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The news of the death of many people in a road accident in Almora, Uttarakhand is extremely heart-rending. I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and pray for the speedy recovery of the injured.

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Done For Cameras Only PDP's Resolution On Article 370 Has No Value: CM



AGENCIES

SRINAGAR- Chief Minister and Leader of the House Omar Abdullah Monday said that PDP's resolution in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Article 370 has no value other than (that) it was done for the cameras.

PDP MLA Waheed Parra on Monday moved a resolution in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly opposing the abrogation of Article 370 and calling for the restoration of special status to the erstwhile state, leading to noisy scenes in the House.

"We knew that a member was preparing to bring a resolution but we thought he would do so after the speaker's election, the LG's address and obituary references. We are dealing with it right away."

He said while he did not want to make a political speech, he had spoken at the outset with the hope that he was speaking on behalf of the entire House.

"This assembly reflects the sentiments of the people of J&K. The truth is that the people have not validated the decisions of August 5, 2019. Had that been the case, the results (of the

ON STATEHOOD The LG said that the aspiration for a return to the Statehood • P-06

CONNECTIVITY The LG said that the implementation of major ongoing • P-06

JOB CREATION The LG said that the Rangarajan Committee Report, crafted • P-06

TOURISM The LG said that the tourism sector is a major pillar of • P-06

HEALTH My Government is committed to providing state-of-the-art healthcare • P-06

AGRICULTURE The LG said that Agriculture and Allied sectors constitute the • P-06

Legislative Assembly Session Govt To Make Efforts For Restoration Of Full Statehood: LG Manoj Sinha

ABID BASHIR

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday said that his government will make all efforts for the restoration of Statehood and the constitutional guarantees to J&K. The LG also said that he was hopeful to work with the new government and members of the Legislative Assembly as "One Team."

Addressing the Legislative Assembly in Srinagar, the LG said that he is looking forward towards full support from all the members of the House so that all work as "One Team."

Sinha said the government is "fully geared up to realise" the hopes and expectations of people. In the backdrop of the demand for restoration of statehood, the LG said that this aspiration remained strong, pointing out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had, on several occasions, expressed his commitment to it.

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Assembly Session Uphold Sanctity Of House: Speaker To MLAs



AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Newly-elected Speaker of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Abdul Rahim Rather on Monday asked members to uphold the sanctity and dignity of the House.

In his maiden speech after being elected as the custodian of the House, Rather said he will prove by his deeds that he is not a partisan speaker. • P-06

Rahim Rather Elected As Speaker
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SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) leader and seven time MLA from Charar-e-Sharif Abdul Rahim Rather was, on Monday, unanimously elected as first speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

He was elected as Speaker of the • P-06

...Grenade Attack Security Beefed Up In Srinagar



AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Security was beefed up in Srinagar city on Monday, a day after a grenade attack near a market left 11 people injured, officials said.

Terrorists lobbed a grenade at a CRPF bunker near the crowded flea market in the heart of the city here on Sunday. The attack came a day after security forces eliminated a top Pakistani commander of the Lashkar-e-Taiba in downtown Srinagar.

"After yesterday's attack, the security apparatus has been beefed up. We have heightened security, especially since the assembly session began today," an official said.

Checkpoints • P-06

...Assembly Session People Of J&K Have Not Endorsed August 5, 2019 Decision: CM Omar

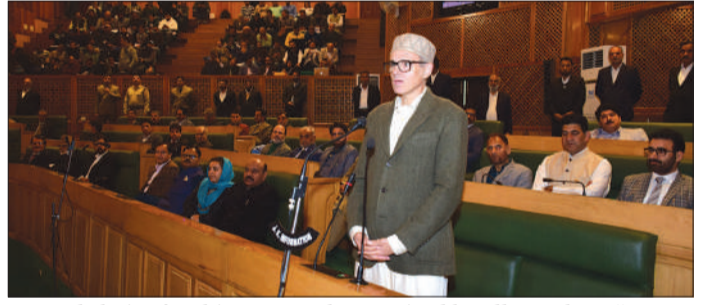
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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday congratulated Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather on his election as Speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

In his speech before the assembly, the Chief Minister highlighted Rather's extensive legislative experience and the unanimous support he has received from the members.

"On behalf of myself and the entire house, I extend my congratulations on your election as Speaker," said Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. "You were the natural choice for this esteemed position, and today's voice vote affirmed this, as there was not a single dissenting voice. Your extensive experience and your long standing commitment to this assembly were clearly recognized by all members."

Reflecting on the history of the Legislative Assembly, Omar Abdullah lauded Rather's contributions and his service towards the people of Jammu and Kashmir, both in government • P-06



KPDCL To Install 7,000 Transformers For Power Boost In Kashmir: Official

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SRINAGAR: In a major step set to transform the LT network at Distribution periphery, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCCL) is in the process of installing 7,000 new Distribution Transformer substations across Kashmir valley under the Centre's premier Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

All 13 packages under RDSS-LR (Loss Reduction) works have been awarded in Kashmir Division and are in various stages of completion.

In a statement issued here today, a KPDCCL spokesperson stated that installation of new DT Substations shall substantially improve quality and reliability of electricity supply in all 10 districts of Kashmir Division.

"While 05 packages are being executed by KPDCCL, 04 packages each in North and South Kashmir are being executed by NTPC & P&ESL at a total cost of Rs 2,316 crore," he said, adding a large number of DT substations have already been erected and charged under the 05 RDSS packages in Srinagar, Budgam & Baramulla districts.

While KPDCCL is executing RDSS works in • P-06



...First Day, First Show Ruckus In J&K Assembly Not The First, Unlikely To Be The Last

Mubashir Alam Wani

SRINAGAR: The Legislative Assembly on Monday witnessed uproarious scenes when Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) MLA, Waheed-Ur-Rehman Parra submitted a resolution against the reading down of the Article 370 and other constitutional changes effected by the Union Government in 2019.

After the election of National Conference's Abdul Rahim Rather as Speaker, Parra handed over the resolution to a security guard deployed in the House, signaling him to hand it over to the Speaker.

The resolution opposed the scrapping of J&K's special status and called for restoration of special status and all constitutional guarantees granted to the people of J&K.

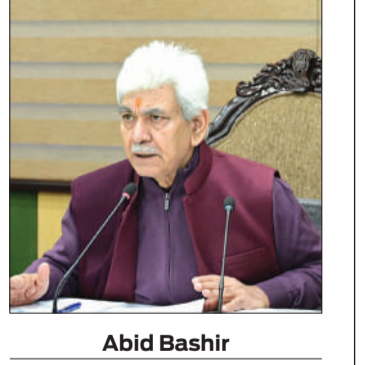
"Sir, I congratulate you on being elected as the Speaker of the House. We will learn much from your experience. Today, I have a resolution on behalf of my party that I wish to submit before you. The resolution calls for the restoration of Article 370," Parra said and read out the resolution that states, "With utmost respect, we request that the resolution attached here as 'A' be taken for discussion. Although the agenda for the House has been finalized. We believe that your authority as speaker allows the inclusion of this resolution as it reflects the sentiment of people at large."

Parra further said that "We trust you will give this matter due consideration in view of its significance to the public sentiment." The copy of the resolution signed by three PDP MLAs that include Parra, MLA Kupwara Mir Muhammad Fayaz, and MLA Tral Rafiq Ahmed Naik reads: "This House opposes the revocation of special status of J&K and constitutional disempowerment of J&K through the J&K Re-Organisation Act 2019 and calls for its complete rescinding. House further resolves to strive for restoration of special status and all constitutional guarantees granted to J&K in their original, pristine form."

While Parra was reading out the resolution, BJP members stood up to oppose it. Led by the BJP LoP • P-06



LG Announces 200 Units Of Free Power To 'Deserving' Families



ABID BASHIR

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday announced 200 units of free electricity for the deserving families stating that the modalities are being finalised in this regard.

Addressing the Legislative Assembly in Srinagar, the LG said that his government is working out the modalities to provide 200 units of free electricity to deserving families. "We have decided to provide 200 units to strive for restoration of special status and all constitutional guarantees granted to J&K in their original, pristine form."

He said that J&K is endowed with an abundance of water resources that are yet to be harnessed fully.

"My government is committed to harnessing • P-06

INOX SRINAGAR

Now showing

TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER

<p>SINGHAM AGAIN</p> <p>(HINDI) (ATMOS) (UA) 4:00PM, 7:10PM (HINDI) 11:25AM, 2:30PM, 5:40PM, 7:30PM</p>	<p>BHOOL BHULAIYAA 3</p> <p>(HINDI) (UA) 10:45AM, 2:10PM, 4:20PM, 6:30PM</p>	<p>VENOM THE LAST DANCE</p> <p>(30 ENGLISH) (ATMOS WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLE) (UA) 10:45AM</p>	<p>MITTI NASEEB DI</p> <p>Directed by <i>Balbir Singh Sahni</i></p> <p>(HINDI WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLE) (UA) 1:55PM</p>
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DC G'bal reviews status of PMEGP Case Verification for subsidy release

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GANDERBAL: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyamir Monday convened a comprehensive meeting to assess the status of physical verification of Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) cases, aimed at ensuring the timely release of subsidies for beneficiaries in the district.

At the beginning of the meeting, the DC sought detailed reports on PMEGP cases approved by the relevant departments and the current status of their physical verification for subsidy release.

The ADDC informed the meeting that a total of 948 cases, due for subsidy as of October 2021, have been uploaded to the designated portal for third-party verification.

To streamline the verification process, the DC directed the ADDC to collect comprehensive data on all pending cases from the concerned departments.



This consolidated data will be forwarded to higher authorities to obtain the necessary approvals for verification.

During the meeting, the Assistant Director Post Office highlighted that the physical verification process had already commenced in the district.

In response, the DC instructed the Assistant Director to accelerate the verification process while

adhering to all prescribed guidelines to ensure the timely release of subsidies to the beneficiaries.

The DC emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts and urged all concerned departments to work in unison to complete the verification process efficiently, enabling beneficiaries to receive their subsidies without delays.

The meeting witnessed participation from the Addi-

tional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Mushtaq Ahmad Sinnani, Chief Planning Officer, General Manager District Industries Centre (DIC), Assistant Director Employment, Lead District Manager, District Officer from the Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB), Assistant Director Post Office (quality checker), Inspector Post Officer Ganderbal, and other key officials.

GDC Utresoo Hosts Launch of Two Books



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ANANTNAG: A remarkable book launch event was held Monday at Government Degree College (GDC) Utresoo, marking the introduction of two insightful literary works—The Legends of Kaptessvara and Revisiting the Age of Marriage. The event witnessed

the presence of esteemed guests, including Principal GDC Utresoo, Prof. Tariq Bashir, Prof. Ashraf Jaffari, and Mohtaram Zahbi Gulzar, among other dignitaries.

Authored by Dr. Zameer Nisar, The Legends of Kaptessvara delves into the historical and cultural heritage of Kothair, shedding

light on the village's rich past through various scholarly contributions. On the other hand, Revisiting the Age of Marriage offers a compelling analysis of historical marriage practices, addressing contextual issues and challenging modern perceptions of marriage.

Both books have gar-

nered praise for their in-depth research and insightful narratives, contributing to academic discourse and enhancing cultural awareness. The launch underscored the significance of these works in promoting a deeper understanding of local history and social issues, aiming to inspire and educate future generations.

DC Kulgam reviews performance of Social Welfare, ICDS

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KULGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan Monday convened a review meeting here to evaluate the performance of the ICDS, Social Welfare Department, OSC, DHEW, ICPS and the implementation of various government-sponsored beneficiary and pension schemes in the district.

Social Welfare Officer, Muzaffar Ahmad presented a comprehensive progress report on various welfare initiatives. He informed that 30379 cases have been sanctioned under the Integrated Social Security Scheme, while the National Social Assistance Programme has successfully met its set target of 5219 beneficiaries.

Additionally, he reported that under the State Marriage Assistance Scheme, 1716 cases received financial assistance during 2024-25. The DC underscored the importance of comprehensive coverage of all eligible beneficiaries and stressed the need for large-scale awareness campaigns.

To facilitate this, he

directed concerned from the Social Welfare Department for establishment of a helpline with a toll-free number and called for massive outreach efforts to make sure no eligible individual is left out of these schemes.

Khan urged the department to operate with utmost dedication to ensure timely assistance reaches every corner of the district.

He emphasized the criticality of making the benefits of these welfare schemes accessible to even the most underserved communities. He also reviewed the functioning of the One Stop Centre, District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) and the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) in the district.

The DC instructed officials to make these institutions more proactive and expand their reach to support and assist more victims effectively.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Bashir Ahmad Wani; District Programme Officer, Abdul Rasheed; Joint Director Planning, Zahid Sajjad, Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs), TSWOs and other officials.

Legal Services Week DLSA Srinagar organizes Medical Camp in Chanapora



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SRINAGAR: In a momentous effort to promote community well-being and mark the observance of Legal Services Week, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar kick-started the celebration and observance of upcoming Legal Services day.

On the occasion, a comprehensive medical health check up camp was organized at Ahata-e-Waqar Chanapora, Srinagar where the doctors examined the patients and provided them medical opinion, some basic free medicines, free PFT tests, Physiotherapy etc.

The camp was held under the guidance of Jaffer Hussain Beg, Chairman DLSA/ Principal District and Sessions Judge Srinagar, and under

the supervision of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Sub-Judge/ Secretary DLSA Srinagar.

The camp was inaugurated by the chief guest, Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Srinagar, who emphasized the significance of prioritizing the health and well-being of senior citizens.

She highlighted the importance of accessible healthcare services, particularly for those who are in need and may be facing financial constraints.

The medical camp provided a range of essential healthcare services, including general check-ups, consultations with specialists, medication distribution, etc. The camp aimed to address the healthcare needs of the local community, particularly those facing financial or logistical barriers to accessing medical care.

Secretary DLSA G'bal conducts surprise Visit to various institutions

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GANDERBAL: On the instructions and supervision of Abdul Nasir, Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal, the Secretary, DLSA Ganderbal, Sheikh Babar Hussain Monday conducted a surprise visit to various institutions of District Ganderbal to assess their functioning and effectiveness in delivering services to the needy and underprivileged.

At first, Secretary DLSA inspected One Stop Sakhi Centre, at Wayil Ganderbal, thereafter Aahat e Waqar (Old Age Home), Wayil Ganderbal, Front Office, Munsiff Court Kangan and PAALASH, Kangan.

During the visit to one OSC, Wayil Ganderbal, Secretary instructed the administrator of the centre to enhance support services for women in all cases. He also instructed to provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, with the aim to facilitate immediate access to medical, legal, psychological, and counseling support under one roof.

During a visit to Aatha e Waqar, Wayil Ganderbal, the Secretary assured the welfare and dignity of senior citizens. He directed the in-charge to identify cases of senior citizens having family and property, enabling the authority to ensure social security to the old aged at an earliest.

Additionally, the Secretary emphasized the need for providing different equipment like hearing aids and walking sticks, to the old aged persons residing at Ahata e Waqar.

These instructions demonstrate a commitment to promoting the well-being and dignity of senior citizens particularly in District Ganderbal. By ensuring maintenance from family members and providing essential disability equipment, the authority aims to enhance the quality of life of these individuals.

The Secretary DLSA Ganderbal, conducted a review of the Front Office at Munsiff Court Kangan to ensure seamless access to justice for the public. This effort aims to make legal services more accessible and efficient besides creating a more user-friendly environment for citizens seeking free and competent legal assistance.

Moreover Secretary DLSA Ganderbal, along with Mufti Nahida, Chairperson of Tehsil Legal Services Committee Kangan, also visited PAALASH Kangan, in order to assess the conditions of the children residing there.

During the visit, they interacted with the children and staff, taking note of their concerns.

All the institutions were made aware regarding providing free competent legal services to the children's, women's and the senior citizens from DLSA Ganderbal.

CUK Rajbhasha cell holds workshop

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GANDERBAL: The Rajbhasha Cell, Central University of Kashmir organised a workshop on "Use of Unicode and Modern Tools for Implementation of Rajbhasha Hindi," at varsity's Green campus here Monday.

Prof. Muhammad Yousuf, Dr. Mehraj ud Din Shah, Dr. Anand Kumar Soni, senior functionaries of the university and employees were present.

Addressing the participants, Dean School of Physical and Chemical Sciences, Prof. Muhammad Yousuf, said, the Government of India has implemented several initiatives to promote Hindi in government organizations, such as the Rajbhasha policy, which mandates the use of Hindi in official documents and encourages Hindi-language training for government employees. "By using Hindi in official documents, circulars, websites, and announcements, government entities not only ensure accessibility for the masses, but also promote linguistic inclusivity," Prof. Yousuf said.

Speaking on the occasion, Finance Officer, Dr. Mehraj ud Din Shah, said, the implementation of Rajbhasha Hindi in government organizations is essential for the promotion of Hindi as an official language in India. "It not only supports linguistic unity but also enhances accessibility, ensuring that government services are approachable for citizens," he said. Dr. Shah said learning Hindi can be beneficial for employees, particularly in government and public service sectors where Hindi is widely

used as the official language.

In his speech, subject expert, Deputy Registrar, IGNOU, New Delhi, Dr. Anand Kumar Soni, said, the Constitution of India, through Article 343, declared Hindi in Devanagari script as the official language of the Union, reflecting the intent to establish Hindi as a unifying language within the country's multilingual landscape. "The Official Languages Act of 1963 further strengthened this provision by allowing the use of Hindi and English for official purposes, but it emphasized the need for promoting Hindi across administrative departments and organizations," he further said. He said the adoption of Unicode and modern digital tools has significantly advanced the implementation of Rajbhasha Hindi in government and administrative contexts, as well as in the broader digital landscape of India. Dr. Soni in his presentation highlighted the use of Unicode in writing and translating the text from English to Hindi.

Hindi Adhikari, Dr. Sakina Akhter, in her address, outlined the measures taken by the Rajbhasha cell for promotion of Hindi in the CUKashmir. She said the majority of the employees have passed the Prabodh, Praveen, Pragya and Parangath courses and are successfully able to use Hindi in official work. She said the Cell was regularly organising workshops for upgrading the knowledge and skills of the employees for using Hindi in official communications. Dy Registrar, Mr. Abdul Rashid proposed the vote of thanks.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TLMD II PAMPORE, KASHMIR, J&K POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.(JKPTCL)

NOTICE INVITING e-Bids
e-NIT No.TLMD-II/14 of 2024-25; dt: 29.10.2024

The Executive Engineer TLMD-II Pampore Kashmir, J&K Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. for and on behalf of Governor of J&K UT , e-tenders are hereby invited in two bid system as per scope of work from approved, reputed, Govt. approved Electrical Contractors / Self Help Groups / Labour Contractors having an adequate workforce comprising of experienced Skilled, Semi-skilled and un-skilled labors for carrying out Preventive, Routine and Break down maintenance of 132 KV Transmission Lines under the jurisdiction of TLMD-II Pampore. Submission of e-Bids shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms & conditions of the NIT with full understanding of its implications. The NIT is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Intersted bidders may view, download the e-Bid, submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

Sl. No.	Item	Details
A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 29.10.2024, 04:00 PM onwards
B	Clarifications start date.	29.10.2024 at 4:00 PM
C	Clarifications end date.	01.11.2024, 4:00 PM
D	e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	01.11.2024, 04:00 P.M.
E	Pre Bid meeting in the office of Ex. Egg TLMD 2 nd Pampore	01.11.2024, 1:00 P.M.
F	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	21-11-2024, 03:00 P.M
G	Online commercial and technical e-Bid opening date & time	22-11-2024, 1:00 P.M.
H	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified bidders.
I	Venue of opening of Technical & financial e-Bids	Office of Executive Engineer TLMD 2 nd Pampore.
J	Estimated Cost	• 1.94 Lacs
K	Cost of e-Bid document	• 200.00 (Rs. Two Hundred only, Non-refundable)
L	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	2% Of estimated cost
M	Status of funds	Committed

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PASSPORT CORRECTION

I, Syed Aashiq Hussain, father of Syed Hasanah Hussain, resident of Syedabad Pulwama, hereby announce through this newspaper that in my daughters' passport (bearing number U2522753), her name is written as Syed Hassana Hussain instead of Syed Hasanah Hussain, which is very much required to be corrected. In this regard, if any person or organization has any objection, he should file the same in the Regional Passport Office, Srinagar within seven days. No excuse will be accepted after the expiry of the period.

Syed Aashiq Hussain
F/o: Syed Hasanah Hussain,
R/o: Syedabad Pulwama

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Media delegation from Hyderabad calls on LG



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: A 10-member media delegation from Hyderabad, led by Sh Qazi Salman, Joint Director, Press Information

Bureau Srinagar, Monday called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan.

The members of the media fraternity from Hyderabad who

are on their visit to the Union Territory of J&K as part of the Media Outreach Programme organized by PIB will be engaging in various field visits

and discussions over the next few days, gaining first-hand insights into the developmental projects and initiatives shaping the future of Jammu Kashmir.

Delegations call on Dy CM; seeks prompt redressal of issues



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SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Monday met scores of delegations at Civil Secretariat here and took stock of their issues and concerns.

The delegations included vocational instructors of Skill Development Department, employees of Urban Local Bodies Kashmir, Mission Youth, Heritage Craft Instructors besides several other individuals also called on

the Deputy Chief Minister and sought prompt redressal of their issues and concerns.

The deputations brought several issues before the Deputy Chief Minister concerning their respective areas and

sought timely redressal of the same.

The Deputy Chief Minister, while interacting with the delegations, assured them that all their genuine issues and problems will be looked into for redressal at the earliest.

CS chaired Executive Committee Meeting of Sainik School Manasbal

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Monday impressed upon the management of Sainik School Manasbal to improve upon the output of this prestigious school meant to prepare its students for top notch examinations like NDA, Civil Services and other reputed competitions held across the country.

These remarks were made by him while chairing the 38th Executive Committee Meeting of the School today here at Civil Secretariat.

Besides Principal Secretary, School Education Department, the meeting was also attended by Principal Secretary, Finance; Secretary, Planning; DC, Ganderbal; Principal, Sanik School Manasbal and representative from Sanik School Society and others.

Dulloo also took this occasion to emphasise



upon the school administration to bring quality in teaching so as to improve the interest of students in Mathematics.

He directed for devising a strategy to retain most of its students passing the matriculation examination for higher classes and prepare them for bigger challenges in life especially joining the defence services of the country.

He also took note of the infrastructure facilities

and teaching faculties available there. He exhorted upon the school administration to link the progression of teachers with that of the overall results of the students.

The Committee also consented for upgrading the infrastructure and directed the School Education Department to provide some human resources to meet the immediate teaching requirements of the school.

It was also resolved to bring further improvement in mess quality besides hostel infrastructure and other allied facilities.

The meeting was informed that the school is first of its kind residential school in the valley established back in the year 1981. It was given out that it has a capacity of 480 students and this year 1005 students appeared in the admission test for class 6th out of whom 68 students

were selected.

The meeting also took cognizance of the board results of the classes 10th and 12th for last 10 years. It was revealed that out of the 2756 students who passed out from this school, 550 have become doctors, 305 Engineers, 18 Professors, 24 had joined Administrative Services, 25 Advocates, 21 are in Banking sector with 72 moved out of the country for extension of their careers.

Div Com Jammu chairs Jammu Smart City Limited Board meeting



GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu and Chairman Board of Directors, Jammu Smart City Limited, Ramesh Kumar Monday chaired the Board meeting at its office here.

The Board of Directors including Additional Director General of Police Anand Jain, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, VC JDA, ACEO JMRDA and other concerned officials of JSCL were present. Devansh Yadav, CEO,

JSCL presented the agenda items before the Board for discussion, ratification and approval.

During the meeting, the chair was informed of the progress of work on the Tawi Riverfront Project. It was informed that over 88% of physical progress has been achieved on the left and right banks of the Tawi Riverfront development project.

Setting the deadline, the Div Com directed the Director Projects to complete the on left and right

banks by December 30, 2024 and 15 January 2025, respectively.

The members of the Board discussed varied other matters listed in the Agenda items for its approval and ratification.

The Board approved the construction of a Waste to Wonder Park at Khanpur Nagrota. Discussion was also held on outsourcing of management, operation and maintenance on lease basis of the heritage cafeteria cum restaurant at Mubarak Mandi, Jammu.

Health Deptt goes online to streamline transfers

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Health and Medical Education Department of Jammu & Kashmir is set to roll out a new Online HR Portal to streamline transfer and deputation requests within the department.

The portal aims to improve transparency, reduce administrative burden, and allow department officials to focus more on strategic improvements and patient care.

The circular numbered 16-JK(HME) of 2024 and dated October 31, 2024, which is in possession of KNS issued by Secretary Health and Medical Education Syed Abid Rashid highlighted the frequent representations and visits from employees, including doctors, nurses, and paramedics, seeking transfers and postings. These in-person requests, often made at the Civil Secretariat in both Jammu and

Srinagar, have reportedly diverted significant time and resources from core departmental functions.

The circular reads, it has been observed that the Health & Medical Education Department is continuously receiving multiple representations and frequent visits from various doctors/officials/nurses/paramedics, etc., regarding transfers/postings/deputation. These requests are invariably made at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar. This consumes significant departmental time and resources, thereby preventing focus on strategic improvements in the department, in the interest of patient care and in the interest of employees of the department," according to the Associated News Bureau (ANB).

To streamline the process, the department is developing an online system through the HR Portal. Until it is operational, employ-

ees are directed to submit their transfer and deputation requests via email at hmejkemployee@gmail.com. This interim measure aims to minimize direct approaches to the administrative offices for transfer-related requests.

The circular reiterates the department's existing transfer policy, established in Government Order No. 948-JK(GAD) of 2020, which designates April as the standard month for transfers, with exceptions for teaching staff and postings to the Ladakh region. The circular also warns, "Any request made outside the transfer window shall be deemed invalid and may result in disciplinary proceedings against delinquent officers/officials," reads the letter.

The initiative is expected to streamline processes for both employees and administrators, improving overall efficiency and focus on patient care. (ANB)

Ehsaas Foundation extends lifeline to Purkhoo fire victims

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The Fire at Purkhoo camp engulfed everything that for decades the Kashmiri pandits had accumulated here in Jammu, everything they possessed after years.

Displaced and traumatized families lost whatever little they saved from the blaze. From the ashes, hope reared its head. The Ehsaas Foundation, an NGO based in Srinagar, did not back down to this challenge. Relief camps at Bohri Kadal were initiated, and volunteers from every nook and cranny surfaced.

Food and more food, blankets, and clothing, the feeling that they are not alone to lose everything all over again. What greater comfort over the physical support is knowing that they are not only to lose everything, and what the foundation assisted with were these things.

It is more than helping them. It is letting them realize that they are being watched and cared for and



not forgotten. Volunteers Zahoor Malik and Burhan Hus-saini said, "It has shaken us deep. Sometimes it feels like we are putting a bandage on a wound that would never stop bleeding;

all we could do is give them a respite."

Relief at Purkhoo Camp is not food and groceries, but the strength to face tomorrow. That is what it feels like in a world they claim to have let them

down several times.

And then relief camps become symbols of unity and resilience in a strife-torn Kashmir that shows here that in Kashmir, amid ashes of hate, compassion remains. (ANB)

DC Kulgam reviews progress under HADP

GMK NEWS NETWORK

KULGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Amir Khan Monday convened a meeting of officers from Agriculture and allied sectors at mini-secretariat here to review the achievements made under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) in the district.

At the outset, the DC took a thorough examination of the physical and financial progress achieved by the agriculture department and allied sectors under the HADP.

He also sought details about the baseline survey and registration of eligible farmers on Daksh Kisan Portal.

Each department presented a comprehensive overview of their achievements, detailing aspects such as plan implementation, beneficiary approvals, banking connections, convergence of activities and processing of applications through a detailed PowerPoint presentation.

Highlighting the pivotal role of HADP in establishing a robust and profitable agricultural ecosystem, the DC underscored its significance in supporting local farmers.

He emphasized the need for effective implementation of the programme to ensure maximum benefits for the farming communities.

Recognizing the importance of awareness programs, the DC urged officers to conduct outreach initiatives so that all eligible farmers are covered under the programme.

IGP Kashmir promotes 511 officials

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Inspector General of Police Kashmir Zone Shri VK Birdi-IPS today, promoted 511 officials of Kashmir Zone to their next ranks.

On the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee constituted at the level of ZPHQ Kashmir for assessing the suitability of Head Constables for their elevation to the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspectors, IGP Kashmir Shri V.K. Birdi-IPS has approved the promotions of 511 Head Constables having their line and seniority with Kashmir Zone to the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspectors.

Besides, accorded sanction for grant of In-situ Grade Promotion in respect of 06 officials after completion of requisite quantum of satisfactory service by them.

IGP Kashmir has felicitated the promoted officials, their families and expressed hope that they will continue to work with same zeal, energy and professionalism and will put their efforts for up-keeping the public peace, tranquillity and law & order of the Union Territory of J&K. (ANB)

Made Half Attempt To Circumvent Govt's Move: NC on PDP MLA's Resolution

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR- National Conference on Monday said that a PDP MLA made half attempt to circumvent government's move to introduce resolution against abrogation of Article 370 in the assembly.

In a post on X, NC said that it expects everyone to support the

resolution rather than playing to the gallery.

The party was reacting to PDP MLA Waheed Para's resolution that he moved against abrogation of Article 370 on the first day of assembly session in Srinagar today.

"It was too clever by half attempt by a PDP MLA, clearly

aimed at circumventing government move to introduce resolution... We expect everyone to support the resolution rather than playing to the gallery and weakening the collective resolve of those who sincerely want reclaiming of our constitutional rights, protection of dignity and identity," NC said.

Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Wetland Preservation

Gunshots often crack in the thick late autumn air from the areas surrounding the wetlands in Kashmir. The massacre of winged guests of the various wetlands happens unabated even to this day. The hunted birds are sold in shady makeshift markets on the service roads of the main highway from Srinagar to Baramulla - a bird may fetch a price ranging from Rs.400 to Rs.800. Most of this hunting is done illegally and under the cover of darkness. Hokersar wetland, a Ramsar wetland, located just 12 kilometers west of Srinagar is surrounded by around a dozen villages. The idlers in a good number of these villages feel it is time to make hay when mid-November cold sets in - it is when most of the migratory birds use this wetland as a halting point in their journey. Greylag goose, Mullard, pochard, and Eurasian coot are some of the birds that use Hokersar as a stopping point for their journey which starts from swaths of China and Siberia. The government has taken numerous steps to curb this crime of bird poaching but due to lack of manpower and difficulty in navigating the swampy terrain, the poachers manage to have a field day most of the time. Wetland preservation has to be on the priority list of all governments. Wetlands are emblematic of the ecological health of a valley in particular. If the wetland are healthy the ecological balance of the valley is in good health. And in the same breath if wetlands are diseased then the whole ecological balance goes for a toss. Apart from poachers wetlands are facing a bigger risk from land sharks - these are real estate henchmen who take every step to ensure they encroach upon wetlands by steadily filling them up over a period of a few years. Most of the times there seems to be a collaboration between the authorities and these land sharks. The need of the hour is to conduct a thorough survey as to how much land under wetlands preservation has already been encroached upon by these land sharks. The horizontal expansion of the city is aiding this encroachment as the administration has failed to convince people that vertical expansion is the only option left. Wetlands are our most prized possessions. We need to protect them at all costs.

Fatherhood, An Eternal Calling

SYED MAJID GILANI

In life's intricate tapestry, a profound bond exists, transcending time, distance, and circumstance. This sacred connection between a father and his children is forged in the depths of their shared genes. Like a river's relentless flow, this bond remains unyielding, overcoming obstacles.

Temporary disruptions may occur, but its essence remains unbroken. A river's unpredictable journey has a certain destination, and artificial barriers divert its course, only for it to return to its original path.

The emotional bond between a father and his children is unbreakable, resisting permanent separation. History testifies to its power, as the love between them breaks free from constraints, overcoming obstacles. No matter life's challenges, a child's innate love for their father endures.

Temporary estrangements may occur, but the indelible imprint of shared DNA, or genetic ties keep this bond unbreakably strong and the children carry forward their father's legacy, traditions, and cultural values, seldom betraying their inherited traits.

Sometimes, malicious forces may attempt to drive a wedge between children and their father, fueling hatred and temporarily blinding them to their father's love. However, when the father remains genuine and loyal, time itself clears the blurred vision, revealing truth and exposing deceit.

Facts prevail, and lies fail. The innocent father's unwavering dedication shines through, dispelling darkness. Like a river returning to its source, children gravitate toward their father's love and guidance.

This bond is an emotional lifeline, nourished by shared experiences, laugh-



ter, and tears. It's a sacred trust forged in the heart, etched in their very being. No earthly power can break this bond. Just as a flowing water stream cannot be permanently cut off, the natural affection and love between a father and his children cannot be severed. Temporary barriers may divert its course, but the bond always finds its way back to its original path.

History testifies that whenever the flow of life's challenges intensifies, the bond between a father and his children breaks free from constraints, reclaiming its natural route. Like a river overflowing its banks, the bond vandalizes artificial obstacles, returning to its

original path.

No one on earth can permanently cut you from your roots, your origin, and your blood. Attempts to strain ties between a father and his children may temporarily succeed, but ultimately, the bond remains unbroken. Children instinctively decode the natural coding transcended through their genes.

To those who maliciously sow discord, deceitfully poisoning innocent children's minds with lies and fabricated tales, sowing hatred and enmity toward their loyal, genuine, and loving father, beware: your deceitful actions will not go unnoticed.

The laws of nature, governed by

Almighty Allah, ensure truth prevails and justice is served. For, as is evident from history, villains always are exposed. Despite their temporary triumphs, justice ultimately prevails.

Like in every Hindi feature film, the villain's mask is lifted, they face the music, and the innocent are vindicated. The father-child bond, forged in love and loyalty, triumphs over evil intentions. The innocent rise, and the wicked reap consequences. As the river returns to its source, truth returns to its rightful place.

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Why English Rules The World?



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Several other languages, although having many speakers, lengthy histories, and regional impact, have not been able to reach the same degree of global reach as English, which has attained extraordinary worldwide dominance. This is due to a variety of issues, including language and practical difficulties as well as historical and geopolitical ones. This article examines the reasons behind the failure of other major world languages to attain the same degree of global dominance as English.

Insufficient Colonial Influence
The lack of colonial development on the same scale as the British Empire is one of the main reasons other languages were unable to match English's worldwide dominance. A language frequently has to expand through conquest, trade, or colonialism in order to become dominant on a worldwide scale.

Mandarin Chinese: Although Mandarin is the most widely spoken native language in the world, it has never enjoyed the same level of worldwide growth as English. China's influence outside of East Asia was constrained by its historical isolationist practices during pivotal eras like the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Mandarin did not expand through colonial expansion, and China's economic dominance is a comparatively recent development.

Spanish and Portuguese: Despite building sizable empires during the Age of Exploration, Spain, and Portugal had a greater impact on Latin America and some regions of Africa than the rest of the world. Furthermore, these languages did not continue to spread globally following the fall of their empires in the 18th and 19th centuries. During the Industrial Revolution and subsequently in the 20th century, English dominated scientific discourse and trade more than the Spanish and Portuguese did.

French: Due to France's political and cultural hegemony, French was formerly regarded as the universal language of academics, diplomacy, and culture, particularly in the 17th and 18th centuries. However, French lost its position as the universal language in

the 20th century with the fall of the French colonial empire and the ascent of the United States. French has remained primarily restricted to places, especially in Africa and portions of Europe, although still being a significant worldwide language.

America's Position as a Superpower
The fact that speakers of languages like French, German, and Russian did not dominate the post-World War II global order is a major factor in their inability to establish themselves as universal languages. American English became central to international political, economic, and cultural systems when the United States emerged from World War II as a dominant superpower.

Russian: Russian dominated Eastern Europe and Central Asia throughout the Cold War and held sway inside the Soviet zone of influence. However, Russian was not extensively accepted outside of communist and socialist blocs, and its international standing declined after the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

German: German was an important language in philosophy, science, and the arts before World War I. However, Germany's political power was significantly reduced by the two World Wars, and the country's fragmentation during the Cold War made German less useful as a language for international communication.

Technological and Economic Aspects

One of the main reasons for English's continuous ascent is its dominance in the global economy. English became the international language of commerce, finance, and technology when the United States became the world's most powerful economy in the 20th century. At the pivotal juncture of globalization, no other language possessed the same combination of technological innovation and economic reach.

Languages Without a Global Economic Base: Despite having sizable speaker bases, languages like Bengali, Hindi, and Arabic do not have the economic clout to promote widespread adoption. For instance, despite India's enormous population and expanding economy, Hindi is not widely spoken there, and English is still the primary language of business, education, and technology.

Technical Innovation: English-speaking nations, particularly the United States, have been at the forefront of the majority of global technical developments, such as the internet, social media platforms, and digital econo-



my. Because of this, English now has a major advantage over other languages and is ingrained in contemporary technology.

Practical and Linguistic Difficulties

Some languages are less accessible as global languages due to their structure and complexity. English has several useful benefits that have made it simpler to learn as a second language, despite its own complexity.

Complex Writing Systems: The intricate writing systems of languages like Arabic and Mandarin may prevent their broad international acceptance. Although Mandarin Chinese is being taught more and more over the world, non-native speakers may become discouraged by the difficulties of learning its script, which consists of thousands of characters. Similar to this, many students find Arabic script difficult to learn because of its cursive style and right-to-left writing direction.

Grammatical Complexity: Non-native speakers may find it more challenging to learn languages like German and Russian due to their intricate grammatical systems, which include cases, genders, and word-order rules. In contrast, English lacks many of the inflectional forms that make other languages more difficult to learn and has comparatively straightforward word-order rules.

Content Production and Digital Presence

English is the most widely used language on the internet, and no other language has been able to overtake it. English's dominance in the world has been strengthened as a result of the overwhelming amount of content created and consumed in this language.

Internet Usage: Although

English is not the primary language of most internet users, it still makes up over 25% of all information on the internet as of 2021. Conversely, languages with substantial speaker populations, such as Hindi, Bengali, or even Spanish, only make up a considerably smaller portion of online content.

Scientific and Academic Publishing: English is the language of academia and international knowledge sharing, with over 80% of all scientific journals published in this language. English has emerged as the unchallenged leader in international academic discourse, although German, French, and Russian were once dominating in particular fields.

Social and Cultural Aspects
English exports more culture than any other language, particularly in the areas of entertainment, music, and film. The globalization of English has been greatly aided by the American and British media sectors.

Hollywood and Entertainment: Since the early 20th century, Hollywood has played a significant role in the English language's dissemination. English has become ingrained in popular culture around the world because of iconic American and British films, TV series, and musical songs. Although the music and film industries in other nations are thriving, none have attained the same degree of worldwide saturation.

International Sports and English Commentary: From the Olympics to the FIFA World Cup, English predominates in international sports commentary. Despite the worldwide nature of sports like soccer, English is frequently used for broadcasts and conversations, particularly during international competitions.

Absence of International

Education Regulations

A language frequently requires extensive education as a second language and significant institutional backing in order to flourish internationally. The early adoption of English in many non-English speaking nations' educational institutions has been beneficial.

Limited Institutional Support: Although certain regions teach languages like Arabic or French as second languages, English has a wider global impact. This is partially because English-speaking nations have influenced educational systems around the world, especially in post-colonial societies. English is the major language of instruction in nations like India, Nigeria, and Pakistan for professional training and higher education, further solidifying its position as the entry point to economic prospects.

National Language Focus: Rather than having the same desire to spread globally, many languages are primarily concerned with becoming the official or national languages of their respective nations. For instance, despite limited efforts to promote Japanese as a lingua franca worldwide, Japan's strong cultural identity has guaranteed that Japanese continues to be the dominant language within its boundaries.

Conclusion: The English language's domination throughout the world is a complicated phenomenon that has its roots in centuries of political, economic, and historical events. The colonial expansion, economic might, technological advancement, and cultural impact that have helped English reach its current position have not been matched by any other language. Due to historical isolation, linguistic difficulties, or a weak global economic foundation, other major languages have encountered constraints even though they have sizable native speakers and regional influence.

Despite the important roles that languages like Mandarin, Spanish, and French play in the world, none of them seem likely to replace English anytime soon. English will probably be relevant for many years to come due to the political, economic, and cultural elements that have maintained its dominance in the world. Although the linguistic landscape may alter as globalization and technological advancements continue, English is still the most widely spoken language in the world.

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From Emissions To Solutions: India's Approach To Methane At COP29



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The 2024 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 29) is poised to convene in November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan. This seminal event will comprise the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 29), the 19th assembly of the COP functioning as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 19), and the sixth iteration of the COP as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 6). These deliberations are set to culminate in the completion of the inaugural enhanced transparency framework and the establishment of a New collective quantified goal pertaining to climate finance, among other pressing matters of global import. India's unwavering commitment to the Global Methane Pledge—which endeavors to reduce methane emissions by no less than 30% by 2030 compared to 2020 levels—can serve as a formidable catalyst for rigorous discourse. Global Methane Pledge emerges as a pivotal catalyst for international discourse, galvanizing collective action to confront the pressing challenges posed by methane emissions.

Current Methane Emissions Profile

India's methane emissions predominantly emanate from three pivotal sectors: agriculture, landfills, and fossil fuel extraction. Within the agricultural sphere, a considerable proportion of emissions is attributable to livestock production, particularly through the metabolic process of enteric fermentation, alongside rice cultivation practices that engender anaerobic conditions conducive to methane generation. These sources constitute a substantial segment of the nation's overall methane footprint. Effectively addressing this emissions profile is paramount for India's comprehensive climate strategy, necessitating the implementation of targeted interventions and robust policy frameworks designed to mitigate methane release and promote



sustainability imperatives.

Addressing India's methane emissions profile transcends mere regulatory compliance; it embodies a vital imperative for the advancement of sustainable development. The incorporation of methane mitigation strategies into national climate policies can engender substantial co-benefits, including the enhancement of air quality, the amelioration of public health outcomes, and the potential for economic proliferation through the deployment of green technologies.

Moreover, India's endeavors to mitigate methane emissions can serve as a paradigm for other developing nations, underscoring the critical importance of equity in climate action. It is imperative that these strategies are not only comprehensive but also inclusive, meticulously accounting for the diverse socio-economic contexts in which they are implemented. Such an

approach will be indispensable in cultivating widespread support and engendering active participation in methane reduction initiatives, thereby reinforcing the commitment to sustainable and equitable climate governance.

The China-India partnership on methane diplomacy at COP29 constitutes a singular opportunity to capitalize on their synergistic strengths in the imperative of mitigating methane emissions. By fostering collaboration across advanced technological innovation, rigorous scientific inquiry, and equitable climate action, both nations can occupy a crucial role in orchestrating global efforts to combat climate change, thereby establishing a paradigmatic precedent for cooperative international engagement. This alliance transcends mere responsiveness to urgent environmental challenges; it endeavors to underpin long-term sustainability and resilience for pos-

terity, ensuring that comprehensive and robust strategies are formulated to address both immediate exigencies and enduring ecological imperatives.

As principal actors in the domain of global climate governance, both the United States and India wield formidable influence within international forums, particularly the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Their strategic alliance possesses the capacity to catalyze collective action, compelling other nations to augment their commitments to climate objectives and fostering a synergistic front in the intricate landscape of international climate negotiations. By harmonizing their interests and leveraging their diplomatic heft, the U.S. and India can profoundly shape the global climate agenda, propelling substantial advancements toward the realization of ambitious environmen-

tal imperatives.

This collaboration not only enhances their respective efforts to combat climate change but also sets a compelling precedent for international cooperation. As they navigate the complexities of the global climate landscape, the U.S.-India partnership stands poised to catalyze significant progress toward achieving ambitious environmental goals, ultimately contributing to a more sustainable and resilient future for all.

India's engagement in the discourse surrounding methane emissions at COP29 will be pivotal in delineating its climate strategy and reaffirming its commitment to international climate accords. By prioritizing actionable solutions, sustainable practices, and the imperative for global collaboration, India can make a substantial contribution to the collective endeavor of mitigating methane emissions and effectively addressing the multifaceted challenges of climate change. This proactive stance not only underscores India's role as a responsible global actor but also enhances its capacity to influence and shape the trajectory of international climate initiatives.

By facilitating technology transfer and fostering collaboration with other nations, India can substantially enhance its stature as a preeminent leader in sustainable development and climate action. This strategy not only accelerates the assimilation of innovative solutions but also catalyzes an exchange of knowledge across varied contexts, thereby amplifying the efficacy of climate mitigation endeavours.

India's extensive reservoir of scientific expertise and its burgeoning technological ecosystem uniquely position it to spearhead initiatives centered on clean technologies, including renewable energy systems, optimized agricultural methodologies, and advanced waste management solutions. Collaborating with nations possessing complementary strengths can yield the co-development of technologies specifically tailored to address regional challenges, ensuring that interventions are both efficacious and contextually pertinent.

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Liver Transplants For Adults And Children



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When someone's liver is not working well, a liver transplant may be the best option to help them recover. This type of surgery is needed when the liver can no longer do its job—helping with digestion, storing energy, and clearing out toxins. Liver transplants aren't just for adults; children sometimes need them too.

Why Do People Need a Liver Transplant?

Liver failure can happen for different reasons. In adults, it's often caused by long-term alcohol use or chronic diseases. For children, it's usually due to genetic problems or infections. When the liver isn't working well and there's no other way to treat the problem, a transplant can be a lifesaver.

A liver transplant replaces the damaged liver with a healthy one. Sometimes, the whole liver is replaced, but other times only a part of it is used. In either case, the transplant helps restore the liver's functions and can improve the person's health.

How Does a Liver Transplant Work?

There are two main types of liver transplants:

- Whole Liver Transplant:** This is when the entire liver is taken from a recently deceased



donor and transplanted into the patient.

- Living Donor Liver Transplant:** In some cases, a living person donates a portion of their liver. This works because the liver is unique—it can grow back over time. So, both the donor and recipient end up with full-sized livers after a while.

A smaller liver portion from a living donor can often work just fine for children, as their bodies need less liver tissue than adults.

What is Involved in the Process?

Getting a liver transplant isn't a

quick process. First, doctors check to make sure the person really needs a new liver and is healthy enough for surgery. If so, they are put on a waiting list, which can take time since there aren't always enough donors available.

When a donor's liver is found, surgery can begin. The operation itself takes several hours. After the surgery, the patient will spend a few weeks in the hospital. During this time, they are closely monitored to make sure everything is working well with the new liver.

Recovery and Life After Surgery

Even after being discharged

from the hospital, recovery continues at home. It may take several months to fully recover and adjust. Patients will also need to take medicines for the rest of their lives to prevent their body from rejecting the new liver.

For children, liver transplants often mean they can go back to enjoying activities and just being kids. Adults can also look forward to returning to their routines, although recovery can be different for each person.

The Risks and Benefits

Liver transplants, like any major surgery, have risks. These can include infection, bleeding,

or rejection of the new liver. But many people find that a successful transplant gives them back their health and freedom.

Outlook

If you or someone you know is considering a liver transplant, it's essential to talk with a doctor and learn as much as possible. Liver transplants can give both adults and children a chance for a better, healthier life.

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PDP's Resolution

assembly elections) would have been different. "However, how to raise the issue and bring it on record will not be decided by one MLA. The resolution brought today has no value other than (that) it was done for the cameras," he said.

"In the coming days, we will bring a proposal in consultation with you (speaker)," he said, requesting the Chair to adjourn the House till the LG's address.

The House then witnessed noisy scenes again between members of NC, PDP, People's Conference (PC) and Awami Ittehad Party (AIP).

"I request new members to learn the rules. You have violated them on the very first day. I will not allow it, mind it," the speaker said before adjourning the House till 11.30 am.

"Treat All Parties Equally": CM Omar To Speaker Rather Omar Abdullah urged Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, to ensure equal treatment for all political parties.

"You are the custodian of this House, and we hope you will treat everyone equally. Every member, whether from the ruling party or the opposition, should have equal opportunities to speak. I assure you of our full cooperation. We are here to address the issues of the people," Omar said in his address following Rather's assumption of the Speaker's role.

BJP legislator and Leader of the Opposition, Sunil Sharma, also pledged full support to the Speaker in running the House smoothly. Senior Congress leader G A Mir joined in welcoming Rather to his new position.

CPI (M) Legislator M Y Tarigami said Speaker represents all legislators in the House. (Agencies)

ON STATEHOOD

remains strong. "The Prime Minister, on several occasions, has already expressed his commitment to restoring statehood, which has been a source of rekindled hope and reassurance for the people," he said. "The Council of Ministers of Jammu and Kashmir has recently passed a unanimous resolution calling for the immediate restoration of statehood. This resolution reflects the collective will of the elected representatives, echoing the aspirations of the people for the reinstatement of full democratic governance. My Government will make all efforts for restoration of full Statehood and Constitutional Guarantees available to the State." The LG said that it would be a befitting reciprocation of the faith reposed by the people of Jammu and Kashmir in "our democratic institutions."

CONNECTIVITY

connectivity projects will be fast tracked by facilitating the acquisition of land, forest clearances and removal of encroachments. "On-going Expressway, National Highways and Ring Road projects for Jammu and Srinagar cities will be speeded up for their early completion. Work on the upgradation and consolidation of the Jammu Akhnoor Rajouri - Poonch National Highway will be expedited for its early completion," he said. "New National Highways projects will be taken up with the Central Government to improve connectivity to remote and backward pockets to accelerate economic growth."

The LG said that the connectivity of Rail to the valley, which will be a reality soon, will be a turning point for economic development and prosperity. "Night landing facilities at Jammu and Srinagar airports will further enhance connectivity and boost the tourism sector further. My government will take all necessary measures to ensure that the development dividend of these initiatives reaches the remotest pockets and uplifts their lives and livelihoods," he said. "My Government will pursue implementation of projects for rail connectivity to important unconnected areas including the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, with the Government of India."

JOB CREATION

under the guidance of former RBI Governor Dr. C. Rangarajan in 2011, recommended a roadmap for creating jobs and enhancing economic growth in Jammu and Kashmir. "My government will pursue the implementation of the Report with the Government of India to address structural issues in the economy, support skill-building initiatives, and stimulate inclusive growth," he said. "Effective collaboration with the Government of India would be essential to mobilize resources, funding, and requisite support necessary for realizing many of these reforms."

He said that all the vacancies in the Government Sector will be identified and filled up on a fast-track basis. "My Government is committed to expedite the process of compassionate appointments as well," he said.

TOURISM

the economy of J&K, which can boost various services and industrial sectors like transport, hospitality, horticulture and small-scale industry thereby, generating incomes and job opportunities for the local population.

"My government will ensure that all benefits are extended to the Tourism Sector, as an Industry. This will ensure that this sector witnesses' requisite growth in investment for improving tourism infrastructure and services," he said. "My Government will focus on enhancing the quality of tourist experience, and devise appropriate interventions to manage the tourist inflow. Concerted efforts will be made for accelerated development of new tourist destinations both in Kashmir as well as Jammu, so that the immense untapped potential of our beautiful landscape is harnessed for improving the experience of the tourists and lives and livelihoods of the locals."

The LG said that Work on Tawi Barrage Project, an artificial lake, is also in full swing and likely to be completed soon, which will enhance tourism potential of Jammu City. "The upcoming railway connectivity to Kashmir, expected to be fully operational soon, will indeed provide a significant boost to tourism in both Kashmir and the Pir Panjal region," he said.

The LG said that J&K Industrial Policy, 2021-30, has been notified for encouraging private investment and to boost the industrial sector. "New Central Sector package of Rs 28,400 crores is also available for encouraging new investments. My Government will ensure that requisite infrastructure for the development of industrial units is made available on priority, subsidized industrial land is transparently allotted and it actually translates in attracting new investment, creating employment opportunities for the locals, developing backward regions and expand existing industrial units," he said. The LG said that the Council of Ministers of Jammu and Kashmir has recently passed a

unanimous resolution for reviewing the J&K Industrial Policy, 2021-30, to achieve this objective.

"My Government will develop 46 new industrial estates with all the modern facilities to attract industries and enhance job opportunities. These new initiatives will spur employment avenues and enhance economic growth," he said. "Further, focus will also be on development of industrial parks or clusters to provide shared facilities and resources, making it easier for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to thrive. A suitable procurement policy to further support the MSMEs will also be introduced. Reform process will be further strengthened for ease of doing business. My Government will promote Circular Economy by encouraging industries to adopt sustainable practices and technologies that minimize environmental impact and waste."

HEALTH

facilities to the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir. Healthcare facilities and services in rural areas, focusing on maternal and child health, will be further improved. Critical care blocks will be established in districts for strengthening of emergency services," the LG said. "The health care sector in Jammu and Kashmir is set to undergo significant advancements as the government prioritizes the expansion of medical education and health services. This initiative aims to enhance the quality and accessibility of healthcare for the people of the region." The LG said that his Government will focus on increasing MBBS, PG and Nursing seats and will add new tertiary care services and advanced courses for strengthening the health care facilities at tertiary level. "It is committed to enhancing the healthcare landscape in Jammu and Kashmir by focusing on two crucial aspects: attracting the best medical professionals to newly established institutions and addressing the challenge of brain drain from the region. This approach aims to build a sustainable and high-quality healthcare system that meets the needs of the population," he said.

The LG said that his government will focus on strengthening Primary Health Care services for making available medical treatment and drugs at the grass root level. Preventive diagnosis/ screening will be carried forward for timely diag

nosis of the non-communicable diseases and their treatment. "Universal health coverage will be carried forward with better services for the benefit of common masses. My government will create a Chief Ministers Medical Trust for providing financial assistance to the needy for terminal diseases like cancer, heart and kidney transplants. Facilities for dialysis will be created at Sub-Divisional level to meet the rising need for it in recent times," the LG said.

AGRICULTURE

backbone of Jammu and Kashmir's economy, engaging half of its workforce. "J&K has 13 lakh farmer families, with a substantial percentage belonging to economically weaker and marginal sections. My Government is committed to promote farmer's welfare and enhance their income through transformative initiatives that promote a sustainable, organic, regenerative and holistic practice for profitable agricultural economy," the LG said, adding that "implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), featuring 29 comprehensive projects spanning agriculture, horticulture, and livestock, will be accelerated, modernization and innovation will be brought in, deep value chains will be developed, competitive advantages will be harnessed, and climate resilient and sustainable agriculture will be promoted."

The LG said that these initiatives will result in increased seed replacement rate, creation of adequate CA storage, doubling of silkworm seed production, cash crops diversification, saffron, medicinal and aromatic plant cultivation, self-reliance in vegetables, oilseed production, creation of FPOs, increase in honey, milk, mutton, poultry, mushroom, fodder and millet and nutri cereals production. Further, clusters will be developed for milk, vegetables, meat, basmati, walnut, cherries and trout, etc. "Through this program, my government will create about 3 lakhs jobs and 19,000 additional enterprises," he said.

The LG said that Urbanization is a very powerful engine of economic growth and social progress. Comprehensive urban planning framework that incorporates sustainability, cultural heritage and environmental considerations will be developed by my government to harness the full potential of this powerful force. Urban local bodies will be further empowered to take decisions that reflect community needs and priorities. "My government will strive to develop and enhance basic urban infrastructure with focus on strengthening governance at grassroots closest to the citizens, making them instrumental in planning and delivering various services which the people in urban areas aspire for," he said as per KNO.

He said that better service delivery and timely disposal of 40 online Urban Services will be ensured and these will be integrated with Single Window Portal. "All efforts will be made to further improve quality and number of services. The Intelligent Traffic Management System will be strengthened. Sustainable and eco-friendly public transport systems, including electric and water transport will be promoted. Solid and Liquid Waste Management System will be strengthened to make UT environment friendly and pollution free. Affordable Housing will be made available to the deserving sections of the society," he said.(KNO)

Uphold Sanctity

Addressing the House after tabling J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's address to the assembly, the speaker expressed gratitude to the members of the assembly for electing him unanimously.

"I am thankful from the bottom of my heart for electing me to this post. I realise that big post comes with big responsibility. I will try to fulfil the expectations you have with me," Rather said.

He asked the members to uphold the sanctity and dignity of the House under all circumstances.

"First thing we should do is to uphold the sanctity and dignity in all situations. The sanctity of this House will ensure our dignity as well. If our dignity is there, out words will carry weight outside the House," he said.

The speaker said the time of this House is precious and the members should use it wisely.

"We have to be measured in our words. We will have to judiciously use the time of this House. Constructive approach should be taken in dealings in this House and in the committees of this House," he added.

"Your actions and words should be governed by how much it will benefit the poor man out there. The members should hold the government accountable, but in doing that you should not unnecessarily deride the ministers or the officers," he said.

Rather said the speaker is the custodian of the House and the rights of the MLAs.

"I will help you in making the government accountable. I request the ministers to come prepared, the MLAs should come prepared as well. If I feel any member does not do justice with supplementaries, I will have to intervene," he said.

The speaker said it has become a trend that lot of time of the House gets wasted in unruly scenes.

The speaker has power to take action which can be anything from suspension to disqualification, he warned, though adding, "I hope I don't get to take any such action".

Rather said in his 36 years of parliamentary life, he has not even once violated the rules or faced action by the speaker.

"Even when I was the leader of Opposition, I would not misuse the position," he said.

Rather assured the House that he will not be partisan in his dealings.

"I belong to the NC for past 50 years. I have been a member of Central Working Committee since 45 years. I am proud of it. But, from today, I have no political party. I belong to all of you.

"There will be no partisan role. I will prove with my actions that this House will be run objectively and neutrally. I will only take dictation from the rules," he added.

"Let us take a pledge to create a Jammu and Kashmir of our dreams where education is universal, eyes are free from tears, and communal harmony prevails every where," he said.

The speaker also said under the Reorganization Act passed by Parliament after J-K was downgraded into a Union territory, the rules of conduct of business of an assembly have to be made by this assembly.

"This cannot be done overnight or in 10 days. It will take time. However, the Act has a provision that we can use the rules of the previous assembly with certain modifications, and the powers of modifications have been given to the speaker. We will soon modify those rules while simultaneously working on framing the new rules," he told the House.

He then adjourned the House till Tuesday.

Rahim Rather

House after Minister for Agriculture Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Cooperative, and Election, Javed Ahmad Dar, moved a motion nominating Abdul Rahim Rather for the post of Speaker. The NC's MLA Ramban, Arjun Singh Raju, seconded the motion on the first day of the session. Rather was elected as the speaker through a voice vote.

Pro-tem speaker, Mubarak Gul, conducted the session. Leader of the House and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah congratulated Rather on his election as the Speaker of J&K LA since he was a "natural choice for the post due to his vast experience."

Leader of Opposition, Sunil Sharma, Congress MLA Ghulam Ahmad Mir, CPI(M) MLA from Kulgam, M Y Tarigami, Peoples' Conference MLA from Handwara, Sajad Lone and PDP's MLA, Waheed Ur Rehman Para from Pulwama congratulated Abdul Rahim Rather on assuming the chair of the Speaker.

Addressing the House after tabling Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's address to the assembly, the Speaker expressed gratitude to the members of the assembly for electing him.

In his maiden speech, as Speaker of the House, Abdul Rahim Rather said "I assure the treasury and the opposition benches that they will be provided equal support and opportunities to raise the issues in the House. I will fulfill the role assigned to me in a very non-partisan and objective manner,".

Rahim Rather sought support from all MLAs in smooth functioning of the House. He said that he will try hard to fulfill the expectations of the MLAs while maintaining the dignity of the House and following the rule book.

"Our first job is to maintain the dignity of this House at all times under any circumstances. The sanctity of this House will ensure our dignity as well. We need active cooperation and support from all sides for smooth functioning of the House," he maintained. He emphasised that people are looking up to the MLAs for resolution of their issues and they should try to fulfill the responsibilities that people have entrusted them with.

While calling for respecting people's mandate, the Speaker said that the actions of the MLAs should align with the aspirations of the citizens as people have reposed faith in them through their vote.

The Speaker said the time of this House is precious and the members should use it judiciously and create a healthy atmosphere in running the business of the House. "We will have to judiciously use the time of this House and raise our voice in a very constructive and positive manner," he added.

He said that actions and words of the members of the House should be governed by how much it will benefit the poorest man in their thoughts. He said that the members have a duty to hold the government accountable, but in doing so, one should not unnecessarily deride the ministers or the officers.

Rahim Rather said the Speaker is the custodian of the House and rights of the MLAs and he will go an extra mile in helping the legislators in making the government accountable.

The Speaker said that MLAs should understand the legislative process very well and according to its rules, they should maintain their language, behavior and correspondence with the Assembly Secretariat. He said that the Parliamentary rules and conventions should be strictly adhered to by all the members in the House and he will intervene, in case the need arises.

He said that he has been working with the National Conference from the last 50 years, but from now onwards he has no political affiliation and will prove by his actions that the House is run in an objective and neutral manner. "I will be taking dictation only from the rules", asserted the Speaker.

KPDCL To Install

ED I, II & III Srinagar, Baramulla & Budgam districts, NTPC has ED IV Srinagar, Ganderbal, Bandipora districts in its charge. PESL is executing works in Pulwama, Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag Districts. "Besides increasing carrying capacity, these works shall also saturate consumer demands for installation of new DTs, especially in rural districts of Kashmir valley," he stated.

The spokesperson further stated that with smart metering works under RDSS to begin soon and installation of new steel tubular poles and LT-AB cable, KPDCL is targeting extension of reliable and quality power supply to its consumers, with improved billing efficiency and reduction in AT&C losses. "While feeder metering of 1485 at 11 kV level has already started, around 6.85 lakh consumer smart meters and 40,670 DT meters shall also be installed under RDSS," he added.

KPDCL is also targeting laying of 15,000 km LT-AB (Aerial Bunched) cable and 1.5 lakh new steel tubular poles to transform the LT network at Distribution level. "With LT-AB cable installed, KDPCL shall substantially reduce AT&C losses over the next 02 years, which shall enable the corporation to provide uninterrupted power supply to its consumers," he promised.

Urging the consumers to cooperate, the spokesperson stated that approved shutdowns especially on 11 kV feeders are mandatory to execute RDSS-LR works. "KPDCL is notifying shutdowns in advance through print and electronic media so that the consumers are informed beforehand. This is crucial to safeguard the lives of men working at sites," he added.

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and in opposition, emphasizing his steadfast dedication. "From the time of Sher-i-Kashmir Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah to the present, you have been an integral part of this assembly, serving the people through various capacities," he noted.

In his address, the Chief Minister expressed confidence in Rather's role as the assembly's custodian, underlining the Speaker's responsibility to uphold the interests of all members and guide them in fulfilling their duties. "We are hopeful that you will protect interests of all members, maintaining a watchful eye not only on the opposition but also on those who may deviate from their responsibilities, offering them necessary support and guidance," he stated.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah emphasized the importance of the assembly in reflecting the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "The reason we are gathered here today is because the people have entrusted us with their aspirations, issues, and grievances," he added. "We are optimistic that you will have the support of all members in running this house effectively." In a powerful closing statement, the Chief Minister addressed the broader sentiment within the assembly regarding the decision made on August 5, 2019.

"This assembly reflects the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The reality is that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have not endorsed the decisions made on August 5, 2019. If they had, the results would have been different. Many of those seated on this side (treasury benches) have not accepted that decision either," the chief minister said as he concluded his speech.

Security Beefed

have been put in place across the city, especially at all the entry and exit points, and random frisking and checking of people and vehicles is being undertaken, the official said.

Mobile vehicle checkpoints have also been established while security forces are undertaking area domination exercises and maintaining a strong vigil in the sensitive areas of the city, he said.

Deployment of security forces personnel has been increased around vital installations and sensitive areas, especially where the presence of non-locals is high, the official said.

They said cyber surveillance, including the monitoring of social media, has been increased and those handles and pages that regularly dish out anti-India propaganda are being watched.

All intelligence inputs are being taken seriously and the security forces are also conducting cordon and search operations based on such inputs, they said, adding both human as well as technical intelligence is being used.

The security forces are putting in coordinated efforts to thwart any such attacks and maintain peace in the city, the officials added.

LG Announces 200

their full potential so that their economic dividend enhances people's lives and J&K's financial position. My government will seek the support of the Government of India for a significant leap forward in our energy sector," he said. "Completion of four Mega Hydro Electric Power projects, with sanctioned capacity of 3014 MWs, will be expedited for doubling the hydropower generation capacity by 2026 to not only make J&K self-sufficient in power but also to enable us to generate revenue from this vital green resource. Another four Mega Hydro Electric Power projects of 1818 MWs will be followed rigorously to get the work on these power-generating projects started."

He also said that all government buildings will have solar rooftop power connections shortly under Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Scheme (PMMSG).

He also said that his government will make serious efforts for the safe and security return of Kashmiri Migrant Pandits back to valley and also provide the Kashmiri Migrant employees safe accommodation—(KNO)

Ruckus In J&K

Sunil Sharma, the BJP legislators demanded "trashing" the Parra's resolution. They shouted there was no scope for it in the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker tried to pacify the agitating BJP legislators, but they continued with their protests and demanded dismissal of the resolution.

In the meanwhile, Peoples Conference president Sajad Gani Lone signaled other opposition members from Kashmir to stand up in support of the resolution.

Soon other opposition members from Kashmir including Mir Muhammad Fayaz, Sheikh Khurshid, Rafiq Ahmad Naik and Shabir Kulley were on their feet, countering BJP and NC MLAs.

Amid continued protests in the House, the Speaker said that he will examine the matter and decide accordingly.

"I have not yet seen this copy. Let me review it and examine it. If you (MLAs) have decided not to let this House function, then I have nothing more to add," he said and warned the first-time legislators to maintain discipline. "I will not allow this (chaos). Mind it....," the Speaker said.

Amid commotion in the House, NC members also exchanged heated arguments with BJP legislators, accusing them of disrupting proceedings of the House.

In the meanwhile, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah intervened and accused PDP of playing politics.

He said the resolution was introduced just 'for the cameras' and has no significance.

"Some members will have no option but to play politics," he said, adding that the House reflects the sentiments of people of J&K.

"The truth is that the people have not approved the decision of August 5, 2019," Omar said—(KNO)

20 killed after bus plunges into gorge in Uttarakhand's Almora

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ALMORA : In a major tragedy, at least 20 passengers lost their lives when the bus they were travelling in, careened off the road and fell into a 200-metre-deep gorge in Uttarakhand's Almora district on Monday. Among the victims were several children, heightening the tragedy of the incident.

The ill-fated bus, transporting passengers from Garhwal to Kumaon, was reportedly overloaded at the time of the accident on Monday morning.

Eyewitness accounts suggest that the vehicle lost control before plunging into the gorge, leading to fears that the casualty count may rise further, as approximately 40 people were believed to be aboard the bus when the mishap took place.

The driver reportedly lost control of the overcrowded bus as it approached Kupail Village,

PM condoles loss of lives in Almora bus mishap

NEW DELHI : Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed condolences to the families and loved ones of the bus accident victims, who lost their lives in a tragic road mishap in Almora, Uttarakhand on Monday.

PM Modi also announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh for the next of kin of the 36 deceased in the mishap from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

An amount of Rs 50,000 will be given to those injured in the mishap.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Dhami has also announced monetary compensation of Rs 4 lakh for the kin

of the deceased and Rs 1 lakh to those injured in the tragic accident.

Meanwhile, the death toll in the Almora bus accident has climbed to 36 from the 20 announced initially.

According to the authorities, the incident happened when a 45-seater passenger bus fell into a 200-metre-deep gorge at Marchula this morning while travelling from Pauri in Garhwal to Ramnagar in Kumaon.

Uttarakhand CM, taking strict cognisance of the matter, has ordered suspension of Regional Transport Officials (RTO) in the area.

causing it to plunge into a deep gorge.

Emergency response teams in the region, including the Uttarakhand police and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), were quickly mobilized to conduct search and rescue operations.

Rescuers are working tirelessly to evacuate survivors and transport the injured to nearby medical facilities.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has been closely monitoring the situation, expressing deep sorrow over the tragic loss of life.

In a statement on social media, CM Dhami emphasized the urgency of the relief efforts: "The unfortunate news has come in regarding the casualties of passengers in a bus accident that occurred in Marchula, Almora district.

"The district administration has been directed to swiftly carry out relief and rescue operations."

He also indicated that severely injured passengers would be airlifted as needed.

The local administration, alongside SDRF teams, is actively working to navigate the challenging terrain in their quest to provide aid and support to the victims' families.

India re-elected President of 120-nation International Solar Alliance

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NEW DELHI : India was re-elected as President of the 120-nation International Solar Alliance (ISA) from 2024 to 2026 on Monday, while France has been elected as Co-President, at the General Assembly held at the iconic Bharat Mandapam here.

Addressing a press conference at the 7th General Assembly of the ISA, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said India's election to the President's post is a testament to the impactful work the country, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been doing over the years for the global good in advancing solar energy adoption across the globe and boosting investment in essential solar projects, including mini-grids and healthcare solutions.

Joshi said while India was the sole contender for the post of President, the Co-Presidency was contested between the Republic of France and Grenada, with France emerging victorious. "India and France, along with member countries, will aim to raise their ambitions and promise to make this

decade count as we usher in a fresh wave of energy, determined to bring the power of solar to improve counties around the world in a way the world has never witnessed before," the minister said.

Joshi highlighted that the ISA aims to give impetus to accelerate the journey towards the 1000 strategy which aims to mobilize \$1,000 billion of investments in solar energy solutions by 2030.

The fresh elections to the post of President and Vice President gives both, India and France an opportunity to lead 120 countries again to build on the solid work that has already been done and more importantly leverage the gains we have made together, to now accelerate our mission towards a sustainable path, he added.

Eight Vice Presidents of the Standing Committee, two from each of the four ISA geographical regions, were also selected by the Assembly. The include Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean regions.

ISA Member Countries have also selected the third Director General of the Alli-

ance. Ashish Khanna is the Director General Designate and will assume office in March 2025 when the tenure of the incumbent Director General, Dr Ajay Mathur, comes to a close.

ISA initiated Demonstration Projects in 2020 to meet the needs of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Development States (SIDS). The aim was to exhibit solar technology applications that can be scaled up and build the capacity of Member Countries to replicate these solar-powered solutions. Today, 11 of these projects were dedicated to the people of the respective countries: Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cuba, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Samoa, Senegal, The Gambia, and Tonga. ISA remains committed to supporting governments in their efforts to scale up solar energy projects and improve the lives of their people.

According to Minister Joshi, the ISA acknowledges that accelerating adoption of advanced technologies relies on a skilled workforce that can design, install, and maintain them

effectively. For advancing capacity building in its Member Countries, the ISA had launched the STAR-C initiative for setting up Solar Technology Application Resource Centres (STAR-Centres), in collaboration with the Republic of France. These national centres are equipped with specialized training facilities, tools, and structured learning modules designed to cultivate a highly skilled solar workforce.

The minister said ISA has successfully established and operationalized STAR Centers in seven countries: Ethiopia, Somalia, Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire, Kiribati, Ghana, and Bangladesh. Since their launch, these centers have already trained thousands of professionals in various aspects of solar energy, preparing them to contribute effectively to the sector's rapid expansion.

"The Assembly will also consider other substantial matters, such as work plans for the coming year and include updates on ISA's priority areas of work and projects. An important topic of discussion will be the guidelines for the Viability Gap Funding," Joshi added.

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E-Bid Document (Auction ID: 16045)

Out-sourcing of Operation Management of Tourist Cafeteria at Tangmarg on "As Is Where Is Basis" at Gulmarg through GeM Portal for a period of 05-years.

No.GPA/F-159/2024/1131 Dated 14/08/2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K Union Territory, E- Auction is invited through GeM Portal for Outsourcing the "Operation Management of Tourist Cafeteria at Tangmarg "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", for a period of 05-years. The details are as under:

S.no	Particulars	Date/Amount	Remarks
1.	PQ [Pre- Qualification] Submission Start Date	29.10.2024=10:00AM	Nil
2.	PQ (Pre- Qualification) Submission End Date	16.11.2024=10:00AM	Nil
3.	PQ(Pre- Qualification) Assessment Date & Time	21.11.2024 =04:00PM	Nil
4.	HMD Start Date	22.11.2024 =10:00AM	Nil
5.	HMD End Date	26.11.2024 = 04:00PM	Nil
6-	EMD (Bid Security) Amount	Rs.100000/- (One lac Only)	To be pledged in favour of Accounts Officer Gulmarg Development Authority
7.	Bid Submission /Auction Start Date	27.11.2024=12:00PM	Nil
8.	Bid Submission/ Auction End Date & Time	28.11.2024 =01:00PM	Nil
9.	Reserve Bid Amount 1	1000000/- (Ten lacs Only) 6 S	Per year with 10% escalation for each successive year

The e-auction has been finalized by the Outsourcing Committee under the Chairmanship of Director Tourism, Kashmir. Reliable/resourceful and experienced agencies/persons, who fulfill the ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (PRE QUALIFICATION) detailed as under shall only be eligible to participate in the E - Auction process.

(PRE-QUALIFICATION (PQ) CRITERIA (TO BE UPLOADED ON GEM-PORTAL)

- The bidder shall have to upload Certificate of Registration for Hotel or Restaurant if any duly issued by the Tourism Department under J&K Registration of Tourist Trade and/or Relevant qualification (Degree/Diploma/Certificate Course) in inc Hospitality sector and/or having experience in the Hospitality sector with documentary proof be uploaded.
- The bidder shall have to upload a Character Certificate from the concerned Additional Dy. Commissioner (ADC) or Police Station. The validity of character certificates shall have to be Six months from the date of issuance.
- The bidder shall have to upload Self-attested PAN Card & Aadhar Card.
- The bidder shall have to upload self-attested GST Registration Certification on the name and title of bid.

SPECIFIC CONDITION:

- The minimum bid amount shall be Rs.10.00 lacs per year for a period of 03 years in the first instance and extendable up to further Two years subject to satisfactory performance by the outsource with 10% compound escalation for each successive year .
- The bidder participating in the E-bid process must apply in his name or the firm duly registered in his name. There is no scope whatsoever of executing any partnership deed.
- The interested parties should compulsorily visit & inspect the asset before participating in the e-bidding process and the physical position of the asset. As such, no claim of any deficiency in the asset would be entertained during/after bidding process.
- Eligible persons shall be allowed to participate in the e -bidding process only after uploading of relevant documents mentioned in the Eligibility Criteria and EMD in the shape of CDR, amounting to Rs.100000/- (One Lac only) pledged in favour of Accounts Officer Gulmarg Development Authority.
- The successful bidder shall have to deposit 100% of the approved bid amount for the 1st year within a period of Seven days after the culmination of bidding process otherwise the claim shall get forfeited.
- The bidder who intentionally/unintentionally posts a financial bid which is absurdly on higher side, the same will be rejected during the bidding process.
- That the successful bidder shall have to pay all the taxes i.e GST & SGST Labourcess Income Tax and other taxes in vogue at his own. The bid amount received by the department is excluding the taxes mentioned above.
- Overstay period of 1st 10 days will be charges @10000/-per day and thereafter @20000/-per day for a period of further 10 days thereafter legal action will be initiated against the occupant.
- In case the successful bidder fails to complete the term of contract, or leaves the contract halfway or the contract is cancelled due to any disqualifications/nonpayment of advance rent, the CDR shall be forfeited.
- The safety, security and upkeep of the asset shall be sole responsibility of outsource during the period of contract.
- The out-sourcing committee reserves the right to reject any or all the e - bids without assigning any reason thereof.
- The successful bidder shall have to charge rates for various allotted services as per approval of the Department from time to time.
- The electric/water consumption charges shall be pay able by the outsource.
- The bidder should not be employee of any Govt. Deptt. of a Public Sector Undertaking.
- The successful bidder shall have to execute an agreement along with undertaking and Positively within seven days with the department on non- Judicial Stamp Paper regarding adherence to the instruction/terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the department during the course of the contract period.

- The bidder shall have to bear all the costs and expenses for executing the agreement/undertaking.
- The successful bidder shall have to provide the catering facilities for the full period of lease and not on seasonal basis only.
- The successful bidder shall be under an obligation to make arrangement for safe disposal of solid/liquid waste etc. And meet other requirements of pollution control/protection of environment.
- On competition of contract period GDA shall takeover the possession of property without any notice.
- The licensee shall not make any alterations or additions to the space/unit allotted, without seeking proper permission from the competent authority of the department.
- Repair or renovation work will only be granted after obtaining approval from the competent authority. Once approved, the repair or renovation must be reviewed and sanctioned by the concerned engineering wing of the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department, ensuring compliance with the existing structure. If any violations are found during the repair or renovation process, the contract will be canceled without further notice.
- The successful bidder shall arrange on his own all necessary stationery, staff or any other requirements for providing efficient services to the clients.
- The Licensee shall provide necessary uniform & name plates to the staff working in the premises & shall be responsible for any act of the staff member for which, he shall be liable for criminal/civil action under rules/law if any required.
- The Watch and ward of the property, maintenance of lawns and other subsidiaries and landscape if any is the sole responsibility of the licensee. No departmental employee will be posted/ stationed at the site for this purpose.
- The rates to be charged on account of various catering items and other activities to be carried in the premises will be approved by the licensor.
- Defaulters shall not be allowed to participate in the E-auction process.
- The equipment shall be cco-friendly, and the same can be installed only after obtaining proper approval form the Authority. Allottee in command is directly responsible for the safety of clients and the ground staff and the agency shall ensure first aid equipment at the site.
- The licensee shall not, in any case, sub-let the premises to any other party. It shall vacate the premises allotted on the expiry of allotment. However in case the party intends to vacate the premises before the expiry period, he/she shall have to deposit the full amount of the successive year and has to give three months advance notice for the same, and during this period, it shall carry on with the allotted arrangement on the terms and conditions as prescribed.
- The successful bidder shall have to provide services to the best satisfaction of tourists/locals. The bidder shall have to ensure that there isn't any complaint of misbehavior with the visitors/locals or by any of the staff member employed by the bidder in this regard. In case any complaint is received, action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against the bidder and necessary penalty will be imposed.
- In case of any negligence in running the service or compliant pertaining to bad performance, the contract shall be terminated without any notice by the department.
- The allotted premises shall be inspected periodically by the departmentally authorized officers and in case the services of the licensee are not found satisfactory, the contract shall be liable for cancellation without any notice.
- Any damage caused to the Government property at the site will invite penalty amounting to double the cost of damage or replacement of the same whatever the case may be, as per assessment to be made by the Engineering Wing of the R&B Department. In case if any violation found the contract will be cancelled without any notice.
- The allottee shall in no case be allowed to go outside the existing plinth area nor shall the allottee change the existing structure in any manner what so ever.
- The Department shall reserve the right for using the space for any purpose or function or event, as it may deem fit and no fee shall be charged by the licensee in this regard.
- The successful bidder will have to abide by all the orders/communications issued by Department from time to time during the period of contract as may necessitate in light of public law and order, security and in case of any other Administrative requirements.
- During the contract period the maintenance of the asset/area, watch and ward as well as upkeep and daily cleaning/sweeping shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder. In case of any default/complaint, the licensor shall be at liberty to take appropriate measures including engagement of another agency for operating the asset at the risk and cost of the licensee.
- The Successful bidder shall have to ensure liaison with the duty staff of Tourism Deptt. Working at the site if any for the matters pertaining to the services in the allotted asset.
- The successful bidder shall ensure arrangement of furniture, electricity back up and availability of standard crockery/cutlery in the unit, on his own.
- The offer should be unconditional. The conditional offers will be rejected out rightly.
- That in case any dispute arises between the executants the same will be referred to the Arbitrator. The Director Tourism Kashmir shall be the Arbitrator and his decision shall be final and binding on both the parties.
- If any minor repairs of the Departmental assets such as electrification, sanitary maintenance etc are to be done, these will be carried out by the licensee at his own cost after proper permission from this Authority.
- The licensor shall be within its right to cancel the contract at any time subject to giving one month's advance notice to the licensee conveying intention to take over the premises and in such eventuality the licensee shall be entitled for refund of the licensee fee of the remaining period for which he has deposited with the licensor and in case the licensee has not deposited the license fee for the period then no refund shall be made to him.
- Gestation period of forty five (45) days or actual commencement of commercial operation whichever is earlier, will be permitted.
- No extensions under any circumstances viz-a-viz natural disaster,/ calamity/fire or floods etc. shall be granted. The asset shall be outsource afresh at the end of the license term.
- That the successful bidder has to insure the property through any Nationalized /insurance company in the name of the Chief Executive office Gulmarg Development Authority. The premium on this account shall be borne by the Licensee . The insurance certificate be submitted to this office within 07 days from the date of allotment.

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Exams Up To Class 9 Will Be Held In Dec: Sakina Itoo

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SRINAGAR- The Jammu and Kashmir government has decided to conduct exams for students up to Class 9 in the Kashmir Valley in December. The government recently announced that the academic session for students up to the 9th standard would follow a November-December schedule. However, there was uncertainty about whether the exams would take place in November or December. Authorities have now clarified that the exams will be held in December, not in November. "The examinations up to Class 9 will be conducted in December. Parents and students should not worry about the cold weather. We will make all necessary arrangements in examination halls. Exams were conducted in December earlier also," Minister for Education Sakina Itoo said, as per news agency KINS. She said that the academic session for students in Classes 10 to 12 will return to the November-December cycle starting next year. In 2022, authorities in Jammu and Kashmir had announced that a Uniform Academic Calendar would be implemented from the 2022-23 academic year onward.



...Haigham Wetland

EPG Visit Exposes Wildlife Dept's Claims On Migratory Birds

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BARAMULLA: A daylong visit to Haigham Wetland by the Environmental Policy Group (EPG) has cast serious doubt on recent claims by the Wildlife Department about an influx of migratory birds in Kashmir's wetlands. During their November 1 visit, EPG members found the Haigham Wetland, historically a rich bird habitat and once a prized game reserve, to be barren, parched, and notably devoid of migratory bird activity. The EPG team, comprising Governing Council Members Er. Ajaz Rasool, Advocate Shafiq Nazir, Dr. Tauseef Bhat, Faiz Bakshi, Ajaz Ahmad Dar, along with civil society members Munshi Rafiq Ahmad and Irfan Ahmad Bhat, conducted a thorough inspection of the area. Despite extensive efforts to survey the wetland, they reported a complete absence of birds and water in the ecosystem. "This was a shocking experience," said Faiz Bakshi, EPG's Convenor. "We drove miles across what used to be a vibrant wetland, only to find it dry and deserted."



The team captured video footage and photos to document their findings, with images showing Haigham's terrain as cracked and arid, starkly contrasting the Wildlife Department's reports of abundant bird life. The visit aimed to assess the credibility of official reports, which claimed that tens of thousands of migratory birds had arrived in Kashmir's wetlands this season. EPG's findings, however, point to severe environmental degradation and a critical lack of water resources at Haigham, making it an uninhabitable space for migratory birds. Videos and photos from the visit will be shared among EPG members and supporters, enabling them to draw informed conclusions about the ground reality. EPG members are calling for urgent measures to restore Haigham's ecology and for transparency in wildlife reporting to reflect the true state of Kashmir's wetlands.

Headmaster Booked For Assaulting Student In Bandipora



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BARAMULLA: A disturbing incident has shaken the education community in North Kashmir's Bandipora, where the headmaster of a government primary school in the Koli Mohallah has been accused of physically assaulting a male student, causing damage to his eye with a stick. The alleged assault occurred in the classroom today, police said. Sources told the news agency Kashmir News Trust that the headmaster, who has a history of similar behavior, has been booked under sections 115(2) and 351(2) of the law, while an FIR vide number 63/2024 was registered against him at police station Pathkoot Bandipora. Police took cognizance of the matter after the boy's parents lodged a formal complaint. The parents also apprised the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Bandipora of the issue. The victim has been identified as Mujeeb Ahmad Lone who is a student of Class 4.[KNT]

BJP Will Resist Any Move On Art-370 In Assembly: Sharma



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SRINAGAR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K president Sat Sharma Monday said that the party will resist any move on Article 370 in Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir. While commenting on PDP MLA Waheed Para's move on Article 370, he said that all 28 BJP MLAs opposed the resolution brought forward by one of the MLAs seeking the restoration of Article 370. He said that some people do not want peace in Jammu and Kashmir, and added that BJP will not let them succeed in their designs. He at the occasion praised party senior leader and former BJP J&K president Ravinder Raina for his immense contribution in consolidating party in Jammu and Kashmir. "BJP is the largest party in terms of vote share and we are committed to working for the welfare of the people. I am committed to take party to the next level in Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

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