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13 years on Pattan Trauma hospital in limbo

❖ Sami-Ullah

Baramulla: The authorities at trauma hospital-cum-sub district hospital in Pattan has missed another deadline to complete the hospital, evoking resentment among the people.

Started in 2004, trauma hospital would have catered to the people of entire North Kashmir, however, due to delay-estimated construction cost of Rs 23.56 crore is likely to escalate.

The facility is being constructed over 40 Kanals of land near Babateng, about a half Kilometer away from main market Pattan. The patients, especially those who meet accidents die while being shifted to the tertiary care hospitals due to the lack of treatment facilities here.

“It is unfortunate that the trauma care hospital has not been made operational, even after years. People from different areas of north Kashmir are forced to visit tertiary care hospitals in Srinagar for trauma care facility and the delay in the completion of the health institution

has made people suffer,” locals said. Officials however said that 90 percent of the construction work has been completed, but the hospital has not been made operational.

Earlier Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) had expressed serious concern over the delay in the completion of Pattan hospital. In a statement, President DAK, Dr Nisar-u-Hassan, had said that the construction of Pattan trauma hospital was started in 2002, but even after 13-years, the hospital remains incomplete “which betrays non-seriousness of concerned authorities towards health sector.”

“Pattan hospital was built with an aim to save lives of trauma patients who are dying because of delay in its completion. It is lack of trauma care in peripheries that is responsible for jeopardizing the lives of critically ill patients. Majority of patients with injuries die because they are unable to reach Srinagar hospitals within time which is vital for survival of trauma patients,” he said.

CRDP organizes seminar on teachings of Sheik-ul-Alam RA



❖ Rafia Rahim

Budgam: Centre for Research and Development Policy (CRDP) in collaboration with “Kashmir Progressive Writers Guild” held a day long Seminar on ‘Revisiting Sheik-ul-Alam RA on November, 19, at Town hall Charari-Sharief in Budgam district of Kashmir.

Mohammad Amin Bhat, a famous writer, moderated the inaugural session. The function started with the recitation of Holy Quran and Sheikh Shruk (teachings of Sheikh-ul-Alam). While welcoming the guests, Director, CRDP, Peer G.N. Suhail highlighted the importance of holding such a seminar besides taking on the activities of the organization.

On this occasion Prof. M.A. Wani, Dean Academic Affairs, Kashmir university delivered the key-note address, while Prof. Gulshan Majeed, Former Director, CCAS, Kashmir university, Prof. Farooq Fayaz, Former Director, Academic staff college, Kashmir university, Prof. Shad Ramzan, Head Dept. of Kashmiri, Kashmir university, Prof. Basher Bashir, Director of Markazi Noor, Kashmir university, Dr. Maroof Shah, prominent writer and scholar, Muzaffar Haji, philosopher and linguistic expert, G.N. Adfer, Author: Alchemy of light on sheikh ulAlam,

presented their papers on different themes.

Prof M.A. Wani while delivering his key-note address emphasized that there is need to re-look on the Sheikh Shruks (Teachings) and text should be papered keeping in view the modern standard of literary critic. Molvi Amir-ud-Din (Mirwaz Charari-Sharief) while presenting his presidential remarks agreed with both Prof. Wani and Dr Peer, and said that the teachings had been misinterpreted by selfish people for their own interests.

Prof. Gulshan Majeed in his paper highlighted the need of sources for papering a true text of the teaching, besides discussing the history of the period. G.N. Adfer focused on the environmental aspects of the Hazrat Sheikh Noor-Ud-Dinra.

The seminar was concluded with the vote of thanks presented by Prof Farooq Fayaz, where he said that the seminar was of its first kind in the area. On the occasion, Prof Yunus Rashid Shah of History Department in Kashmir University, while expressing his views said that the seminar was important for two reasons, first it was on a very relevant theme and secondly it was conducted at a rural area taking the elite centric debates from urban to rural areas.

Decaying Poplars on Srinagar-Baramullah Highway pose threat

❖ Nelofar Jahan

Baramulla: The Australian and Russian Poplar trees along Baramulla- Srinagar National Highway have become a concern for people as the decaying trees pose a risk to the people travelling along highway during high winds and snowfall in winters.

According to Locals, couple of years ago few people were seriously injured after a popular fell down in Pattan area of Baramulla.

“For the safety of general masses the administration should axe down these decayed trees that pose serious threat for public during high velocity winds and heavy snowfall.” said a resident of Pattan, Mohammad Lateef.

“I had to stop my car for hours to escape any incident as the trees were touching ground due to extreme winds,” he further added.

According to officials, some years ago several decayed popular trees were cut down by the authorities. However authorities are yet to initiate fresh survey to mark the decayed



trees and draft any plan to remove the trees.

Matters regarding the trees is under the jurisdiction of Road and

Buildings(R&B) department Baramulla. Last year, the higher ups in district passed directions to R&B department to conduct a survey of trees so

that further action could be taken. However much to the dismay for public, the R&B department never paid heed to any such direction and failed to conduct any survey.

Meanwhile, Cheif Executive Engineer R&B Baramulla and district development commissioner were not available for comments.

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Stranded passengers demand passage though NHPC Tunnel

❖ Waseem Nasir

Gurez: The stranded passengers of Bandipora district’s Gurez area have appealed the state administration to open the tunnel that connects Bandipora with Gurez near the NHPC hydroelectric project site after Gurez-Bandipora road got closed due to heavy snowfall.

The stranded passengers demand that Government should issue directions to Hindustan Construction Company (HCC) and NHPC to facilitate the movements of stranded people via tunnel.

Block President, Gurez, Ghulam Mohi ud din Lone along with fundreds of stranded passengers from Gurez demanded necessary directions to HCC and NHPC to facilitate the movements of Gurez residents through the project tunnel amid closure of the main road.

“We appeal government, especially Divisional Commissioner

Kashmir, Asgar Samoon and Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Sajad Hussain to give passage Gurez residents to move through the multi-purpose tunnel till the road is reopened.” Mo-hi-udin said.

He further added that hundreds of Gurezi people are stranded in Bandipora while as scores of others are stranded in Gurez, if government directs HCC and NHPC to facilitate the movement via tunnel, crisis will end up”.

“Several patients are also awaiting air lifting services in Gurez. In absence of air traffic service patients can be ferried easily through tunnel,” he said.

It is to be mentioned this tunnel provides the safest access between Gurez and Bandipora during winters.

“If government allows movement via tunnel the consistent winter crisis will end up,” a stranded Gurezi passengers said.





HARISSA, A DELICACY TO TASTE IN WINTERS

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serve here”. He further added,” it is not only about taste, the health benefits associated to it are diverse. It’s good for Chest ailments, it keeps the immune system strong in harsh winters and more over it’s a symbol of Shehar e Khaas’s cultural identity”.

❖ Murtaza Fazily

Srinagar: With the arrival of winters in Kashmir, Harissa shops in shehar e-khaas downtown are witnessing a huge rush of customers for a special delicacy, Harissa. The delicacy is mainly consumed by Kashmiris in Winters.

Bashir Ahmad bhat is running a popular Harissa shop in Aali kadal in vicinity of downtown are from last 50 years. When asked what makes this delicacy a popular food in winters, bhat was of the view that the health benefits and never forgetting taste associated to the food makes it the king of delicacies in Kashmir. “We are serving the Harissa of Kashmir from last 85 years, the shop was founded in 1930, from date till now we have never compromised on the quality of this food, the unique selling price of our brand is the taste and quality of the Harissa which we

Ajaz Ahmad a local resident of Nowhatata also runs a harissa shop in Chattabal area of Srinagar city. While talking to MERC TIMES he said,” Though there are is not any exact information from where the recipe of this winter delicacy came from but in Kashmir It’s served from last 600 years. Some elderly say that it came from Central Asia .

“Our shop opens at 6:00 in the morning and we are done at 10 A.m, it’s very hard to manage our customers as the rush is immense”.

The popularity of Harissa has remained not just confined to Kashmir valley as according to these chefs It’s exported to Indian states and also to some foreign countries,” he further added.

Harissa is prepared in a round pot and it usually takes 18 hours to prepare it. The recipe is prepared by Ingredients like Mutton, edible oil, Saffron, rice oats and different varieties of Spices.

Cement factories risk lives of Saffron town

❖ Moosa Hayat

Srinagar: The authority has failed to look into the deadly pollution caused by the functioning of cement factories in Saffron town of south Kashmir’s Pulwama district, despite the high death rate reported by World Health Organization in past. As per the doctors at town’s primary hospital, the presence of cement factories are posing deadly threat to public lives as they have been witnessing a sharp rise in respiratory diseases.

A delegation of doctors at district Hospital Pulwama told MERC Times that 25 percent of patients out of the total number of patients visiting Out Patient Department (OPD) daily, suffer from respiratory disorders.

“The respiratory disorders in the local population can be attributed

of the factories. They appeal government to solve this matter as soon as possible.

“Since these factories have been running here for more than two decades, most of the people living in nearby areas have developed Allergic Bronchitis,” Ahmad added.

The locals fear that the further construction of cement manufacturing plants in the town could further worsen the environment. The move has created an anger among locals who allege that government is prioritizing corporate interest over public welfare.

They also alleged that these factories have “violated rules” and have resorted to illegal mining. They said, these factories have occupied more land than actually allotted under rules.

“The owners should either ensure eco-friendly ways for functioning of



to smoking, chewing of tobacco but most of these cases are such which have been directly affected by the pollution caused by cement industries,” says, Dr. Khurshid Ahmed, a chest Specialist.

Ahmad predicts the number may increase in case government fails to curb the pollution caused by these factories.

“People here are more vulnerable to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases (COPD). Even people with minor lung ailments can be badly affected from the constant inhaling of the toxic air coming out from these factories.” Ahmad said.

Doctors say that patient care has hit as the government run hospital in the area lies in the close vicinity

their plants or government should ban the factories from functioning here in case they fail to do so,” said a local.

According to World Health Organisation (WHO) report, Khrew has a high death rate than any other town in the district due to these poisonous gases. These factories emit 100,000 kilograms of toxic fumes, poisonous gases and life-threatening elements in the air on daily basis.

The WHO report rated lung disease as the main killer, followed by kidney and heart ailments. The report also suggested that authorities must intervene and check these factories on monthly basis whether the pollution control devices are functioning properly.

Budgam youth starts Civil Services Academy



❖ **Altaf Hussain**

Budgam: With an aim of driving the Valley students towards civil services, a youth, Feroz Hussain has instituted civil

service academy in Budgam. In the recent past we have been witnessing development in the education sectors because of talented Kashmiri

youths in outside States. After coming back they they are successful in infusing new life in educational aspect here, says Feroz.

Feroz Hussain, who moved to Pune for his edification in 2004, has already been associated with empowering women from Kashmir through his Pune-based franchise Incredible Arts.

Feroz, who has completed his masters in Marketing Management from university of Iowa, believes that establishing such an academy was the need of the hour, especially for the youths of rural areas. He said that the youths in Kashmir do not have the necessary guidance and thus have refrained from joining the civil services.

“I have personally experienced the culture in Pune and observed how students have proper guidance in this field. The youths in Kashmir need to

have the necessary information about government jobs. They don't know what examinations they must appear or how to go about them. With this motive, civil service academy was inaugurated earlier this month. I am optimistic that the academy will ensure that students get proper guidance and go on to serve the State,” Feroz said.

Feroz has already been engaged in empowering the under-privileged women here since 2012. “After completing my Masters degree, I returned to India in 2012 with the hope of working for the betterment of our own people. I worked with some social organizations in Pune which have been doing commendable job in Kashmir,” he said.

He then founded a franchise called incredible arts, which deals in hand-made Kashmir carpets, shawls, stoles and paper-mache. Currently about 120 under-privileged women from far flung areas in Kashmir are working for incredible arts. The items are sold here and 30% of the profit is distributed among these women, apart from regular wages.

Kashmir University hosts seminar on ‘Economic Empowerment through Financial Education’

❖ **Anayat Sultan**

Srinagar: Country's leading stock exchange, the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), in association with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), University of Kashmir and J&K Bank organized a Regional Seminar on “Economic Empowerment through Financial Education” in Kashmir University's Gandhi Bhawan.

The seminar was first of its kind initiative by the national stock exchange in the state to educate the participants regarding the working of the exchange and the built in grievance redressal mechanism. The participants were advised on how to trade cautiously in the volatile market without falling prey to rumours and wrong intermediaries.

During this programme, MoU (Memorandum of understanding) regarding curriculum development and training programme between Kashmir University and NSE was signed. The MOU with the University of Kashmir will enable students to learn financial market skill from the next academic year. All courses



es will be initially at the Post Graduate level.

“The NSE has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Kashmir regarding curriculum development and training programs,” said Rana Usman, Sr. Assistant Vice President, NSE.

Earlier while inaugurating the aware-

ness programme, Dean Academic Affairs Kashmir University, Prof Muhammad Ashraf Wani said that “more such collaborations between academic and corporate institutions in the fields of education and capacity building should be undertaken”.

Mr. N Hariharan, Chief General Manager, Head Office, SEBI in his key-

note address outlined the role of the organizations like SEBI, NSE and financial institutions in overall economic development of the country.

Abdul Rouf Bhat, Executive President, J&K Bank, enunciated the initiatives taken by the bank for the financial literacy of the society and stressed for more such collaborations for developing literacy programs.

The programme saw a huge participation of students as well as investors from across the state. The students and aspiring investors were all praise for the organisers of the awareness programme.

On the occasion Prof S M Mufeed Ahmad Director Business School highlighted the significance and need of conducting such seminars for the benefit of students

“The awareness programme will broaden the horizon regarding the investment in exchange traded funds (ETF's)”. like equity shares, bonds and Debentures”, said Prof. Mufeed Ahmed.

He further added, that such seminars should be held in future to enhance the capabilities of the students.

Concrete block construction vulnerable to earthquakes

❖ Nisar Dharma

Srinagar: As masons play engineers in most of the constructions that take place in Valley, locals here are looking for economical alternatives to expensive bricks and have thus stumbled upon concrete blocks.

Post September 2014 floods, hundreds of constructions in both flooded and non-flooded areas have taken place and many have chosen concrete blocks over traditional bricks to build their houses, walls and even commercial and government buildings.

However according to a report by International Association for Earthquake Engineering (IAEE) such concrete block construction is extremely vulnerable to earthquakes and offers poor insulation capacity.

IAEE along with Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) drafted a report in 2012 after surveying many areas of Pakistan, a seismically active zone like Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the report, construction



made out of concrete blocks “has poor resistance, weak in out of plane direction, no lintel band, and improper opening proportions.”

“There is evidence of excessive settlement movement that affects the integrity or performance of the structure in an earthquake, further exterior walls (of concrete blocks) are not anchored for out-of-plane seismic effects at each diaphragm,” says the report.

“The lateral load-resisting system is un-

reinforced in such walls; they have a very low resistance to out of plane forces,” it adds.

Given the demand of concrete blocks, many locals in Srinagar and other districts have set up several small units where they cast such blocks using sand, gravel and cement.

“You will find a lot of concrete block units in Lasjan, and Pampore areas here,” says Zahoor.

Recently, a huge a four storey building

in shape of an arc was constructed using just concrete blocks within Kashmir University.

Experts say that the disaster management regulations in Kashmir are being violated at large as the new structures are not built as earthquake resistant.

“The buildings which are being constructed in Kashmir including private as well as government are poorly designed which are highly vulnerable to earthquake,” said Dr Bikram Singh Bali, Senior seismologist and Reader at the Department of Earth Science, Kashmir University.

Most parts of the Kashmir Valley, which is around 11 per cent of the area of the state covering the Districts of Srinagar, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora, Budgam, Anantnag, Pulwama, Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar, come under Seismic Zone 5, where around 50% of the population of the state lives. The rest of the state, including the whole of the Ladakh region and Jammu Division (90% of the total area of the state), are under the Seismic Zone 4.

Challenge for Govt to wave goodbye to 25 year old vehicles

❖ Sumaiya Yousuf

Srinagar: The state Transport Corporation and other commercial vehicles plying in srinagar which are over 25 years old as on December, 1 2015 should have gone off J&K roads.

“As far as commercial vehicles are concerned, the normal life cycle is 15 years but in case of J&K, an order was issued by the government to extend the life span of vehicles up to 25 years which means the vehicles of 1990’s shall be disposed by the end of this year,” Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah said.

He added no bus or vehicle owned and under control of JK SRTC or any bus operating under contract with government which is more than 25 years old as on end of this year would ply or permitted to be plied on any part of J&K.

However, Sources in the transport department said that there is no proposal or plan and alternative with state government to condemn the vehicles and get new ones for the state.

“This issue has always been ignored and at a time when other states of India are disposing their old commercial vehicles just after 15 years of its service, in J&K the matter is looked other way and the service span is being increased by years instead of letting them go,” sources said.

They also said in JK vehicles that are more than 25



years old are still plying on roads causing huge air pollution and pose a big threat to the environment of the state.

“This order will equally apply to the buses owned and/or under contract with Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, and all other States whose buses are coming to Delhi from the destination of their respective States,” the Bench ordered.

“Agencies and Pollution Control Boards are supposed to inspect agencies giving pollution under control (PUC) certificate and ordered that if they are found giving the same to non-conforming vehicles, they be closed forthwith. However, this is hardly followed in the transport department,” they said.

Sources said that the government has to take off all

commercial vehicles, be it two, three or four wheelers, over 25 years old from the roads to check vehicular emissions adding to air pollution in the state and provide alternative and new vehicles.

MERC TIMES interacted with many commuters who finds it a “long pending issue.”

“There is no order from state government which contains a string of directions against plying of old vehicles. In cities like Delhi, Bhopal etc government has provided special, new red and green colored buses and disposed the old ones but in JK we have never seen such an important development,” Ishtiyaq Ahmed a contractor by profession said.

He added besides this, no stringent laws are in place against plastic burning, parking on roads, overloaded trucks entering J&K and working on ways to decongest the state’s cities and towns.

Another commuter Mohammad Ayub who travels every day from North Kashmir to central Kashmir said the public transportation system needs to be upgraded, increased and to ensure that they are pollution-free.

“It has become really very difficult to travel in the old buses and at the same time the high rates charged by cabs and taxis are not affordable. The sufferer is a common man who is always ignored in this state. There is a lot of air pollution which causes high risk to health,” he added.

Burglars on prowl in Awantipora

❖ Muhammad Younis

Awantipora : Awantipora area of South Kashmir is witnessing sharp increase in burglary incidents with material and stock stolen in lakhs from past one month.

On November, 25, in the wee hours of night, a bovine theft took place in Chraligund area of Awantipora. Ali Muhammad laway, a farmer from Chraligund was left agape and distressed when he couldn't find his cattle in the cowshed this morning. All of the cattle he had locked inside the cowshed last evening were smuggled.

“This morning, when I opened the door of my cowshed to take the cattle away for grazing, all cattle were missing. It was only half an hour later that I could find goat which the smugglers had taken but she had somehow broken away from them and had taken refuge in the next door neighbor’s courtyard the whole night.” The bovine which were smuggled from the cowshed include five cows and a flock of 10 sheep.

“More than that have been stolen of three lakh rupees,” he said.

“My livelihood was entirely dependent on my cattle. I would sell off few among them and feed my family from the money that I would earn from them. But how could I meet both my ends now,” he said with welled up eyes.

During the recent months a number of bovine thefts happened in the adjoining areas. “It is not work of only one or two smugglers, but a



big gang is involved in the theft. And they are well skilled in smuggling, otherwise 15 bovine animals is not a simple task to smuggle without even allowing them to make any kind of sound,” Ali said.

Talking to MERC Times , Station House Officer (SHO) of Police station Awantipora, Nazir

Ahmad Taeli said that an FIR has been registered about the theft and we are looking into the matter. Responding to query whether such incidents have happened before, he replied, for last few years such incidents happen more often but we haven't made any success so far in busting the gang.

ERA fails to complete parking complex dogged with deadlines

❖ Umar Shafi

Srinagar: The government’s Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) has once again failed to meet the deadline for constructing the much hyped Multistoried Parking Complex at Kashmir Motor Drivers Association (KMDA) bus stand in Srinagar.

Started in 2013, the construction was supposed to be completed on or before 23rd Feb, 2016, however, the construction is still in the middle of its completion and the deadline has been once again extended up to May 2016.

Director ERA, Basharat Malik, when asked about, said, “The construction company had some financial problems which delayed the project, forcing us to extend the deadlines, moreover, the September floods too hindered the



construction of Complex.”

“Apart from this, the project also had to face Customs and Excise duty as most of the construction material comes from China and Hyderabad,” Malik said.

He said that earlier the complex was constructed to accommodate 288 Light Motor Vehicles(LMVS), but as per new government directions the complex would be constructed to accommodate around 1224 LMVS.

Apart from vehicle parking, the complex would be having Operation Room in the ground floor for the officials, he said.

When asked about the missing deadlines, Malik said, the authority is going to penalize the ‘Simplex Projects Limited’- responsible for the construction of the complex, who prolonged the construction of parking complex.

Valley youth clears AFC, aspires to coach Intl. teams

❖ **Idrees Ahmad**

Ganderbal: Muzammil Mohammad, a 31 year old has successfully cleared the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) coaching license course to become the first ever coach from central Kashmir's Ganderbal district to do so.

Muzammil has coached number of local clubs and is currently head coach of Football Club Ganderbal (FCG) and Srinagar based Jahangir Sports, top football clubs in Valley.

Muzamil had early Earned AIFF 'D' coaching course. He attended this basic course in cooperation, Mumbai in February 2015. This course made him eligible to apply for AFC 'C' license course.

An aspiring National and International football coach, Muzammil has also done international coaching course in Brazil which was facilitated by International Sports Academy Trust (ISAT).

"During the course I got the opportunity to visit top academies and clubs of Brazil like Santos FC, Sao Paulo FC and Palmeiras FC," Muzammil told MERC Times.

"It has been the great experience to visit top clubs and academies in Brazil. It has got well established model for development of football. I got to learn many techniques about Brazilian style of play. I want to execute the skills here in Kashmir that I have learnt in Brazil," Muzammil said.

Muzammil has produced many players in Ganderbal who have represented

the state in National tournaments. Many of his products from Ganderbal are playing in top division leagues of Kashmir. Umar Jan, who plays for J&K Bank and Bilal Ahmad who plays for AG (Accountant General) office team are some of the players from Ganderbal who were trained by Muzammil.

Due to tireless efforts by Muzamil Mohammad, JKFA setup Ganderbal Football Association (GFA) in 2007. He, on regular basis organizes tournaments, football fests, coaching sessions within or outside the district.

According to Muzammil, the mantra to develop football in Kashmir is to give much emphasis to the grass root development of football. More football academies should be established in the valley. Coaches should be given exposure to learn in foreign countries.

After earning C license, Muzammil is going to apply for AFC 'B' coaching course. His goal is to get AFC pro-coaching license which will make him eligible to coach national and international teams.

"Coaches like Jan Marcos trio of Brazil and valley's Sajid Yousfu Dar are inspiration for me. These coaches have motivated and helped me to serve the beautiful game in the form of coaching," he said.

"My dream is that players from Ganderbal should be able to play in national clubs. Mehraj-u-din Waddoo and Ishaq Ahmad are inspiration for players here," Muzammil concluded.



Women volleyball tournament concludes, GDC clinches title

❖ **Ishan Fazili**

Ganderbal: The district volleyball championship for women concluded here on November, 22, where Government Degree College (GDC) defeated College of Physical Education (COPE) in straight sets by 25-13 and 25-21.

From the beginning, GDC Ganderbal dominated the play and won the first set by 12 points. In the second set COPE were stunned by tactical

play of GDC and left no chance for them to come back and clinched the second set by 25-21 and match by 2-1.

Saima Bhat of GDC was declared women of the Tournament for her consistent performance throughout the tourney.

The championship was held in college of physical education (COPE) Ganderbal and eight teams had participated in the week long tourney.

Incharge principal COPE, Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad who was the Chief Guest on the presentation ceremony distributed the trophies and merit certificates among the players.

District Secretary Volleyball (VB) Association Ganderbal, Sheikh M. Shafi, Organising Secretary, Shah Aijaz and Ms Firdous Shafi and other dignitaries and sportsmen were also present on the occasion.

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