab. Razak sheikh       | Poshpora        | 3/5/1991   | PHH |
|   |        |   | Nahida Akther      | Gh. Ahmad Bhat         | Poshpora        | 2/15/1994  | PHH |
|   |        |   | Reaftit Ahad       | Ab. Ahad Sheikh        | Poshpora        | 7/24/2001  | AAY |
|   |        |   | Saima Mohi ud din  | Gh. Mohi ud din lone   | Babagund        | 8/29/2004  | PHH |
| 6 | Gulgam | 7 | Mubeena Bano       | Lt Irshad Ah Mir       | Magray Mohalla  | 2/5/1985   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Shabeena Begum     | Lt Shabir Ah Sheikh    | Gulgam          | 11/1/1985  | PHH |
|   |        |   | Shameema Begum     | Lt Mohd Ashraf Reshi   | Gulgam          | 3/20/1991  | PHH |
|   |        |   | Dilshada Akhter    | Lt Khazir Mohd Mir     | Gulgam          | 3/10/1995  | AAY |
|   |        |   | Rehana Jabbar      | Lt Ab Jabbar Lone      | Gulgam          | 2/5/1999   | BPL |
|   |        |   | Shaista Laway      | Lt Maqsood Ah Laway    | Gulgam          | 10/31/1999 | AAY |
|   |        |   | Asmat Abdullah Mir | Lt Mohd Abdullah Mir   | Gulgam          | 1/4/2000   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Rabia Fayaz        | Lt Fayaz Ah Bhat       | Gulgam          | 1/11/2001  | BPL |
|   |        |   | Mymoona Qadir      | Lt Gh Qadir Mir        | Gulgam          | 1/4/2003   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Naziya Maqbool     | Lt Mohd Maqbool Najar  | Gulgam          | 2/5/2003   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Nelofar Bano       | Gh Ahmad Mir           | Gulgam          | 3/5/2003   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Rifat Rashid       | Lt Ab Rashid Wani      | Tangwari Gulgam | 7/25/2004  | PHH |
|   |        |   | Nasira Gulzar wani | Lt Gulzara Ah Wani     | Gulgam          | 9/7/2004   | PHH |
|   |        |   | Fatima Begum       | Ab Majeed Monshi       | Gulgam          | 4/25/1978  | AAY |
|   |        |   | Abida Begum        | Nazir Ah Pirzada       | Gulgam          | 4/2/1981   | PHH |
|   |        |   | Gulshan Begum      | Mumtaz Ah Sheikh       | Gulgam          | 4/1/1982   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Shafeeqa Begum     | Mushtaq Ah Mir         | Gulgam          | 2/1/1983   | PHH |
|   |        |   | Masrat Jabeen      | Javid Akhooon          | Gulgam          | 3/15/1986  | PHH |
|   |        |   | Beauty Jan         | Sajad Ahmad Sheikh     | Gulgam          | 12/10/1987 | PHH |
|   |        |   | Raziya Begum       | Fayaz Ah Baba          | Gulgam          | 3/7/1993   | PHH |
|   |        |   | Afroz Afzal        | Mohd Afzal Mir         | Gulgam          | 3/1/1994   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Mehnaz Begum       | Bashir Ah Mir          | Gulgam          | 6/4/1995   | PHH |
|   |        |   | Naheedah Akhter    | Bilal Ah Mir           | Gulgam          | 3/15/1997  | PHH |
|   |        |   | Ishrat Aziz        | Abdul Aziz Najar       | Gulgam          | 1/3/1998   | PHH |
|   |        |   | Tawfeeqa Begum     | Shabir Ahmad Mir       | Gulgam          | 3/11/1999  | PHH |
|   |        |   | Insha Shakeel      | Shakeel Ah Rather      | Gulgam          | 12/10/2002 | AAY |
|   |        |   | Sadiya Rashid      | Abdul Rashid Ganie     | Gulgam          | 3/15/2003  | BPL |
|   |        |   | Insha Nazir        | Nazir Ah Sheikh        | Gulgam          | 9/20/2003  | BPL |
|   |        |   | Shabnum Nazir      | Nazir Ah Waza          | Gulgam          | 9/25/2003  | AAY |
|   |        |   | Asmat Afzal        | Mohd Afzal Mir         | Gulgam          | 4/5/2004   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Tahira Nabi        | Gh Nabi Wani           | Gulgam          | 6/20/2004  | BPL |
|   |        |   | Gulshan Akhter     | Gh Mohd Sheikh         | Gulgam          | 10/25/2004 | AAY |
| 7 | Awoora | 6 | Fahmeeda Bano      | Lt Ab Samad Lone       | Awoora          | 3/1/1994   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Shahida Bano       | Lt Sarfaraz Ah Khatana | Awoora          | 3/4/2001   | AAY |
|   |        |   | Maheena Bano       | Lt Gh Mohd Lone        | Awoora          | 10/20/2001 | PHH |
|   |        |   | Ruqia Bano         | Lt Gh Rasool Dar       | Awoora          | 10/28/2003 | AAY |
|   |        |   | Gulshan Begum      | Ab Hamid Sheikh        | Awoora          | 1/1/1985   | PHH |
|   |        |   | Zareefa Begum      | Mohd Ashraf Bhat       | Awoora          | 4/3/1986   | PHH |
|   |        |   | Kounsar Jabeen     | Sar Mast Khan          | Awoora          | 11/15/1987 | PHH |
|   |        |   | Irshada Begum      | Sajad Ahmad Dar        | Awoora          | 1/1/1991   | PHH |
|   |        |   | Rubeena Begum      | Reyaz Ah Mughal        | Awoora          | 4/5/1991   | PHH |
|   |        |   | Shehnaza Begum     | Nisar Ahmad Khan       | Awoora          | 3/15/1992  | PHH |

# Nihalpora-Hercheck road in shambles, commuters aghast



SAJAD PEER

**BARAMULLA:** The residents of Hercheck - Pattan area of north Kashmir's district Baramulla on Tuesday expressed dismay over the dilapidated condition of the link road from Nihalpora to Hercheck. Locals of the area said that a 2 kilometers long road link from Nihalpora to Hercheck is completely dilapidated and the concerned authori-

ties have been turning a blind eye towards it and have not taken any development works or resurfacing of the road, causing inconvenience to commuters. "This was the road built decades ago, and since then it is a victim of official neglect," said Ali Mohammad, a local resident. The residents speaking to Good Morning Kashmir said that, despite passing decades, the con-

cerned department has not repaired the road. "During summers, the road is dusty. People of the area, face immense hardship as the road is always dusty," locals said. They said that the concerned department has failed to macadamize the 2 km road for several years now. "We approached the concerned department many a time, but nothing on the ground has been done to

alleviate our problems," they said, adding that they have been just pacified with hollow assurances. In the past, we had approached the authorities demanding macadamization of the link road but despite promises, no work was done", said Mohd Ashraf, a local resident of Nihalpora. "We urge the administration to repair and macadamize the road on priority," locals said.

# B'pora people aghast at relocating blood refrigerator to SDH Sopore



SAJID RAINA

**BANDIPORA:** Concerns have risen in Bandipora over the recent directive from the Director Health Services Kashmir (DHSK) to transfer the blood storage refrigerator from District Hospital Bandipora to Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Sopore. The order has led to concerns among the local residents of the district who said there is an already fragile healthcare scenario in Bandipora. The Blood Refrigerator has been sanctioned by the World Bank. The locals while speaking to KNO questioned the compliance with regulations and proper procedures by the Health Director.

They said that previously the transfer of multi-core theatre workstations, also funded by the World Bank for District Hospital Bandipora, to Kreeri, Baramulla in the direction of the Director Health caused substantial setbacks to the district's health sector. "This latest decision is also arbitrary, and is being made under political influences," they said, adding, "Such decisions might benefit some political parties but at the cost of Bandipora's citizens, who are being victimised." Residents also raised concerns about the "failure" of the district administration to stop the "surrender" of "such essential equipment".

According to locals, the District Hospital Bandipora's theatres were already impaired due to a previous relocation and the subsequent "surrender" of the Blood Storage Refrigerator would further erode the district's "already fragile" healthcare system. "The constant shifting of vital medical equipment from our district hospital to other places is appalling. It is affecting our healthcare. We need it back here for our people," said Shafeeq Ahmad, a local. Saleem, another local, said the move seems a "deliberate attempt to cripple our health facilities". "It is concerning how politics overshadows the needs of the common people. Shifting equipment

from one place to another won't solve healthcare issues. Rather it is making matters worse for us. We need our resources back," he said. Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, explained to KNO that the order was issued based on the availability of the blood storage refrigerator. "The refrigerator at DH Bandipora is in working condition, relocating it to DH Sopore might not be viable. Transitioning from a defunct system to a functional one may pose challenges in ensuring seamless operations. Therefore, if the refrigerator at DH Bandipora is operational, it may not be feasible to relocate it elsewhere."—(KNO)

# Sodal Handwara road in shambles, people suffer

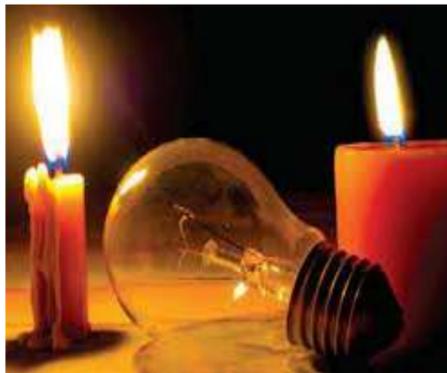


GMK CORRESPONDENT

**KUPWARA:** The residents of Check Sodal area of Handwara area in north Kashmir's Kupwara district Tuesday showed strong resentment against authorities for failing to repair and macadamise their road resulting in severe hardship to the commuters and locals. Residents complained that the road in Check Sodal was in complete shambles giving tough time to commuters. They said that this road has never been macadamized in the last five years even after approaching the DDC as well as other concerned authorities numerous times. They said that the road connects over dozens of villages but has not been a

priority for the concerned authorities. "This road is in pathetic condition and has been left unattended by concerned authorities with the result commuters and especially school going children are the worst hit," locals said. Residents said that they have brought this issue many times into the notice of Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department, but after passing of several years nothing concrete has materialised so far. "This was the road built decades ago, and since then it is a victim of official neglect," they said. Residents and commuters appealed to Chief Engineer R&B, to look into the matter, so that people would get sigh of relief from daily problems.

# Frequent power cuts irk Tangmarg residents



GMK CORRESPONDENT

**BARAMULLA:** Residents of Wailoo -Tangmarg area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district are up arms against the Power Development Department (PDD) due to the frequent unscheduled power cuts. The residents of the area told Good Morning Kashmir that the unscheduled power cuts make them suffer immensely during the present chilly nights. They said that not only non-metered, but metered areas are also facing the same fate. "We pay electricity charges per month but electricity only remains for few hours," said Saqib Ahmad, a local resident of the area. He said that the power supply gets disrupted in peak hours i.e. morning and evening due to which

the locals suffer. Another local resident, Mudasir Ahmad claimed, that unscheduled and continued power cuts add to huge problems and the Power Development Department (PDD) is not taking effective steps to improve the electricity supply as a result of which there is outrage among the people towards the department. "As soon as the evening falls we don't even see the glimpses of electricity. We have to eat under candle-light," they said. Locals said that the power shortage not only exasperates the general public but also affects the students preparing for various exams. Residents have urged concerned authorities to look into their grievances and take necessary steps for their redressal.

# Nawakadal residents reel under darkness, courtesy faulty transformer

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

**SRINAGAR:** For the past three days, the people of Khandbawan area of Nawakadal here have been reeling under darkness as the transformer in their area has got damaged, causing immense hardships to the inhabitants. The residents said that such a situation has caused frustration and



inconvenience for them. Local shop owners, students, and families said they have been facing immense hardships from the last three days, adding that the students are finding it hard to study in the evening hours while the shopkeepers close down their shutters early due to non-availability of electricity. Amir Bashir, a resident, said, "We are hopeful that the electricity will be restored soon. We are requesting the authorities to kindly look into the matter and repair the transformer as soon as possible."—(KNO)

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| Sl. No. | Area           | House No. | Name            | Address              | Age        | Category | Remarks |
|---------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|----------|---------|
|         |                |           | Shafkat Bano    | Gh Rasool waza       | 10/23/2003 | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | shazia Bano     | Mirza Badana         | 4/3/2004   | AAY      | AAY     |
|         |                |           | Tabasum Jaan    | Ab. Ahad Malik       | 4/8/2004   | BPL      | BPL     |
| 13      | Hundi          | 3         | Nahida Bano     | Lt Mohd Jamal Lone   | 8/2/1983   | BPL      | Widow   |
|         |                |           | Tasleema Begum  | Lt Bashir Ah Mir     | 1/1/1995   | PHH      | Widow   |
|         |                |           | Naza Bano       | Lt Mohd Yousuf Dar   | 3/8/1996   | AAY      | Orphan  |
|         |                |           | Saleema Bano    | Lt Gh Rasool Shah    | 10/17/1999 | AAY      | Orphan  |
|         |                |           | Misra Bano      | Lt Mohd Magbool shah | 2/4/2001   | AAY      | Orphan  |
|         |                |           | Shahida Yousuf  | Lt Mohd Yousuf Shah  | 8/16/2002  | PHH      | Orphan  |
| 14      | Jumagund       | 2         | Bebi Aisha      | Sherzaman Khatana    | 8/17/2002  | PHH      | Orphan  |
|         |                |           | Gulshana Begum  | Imtiyaz Ah Wani      | 3/2/1986   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Shameema Begum  | Javid Ah Khatana     | 3/12/1996  | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Zareefa Bano    | Mohd Farooq Raina    | 3/5/2004   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Alshana Bano    | Ab Rashid Raina      | 4/20/2004  | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Gulshan Bano    | Abdul Rashid Raina   |            | AAY      | AAY     |
| 15      | Shumnagh       | 1         | Najima Ashraf   | Lt Mohd Ashraf Payer | 3/8/1994   | PHH      | Orphan  |
|         |                |           | Afroza Bano     | Ab Haq Wani          | 6/20/1994  | AAY      | Orphan  |
|         |                |           | Jamsheeda Begum | Nazir Ah Mir         | 2/1/1981   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Parveena Begum  | Rayeys Ah Bhat       | 1/1/1987   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Shahida Begum   | Imtiyaz Ah Mir       | 3/3/1988   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Shameema Akhter | Ishfaq Ah Malik      | 2/1/1992   | AAY      | AAY     |
| 16      | Gugloosa       | 2         | Shahnaza Bano   | Lt Gh Rasool Bhat    | 2/2/1982   | AAY      | Orphan  |
|         |                |           | Nahida Parveen  | Lt Gh Nabi Lone      | 11/1/1989  | AAY      | Orphan  |
|         |                |           | Fahmeeda Bano   | Lt Sona Ullah Shah   | 1/2/1990   | BPL      | Orphan  |
|         |                |           | Insha Jaan      | Lt Ab Rehman Lone    | 8/15/2001  | AAY      | Orphan  |
|         |                |           | Shameema Bano   | Gh Mohi Uddin Ganie  | 1/8/2002   | AAY      | Orphan  |
|         |                |           | Mumtaza Tabasum | Masood Hassan Shah   | 1/12/1978  | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Rehana Sultan   | Tahir Gani Payer     | 3/25/1988  | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Maryam Jameel   | Pir Javeed Ahmad     | 5/15/1988  | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Masrat Begum    | Mohd Shafi Lone      | 4/2/1990   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Amina Ramzan    | Mohd Ramzan Lone     | 3/5/2001   | AAY      | AAY     |
|         |                |           | Masooda Begum   | Mohd Ashraf Pir      | 6/3/1987   | PHH      | PHH     |
| 17      | Allachzab      | 4         | Fahmeeda Begum  | Mushtaq Ahmad Khan   | 2/1/1986   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Zahida Begum    | Gh Mohi u din Malik  | 10/3/1990  | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Rubeena Begum   | Farooq Ah Wani       | 3/1/1992   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Ishrat Begum    | Mohd Ameen Lone      | 2/1/1995   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Zamroda Begum   | Aijaz Ah Lone        | 3/1/1995   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Ruqiya Mohammad | Irshad Ahmad Khan    | 10/10/2000 | BPL      | BPL     |
| 18      | Chak Kali Lone | 1         | Haleema Begum   | Ab Hameed War        | 2/1/1983   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Shahnaza Begum  | Mohd Anwar Malik     | 3/10/1983  | BPL      | BPL     |
|         |                |           | Shaheena Begum  | Reyaz Ahmad Lone     | 9/1/1990   | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Mumtaza Begum   | Mushtaq Ahmad Dar    | 4/30/1994  | PHH      | PHH     |
|         |                |           | Aabida Begum    | Bashir Ahmad Rawath  | 9/10/1998  | AAY      | AAY     |
|         |                |           | Shabnum Begum   | Ashiq Hussian Malik  | 4/4/2000   | PHH      | PHH     |

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**CORRIGENDUM-I**

Subject: - Extension of Critical Dates of e-NITS No. 08 of 2023-24 Dated: - 21-10-2023.  
Reference: - Tender IDs: - 2023\_PWDJK\_234524\_1

Due to inadequate response in reference to above cited e-NITS, the Critical Dates are extended as under:

| S.No | Description                   | Re- Scheduled date                             |
|------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1    | Date of Downloading           | 27-10-2023 (06:15 PM) to 15-11-2023 (06:00 PM) |
| 2    | Date of uploading             | 27-10-2023 (06:15 PM) to 15-11-2023 (06:55 PM) |
| 3    | Due date of opening of tender | 16-11-2023 (01:00 PM)                          |

No: - M&HDB/T S/ 1012-14  
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# STPI in collaboration with TiE Delhi-NCR launches LEAP AHEAD initiative for startups

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**NEW DELHI:** Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) in collaboration with TiE Delhi-NCR on Monday launched LEAP AHEAD initiative for startups to get access to investment, mentorship & global connect.

Shri S. Krishnan launched the LEAP AHEAD initiative, a joint collaboration of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Delhi-NCR, here at the LEAP AHEAD summit in the gracious presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI; Shri Sushil Pal, Joint Secretary, MeitY; Dr Saurabh Shrivastava, Chairman Emeritus, TiE Delhi-NCR & Co Founder, Indian Angel Network; Shri Alok Mittal, Co-founder, Indifi Technologies & President, TiE Delhi-NCR; Shri Ashok Singh, Executive Vice

President, Investor Relations, Mumbai Angels; Shri Prem Bharthasrathy, Managing Partner, Ponta Ventures India LLP; Shri Devesh Tyagi, Senior Director, STPI; Shri Subodh Sachan, Director, Innovation and Startups, STPI and Ms. Manjusha Chourasia, Scientist 'E', MeitY. This initiative will be a game-changer for tech Startups that are in the scaling stage, growth stage, product diversification or planning expansion into new geographical locations.

They can benefit through funding support of up to 1 Crore and a comprehensive three-month mentorship program that combines virtual and in-person sessions for a well-rounded learning experience.

Furthermore, the initiative will provide start-ups with access to an extensive network and personalized guidance through one-on-

one mentorship sessions with seasoned investors and industry experts.

Secretary MeitY, Shri S Krishnan said, "This LEAP AHEAD initiative is very timely in terms of emphasizing the opportunities that lie for entrepreneurship in India. Today, India is no longer known as a BPO destination, it has evolved into a global capability centre and R&D centre. India stands as a leader in digital public infrastructure and this can now be used in multiple ways by entrepreneurs to build successful enterprises.

Youth in smaller cities have the hunger to do and achieve more. That's the fire in the belly we need to build on. We would like to also see more women and people from tier 2/3 cities coming as entrepreneurs."

Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI said, "With this initiative, technology startups will

gain entry into the market, experience rapid growth and diversify into new horizons.

This program is focused mainly on two things - mentorship and co-investment. Besides Delhi, LEAP AHEAD Startup Summit is also planned to be held in Bhubaneswar, Vijayawada and Chandigarh."

Alok Mittal, President, TiE Delhi-NCR, said, "TiE's mission has always been to foster ecosystems, and this program aligns perfectly with our goals.

We'll mentor 75 companies over three months, aiming to secure funding for about 15. We'll also take these showcases to over 30 cities, expanding the impact."

This initiative will enable the startups to establish a product market fit, identify customer segments, grow hacking strategies, business compliance, leadership recruitment and fundraising.

# UST introduces AlphaAI

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**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** UST, a leading digital transformation solutions company, has introduced UST AlphaAI, which consolidates the company's comprehensive suite of Artificial Intelligence (AI) services, solutions, and platforms. The introduction of UST AlphaAI strategically positions the company for further success in the dynamic AI landscape.

It seamlessly combines UST's technical expertise, domain knowledge, and real-world experience to provide its clients and partners with effortless access to UST's full spectrum of transformative AI solutions, unlocking new business efficiencies and fostering sustainable transformation.

UST AlphaAI enhances businesses' agility and competitiveness, streamlining operations and accelerating their journey towards

excellence.

Drawing on a rich history of collaboration with distinguished AI researchers from top academic institutions such as the MIT Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence Laboratory and the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, UST has a reputation for expertise and excellence at the forefront of AI innovation.

This unique blend of practical experience and academic expertise gives UST the flexibility needed to swiftly respond to emerging market demands. With the introduction of UST AlphaAI, UST will further augment its capabilities by merging academic insights with real-world expertise.

A leader in AI innovation, UST has successfully delivered over 100 AI implementations. Some of the successful implementations of UST AI solutions include a computer vision-based loss prevention solution for a major retailer

that reduced checkout theft and increased the annual revenue per store by USD 50,000 - USD 70,000.

An intelligent retrieval system utilizing natural language processing (NLP) and Deep Learning for a financial services company, increased marketing, and content creation team productivity by 85%.

A generative AI-based code modernization initiative to increase developer productivity for a large CPG company which compressed software development timeline by 35% while improving code quality and test coverage.

Operationalization of MLOps and LLMOps with AI guardrails for a UK-based financial institution, reducing their model development, deployment, and testing time by half.

UST SmartOps and UST Sentry Vision AI are just two examples of how UST is exploiting the boundless potential of AI. UST Smart-

Ops, an intelligent automation platform, leverages the power of Generative AI to provide intelligent document insight, seamless incident handling, and automated process creation.

UST Sentry Vision AI, a groundbreaking solution, seamlessly integrates with SAP S/4HANA to optimize operations, automate processes, and maintain quality for CPG and manufacturing clients.

This intelligent, vision-based monitoring and process adherence tool minimizes operational waste and enhances digital enterprises.

"UST is committed to sustained growth in this dynamic market segment, and our partnerships with leading AI research institutions ensure we remain at the forefront of innovation as well as the ability to continue applying these breakthroughs through pragmatic, real-world solutions," said Manu Gopinath, Chief Operating Officer, UST.

## 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 Irsahd & 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 filing 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   | Weight age | Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH | Additi onal 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 Khurshheed        | D/o Khurshheed Ahmad     | Dhani Sydaan       | 11      | 30-12-2004 | 12th                  | 386                 | 500       | 77.20% | 77.20      | No  | 0                    | 77.20       |
| 5    | 1        | Mehwish Salaria        | D/o Akaf 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    | 5        | Naseema Akhter         | D/o Abdul Jabbar Dar     | Lachipora          | 11      | 10-02-1988 | 12th                  | 247                 | 600       | 41.17% | 41.17      | No  | 0                    | 41.17       |
| 9    | 10       | Zamrooda Bano          | D/o Abdul Rahim Qureshi  | Dawaran            | 01      | 21-03-1994 | 12th                  | 381                 | 500       | 76.20% | 76.20      | No  | 0                    | 76.20       |
| 10   | 11       | Rafiqya Bano           | D/o Mohd Muzaffar Sheikh | Chakra             | 07      | 10-02-1999 | 12th                  | 390                 | 500       | 78.00% | 78.00      | No  | 0                    | 78.00       |
| 11   | 13       | Falaq Salaria          | D/o Ali Akbar Salaria    | Aithshampora       | 03      | 25-12-2002 | 12th                  | 380                 | 500       | 76.00% | 76.00      | No  | 0                    | 76.00       |
| 12   | 4        | Subiya Tanvir          | W/o Javid Ahmad Dar      | Lachipora Wathadi  | 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 Abhanger Mohalla.

| S No | Index No | Name of the candidate | Parentage/ W/o           | Residence   | Ward No | DOB        | High est Qual ification | Marks in 10+2  |           | %age   | Weight age | Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH | Additi onal 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        | High est Qual ification | Marks in 10+2  |           | %age   | Weight age | Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH | Additi onal 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 Imtiyaz 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        | High est Qual ification | Marks in 10+2  |           | %age   | Weight age | Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH | Additi onal 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        | High est Qual ification | Marks in 10+2  |           | %age   | Weight age | Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH | Additi onal 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 Sydaan | Dhani Sydaan | 11      | 22-05-1996 | 12th                    | 288            | 500       | 57.60% | 57.60      | No  | 0                    | 57.60       |
| 3    | 16       | Iqra Khurshheed       | D/o Khurshheed Ahmad   | Dhani Sydaan | 11      | 30-12-2004 | 12th                    | 386            | 500       | 77.20% | 77.20      | No  | 0                    | 77.20       |
| 4    | 17       | Night Jabben          | W/o Kh.Mohd Yasir      | Dhani Sydaan | 11      | 15-05-1987 | 12th                    | 213            | 500       | 42.60% | 42.60      | No  | 0                    | 42.60       |

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        | High est Qual ification | Marks in 10+2  |           | %age   | Weight age | Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH | Additi onal 2 points | Total Merit |
|------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------|------------|---|----------------------|-------------|
|      |          |                       |                           |           |         |            |                         | Marks Obtained | Max Marks |        |            |   |                      |             |
| 1    | 1        | Mehwish Salaria       | D/o Akaf 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        | High est Qual ification | Marks in 10+2  |           | %age   | Weight age | Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH | Additi onal 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 :Kundi Barjalla Ward No:02 Kundi.

| S No | Index No | Name of the candidate | Parentage/ W/o          | Residence      | Ward No | DOB        | High est Qual ification | Marks in 10+2  |           | %age   | Weight age | Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH | Additi onal 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 Gaziabad Batnardi.

| S No | Index No | Name of the candidate | Parentage/ W/o          | Residence | Ward No | DOB        | High est Qual ification | Marks in 10+2  |           | %age   | Weight age | Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH | Additi onal 2 points | Total Merit |
|------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------|------------|---|----------------------|-------------|
|      |          |                       |                         |           |         |            |                         | Marks Obtained | Max Marks |        |            |   |                      |             |
| 1    | 8        | Fozia Syeed           | W/o Aurangzaib 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        | High est Qual ification | Marks in 10+2  |           | %age   | Weight age | Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH | Additi onal 2 points | Total Merit |
|------|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------|------------|---|----------------------|-------------|
|      |          |                       |                          |           |         |            |                         | Marks Obtained | Max Marks |        |            |   |                      |             |
| 1    | 11       | Rafiqya 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



# Cambodia Eager To See Return Of More Chinese Tourists: PM

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**PREAH SIHANOUK:** Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet said on Tuesday that the South-east Asian country is keen to see the return of more Chinese tourists, noting that the kingdom is a safe tourist destination. Speaking to thousands of garment factory workers at a Chinese-invested special economic zone in the southwestern Preah Sihanouk province, Hun

Manet also called on more Chinese investors to come and invest in Cambodia. He said both Chinese tourists and investors have importantly contributed to the country's socio-economic development and job creation for the Cambodian people. "Cambodia is safe, and tourists can travel everywhere freely," he said. China was the biggest source of international tourists to Cambodia in



the pre-COVID-19 pandemic era. The kingdom received 2.36 million Chinese tourists in 2019, accounting for 35.7 percent of the total international tourist arrivals and generating about 1.8 billion U.S. dollars in revenue, according to the Ministry of Tourism. It received 405,514 Chinese visitors during the January-September period this year, a year-on-year

increase of 549 percent. Ministry of Tourism's Secretary of State and spokesperson Top Sopheap said Chinese tourists are warmly welcomed to Cambodia, adding that the government has always prioritized security and safety for all tourists. "I want to send a message to all Chinese citizens that please come and visit Cambodia, a safe tourist destination," he told Xinhua.

## 2 Policemen Killed, 3 Injured In Attack In NW Pakistan



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**ISLAMABAD:** Two policemen were killed, and three others injured when an oil drilling company's plant was attacked in Pakistan's northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Tuesday, police said. The incident happened in Drazanda area of Dera Ismail Khan district when 20 to 22 militants, well-equipped with sophisticated weapons, tried to enter the plant in the wee hours of the morning, Police Deputy Superintendent of Drazanda Sher Ullah told Xinhua. Policemen at the main gate of the plant acted promptly and retreated the attack, forcing the attackers to flee, the officer added. He said that the attacked site had an oil

well and residences of staff, adding that the magnitude of the attack might have been bigger if the attackers succeeded in entering the area. The plant has multi-layered security by police and paramilitary troops, which was on high alert following the recent surge of terrorist incidents in the country, the officer said. The injured policemen have been shifted to a nearby hospital, the officer said, adding that the militants have fled to hilly area, and police were identifying their affiliation by evidence left by them. No group claimed responsibility for the attack. Security is on high alert across Pakistan following an uptick in attacks on police and security forces.

## 98% Of China Funding To Pakistan Were In "Less-Than-Generous" Loans: Report



PTI

**KARACHI:** As much as 98 percent of China's development funding for its all-weather ally Pakistan came in the form of "less-than-generous loans", with only two percent coming in the form of grants between 2000 and 2021, according to a research report. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a global infrastructure and investment initiative by Beijing, was launched in 2013. It is thought to be the largest partnership of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). It increased to over \$62 billion over time, and at least \$25 billion was invested in cash-strapped Pakistan. "Out of the total Chinese development finance portfolio of \$70.3 billion, committed between 2000 and 2021 in Pakistan, 8 percent was official development assistance (grants and highly concessional loans) and 89 percent was other official sector loans," said a report in The News International, quoting AidData, a US-based research lab. With \$14 billion in finance commitments, 2017 was the top year for Pakistan. Following a decline in 2018, the amount increased again in 2019 and 2020, even with the pandemic. With a 9.84-year maturity and a 3.74-year grace period, the average interest rate on loans is 3.72 percent, the AidData said.

Stating that "Pakistan and China have a long history of economic collaboration, and this year marks ten years of such ties and it has helped Pakistan through all of its tough economic downturns and crises," the report pointed out that "(But) it's worrying that Chinese less-than-generous loans coupled with Pakistan's mismanagement have made Pakistan's debt load even higher." AidData estimates that Pakistan's outstanding public and publicly guaranteed debt to China stands at \$67.22 billion, which is 19.6 percent of the GDP, and \$21.2 billion more than what Pakistan has officially reported to the World Bank's Debtor Reporting System, the media report said. Quoting Dr Ammar A Malik, who is a senior research scientist at AidData, the newspaper said, "In terms of the composition of debt from China, since 2018 China has pivoted away from infrastructure lending toward emergency lending in Pakistan, ensuring that the earlier debts taken on by Pakistan for energy, transport, and other CPEC projects can be repaid on time and with interest." Of the \$62 billion projected investments in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), an infrastructure and investment initiative launched in 2013 and considered the largest partnership of Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), at least \$25 billion was invested in Pakistan, it said. Pakistan and China have a long history of economic collaboration, and this year marks 10 years of such ties. China has helped Pakistan through all of its tough economic downturns and crises. Last month, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed to step up bilateral cooperation with Pakistan during his meeting with visiting caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar in Beijing to celebrate the 10 years of the CPEC. In Pakistan, the top three sectors from 2000 to 2021 were energy (40 percent, or \$28.4 billion), general budget support (30 percent, or \$21.3 billion), and transportation and storage (14 percent, or \$9.7 billion). The top three industries throughout the (BRI) era (2014-2021) were transportation and storage (13 percent, \$7.2 billion), general budget support (30 percent, \$16.08 billion), and energy (43 percent, \$23.29 billion). Quoting AidData's research, it further said that the data indicates that China is investing more in Pakistan than the US. "China has surpassed the United States in foreign development financing more times than any other country since 2012, outspending it by 1.6 times in 2013, 7.7 times in 2016, and 22.4 times in 2021," it reported.

## Over 120 UK Companies Admitted To Violating Sanctions Imposed On Russia

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**MOSCOW:** A total of 127 UK companies have informed the UK government of violating sanctions imposed on Russia, the Financial Times newspaper reported on Monday. This was done to reduce government penalties for breaching UK sanctions, the report said, adding that companies could face warnings or civil penalties, as well as criminal prosecution. Stacy Keen, financial crime partner at law firm Pinsent Masons, noted that the breadth of the sanctions has become a big test for UK business, the newspaper reported.

"The Russian sanction packages have been felt more keenly outside of Russia in a heightened way that others just haven't in the past. Russian individuals and entities had a footprint outside of Russia that perhaps if you look at the Iranian regime or the Syrian regime — there just wasn't those interlinks between the economies," Keen was quoted as saying by the newspaper. The United Kingdom has imposed sanctions against more than 1,600 individuals and companies since the start of the Russian special military operation in Ukraine in February 2022, the report read.

## US's Dependence On Russian Nuclear Fuel Poses Threat To NS - Energy Dept



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**MOSCOW:** The United States' reliance on Russian nuclear fuel is of serious concern, as it poses a critical threat to the country's national security and stands in the way of achieving climate goals, US Assistant Secretary of Energy Kathryn Huff said on Tuesday. "It's really critical that we get off of our dependence, especially from Russia ... Without action Russia will continue to hold on to this market ... This is really important for national security, for climate, for our energy independence," Huff said in an interview with the Financial Times. The head of the Office of Nuclear Energy also described the fact that about 20% of the fuel used by US reactors is received under contracts with Russian suppliers as "gravely concerning." She acknowledged that Russia controls nearly 50% of the world's nuclear enrichment capacity, while accusing the country of successfully working for years to undermine the US

nuclear supply chains by dumping cheap enriched uranium on the global market. The administration of US President Joe Biden asked Congress for an additional \$2.16 billion to support a strategy to encourage US companies to increase uranium enrichment and conversion capacity, Huff said. This plan will allow the Department of Energy to ensure adequate fuel supplies for the growing number of nuclear reactors as a long-term buyer of last resort. However, she added, the success of these investments will depend on the introduction of long-term sanctions on Russian nuclear products and services. "We have seen in the past that the dumping of cheap Russian enriched uranium products has historically really damaged our fuel cycle and has brought us to where we are today," Huff said. The US needs to sign five to 10 contracts to build new reactors over the next two to three years to meet its clean power generation goals for 2050, she added.

## 14 People Killed In Southern Chile Fire



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**SANTIAGO:** Fourteen people, including eight adults and six minors, were killed in a fire at a camp located in the town of Coronel, in the Biobio region of southern Chile, authorities said on Monday. "Unfortunately, 14 residents of our community died," involving three families, said Javier Valencia, the deputy

mayor of Coronel. A preliminary report said that the fire originated in a light material house built with cans and pallets in a camp. According to the official report, the fire quickly burned the affected house and spread to an adjacent one. The deputy mayor said that the number of people living in camps has increased recently.

## 16 More Injured In Nepal Earthquake Aftershocks, PM Calls All Party-Meet

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**KATHMANDU:** At least 16 people were injured after three tremors of over 4 magnitude hit western Nepal's Jajarkot on Monday, days after the country witnessed its worst quake in eight years that claimed the lives of 153 people and left a total of 266 others injured, security agencies said on Tuesday. With those injured in the aftershocks on Monday, the total number of people injured in a series of earthquakes in Nepal has touched 266. "Sixteen people were injured when three aftershocks with more than 4 magnitude hit Jajarkot in Western Nepal on Monday afternoon. Ten people were injured in Rukum West and six others were injured in Jajarkot," said officials from the security agencies. Nepal was jolted by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake just before midnight last Friday. Since then the nation has felt several aftershocks.



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. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" has called an all-party meeting on Tuesday to discuss the aftermath of the Jajarkot earthquake and the latest developments, said Saurya Kiran Sharma, the press coordinator of Prime Minister Prachanda. The meeting will mainly discuss

matters relating to relief and rehabilitation works to be carried out after the earthquake. On Tuesday, President Ramchandra Paudel will be leaving Kathmandu on an inspection tour to the earthquake-hit districts, Jajarkot and Rukum Paschim, Tuesday afternoon. In the wake of the Jajarkot earthquake, President Paudel also cancelled his scheduled 10-day visit to Europe starting on Wednesday.

# Amit Shah's "Magician" Swipe At Ashok Gehlot At Rajasthan Poll Rally

PTI

**JAIPUR:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said law and order, electricity in villages and welfare schemes started by the previous government "vanished" after Ashok Gehlot came to power in Rajasthan and added "only a magician can do this", alluding to the chief minister's past.

Addressing a campaign rally in Rajasthan's Kuchaman ahead of the November 25 assembly polls, the senior BJP leader said the Congress government in the state is the "most corrupt" and has crossed "all limits of appeasement", and appealed to people to uproot it.

He cited the killing of Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya Lal, various communal incidents, illegal mining and recruitment exam paper leaks to target the state government.

Referring to Chief Minister Gehlot's previous association with magic, Mr Shah said he has made law and order, electricity in rural areas and schemes launched by the previous BJP government led by Vasundhara Raje vanish.

"Only a magician can do this," he said. Mr Gehlot was born into a family of professional magicians in Jodhpur and briefly assisted his father on his tours.

Mr Gehlot gets angry on seeing the colour red, Mr Shah said, in the context of a "red diary" that, according to the allegation of terminated minister Rajendra Gudha, contains details of illegal financial transactions of the chief minister.

He accused the Congress of stalling the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya for 70 years.

"Lord Shri Ram was in a



state of humiliation for more than 550 years. The Congress was stalling the construction of Ram temple for 70 years, but (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi performed its

bhoomi puja," he said.

Prime Minister Modi is also going to attend the temple's consecration on January 22, he said and appealed to people to book tickets for their travel to Ayodhya on that day.

The Congress leaders who used to question the BJP have gone silent now, he said.

Mr Shah also alleged that the Congress can neither keep the country safe nor bring glory, whereas Prime Minister Modi has done the work of taking the national flag to the moon.

India launched a spacecraft on the lunar surface earlier this year, becoming the fourth country to achieve the feat.

Referring to various communal incidents and the murder of tailor Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur, the BJP leader said the Gehlot government worked to ban Ram Navmi and Mahaveer Jayanti proces-

sions but gave the PFI permission to take out rally in Kota.

It was the Modi government which banned the Popular Front of India (PFI) and put its members behind bars, he said.

Lashing out at the state government over illegal mining, he said, "Illegal mining increased to such a level that a saint committed suicide by burning himself, yet Gehlot did not open his eyes."

He gave a guarantee to people of the state that tap water will be provided to all households in two-and-a-half years after the BJP forms the state government.

Mr Shah also said that 2 lakh crore was given to Rajasthan by the erstwhile UPA government from 2004 to 2014, whereas the Modi government gave 8.71 lakh crore from 2014 to 2023 and executed projects worth 6 lakh crore in nine years.

## Polls: 2,605 Candidates File Nomination For 200 Seats In Rajasthan



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**Jaipur:** As many as 2,605 candidates, including around 300 female candidates, have filed nomination papers for all 200 assembly constituencies in Rajasthan, a senior official said here on Monday.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Rajasthan, Praveen Gupta, said that 1,543 candidates filed nomination papers on the last day of filing nominations on Monday. He said that the filing of nominations started on October 30 and that until Monday, a total of 2,605 candidates, including 299 female, filed nomination forms.

He said that a maximum 31 candidates filed nominations in the Adarsh Nagar assembly constituency in the state. Followed by Adarsh Nagar, 28 candidates filed nomination

papers in Kaman, 27 each in Ahor and Bhilwara, and 26 candidates in Ajmer North, Sanganer, and Sur-sagar.

Gupta said that a minimum of 4 nomination papers were filed for Dudu and Lalsot seats, 5 for Chohtan, and 6 each for Revdar and Chaksu assembly constituencies.

He said that the scrutiny of nomination papers will be held on Tuesday from 11 am in the presence of the observer in the office of the Returning Officer and the last date for the withdrawal of nominations is November 9.

He said that polling for all 200 assembly constituencies will be held on November 25 from 7 am to 6 pm, while the counting of votes will take place on December 3. He said 408 candidates gave information about their criminal records.

## Terrorism Spurred During Cong Rule At Centre: Modi Alleges



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**BISHRAMPUR:** Raining fire on the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleged on Tuesday that a major failure of that party was that "whenever it assumed the country's reins, terrorists' morale witnessed a spurt."

Addressing a public meeting in this town of election-bound Chhattisgarh, the visiting dignitary averred, "During Congress reign, it was commonplace to hear of bomb explosions or somebody having been butchered. Which-

ever state has the Congress in the saddle, crime rules supreme."

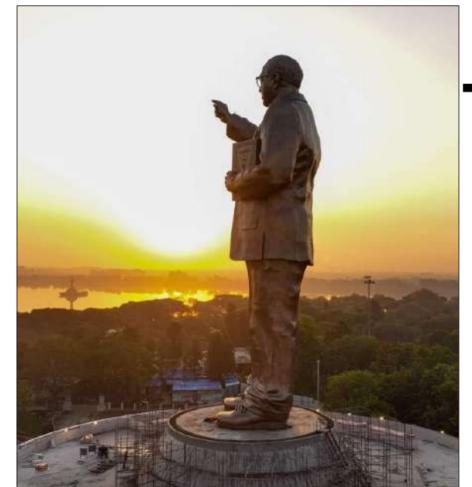
In this state's context, the Prime Minister charged the Congress dispensation with having failed to check Naxal violence.

"In the recent past, several BJP workers were snatched from us. Some days back, one individual was gunned down. Do you wish to live in the shadow of bombs and guns? No matter how much money you may possess, if your son does not return in the evening and his corpse is brought instead then what will you do

with material possessions? Universal security is imperative," he underlined.

Alleging that the law and order situation is in shambles within Surguja Division, Mr Modi added that human trafficking and narcotics smuggling shot up, numerous daughters of indigent and tribal household have disappeared, infiltrators are being encouraged for votes, adivasi land being snatched and due to a "policy of appeasement," celebrating festivals has been rendered uphill.

## Swami Chaitanyananda Of Vellimalai Bags 'Dattopant Thengadi Seva Samman-2023'



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**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** Swami Chaitanyananda Swami Maduranand of Vellimalai Sri Vivekananda Ashram in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, has bagged the prestigious 'Shri Dattopant Thengadi Seva Samman-2023.'

The award, instituted by Dr Mangalam Swaminathan Foundation in the field of Social Science, is being conferred on Swami Chaitanyananda Swami Maduranand for his pioneering social work, promoting education & rural health in Kanya Kumari and all over Tamil Nadu.

Vellimalai Sri Vivekananda Ashrama was founded in 1940 by Swami Ambanandaji Maharaj, a disciple of Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi of Belur Sri Ramakrishna Math.

After Swami Ambanandaji's 'Mahasamadhi' death in 1951, Swami Maduranandaji became the head of the Ashram. Under his leadership, Ashram expanded its activities in various fields, including Mantra Diksha and Spiritual Retreat (Antar Yogam).

Swami Maduranandaji started these activities in the Kanyakumari district. But currently, the program has spread not only to nearby districts and states but is also making a mark in other countries as well.

In 1984, Hindu Dharma Vidya Peetam was founded to consolidate these activities, which mainly take care of religious preaching and the publication activities of the Ashram.

In 1986, Veda Murasu, a Tamil monthly, started to spread the message of Bharat and its culture. A major effort was flood relief in 1993-94. With the financial help from

Sri Ramakrishna Math, Chennai, and Ramakrishna Mission, Coimbatore, 70 houses were built and given to the severely affected people all over Kanyakumari district.

In 1999, Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangam was founded in order to streamline and consolidate various social welfare activities such as helping the poor, catering to their education, medical needs, marriage, and other such requirements.

The Sangam also renders relief services during natural calamities such as floods, cyclones, and fire. In 2023, the Ashram conducted religious classes for 50,000 students with the involvement of 3,500 teachers.

Annually, training for performing a simple formal puja in temples is offered in a two-day camp at the Ashrama. This training has become so popular that the Government of Sri Lanka has invited Swami Chaitanyanandaji three times to conduct a twelve-day camp among the priests of the village temples there.

The award for the year 2023 carries a cash award of Rs one lakh and a Memento and citation in bronze.

The Foundation is also giving a monthly pension of Rs 2000 each to 51 families in Kerala who are victims of political violence. The project, called Sarvamangalam, was launched on October 12, 2022, by Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan at a grand function in Trivandrum.

The annual National Excellence Award ceremony will be held on November 29, 2023, at the Shri Ram Centre for Performing Arts, Mandi House, New Delhi, at 5 pm.

## Maha Govt To Collapse If OBC Quota Disturbed: Leader

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**CHHATRAPATI SAMBAHAJINAGAR:** Expressing that the Maratha community should be given reservation under a separate category, OBC leader and state minister Chhagan Bhujbal said on Monday that if OBC quota was disturbed for giving reservation to the Marathas, then the government will collapse.

If the state government decides to give reservation to Marathas as Kumbhis, then it will be a big blow to 375 castes of the Bahujan community, he said while addressing a press conference here this evening after visiting parts of Beed district where arson took place during the Maratha agitation.

He warned that the government will go if it touches the reservation of OBCs.

In Beed and Majalgaon, protesters burnt down

the houses of the people's representatives for the Maratha reservation, he claimed.

He alleged that a mob of about 700-800 people armed with axes, iron guards and petrol bombs targeted Bahujan Samaj leaders and set fire to their houses.

The minister further alleged that a mob of about 400-500 people burnt down the hotel of Subhash Raut, an activist of Samata Parishad.

They were looking for Raut, he claimed and alleged that if they had found him, they would have killed him.

They also ransacked Sandeep Kshirsagar and Jaydutt Kshirsagar's houses, Bhujbal claimed and charged that this was a premeditated attack on the OBC community.

He demanded that the caste-wise census be conducted in the state, he added.

## Air Pollution : SC Asks Punjab Govt To Stop Stubble Burning

UNI

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Punjab government to take effective steps immediately to stop stubble burning and strongly observed that a serious look is required into the issue of rising level of Delhi-NCR air pollution.

A bench of the Supreme Court, headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, observed that there can't be a political battle all the time.

"We want it (stubble burning) to be stopped. We don't know how you do it, it's your job. There can't be a political battle all the time. But it must be stopped. Something has to be done immediately," the Apex court asked Punjab government.

The Top court said Punjab government is seeing a scenario where due to paddy crop water table declined drastically with wells going beyond redemption.

"You are promoting millets on one hand and then letting paddy ruin groundwater...", Supreme Court told the Centre.

The Court said a serious look is required whether this kind of paddy should be grown in the time period in which it is grown. About 15 years ago, this problem did not



arise because such cropping did not take place.

The SC said this crop has destroyed the water table of Punjab. Weather around Delhi affects it.

It observed that the schemes like odd-even for vehicles to tackle pollution issue are mere optics and posted the air pollution matter for further hearing on Friday.

During the course of the hearing, even Justice Kaul, went on to add that while travelling through Punjab over the weekend, he saw widespread fires on both sides of

the road.

The Apex court asked Chief Secretaries of the States, including Punjab and other affected states, to have a meeting either physically or by Zoom on the pollution issue.

It said local SHO should be responsible for implementing the Court's direction on stubble burning under the supervision of DGPs and the Chief Secretary.

The Top Court noted that a smog tower installed as per earlier order is not working, and directed the government to ensure it is repaired.

# ICC unveils contenders shortlisted for October Player of Month awards



**UNI**  
**DUBAI:** The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday revealed the latest list of names that comprise the nominees for the ICC Men's and Women's Player of the Month awards. The ICC Men's Player of the Month shortlist celebrates three of the top performers from October's group stage fixtures at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup. Jasprit Bumrah was at his destructive best with the ball in the open-

ing exchanges at CWC23, taking a host of important wickets to inspire much of India's unbeaten start to the campaign, an ICC media release said. Quinton de Kock piled on the runs atop the order for South Africa, registering three century scores during the Proteas blistering start to the tournament. Completing the lineup is Rachin Ravindra, who has shone in his debut World Cup appearance for New Zealand with classy hundreds against England and

Australia. Three modern day icons of the women's game comprise the shortlist for the ICC Women's Player of the Month for October. Bangladesh left arm spinner Nahida Akter is nominated for the award after producing a trio of wicket-taking performances as her side claimed a see-saw T20I series against a touring Pakistan side. Amelia Kerr scored runs freely during October, contributing strongly in both ODI and T20I con-

tests against South Africa. Finally, West Indies' all-rounder Hayley Matthews is nominated following notable white-ball heroics in the competitive series in Australia. An independent ICC Voting Academy and fans around the world will now be invited to cast their votes to decide the winners, which will be announced next week. Fans registered at iccricket.com/awards will be able to vote for their favourite performers until Thursday.

# Mumbai City FC go down to Al Hilal in AFC Champions League

**UNI**  
**NAVI MUMBAI:** Mumbai City FC put up a gutsy performance but went down 0-2 to Al Hilal SFC in their AFC Champions League group stage match at the DY Patil Stadium here on Monday evening.

Goalkeeper Phurba Lachenpa pulled off a string of stunning saves to keep the Islanders in the contest till the hour mark but a red card to defender Mehtab Singh for two bookable offences meant Des Buckingham's side's resistance was broken in the 61st minute as Michael finished off a smooth Al Hilal move before Aleksandar Mitrovic added a second five minutes from time. The visiting Saudi Arabian side who are the most successful team in the AFC Champions League history with four titles to their name were missing big guns like Neymar, midfielder Sergej Milinkovic-Savic and goalkeeper Yassine Bounou but still had plenty of quality in their ranks for the Islanders who pushed them all the way. Mumbai City FC who were cheered on by a crowd measuring just over 30,000 came racing out of the blocks and had a chance to take the lead in the very first minute of the match when Lalianzualla Chhangte and Greg Stewart combined well on the left to send the latter through on goal but Stewart's shot at the near post was kept out by the goalkeeper.



The Islanders who were boosted by the early chance once again got behind the Al Hilal defence when Jorge Pereyra Diaz beat Kalidou Koulibaly to a bouncing ball to go clear on goal but the former Napoli defender recovered to make a vital challenge. Al Hilal slowly warmed up to the task and carved the home side open with a slick move a few minutes later but goalkeeper Lachenpa was alert to the danger and prevented a certain goal with his outstretched left leg to make a fine save. Lachenpa was called into action again in the 23rd minute when Ruben Neves threatened to find the net with a sweetly struck volley but the Mumbai City FC custodian made a save at full stretch when Michael fired past Lachenpa to put his team in front in the 61st

minute. Al Hilal continued to pile on the pressure but Mumbai City FC were able to pose a threat on the counter-attack. Stewart managed to sneak in behind the Al Hilal defence before the half-time whistle but could not pick a Mumbai City FC shirt before with his cutback. It was goalless at the break largely thanks to Lachenpa's excellent goal-keeping skills who stood firm between the sticks. Mumbai City FC started the second half well, keeping Al Hilal at an arm's length but were dealt a blow when Mehtab Singh received his second yellow card and subsequently his marching orders as the Islanders were reduced to ten men. Al Hilal eventually made their numerical advantage count when Michael fired off their campaign against Navabhor FC at home.

It was all Al Hilal after that point as they exerted complete control on the match against ten men of Mumbai City FC. Lachenpa though continued to thwart the visitors as he produced save after save, the most notable being the one to deny Koulibaly from close range after Buckingham's side had failed to clear a corner. Mitrovic then sealed the three points for the visitors with a header at the far post in the 85th minute. The win took Al Hilal to the top of Group D as Mumbai City FC remained bottom after their fourth defeat. Mumbai City FC travel to Iran to face Nassaji Mazandaran in their next match in the AFC Champions League before finishing off their campaign against Navabhor FC at home.

# AFC Cup: Mohun Bagan aim to extend unbeaten run; Odisha FC eye second straight win

**UNI**  
**DHAKA:** Mohun Bagan Super Giant will be looking to enhance their prospects of advancing to the next round of the AFC Cup as they embark on a challenging journey to Dhaka to face the Bashundhara Kings on Tuesday. In Group D of the AFC Cup, Mohun Bagan SG are currently placed at the summit. They are the sole undefeated team in their group, amassing seven points from three matches. On the other hand, Bashundhara Kings are in second place in the group, having secured four points from their three matches. A triumph for Mohun Bagan SG in Bangladesh would create a six-point gap between them and the Bashundhara Kings, making this match a pivotal fixture. In their previous encounter in October, Juan Fernando's team played out a 2-2 draw against Bashundhara Kings, a match that took place at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. Mohun Bagan SG took the lead on two occasions during the game, but the Bangladeshi side managed to equalise twice, ultimately securing a point. For the upcoming match, Mohun Bagan SG will be without the injured Anwar Ali. Addition-

ally, there is uncertainty regarding the participation of Hugo Boumous and Jason Cummings, after their absence from the team's 3-2 victory against Jamshedpur FC. After securing back-to-back wins at home of AFC Cup and ISL, Odisha FC are gearing up for AFC Cup 2023-24 Matchday 4, where they will face Maziya S&RC on Tuesday, at the Maldives National Football Stadium. The Kalinga Warriors started their AFC season on a shaky note, but they displayed their prowess in a spectacular 6-1 win over Maziya S&RC on matchday 3 in their last home match. Odisha FC delivered a dominant performance, showcasing their strength in set-pieces and cohesive teamwork. Jahouh's midfield control and key assists were pivotal, while Fall's brace highlighted their potent attack. Notable goals from Carlos, Amey Ranawade, and Isak Ralte further emphasized their prowess in that match. On the other hand, Maziya S&RC desperately needs a win after reaching the halfway stage with two defeats and one win. Odisha FC conducted their pre-match press conference on Monday, in the Maldives, with head coach Sergio Lobera and player Isak Vanlalrutfela.

# Mathews, Shakib react to controversial 'timed out' dismissal

**UNI**  
**NEW DELHI:** The 'timed out' dismissal of Angelo Mathews during the high-octane Sri Lanka-Bangladesh clash on Monday has led to much consternation in the Sri Lanka camp, even as Shakib Al Hasan stood by his decision to appeal. The incident unfolded during the 25th over of the Sri Lankan innings when Mathews was declared 'timed out' - a first in international cricket. The batter argued that his helmet strap had come off as he prepared to face his first ball, leading to the delay, but Bangladesh refused to withdraw the appeal and the umpires deemed that Mathews had taken longer than the allowed two minutes - as per the Cricket World Cup 2023 playing conditions - to be ready. But in an on-field interview during the innings break, the fourth official, Adrian Holdstock, clarified that Mathews had indeed exceeded the time limit even before the helmet strap came off, an ICC report said. Shakib maintained that he was well within his rights to appeal after being informed of the possibility by a teammate during Angelo Mathews' helmet mishap. "One of our fielders

came to me and said, if you appeal, the law says he's out because he hasn't taken his guard within the time frame," Shakib explained in the post-match press conference. "So, then I appealed to the umpires, who asked me if I was going to call him back or not. I said I won't call him back," he said. The Bangladesh skipper explained that he had played against Mathews for a long time and that the Sri Lankan all-rounder came up to him to explain what happened. "I know him very well; he knows me very well," Shakib said. "So, he came and asked me whether if I (will) withdraw my appeal or not if I want to, I said, you know, I understand your situation. It was unfortunate, but I don't want to," the Bangladesh skipper said. "It was in the rules that a batter has to come to the crease within that certain period of time and he wasn't there at that time," Shakib said. Mathews disagreed with Shakib's statements, and claimed that he was ready before the timer had run out. "I have two minutes to get to the crease and get myself ready, which I did," Mathews said. "And then it was an equipment malfunction. And I don't know where

the common sense went, because obviously it's disgraceful from Shakib and Bangladesh," he said. "If they want to play cricket like that, I think there's something wrong drastically. I still had five more seconds to go after my helmet broke off," Mathews said. The Sri Lankan all-rounder maintained that the team refused to shake hands with Bangladesh after the match as they believed the opposition, in refusing to withdraw their appeal, did not respect them and the spirit of the game. "You need to respect people who respect us," Mathews continued. "It doesn't mean that they have to respect the game itself. I mean, we all are ambassadors of this beautiful game," Mathews said. Mathews went on to add that the dismissal happened at a crucial juncture in the game. "I wasn't trying to waste time. I wasn't trying to get advantage of anything. It was just pure equipment malfunction," he said. "And it just happened for the very first time in my career. And I'm absolutely shocked. I'm not going to say that if I had batted today, we would have won the match. I'm not saying that," Mathews said.

# Zampa 'probably premier white ball spinner in the world': Aaron Finch

**UNI**  
**PUNE:** Australia have found what they were missing earlier in the tournament - their energy, said former Australia captain Aaron Finch. He said in the first two games, they looked like a flat cricket team in all three facets of the game. The last five games, in particular, there has been a lot more energy in the field and to me that's always a sign that a team is really up to the contest. Energy plays a huge role in the success of a team and that is what has contributed to the success of Australia's next opponents, Afghanistan, Finch said. He said they are a very good cricket team and what they have brought with their energy is second to none. They are obviously a highly skilled team. They still perhaps rely on their spinners quite a bit but the thing that I've loved is that they have been consistent with their batting, according to a ICC media release. The one question mark for me was if they had to chase runs. In the past, it would tend to be a bit shaky at times and they could falter but at this World Cup, they have been flawless in chases, Finch said. He said Australia's win over England on Saturday

was a really good game and they will have been happy to get over the line with their top order not firing. "England have had the wood over Australia over the last couple of years but we are beginning to see a bit of a change there and I was interested by Joe Root's comment that England are still a better team man-for-man, given how the tournament has played out," Finch said. He said England have got some great players who in a couple of years will go down in history amongst the best ever in the format. Jos Buttler is a brilliant player in both white ball formats and man-for-man I think they match up against most teams, but they just haven't got it right at this World Cup. "I don't think Australia will really care that they have knocked England out, that's more one for the fans than anything else," Finch said. He said Australia came here with the aim of winning the World Cup and it's not about which teams you beat, it is about making the semi-final as the first real tick. Australia will just be satisfied to be one step closer. "Adam Zampa was outstanding again for Australia. I wrote in my last column about how impressive he has been and what stands out for me is how well he is reading the bat-

ters," Finch said. "With spin, half the battle is knowing when to bowl your variations based on reading the batters and the conditions. He is bowling so beautifully at the moment and he has taken so many crucial wickets," he said. Finch said there will be a lot of work that goes into reading batters, from the backroom staff and the senior players, but the preparation that he puts in himself is right up there as well. "At times, you can get caught when you play against teams or individuals so much that you just sort of go through the motions of preparation at times because you get comfortable but Zampa dots his I's and crosses his T's each and every game," he said. "That has shone through in his unbelievable consistency, taking at least three wickets in five consecutive games. He has been probably the premier white-ball spinner for a couple of years across the two white-ball formats around the world, so this is really good recognition of the skill of his craft," Finch said. "Against Afghanistan, however, I think it will be the pace bowlers who will have more of a say. They are playing at the Wankhede, which probably plays into Australia's hands," he said.

# Teenager Endrick earns Brazil call-up for World Cup qualifiers

**UNI**  
**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Brazil manager Fernando Diniz has named uncapped teenager Endrick Felipe in his squad for World Cup qualifiers against Argentina and Colombia, the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) said. Endrick, 17, was rewarded for a series of impressive recent performances for Brazilian Serie A club Palmeiras, including three goals in his past

two league outings. "Endrick is showing that Brazilian football has a bright future," Diniz told a news conference. "He is at the top of his game now and is managing to stand out against the best teams in Brazil." Endrick, who last year signed a deal to join Real Madrid when he turns 18 next July, is one of four new faces in Brazil's squad. The others are Brighton forward Joao Pedro,

Atletico Mineiro's Paulinho and Porto attacker Pepe. But there was no place in the 24-man squad for West Ham playmaker Lucas Paqueta nor Tottenham striker Richarlison, while star forward Neymar is unavailable after undergoing knee surgery last week. Brazil will face Colombia in Barranquilla on November 16 and Argentina at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium five days later.

## NOTICE

I Mehraj Ali is applying for Government Contractor Card At JKPDC Chief Office Bemina . Anybody having any objection may contact above office with in seven days from the date of this advertisement after which no objection will be entertained.

## NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the applicant Peer Fayaz Ahmad S/O Peer Abdul Sammad, resident of Ogmuna has applied for the issuance of the birth certificate of his ward namely IMAD-U-Deen Ahmad. The applicant intends to register the D.O.B of his ward as per the hospital/school record which is 06-02-2019. Anybody (if) having any kind of objection/claim regarding the same. He/She may approach office of the Executive Magistrate Tangmarg within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after passage of time no objections shall be entertained.

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**CORRIGENDUM-I**

Subject: - Extension of Critical Dates of e-NITS No. 08 of 2023-24 Dated: - 21-10-2023.  
 Reference: - Tender IDs: - 2023\_PWDJK\_234524\_1

Due to inadequate response in reference to above cited e-NITS, the Critical Dates are extended as under:

| S.No | Description                   | Re- Scheduled date                             |
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| 1    | Date of Downloading           | 27-10-2023 (06:15 PM) to 15-11-2023 (06:00 PM) |
| 2    | Date of uploading             | 27-10-2023 (06:15 PM) to 15-11-2023 (06:55 PM) |
| 3    | Due date of opening of tender | 16-11-2023 (01:00 PM)                          |

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## LG chairs Executive Council meeting of SMVD University

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday chaired the 34th Executive Council Meeting of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University at Raj Bhawan.

The meeting was attended by Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU; Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor Jammu University; Prof. Nilofer Khan, VC Kashmir University; Prof. Pankaj Chandra, Vice Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Management, Ahmedabad University; Prof. A.S.K. Sinha, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, Amethi; Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT, Jammu, Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Shri Anshul Garg, CEO, SMVDSB, Sh Ajay Kumar Sharma, Registrar, SMVDU and other officers.



The Executive Council headed by Lt Governor deliberated various important issues pertaining to the promotion of innovation, entrepreneurship, start-ups and skill development of the students, increasing enrolment and enhancing the employability of the academic and training programs.

The Lt Governor directed the University administration for organizing social campaigns on sanitation, Nasha Mukta Abhiyaan, TB Mukta J&K and Aanganwadi Centres.

Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University presented various Agenda items before the Council for approval and ratification.

The Department of Wildlife Protection informed that the lion pair is being brought to the UT on the direction of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

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The pair will be housed in a dedicated Lion enclosure having a space of more than 5500 square meter as per the CZA norms with heating and ventilation facility for extreme weather condition. They will remain under quarantine for a weeks time and thereafter will be released in the enclosure for public exhibition.

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The Legal Metrology Department was directed to keep a check on the weight and measure instruments, especially during the festival season. He also passed instructions to the police and traffic department to put in place effective mechanisms to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and security of important installations.

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Among others, Executive Engineers of works departments and other district and sectoral officers were also present in the meeting.

## Mandeep Kour lays foundation stone for DDC office complex

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SHOPIAN: Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayat Raj, Mandeep Kour, Tuesday visited Shopian and laid foundation stone for District Development Council (DDC) Office building at Gagran Shopian besides inspecting development works there.

DDC, Chairperson, Shopian, Bilqees Jan and other officers were present on the occasion.

Commissioner Secretary was informed that the District Development Council Office Complex shall be executed at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.57 crore. This will further strengthen the Panchayati Raj system, making it the engine of community development in future.

She exhorted upon the executing agencies for completion of the project within a fixed timeline as per the approved specifications.

Mandeep Kour also inspected various development projects including Amrit Sarovar at Borihalan Shopian besides other works. She stated that the UT administration has been top performer and highly successful in building and rejuvenating Amrit Sarovars across the UT.

Commissioner Secretary emphasized upon RDD and PR officers and officials to achieve developmental targets in full, across schemes of the department, both physically and financially during the ongoing year by speeding up the pace of ongoing works.

On the occasion, Mandeep Kour interacted with PRIs and citizens, who put forth their issues and concerns before her.



## Omar Abdullah interacts with IIMUN participants in Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah on Tuesday interacted and felicitated scores of students under the aegis of India's International Movement to United Nations, which is the world's largest youth-run, non-profit organisation.

According to a statement issued, party's General Secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar, Additional General Secretary Dr. Sheikh Mustafa Kamal, Provincial President Kashmir Nasir Aslam Wani Sogami and Political Advisor to Vice President Mudassar Shammiri were also present on the occasion.

On the occasion the visiting students subjected the party VP to the host of questions on various subjects. The discussion veered from issues such as education, entrepreneurship, politics and history and candid queries about his likes and dislikes.

Speaking to the rapt audience of students present on the occasion, Omar said such interactions will broaden the horizons of students and allow them to learn from the experiences of people around the globe. He congratulated the management of the organization and appreciated the poise and questions of the students on the occasion—(KNO)

## DC Budgam lays foundation stone for Children's Park in Sheikhpora

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BUDGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo Tuesday laid foundation stone for development of twin Parks, one an exclusive children park and one public park at Kashmiri Pandit Colony Sheikhpora.

During his visit to Kashmiri Pandit Colony, the DC met members of the Pandit community and listened to them.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the construction of the Parks shall be completed within a shortest possible time period to dedicate these facilities to residents of the colony at the earliest.

He said the parks with the open gym facility, swings for the kids, benches, shall have the best possible recreational infrastructure available for the children of the colony.

Labroo said that he was happy to lay the foundation stone for both the parks at the Sheikhpora Pandit Colony. He further added that the second park shall be designed to facilitate recreation for senior citizens of the colony.

During interaction with the members from the community, the DC also instructed Executive Officer Municipal Committee Budgam to conduct a massive cleanliness drive and grass cutting of lawns within the Colony.

He appreciated the EO Municipal Committee Budgam for initiating maintenance work of the drainage network in the area and instructed him to ensure door to door garbage collection and regular lifting for proper disposal.

Members from Pandit community expressed their gratitude to the district administration for ensuring prompt redressal to their genuine demands and ensuring fast delivery of public services to the people.

The DC also instructed Executive Engineer PHE to provide fresh points of tap water supply at the designated point to ensure better water supply to the residents.

Commissioner Secretary, Skill Development Department, Saurabh Bhagat, Tuesday visited Government ITI Srinagar, Baghi-Dilawar Khan Campus.

During the visit, the Commissioner Secretary inspected various streams including Automobile, IT and ITES, Electrical, Heritage Craft, Garment and other sectors. He asked the trainees to visit the Grading Portal developed by the Directorate of Skill Development on regular basis and honestly review the faculty of ITI so as to carry out their up skilling.

Commissioner Secretary, during interaction with the staff and trainees, emphasized the need for up skilling of existing faculty to keep pace with changing trends in the industry sector. He asked for Internal Revenue Generation of the institution by way of sale of finished goods/ jobs.

## Lion couple from Gujrat to reach Jambu Zoo on November 8

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He maintained that Visiting Officers mandatorily have to ensure that all the specified deliverables have to be achieved in the panchayats without any failure.

ADDC instructed Visiting Officers to saturate centrally sponsored schemes and self-employment schemes, register unemployed youth during Gram Sabhas, aware people about e-services available, inspect public works, assess their quality and submit observations.

The ADC encouraged Visiting Officers to take feedback on digital services and other recent developments in providing door step governance.

ADDC asked the officers to listen and engage with the local community, understand local issues, understand the specific challenges and issues faced by the village, such as infrastructure, healthcare, education, and agriculture and collaborate with local authorities, and prioritise transparency and accountability and ensure that all sections of the community, including marginalized groups, are involved and they get benefited from the development projects.

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## Diwali arrangements discussed in Kathua



GMK NEWS NETWORK

KATHUA: Additional Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Ranjit Singh Thursday convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the arrangements for the Diwali festival.

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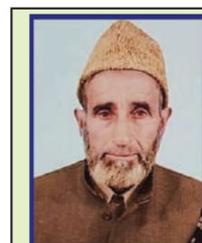
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