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P3 CITY

DOCTORS FROM B&J HOSPITAL TREATING

The patients who were shifted to other hospitals due to the

fire incident at Bone and Joint hospital Barzulla are being

treated by their own doctors at other hospitals in the city,

'SHIFTED PATIENTS': DC SRINAGAR

Auqib Javeed

BRINGING BATMAN BACK

- Who needs one Batman when you can have three? Possibly no one, but that's what Hollywood is giving us in 2022. On March 4, Robert Pattinson - the
- Twilight guy takes his first trip to Gotham City in
- Matt Reeves' The Batman. Then on November 4, it's the return of veteran caped crusaders Ben Affleck



P8 SPORTS

AUSTRALIA MOURNS SHANE WARNE

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison on Saturday announced that late spin legend Shane Warne would receive a state funeral, while the cricket board decided to rename a stand at the MCG in his honour



Cuote Quote

Do not wait for the last judgment. It comes every day

-Albert Camus

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NEWS DIGEST

CRPF Man Dies Of Cardiac Arrest

SRINAGAR: A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) man died on Saturday after suffering a cardiac arrest at his camp in Maisuma area of this capital city. A 41-year-old CRPF man identified as Dinesh Kumar of 132 battalion fell unconscious inside Dashnami Akhara Maisuma More on P6

IAF Airlifts 102 Stranded Passengers

JAMMU: As many as 102 stranded passengers were airlifted by the Indian Air Force (IAF) between the twin Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on Saturday, an official said. Two AN-32 aircraft of the IAF, also known as the More on P6

Two Absconders Held After 25 Years

JAMMU: Two people, wanted in separate cases of rash driving, were arrested on Saturday after a manhunt of 25 years in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, police said. Rajit Singh and Amarjeet Singh, both residents of Jammu, were arrested More on P6

Driver Dies As Tipper Rolls Into Stream

KUPWARA: A driver of a tipper truck died after the vehicle turned turtle and fell into a rivulet while leaving from Bramri Nallah in north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Saturday. Official sources said that soon after receiving the information,



that the patients along with their attendants and medical staff would be roasted alive. "We couldn't understand how flames erupted so fast," "But somehow I decided to Ganaie told Kashmir Observer at JVC Bemina, where he is un-

evacuate my brother from the hospital. Following Ganaie's timely

exit from the ward, the watch and ward of the hospital along with the local volunteers began the evacuation process.

Services Likely To Resume In 10 **Days: Govt**

dditional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Vivek Bharadwaj said on Saturday that efforts are in full swing to ensure that all services are restored within next ten days at the Bone and Joint Hospital, Barzulla here. Bharadwaj, who rushed in from Jammu immediately More on P6

The nocturnal blaze was caught on cameras and was streamed live in the living rooms across Kashmir.

By the next dawn, the fire had damaged a major portion of the building infrastructure. However, there was no casualty reported as all the patients were evacuated and shifted to some other city hospitals, including SKIMS Bemina.

Recalling the night of horror, Ganaie said there was chaos and panic all over the hospital as the fire was spreading amid the blasts of oxygen cylinders.

"While everybody was rushing out with their patients, the lifts stopped working," he recalled.

"People were wailing and crying. We thought we would be charred alive.

Genaie's brother More on P6

BSF Fires Upon Suspected Pak **Drone Along IB**

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) opened fire at a suspected Pakistani drone along the International Border (IB) here on Saturday, officials said as a massive search operation was launched to ensure no weapons or narcotics were dropped by it.

A BSF spokesperson said alert troops of the force fired at the suspected flying object when it entered the general area of Arnia around 4.10 am.

"The humming sound of a suspected drone was heard in the morning at 4:10 am by alert troops of the BSF in the general area of Arnia. The troops fired towards the More on P6

Govt Transformed Healthcare Landscape Of J&K: LG

Calls For Reversing Trend Of Migration Of Youth To Other Countries For Medical Education

Observer News Service

dergoing treatment.

VARANASI: Claiming that the healthcare landscape of Jammu & Kashmir has been transformed, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Saturday that his administration was strengthening rural public health infrastructure and introducing innovative medical practices to provide quality health care to the doorsteps of the common man.

"Jammu & Kashmir has now moved forward to the category of front runners in NITI Aayog's SDG index; neonatal mortality rate in the UT reached single digit, Universal Health Coverage has been extended across the UT. We have not only checked the alarming decline in health infrastructure and funding in up-gradation, but also steadily increased it in the last couple of years," Sinha said, as per an official spokesperson



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doctors who are transforming India into a healthcare giant."

recuperating and every segment of healthcare has shown remarkable resilience. We are proud of our scientists, experts and

of Nephrology for offering a common platform to the experts to enable more peoplecentric, safe and effective treatment, and strengthening the future exploration on recent advances.

According to the spokes-person, the LG said that under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, India is matching the global standards of excellence in frontier areas of healthcare, scripting new milestones in health, science, technology & innovations.

"AatmaNirbhar Bharat is making impressive strides in harnessing intellectual property, reforms in Pharma industry to compete with the best in

Four Of Anantnag Family Killed In Highway Crash



Press Trust Of India

IAMMU: Four members of a

family were among five people

killed on Saturday when their

vehicle skidded off the road

and plunged into a deep gorge

in Samba district of Jammu

following which it rolled down into the gorge, the officials said, adding five of the occupants died on the spot while the driver was hospitalised with critical injuries. Terming the accident as "unfortunate", Deputy Commissioner

police and locals More on P6

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Kashmir Logs 17 New Corona Cases

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As many as 79 Coronavirus infected people recovered in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday while 47 fresh cases of virus were reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to the officials, 79 more Covid-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 55 from Jammu Division and 24 from the Valley. During More on P6

Ukraine Returned Kashmiri Students Battling 'Uncertain Future'

The LG, he said, com-

mended the Indian Society

Society of Nephrology.

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: As they have finally managed to leave behind the dreadful scenes of blazing guns, falling missiles and razed cities besides dreadful nights in shelters–Kashmiri students who have finally returned to their homeland from the war-torn Ukraine have expressed a certain level of uncertainty over the completion of their medical courses in which they had invested their

on Saturday. He made these re-

marks while addressing 27th

Annual Conference of Indian

LET'S SAY OUR UNIVERSITY RESTARTS its online classes but there are hundreds of Ukrainian faculty members who've been turned into refugees. Do you think they'll start teaching us through online mode while finding shelter to stay alive? Being pragmatic, I don't think we're going to complete this degree"

soul and hefty amount of money. are the final year students who Several students who spoke would've completed their final with Kashmir Observer are physexams in the month of May. "As a final year student, I'm ically and mentally drained with apprehensions of losing their camandated to attend offline reer to the seemingly long war. classes given how the National

The worst hit of this escalation between Moscow and Kyiv the world and expanding cooperation with other developing countries. The whole world is looking at India as a self-reliant nation on the move, as a nation poised to become the superpower," he added. More on P6

and Kashmir, officials said. The SUV was on its way to Srinagar from Punjab and

the accident took place at Jamoda near Mansar on the Samba-Udhampur road, the officials said.

The driver lost control of the SUV carrying six people,

Anuradha Gupta said four of the deceased were family members of sarpanch Mushtaq Ahmad of south Kashmir's Anantnag district. "Police received information about the accident around More on P6

More Rain, Snowfall In **Kashmir From Today**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A fresh western disturbance will hit Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday bringing more snow at the upper reaches of the Valley while rains will lash plains, a senior meteorological officer said Saturday.

fresh Western Disturbance is likely to affect J&K from tomorrow till March

13. Under this Western disturbance, Kashmir is expected to witness another wet spell between March 6 and 7. A moderate snowfall is expected over

higher reaches of North Kashmir including Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora on March 6 and scattered rainfall in most of South

Kashmir including Srinagar city." Deputy Director, MeT Department, More on P6

How Cakemaker's Digital Diligence Is Driving New-Age Kashmir Enterprise

Auqib Javeed

he had only one window available to market her childhood passion when she came back as a trained baker from Delhi in 2017. And that window was a digital one-now scripting several success stories in Kashmir.

Being a tech-savvy helped Arwa Siraj, 27, to grow as the new-age digital self-starter who would constantly update her work and sync it with the trends.

"Online promotion of the business like baking is important to get your product out off the shelves," says Arwa.

"If cakes aren't sold on time, they end up in dustbin. This is where the social media has proven to be an effective tool." Before becoming the virtual

world's new tastemaker, Arwa would try her hands on different things on and off, and failed many times. It helped her learn and perfect the art.

Many moons later, the engineer-turned-baker is now successfully running her own cookery brand called "Auburn by Arwa".

Arwa's rise coincides with the custom of customised cakes in the urban landscape of Kashmir-where social media influencers are driving the new pulse and preferences.

But while many young bakers are coming out with trendy cakes, Arwa is the first baker to introduce pull-me up cakes, piñata cakes and mini cakes in Kashmir. She has started the concept of "surprise and explosive boxes" besides "acrylic boxes".

"It's really doing well," Arwa says.

"What else do you need when your passion becomes your profession?"

She has employed people to take online orders for the baked delicacies from her cake house at Nowgam, Srinagar. Arwa's inclination towards



bakery always set her apart in her class. She was barely 8 when she started making cakes and stayed loyal to it despite dejections and disappointments. "I remember designing a cake

Medical Commission clearly

states that it does More on P6

on my sister's birthday which she couldn't cut due to the hard crust," Arwa recalls."I was disappointed but I decided to make it better next time.'

She would watch recipes of baking cakes from YouTube and blogs and learned the art.

"Sometimes it went well and sometimes I failed, but I never gave up," she says.

"It was only after I was done with my studies that I thought of taking my passion seriously."

By the time she was out of the campus with M.tech degree, she had already found her professional call.

But making cake wasn't a cakewalk for Arwa as she had to face countless challenges.

"Given the unstable and uncertain nature of our place, it becomes quite a More on P6



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Swap Salmon For Sardines To Keep Four Million Tonnes Of Fish In The Sea

David Willer | The Conversation

lutting down on meat and dairy is one way to make your diet better for the planet. But when it comes to sustainable seafood, buying sardines instead of salmon for your sandwiches and salads should be your first port of call.

A third of fish stocks are being harvested at rates that exceed what these populations can replenish, and 90% are fished right up to their sustainable limit, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. A leading cause of overfishing is, ironically, the demand for fish feed. Over one-third of all fish caught worldwide are fed to farmed animals instead of people. Fish farming, or aquaculture, is the world's fastest growing food sector. Most of the Atlantic salmon sold in supermarkets in the UK is farmed. Rearing these large, predatory fish involves feeding them a diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids and protein, nutrients that are also essential to humans for brain development and nerve function. In a new study, my colleagues and I found that if people ate the wild-caught fish, such as sardines, which are usually destined for salmon farms, it would leave nearly 4 million tonnes of fish in the sea and provide an extra 6 million tonnes of seafood.

Feed people, not fish farms

The sea provides humanity with a bounty of nutrient-rich food, which we have benefited from for thousands of years. Seafood is one of the most easily absorbed sources of key nutrients such as omega-3 and vitamins D and A that humans need. It is believed that a diet that included seafood may have helped humans develop bigger brains. There is a global responsibility to sustainably use this resource, as over 3.3 billion people rely on it as their source of animal protein.

Salmon raised in coastal farms off Scotland is the UK's largest food export by total annual economic value (followed by bread and pastries). Our research team carried out a thorough assessment of the Scottish salmon industry, collecting data on fish nutrient content, fishmeal and fish oil composition and examining the transfer of micronutrients from feed to fish.

sentatives who wish to be present there.



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We found that by removing wild-caught fish from salmon feed and only using fish byproducts instead - such as trimmings and offcuts from the filleting of farmed fish - 3.7 million tonnes of fish could be left in the sea and global annual seafood production could increase by 6.1 million tonnes. Over half of the essential dietary minerals and fatty acids available in wild fish are currently lost to human mouths when these fish are fed to farmed salmon.

By comparing salmon with other options, our research also highlighted the health and environmental benefits of eating more sustainably farmed seafood, such as mussels. Mussels belong to the bivalve class of molluscs that include shellfish like clams

and oysters (but not prawns, lobsters or crabs). Our research has shown that mussels are one of the most sustainable foods on the planet, more so than any other meat, fish, and most land-based crops like soya, wheat and rice.

Mussels require no feed, they simply eat algae in the water. The reefs they create act as nurseries where young fish can develop to full size, helping to regenerate wild fish stocks. Bivalve farms use up no land and no freshwater. They actually act as a carbon sink. But what if you like eating salmon? The use of alternative feeds in salmon farms is growing, but some are better than others. Feeds made from crops like soya and corn need a lot of land and water to produce,

but those made using algae are richer in omega-3 and use up sea space (of which there is plenty) instead of land. We need more research and investment to produce nutritious seafood while reducing pressure on marine ecosystems.

If you're ever unsure, there are two simple mnemonics to guide what fish you should buy: ECOME - Eat clams, oysters and mussels

everywhere SMASH - Sardines, mackerel, anchovies, sprats and herring

So enjoy your moules frites and barbecued sardines. Eat small, oily fish and bivalve

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KASHMIR WOMENS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Applications on plain paper are invited for the below mentioned posts. The applications must reach upto 10th of March,2022



از نیابت مثن بااجلاس ایکزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہاول صمون درخواست منجانب : مشکیل احمد ولد محمد اسماعیل بٹ ساکنہ کرنگ و تخصیل مٹن ضلع اننت مون در تواست جانب . ۲۰۰۰ مرافظیک ناگ بغرض حصول :۔ RBA سر نفکیک اشتھار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص دعام۔ معامله مندرجه غوان الصدريين سايل نے ايک درخواست بغرض حصول بيک وارڈ اريا سرفنگيٹ دفتر ہذامیں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے ریورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سایل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔ آمداني نام وولديت نمبرشار ىپىشە محداساعيل ولدمحد رمضان بٹ 5000/= 60 سال زدوري 01 حنيفه بانوز وجدمجمدا ساعيل 58-بال كهريلوكام 02 محدشفيع ولدمحد اسماعيل 03 31سال LPC ملازم شكفتهاختر زوحه محدشفيع 30 سال 04 LPC ملازم زيرتعليم 29-يال شكيل احمد ولدمجمرا ساعيل بٹ 05 ا سکےعلاوہ اورکوئی افراد کبنہ میں موجو نہیں ہے۔لہذا سرٹفکیٹ مذکورہ کوجاصل کرنے میں اگر کسی کوکوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ ایک ہفتہ کے دوراندفتر ی اوقات میں اپنااعتراض پیش کریں۔ معیاد گز رنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتر اض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

(تحرالصدرا گیزیکٹیومجسٹریٹ درجہاول)

Name: Irfan Mohamad

Mother's Name: Mugli Begum

Name: Basharat Hussain Mir

Mother's Name: Asmat Begum

Father's name: Muzaffar Hussain Mir

Father's name: Ghulam Mohammad Lone

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The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education New Campus, Bemina, Srinagar. ATTENTION PLEASE.

The candidate whose photograph is above reports that he /she

S.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost	Class	Time for	Cost of TD.	M. Head
No		in Lacs		Completion		
1	Construction of Tile Path from Kralweth road to H/O Ab. Ahad Sheikh at Ward	0.88	DEE	12 days	200/-	Budgetary
	No. 01 M.C Kunzer (Budgetary Support)					Support
2	Development of Road from H/O Sonaullah Bhat to H/O Ab. Salam Bhat by way	0.75	DEE	12 days	200/-	Budgetary
	of soling, metalling at Ward No. 04 MC Kunzer (Budgetary Support).					Support
3	Repairing (Construction) of drain from H/O Ab. GaniGanie to H/O Bashir Ahmad	0.96	DEE	12 days	200/-	Budgetary
	Ganie at ward No. 06 M.C Kunzer under Budgetary Support.					Support
4	Inner links at Druroo (B2v) by way of providing and laying of RCC spun pipes and	0.55	DEE	12 days	200/-	B2V
	Kacha Drain (Balance portion).					
5	Up-gradation of main road Kunchipora (Balance portion) under PRI	0.61	DEE	12 days	200/-	PRI
				-		

Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam

Short Term Tender Notice No: 163/ R&B of 2021-22.

For & on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory the Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam/GDA Tangmarg invites sealed

tenders affixed with four rupees Revenue stamps from registered PWD contractors for the works as mentioned below on terms and conditions shown

hereunder. The tenders should reach the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Div-Magam/GDA Tangmarg by or before 11-03-2022upto 2pm and

will be opened on the same date or any other date convenient to the tender opening Authority in presence of the Tenderers or their authorized repre-

Terms and Conditions:-

5)

6)

The tenders should be addressed to the Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam/GDA Tangmargwhich should reach the office by or before 11-03-2022 upto 2 pm in a properly sealed envelope with name of work, name of contractor.

The Treasury Challan only will be entertained as the cost of tender document charges as per the format enclosed. 2)

All bidders has to submit bid security declaration form instead of earnest money deposit (EMD) as per the circular of finance Department 3) (Bid security form is as per Annexure "A" below) and Card verification certificate issued by competent authority.

If the receiving date is declared as holiday the tenders will be received on next working day. 4)

The offered rates should be covered with transparent tape: otherwise the tenders will be rejected.

"GST. Income Tax &Labourcess will be deducted at the time of payment as per the rates as in vogue.

The tender document shall be issued to the contractors personally / authorized representative after verification of capacity / validity of 7) their registration card on the production of same for purchase of tender documents and production of attested Photostat copies of permanent account PAN/GST Regd. Nos.

The Tender documents of the work shall be issued against the Treasury Challan (M.H 0059) mentioned with, Name of contractor, registra-8) tion No., phone No., NIT No. and S. No. of work as shown above upto08-03-2022

The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount of equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 days 9) before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.

The rectification of damages if any that may occur from the date of start of work to the site or apartment / structures shall be responsibil-10) ity of the contractor and nothing extra shall be paid for the same.

The Tenderer shall quote their rate in a single percentage above / below of SSR 2020 applicable to all the advertised items. excl. the items 11) where the tenderer have been asked to quote their own rates.

The rectification of damages to the completed work within DLP period under rules from the date of completion of work shall be responsi-12) bility of the contractor and nothing extra shall be paid for the same.

The work has to be executed strictly as per PWD specifications within the stipulated time failing which, penalty shall be imposed & action 13) as warranted under rules shall be initiated against the agency / contractor.

The Departmental material if any to be lifted from Divisional store premises shall be deducted as per the stock rate issued. 14)

The registration card dully renewed, PAN, GST registration with latest GST clearance (GSTR-3B) should be attached with the tender docu-15) ments also the card verification certificate issued my competent authority (CE/SE) shall be enclosed with the tender documents.

The Successful bidders have to start the work within 07 days from date of issue of LOI / Allotment, otherwise action shall be taken as pe 16) the norms.

The tenders for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of tenders. 17)

18) The successful agency has to execute the agreement within 10 days after fixation of contract.

Penalty for delay in completion:-In case of delay in completion of work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty up to maximum 19 of 10% of the contract shall be imposed.

The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. 20)

21) Restoration of work:- On completion of contract the contractor shall be responsible to remove all un-used material and restore all work in its original position at his own cost.

Traffic regulations:-The contractor is bound to adhere to traffic regulations as is applicable from time to time and ensure arrangements 22) of smooth regulation of traffic during execution of work.

All Key Construction material shall have to be strictly as per prescribed specifications and approval of the Engineer In-charge 23)

In case any new circular/instructions/order is issued by the competent authorities during the current financial year, the same shall be 24) implemented/treated in force on all the tenders floated from time to time.

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

The payment will be made only after funds will be available with the Department.

The terms and conditions shown in this NIT No. 01/ R&B of 2021-22 are applicable for offline tenders only. FOR & ON BEHALF OF LT. GOVERNOR OF J&K

No: R&B/DIVN/MAGAM/8503-21

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE



Shri: Nisar Ahmad Banday S/o: Mohd Yousuf Banday R/o: Hazrat Bal Srinagar as Transferor) & Shri. Syed Sajad Hussain S/o Syed Altaf Hussain R/o

Waterwani Syed Mohallah Budgam.as Transferee) for transfer of Tipper Carriage route permit No.704/GC/ Budgam vehicle No. JK04A -5423.

Now it is therefore notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit/ vehicle shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper . No. ARTO/ BUDGAM, 5945

Dated 05/03/2022 Assistant Regional Transport officer **Budgam Kashmir**

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Bashir Ahmad Khan S/o: Mohammad Shaban Khan R/o: Rawalpora Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04A 5693 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J&K Bank B/U Pampore.

Now therefore it is notified for the

information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper. No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.5942

Dated 05/03/2022 Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir

has lost his/ her qualification certificate/s having the following description:-

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RESIDENCE UGJAN DIALGAM ANANTNAG Now the candidate has, applied for issuance of DUPLICATE QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE/S. Before the case will be processed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained. (Besides, the losted "QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE", bearing Serial No /s 577253 is /are be treated as "CANCELLED"). No: - F (Certs-I-DQC)B/KD/18 Sd/= Dated: · Assistant Secretary Certificates,KD rna

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Drive Against Wrong Parking Turns Ugly At Maisuma

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The shopkeepers at Masiuma Srinagar shut their shops in protest against the traffic department as traffic cops launched drive against wrong parking in the area.

The shopkeepers raised slogans against the traffic Department and alleged that some of the shopkeepers were beaten by the men in uniform.

However, officials of the traffic department negated these claims and said the shopkeepers resorted to stone pelting on its personnel.

Haseeb Ahmad, who runs a shop in the locality said in absence of a parking lot, the shopkeepers and customers are compelled to park their vehicles on roadsides.

"In the morning SMC launches an anti-encroachment drive, in the afternoon it is the traffic Department, it looks like they are after our businesses", Haseeb said.

"The authorities are talking about Smart City but on ground they have failed to provide with basic amenities" he added.

The shopkeepers at Red Cross road allege that their customers are also being fined due to which people avoid coming to the market

President of Traders Association Maisuma, Abdul Majeed Bhat, said that shoppers should be allowed to park their vehicles on the roadsides.

"The shopkeepers who are found parking their vehicles wrongly should also be fined, but only the customers should be exempted", he said.

Maisuma a locality adjacent to Lal Chowk has emerged as a hub of car business in the last few years.

Scores of shops sell car accessories which authorities say creates traffic jam in the area

Talking about the events that unfolded in Maisuma on Saturday, SSP Traffic Srinagar Muzaffar Ahmed Shah told Kashmir Observer it was a routine drive against wrong parking.

"The area hosts many car workshops, owners and the customers park their vehicles on the roadside which is against norms", he said.He further said that some people pelted stones were pelted at the police and an FIR has also been registered in this regard.

Suspected Object Found Near Alamgari Bazar, **Destroved:** Police

Agencies

Srinagar: Police on Saturday said that a suspected object was found near Alamgari Bazar Srinagar on Saturday and was later destroyed without taking any chances.

A senior police officer said that as n as the suspected objected was found the traffic throughout the area was halted and bomb disposal squad was rushed to the scene. "We destroyed it without taking any chances," the officer said. Traffic through the area was restored after hour or so, the officer added.



Doctors From B&J Hospital Treating 'Shifted Patients': DC Srinagar

Agencies

Srinagar: The patients who were shifted to other hospitals due to the fire incident at Bone and Joint hospital Barzulla are being treated by their own doctors at other hospitals in the city, authorities said on Saturday

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar AijazAsad said that 113 patients who were evacuated and shifted to other hospitals are being treated by their own doctors who were treating them at Bone and Joint hospital.

He said that doctors of Bone and Joint hospital are with their patients so that they won't face any problem.

He further added that restoration work has been already started and very soon all services will be started at the hospital.

Meanwhile officials from Fire and Emergency department said that it was a very hectic operation as whole reinforcement from the entire Srinagar city was called that the hospital after which fire was brought under control.

They said that our first priority was to evacuate all patients, attendants and staff of the hospital and after evacuating them removal of 150 oxygen cylinders

was of utmost importance. Asad said that with the h

DAK Seeks Fire Safety Audit Of Kashmir Hospitals

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A day after a massive fire destroyed Kashmir's premier Bone and Joint hospital, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Saturday has sought fire safety audit of all the hos-pitals in the valley.

"The fire safety audit of hospitals should be done immediately to ensure safety and security of patients and staff," said DAK President DrNisarul Hassan.

"Yesterday's fire at orthopedic hospital is a wakeup call," he said.

Dr Hassan said it is imperative to conduct safety audit of hospitals to prevent such incidents in future.

"If we are admitting patients, we need to keep them safe," he said adding "patient safety should be of paramount consideration.'

The DAK President said we need 'Firefighting personnel did a comto ensure that firefighting measures are in place at health institutions to the blaze under control." he adde

NC MPs Anguished over Fire

provide safe environment to patients. "We need to identify gaps if any, and fill them on priority," he added.

"Every hospital needs to have trained dedicated staff to maintain the fire safety standards," said DrNisar.

He said the hospitals are required to carry out periodic mock drills for which participation of fire brigade officials and disaster management is mandatory.

'On Friday evening, a massive fire broke out in Bone and Joint hospital in Barzulla area of Srinagar district which damaged the infrastructure and machinery of the prestigious orthopedic center of the valley," said Dr Arshad Ali General Secretary DAK.

He said it was with the help of local volunteers that patients were evacuated in time and shifted to other hospitals which saved precious lives.

mendable job. They battled hard to bring



This Day In History

- 1953 Malenkov becomes chairman of the USSR
- 1957 Ghana (formerly Gold Coast) declares independence
- from UK 1957 - Centenary of Dred Scott slavery court decision
- marked by rediscovery of Scott's grave 1959 - Farthest radio signal heard (Pioneer IV, 400,000
- miles) 1960 - President Sukarno disbands Indonesia's parliament
- 1964 Constantine succeeds Paul I as king of Greece
- 1975 Algiers Accord: Iran and Irag announce a settlement of their border dispute.
- 1981 France performs nuclear test at Mururoa atoll
- 1981 Soyuz 39 returns to Earth
- 1984 Twelve-month-long strike in British coal industry begins
- 1987 6.8 earthquake hits Ecuador, kills 100
 - 1991 Following Iraq's capitulation in the Persian Gulf conflict, US President George H. W. Bush told Congress that aggression is defeated. The war is over
- 1994 United Arab Emirates beat Kenya by 2 wickets to win ICC Trophy 1994 - Referendum in Moldova results in the electorate
- voting against possible reunification with Romania.
- 1998 First time the British Union Flag is flown over Buckingham Palace (following the controversy after Princess Dian's death; formerly the only flag flown was the Sovereign's standard indicating the monarch's presence.)
- 2012 9,000 residents are evacuated from Wagga Wagga, Australia, as the Murrimbidgee River threatens to overflow 2013 - Syrian rebels capture Ar-Raggah, their first major citv
- 2013 Microsoft is fined €561 by the Euro Commission for not providing alternative web browsers
- 2013 9 people die after a plane crash

volunteers, the fire and emergency department officials managed to remove all gas cylinders to safer places.

They further added that with the removal of oxygen cylinders on time, a major tragedy was averted.

Meanwhile Medical Superintendent of the hospital DrMianSuhail said that there was damage in emergency operation theatre and faculty sitting rooms

In a joint statement issued the Party

MPs Dr Farooq Abdullah, Muhammad Ak-

bar Lone and HasnainMasoodi expressed

while the rest of the wards are safe. He said that the damage caused due to fire is being assessed. (KNO)

Court Rejects Bail To Rape Accused

Agencies

Srinagar: A court in Srinagar on Saturday rejected bail to a man accused of raping a 21-year-old young woman last year.

As per the prosecution on 8 May last year, a man lodged a written report with police station Shergari Srinagar that his daughter 21-year-old was abducted by the accused identified as Suhail Ahmad Sofi from Iqbal complex, Srinagar where she had gone for treatment. Subsequently a case (FIR No.41/2021) for offences punishable under IPC Sections of 366 (kidnapping, abducting or inducing woman), 342 (wrongful confinement) and investigation ensued, the prosecution said.

"During investigation the victim was recovered from Alochibagh from a rented house who was kept confined there by the accused," prosecution said. Later 376 (rape) of Indian Penal Code was

added to the FIR. "The accused had taken Rs.50,000 from the victim and when she demanded the said amount back, the accused refused and threatened her that he will sprinkle acid upon her and under this threat raped her," the prosecution said as per the statement made by

On the other hand, the counsel for the ac-

the women.

Incident At B&J Hospital cusations made against Agencies his client are fabricated, frolicsome, vexatious and lack in the material Srinagar: National Conference (NC) Memsubstance as he has nothbers of Parliament on Saturday expressed ing to do with the alleged profound anguish over the massive fire offences that broke out in Kashmir's premier ter-After hearing both tiary care Bone and Joint Hospital Barzulla in Srinagar district on Friday late

the sides, the court of 2nd Additional Sessions Judge Srinagar Mohammad Ashraf Bhat rejected the bail plea, observing that offence of rape was crime against the entire society.

cused said that the ac-

"Rape is a heinous crime which cannot be viewed with a leniency. Rape victim is left with a feeling of degradation, humiliation and guilt for the rest of her life," the court said.

evening.

premier B&J Hospital in Barzulla.

They said owing to the suitable and centrally located site of the hospital, the new facility should come up at the same site. The MPs said that until the new facility comes up, a stop gap arrangement should be put in place at the same site to cater to the out and inpatient rush.

Given the significance and centrality of the hospital, the administration should take up reconstruction work immediately and execute it in double shifts, they demanded.

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- 2014 Crimean parliament votes unanimously to make the Crimea part of Russia
- 2015 NASA's Dawn space probe enters orbit around the dwarf planet Ceres
- 2017 US President Donald Trump signs his second executive order barring travelers from 6 mostly-Muslim countries for 90 days but leaves out Irag
- 2018 "Highest overdose death rates ever recorded in the US". 142,000 overdoses in 2016-17 period according to US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2018 Sri Lanka imposes first nationwide state of emergency since civil war after unrest between Sinhalese and Muslim areas in Kandy District
- 2018 American WWII aircraft carrier USS Lexington rediscovered in Australia's Coral Sea, lost during 1942 Battle of the Coral Sea
- 2018 Forbes names Amazon founder Jeff Bezos the world's richest person for the first time at \$112 billion, Bill Gates no. 2



Militant Firing In Kokernag, Faroog Cancels Poll Rally

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah cancelled his visit to Kokernag township of south Kashmir following firing by unidentified gunmen near the venue of his election rally. Farooq was scheduled to address public meeting there, in support of National Conference nominee for Anantnag constituency Yusuf Teng on the concluding day of hectic electioneering. However before Farooq Abdullah could reach the venue of the meeting, gunmen opened fire with people gathered their running or their safety.

Immediately after the incident, the security advisors of Farooq Abdullah advised him against visiting Kokernag which the chief minister agreed to.

This is the second such incident during electioneering by Farooq Abdullah. About fortnight ago, soldiers successfully detected and defused a powerful explosive device planted in Ganderbal, from where chief minister's motorcade was to pass.

After cancelling Kokernag meeting, Farooq addressed a thinly attended public meeting at Lal Chowk of Anantnag town. He was also scheduled to address a similar meeting in Bijbehara, but the same could not be held as the town observed complete strike, reports reaching here said.

(Kashmir Observer, 06 March, 1998)

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ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Jobs In Tradition

n promising the moon on the issue of unemployment, political parties making a serious bid for power conveniently forget to spell out specific measures to be undertaken to generate jobs. This reluctance to commit themselves to anything concrete is understandable as the curse of unemployment has been riding the state's shoulders for decades and successive governments have failed to make any dent except swell the ranks of government servants often by processes shot through with irregularities and questionable means. So, vague, but oft repeated, platitudes about unemployment being "at the top of the agenda" have become the staple for the public to consume.

Even as the numbers of the unemployed multiply, educational institutions continue to churn out more aspirants, most of them armed with qualifications of the highest order, on paper at least. And the bright sparks living a princely life on the taxpayers money precisely to devise ways out of the rut can do nothing except bank on the obscenely bloated public services to take on yet more additions. There appears to have been very little serious thinking on the part of the successive governments



to address an issue dating back decades and bound to take crisis proportions with the passage of time. Policymakers have totally wean people away from the societal mindset of regarding a government job as the only worthwhile means of gainful employment. The result is that even rural communities traditionally involved in agriculture give up the occupation and hanker after sarkari naukris no matter how petty. In a state where agriculture is the basis of the economy, youth are giving it up in droves as they think it below their educated selves to be engaged in peasantry. The other field which a warped notion of being educated has tainted with stigma is the erstwhile lucrative calling of Kashmiri handicrafts. An engineered decline, or rather a willful decimation, of a widely practiced mode of earning a livelihood has not only robbed the state economy of what could have been a strong pillar, but also

Inside The Delimitation Pandora's Box

The General Next Elections Will Be Even More Important For The Country And The Issue Of Delimitation May Become A Sensitive Electoral Issue In South Indian States



Haris Rashid

ne new parliament building that is currently being built by the Narendra Modi led government has raised eyebrows since it can accommodate a larger number of members (more than 700) than the current parliament building. Considering the timing and the speed at which the construction was taken up, it is a significant development. It comes closer to the year 2026 when the moratorium on the delimitation will end. Delimitation is the exercise of redrawing boundaries of Lok Sabha and State Assembly constituencies to represent changes in the population. Article 81 of the Indian Constitution mandates that the population-to-seat ratio shall be the same for all the states. The last delimitation was carried out by the Third Delimitation Commission in 1972 on the basis of the 1971 census after which there was a temporary freeze. In 1976, the Indira government through the 42nd Amendment, 1976 had put a moratorium on the delimitation of constituencies for elections to Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies till the 2001 census. Later, the Constitution 84th Amendment Act, 2001 extended the freeze on the delimitation till the publication of the first census figures after 2026. This means the next delimitation, if not postponed, will be based on the 2031 census.

The freeze on the delimitation was necessitated by the fact that there was uneven population

growth among states. From 1976-to 1990, there were states that successfully controlled their population growth and would lose political power if the delimitation was carried out. Similarly, states that did not control their population growth would be given more representation and hence more political power in the parliament. If the delimitation



delimitation since 1976, there is no gainsaying the fact there is a need for delimitation. However, since different states have different populations growth rates, using population for increasing or decreasing the number of seats of a particular state will be discriminatory

is carried out in 2031, it will open a pandora's box for Indian federalism. Given the pattern of the population growth rate of different states in the country, it is not just about different states getting more political voice in the parliament, it is about northern and Hindi speaking states of India dominating the parliament. The decadal growth rate (2001-2011) for northern states was - Bihar (25.4), Uttar Pradesh (20.2), Uttarakhand (18.8), Rajasthan (21.3) and NCT of Delhi (21.2). Now consider the decadal growth rate (2001-2011) for South Indian states- Kerala (4.9), Karnataka (15.6), Tamil Nadu (15.6) and the undivided Andhra Pradesh (11.0).

If the delimitation is carried out under these circumstances, South Indian states will be at a disadvantage as they will lose some seats in the parliament relative to northern states while for the northern states, there will be a significant increase. The current distribution of seats in the parliament is already skewed in the favour of northern states-UP has 80 seats and Bihar has 40 seats while Tamil Nadu has 39, Kerala has 20, Andhra Pradesh has 25 and Telangana 17. This also assumes significance as most of the states with significant population growth are BJP ruled or those states where BJP has a greater vote share. These states are set to gain a large number of seats in the delimitation exercise which will thus electorally favour the BJP. The way BJP rushed with the construction of the new parliament building in the midst of a pandemic and based on the recent history of BJP using its brute majority in the parliament to pass contentious legislations, there are speculations that BJP might bring a constitutional amendment to enforce the delimitation as early as 2026. Hence, the general next elections will be even more important for the country and the issue of delimitation may become a sensitive electoral issue in South Indian states.

If the delimitation is held, it will politically punish all those states that adhered to and implemented the family planning programs while rewarding those that failed to do so. It is also set to drive a wedge between the southern and the northern states and therefore will raise questions on Indian federalism. Since there has been a freeze on delimitation since 1976, there is no gainsaying the fact there is a need for delimitation. However, since different states have different populations growth rates, using population for increasing or decreasing the number of seats of a particular state will be discriminatory. Till a uniform rate of population growth is attained, the government, as has been done previously, should only alter the boundaries of parliamentary and state assembly constituencies to equate the number of voters in each constituency without altering the number of seats in each state.

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economies have graduated from being basically agricultural to service-oriented entities through the route of industrialization, but agriculture has lost none of its importance, though it is being powered by mechanized farming and highly technological processes, making the sector much less labour intensive.

robbed people of a source of employment. The entire system of education appears to be geared to glorify becoming doctors and engineers - or become pen-pushing babus if the worst comes to the worst – but commits a patent injustice by undermining the role and importance of agriculture and handicrafts. Education in Kashmir, where societies have sustained themselves on agriculture and crafts, should have been modeled to motivate youth towards these fields as well besides the more "accepted" pursuits. And in turn, agriculture and handicrafts should have been restored to a status of pre-eminence through education, awareness and financial promotion of these sectors.

True, advanced economies have graduated from being basically agricultural to service-oriented entities through the route of industrialization, but agriculture has lost none of its importance, though it is being powered by mechanized farming and highly technological processes, making the sector much less labour intensive.

But such a model cannot be imitated in toto in economies where labour is in surplus. The West is gifted with a low population, but unemployment stalks the western economies as well. Nations and states with burgeoning populations have to evolve development models of their own. The approach, again, has to be holistic rather than segmental – for example, any long-term policy on employment should include population control targets as an essential factor.

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Transformational Budget For Transitional Energy Economy In India

Subrahmanyam Pulipaka

ndia, today is the world's 4th largest Renewable Energy (RE) country and is 5th largest in terms of installed solar capacity. In early February 2022 India's solar installations crossed the 50GW milestone making India only the 5th country to achieve this in the world. The year 2021 has been a landmark year for the Indian renewable energy industry. In August 2021, on the eve of Independence Day, India achieved 100GW of installed RE capacity. Consequently, in December 2021, India became only the fourth country in the world to have 150GW of RE (including large Hydro). 2021 is also the year where India'sSolar installations crossed 10GW capacity with a 210% jump from 2020 making it the best year in India's solar history, despite COVID related challenges.

Today, India is home to one of the World's largest energy transition programs with targets that are both ambitious as well as pragmatic. Honourable Prime Minister ShriNarendra Modi at COP26 announced that India is expanding its RE target to 500GW by 2030. With only 9 years to go for this ambitious target, the budget 2022 has given the much-needed impetus to place the Indian Renewable Energy (RE) sector at an advantage to achieve these targets.

Budget 2022 is truly transformational in giving boost to India's Energy Transition Goals and the allied socio-economic benefits, especially when it's transitioning to a Market Driven economy. The provisions for Renewable Energy in this budget are based on four key foundational pillars of Indian energy economy which are "Swavalamban ()", "Samruddhi ()", "Sashakti-

karan ()" and "Shakti ()", **2021 IS ALSO THE YEAR WHERE** India's Solar installations crossed 10GW capacity with a 210% jump from 2020 making it the best year in India's solar history, despite COVID related challenges. Today, India is home to one of the World's largest energy transition programs with targets that are both ambitious as well as pragmatic.

Swavalamban: Honourable Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi, gave the clarion call for self-reliant India (Atmanirbhar Bharat) in 2020. In line with this the Government announced a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for high efficiency solar manufacturing in India. The outlay of this scheme in this budget is increased by Rs.19500 crores, making the scheme's total outlay to around \$3 billion USD. This increment will definitely help accelerate India's manufacturing capabilities to meet the growing demand for Solar Modules and Cells and potentially add at least 45GW of domestic manufacturing in the next 3 years making India a Global Solar Manufacturing hub. Additionally, a Basic Customs Duty (BCD) of 25% and 40% on imported solar cells and modules was also announced while extending the concessional tax regime of 15% until March'24. All these aforementioned provisions will give the much-needed momentum for domestic manufacturing and take India closer to become self-reliant in the solar energy sector, thereby shifting from a decade-long reliance on imports.

Samruddhi: India's solar capacity grew 17 times in 7 years and this has only been possible due to Cohesive and Consistent policy measures of the Indian government. This year's budget has aggressively pushed the development curve of the renewable

energy sector by leaps and bounds. The announcement of issuing Sovereign green bonds for mobilising investments will cement India's already existing reputation as the world's attractive destination for RE investments. The move to allow a fiscal deficit of 4 per cent of GSDP of which 0.5 per cent will be tied to power sector reforms, will go a long way into bringing more accountability in India's RE sector, thereby contributing to its accelerated growth. Including energy storage systems with dense charging infrastructure and grid-scale battery systems in the harmonised list of infrastructure will lay the foundation for making energy storage affordable in India.

Sashaktikaran: The provision of decentralized renewable energy and support for livelihood generation for Border villages with sparse population, limited connectivity and infrastructure is a right step in empowering rural population. It is also interesting to note that MNRE has recently released a framework for promotion of Decentralized Renewable Energy Livelihood Applications With an aim to create an enabling ecosystem for spread of Renewable Energy Generation technologies. The inclusion of Hydro and Solar power projects in the budget for the Ken-Betwa Link Project is a strong testament of the Government's resolve on integrating Agriculture and Renewable Energy sectors while contributing significantly to doubling the farmers' income.

Shakti:While Shakti means power, this budget's focus on GatiShakti and NariShakti gave more power to the Renewable Energy sector. While PM GatiShakti is a transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development in India, the Honourable Finance minister's announcement that this approach will be powered by Clean Energy and Sabka Prayas is encouraging news for the RE sector. RE sector can leverage GatiShakti platform to make India a global RE super power, while creating huge job and entrepreneurial opportunities for all, especially the youth. This year's budget also recognized the importance of Nari Shakti (women power) that heralds optimistic future for women-led development in the RE sector. The revamped government schemes Mission Shakti, Mission Vatsalva. Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 have improved infrastructure and are powered by clean energy providing an enriched environment for child development.

Overall, this year's budget is the right step forward to achieve "Panchamrit" vision that was outlined by Hon'ble Prime Minister during COP 26 which encompasses achieving target of 500 GW RE that will power half of India's Energy requirements by 2030 while reducing carbon emissions by one billion tonnes and reduce carbon intensity by 45% by 2030. Finally, all measures will have to converge to ensure India becomes Net Zero by 2070.

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Bringing Batman Back

John Quinn

ho needs one Batman when you can have three? Possibly no one, but that's what Hollywood is giving us in 2022. On March 4, Robert Pattinson - the Twilight guy - takes his first trip to Gotham City in Matt Reeves' The Batman. Then on November 4, it's the return of veteran caped crusaders Ben Affleck and Michael Keaton, as they appear set to share the Batman role in the big screen adaptation of fellow justice League member The Flash.

That's a lot of Batmans – and that's just the big screen. There are some more hanging around in the comic, animation and video game belfries too. Factor in some of the live-action Batmans of old, like the late Adam West, Val Kilmer and Christian Bale (to name but a few), and maybe even the fun-poking Lego movies while we're at it, and we've got quite the colony on our hands.

What this shows us is that Batman is a versatile fellow, constantly being reimagined. For almost 80 years, the film and television portrayals of DC Comics' Dark Knight have shifted with the times, but that's not always been a good thing.

A history of Batman

In 1943 Lewis Wilson gave us an often forgotten second world war era Batman. Crusading against the "villainous" Japanese on behalf of Uncle Sam, this version of Batman is an openly racist work of propaganda fuelled by the forced internment of Japanese Americans after the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbour.

By the 1960s it was Adam West's turn to don the cowl in Leslie H. Martinson's Batman: The Movie and the related ABC television series Batman. Once more battling traditional enemies like The Joker, The Riddler, The Penguin and Catwoman, the overt racism was mostly toned down in the television version. Instead, the show was packed full of bright colours, slapstick violence, sexualisation of its female characters and a not-so-subtle homoerotic subtext, openly poking fun at itself in a camp parody of the Dark Knight Around 20 years

AT A TIME WHEN MANY HOLLYWOOD franchises are abandoning the controversial tropes of their past, it seems that The Batman is not. From what we can glean from the trailers, Pattinson's Batman appears set to remain a spectacle of hypermasculinity, with his body buffed and augmented by heavy armour

later, when Michael Keaton arrived in Tim Burton's Batman and Batman Returns, it was time to exorcise the camp from the Batman. Now loaded with a heavy gothic look and feel, Keaton and Burton's Batman returned the franchise to a dark and gloomy tone that paved the way for the much bleaker Batman narratives to come. Still with us was the overt sexualisation of female characters, especially in the guise of Michelle Pfeiffer's Catwoman.

Particularly noticeable was physical disfigurement

as a marker of villainy in Jack Nicholson's The Joker and Danny DeVito's The Penguin. But gone was Batman's spandex suit and cape, replaced with militaristic body armour and violence to match - although this was nearly derailed by Joel Schumacher's more flamboyant tongue-in-cheek family-friendly interpretations Batman Forever, starring Val Kilmer, and its commercial and critical disaster follow-up, Batman Returns. with

George Clooney

At the turn of the 21st century, it was over to Christopher Nolan and his Dark Knight Trilogy (Batman Begins, The Dark Knight and The Dark Knight Rises) to reset the franchise once more. Christian Bale's Batman was perhaps the first to go "fully" hypermasculine, where Bruce Wayne was almost as tough and chiselled as the batsuit he wore.

The violence too was more realistic and gritty, as were the motives of the villains. While still facially disfigured, they now preferred to engage in domestic acts of terrorism, with Heath Ledger's iconic performance transforming the Joker into a mass-murdering psychopath.

This brooding hypermasculinity spilled over into Ben Affleck's contemporary portrayal of Batman in Zach Snyder's 2016 box office hit Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice and box office bomb from 2017, Justice League. So it was no surprise that the announcement of equally brooding Twilight star Robert Pattinson as the next Batman set the DC fandom a flutter.

More of the same?

Further fuel was added to the fire when Pattinson revealed in 2020 that he did not want to contribute to problematic masculine body images by working out for his new role. Yet, as the promotional campaign for The Batman began to ramp up in 2022, Pattinson declared that he'd been joking about not working out, now telling us that it was crucial if an actor wanted to play Batman.

At a time when many Hollywood franchises are abandoning the controversial tropes of their past, it seems that The Batman is not. From what we can glean from the trailers, Pattinson's Batman appears set to remain a spectacle of hypermasculinity, with his body buffed and augmented by heavy armour.

The adrenaline rush of fast cars and physical violence is front and centre too. As is the sexualised presentation of Catwoman, portrayed by Zoe Kravitz, whose body is not armoured like Batman, but augmented by her sexuality.

The use of facial disfigurements seems to have been expanded, with scars as markers of trauma etched across the face of Andy Serkis's Alfred (Batman's butler) and the body of Pattinson's Batman, and more substantial deformity marking the villainy of Colin Farrell's Penguin. In the end, it seems it's easy to change Batman, but a lot harder to leave behind his baggage.

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Matt Reeve's directed "The Batman" starring Robert Pattinson was released in India this week. Just as the rest of the world, this wildly popular superhero has fans in Kashmir as well. Here's a review to know which paths has the movie abandoned or traversed again

What Caught The Web March's Moment With Hangul



KO Web Desk

ver the years, some of the most picturesque and visually stunning pictures have been taken in Kashmir especially during winters. However, Photographer Omar Bazaz's "Hangul" picture posted on his socials recently, was a picture that spoke a magical prose of winter hues.

The picture was taken in the upper reaches of Dachigam, shot from 500 meters. Although the picture was shot in January this year, it reached our phone screens only this week. The grid of three shots has a special mat-

ing shot of the Hangul as well.

The photographer took to Twitter to explain the pains behind the picture. He captioned the pictures: "Took me a week

of patience and freezing cold to get this shot of the most beautiful creature I ever saw. Have the unusual mating shot of the same which I have been told hasn't been covered before"

Incidentally, a video was posted by Regional Wildlife Warden Nagash on Twitter which showed a 53-strong Hangul herd on the snow-covered slopes of Dachigam park in the Zabarwan mountain range.

On the World Wildlife Day, this week, Altaf Hussain Dentoo, Wildlife Warden Central division told Kashmir Observer that the population of Hangul has marginally increased to 261, as per latest census by the department as compared to 237 recorded in 2019.

Perhaps, Omar's picture was also a celebratory ode to the news of a positive news about Kashmiri Royal Stag, Hangul.

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IN THE INTERIORS OF DAL LAKE, A KASHMIRI woman spins yarn on a traditional wheel. Picture Credits: Urvat II Vuksa

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India presses for immediate ceasefire in war-hit Sumy in Ukraine to safely evacuate stranded Indians

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New Delhi: India on Saturday "strongly pressed" the Russian and Ukrainian governments through multiple channels for an immediate ceasefire in Sumy to ensure a safe passage for around 700 Indian students stuck there as it keeps focus on their evacuation from the war-hit city in eastern Ukraine.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India's main focus is now on evacuating the students from Sumy, and that the safe exit of Indians from Kharkiv and Pisochyn is almost complete.

Amid growing concerns over the well being of Indian students in Sumy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called another high-level meeting to discuss the situation in Ukraine and India's evacuation efforts, official sources said.

"We are deeply concerned about Indian students in Sumy, Ukraine. Have strongly pressed Russian and Ukrainian governments through multiple channels for an immediate ceasefire to create a safe corridor for our students," Bagchi said.

"Have advised our students

to take safety precautions, stay inside shelters and avoid unnec-

essary risks," he said on Twitter. Bagchi also said the main challenge remains the ongoing shelling and violence in Sumy and lack of transportation.

In a message, the Indian envoy to Ukraine Partha Satpathy said no stone will be left unturned for the safe evacuation of Indian students from Sumy city as he hailed the unparalleled strength and fortitude displayed by the young citizens in dealing with the adversities.

Satpathy came out with the message hours after the Indian students in Sumy posted videos saying they have decided to leave for the Russian border and that the Indian government and the embassy in Ukraine will be responsible if anything happens to them.

In the last few days, the students have been sending SOS messages and posting videos on social media, pleading for their urgent evacuation from the conflict zone as the city has been witnessing air strikes.

Following the embassy's assurance, the students did not leave the eastern Ukrainian city that has seen intense fighting

between Russian and Ukrainian troops.

"Ŵe are afraid. We have waited a lot and we cannot wait anymore. We are risking our life. We are moving towards the border. If anything happens to us, all the responsibility will be on the government and Indian embassy," a student, surrounded by a large number of his peers holding Indian flags, says in one of the videos.

In another video, students are seen filling up buckets with ice as they ran out of drinking water.

At a media briefing, Bagchi said the main focus of India's evacuation mission now is on safely taking out the Indian students from Sumy, which is around 60 km from the Russian border. "We are exploring multiple

options for evacuation of our students. The main challenge remains the ongoing shelling and violence there and lack of transportation. But more than the transportation, I think it is a problem of having a secure and safe way to get them out," he said.

"We are in touch with all concerned. The best option for us would be a ceasefire that allows our students to get out and we have been strongly pressing both the Russian and Ukrainian sides to allow this kind of a local ceasefire," he added.

Bagchi said India will continue to push for the ceasefire.

"I would urge all our students in Sumy, we know what you are going through. It is a tough situation. You are managing it with fortitude, please stay safe, avoid unnecessary risks. Safety and security are paramount, We feel your pain and the difficulty you are going through. Just bear with us," he added.

The Indian embassy in Ukraine said all the Indians from Pisochyn have been evacuated and that it will continue to remain in touch with them through their journey.

Their safety has alwavs been our priority. Be Safe Be Strong," it tweeted.

The students in Sumy have been staying in the hostels of the Medical Institute of Sumy State University.

On Saturday, the Russian defence ministry announced a temporary ceasefire around the cities of Mariupol and Volnovakha from 09:00-16:00 local time (07:00-14:00 GMT). However, no temporary ceasefire was

announced for cities where several hundred Indians have been stranded including in Kharkiv and Sumy.

India has been urging both Russia and Ukraine to safe corridors for evacuation of its nationals from the conflict zones in eastern Ukraine.

Earlier in the day, the embassy in Ukraine said it is reaching out to 298 Indian students in Pisochyn and buses are being arranged to evacuate them.

The mission also said it is in touch with all concerned interlocutors including the Red Cross to identify the exit routes to take out the Indians from Sumy.

At the briefing, Bagchi said probably one Nepali citizen will be coming on Saturday on-board one of the evacuation flights.

On the overall evacuation mission, he said over 13,300 people have been brought back home in 63 flights.

The spokesperson said 13 flights are scheduled for the next 24 hours to bring back Indians under 'Operation Ganga', the evacuation mission launched following the Russian military offensive in Ukraine. Russia launched the attack on Ukraine on February 24.

Cong to petition SC over payments to banned groups in Manipur

New Delhi: The Congress on Saturday said it will petition the Supreme Court after the Election Commission (EC) said payments to banned groups in Manipur were not a violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said he is shocked at the EC order that payments to banned militant groups by the Manipur government and the Centre were not a violation of the MCC and alleged that this

has "murdered" elections. "Shockingly ECI held large payments to banned militant groups made on 1.1.22 and 1.3.22 by Manipur Government do not violate Model Code of Conduct. They do and I'm petitioning Supreme Court. Payments were suddenly released during poll period after long gap. It murdered elections in 11 seats," the former Union minister said on Twitter.

spokesperson Congress Supriya Shrinate said the payments to banned militant outfits amounted to a clear violation of the promise of ensuring free-and-fair elections. "We are not satisfied with the response that we have got from the chief electoral officer and we will be seeking legal remedies and will be approaching the Supreme Court on this," she told reporters here.

Shrinate said the issue somewhere violates the very fair-and-free premise on which elections should be held. The Suspension of Operations groups were given money, first on February 1, which was about Rs 15.72 crore, and then again on March 1, which was over Rs 92 lakh, and this raises several questions, she said.

The Congress leader said this money was not given for a few years and suddenly, it was disbursed "obviously with the idea of impacting voting in the four districts" of Manipur.

She said the All India Congress Committee (AICC) senior observer for the Manipur polls has categorically stated that this amounts to bribery and violates the promise of ensuring a free, fair and legal election.

The party had approached the chief electoral officer in the northeastern state as well as the EC in New Delhi.

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'We're Lucky

was admitted to the hospital after suffering a leg injury. He was operated on, and was under medical observation in the hospital.

In the Ward No. 01 of JVC, bed ridden Khizr Ganaie recalled how he wished to get up and run like others to save his life when flames reached his ward.

"But I couldn't move," he said."I was totally helpless.

He was lifted by his attendant brother on his shoulders and was taken out of the ward which was soon engulfed by flames.

"It was Karbala in the corridors of the hospital," Khizr recalled.

'The patients and the attendants were wailing and crying to save their lives.'

In the same Ward No. 16 of the B&J Hospital, Mohammad Yusuf Dar of Ganderbal was admitted for his fractured leg.

"I could smell the fire before it spread," Yusuf said."I did tell my son that something had been put on fire, but we didn't know what.

It was only after some doctors came running to their ward and informed them that the hospital was on fire and that they come out.

"There was panic all around," Yusuf's attendant son, Majid Dar, told Kashmir Observer.

"People were running helter-skelter

Education Department said that reasons as to why the incident happened despite "regular fire safety audits and adequate measures" are being ascertained.

Even Deputy Commissioner Srinagar. Mohammad Aijaz Asad, said investigations to ascertain the cause of the fire are underway.

"Once the report is received," he said, "we will be in a better position to say what sparked the fire."

Meanwhile at SKIMS, Ghulam Mohammad Ganaie termed the Friday night fire incident as the nightmarish experience for the poor patients.

'We're lucky to be alive right now," Ganaie said. "Hadn't volunteers joined the rescue operation on time, there certainly would have been a big human loss.

BSF Fires Upon

direction of the sound," the spokesperson said.

He said the area was cordoned off with the help of police, and a joint search operation was underway.

The officials said BSF troops fired around 18 rounds within a span of 10 minutes after picking up the movement of the drone.

This comes 10 days after police recovered a huge consignment of arms and ammunition dropped by the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and its offshoot, The Resistance Front, by a drone in the same area in R S Pura sector. The seizure on February 24 included ent on the occasion. a pistol with two magazines and 70 rounds, three detonators, three remote-controlled IEDs, three bottles of explosives, one bundle of cortex wire, two-timer IEDs and six grenades.

researchers.

"With a large reservoir of medical potential that is second to none in competence, India is recuperating and every segment of healthcare has shown remarkable resilience. We are proud of our scientists, experts and doctors who are transforming India into a healthcare giant," he said.

The LG, according to the spokesperson also called for reversing the trend of migration of our youth to other countries for medical education by encouraging private players and other stakeholders to provide affordable education, while state governments should play the role of a facilitator.

Sinha, he said, further advised the Indian Society of Nephrology to annually review the progress made in critical health care segments like nephrology and suggest correctives for the government to prevent, detect, and slow the progression of kidney disease and meet the growing needs for experts, trained workforce.

"With our collaborative efforts, the pursuit of excellence can be achieved," the LG added.

Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow; Dr. Pradeep Kumar Rai, Organizing Secretary, Indian Society of Nephrology (North Zone); Dr. Jai Prakash, Organizing Chairman, members of senior Advisory Committee and Executive Committee. besides Varanasi Nephrology Society members, experts, Doctors were pres-

today, thus the total number of confirmed cases remains 51 across J&K. **Ukraine Returned**

not recognise completion of medical courses through online mode," Arsilan Aziz, a final year student at the Kyiv National Medical University told Kashmir Observer. "And the way things are quickly es-

calating in Ukraine, there are very bleak chances of us being able to complete our degrees.

On Friday, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) had sent a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, raising concerns over uncertainty looming over the future of medical students evacuated from Ukraine.

"The Indian Medical Association is concerned about the fate and future of all these medical students admitted to various medical schools/colleges in Ukraine and, out of the compulsion of the situation, have turned out to be the hapless victim thereto," reads the letter.

The IMA in its letter has also recommended allowing these students to continue their remaining studies at Indian medical colleges.

Just like Arsilan, few other Kashmiri students who are currently enrolled at various medical courses in Ukrainian Universities have expressed similar

simple words, we feel we're doomed." Zaffar further stated, "There is an uncertainty about going back to Ukraine which depends upon the war situation."

Pertinently, as per National Medical Commission's statutory regulations, a medical course from a foreign university has to be completed within 10 years from the date of enrolment.

More Rain, Snowfall

Mukhtar Ahmed told Kashmir Observer on Saturday.

"From Monday noon, the weather is expected to improve. It will stay dry till Tuesday. While another wet spell is expected on 9th March.'

He further added, "Fresh weather models have also suggested that a couple of more Western disturbances are expected in the region till March 13 that will bring rains in lower regions and light snow in higher reaches of the Valley.'

Meanwhile, barring Gulmarg and Pahalgam the mercury settled above sub-zero level in Valley on Saturday.

A meteorological department official said that the minimum temperature in Srinagar was recorded 4.0 degree Celsius.

Qazigund recorded a low of 2.2 degree Celsius same as on the previous night, while Kokernag, also in south

sources said.

Kumar, they said, was rushed to SMHS Hospital Srinagar for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him brought dead (KNO) IAF Airlifts 102

Kargil Courier, operated and airlifted a total of 50 passengers between Jammu and Kargil and 52 between Srinagar and Kargil in different sorties, chief coordinator for the service Aamir Ali said.

He said 39 passengers were airlifted from Jammu to Kargil and 11 from Kargil to Jammu, while 40 passengers were airlifted from Srinagar to Kargil and 12 from Kargil to Srinagar.

The IAF operates its C-17, C-130 and AN-32 aircraft regularly to airlift passengers stranded between Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in view of the closure of the 434-km Srinagar-Leh national highway since January owing to heavy snowfall.

Two Absconders

by special teams from their hometown after developing reliable inputs about their whereabouts, a police spokesperson said.

He said Rajit was evading his arrest since 1994 in a case related to death of a person caused by rash and negligent driving not amounting to culpable homicide, while Amarjeet caused grievous injuries to a person due to rash driving in Udhampur district. A separate warrant was issued by the court of chief judicial magistrate, Udhampur, against Ranjit and Amarjeet on January 4, 1994 and May 24, 1996, respectively, he said. (PTI)



to save their lives. I, along with my brother, lifted our father in our arms and managed to get him out of the hospital."

For the next two hours, Majid said, they were stranded on Barzulla bridge before being shifted to the SKIMS.

'There was a fleet of ambulances there, but the rush was so overwhelming that we couldn't manage even one for our father," Majid said.

It was only after some of his relatives in Srinagar reached Barzulla that Yusuf along with his sons was shifted to the SKIMS Bemina.

Amid reminiscences of the 'blazing' night, most of the patients and their attendants hailed the role of locals for saving their lives by risking their own lives.

These young volunteers rushed and helped the hospital staff to evacuate the patients from all wards and units amid raging flames and suffocating smoke.

"The people of Srinagar saved us," said Nazir Ahmad Bhat of Shopian.

"I saw many young men rushing into the hospital braving fire to save the lives of patients."

At the same time, over two dozen fire tenders were rushed to the spot for dousing flames. The intense flare was brought under control after several hours of firefighting. Dr. Mian Suhail Sultan, Medical

Superintendent of the B&J Hospital, told Kashmir Observer that fire damaged the emergency operation theatre in the third floor, medical rooms and 12-bedded spinal centre.

Rest everything else is safe, Dr. Suhail said. "We managed to evacuate all the patients."

Due to an oxygen cylinder blast, the medical superintendent said, a wall of the building got damaged, which created panic.

"It was difficult to mobilise and evacuate patients with broken bones," Dr. Suhail said.

"And that's why it took us some time to clear the hospital premises."

When asked why wasn't the fire safety audits and adequate measures taken, the B&J Hospital's Medical Superintendent said, "Everything was done.'

However, the Health and Medical

In the past one year, security forces have shot down two drones and seized their payloads, including rifles, improvised explosive devices (IEDs), sticky bombs and narcotics, in Jammu region. Govt Transformed

The LG, he said, also stated that the Prime Minister has toughened the competitive muscle of the health sector in J&K and also improved the delivery to poor patients with chronic kidney disease.

Today, all our 20 district hospitals are equipped with state-of-the-art dialysis facilities to ensure patients don't face any hurdle in receiving quality treatment," Sinha said.

"Healthcare landscape of Jammu & Kashmir has been transformed. The benefits of health reforms have become accessible and inclusive. We are strengthening rural public health infrastructure and introducing innovative medical practices to provide quality health care to the doorsteps of the common man," he added.

The LG, according to the spokesperson advised the Nephrologists, dialysis experts and transplant physicians to seek innovative ways, research and development to provide affordable and inclusive solutions.

"We also need to improve care coordination and patient education for those living with kidney disease in rural areas through enhanced coordination with the government," Sinha said.

"In order to develop future technologies such as artificial kidneys and ensure a flexible care model, we have to nurture nephrology segment, attract and retain brightest experts in the field and promote organ donation and safe transplantation campaign within the country," he added.

As per the spokesperson, the LG said that in the last two years, there have been many lessons from global pandemic for policymakers, doctors and

Four Of Anantnag

6.30 am and immediately launched a rescue operation. Mushtaq's father Gulzar Ahmad, mother Zara Begum, brother Mohammad Iqbal and sister Masrat along with another person Mohammad Akbar died in the accident," she said.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha expressed grief over the loss of lives in the accident

"Deeply saddened to learn about the loss of lives in a tragic road accident in Mansar, Samba. My deepest condolences to the bereaved families. Praying for the early recovery of the injured," Sinha wrote on Twitter.

The Samba Deputy Commissioner said she had talked to the sarpanch who is on the way to receive the bodies, while efforts are on to establish contact with Akbar's family.

She announced immediate relief of Rs 1 lakh to the next of kin of each of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to the injured from the Red Cross fund.

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the same time, he said, 47 fresh of Coronavirus were registered in J&K -30 from Jammu and the remaining 17 from Kashmir.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported six new cases of infection, Baramulla, Budgam and Kupwara 3 each and Bandipora 2. The five districts of Pulwama, Anantnag, Ganderbal, Kulgam and Shopian detected no new cases of Covid-19.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu detected a maximum of 18 fresh cases of virus, Kishtwar 4, Ramban, Udhampur and Doda 2 each and one new case each in Rajouri and Kathua. No cases were registered in the three districts of Samba, Poonch and Reasi.

Also, the officials said that the death toll due to the pandemic remained unchanged at 4749 in J&K as no fresh fatality was reported during the last 24hours.

The officials further said that no new cases of Mucormycosis were reported worry over their uncertain future.

"See, the main problem is that all of our documents are currently lying in our university. Two days back, I got to know that the main campus of our university was destroyed in a missile attack. There are no chances that my documents are safe. The reports coming in from Ukraine have also suggested that this war isn't ending anytime soon," said Shahid Habib, a second Year student at Kharkiv National Medical University.

Shahid further added, "Let's say our university restarts its online classes but there are hundreds of Ukrainian faculty members who've been turned into refugees. Do you think they'll start teaching us through online mode while finding shelter to stay alive? Being pragmatic, I don't think we're going to complete this degree. Obviously, we are in deep stress. We are trying to stay positive. For now, we don't need anything except prayers. Our career may come to an end even before it could've started. Please pray for us."

He also said that the destruction this war has brought upon Ukraine, "I don't think my family will allow me to go back. Maybe, I'll migrate to some other country but I still need my documents which have probably been lost in the bombings."

Pertinently, many students have also said that this war isn't new for Ukraine as the Russian forces have already attacked Crimea several years ago but the growing escalation is something that was never seen before.

"During the war in Crimea, things were different as the escalation wasn't as vicious as it is today. The universities reopened in just two months. Final year students were given their degrees three months before the official date," Zaffar Malik, a student at a Medical university in Odessa told Kashmir Observer.

"This time, it's quite clear that Russia will topple Zelensky's Government and overtake the current Ukrainian system including the education sector. The way countries are imposing sanctions on Russia, I fear that the educational sector may also come under these sanctions, meaning that our degree will be nullified globally and we may find no job anywhere in the world. In Kashmir, had a low of 1.0 degree

Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 3.4 degree Celsius against 0.0 degree Celsius last night, he said.

5.4 degree Celsius against minus 3.4 he said.

The temperature was 0.9 degree Celsius above normal for this time of the year in the famous resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of 2.1 degree Celsius against 4.4 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

How Cakemaker's

big deal for anyone to keep the spirits high," she says.

Apart from facing crippling situation, the challenge remains to maintain hygiene and presentation.

'For providing fresh and hygienic cakes and bakery," she says, "the bakers need to find a way of replacing the refined all-purpose flour with healthier options like gluten-free flour. Baking is totally chemical free and is not bad for health at all."

For baking and delivering orders, she procures material outside Kashmir costing her time and resources.

"Bakers have to work at odd hours too, and have to remain busy for their entire shift," she says."The work is both physically and mentally demanding."

Despite her hectic work, she's happy to create her own brand in the challenging market.

And for that, she credits her Delhi training period-enriching her passion with professional finesse-making her second to none in the new-age enterprise where reach and audience depends upon one's digital diligence.

"Ever since I started my business venture in 2017, social media platforms like Instagram and Facebook played a key role in its growth," Arwa says.

"Five years down the line, the digital investment is making all the difference in my brand."

CRPF Man Dies

on Saturday morning, official

Driver Dies As

rushed to spot and after hectic efforts retrieved the body of the driver identified as Fayaz Ahmad Dar (36), a resident of Chak Hatmulla Kupwara.

They said that the incident occurred when the driver was just leaving the spot after sand was laden into the tipper.

À police officer said that a case has been registered and further investigations taken up. (GNS) Services Likely

after hearing about the incident, visited all sections of the hospital and obtained firsthand information from the concerned officers regarding the damage asking them to ascertain the cause of fire, an official spokesperson said.

"It is indeed a matter of great relief that all patients were safely evacuated from the incident site," Additional Chief Secretary said, while reassuring all possible precautionary measures in the hospital in future.

Bharadwaj, as per the spokesperson said that the administration initiated several restoration works in the hospital within hours of the incident and efforts are being made to make the OPD functional at the earliest.

"All efforts are in full swing to ensure that all services are restored within next ten days at the hospital," he said.

"The B&J Hospital at Barzulla significantly contributes towards healthcare needs of the people of Kashmir as around 20 surgical operations are being carried out here every day," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the Additional Chief Secretary appreciated the prompt action by the divisional and district administration in dealing with the situation.

"He also lauded efforts of MS and doctors of the hospital, the Fire & Emergency Services officials and the local volunteers for their support in rescue operation," he added.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus degree Celsius on the previous night,

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Man Who Attempted **Self-Immolation** Against **Demolition Drive Dies** tion drive along the banks of Sindh stream, Shah suddenly

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: A 27-year-old man, appeared from behind an illegal structure and self-immolated on who had suffered severe burn injuries last month as he set its roof in protest against the dehimself on fire to stop an antimolition. encroachment drive by the irrigation and flood control department in Ganderbal district the spot, he received burn inof Jammu and Kashmir, suc- juries before the flames were doused, the officials said. cumbed to injuries at a hospital here on Saturday, officials said.

Amir Hamid Shah breathed his last at SKIMS hospital where he was undergoing treatment since February 22. He had set himself on fire as the irrigation and flood control department launched a demolition drive against illegal constructions along the banks of water bodies following many complaints. ready ordere They said during the demoli- the incident.

into the premises which prevented a prompt rescue, they added. The incident went viral on social media, prompting police to appeal to people not to share it.

Though Shah was rescued by

The owners of the illegal

structure had also dug a deep

trench to prevent any ingress

locals and police personnel on

The administration has already ordered an inquiry into

Pole Reviews Implementation Of Plastic Waste Management Measures



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Saturday reviewed the implementation of Plastic Waste Management measures in Kashmir Division by concerned departments including ULB, SMC, RDD and other departments.

The meeting was attended by DCs, Directors of ULB, officers of RDD, Rural Sanitation, SMC, Muncipal Committees, P, I&C, police, irrigation and other concerned departments besides representatives of Cement manufacturing industries, Packed Milk Unit holders, and other industrial associations.

At the outset, concerned officers water bodies and Kuls as the water of ULB gave a presentation on the level at this juncture remains low. action taken report on identification of eco-guards, conduction of of school education department IEC activities, installation of boards and colleges to adopt wetlands with the messages to discourage

day and involved PRIs, officers and locals to collect plastic waste.

He also directed SMC, Muncipal committees and Muncipal councils to distribute gloves, boots and glasses to eco-guards to protect them from infection and hazardous chemicals. Meanwhile, Div Com directed for identification and transfer of land to ULB for the collection of Solid Waste. He further directed DCs to constitute market checking teams to enforce ban on single use plastic. He emphasised on the promotion of industrial units which create alternatives to plastic products and manufacture biodegradable products. He also enjoined on the Irrigation and Flood control department to start cleaning

He also directed representatives and involve students to clean these

Thousands Protest In Kargil Against Barbaric Attack On Pak Mosque



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KARGIL: Thousands of people protested here on Saturday against the bombing of a Shia mosque in Pakistan that left 62 worshippers dead and nearly 200 others injured the previous day. A suicide bomber, belonging to the ISIS-Khorasan, blew himself up inside a mosque in Qissa Khwani bazaar in Peshawar, capital of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province on Friday, in one of the

deadliest attacks in the restive

region, bordering Afghanistan.

Chanting slogans against Pakthe very basic tenets of humaniistan for its failure to protect ty. LAHDC Kargil joins the world community in denouncing the the minorities in the country, dastardly attack upon unarmed the protesters marched through the Shia dominated main town worshippers, the chairman and and later staged a sit-in. chief executive council, Kargil Meanwhile, Ladakh Autono-Feroz Ahmad Khan, said. mous Hill Development Council He said Pakistan has repeat-

(LAHDC), Kargil also denounced edly failed in safeguarding the the attack on the unarmed devlives of its minorities. otees and requested the Indian government and world com-India and the world community munity to exert pressure on the to exert pressure on the government of Pakistan to bring to book Pakistani government to bring the culprits to the book. the culprits behind yesterday's

Such barbaric acts are against reprehensible attack, Khan said.

Situation In Kashmir Peaceful Compared To Last Years: Lt Gen Pandey

Says Local Militant Recruitment, Stone Pelting, Strike Calls All Time Low

Agencies

GULMARG: General officer Commanding (GoC) of army's Srinagar-based 15 Corps Lieutenant General D P Pandey on Saturday said that Kashmir was more peaceful compared to past few years as important security parameters-local militant recruitment, stone pelting, strike calls are all time low.

He, however, said while youth between the age-group of 20 to



Western Army Commander

militants are now trying their best to lure teenagers between the age of 16 and 19 years. "It is easy to brainwash very young minds. Controlling local

We request the government of

militant recruitment was and is very important for us and we are following a collective ap-proach for which we need societies' support as government and the army are already on job," the GoC said.

Replying to another query, GoC Pandey said that the army'

Highway Reopens After 12-Hour Closure



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Traffic movement on the 270-km Jammu-Srinagar na-Saturday after remaining suspended for 12 hours as rolling stones from a hillock in Ramban district damaged a steel tunnel, officials said.

The traffic from both sides of the strategic highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, from both sides. was restored around 2 pm, the officials said

and some passenger vehicles are being cleared, they said.

The officials said shooting stones from the hillock overlooking the highway extensively damaged the steel tunnel near tional highway was restored on Panthiyal in the early hours of Saturday, forcing suspension of the traffic.

The restoration work was hampered by the falling rocks at regular intervals, they said, adding the agencies concerned removed the damaged girders and finally the traffic was allowed

The engineers are assessing the damage to the tunnel Over 1,000 stranded trucks and the repair work will be started shortly, according to the officials.

DC Ganderbal Inspects Snow Clearance Ops At Zojila Pass

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: To take stock of the snow clearance operations on Srinagar-Leh National Highway, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Krittika Jyotsna on Saturday visited the Sonamarg Zojila road to review the road clearance operation at Zojila pass.

briefed the DC about the cur- ing snow up to Zero Point derent condition of the road and snow clearance operation at and hostile weather conditions. Zojila Pass upto Zero Point on Sonamarg side.

that snow clearance is almost motorable at an earliest.

cleared up to zero point but due to recent avalanches, it is not feasible to throw the road open and a decision regarding opening of Zojila pass would be taken in last week of this month after reviewing the road condition.

While inspecting the snow clearance operation, DC praised Beacon authorities involved in the road clearance operations During the visit, BRO officials for their tireless efforts for clear-

spite the recent heavy snowfall The DC asked the Beacon au-

thorities to expedite the clear-Regarding opening of Zojila ance of avalanches on the Zojila pass, the Beacon authorities said stretch so that the road is made

DC Budgam For Enforcement Of Ban On Single Use Plastic Products

BUDGAM: The Deputy Com- sive awareness through panchayats, missioner (DC) Budgam, Shah- sanitation and cleanliness and overbaz Ahmed Mirza on Saturday all solid waste management to be chaired a meeting on Solid Waste maintained in all surroundings. Management at his office chamber, here.

He instructed E.Os to ensure effective functioning of eco-guards At the outset, the DC called for with proper protective gear, boats rigorous enforcement of a ban on and other required material be prosingle use plastic across the dis- vided to them in all municip

people of using plastic, land transfer natural assets. He reiterated that

launching of Safai Abhiyan in ev- to play a crucial role to keep it clean. ery Municipal Towns to free it from Solid Waste dumps besides directed partments to hold meeting with DCs to conduct cleanliness drives representatives of eco-guards and on Block Diwas on every Wednes- honor eco-guards for their work.

DC Anantnag Orders Fire Audit Of All Healthcare Facilities

Observer News Service

any gaps previously identified ANANTNAG: In the aftermath during fire audits must be imof fire incident that took place mediately rectified through at Bone & Joint Hospital, the retro fitting. Deputy Commissioner (DC) An-

antnag, Dr Piyush Singla on Saturday ordered that fire audits be ises of healthcare facilities is conducted in all healthcare fa- banned. He said all healthcare cilities across district Anantnag.

Necessary directions have with central heating systems been issued to concerned of- and the officials should ensure ficials in this regard, an official spokesperson said.

He said Singla impressed person added.

for solid waste in municipalities etc Kashmir being a beautiful place and Div Com impressed on the a tourist destination, everyone has He said all the concerned de-

upon the officers to ensure that

"Singla reiterated that use

of LPG cylinders within prem-

facilities have been equipped

that LPG heating devices are not

utilized for heating," the spokes-

25 have understood that "violence leads to nowhere", white collar militants are now trying hard to lure teenagers between the age group of 16 to 19.

Talking to reporters on the side-lines of Gulmarg Sports Festival jointly organised by the Army and Gulmarg Development Authority (GDA), Lt Gen Pandey said that Kashmir indeed is more peaceful this year compared to past few years.

'This is because there is a huge tourist influx at the beginning of this the ensuing year and we expect a record number of tourist arrivals," he said in reply to a query whether Kashmir was changing and heading towards peace.

While explaining, the GoC Pandey said that important security parameters including local militant recruitment, stone pelting and band calls are all time low. "These parameters their 20's have understood that are well under control and hardly see stone pelting and gun is no solution, white collar

Reviews Operational Preparedness

JAMMU: Western Command General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Lt Gen Nav K Khanduri Saturday reviewed the operational preparedness of the Tiger Division here, a defence spokesman said.

General Officer Commanding of Tiger Division Maj General Neeraj Gosain briefed the Army commander about the operational preparedness of the division, the spokesman said.

He said the army commander visited the Tiger Division and was received by Chief of Staff, Rising Star Corps, Maj Gen Manoj Tiwari.

bandh calls nowadays," he said. The army officer, however, said that while youth who are in violence and militancy leads to much need to ensure peace. You destruction only and picking up ployment for locals, " he said-

calendar of events for this summer is full to ensure that message of peace which Kashmir is witnessing will go all across world.

"The summer season is approaching, the army is ready with its calendar having sufficient events in pipeline to ensure the tourism which is backbone of Kashmir economy remains intact. We expect record number of tourist arrivals this year as already one lakh tourists have already visited Gulmarg so far," the GoC said.

He said that the events and festivals being organised by army, administration and other sections of society sends a message to people across world that the situation is peaceful in Kashmir.

"Considering peaceful atmosphere, people across world should visit valley which will boost economy of Kashmir valley and will generate em-(KNO)

trict. He instructed concerned authorities to take stringent action install eco-friendly sign boards, including registering FIRs against use of dustbins in all towns. the repeated offenders.

He impressed upon maintain- out IEC activities on sanitation in ing proper sanitation across all all schools for the cleanliness of all Municipal areas and ensuring surroundings among the children. daily lifting of garbage, segregation of waste material and its proper disposal.

Stressing on cleanliness of all wa-DC emphasized on carrying inten- gation and other concerned.

The DC instructed concerned to

He also asked the CEO to carry The meeting among others was attended by GM, DIC; CEOs of DDA, YDA, TDA; ACR, CEO, DP-

CBO, ACL, AD Planning, all E.Os of ter bodies, streams and channels, the Municipal Committees, AEE Irri-

3 Yrs After 'Abduction', **Poonch Woman Rescued**

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Three years after she allegedly went missing from youth. Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch, a young woman was "rescued" and her alleged abductor arrested from Dehradun in Uttarakhand, police said on Saturday. tion is underway, the police said

lodged at the Mandi police station alleging that a 15-year-old girl was abducted by a local

The woman, now 18, and her alleged abductor, who is now aged 23, were brought back to Poonch and further investiga-In 2019, a complaint had been without revealing their identity.

J&K Takes Giant Leap In Ease of Doing Business

Integrates Single **Clearance Window** Portal With NSWS

Observer News Service

JAMMU: After a dismal performance for over seven decades in the industrialization sector, Jammu and Kashmir has entered into a new age of developmental trajectory with the integration of 'Single Clearance Window Portal' with the National Single Win- nouncement of the Government dow System (NSWS), an official spokesperson said Saturday.

He said that the step has been their projects in online mode. dubbed 'as a giant leap in Ease of

cilitate investment in the region. more services would be integrat- service enterprises," he said. "The launch of single clearance ed this year," he said. window portal shows the comby Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha to strengthening the industrial ecosystem in a manner and Consumer Affairs, Food and that percolates the benefits to all sections of the society in Jammu-Kashmir," he added. As per the spokesperson, J&K

was the first among the Union Territory to be integrated with NSWS, a 2020 budgetary anof India, is a digital platform for the investors to get approvals for

"While 130 industrial services Doing Business (EoDB)' where have been made online on a the UT has been integrated to fa- single-window system, over 160 more lucrative for industries and

Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal. Through this window portal, the spokesperson said that J&K is

thus making room for the region to be more competitive.

Industrial Development Scheme, said, will supervise the compligovernment policies have evolved to make Jammu and Plan, 2022 and Regulatory Com-Kashmir more competitive and pliance Burden, 2022.

"The reforms being introduced He said that the platform was in the UT are bringing in more the key driving factors for these to the block level," he added. investments is the industrial development schemes," he added. The spokesperson further said being linked into a big network that to attract robust investof partnerships that include both ments, the Department of Indusdomestic and foreign companies tries and Commerce is the nodal agency in implementing the

industrial reforms in the Union ance of Business Reforms Action

"Back in January 2021, the Jam-

mu and Kashmir administration as 20 ministries/departments date, the portal has 16,800 visivelopmental scheme (IDS) with a mitment of the government led soft-launched in September investments and in the year total outlay of Rs 28,400 crore to Affairs, Ministry of Environ-2021 by the Union Minister for 2021 alone, J&K has received Rs encourage new investment and Commerce and Industry, Textiles 70,000 crore of investments as to take industrial development

> According to the spokesperson, the NSWS is linked with India Industrial Land Bank (IILB). which hosts 45 industrial parks of J&K, and this will help investors discover available land parcels in J&K.

"In simple terms, the NSWS "With the launch of the new Territory. The department, he will eliminate the need for in- als required for their business Jammu and Kashmir into a web forms/offices to gather information and obtain clearances from different stakeholders," he said.

announced a new industrial de- have been integrated on NSWS, tors, of which 7,500 KYA jourincluding Ministry of Corporate ment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, amongst others. Currently, 142 central approvals can be applied through the NSWS portal. As per the official spokesper-

son, the 'Know Your Approval' (KYA) module on NSWS guides investors to identify approvvestors to visit multiple plat- based on a dynamic intuitive of partnerships with domestic questionnaire.

more than 3,000 approvals our regulatory institutions and He further said that as many across Centre & States. As on system.

neys have been serviced. More than 1,250 investors are registered on the portal," he said.

'It is important to note that J&K is the first UT to be integrated with the National Single Window System. It is ensuring 'Ease of Doing Business' & 'Ease of Living' through minimum regulatory compliance burden," he added.

The spokesperson said that the UT administration is linking and foreign companies and en-"Currently, the module hosts suring global best practices in

SPORTS

Ravindra Jadeja Puts India In Driver's Seat



Press Trust of India

MOHALI: Ravindra Jadeja paid a fitting tribute to one of his earliest mentors Shane Warne with a majestic 175 not out as India took complete command of the opening Test against Sri Lanka with a mammoth first innings total of 574/8 declared on the second day here.

After his batting heroics, Jade-ja contributed with the ball too as he, Jasprit Bumrah and Ravichandran Ashwin reduced Sri Lanka to 108 for four at stumps and made a three-day finish look imminent. Sri Lanka still needs 267 runs to avoid follow-on.

Jadeja or the Indian team management didn't feel that the all-rounder needed to go for a double hundred as hosts declared their innings after quite literally batting Sri Lanka out of the game.

In the final session, Ashwin (61 off 82 balls, 2/21), having nicely warmed up with his 12th half-century, removed Lahiru Thirimanne and Dhananjaya De Silva to go past Sir Richard Hadlee's 431 victims.

Jadeja (1/30) later celebrated

Senior Men & Women Pencak Silat Teams Finalised For National C'ship

Screening for teams held at Indoor Stadium, Polo Ground

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council on Saturday conducted the screening of the J&K Pencak Silat Teams for the participation of Men and Women probables in the Senior National Pencak Silat Championship 2021-22, scheduled to be held at GHG Khalsa College, Ludhiana Punjab from 11th to 14th March 2022.

The screening committee of the J&K Sports Council com-prising Nuzhat Ara, Divisional Sports Officer, Kashmir, Nusrat Gazala, Central Sports Officer, and Maqsood Khan, member Sports Screening Committee, cleared the J&K teams for the said championship.

Prior to the national par-ticipation, the J&K teams had undergone a 21-day coaching camp sponsored by J&K Sports Council at Indoor hall, Polo Ground, Srinagar under the supervision of Mohammad Iqbal, Coach, JKSC.

During the training, latest and advanced skills were imparted among the participants. "I am fully satisfied with the hard work and dedication of

the campers during this 21-day coaching camp and I am confident that we will get maximum medals at this event and hopefully will retain our overall champions place this year too", said coach Iqbal.

The camp and screening process was also supervised by Secretary, J&K Sports Council,

nationals at Ludhiana

Railways Gain Control Vs J&K

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to 145 for six.

batting at no 8 helped Railways take a 167-run lead. Shivam Chaudhary took three wickets and captain Karn Sharma claimed two scalps as J&K were reduced to 145 for six. Jammu and Kashmir 259 & 145 for six in 53 overs (Suryansh Raina 39, Fazil Rashid 29, Abdul Samad 29, Ian Dev Singh 23 batting, Shivam Chaudhary for 38) vs Railways 426 in 127.4



Men's Team: Junaid Javid, which will be held at Lovely Rahul, Robain Singh, Karan Professional University and is Chopra, Akhil, Sehaj Kumar, scheduled from 26-28th March Aadishwar Vaid, Peer Adil Man-2022.

zoor, Muzamil Hameed, Varun In addition, both the national Singh Jamwal, Sheikh Najmus level championships will be the Saqib, Ajay Sharma, Kamran platform for the senior teams to qualify for the forthcoming back to back South Asian Pencak Silat Championship (Kathmandu-Nepal), Asian Pencak Silat Championship (Tashkent-Uzbekistan) and 19th World Pencak Silat Championship 2022 (Kuala Lumpur- Malaysia) and 6th Asian Indoor and Martial Art games -(Chonburi-Thailand) later this year.

The Championship is organised by Chandigarh Pencak Silat Championship under the aegis of Indian Pencak Silat Championship, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt of India and Sports Authority of India. The J&K Men and Women teams are sponsored by Jammu & Kashmir

Sports Council

sons.

Australia Mourns Shane Warne

PM offers state funeral, CA decides to rename Stand at MCG



Pakula said.

"I can think of no finer trib-

ute to the greatest cricketer

this state has produced than to

rename the stand the SK Warne

stand and no matter whatever

happens to that stand in the fu-

ture whether it's rebuilt, refur-

bished, renovated, it will remain

the SK Warne stand in perpetu-

ity because his legend will live in

perpetuity." Warne had taken his 700th

Test wicket and also claimed an

Ashes hat-trick at the MCG and

there is already a statue of the

legend outside the ground.

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MELBOURNE: Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison on Saturday announced that late spin legend Shane Warne would receive a state funeral, while the cricket board decided to rename a stand at the MCG in his honour as the country mourned the loss of one of its greatest sportsper-

Warne, one of the all-time greats of the game, died at 52 due to a suspected heart attack in Thailand on Friday.

Morrison said Australians were "bewildered" by a "sad and sudden" loss of Warne and the

tional achievements his family

would be offered a state funer-

al," Morrison said in a statement.

tation with the Warne family,"

he said, promising to "ensure

we honour Shane's passing and

The Great Southern Stand at

the MCG (Melbourne Cricket

Ground) will also be renamed in

honour of Warne with Victoria's

minister for tourism and sport,

Martin Pakula, making the an-

nouncement on Saturday morn-

Trust chairman Steve Bracks and

MCC CEO Stuart Fox.

"This will be done in consul-

cricketers of all time".

memory".

As a tribute to Warne, people state funeral would be organised gathered around his statue and by federal and Victorian governoffered flowers, cricket balls, ments, Cricket Australia and the beers, pies and cigarettes in tribfamily of "one of our greatest ute to his flamboyant lifestyle and cricketing genius. In recognition of Warne's "na-

Cricket Victoria is also planning to potentially rename a stand at the Junction Oval in honour of Warne.

Praising the spin legend, PM Morrison said: "He was one of our nation's greatest characters. His humour, his passion, his irreverence, his approachability ensured he was loved by all."

There was none like Shane. He lived his life his way. He had his great achievements, but also his regrets. He carried them all the same way," Morrison said.

"With a cheeky smile and a ing after consulting with Victoria zest for life. There was something premier Daniel Andrews, MCC magical that he brought to our summers. The bleached blonde hair, the almost casual way he

"We will be renaming the moved to send down a delivery, Great Southern Stand the SK and his engagement with the Warne stand and we'll be doing crowd. He was one of a kind."

Warne Likely Passed Away Before **Reaching Hospital: Thai Doctor**

Agencies attack in Koh Samui Thailand

'Threat' By Journalist: Saha 'Tells All' To BCCI Probe Committee

cause.

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Veteran Indian tweets on February 23 to make wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha, who has alleged that he was intimidated by a journalist for not giving an interview, on Saturday said he has revealed all the details to a BCCI committee probing the matter.

A three-member committee on Saturday met Saha here conversations with head coach on Saturday to probe into the 37-year-old's allegations against the unnamed journalist.

"I have told the committee everything I know. I have shared all the details with them. I can't tell you much right now. BCCI has chairman of the national selection asked me not to talk about the committee, told him that they were meeting outside as they will an- not considering him anym swer all your queries," Saha told reporters after appearing before ed to Group C of the BCCI central the committee here.



ping Sri Lanka's best player and

skipper Dimuth Karunaratne

(28) leg before. Bumrah also

second ton in Test cricket, came

less than 24 hours after the

cricket world tried to come to

On the day, he was at his im-

perious best as India scored 217

runs in two sessions because of

his attacking batting. It did help that Sri Lanka were

a pacer short with their fastest

bowler Lahiru Kumara left indis-

posed due to a hamstring injury.

He failed to complete his 11th

over and over dependence on in-

experienced Lasith Embuldeniya

(46-3-188-2) also harmed their

Jadeja, in all, batted for five

and half hours, faced 228 balls

and by the time he walked back

to the pavilion, he had hit 17

A partnership of 130 with

Ashwin for the seventh wicket

and another 103 runs with Mo-

hammed Shami (20 not out) for

the unbroken ninth wicket basi-

fours and three sixes.

cally nailed Sri Lanka.

terms with Warne's tragic end.

chipped in with a wicket. Jadeja's career-best knock, his

matter It all began after the 37-yearold was ignored for the ongoing Sri Lanka series.

Saha, in an outburst, revealed some classified dressing room Rahul Dravid. He said that he was told by Dravid in South Africa that he was no longer in the scheme of things.

The wicketkeeper-batter also revealed how Chetan Sharma, the

Nuzhat Gul, who expressed her satisfaction after interaction with campers, she also conveyed her good wishes to the participants for their participation in the forthcoming senior

CHENNAI: Railways grabbed the advantage on the third day having taken a huge lead and then reduced Jammu & Kashmir

A maiden Ranji ton by Yuvraj

Gulzar, Tawzeeh Mujeeb Khan, Suhaib Jeelani, Ravees Ahmad, Nassir Ahmad Digoo, Nasir Bashir, Suheel Ahmad dar, Farhan Reyaz, Tawqeer Farooq, Jehangir Shafi, Asif Abi, Waseem Shah Women's Team: Komal Dhi-

man, Manavi Katal, Sabahat Afreen, Aanisa Yousuf, Mysara Mohiddin, Muskan Shaban, Safiya Muzuffar, Insha Jan, Towzia, Aurusa Khan, Jahanvi Katal, Raabia Farooq, Saboora, Aamina Bashir, Sehrish Mushtaq, Tawseefa Hasan, Shaniba Jan, Farah Farooq, Bilqis Maqbool.

The Senior National Pencak

Silat Championship 2021-22 will be followed by the 5th Edition of Federation Cup 2021-22,

Saha has recently been demotcontracts list.

Afghanistan Beats Bangladesh To Draw T20 Series



Agencies

DHAKA: Opener Hazratullah Zazai hit a half-century as Afghanistan beat Bangladesh by eight wickets in the second and final cricket Twenty20 to draw the series 1-1 on Saturday.

Zazai struck an unbeaten 59 runs off 45 balls and shared a 99-run partnership with Usman Ghani for the second wicket to the first Bangladeshi batter to help Afghanistan race to victory with 14 balls to spare.

Darwish Rasooli (9 not out) wrapped up the game, pulling left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed for a six over deep mid-wicket as Afghanistan finished on 121-2 in reply to Bangladesh's 115-9.

Afghanistan lost the first match by 61 runs.

Both teams lined up before the start of play and observed a minute's silence in memory of Shane Warne and Rod Marsh.

39 and 41, scored 47 runs off 48 balls with five fours and one six. Zazai and Ghani's match-defining partnership came after Afghanistan lost Rahmanullah Gurbaz (3).

Playing his 100th T20 game for Bangladesh, Mushfiqur Ra-

him top-scored with 30. Captain Mahmudullah scored 21 and in the process became reach 2,000 runs in this format. Liton Das and Mohammad Naim both made 13.

Fast bowlers Fazalhaq Farooqi and Azmatullah Omarzai ripped through Bangladesh, claiming three wickets each after the hosts opted to bat first.

Bangladesh stumbled to 45-4 after which Mushfiqur and Mahmudullah shared 43 runs. After their dismissals, Bangladesh batters failed to hit big in the death overs. Bangladesh won Ghani, who survived twice on the three-match ODI series 2-1.



three for 27, Karn Sharma two vam Chaudhary 47, Mohammad (133b, 10x4, 3x6), Akash Pan-Saif 31, Upendra Yadav 33, Karn dey 43, Auqib Nabi two for 74 overs (Pratham Singh 75, Shi- Sharma 36, Yuvraj Singh 103 Abid Mushtaq five for 95).

India Women Face Pakistan In World Cup Opener

Press Trust of India

MOUNT MAUNGANUI: The Indian women's cricket would hope that its bowlers find top form to complement a solid batting unit's efforts when it begins its quest for an elusive ICC World Cup trophy with the opening match against archrivals Pakistan here on Sunday.

Runners-up in the 2017 and 2005 editions, India are eager to go one step ahead and claim the title that has eluded them, especially skipper Mithali Raj and veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami, who will

The Indian team reached New Zealand a month earlier in order to acclimatise to the conditions.

However, the bowlers struggled compared to the batting unit, which managed to score in excess

of 250 runs five times in the seven 50 over outings, including two warm-up matches. The bowling unit let the team

down throughout the series against New Zealand, which India lost 1-4. It failed to defend 270plus targets in two games while conceded a mammoth 191 in 20 overs in a rain curtailed match of the ODI series.

They did put up a much improved performance in the fifth ODI and the two warm-up games and Raj will hope that both the batting and bowling units can fire in unison.

The pace department will be in 2009 when they reached the

led by the ever-reliable Goswami, who has continued to pick wickets for India regularly while the likes this edition. of Meghna Singh, Pooja Vastrakar and Renuka Singh would need to do more to complement the vet-

eran quick. The pressure will be on opener Shafali Verma, who has seemed off colour, to provide a solid start alongside Smriti Mandhana, a batter in fine touch.

Young Rich Ghosh, who scored half-centuries back-to-back against New Zealand, is expected start ahead of Taniya Bhatia. Pakistan, on the other hand, are the lowest ranked team in the

tournament. They qualified for the roof said on Saturday. World Cup owing to their ranking after the qualifiers were cancelled midway last year due to COVID-19. Having ended three times at the bottom, Pakistan's best-ever ers to also join the party. finish at the World Cup had come

Super 6 stage. They will be hoping they can make the knockouts in Bismah Maroof and Co. are also

coming off back-to-back wins in the warm up matches. They beat New Zealand before getting the better of Bangladesh. While they won the two games, it was the lower order and the bowlers that saved them. Pakistan would thus hope its top order can fire.

"The things we have not gone well in the last year we have spoken about it ... whoever takes the pressure well that team will win; so we are hoping for a good match tomorrow," Pakistan Bismah Ma-

In the bowling department, Pakistan have relied mostly on spinner Nashra Sandhu to get them wickets. They would need the pac-Match starts 6:30 am IST

KOH SAMUI (THAILAND): Director of the Thai International hospital where Australian cricketer Shane Warne was last treated before being pronounced dead said he believed he passed away before he arrived at the hospital.

"The patient was intubated. We continued to resuscitate and provide CPR for 45 minutes. The doctor on duty concluded that the patient had passed before arriving at the hospital," Dulyakit Wittayachanyapong, medical director of Thai International Hospital, said.

Warne was 52 years old. Fox Sports television quoted Warne died of a suspected heart

Warne worked as a commentator for Fox Sports. The statement said, "Shane was found unresponsive in his villa and ... could not be revived.'

"After the hospital was contacted by the hotel, we sent an emergency medical team to assist the patient at the premise. We received the call around 4.40 p.m. and the team arrived around 5 pm," Wittayachanyapong said.

There were people who were with him and rescue workers already performing the CPR. Our team continued to provide the CPR there and during transportation to the hospital. We continued to resuscitate and family statement as saying provide CPR for 45 minutes," he added. (AP)

Cricketers Remember Warne In Pakistan Vs Australia Test



Agencies

RAWALPINDI: Australia and Pakistan cricketers wore black armbands and observed a minute of silence in memory of Shane Warne ahead of the start of the second day's play in the first test on Saturday.

Warne died of a suspected heart attack in Koh Samui, Thailand on Friday at the age of 52.

It's just a really tough time with both Rod (Marsh) and Shane, Australia captain Pat Cummins told the host broadcaster ahead of the start of second day's play.

leaving the ground yesterday at that's probably my longest lasting the end of first day's play at the memories." (AP)

"I just encouraged everyone to talk about it, look after each other. Everyone's worked through it differently. Everyone knew Shane. but you know, some people knew him better than others." Cummins remembered watching Warne's spin magic as a young kid.

Pindi Cricket Stadium.

"I started (watching Warne) being kind of 10, 11, 12 years old and really appreciated just what a giant of the game he was and probably started to learn and appreciate the art of spin bowling,' Cummins said.

"And, you know, his showman-Cummins said the players heard ship and all those things that he about Warne's death as they were brought to Australian cricket, so



be playing their last World Cup.