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Nasir addresses block functionaries of Amira Kadal Constituency

Srinagar, March 26: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference today said that "MK is in deep crisis and the party has to live up to the expectations of people by walking shoulder to shoulder with them during the prevailing situation".

He, according to the NC spokesperson, said this while presiding over a meeting of workers and party functionaries of Block Amira Kadal here at the party headquarters Nawa-e-Subla, Srinagar. Among others Provincial Women's wing President Er. Subiya Qadri and Block President Amira Kadal Rafiq Elahi were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the functionaries, Nasir said that besides ferrying planeloads of central ministers, foreign delegations over a weekend and having a few road shows run by bureaucrats, the incumbent government has done nothing substantial to give a flip to the existing education, health care, and road infrastructure.

"Not even a single unit of electricity was added to the regional energy pool. No new irrigation, water supply scheme, and lift irrigation project has surfaced in Kashmir since 2018, the situation post 2019 is particularly appalling. All the major connectivity, sanitation, transport, health, education projects and welfare schemes initiated by the successive NC governments have been stalled. All the much touted projects, with the ready example of the ring road, metro train, and the them flood mitigation

and dredging plans are yet to translate into reality," he said.

"Much of what was promised while marketing the August 2019 decisions has not been translated into reality. What little was done in the name of the development by painting city walls, roofs and poles has also backfired. Artists and laborers who were employed for the work have been wandering from pillar to post to get their dues. Except for changing stripes amongst themselves, the officials have done nothing to provide respite to the people," he said adding, "The painted portions of the road were barricaded with much disfigurement to the commuters. Thanks to the inclement weather of Kashmir and its rains, the paintings vanished and barricades were subsequently lifted."

"The recruiting agencies JKSSB, JKPSC are working at an ill pace and far from catering to the employment needs of our educated and skilled youth."

Rhetoric mongering, window dressing and hollow fanfare, Nasir contended are the star attractions of the incumbent J&K and union government. "Development is visible only on papers. Our artisans, transporters, hawkers, laborers, agriculturalists, horticulturalists have been left high and dry. Our cities, towns, and villages have become bywords of underdevelopment, administrative inertia, unemployment, and official apathy," he added.

Tourism Secy inaugurates Spring Food Festival at Tulip Garden



Srinagar, March 26: Secretary Tourism & Culture, Sarmad Hafeez inaugurated the seven days Spring Food Festival 2022 at Tulip Garden here today.

The festival is organised by the Directorate of Tourism Kashmir to celebrate the Tulips, Folk Music, local cuisines and other cultural varieties of Kashmir valley.

Speaking on the occasion, the Tourism Secretary said that cuisine, crafts and culture have been intrinsic components of J&K's tourism which the Department has decided to showcase optimally in coming events. He said the Department would soon organize multiple food festivals to promote the concept of food tourism.

Highlighting about the overwhelming response to the food festival, Sarmad Hafeez said it

was very good to know that the young generation of Kashmir have mastered the craft of ethnic food preparation. He added that the Department has also decided to provide a platform to creative entrepreneurs at this Spring Food Festival.

Sarmad Hafeez further remarked that the festival will also highlight the tourism potential of Jammu Kashmir valley across the world and enhance the experience of tourists visiting Kashmir during this season. He added that the weeklong food festival will also give a chance for tourists and locals to taste different cultural cuisines and ethnic drinks.

The Tourism Secretary further said that Srinagar city is emerging as a safe city of India and several cities of the country have also been

roped into this festival to give a unique kind of experience to the visitors and tourists apart from traditional drinks and foods. He added that this festival will also give a platform to young entrepreneurs to establish themselves who are emerging as the new face of vibrant Srinagar city.

Earlier, Director Tourism, Kashmir Dr. G. N. Itoo, explained the features and objectives of the festival.

Pertinently, the festival is aimed at popularizing the local ethnic cuisines and foods to give the tourists a feel of local culture and ethos besides keeping alive the fast disappearing ethnic recipes.

Javid Bakshi, Director, SKICC and other officers of the Department were present on the occasion.

3 drug peddlers arrested in Kupwara: Police

Srinagar, March 26: Police claimed to have arrested 03 drug peddlers in Kupwara and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

"A police party of Police Post Awora led by SI Azhar Shaker at a checkpoint established at Water Point Awora intercepted 03 suspicious persons. They have been identified as Aahiq Ahmad Khan son of Ab Hamid Khan, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat son of Ahmad Bhat and Mushtaq Ahmad Khan son of Gh Rasool Khan all residents of Mir Moqaam, Awora. During checking, officers were able to recover 48grams of drugs and 03 grams respectively from their possession," said a police spokesperson.

"They have been arrested and shifted to Police Station where they remain in custody. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 14/22 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Trulgam and investigation has been initiated and more arrests are expected," the spokesperson said.

Police organizes seminar on 'India's response to Covid-19 pandemic'



Kashmir. On the occasion, IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar was the Chief Guest. He was accompanied by DIG CRK Srinagar Sujit Kumar, SSP Srinagar Raksh Bahwal, SSP PCR Kashmir Zubair Akbar, Muzaffer, Prof. Akhbar Muzam, Dr. Khalid Parvaz and SSP Sajid Ikhajik acted as Jury members.

Students from Kashmir University and colleges viz. Anzar Singh College, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Memorial College Benina, Govt Women's College Nawa Kadal, SP College Srinagar, Gandhi Memorial College Srinagar and Govt Women's College MA Road participated in the seminar.

While speaking at the seminar, the participants commended the collaborative work done by the police, doctors, civil administration and the people in controlling the situation during the pandemic in the entire country particularly in Kashmir. They also appreciated the sacrifices made by each member of the society to make the festival a success. They also appreciated the role of Health & Police departments who worked as front-line warriors.

IGP Kashmir in his address, appreciated the efforts of participating students in delivering their opinions on the topic and wished them best of luck for their future. He also advised the students to remain focused in their career and always take part in such events to showcase their talent.

Yarqaz Bilal of Anzar Singh College MA Road secured 2nd Position whereas Aahira of SP College Srinagar secured 3rd position. The winners were awarded with a merit certificate, trophy and cash prize of 6000, 4000, and 3000/- respectively by the Chief Guest. Besides, all the participants were awarded with participation certificates while the jury members were also awarded with mementos by the Chief Guest.

The objective of organizing said event was to provide a platform to the youth to freely express their opinions and perspective. At the end, the event was also addressed by IGP Srinagar and in his address he thanked all the organizing members, jury members, participants for making this seminar successful. Later on, all the senior officers shared lunch with the young participants and accompanying family members.



NC nominates Social Media Analysts

Srinagar, March 26: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference on Saturday nominated Bisma Meer and Abrar Hamid as Party's Social Media Analysts.

Chief Spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq, Social Media Chief Sarah Hayat Shah, Provincial Spokesperson Isra Jan, Deputy Political Secretary to VP Mud-

asir Shahmiri felicitated the duo here at the party headquarters, and hoped that the functionaries will work towards making the party stronger at grassroots level.



DC Srinagar reviews implementation of beneficiary oriented CSSs

Directs for 100% saturation of implementation areas

Srinagar, March 26: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Ajaz Asad today chaired a meeting of zonal and sectoral officers of the district to review the progress in implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex, here.

On the occasion, the DC was apprised in detail about the achievements made so far under Centrally Sponsored Schemes including PMA-Y-G, PMA-Y-U, PM Kissan, PMJBY, PMGSY, PM-JAY, Soil Health Card, PM Atal Yojna, PMKSY, SVAM-ITVA, SEHAT Cards and National Family Benefit scheme.

The DC stressed upon the concerned departments and financial institutions to work for overall development of the district and Welfare of the target population with more dedication and sincerity, so that the 100 percent saturation is made under all mentioned centrally sponsored schemes.

In this regard, he directed Lead District Manager to monitor and follow up the work on a monthly basis in respect of departments and Banks under Government sponsored schemes for eradication of unemployment of educated youth, hassle free lending facilities for generating new income units.

The DC stressed on conducting IEC activities for mass awareness to educate the public about the Employment generation and social security schemes in the district so that maximum people are benefited.

The DC tasked the line departments to achieve saturation in all Centrally sponsored schemes under set deadlines to ensure that benefit of schemes percolate to the last beneficiary.

Besides Additional District Development Commissioner Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmad Mir and Joint Director Planning, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, the meeting was attended by all District/Sectoral officers.

One day workshop on "Legal Rights of Women" held at Srinagar

Srinagar, March 26: To sensitize Women and Girls about their Legal Rights and to encourage legal access in all matters of crimes against the women, the District Level Centre for Women (Mahila Shakti Kendra) Srinagar in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar Saturday organized a day-long workshop on "Legal Rights of Women" at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS), Kothbagh, here.

The workshop was organized by Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority Srinagar.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Ajaz Asad, who is also the chairperson of Mahila Shakti Kendra was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

While Secretary DLSA, Noor Mohammad Mir attended the function as Guest of Honour. Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that women folk is a unique creature on the earth which balances rights and duties with utmost ability.

He further said the society will not develop unless the status of women improves. Asad said women empowerment should begin at home and there should be no discrimination by the parents towards their children based on gender. The male and female child should be treated equally and only it is possible to achieve the desired results.

The DC also stressed upon effective implementation of all schemes and programs that are meant for welfare of women and children. He said that the development of society is directly related to women empowerment.

Describing recent acid attacks as lack of proper gender sensitization and dearth of moral education, the DC stressed the need of incorporating issues like this in educational curriculum besides responsibility of active parenting which starts from home.

The DC also said that women victims also have right to Zero FIR at any police station irrespective of where the incident occurred to provide help on a fast track basis.

Secretary, DLSA highlighted constitutional provisions regarding women empowerment. He said that DLSA is always available to provide help on a fast track basis. The Authority is working for the welfare of the suffering women. He said DLSA is providing legal aid to many women on a daily basis and

also apprised the gathering about basic rights of women and schemes available for them in legal institutions.

Asad said women empowerment also highlighted the issues related to women and provided information about women's rights. Among others, the District Social Welfare Officer the event was also addressed by a number of lawyers from District Legal Services Authority-Srinagar who spoke on various topics like Rights of Women; Legislation for Protection of Women; Violation of Women Right and Remedies; Welfare Schemes for Women, etc.

Earlier, District Social Welfare Officer Srinagar, Mohammad Ashraf Adhooon said that the District Social Welfare Officer, Srinagar, highlighted objectives of the Mahila Shakti Kendra. He said Mahila Shakti Kendra is meant to provide one stop convergence support to the local female and rural centres are considered as a Ray of Hope for all kinds of assistance provided under a single window.

"The Mahila Shakti scheme provides an interface for rural women to approach the Government to avail entitlements besides to empower them through awareness generation training and capacity building," he added.

The workshop concluded with the vote of thanks presented by Women Welfare Officer, MSK Srinagar Ruqayya Ashraf.

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In his congratulatory message, the Vice Chancellor and an Eminent Scientist himself, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Roushoo complimented the students and their mentors at the department for their efforts and consistency and wished the best for their future endeavours, stating that they would contribute towards the well being of JKUT and society at large. He also encouraged all the students to work hard and be part of a resourceful national workforce.

Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Malik and Dean Science and Engineering Technology, Prof. A. H. Moon also congratulated the students and faculty of Civil Engineering. The Head of the Civil Engineering Department, Dr. Shujaat Hussain felicitated all the students for their exemplary performances and hoped that these students will be the role models for future generations as serve the society with most dedication and honesty in every field that they work in.

It is noteworthy that every year a number of students from the department qualify the prestigious GATE examination. Presently a number of its alumni are pursuing their post graduation and PhDs in leading IITs, IISc Bangalore and other nationally important institutes, besides, some pursuing their degrees in top ranking foreign Universities.

EXCLUSIVE: Nine surgeries later, Srinagar acid survivor breaks silence; vows to fight

Hira Azmat
Srinagar, Mar 26: More than a month after a 24-year-old girl was attacked with acid in Srinagar, the haze of pain hasn't yet lifted. But one thing is strikingly clear in her mind that is the obsessive quest for justice.
"Speaking exclusively to The Kashmir Monitor, the acid survivor said closure for her will only come in the form of justice.
"Those who brought me this immense agony should be punished severely. Getting justice will eventually heal my heart and help me get through my life," she said.
The survivor, who is currently in Chennai for specialized treatment, underlines nine surgeries so far to restore her eyesight and face.
"They will review the progress in my eyes after a month and a half. Also,



they operated on my face. I might require a few more surgeries in the coming days. Please pray for my recovery," she said.
The girl's father said the excruciating pain of the wounds and a series

of surgeries have left her weak. "The doctors will monitor her situation for a week or so and then discharge her accordingly. But we have to come back after a month for the follow-up," he said.
He said the medical treatment is a long, and expensive, hard in such cases. "Though the administration has been very helpful and supportive so far, she will require a lot of medical help in the coming days. I am a poor man and don't have money to meet her treatment costs. I don't wish to see my daughter becoming a burden for us."
Recently, the court framed charges against two persons who were arrested for throwing acid on the survivor and the trial will begin at the end of this month.
The two accused were presented before Principal Sessions judge Jawad Ahmad, who framed charges under sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 326-A (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by use of acid) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), officials said.
The trial will start at the end of this month, they said.

Transforming J&K: CA storage capacity records 700% increase; revolutionize apple industry



Monitor News Bureau

Jammu, Mar 26: Jammu and Kashmir have recorded a 700 percent increase in CA (Controlled Atmosphere) storage capacity in the last few years. More than 2.5 lakh metric tonnes of apple can be preserved in CA stores in Kashmir.
Jammu and Kashmir government has encouraged private players to set up cold storage (CS) in a bid to reduce post-harvest losses.
During the past two years, enabling environment has been created for transforming J&K agriculture and allied sectors to increase the income of farmers, ensure food security, and speed up the economic growth of the UT.
The government has taken several concrete steps for increasing the Agriculture and Horticulture production besides enhancing the quality of crops while laying special focus on post-harvesting management infrastructure, especially in the private sector.
Apples kept in cold storages in Kashmir help farmers to fetch much better rates by selling their produce as per their will according to demand.
Senior Horticulture Officer, while elaborating on the

initiative, informed that a 10-kilogram box of stored apple has been sold at a minimum of Rs 1,000 and Rs 1,800 as the highest price depending on the quality and color of the apple. These rates, according to apple growers and traders, are comparatively much higher than the rates apples get in harvesting season. The cold storage-based at Lassipora Puhwama, Aglar Shopian, and a few areas in north Kashmir can store about 2.5 lakh metric tonnes of apple.
He said that the government-aided cold stores would help in fetching higher rates to the A-grade apples in Kashmir which amount to around 8 lakh metric tonnes. Earlier, these apples used to be sold at less than their actual value due to the inadequate availability of CA stores in the valley. These CA stores are much needed to cater to the high density A Grade apple production which has been started by Horticulture Department Kashmir at a large scale.
Director-General Horticulture, Kashmir, Aijaz Ahmed Bhat, said that the department is committed to strengthening the post-harvest infrastructure in the valley. We are exploring every possible opportunity to have infrastructure like CA

GATE 2022: 14 Islamic University students qualify

Monitor News Bureau
Awantipora, Mar 26: Fourteen students from the Department of Civil Engineering at the Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST) cracked GATE (Graduate Aptitude Test For Engineering) 2022.
Those who qualified include Arif Ahmad, Salim Bashir, Syed Roman Nagash, Uthozaifi Gani, Irfan Fayaz, Nadeem Ahmad Mir, Basit Farooq Malik, and others.
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and their mentors for their efforts and consistency. He wished good luck to students for their future endeavors so that they would contribute towards the well-being of society.
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80% qualify Class 11th exams in Kashmir

Srinagar, Mar 26: With an overall pass percentage of 80 percent, Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE) on Saturday declared the results of annual regular examinations of 11th standard of Kashmir division.
Girl students have yet again outperformed boys. "Girls registered a total pass percentage of 83 percent while boys registered only 78 percent," BOSE said.
BOSE also said that a total of 80,801 students were enrolled for the exams and 64,915 candidates qualified the exams.
According to BOSE, at least 31,817 students bagged the distinction in the annual

regular exams of 11th standard, 23,837 students got first division, 8861 secured second division and 398 passed the exams with third division.
The figures also reveal that in the exams, at least two students were having disputed eligibility, 151 students were absent, five students were disqualified and examination was cancelled of two students.
Earlier in February, the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE) announced the annual regular results of 10th standard examination 2021 for Kashmir division with a total pass percentage of 78.14 percent—(KNO)

Come April, essential medicine prices will increase by 10%

New Delhi: Brace up for a 10 percent hike in essential medicines from next month.
Media reports said the hike is expected as the government is set to give a nod to drug companies to increase prices of essential medicines including painkillers, anti-infective, and antibiotics.
It is expected that the medicines will become costlier by 10 percent as the change in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in 2021 was 10.8 percent.
Earlier, the hike in prices of essential medicines used to be in the range of 1-2 percent. In 2019, the prices were hiked by around 2 percent whereas, in 2020, the hike was 0.5 percent.

After the outbreak of pandemic, the prices of API surged enormously.
An increase in freight rates, transportation costs, etc., also adds to the input cost.
As most of the pharma ingredients are imported from China, supply was disrupted during the pandemic which had led to a spike in input cost during the pandemic.
NPPA regulates the cost of medicines in India.
The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) which is a government regulatory agency controls the prices of medicines in India. It comes under the Department of

Three-member World Bank team meets CS

Monitor News Bureau
Srinagar, Mar 26: The 3 member team of World Bank led by Abha Jha, Practice Manager, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, South Asia Region with Deepak Singh, Lead Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank and Hemang Karela, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist of World Bank as members today had a meeting with Chief Secretary J&K, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta regarding the World Bank funded projects being implemented in the Jammu and Kashmir.
The World Bank team lauded the efforts of J&K government in streamlining implementation of the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) during the past two years.
Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Chief Executive Officer, J&K ERA was present in the meeting.
Chief Secretary had a detailed discus-



sion with the visiting team about the progress of the World Bank funded JTFRP in the UT. He emphasized the need for exploring more possibilities for capacity building of engineers in the sphere of seismic proof construction. He expressed hope that World Bank would continue to support J&K in the areas of climate change, sustainable development, environmental sustainability and other significant sectors.
Later, the World Bank team visited

COVID-19: J&K reports 15 new cases

Monitor News Bureau
Srinagar, Mar 26: Jammu and Kashmir Saturday reported 15 fresh cases pushing the number of active cases to 138 while no death was reported in the last 24 hours in the UT.
With no more deaths, the death toll in J&K stands at 4,750 and 15 fresh positive cases reported on Saturday have pushed the tally of positive cases to 453,652.
Officials said that among 15 new cases, 13 belong to Kashmir division while as 02 are from Jammu division, adding that the total number of positive cases in Kash-

mir division have reached to 287,403 including 284,870 recoveries and 2,423 deaths while as total number of positive cases in Jammu division have reached to 166,249 including 163,894 recoveries and 2,327 deaths.
The officials said that the total number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir are 138 including 110 from Kashmir division and 28 from Jammu division.
With 12 more recoveries, the tally of total recoveries in Jammu and Kashmir has reached 448,764 which is 98.92 percent of the total cases.
"Cases tested positive in

Day 2: Women Entrepreneurs through 42nd India Carpet Expo

Monitor News Bureau
New Delhi, Mar 26: The second day of 42nd India Carpet Expo witnessed visitors and connoisseurs of handmade carpets at NSIC exhibition ground, Okhla, New Delhi.
The mega expo is receiving an overwhelming response of 195 overseas buyers from across the world with presence of 230 buying representatives. India Carpet Expo, showcasing new fall winter collection as per the buyers' requirements in terms of size, design, color and quality, is alluring the buyers.
India Carpet Expo is an endeavor of Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) to provide an exclusive business environment to carpet importers as well as manufacturers and exporters. As



many as, 195 members from all over India are participating in the expo which is an ideal platform for international carpet buyers, buying houses, buying agents, architects and Indian carpet manufacturers and exporters to meet and establish long-term business relationships.
A buyer from the USA, said, "It's my third visit to India Carpet Expo. There are new unique designs of carpets which one could not find in another part of the world. I am loving product diversification. Due to COVID-19, we had to shut down our business for

'Spinning magic': Meet Kashmir women who keep 'yender' tradition alive

M Azam Khan
Srinagar, Mar 26: Masooda's mother had borne the expenses of her marriage by spinning Pashmina on 'yender' (wheel).
"But now it is difficult to make ends meet by Pashmina spinning. She said the entry of machine-made shawls had made life hard for the Pashmina artisans of Kashmir valley.
"This machine should be shut as it has hit us hard. My mother got me married by spinning Pashmina on yender. Her finger got damaged due to spinning and I too have been spinning Pashmina right from my childhood. However, it is difficult to make ends meet now," Masooda told The Kashmir Monitor.
She spins 'yender' at a Pashmina spinning unit of Khadija and Fahmida located at Kathi Darwaza area of



the old city.
Khadija too said it was difficult to feed their families as the machine-made shawls had played spoilsport.
"Now it is difficult to feed our families. The main reason for this is machine-made shawls," she told The Kashmir Monitor.
As part of efforts to facilitate Pashmina artisans, the Handicrafts Department has included the Pashmina

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