

# Good Morning Kashmir

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**Light Rain, Snow Forecasted In J&K**  
**SRINAGAR:** The Meteorological Department (MeT) has foreseen the likelihood of light rain and snowfall in the higher altitudes of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday. Presently, the weather across most parts of Jammu and Kashmir is clear to partly cloudy conditions, with dry weather expected to persist until November 22nd.

The weather on November 23rd is anticipated to be generally cloudy with the possibility of light rain and snow at isolated higher reaches. On November 24th-26th, it is forecasted to be generally dry.

For November 27th-30th, the weather is forecasted to be generally **•P-06**

## Foggy Morning Affects Air, Road Traffic In Kashmir



**REHAN QAYOOM MIR**

**SRINAGAR:** The low visibility amidst the foggy weather conditions have delayed three flights at Srinagar International Airport on Tuesday morning while the minimum temperature has continued to go dip further with most of the places recording coldest night of the season.

As per the Meteorological department, the shallow to moderate fog would likely continue till November 27.

However, the foggy weather conditions have led to the low visibility in morning and evening hours across Kashmir, thus simultaneously delaying three morning flights at Srinagar International Airport today.

Director Airport, Javed Anjum said that three flights have been delayed this morning due to the foggy weather conditions. "However, as the visibility improved later in the afternoon, the flight operation was resumed. Only three flights got delayed," Anjum said.

Meanwhile, the summer capital of Jammu & Kashmir recorded the coldest night of the season at minus 1.2 degree Celsius. **•P-06**

## LG Manoj Sinha Seeks Investment From Industry Players

Addresses EEPC India National Export Awards Function In New Delhi

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**NEW DELHI:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday sought investments from the industry players, stating that the Union Territory is providing better incentives and business environment than many other states.

He said that the business environment in the Union Territory is safe and secure.

Sinha said that the industry department of Jammu and Kashmir at present has business proposals worth over Rs 86,000 crore and work is underway to bring them on the ground.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the award winners of the 52nd and 53rd EEPC India National Export Awards and hoped that their achievements would inspire others for sustained excellence in engineering goods export in the years ahead.

"India is a global bright spot under the leadership of Hon'ble



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and today we are not only contributing to global growth but also accelerating our own economic progress," the Lt Governor said.

He said, the emergence of 'Engineering Goods' as one of the major contributors to export growth and its 7.2 percent growth in comparison to previous year, shows the relentless efforts of our

**'FELICITATED'** recipients of prestigious Awards for fiscal years 2019-21'

'India global bright spot under the leadership of **PM MODI'**

**'LG COMMENDS'** the relentless efforts of dynamic entrepreneurs'

**'EEPC INDIA'** to promote 'Make in India' and to establish India's capability across the globe'

**'ENGINEERING'** goods are one of the major contributors to export growth'

**'FULLY'** confident about engineering sector's ability to translate India's dreams into reality'

**JAMMU KASHMIR IS OFFERING THE INVESTORS ENDLESS** possibility and a partnership in strong profitable growth. If you are looking at the big picture and ready to capture a new segment, then Jammu Kashmir is your new destination," the Lt Governor said.

## ...Weapon Delivery To Terrorists NIA Arrests Another Accused

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**SRINAGAR:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday arrested another accused in the Pak-backed terrorism case involving the delivery of weapons through drones to terrorists active in Kashmir, officials said on Tuesday.

NIA spokesperson in a statement said that a team from the NIA Jammu Branch nabbed 22-year-old namely Zakir Hussain of district Kathua, JK, on Monday. "He is the 8th accused to be arrested in the case (RC-06/2022/NIA/JMU), regis-



tered by the NIA on 30th July 2022 after taking over the case from Kathua Police. One of the seven accused arrested earlier had died due to cardiac arrest while in judicial custody while two **•P-06**

## 'Smog formed due to temperature inversion'

JAHANGEER GANAIE

**SRINAGAR:** Temperature inversion is leading to formation of smog in Kashmir in the last few days, PCB scientist said on Tuesday.

Senior PCB scientist Dr Bilquees Ara said that temperature inversion, that is the deviation from typical meteorological phenomenon, leads to the formation of smog.

"The standard rule of meteorology is that air gets cooler with an increase in altitude. But temperature inversions change it. As a result, you will see weather phenomena like fog, smog, mist, and hazy horizons. Generally, it's more common in mountain-

ous regions or valleys or during winter when a cold night breeze from the mountains swoops to the ground," she said.

According to her, temperature inversion usually happens during the night when the ground temperature drops because it's no longer heated by the sun.

"As cold air close to the ground gets trapped by the layer of warm air due to which air becomes stagnant and pollution becomes trapped close to the ground due to which people

are exposed to this pollution and this inversion process often leads to the formation of smog," she said.

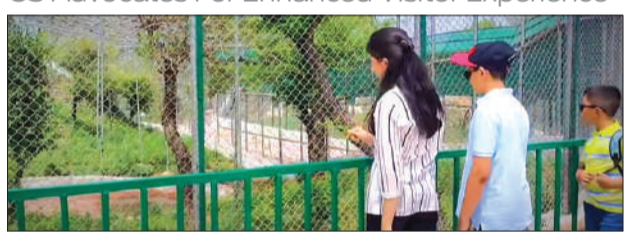
"Smog is the formation of smoke, fog and sulphur dioxide which is emitted by different sources," she said, adding that sulphur dioxide is a pollutant and sulphates are detrimental to human health besides damaging plantations and creating other problems.

Dr Bilquees said photochemical smog is a type of smog produced when UV light originating from the sun interacts **•P-06**



## Jammu Zoo Roars To Life With Arrival Of Lions, Tigers

CS Advocates For Enhanced Visitor Experience



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Gujarat, which would add a new dimension to diverse wildlife population.

During his comprehensive tour of the facility, Dr Mehta actively inquired about the care and facilities provided for the animals, underlining the importance of ensuring their well-being. Expressing optimism, he stated, "I hope that Jammu Zoo will **•P-06**

## Power Crisis Demand For Solar Products Goes Up In Kashmir

MUBASHIR AALAM WANI

**SRINAGAR:** Demand for solar panels and inverters has soared in Kashmir, which is currently reeling with a lack of adequate electricity supply.

Kashmir, for more than a month, is witnessing a severe power crisis, which has hit both domestic as well as commercial consumers.

As such the demand for alternative sources, which include solar panel-driven inverters, has shot up by more than 40 percent.

Imtiyaz Ahmad Khan, a dealer of inverters and solar panel brand said that the demand for these alternative power sources has gone up for the last two months.

"This year power crisis has escalated, which has forced people to buy and use alternative sources of electricity. We have wit-



nessed a good demand for the last two months and on an average daily we sell more than 60 solar panel-driven inverters" he said.

Khan said that various types of solar panels are available in the market, which help people to get a smooth flow of electricity during peak hours.

"There are monocrystalline solar panels available in the market, which use solar energy even during

cloudy or foggy weather. The demand for this particular solar panel is very much," he said.

Another deal Basharat Ahmad Sofi said other solar energy-driven equipment including solar water heaters and cookers are in good demand in Kashmir.

"Solar lanterns, heaters and cookers also sell in good numbers. Winter in Kashmir is extreme and solar energy-driven **•P-06**

## 'PROBE LIKELY' KU VC Orders Transfer Of Convocation Complex Staff



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**SRINAGAR:** The Kashmir University Vice-Chancellor Professor Neelofer Khan on Tuesday ordered the transfer of staff at the Convocation Complex after photos and videos of defacement of the auditorium went viral on the campus, triggering outrage among the faculty.

According to an official order, PRO of the Convocation Complex, Lubna Bhat, was transferred along with Supervisor Convocation Complex after the VC took a serious note of defacement of the auditorium for a talent-hunt event presently underway there.

During a surprise **•P-06**

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# Unscheduled power cuts irk Srinagarites

SUHAIL MIR

SRINAGAR: People of the summer capital have expressed resentment against unscheduled power cuts from the past several days.

The aggrieved residents told Good Morning Kashmir that KPDCCL is resorting to power cuts in the areas where smart meters have been installed.

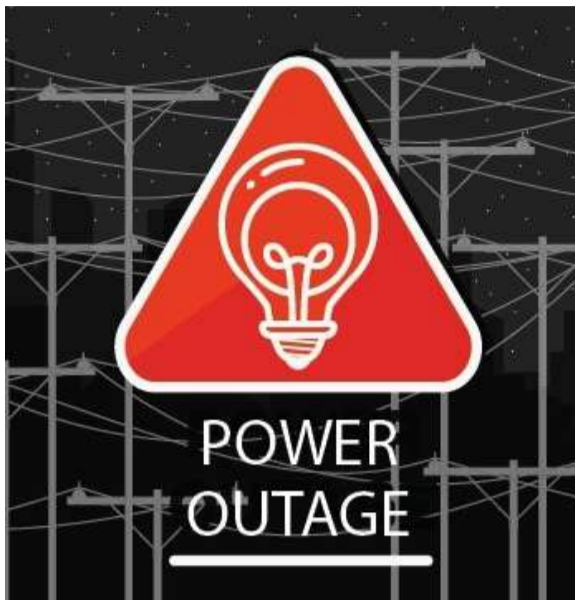
Sulaiman Shah, a resident of Lal Bazar, said that for the past many days, they are facing unscheduled power cuts.

"Our area is fully metered but the frequent shutdowns have made life miserable of the people residing here in Lal Bazar. The concerned official has put his mobile on do not disturb mode," he said.

The locals from the Bemina said that they have been equally suffering due to unscheduled power cuts for the past few weeks.

"We have been facing major power cuts for the past few weeks. Every winter, the power department is claiming load shedding as the reason for power cuts and every winter we are facing the same issues," said Ashiq Ahmad, a local resident.

The situation is not different in Rambagh, Paraypora, Nowgam, and other parts of the City. "In the past couple of days, power cuts turned into a nightmare. It has affected our routine work," said



Aadil Manzoor, a resident of Rambagh.

The consumers allege that the situation has gone from bad to worse during the past few weeks. They added that power cuts are more frequent and extended during the evening hours.

Shahid Kamili, president Federation Chamber of Industries Kashmir said that the current power scenario has escalated the loss of industrialists.

"The impact of the current power scenario on the industrial sector is beyond imagination. We have limited hours of work during winter seasons and the absence of electricity is complicating our prob-

lems," he said.

While Kamli said that 75 percent decline in production is reported by the industrial sector, he added many industries are on the verge of turning into Non-Performing Assets.

"When there is no output, the industries won't bear the shock of reporting spontaneous losses. The industrialists are working on cost-competitiveness. The industrialists are failing to manage installments for loans," he said.

Principal Secretary, Power Development Department (PDD), H. Rajesh Prasad, Monday reviewed the power supply position in J&K and asked the engineers to strictly follow

the schedule, emphasizing that no unscheduled power cuts shall be tolerated. He also stressed that under no circumstances should J&K engage in overdrawal of power, which is important not only to stay within the budget but also to uphold grid discipline and prevent unwarranted disruptions in power supply.

Principal Secretary issued explicit instructions to the engineers to put an all out effort to eradicate the menace of power pilferage by adopting stringent enforcement measures. He asked to maintain regular power supply in areas where people are regularly paying for their consumption, whereas in high loss areas, measures like metering and AB cabling be taken on priority.

Principal Secretary noted with deep concern that despite dispatching more energy to the valley during this year compared to previous year, there has not been much improvement in the revenue realization. As such, he directed the concerned officers to ensure that the bills are timely generated and distributed to the consumers. He also directed that the power outages be attended promptly and faults be cleared with minimum downtime particularly the damaged Distribution Transformers (DT) be replaced in shortest possible time to avoid any inconvenience to people.

# Naid Kadal residents protest over drinking water shortage

SAJAD PEER

SRINAGAR: Residents of Kalaal Doori locality of Naid Kadal here on Tuesday staged a protest over water scarcity in their area.

"For last six months, we are not getting adequate water supply. We have been given assurances by authorities, but nothing has been done in this regard," the protesting women said.

They said that at a time when the administration is claiming to provide drinking water to each household, we have been deprived of the same for the last six months.

"We have been visiting the offices of Jal Shakti officials and the district administration, but the authorities are turning a deaf ear to our repeated pleas," they said.



They blamed the authorities for neglecting their repeated pleas. "We have been facing severe water shortage even as we informed the authorities several times, but to no avail," they said.

They appealed Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and officials of the concerned department to look into the matter and redress their genuine demand at the earliest.

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION GANDERBAL

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER CIVIL WORKS

#### SINGLE COVER SYSTEM (upto Rs.2.50 Crores)

EE/R&B/Divm/Gbl/e-Tender FreshNIT No.163 of 2023-24 issued under endorsement No.13545-50 Dated:20.11.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of the Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class Of Contactor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Upgradation of Children Park by way of repair/ Supply and Installation of new equipments including laying of G.I pipe fittings for P.C Block WMDA in Financial Year 2023-24.	Rs.4.99 Lacs	Rs.200/=	Rs.9980/=	45-Days	Capex Budget 2023-24	DEE
2.	Upgradation/ Repairs of damaged Two no. Wooden (Ferry Boats) atManasbal for the year 2023-24 under Capex Budget (2023-24).	Rs.5.00 Lacs	Rs.300/=	Rs.10,000/=	45-Days	Capex Budget 2023-24	DEE/CEE

Position of AAA:-Accorded, Position of funds:-Available.

1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities(B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	20-11-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	20-11-2023 from 4:00PM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	20-11-2023 from 4:00 PM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	25-11-2023 upto 4.00PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	28-11-2023 at 10:35 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderalbal

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Ganderalbal.

Note:-The Date of Treasury Challan and CDR must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date.:

Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.

1. The Bidders shall upload earnest money equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering pledged in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderalbal and 5% of the allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG by the successful bidder pledged in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderalbal. The Performance Security i.e.5% shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security/after award of the contract for the Work is issued.

2.1 Note:-All bidders shall submit the uploaded Treasury Challan in Original before issuance allotment.

3. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on WebSite www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Ganderalbal (tender receiving authority).

4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical

Earnest money shall be forfeited if:-

a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

c) Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

6(A) Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

6.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

6.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per information Technology Act-2000. Bidder scan get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

6.3 The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

6.4 Bids will be opened online as per timeschedule mentioned in Para-1.

6.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original photo copies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically I by registered post /through courier before the dates specified in Para-1.

6.6 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies and all other documents required as per NIT with technical bid. No document (s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained for technical evaluation in the form of hard copy. However in case of any clarification the bidders all have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

6.6(B) Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are forged/fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/bidder shall be recommended for blacklisting and debarred from taking part in tendering which the PWD/Other Departments for a period of one year in the first instance, besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.

7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

8. For item rate method the unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

9. The %age rate method requires the bidder to quote a percentage above/below/at par at the bottom of the BOQ percentage template for the work. The percentage quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

10. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

11. Price escalation on and Taxes:-deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor of the gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

12. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

13. In case of CRF and any other specified project. The relevant guidelines standard bidding document shall be followed.

14. Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded /submitted on the basis of which the Contract has been awarded are found fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor /bidder shall be blacklisted for participation in this division for a period of five years besides the Performance Security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.

15. Instructions to Bidder (ITB).

15.1 All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria qualification information with their bids:-

a) Copies of original documents defining constitution/legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with

b) Cell No. and Correspondence address.

c) Scanned copy of E-challan/Treasury receipt.

d) Scanned copy of Registration Card with latest renewal on JKPWOMS portal

e) Scanned copy of Valid GSTIN No.&PAN No.

f) Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of the Latest Quarter i.e. July-September 2023/Qualifying Month. ie, September-2023.

Illustrations:-

The bidder has to upload the latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of the Latest quarter. ie, July-September 2023/Qualifying Month. i.e, September-2023.

g. Bidders are advised to quote rate without GST. GST@18% Shall be added at the time of allotment by allotting authority.

All bidders shall upload Verification Certificate from concerned Chief Engineer /Superintending Engineer of Enlistment Registration Card

15.2 The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.

15.3 Non attendance of pre-bid meeting will not be because of disqualification of the bidder.

15.4 All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.

15.5 Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including earnest money and tender documents fee in terms of sop copies with technical bid. No document(s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of sop copies if need arises.

16. The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

17. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

No.13545-50 Dated:20-11-2023

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Executive Engineer

R&B Division Ganderalbal

# Footpath encroachments by shopkeepers in G'bal irk commuters

RAJA SYED RATHER

GANDERBAL: Residents in Ganderalbal said they are "tired of complaining about the difficulties" they face while commuting on roads and walking on footpaths across the markets in the district.

While police have taken some measures to clear up space on roads by challenging or seizing vehicles from no-parking zones, Municipal Committee Ganderalbal seems least bothered about clearing footpaths of encroachments in the town, locals said.

Although the MC Ganderalbal has launched several drives to clear encroachments from footpaths in some areas, it has failed to curb the menace permanently, they added.

As a result of the town's failure to maintain a close vigil over footpath encroachment, many shopkeepers and vendors continue to operate their businesses on the sidewalks, leaving no



room for people to stroll.

"All of the Beehama and Duderhama market's alleyways have sidewalks that have been encroached upon," a group of commuters told KNO.

Despite repeated efforts by police to improve traffic management, the jams persist, especially in the evenings, they said, adding that this is because vendors, shop owners and other commercial establishments encroach on the pavement.

Locals claim that many shop owners in several markets have illegally encroached upon sidewalks

and pavements by putting various goods in front of their stores, obstructing pedestrian movement.

"Majority of the footpaths in Ganderalbal town have been taken over by shopkeepers. As a result, we are forced to get down from the footpath to avoid bumping into street vendors or other pedestrians," said Basit Ahmad, a student.

"These shopkeepers and vendors choke the movement of traffic, causing inconvenience to common people. MC Ganderalbal is responsible for all this mess," he added.

Another local, Shakeel Ahmad from the main town, said, "I witnessed many times police removing some vendors, but as soon as the personnel disappear, the shopkeepers and vendors are reoccupying footpaths."

According to residents, shopkeepers ruin the market's appearance and make the lives of pedestrians "miserable".

"Shopkeepers now illegally consume footpaths for selling their products, forcing pedestrians to walk on roads, which is risky," they said.

Commuters have urged authorities to seriously look into the matter and take action against the encroaching shopkeepers.

When contacted, Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council Ganderalbal, Mirza Asif Ali Beigh said, "We will seriously look into the pathway encroachment. The street vendors will be relocated. Those who breach and occupy pavements will face serious penalties."—(KNO)

# Bajwani lacks sports facilities, players demand completion of work on stadiums

JAHANGEER GANAIE

PULWAMA: Lack of basic facilities at the sports ground situated at Bajwani in Tral is causing distress to players.

Several athletes from Tral thanked the government for constructing Indoor sports stadium. But they said work on cricket and football stadiums has not been completed so far.

Despite being a historic ground, players from every nook and corner of Kashmir are coming to play here but they suffer in absence of facilities, they said.

Kaiser Ahmad, a local said that work on football stadium has left midway while cricket stadium needs immediate leveling, space for dug out, seating arrangements and wash-room facilities

He said that the valley is facing the nuisance of drug addiction which is mainly due to lack of recreational opportunities given to youth and development of such

playgrounds are very vital to keep them away from drugs.

Mehraj Ahmad another player said that several times officials visited the ground and assured that it will be transformed into a proper stadium but nothing has been done so far.

He added that the ground

is lying in dilapidated condition and there is no toilet, washroom facilities, no fencing, no proper leveling, no water and electricity facilities available amid the claims that lakhs have been spent on the ground. Several players said the government must investigate where the money was spent.

They said that due to unbalanced leveling, players most often suffer injuries while playing at the stadium.

Players said that if this ground was developed on modern lines, it would help players to nourish their talent and prove their mettle at mega stages—(KNO)

## OFFICE OF THE BLOCK MEDICAL OFFICER RAJPORA

### TENDER NOTICE

Due to poor response of tenderers in submitting the tenders called vide this office Tender Notice No:BMO-Raj/Actt/-3022-24 Dated;-03-11-2023 published on 03 leading newspapers Kashmir monitor, Subha Kashmir & State Post on November -04-2023. The submission of Tenders for PVC, Ceiling of two Theatres namely General Theatre and Ophthalmology for betterment of patient care at CHC Rajpora is extended up to 03-12-2023 03:00 Pm. However the terms and conditions will remain same as envisaged in the Tender Notice already published by this office vide No:BMO-Raj/Actt/-3022-24 Dated;-03-11-2023

No:BMO/Raj/Actt/3139-42 Dated:21-11-2023

DIPK-12600-23 DT: 21/11/2023

Sd/= Block Medical Officer Rajpora.



# Don't de-club the clubbed schools on your own: Authorities to CEOs

RIYAZ BHAT

SRINAGAR: Authorities on Tuesday asked Chief Education Officers (CEOs) of Jammu and Kashmir not to de-club the clubbed schools by their own.

Project Director, Samagra Shiksha J&K, Deep Raj in a communication said this while issuing the instructions for de-clubbing the clubbed institutions in the respective districts of the CEOs as per the feasibility and norms governing the field. "It is to mention here that the Chief Education officers of some of the districts of UT have been requesting this office to grant them permission for de-clubbing the clubbed institutions shown in UDISE+ 2023-24 in their respective area of their



jurisdictions," Raj said.

The Project Director also said that the clubbing of the schools has been done as per the lists furnished by their offices after seeking necessary approval from the Administrative Department.

"All the Chief Education Officers are therefore enjoined upon not to make any de-clubbing of the clubbed schools at their

own level which may invite action against such defaulting officers," it reads.

The communicate however said that in any such request of extreme exigency with full justification and background thereof may kindly be routed through Director School Education Jammu and Kashmir, so that same is placed before Administrative Department for a deci-

sion on the matter as per merit of the case.

In the previous year, the School Education Department has said that it will merge nearly 800 government schools with low student enrollment.

It has also said that the merging of such schools is to be done in the backdrop of the disproportionate Teacher Pupil Ratio (TPR). The government had also said that the students of those schools that will be merged and will fall out of the catchment area would be given transportation charges of Rs 500 each month.

Pertinently, the School Education Department in the previous fiscal has said that it had identified more than 1200 such government schools that were having low enrollment of students—(KNO)

# Land issues of Jammu Airport Expansion resolved

Div Com directs Airport Authority to initiate work

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JAMMU: Marking a significant breakthrough, all land issues pertaining to the expansion of Jammu Airport have been successfully resolved. Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar, chaired a meeting Tuesday, directing the Airport Authority Jammu to initiate the long-awaited project.

During the meeting, it was revealed that the majority of the required land has already been provided to the Airport Authority. Land with few structures of Animal Husbandry at Belicharna was pending. The Director of Animal Husbandry reported that the remaining structures on the pending land are now vacant, paving the way for the smooth execution of work.



To ensure a seamless execution of the prestigious project, the Divisional Commissioner instructed the Director of Animal Husbandry at Belicharna, the Director of Animal Husbandry reported that the remaining structures on the pending land are now vacant, paving the way for the smooth execution of work.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Director

Animal Husbandry Shubhra Sharma and Director Airport S K Garg and other concerned officers.

Earlier, the Divisional Commissioner chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners through video conferencing to review the stamp duty rates revision.

He directed Deputy Commissioners to hold

meetings of District Level Committees and send proposals to Divisional level committee for finalization of revised stamp duty rates of immovable property.

VC JDA, DC Stamps, Director Agriculture, Chief Engineer Irrigation besides officers of Forest, Revenue and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

# J&K Fisheries deptt ranks top among best-performing districts

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AHMEDABAD: Receiving high recognition and appreciation at the national level, the Department of Fisheries ranked top among the best performing districts across all Union Territories of the Country for vigorous development of fish and fisheries in the Jammu and Kashmir.

Anantnag district, which has been privileged with this outstanding achievement, was presented a trophy and a certificate of merit. The felicitation was conferred on the occasion of World Fisheries Day celebrated at National level in Gujarat Science City, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

The event was inaugurated and presided over by Purshotam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

The function was attended by the fisheries fraternity of National and International repute. On the occasion, Union Minister recognized and appreciated efforts of the department for development of Fisheries particularly Cold water in the UT of J&K. He emphasized that Government of India has launched a number of schemes for promotion of fish marketing, branding and export under PMMSY. He exhorted upon the youth to take the benefit of such schemes for development of market linkage in

the form of cold chain to get remunerative prices for their produce.

Pertinently, Kashmir region of J&K is epicenter for the development of Cold water Fisheries and under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and guidance of Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar various steps are being taken by the UT govtmtn for enhancing the productivity as well as income of Fishers. Special subsidy component has been kept for the UT to attract more farmers for adopting this profitable venture.

Director Fisheries, Mohammad Farooq Dar, said that the focus of the department is to make farmers more resourceful through implementation of various schemes for marketing of trout and also for export to other States.

Anantnag is in the forefront of Trout Production and a hub of Trout production among all the districts of the country. Besides, the district is traversed by different trout streams being angled by the esteemed anglers both local and foreigner and thus an explicit boost to the ecotourism. Effective implementation of the schemes like PMMSY, HADP, FIDF etc envisages the trout production to be doubled during the next five years creating gainful employment opportunities for educated unemployed youth.

# Shopian's Daramdora village faces prolonged water shortage 'for years'

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SHOPIAN: Residents of Daramdora village in Keegam hamlet of south Kashmir's Shopian district are grappling with a severe shortage of potable water that has persisted for "several years".

According to locals, the water supply scheme for the area was established in the 1980s to serve approximately five villages. "However, the population has expanded nearly four times since its inception, but the infrastructure has not improved," they said. Daramdora village, in particular, has been facing a prolonged water crisis, with no significant improvements to date, they added.

Abbas Ahmad, a resident, said the existing pipeline is in a deteriorated condition and is no longer capable of meeting the demands of the connected households. While some residences received water for a period, newer houses constructed in the last ten years are yet to be included in the supply network, he said.

Aijaz Ahmad, another local, expressed frustration over the decade-long



wait for water supply. "Due to the absence of potable water, we are compelled to fetch drinking from a nearby canal, which has led to illnesses, particularly among the elderly and children," he said.

Residents criticised authorities for risking their lives by not addressing the issue. They further said that there is no drinking water supply facility available for a school where around 200 students are enrolled.

Despite bringing the matter to the attention of higher authorities on numerous occasions, no tangible action was taken, they alleged. An official from the Jal Shakti Department said that the area is now included in the Jal Jeevan Mission. "The work on a scheme costing approximately Rs 3.5 crore is going on," he said, adding that the water supply would be restored soon—(KNO)

# Labour dept in action, rescues 8 juveniles in two days from Sgr parts

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

SRINAGAR: In a swift operation, the labour department has swung into action to curb child labour by rescuing at least eight juveniles in two days from Srinagar parts.

An official from the labour department said that the child rescue drive was planned by the department in Lal Chowk and adjacent areas of Srinagar in order to check for child labour in Srinagar City and to inform the people about child labour.

Assistant Labour Commissioner Srinagar, Arshid Qadir said that a team of labour department officials raided various shops in Lal Chowk in the past two days and found the two juveniles working at Shakti Sweet Shop Srinagar. "The officials immediately rescued the juveniles and asked the shop owner to submit age proof within two days, failing which they would face legal consequences," he said.

Qadir said that a total of

eight children have been rescued since yesterday (Monday).

About age proof of child labours, Qadir said that as per the honourable Supreme Court, an Aadhar Card is not a valid age proof and that a school certificate or a medical report will be considered as valid age proof.

"The child labour needs to be properly checked whether the individual is working with family on his own, or with someone else. The drive will continue till December," Qadir said, adding that they are focusing on the drive in concentrated areas. He sought people's cooperation in curbing the child labour menace in Srinagar.

Asked about beggars in Srinagar, Qadir said that they first have to investigate the matter. "There is a need for a full-fledged team from the Labour department and anti-trafficking unit to nail the child begging nexus. We are working on a plan to check the child-beggin menace also," he said—(KNO)

# Div Com reviews arrangements for annual Jhiri Mela

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the arrangements being put in place by different departments for annual Jhiri Mela 2023.

The arrangements discussed in the meeting mainly included sanitation, uninterrupted electricity, ensuring of regular and safe drinking water, security arrangements, adequate stocks of ration, provision of health facilities, mobile toilets, accommodation for the devotees, deployment of fire tenders at the venue.

The Div Com emphasized on maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in and around the vicinity during Jhiri Mela and directed the concerned departments to place dustbins in and around the temple.

The R&B department was asked to complete the blacktopping and up-gradation work of approach roads to Jhiri well before commencing of the Mela.

Jal Shakti Department was asked to ensure uninterrupted water supply with provision for additional water tanks at Langer sites.

The Div Com also directed the line departments to install their departmental stalls to disseminate awareness about Government schemes especially among the farmers.

Inquiring about the cultural programmes, the Div Com directed Secretary JKAACL and Director Tourism to make all necessary arrangements for the same.

The Div Com also reviewed in detail traffic arrangement and instructed concerned officers to formulate a traffic management plan well before the Mela for smooth flow of traffic.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya; Director Tourism, Vivekanand Rai; SSP Jammu, SSP Traffic besides HoDs of RDD, Jal Shakti, and senior officers of PWD, Health, JPDC, SDM Marh.

# DIPR participates in prestigious 54th IFFI, 17th NFDC Film Bazaar in Goa

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GOA: Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), J&K is participating in prestigious 54th Annual International Film Festival India (IFFI) and 17th edition of NFDC Film Bazaar being held at Goa from 20th to 28th November 2023.

The festival is being attended by international film stakeholders from multiple countries like Russia, Canada, UK, South Africa, among others. Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, MP, Gujarat, Bihar, Uttarakhand, and Chhattisgarh are also participating in this grand event.

On the second day of the event, DIPR team led by Nodal Officer, J&K Film Policy, actively participated in 17th edition of NFDC Film Bazaar, an essential marketplace for film professionals, creating opportunities for collaboration and distribution. The team actively engaged with reputed international filmmakers from countries like United Kingdom, Russia, South Korea and others as well as the renowned filmmakers of India and representatives of Indian



Motion Producers Association, PHD Chamber of Commerce and industry, New Delhi, Indian Television Academy at the JK stall of Film Bazaar providing a space for networking and the exploration of new cinematic ventures across Jammu and Kashmir.

The DIPR team during the interaction highlighted the main facets of J&K Film Policy with the visitors and addressed their queries diligently. Jammu and Kashmir is

one of the focus film destinations with 23rd November being focus day for J&K. The DIPR will be pitching the new J&K Film Policy and film Tourism destinations on this day and the activities will include panel discussions, presentations and screening of videos about the film policy and films being shot in J&K.

The team is represented by Joint Director, DIPR, Vivek Puri; Nodal Officer, J&K, Film Policy,

Afaq Gadda; AO, DIPR, Hitesh Choudhary, Tourist Officer, Hyderabad, Mohammad Sajid Kirmani and Film Librarian, Abid Hussain.

Pertinently, the multi-venue festival is being hosted by Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and was inaugurated by Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anuragh Thakur. The festival features film makers and artists from across countries and abroad.

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## JAMMU & KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD

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Short Term Notice inviting Quotations for providing of Catering and Tentage services to JKSSB during conduct of outdoor Physical Standard Test/ Physical Endurance Test of candidates at "designated site" in Srinagar city of J&K.

Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board invites sealed offers from reputed/experienced catering and tentage agencies having valid GST No. for providing Catering and Tentage services to JKSSB during conduct of outdoor Physical Standard Test/ Physical Endurance Test of candidates at "designated site" in Srinagar city of J&K on 2nd, 3rd and 4th of December 2023. The details of the designated site shall be share with the successful agency in due course of time.

The bidder is required to submit two sealed envelopes one for the technical bid and other for financial bid.

The technical bid envelop should have the following documents:

- EMD of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand) pledged in favour of Accounts Officer, Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board in the form of CDR/FDR.
- PAN and GST Registration Certificate of the agency.
- Experience of providing tentage/catering services to any Govt. Department/Board/PSU/ Body etc. (Job orders/agreement/completion certificates to be enclosed)

The financial bid envelop should have:

Bid amount quoted by the agency as per below mentioned Performa on the official letter head of the agency: -

S. No.	Item Required (Scope of work)	Quoted rates including taxes
1	Breakfast - Stuffed Prantha, Curd, Tea, Pickle or Bread butter/ Bread Omelette - 50 Pax (on 02.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
2	Lunch - One Dal/Rajmah, One vegetable, Rice, Chapattis, Salad, Water - 50 Pax (on 02.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
3	Morning Tea - Tea, Biscuits - 50 Pax (on 02.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
4	Evening Tea - Tea, Pakoras - 50 Pax (on 02.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
5	Waterproof Tentage enclosure with lights and carpets (Canopy) 15' x 30' - 3 Number (tents to be installed w.e.f. 01.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
6	Waterproof Tentage enclosure with lights and carpets (Canopy) 30' x 60' - 4 Number (tents to be installed w.e.f. 01.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
7	Waterproof Tentage enclosure with lights and carpets (Canopy) 30' x 30' - 1 Number (tents to be installed w.e.f. 01.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
8	Bamboo Canopy (Double Waterproof) 18' (h) x 10' x 14' - 1 Number (tents to be installed w.e.f. 01.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
9	Dunlop Chairs with covers - 30 Number (to be provided from 02.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
10	Plastic Chairs - 30 Number (to be provided from 02.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
11	Sofa Set - 7 Seater (to be provided from 02.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
12	Table (5x3) - 25 Number (to be provided from 02.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
13	Genset 20 KVA with fuel and wires - to be provided from 02.12.2023 to 04.12.2023	
14	Electric Wires, LED Lights, Halogen Lights and Switch Boards (in sufficient number); Change Over 32 Amp and one Public Address System along with electricians for making electric connections.	
15	Coal Anglithis along with Coal/Charcoal - 20 Number (to be provided from 02.12.2023 to 04.12.2023)	
Total		

Terms and Conditions -

- The financial bid of only technically qualified agencies shall be opened and the agency quoting the lower bid will be offered the work.
- The agency quoting lowest cumulative total will be awarded the work.
- The agency shall be bound to provide any additional manpower required.
- The agency shall be responsible providing of all the services on time.
- The agency shall be responsible for maintaining the quality of service.
- The agency shall have to execute the task as per the directions of the department.
- The rates shall be inclusive of the taxes and other charges.
- The process may be withdrawn at any stage, even after the opening of the financial bids.
- The decision of the JKSSB shall be final and binding upon the agency.
- Payment shall be released only after the successful delivery of the service.
- Subletting of work will not be allowed.
- The agency shall be responsible for providing the hygienic food items.
- The agency shall have to provide all the items. Partial bids shall not be accepted.

The sealed offer/envelop shall be accepted in Office of Accounts Officer, JKSSB, Zum Zum Building, Rambagh, Srinagar w.e.f. 22.11.2023 to 24.11.2023 from 11.00 A.M to 4.30 P.M. The last date for submission of bids shall be 24.11.2023 up to 4.30 P.M. The bids shall be opened on 24.11.2023 at 04.45 PM and shall be finalized.

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Good Morning **Kashmir**

EDITORIAL

## March Train

**K**ashmiris have always waited for spring to come. The onset of spring has been eulogized in our folk literature. Our folk songs are filled with the English equivalent of, "If winter comes, can spring be behind?" at numerous places. This has more to do with the harsh winter months, the lack of proper daylight, the cold temperatures, the indoor lifestyle, and the lack of employment opportunities. Once the spring comes Kashmiris head to the almond alcoves and welcome spring with utmost glee. However, this winter will be a special one. This winter Kashmiris would be anticipating rail connectivity with the Jammu region in March 2024. It would be one of the greatest events in the history of Kashmir and every Kashmiri is eagerly waiting for the rail connectivity to start between Jammu and Srinagar. It will herald a new era of development and prosperity for the valley of Kashmir. All this was possible due to the constant efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the tiresome efforts of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. Recently there was an indirect reference by a senior leader in Modi's cabinet that the rail would be chugging between Jammu and Srinagar in this financial year only. The announcement was received with tremendous joy by all sectors of Kashmir's socio-economic sphere. The tourism sector would be a direct and the most prominent beneficiary of this rail connectivity. It would help keep the soaring airfare fares in check as the sole rail connectivity will disrupt the supply-demand equation. There would be more people flocking to Kashmir valley as the cumulative cost of a tour to Kashmir would be comparatively lesser now. There would be millions and millions of tourists milling in and out of Kashmir now. This coupled with a new expressway which is planned in 2025 between Delhi and Jammu would help boost Kashmir's tourism potential tremendously. The Horticulture sector is also upbeat because now it would be even easier and cheaper to transport horticultural produce to Delhi and other metropolitan cities in India. This indeed would disrupt the horticulture sector as well. This spring indeed would be a special one. The union government and LG administration have indeed heralded a new era in the development of Kashmir valley as well as Jammu region. Hope the train brings new joys and blessings to Kashmir's economy.

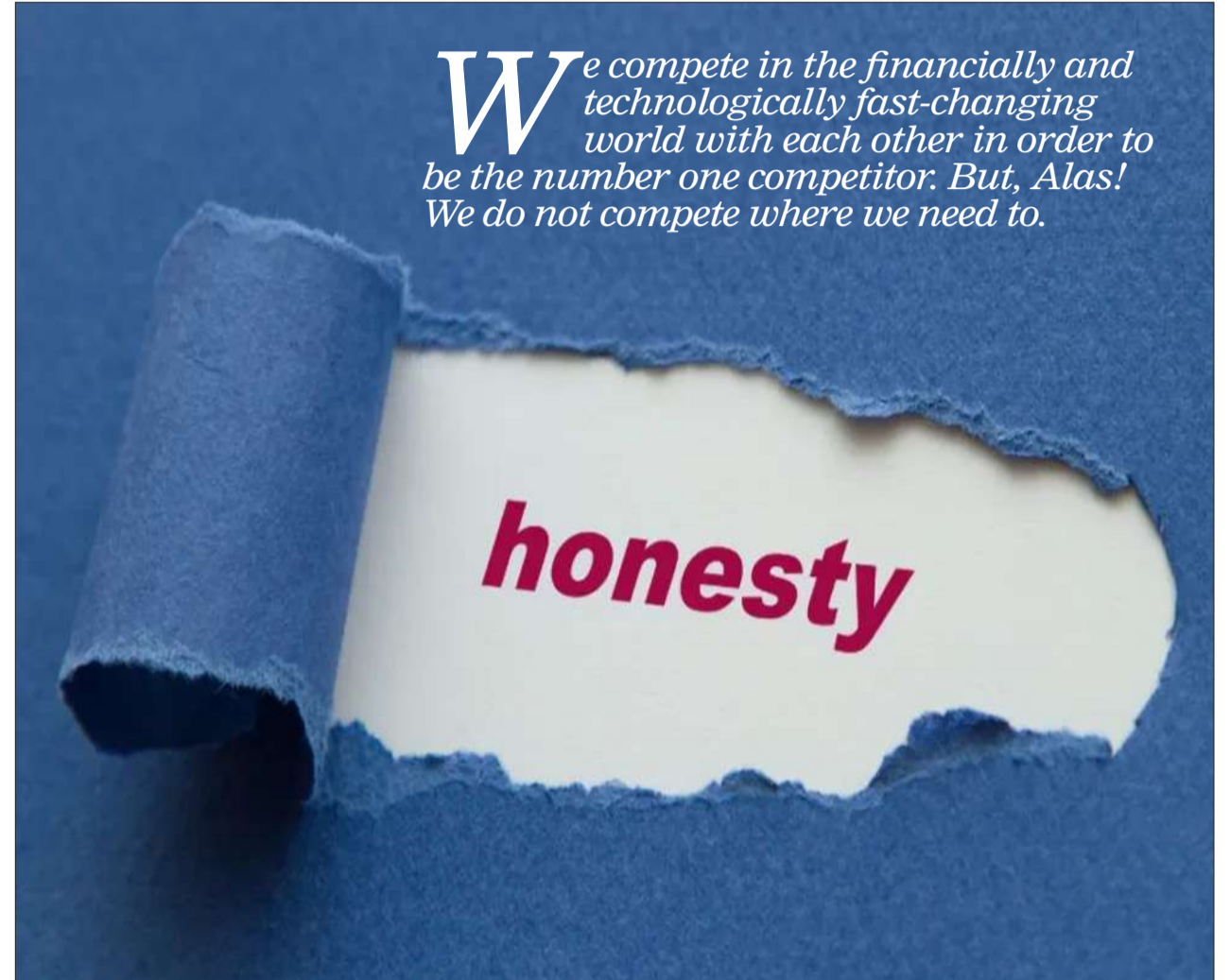


DR. BILAL AHMAD DAR

**H**e who lives without discipline dies without honour. This Icelandic proverb purports beautifully the need of discipline and honour in one's life. There are some many tangible things and ethics that add grace and beauty to our personality. In the present time, well settled life, luxurious car, grand house displaying space and magnanimity etc. make our life impactful and impressive among the echelons of the society in which we live.

If we are financially sound and well-off, we may definitely make an imaginable impact in the society that respects only those who display financial grace and economic clout. But in my opinion, the respect and kudos served to us by people because of our financial superiority is but fake, transitory, and have only an existence of a bubble. Barring these tangible things, there are many other aspects and ethics that may certainly earn respect and honour for us. We compete with one another in the field of finance, ostentation, affectation, and all that. But there are some fields where we lag behind and do not compete with one another. Such fields where there is no competition are honesty and discipline.

We compete in the financially and technologically fast-changing world with each other in order to be the number one competitor. But, Alas! We do not compete where we need to. No doubt, competition in the areas of economy and finance is the need of the hour, but while competing there, we must not shun the ethics of honesty and discipline. Balance has to be maintained and the lop-sided aspect of living has to be avoided. Once this is followed, it naturally gives birth to honesty and discipline. "The only way to achieve greatness in life is to have patience,



consistency, and discipline", so says, David Goggins.

If money lends financial grace and security to us, honesty and discipline certainly earn us long-lasting respect. They are the two soft skills that also leave an impression on others. We must make an honest display of discipline and honesty wherever we are for it is well said by C.S Lewis that integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching. Honesty and discipline are two graceful badges that enhance our grace even if we are financially precarious. But irony of this fast changing world where there is 'dog-eat-dog competition' is that honesty and discipline are found now only in the residual form. Nowadays, our ethic system has collapsed.

Only those people are revered and respected who have mastery over cunningness and chicanery.

It is a platitude that honesty is the best policy. But this platitude needs to be deconstructed because if it is policy then it is not honesty for the word 'policy' has something to do with 'politics.' It is germane to quote Richard Whately who says, "Honesty is the best policy, but he who is governed by it is not an honest man." Honest is in no way a policy. It is only an ethic of a well-governed and well-disciplined life. We must live our life on the principles of honesty and discipline. Both these ethics are religiously and socially demanding. We must endeavor to have mastery on them for they are the two valuable badges of honour.

When one dies no one talks about his/her richness or poverty. Everyone speaks about his/ her way of life religiously and socially. So, finally, it is not our economic condition that becomes the moot point but how we have lived our life. If we live our life on the principles and parameters of honesty and discipline, they will surely be the honorable badges of our afterlife. Thereby hangs a tale!

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## Decline In Community Integrity In Modern Times



AUBAID AKHOON

**W**ithin the intricate fabric of contemporary society, there exists a disheartening reality – communities that have strayed from their fundamental principles. Let us delve into the underlying issues afflicting these communities, where the inebriation of adversarial divisions, the pervasive influence of hunting-centered Vlogs and Blogs, and the seductive allure of falsehood have taken root.

The Enigma of Adversarial Division: Communities that were once bound by a shared purpose and common values now grapple with the corrosive impact of adversarial division. Disagreements, once fertile ground for growth, have transformed into ceaseless, often acrimonious conflicts that obscure the path to consensus and collective progress. The allure of adversaries blinds individuals to the potential inherent in dialogue, compromise, and constructive collaboration, which should serve as the very foundation of community life.

The Sway of Hunting-Focused Vlogs and Blogs: In an era where the influ-



ence of media and influencers reigns supreme, we bear witness to a disquieting trend. Particular communities have fallen under the pervasive sway of hunting-focused Vlogs and Blogs, which extol violence and desensitize individuals to the sanctity of life and the delicate equilibrium of the natural world. Countering this indoctrination necessitates the cultivation of criti-

cal thinking and the promotion of responsible media consumption, which are indispensable tools to resist the erosion of empathy and compassion.

The Alluring Guise of Deception: Falsehood, often shrouded in an enchanting facade, has become an insidious presence within the very core of some communities. In an era inundated with information, trust

in credible sources, rigorous fact-checking, and a vigilant skepticism stand as the bulwarks against the corrosion of a community's essence. When falsehood becomes the prevailing narrative, the very underpinnings of trust, vital for any community's flourishing, disintegrate.

Bottom line: it is the collective responsibility of all of us to preserve the integrity of our communities.

We must champion open dialogue, nurture critical thinking, and steadfastly uphold truth and empathy as guiding principles. Pity alone is inadequate; it is our unified actions that will redirect our communities onto a path of reason, compassion, and authenticity

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# Goa To Paris: Growing Call To Find All TB To Stop TB



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**N**ot just a Portuguese connection, Goa also has a Paris link now. The “Global Call to find all TB to stop TB” which was launched earlier this month in Goa, India was in the prime spotlight at the World Conference on Lung Health 2023 in Paris.

The Paris conference reverberated with the loud and clear call: “We must find all TB to end TB”, given by Dr. Guy Marks, President of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease - The Union. This was followed by the unambiguous statement: “The best treatments in the world will not be useful if we cannot find the people who need them,” of Dr Nina Russell, Bill and Melina Gates Foundation.

## Find all TB to stop TB

Earlier this month in Goa, a multistakeholder conference on the theme “Find All TB to Stop TB” opened with recommendations from a consultative conference held right after the United Nations High-Level Meeting on TB in Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu, India, and hosted by Rainbow TB Forum and Blossom Trust. One of the recommendations was: “India has efficient TB testing methods (such as, WHO recommended laboratory-independent, point-of-care and de-centralized molecular test), but we need to make sure that everyone has access to them as per the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines.” The first action point that emerged from this conference was: “We need to ensure that TB tests that underperform - like smear microscopy - are replaced 100% by laboratory-independent, point-of-care and decentralized molecular testing at the earliest, and communities are made aware about their existence and demand for them.”

The science- and evidence-backed call to governments globally, to replace microscopy with the upfront rapid molecular test for TB (because microscopy underperforms in diagnosing TB and thereby misses TB cases) has been there for several years - but shockingly, action has been sketchy. This call to replace microscopy with upfront molecular tests is also among the key actions enshrined in the WHO Director General’s flagship initiative to Find. Treat. All (first launched in 2018). One of the promises that were made by world leaders at the recently concluded UN High-Level Meeting on TB in September 2023 also re-echoed this call for 100% upfront molecular testing for TB.

But action is dismal. The latest WHO Global TB Report 2023 released earlier this month shows that more than half of notified cases of active TB disease did not receive a molecular test but got a microscopy test which misses TB (globally only 47% of notified people with TB received a molecular test diagnosis in 2022).

## Early and accurate diagnosis breaks the chain of TB transmission

Presenting the Global Call to “Find All TB to Stop TB” in an official press meet of the World Conference on Lung Health in Paris ([www.bit.ly/findalltb](http://www.bit.ly/findalltb)), Dr Tara Singh Bam (The Union’s Asia Pacific Regional Director) shared that this call has received over 250 endorsements from over 30 countries worldwide in less than two weeks since its launch in Goa, India.



“Early and accurate TB diagnosis is not only a critical gateway to TB care pathway but also a public health and human rights imperative. It helps stop the spread of TB infection as well as reduces unnecessary human suffering and risk of

to do this, we will keep missing TB cases despite having the best of tools in the labs. Additionally, we must ensure that the full cascade of TB care services is people centred.

“We have to rethink what are the missing services that are failing us

mentally people-centric model to diagnose TB, leaving no one behind. Secondly, we have to find the people which the TB program is currently missing. We have to screen all people with TB in high-burden settings and offer them the best of molecular

engage local leaders for a well-coordinated integrated health response will also wreak havoc on sustainable development.

“End TB agenda warrants action from not just the health sector but all other sectors. Whole of society and whole of government approach is critical, especially at the sub-national level to advance progress on Find All TB, Treat All TB, and Prevent All TB,” said Dr Bam. We must protect not only the rights and responsibilities of people with TB but also those without TB as they may be at risk of TB.

Agrees Dr Guy Marks, President of The Union. “We have focussed almost entirely on people who have TB and their immediate contacts but in fact we have not focussed enough on the rest of the community who do not have TB, and who do not want to get TB. We need to focus on the rights of people to protect themselves from getting TB in high-burden settings.”

In a high TB burden setting, everyone is exposed to the TB bacteria. “That is why we have to screen everyone for TB, find all TB, treat all TB,” said Dr Marks.

Over 70 years ago when there was no TB treatment, people with TB were housed in sanatoria to prevent further infection transmission. But now with effective TB treatments, people with TB disease become non-infectious soon after being put on treatment.

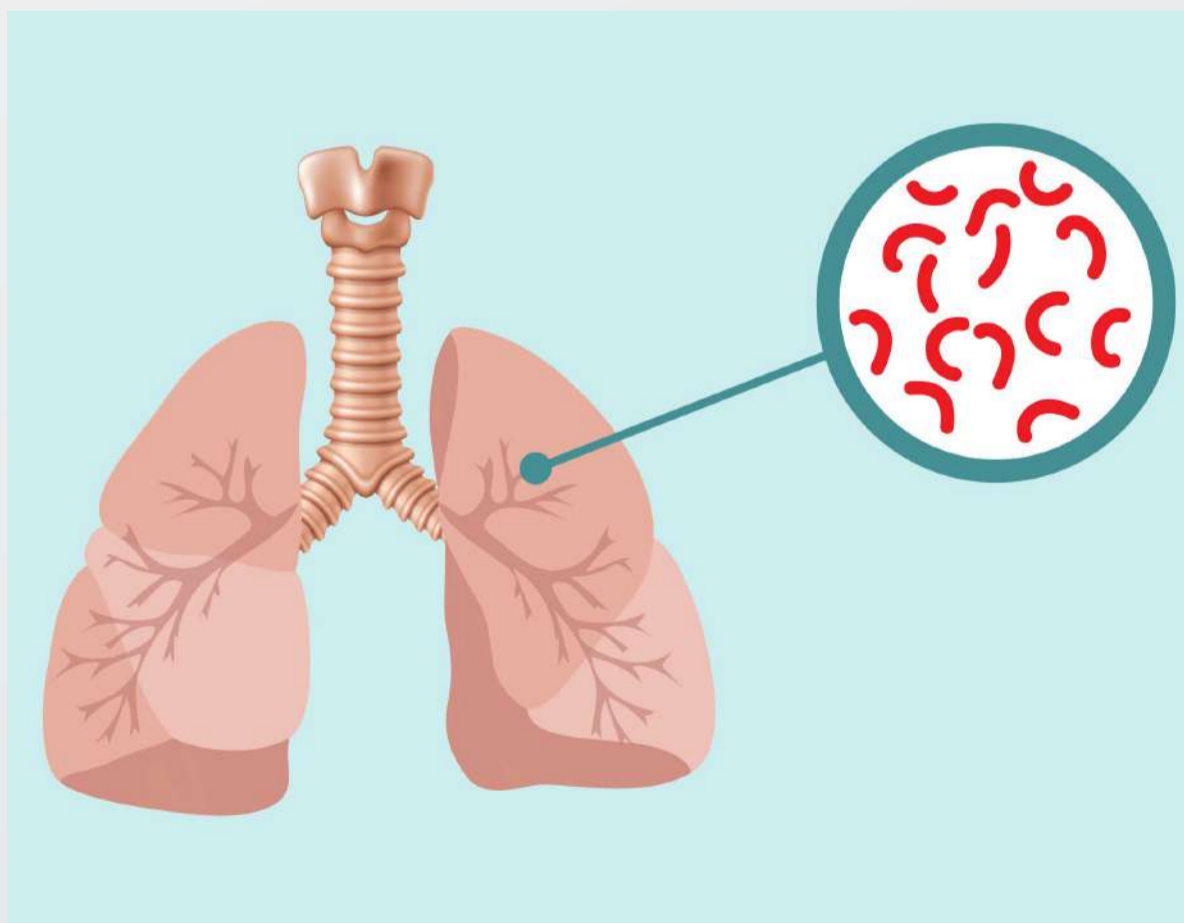
“In high TB burden settings, many people with TB may not have symptoms. It is important to screen everyone with WHO-recommended tools and offer them WHO-recommended molecular test upfront and get them onto treatment quickly.

## What is the right TB target?

“The right TB target should not be the number of people we find with TB, but those we do not find,” said Dr Guy Marks. We have to stop missing all TB cases if we are to end TB.

**Endorse the global call to find all TB to stop TB: [www.bit.ly/findalltb](http://www.bit.ly/findalltb)**

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untimely deaths due to TB,” added Dr Tara Singh Bam, who is also the Board Director of Asia Pacific Cities Alliance for Health and Development (APCAT). APCAT had co-hosted the ‘Find All TB to Stop TB’ meet in Goa, India, along with TB People (India), Asia Pacific Media Alliance for Health and Development, Global AMR Media Alliance (GAMA), Molbio Diagnostics, Journalists Against TB, and other partners.

## Bring lab to the people

Bringing “lab to the people” (and not people to the lab) is the first vital step towards finding TB. If we fail

on #EndTB. One of the urgent priorities is to bring WHO recommended TB diagnostics closer to the point-of-need,” rightly said Tariro Kutadza, a force for change for people-centred TB and HIV responses in Zimbabwe and Southern Africa. She is also represented on the Union Community Advisory Panel.

The global call to find all TB to stop TB has 1 key ask: stop missing TB cases with at least two actions: firstly, we need to ensure that 100% replacement of smear microscopy with WHO-recommended molecular tests becomes a reality as soon as possible, along with a paradigm shift from a lab-centric to a funda-

testing and linkage to the TB care continuum.

## End the deadly divide between Global Goals and Local Realities

“We must translate the Global Goals and Agenda 2030 at local level. We have global goals but why are there no local goals and targets?” rightly asks Dr Tara Singh Bam. We have to end the deadly divide between global goals and local realities first if we are to progress toward sustainable development.

Dr Bam stressed upon pivotal leadership of sub-national governments in translating global promises into ground realities. Failing to



# DPO Reviews Preparations For VBSY In Kupwara

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**KUPWARA:** District Prabhari Officer, Dr. Rajiv Kumar Tiwari Tuesday visited Kupwara district and convened a meeting of District Officers to review the preparations for conduct of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan; ADDC, Altaf Ahmad Khan, ADC Handwara, ADC Kupwara, JD Planning, PO ICDS and other district officers attended the meeting.

On the occasion, the DC briefed the chair through



a detailed powerpoint presentation about the plan for implementation of VBS

Yatra in the district. She informed that the District Administration Kupwara is

geared up to conduct VBS Yatra in a hassle free and seamless manner in all 385

Panchayats and 39 Municipal Wards of the district. The District Prabhari

Officer got detailed feedback from the concerned district officers about their role and plan for the implementation of the VBS Yatra. He impressed upon all the concerned officers to ensure utmost coordination at different levels for the smooth & successful conduct of the activities under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the district. He asked them to ensure putting in place a plan of activities to be conducted on the next day during the Yatra campaign, well in advance. The Prabhari Officer

asked the Police department to ensure proper security arrangements for the IEC Vans going across the Panchayats. He asked the JD Planning to ensure close monitoring of uploading of VBSY activities at the district level.

Regarding the Route Plan of IEC Vans, the District Prabhari Officer directed the ARTO Kupwara to ensure timely arrival and departure of the IEC Vans at the designated venues besides sharing of reports about IEC vans on a daily basis with the District Administration.

## ADDC B'pora Conducts Physical Verification Of Dev Works



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**BANDIPORA:** On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Tuesday conducted physical verification of various developmental works in Block Bonakoot and Municipal Council (MC) Bandipora.

The team undertook a thorough inspection of various developmental works. The objective of the verification was to assess the progress and quality

of ongoing developmental projects, reaffirming the commitment to efficient governance and community development.

Hakak emphasized the importance of regular inspections to ensure that public funds are utilized judiciously and that the projects align with the envisioned outcomes.

During the verification process, the team evaluated infrastructure projects, public amenities, and other developmental initiatives.

The ADDC was accompanied by concerned officials of the block besides the concerned of R&B department.

## 'World Fisheries Day' Celebrated In Ganderbal

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**GANDERBAL:** The 'World Fisheries Day' was Tuesday celebrated with full zeal and zest at Trout Fish Farm Mammur, here in solidarity with the fishermen and fish farmers of Ganderbal.

The day is celebrated worldwide every year to pay tribute to the fishermen community who contribute to 25% of the total protein requirement of the human population.

The celebration was presided over by ADDC Ganderbal, Mush-taq Ahmed Simnani; SDM Kangan, Javid Ahmed Rather, Scientists from SKUAST (K) and Central University were also present.

A huge gathering of students and farmers were also present on the occasion.

The program was conducted in collaboration with KVK and the Department of Fisheries, Ganderbal.

Appreciating the efforts of the Fisheries department, ADDC Ganderbal applauded the importance of the world Fisheries day and emphasized the need for sustainable fisheries in and around the world.

SDM Kangan praised the efforts put in by all the stakeholders for management and conservation of Fisheries resources in the state of J&K, with particular reference to District Ganderbal.



Earlier, Assistant Director Fisheries Ganderbal, Salman Rauof Chalkoo briefed the audience about the importance of World Fisheries Day along with the efforts put in by the Department of Fisheries for farmer upliftment and economic upgradation.

In consonance with Yuva Vani under HADP, the students were

briefed about the holistic approach to be adopted by the young generation to adopt fish farming and other agricultural practices.

The students of the central university Kashmir presented two cultural events of Kashmiri attire.

The magazine on Holistic Agricultural Development plan was also showcased during the event.

## Dir Agri Inaugurates 2 Days CBPP On Promotion Of Oilseeds

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**SRINAGAR:** The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Tuesday inaugurated two days Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on promotion of Oilseeds crops at Harwan Srinagar.

In his address to the participants, Director Agriculture highlighted the importance of Oilseed (mustard) crops in the rural economy of the region. He said that from the last few years the department is working on a comprehensive plan to bring newer areas under the cultivation of oilseed (Mustard). He said that under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) a special project has been approved for the promotion of Oilseeds (Mustard).

Director Agriculture asked the farmers to adopt an organic way of cultivation for more and more Agriculture crops. He impressed upon the concerned officers to increase awareness among the farmers regarding the adverse impact of chemical fertilizers on the soil health.

Iqbal underscored the importance of the Skilled farming community and said that in coming times the skilled farming community would play a pivotal role in the success story of the agriculture sector. He reiterated the department's commitment to the Capacity building of the farmers. He said that it is a continuous process and will go on.

Besides a large number of participants, Chief Agriculture Officer Srinagar, senior officers of the department were present on the occasion.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE .....

### Foggy Morning

Several other areas including Qazigund, Kokernag and Kupwara also recorded the coldest night of the season.

In Qazigund, the mercury settled at minus 0.8 degree Celsius, in Pahalgam, the mercury settled at minus 2.9 degree Celsius.

In Kupwara, the mercury settled at minus 0.8 degree Celsius. Similar temperature was recorded in the district last night, thus marking the coldest night of the season for the second straight day.

In Konibal Pulwama, a minimum temperature of minus 4.4 degree Celsius was recorded while a minimum temperature of minus 2.3 degree Celsius was recorded at Budgam. Similar temperature was recorded in the district last night, thus marking the coldest night of the season for the second straight day.

Anantnag in South Kashmir also recorded the coldest night of the season at minus 2.3 degree Celsius while the mercury in Shopian has settled at minus 3.9 degree Celsius. Similar temperature was recorded in Shopian on November 17.

Meanwhile, Director MeT, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that generally dry weather conditions are expected for tomorrow while on November 23, generally cloudy with light rain and snow is expected at isolated higher reaches.

Furthermore, he said that as per the forecast, generally dry weather conditions are expected on November 24-26.

However, he said amidst the cloudy weather conditions, there is a possibility of light rain and snow at isolated higher reaches from November 27-30—(KNO)

### LG Manoj Sinha

I assure every support and assistance from the UT administration," the Lt Governor said.

Now, we have a favorable environment, connectivity, young talent, an improved security scenario and all the infrastructure for industrial growth, he said.

"Jammu Kashmir is offering the investors endless possibility and a partnership in strong profitable growth. If you are looking at the big picture and ready to capture a new segment, then Jammu Kashmir is your new destination," the Lt Governor said.

He called upon the industry leaders, EEPIC India and other stakeholders for creating new opportunities for businesses in engineering goods and services.

Our inclusive vision will not only bring prosperity but it will also ensure that new technology and innovations contribute to

efficiency and productivity and also focus on equitable and sustainable growth for 'Viksit Bharat', the Lt Governor said.

"I am fully confident about the ability of the engineering sector to translate India's dreams into reality," he said.

Sh Arun Kumar Garodia, Chairman EEPIC India; Sh Pankaj Chadha, Vice Chairman, EEPIC India; Sh Pradeep Kumar Aggarwal, Regional Chairman, Northern Region, EEPIC India; Sh Suranjan Gupta, Executive Director and other members of EEPIC India, industry leaders and exporters were present.

### Light Rain, Snow

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Srinagar, amidst this weather scenario, recorded the coldest night of the season as a cold wave continues to tighten its grip on the Kashmir region. Despite the chilling temperatures, the overall weather conditions are not expected to undergo significant changes until the conclusion of November.

### NIA Arrests

Pakistan-based terror operatives are absconding."

According to statement, the seven-arrested accused and the two absconders were earlier chargesheeted by NIA on 12th January 2023, under Sec 16, 17, 18, 18B, 20, 23, 38, 39 & 40 of UA (P) Act, 1967, sections 25(1)(a) & 25(1AA) of the Arms Act, sections 4 & 5 of the Explosive Substances Act and sections 120B, 121A & 122 of the IPC.

According to NIA investigations, the accused were working on the directions of their Pakistani handler, identified as Sajjad Gul. "The accused were involved in collecting, receiving and transporting the weapons dropped through drones to terrorists active in the Kashmir valley. The weapons were used to commit terrorist attacks in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir."

The local police had initially registered the case following the interception of a drone (Hexacopter) and seizure of several rounds of UBGL / Magnetic Bombs near Dhalli area of PS Rajbagh in District Kathua, he said.

### 'Smog formed due

with the oxides of nitrogen present in the atmosphere and it also contains aldehydes, nitric acid and various poisonous substances that also harm human health.

"The government has fixed responsibilities to various departments to control

Pollution level who have been working on it and there comes responsibility on the public to contribute to decreasing pollution as well," she said.

The main sources of pollutions, she said are vehicles, open burning of biomass, plastic waste, horticulture waste, municipal solid waste, fossil fuel burning resulting in emitting out of poisonous gases in atmosphere be it like carbon monoxide, methane, sulphur dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, aromatic hydrocarbons etc

She said PCB has been given responsibility of controlling industrial pollution and that is being done as it is being ensured that industries are working under proper norms and guidelines issued by central pollution board.

"Industries are being regularly monitored and proper vigil is being kept to check emission norms besides that online monitoring systems have been installed on cement plants that shows real time data whether emission is under control or not," she added.

Action is being taken against those who aren't following the norms and it is ensured that every industry works as per proper norms, she said.

She added that heavy loaded units have been issued closure orders and some have been even shifted besides that zig zag technology has been set up in brick kilns to reduce emissions of pollutants and increase efficiency—(KNO)

### Jammu Zoo Roars

soon be recognized among the best zoos in the country."

Jammu, experiencing significant on-ground changes and rapid development, sees Jammu Zoo as a key attraction, Dr Mehta said.

He, while assessing the situation, identified the opportunity to boost visitor numbers. He emphasized the need to increase awareness among school children and nature enthusiasts about the unique features and behavior of the zoo's diverse inhabitants.

The Chief Secretary said that Jammu Zoo looks forward to a future where it not only will stand as a symbol of wildlife conservation but also captivate the hearts of visitors through its uniqueness.

Dr. Mehta highlighted the distinct features and prime location of the zoo. The visitors coming to the Jammu city and Katra will play a pivotal role in increasing footfall.

During his visit, he was accompanied by Principal Secretary Forest, Ecology and Environment, Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chief Wild Life Warden, Zoo Manager, and other relevant departmental officers.

### KU VC Orders

inspection of the state-of-the-art auditorium, the VC observed massive defacement of the main hall under the nose of officials concerned and ordered immediate transfer of the PRO for dereliction of duty.

"The staff was initially ordered to be suspended but action was put on hold pending inquiry into the whole issue," sources said.

The VC took serious note of the matter saying the Convocation Complex was recently renovated at a huge cost of crores of rupees for the annual Convocation function held on October 11.

Two special officials have been posted at the Convocation Complex including Deputy Chief Proctor, Riyaz Qureshi and Placement Officer, Mohammad Ayoub, to oversee arrangements for the talent-hunt event being organised by an outside-University agency/department for next 10 days.

"No KU department is allowed to make any defacement at the Convocation Complex. Here, an outside agency was allowed to do it, which has caused loss to the University's exchequer," the sources said, adding that a committee is being constituted by the VC to inquire into the whole issue and fix the responsibility for the lapses.

It may be noted that KU has a strict policy for permission to hold events at Convocation Complex, which is frequented by LG and other VVIPs for national and international events.

"This is a public property and cannot be allowed to be vandalized in this manner, that too when full time officials are tasked with overseeing its arrangements," the insides said, demanding strict action in the matter—(KNO)

### Demand For Solar

equipment is best suited when there are no or fewer hours of electricity," he said.

Earlier this year, the government announced 65 percent government subsidy on rooftop solar panels and 80 percent subsidy on solar-powered pumps.

Officials at the Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development Agency said they have installed 8.5 MW rooftop solar power plants so far.

"A solar rooftop generates 25-30 units of energy daily. So, we have been promoting the installation and use of solar rooftop in Jammu and Kashmir because we have an immense potential to tap this source of energy," said Muzaffar Ahmad Malik Deputy Chief Executive Office JAKEDA—(KNO)



# Pro-Khalistan graffiti in Delhi: Man detained in Haryana, was offered money by Pannun

**NEW DELHI:** After searches in Punjab and Haryana, the Delhi Police Special Cell has detained a man, aged around 35, in connection with the pro-Khalistan graffiti on the walls of the ISBT flyover in September, sources said, adding that banned SFJ founder Gurpatwant Singh Pannun had offered him money.

The man has been identified as Malak Singh and he was detained from Kurukshetra in Haryana.

Sources told IANS that he was promised monetary benefits for the job by the 'Sikhs for Justice (SFJ)' handler, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun.

Sources said that Malak Singh was being grilled to unearth the whole conspiracy.

In September, the Delhi Police had registered a case under the appropriate sections of the IPC



following an incident in which pro-Khalistan graffiti was found on the walls beneath the Kashmiri Gate flyover.

A senior police official had said then, "As per the signage boards visible in the video, an extensive search was launched in the area of North District, and graffiti was found on Yudhister Setu flyover coming from Seelampur towards Kashmere Gate.

"The FIR has been registered under the relevant sections of the India Penal Code and Delhi Prevention of Defacement of Public Property Act. A probe has been initiated in the matter."

In August the Delhi Police's Crime Branch had arrested two men from Punjab over charges for defacing walls at five Delhi Metro stations with pro-Khalistan messages. The

accused identified as Prithpal Singh a.k.a Kaka (30) and his associate Rajvinder alias Kale, who are associated with banned terror outfit SFJ, were promised USD 7,000 for the job by the SFJ handler, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun.

The walls at the metro stations of Shivaji Park, Madipur, Paschim Vihar, Udyog Nagar, and Mahara-ja Surajmal Stadium metro stations were smeared with the slogans "Delhi Banega Khalistan" and "Khalistan Zindabad". A government school wall in Nangloi had also been defaced.

A video purportedly released by the banned organisation Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) displayed the vandalised metro station walls.

Sikhs for Justice was banned on July 10, 2019, by the Government of India under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for its alleged anti-India activities.

# Uttarkashi tunnel collapse: First images of trapped workers out, all safe

**UTTARKASHI:** The first images of labourers, who were trapped for more than a week in under construction Silkyara Bend - Barkot tunnel in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district

emerged on Tuesday and show all of them are safe. The video was shot with the help of an endoscopic flexi camera. In the video, it can be seen that all workers are safe, providing relief to all, especially trapped labour-

ers' families. The workers were contacted via WiFi walkie-talkie in which they demanded evacuation as soon as possible. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama has also spoken to officials

working at the site. On November 12, it was reported that a portion of the under-construction tunnel from Silkyara to Barkot collapsed due to debris falling in the 60-metre stretch on the Silkyara side of the tunnel.

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**Sub.: Engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAYAs under ECCE for the year 2023-24 and invitation of applications thereof.**

**RE-ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION**

**Dated: 11-11-2023**

Consequent upon the Project Director Samagra Shiksha's order No: 150-CHIRAG OF 2023, Dated: 21-09-2023 the advertisement notification published by this office bearing No:ZEO/T/23/2311 Dated:26-08-2023 is hereby withdrawn. Fresh Applications are hereby invited for the engagement/hiring of Helpers/AAYAs, under Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) for year 2023-24 in the below mentioned schools of the zone. **Duly filled application forms along with all requisite documents shall reach the office of U/sd within seven days from the date of publication. No application shall be accepted after the due date. The AAYAs/Helpers shall be engaged as per the guidelines spelt out in Project Director's Order No: 07 of Chirag-2023, Dated: 09-01-2023.**

S.NO	ZONE	NAME OF SCHOOL	S.NO	NAME OF SCHOOL
1	TAHAB	BPS PEERPORA NOWNAGRI	34	PS BRAW BANDINA
2	TAHAB	PS DAR MOHALLA RAKHI CHIDREN	35	UPS CHAKOORA
3	TAHAB	BPS ACHAN	36	PS MIRPORA CHAKOORA
4	TAHAB	BPS ADOORA	37	PS BONGAM CHANDGAM
5	TAHAB	UPS ARMULLA	38	PS DATPORA DOGRIPORA
6	TAHAB	GMS RAKHI LITTER	39	PS KHUDDORA DOGRIPORA
7	TAHAB	MS GULZARPORA	40	PS GUND ACHAN
8	TAHAB	UPS RENZIPORA	41	PS HAJIDARPORA
9	TAHAB	PS HERPORA RESHIPORA	42	UPS KAWANI
10	TAHAB	BPS SHITH	43	UPS KHANDAYPORA
11	TAHAB	GMS SHADIPORA	44	UPS LADERMAR
12	TAHAB	BPS MALIKPORA TAHAB	45	PS LADERMAR
13	TAHAB	PS BONPORA TAHAB	46	BMS LITTER
14	TAHAB	GPS GHAT TOKUNA	47	UPS LITTER
15	TAHAB	PS MOHANDPORA TRICHAL	48	PS BADRIPORA
16	TAHAB	PS DHOABI MOHALLA TUMLAHAL	49	PS GHAT MOHALLA NAINA
17	TAHAB	PS TANCHI MAIDAN RAKHI CHIDREN	50	GPS NAIRA
18	TAHAB	UPS UDIPORA	51	UPS NILOORA
19	TAHAB	BPS WAKHERWAN	52	SSA PS TAKIYA NILOORA
20	TAHAB	UPS WASOORA	53	BPS CHOWRIBAGH
21	TAHAB	PS NEW COLONY WASOORA	54	UPS MALPORA
22	TAHAB	UPS ZAHID BAGH	55	PS NOWHAR
23	TAHAB	GMS ZASOW	56	BMS NOWNAGRI
24	TAHAB	PS ZASOW	57	BPS BADRIWAN
25	TAHAB	PS WANI MOHALLA SHADIPORA	58	PS HATHKUL
26	TAHAB	PS CHOWHAN MOHALLA K TANTRAYPORA	59	BPS NOWPORA
27	TAHAB	UPS KAREWA TANTRAYPORA LASSIPORA	60	GPS PALPORA WASOORA
28	TAHAB	UPS SHAL TOKUNA	61	BMS PANZGAM
29	TAHAB	BPS BATPORA	62	GPS ASTANPORA PANZGAM
30	TAHAB	PS NAIK MOHALLA BEIGHPORA	63	BPS PANUREN
31	TAHAB	UPS NICKLOORA	64	UPS PATIPORA
32	TAHAB	PS ARAMPORA ARMULLA	65	PS BONPORA PATIPORA
33	TAHAB	GPS BHATNOOR	66	GPS RAKHI CHIDREN
67	TAHAB	UPS DANGERPORA ARIHAL	68	PS CHANDIPORA

Note: Those candidates who have submitted the application forms against the previous notification need not to submit again. However, they need to submit the 'Fitness Certificate' before the due date.

- ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA OF HELPER/AAYA:**
- 1) Only female candidates can apply.
  - 2) The helper must be a domicile of the Village where approved School is located.
  - 3) Candidate must be belonging to BPL (Below Poverty Line) category.
  - 4) The candidate must be physically/mentally fit to carry-out her Job.
- QUALIFICATION/PREFERENCE:**
- 1) Minimum Qualification of a Helper/AAYA is 8<sup>th</sup> Pass. In case there is no eligible candidate available in Village/Ward, the candidate with lesser qualification shall be considered.
  - 2) Preference shall be given to candidates from BPL Category in the below-mentioned Order of Priority:
    - i) Widow
    - ii) Divorced
    - iii) If no selection is made out of (i) & (ii), then female belonging to BPL Category & older in age, but within the prescribed Age limit shall be considered.
- Age:**
- 1) The age of a candidate must be between 18-45 years as on 1st of January 2023.
  - 2) **Honorarium :** Rs. 5000 (Five Thousand only) Per month, which may vary as per the approval in the subsequent year in PAB of Samagra Shiksha.
- JOB CHART OF A HELPER/AAYA:**
- a) The Helpers/AAYAs for pre-primary sections of Govt Schools shall have to perform below mentioned suggestive tasks: Escorting the children at their arrival, departure, between activities (for example while moving to outdoor areas, Play Ground and Toilet etc.).
  - b) Maintaining the hygiene of the children— Toileting, hand washing, cleanliness of Children etc.
  - c) Helping the teacher in preparing class for activities, like setting up the material, making arrangements for day-to-day activities.
  - d) Assisting the children in taking food under the supervision of teacher, under PM POSHAN Scheme.
  - e) Any other assignment given by Hol for the proper care of Children.

No:ZEO/T/23/2495 Zonal Education Officer, Tahab.  
Dated:20-11-2023

## OFFICE OF THE ZONAL EDUCATION OFFICER TAHAB

(APPLICATION FORM FOR HELPERS/AAYAs UNDER ECCE FOR YEAR 2023-24)

NAME OF THE APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

D/O,W/O \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION OF HUSBAND/FATHER: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL APPLIED FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE/MOHALLA \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

AADHAAR NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TICK WHETHER  MARRIED  UNMARRIED

TICK WHETHER  WIDOW  DIVORCED

TICK WHETHER BPL  YES  NO

Distance from School \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that all of the information provided by me in this application is correct, accurate and complete in respects. I understand that the falsification, misrepresentation or omission of any facts in said application will be cause for rejection of my form. I understand that submission of an application does not guarantee employment.

Sig. of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

- Following documents to be attached with the application form:
- 1) Copy of Aadhaar Card.
  - 2) Copy of PRC/Domicile.
  - 3) Copy of Ration Card.
  - 4) Attested Copy of qualification (Min. 8<sup>th</sup> pass).
  - 5) Fitness Certificate.
  - 6) Non migration certificate from PRI member/Lumberdar.
  - 7) Death Certificate & divorce deed (in case of widow & divorced respectively)

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Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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The research body undertook a multicentric matched case-control study in view of anecdotal reports of sudden unexplained deaths in India's apparently healthy young adults, linking to Covid-19 infection or vaccination.

The researchers determined the factors associated with such deaths in individuals aged 18-45 years from 47 tertiary care hospitals across India.

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"Our findings did not indicate any evidence of a positive association of unexplained sudden death with Covid-19 vaccination. However, a history of sudden death in the family, Covid-19 hospitalisation and certain high-risk behavioural factors were positively associated with unexplained sudden death among young Indians," the researchers said.

# Gurugram: Over Rs 19 L challans issued for PUC certificate violation in Oct



**GURUGRAM:** Gurugram Traffic Police has issued over Rs 19 lakh challans for not having a valid Pollution Under Control Certificate (PUC) in October, an officer said on Tuesday.

According to data shared by the police, as many as 194 vehicles were challenged in the previous month. The violators were not able to produce a PUC certificate.

"The GRAP-4 has been scaled down to stage 3 but it also restricts the plying of particular vehicles. We issued 194 challans in the previous month for not having a pollution certificate. Warnings have been issued along with fines. Those not deterred now will face appropriate action," said DCP (Traffic) Virender Vij.

It may be noted that GRAP bars plying of BS3 petrol and BS4 diesel engine cars in the NCR.

The Delhi Police have been conducting special drives for the compliance of norms. The vehicles plying without valid PUC are booked under section 190 (2) Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 & 115 Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989, and the prescribed punishment is a fine of Rs 10,000 including disqualification of license for three months during the first offence.

It may be noted that Gurugram air quality has shown slight improvement with the average dropping from "very poor" to the "poor" category.

An AQI of 347 while the average AQI across the city remained around 250.

Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) has issued over 200 challans of Rs 23 lakh in the last month for GRAP violations.

# Gyanvapi case: Objection filed against lawyer's plea

**VARANASI:** Plaintiff Shailendra Kumar Pathak Vyas has filed an objection in the Varanasi district court against an application filed by advocate Vijay Shankar Rastogi on November 8, urging it to make him a party in the civil suit that seeks appointment of a district magistrate, or any other suitable person, as the receiver of a cellar on

the southern side of the Gyanvapi mosque. The court will hear the case on Tuesday.

Subhash Nandan Chaturvedi, counsel for the plaintiff, said: "An objection has been filed in the Varanasi district court against the application filed by advocate Vijay Shankar Rastogi for becoming a party in the civil suit."

Chaturvedi said he

prayed to the court to reject the application.

On September 25 this year, the suit was filed by Vyas in the court of civil judge (senior division), Varanasi.

Simultaneously, the plaintiff filed an application in the district court the same day, urging the court to transfer the suit to itself.

Advocates Vishnu Shankar Jain, Subhash Nandan Chaturvedi and Sudhir

Tripathi had filed the suit on behalf of Vyas and the application for transferring it to the district court.

The suit is titled Shailendra Kumar Pathak Vyas vs Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, which manages the Gyanvapi mosque.

Last month, district court ordered for transfer of the suit to itself after an application was filed in the court by the plaintiff seeking the transfer of the suit.

# SC adjourns hearing on defamation plea by ex-JNU prof against The Wire editors to Feb 13

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Tuesday adjourned hearing a petition filed by ex-JNU professor Amita Singh against the Delhi High Court order quashing summonses against The Wire editor and deputy editor over an article allegedly claiming that Singh prepared a dossier call-

ing the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) a "den of organised sex racket".

A bench comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia adjourned the hearing till February 13, saying that the issue requires time to be heard and farm fires have taken up a lot of time today.

In 2016, Singh filed a complaint alleging that

an article written by The Wire's Deputy Editor Ajoy Ashirwad Mahaprastha in April 2016 titled "Dossier Call JNU 'Den of Organised Sex Racket'; Students, Professors Allege Hate Campaign", implied that she prepared a dossier that depicted JNU as a den of organised sex racket.

Singh in her defamation complaint alleged that the

Editor did not verify the authenticity of the Dossier and used it for monetary benefits of its magazine.

She has further alleged that the accused have started a hate campaign against her. In 2017, following her complaint, a summoning order was passed against the Wire's Editor Siddharth Bhatia, and Deputy Editor Ajoy Ashirwad by a Delhi court.



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"On the contrary, the present study documents that Covid-19 vaccination indeed reduced the risk of unexplained sudden death in this age group."

# Safina Baig reviews progress of Dev Projects

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**BARAMULLA:** In order to take a first-hand appraisal of Department wise progress, District Capex, Aspirational District Programme, Area Development Fund and other sectors, the Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Baramulla, Safina Baig Tuesday chaired a general meeting of all DDC Members and Officers at Dak Bungalow, here.

Among members of DDC, the meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf, ACD, Officers of R&B, Health, Education, PDD besides District and Sectoral officers of all the departments.

At the outset, the Assistant Commissioner Development Baramulla gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the physical and financial progress achieved in developmental works being executed under different sectors in the district during the year 2023-24. He also briefed the chair about the physical progress of the Area Development plan and apprised about the completed works so far.



The officers of R&B, RDD, Education, PDD, Health and Jal Shakti gave sector wise briefings of different works and presented in-depth details of the progress of developmental projects.

During the meeting, it was informed that a total of 399 new works have been completed under Area Development Fund including PRI/ BDC/ DDC Grants and the work for ongoing works stands at 50.

Similarly, it was also given out that 442 works have been completed under District Capex and 2004 new projects have been

tendered in various sectors including R&B, Health, PHE and others.

With regard to the tendering status (Department wise) under ADF for PRI Grants, the meeting was further apprised that 338 new projects have been completed against 1420 works allotted for execution.

After threadbare discussion and sector wise review, Safina Baig exhorted upon all the concerned officers to gear up the process for completion of targets and utilization of 100% funds to avoid lapse. The Chairperson

stressed upon the officers to maintain transparency and accountability in the execution of works.

Safina Baig further stressed on close monitoring of ongoing works to ensure quality and adherence to timelines.

With regard to the impediments in the ongoing projects, the Chairperson DDC Baramulla asked the members of DDC to keep a vigil on the working nature of the contractors adding that the contractors taking unnecessary delay in the execution of works will be blacklisted.

Furthermore, the Chairperson DDC emphasized for mobilising all the available resources productively and effectively for achieving the desired results. She also assured full cooperation on her part and added that socio-economic development should be sole priority.

Meanwhile, the BDOs were asked to share the data of the works completed, tendered out and under execution with the respective PRIs to ensure transparency and an enabling environment for development in their respective constituencies/ blocks.

# 28-yr-old man found hanging in Rajouri village

AGENCIES

**RAJOURI:** A 28-year-old man, hailing from Deoli village of Teryath Tehsil in Rajouri district was found hanging from a tree on Tuesday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Mohammad Akram (28), son of Sultan Mohammad resident of Deoli Teryath.

Police said that the

body of the deceased was on Tuesday morning found hanging from a tree at his native village.

A team reached the spot and took the body into their possession, police said.

Police informed that the medico-legal formalities have been conducted in the hospital while investigation into matter is going on—(KNO)

# Viksit Bharat Yatra kickstarts in Kupwara

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**KUPWARA:** Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) kick-started on Tuesday in Kupwara district from Kuligam village of Block Wavoor (Lolab) with a massive participation of people of different areas of Lolab.

The District Prabhari Officer to Kupwara district, Rajeev Kumar Tiwari launched the event in presence of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan and Vice Chairman, District Development Council Kupwara, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir.

Besides, BDC Chairman, Choudhary Rafiq Kataria, District Officers, Sectoral Officers, field functionaries, PRIs, beneficiaries of different centrally sponsored schemes and a huge gathering of people, including men and women participated in the event.

The event began with a pledge to build a Viksit Bharat by 2047, followed by screening of a video message of Hon'ble PM.

Addressing the participants, District Prabhari Officer said that it has been the constant endeavor of the Prime Minister to attain saturation of flagship schemes of the government by ensuring



that the benefits of these schemes reach all targeted beneficiaries in a time-bound manner.

In a major step towards the attainment of this aim of saturation of schemes, the Prime Minister launched 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.

Tiwari said that CSSs are implemented to achieve social objectives like poverty reduction, improving health services, increasing food security, better avenues for healthcare and livelihood. He impressed that empowerment of women make them finan-

cially independent when they are able to generate income by benefiting from these schemes.

District Prabhari Officer, congratulated district administration Kupwara led by Ayushi Sudan for resounding success of the program and reaching out to people at grass roots level.

Earlier, the DC said that the focus of the Yatra is to reach out to the people, creating awareness and providing benefits of welfare schemes.

She asked the people to take inspiration from the success stories and get themselves enrolled for

different CSSs.

The Vice Chairman, District Development Council Kupwara highlighted the significant contribution of tribal brothers to the freedom struggle.

He added that the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has been organized to ensure that government schemes reach the people's doorsteps, contributing to the transformation of India into a developed nation.

Earlier in 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani' segment, the beneficiaries of government sponsored schemes presented their success stories and shared their experiences about the benefits they availed.

Sanction letters under different CSSs and appreciation certificates were distributed on the occasion. A series of cultural programs were also presented by students to display the traditional culture of the area.

Among others, ADCC Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan; PO ICDS, Hakeem Tanveer; ACD Kupwara, Hilal Ahmad Mir, SDM Lolab, Ijaz Ahmad Bhat; CEO Kupwara, Abdul Hamid Fani; DIO Kupwara, Iftikhar Naseem, besides other senior district and sectoral officers were also present on the occasion.

# 2 drug peddlers arrested in Kashmir: Police

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**SRINAGAR:** Jammu & Kashmir Police on Tuesday said to have arrested two drug peddlers in Baramulla & Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police party of Police Post Babareshi headed by Incharge PP Babareshi under the supervision of SDPO Tangmarg at a checkpoint established at Babareshi Crossing intercepted one person, a police spokesman in a statement issued.

During the search, police said 28 grams of charas Powder like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Mohd Azhar Khan son of Tariq Ahmad resident of Qazipora Tangmarg Baramulla. He has been arrested and shifted to PS Tangmarg where he remains in custody.

Similarly in Kulgam, a Police party headed by SHO Police Station Kulgam during patrolling at Buchroo intercepted a suspicious person who tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully by the alert police party, police said.

During the checking,



the statement said that officers were able to recover 9 bottles of Codeine Phosphate like substance from his possession. He has been identified as Sabzar Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Ahsan Bhat resident of Tarigam, Kulgam. He has been arrested and shifted to a police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, police said that cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation has been initiated.

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

# Departmental Store Damaged in Srinagar Fire

AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** A departmental store got damaged in a fire incident in Gojwara area of Srinagar on Tuesday morning, officials said.

An official said that fire broke out in the departmental store "Pick N Save" today morning, resulting

in massive damage to it. He said that there was, however, no report of any injury or loss of life in the incident.

"The cause of the fire is under investigation. The store got completely gutted while some adjacent shops suffered partial damage," the official said—(KNO)

# Dr Andrabi awards winners of 3rd NJL under Khelo India



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**SRINAGAR:** Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board & Minister of State Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi Tuesday attended the concluding event of the 3rd Khelo India National Judo League for Northern Zone as Chief Guest at SK Indoor Sports Stadium in Srinagar.

Teams of three different age categories from nine Northern States & UTs of the country participated in the event. The league was held by the Sports Authority of India under Khelo India initiative of the Union Ministry of Sports. Technical Director of the League Deepak Gupta, Sushma Avasthi & Yogesh K of the Sports Authority of India also graced the occasion. Dr Andrabi felicitated the winners and runners up teams & individual players in different categories by medals & certificates. Later speaking at the event Dr Darakhshan said that Modiji's Khelo India mission has revolutionized the sports sector in India and now like other important sectors of life, India is fast becoming a

global sports power.

"During the past nine years the initiatives of the central government have boosted the talent of our boys and girls and the young sports stars from across the country are unfurling the tricolor at global stages in all categories of events. We have created world class sports infrastructure throughout the country and the mission is on", said Andrabi. Waqf Board Chairperson said that this League was held in J&K after a gap of 42 years. "Those who say the law & order situation in J&K has not improved are liars. We are seeing peaceful Kashmir after decades now.

Political myopia doesn't allow some politicians to see the reality and they thus create sensations through their statements. Events like this are testimony to the fact that peace has returned to Kashmir after the constitutional change that happened in 2019", said Dr Darakhshan. She hailed the LG Administration for creating a remarkable sports infrastructure & sports environment in J&K during the past few years.

# Missing since 3 weeks, 75-yr-old's body found in Rajouri

AGENCIES

**RAJOURI:** The semi-decomposed body of a 75-year-old man was on Tuesday evening found from the bank of river at Sunderbani following which police have started investigation into the matter.

The deceased as per police has been identified as Kirpal Singh (75), son of Ujagar Singh resident of Rajpur Kamila in Qila Darhal Tehsil of Nowshera. Police said that some locals spotted a semi-decomposed body lying at river bank in Thandapani area of Sunderbani after which a team of police rushed to the spot and took the body into its possession.

The semi-decomposed body, police said, was shifted to a local hospital.

The elderly man had been missing for the last three weeks.

Police said to have taken up investigation into the matter—(KNO)

# 60-yr-old man dies in Rajouri accident

**RAJOURI:** A 60-year-old man from Dhanore Dindian village of Rajouri died after a car he was travelling in met with an accident near Rajouri town on Tuesday.

Police officials said that an accident took place when a car bearing registration number JK11C-8560 was on its way to Choudhary Nar from Rajouri, leaving a 60-year-old man travelling in the vehicle severely injured.

Identified as Nasir Hussain, son of Barkit Hussain of Dhanore Dindian, the injured was shifted to GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri where he succumbed to his injuries.

Police said to have taken up investigation into the matter, adding that a case has been registered—(KNO)

# Aijaz Bhat assumes charge as Director Sericulture

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**SRINAGAR:** Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (IAS) assumes the charge as Director, Sericulture Development Department, Jammu & Kashmir Tuesday at Tulsibagh, Srinagar.

A meeting was held in the Directorate of Sericulture Development Department, Tulsibagh, Srinagar under the chairmanship of the Director Sericulture J&K, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (IAS) wherein the officers/officials of the Department and the representatives from Sericulture Industry were present.

Ajaz Ahmad Bhat expressed commitment to develop Sericulture Sector in the region. He highlighted the rich tradition of sericulture in Jammu & Kashmir and the pivotal role the Sericulture Development Department plays in supporting and nurturing this age-old industry.

"As we take charge, our primary focus will be on producing high-quality silk that meets global standards. The Sericulture Development Department has a rich legacy, and we aim to build on that legacy by introducing modern

techniques and practices to enhance silk production," stated Shri Ajaz Ahmad Bhat.

Recognizing the importance of hands-on experience in the sericulture sector, the Director outlined plans for exposure visits for silkworm rearers and departmental employees. These visits are intended to provide valuable insights, share best practices, and foster a collaborative environment within the sericulture community.

The Holistic Agriculture Programme (HADP) for Sericulture was also discussed in the meeting and he emphasized to have clear programme for achieving the set targets by the department.

Ajaz Ahmad Bhat also highlighted the department's commitment to generating employment opportunities for the youth in the region. He stated, "Youth empowerment is a key aspect of our vision. By leveraging the expertise of the Sericulture Development Department, we aim to create sustainable employment opportunities for the youth, contributing to their skill development and overall socio-economic growth."

# H&H Deptt inaugurates "Craft Exhibition" in Gulmarg

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**SRINAGAR:** A "Craft Exhibition" was Tuesday inaugurated in Gulmarg wherein an exhibition-cum-sale of handicraft products is in progress at Gulmarg.

The 10-day exhibition organized by the Department of H&H Kashmir will showcase the finest crafts from Kashmir. 20 stalls displaying artifacts of various Handicrafts and Handloom Sector have been set up at the exhibition with the objective to provide market linkage to the artisans and to help boost handicraft sector in the grassroots level. The department is encouraging the people to come forward and avail various schemes and facilities extended by the department.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Director Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah. Speaking on the occasion Director expressed that the exhibition would give artisans a suitable marketing platform to sell their products directly to the buyers and will further give the tourists opportunity to get a glimpse of the rich art and



craft of Kashmir.

The Director H&H inspected the Stalls and interacted with the grassroots level artisans who have been provided rent-free space by the Department of Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir to sell their products directly to the buyers at this prestigious spot. The Department is currently organising Exhibitions at Boulevard and Pahalgam. The events will continue in current winter season within and outside the UT.

Besides, Assistant Director Handicrafts/Handloom Baramulla along with other senior officers from the department were present during the inauguration of the event and Assistant Director concerned is overseeing the proceedings at the fair.(KNS)