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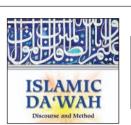
P3 CITY

BADAMWARI RESIDENTS FUME AS TRAFFIC GRIDLOCKS BECOME DAILY AFFAIR

The residents of Badamwari in the old city are up in arms against what they call "indifference" of the authorities towards the traffic mess in the locality.



'Islamic Da'wah: Discourse and Method' is a valuable addition and a commendable work on this subject which will prove helpful both to students and Da'wah activists



P7 STATE

GOVT ASSURES UNCUT POWER SUPPLY DURING NAVRATRI, RAMAZAN

Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Nitishwar Kumar today assured the people of the Union Territory of uninterrupted power supply during the auspicious



Cuote!

Evil is whatever distracts

- Franz Kafka

NEWS DIGEST

Commercial LPG Price Goes Up By Rs 250

NEW DELHI: Jet fuel prices on Friday were hiked by 2 per cent - the seventh straight increase this year - to an all-time high, reflecting a surge in global energy prices. Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) - the fuel that helps aeroplanes fly - was hiked by Rs 2,258.54 per More on P6

CRPF Man Dies Of Suspected Heart Attack

SRINAGAR: A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) head constable died on Friday of a suspected heart attack in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Head Constable K Vithal of CRPF110 battalion on Friday collapsed inside a More on P6

Commercial Explosives Seized In Kishtwar

JAMMU: Security forces on Friday recovered 20 kg of commercial grade explosives from a house in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said. Based on specific input regarding the presence of explosives, a joint search operation was carried out by the Army and More on P6

Engineer Arrested For Accepting Bribe

SRINAGAR: The anti-corruption bureau (ACB) on Friday claimed to have arrested an Assistant Engineer for demanding and accepting a bribe for processing the bills of a contractor. Shakeel Ahmad Dar, Assistant Engineer, Rurai Development Department, Block Pahalgam, Anantnag was arrested the anti-graft body on the basis of a complaint alleging More on P6



If Not

Contact Circulation Incharge Irshad Ahmad: 7006276927

Militant Killed In Shopian Encounter

2 Soldiers Also Injured In **Overnight Exchange Of Fire**

SRINAGAR: A local Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant was killed and two soldiers injured in an overnight encounter in south Kashmir's Shopian district, of-

ficials said Friday.
Police, army's 44 RR and the personnel of CRPF 178 battalion launched a cordon and search operation in Turkwangam area of the district on the basis of specific input suggesting the presence of militants, a police spokesperson said Friday.

During the search operation, he said, as the search party proceeded towards the suspected spot, the hiding militants fired indiscriminately upon them. He said the joint team retaliated to the firing setting off an encounter.

In the ensuing encounter,

Jaish Module Busted, 3 Held: Police

outfit in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

According to a police spokesperson, police, army's 55RR and

the personnel from CRPF 182 and 183 battalion busted the

as Owais Altaf of Jandwal, Aqib Manzoor of Gudoora and

Kashmir Situation

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The top army com-

manders and police officers

on Friday discussed the secu-

rity situation in Jammu and

Kashmir, including the recent

militant attacks on civilians and

security personnel, besides the "alarming trend" of the mili-

tants taking refuge in religious

places in an alleged attempt to

create communal disturbance.

The joint security confer-

ence of Army and Police in the

Valley was held at Awantipora

chaired by the Corps Commander; Chinar Corps to

discuss security related issues

in the Valley, a defence spokes-

The conference, he said,

was attended by all senior

Army including GOCs, Sector

person said here on Friday.

militant module and arrested the three members identified

Waseem Ahmad Pandit of Karimabad Pulwama. More on P6

Top Security Brass Discusses

Deliberations Held On Militant Attacks, Use Of

Religious Places; Upcoming Amaranth Yatra

olice on Friday claimed to have busted a module of Jaish-

e-Muhammad (JeM) by arresting three members of the

the spokesperson said, one LeT militant was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of encounter. He has been identified as Muneeb Ahmad Sheikh of Tak Mohalla, Shopian.

As per police records, he said, Sheikh was a categorized militant and part of groups involved in several "terror crime cases" including attacks on police, security forces besides "civilian atrocities".

"Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including a Chinese pistol, 01 magazine and 5 rounds were recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation," he said.

In this regard, the spokesperson said, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation has been initiated. More on P6

Commanders and COs as well

as senior police officers in Kashmir Division including

the IGP, DIGs North, Central

and South Kashmir, SSPs and

for the good work done and

urged all to strive harder," he said.

the recent militant attacks on

civilians and security forces

personnel were discussed

in detail. He said that the

forces also voiced concern on

children of young age being

manipulated by people with

nefarious designs with drugs

The officers in the confer-

ence, he said, also pointed

out to the alarming trend of

the militants taking refuge in

and false narratives.

Masjids and More on P6

The spokesperson said that

"The GOC complimented all

SPs of all districts.

12 Rohingyas Detained In Ramban

Press Trust Of India

IAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police have detained 12 Rohingya Muslims in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, officials said on Friday. They had arrived at Dar vil-

lage in Gool tehsil as part of a Tablighi group, the officials said. The 12 members were then sent to jail in Hiranagar area of Kathua district, where most of the Rohingvas Muslims

who had illegally entered the union territory, are housed. Police identified them as Ameer Hakam, Jaffar Alam, Mohammed Noor, More on P6

Female Teacher Absent Since 2018 Fired

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday terminated a female teacher from services over unauthorized absence from her duties for over four years.

On the recommendations of Chief Education Officer. Shopian, the designated committee reviewed the 'unauthorized absence case' of Heena Ramzan, posted at Boys Middle School Meemandar More on P6

J&K BUDGET 2022-23

Two women seated on a bench watch a hot air balloon taking off from Zabarwan Park in Srinagar city on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

UT, District Plans Must Be A Road-Map Of Development: LG



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday told the administrative departments district administrations that the Union Territory and district plans in budget 2022-23 must be a road-map of J&K's development, progress and prosperity; reflective of the needs

and aspirations of the people. Sinha made these remarks while chairing a high-level meeting to discuss ways for effective implementation of initiatives announced in J&K UT budget 2022-23 with an objective of sustaining growth momentum and bringing about synergy and convergence among various departments, an official spokesperson said Friday.

The LG, he said, maintained that the action oriented plan is to reflect fast economic development, strengthening institutions for rapid social change while ensuring growth with equity so that every citizen benefits from J&K's prosperity.

He said that the LG asked the Administrative Departments and District Administrations to work in close-coordination and furnish the UT and District plans in consultation with public representatives and other stakeholders to realize the vision of "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas", bringing transformative changes in the lives of people without any discrimination.

"We have a substantial increase in the budgetary support for infrastructure development, education, healthcare, strengthening PRIs, facilitating investment & growth, employment, youth, women empowerment & social sector schemes to reach out to the last person in the last row," Sinha said.

According to the spokesperson, the LG advised for formulating works More on P6

TAX COLLECTION REACHED RS 15,180 CR with 25.33 % hike in the last FY; all Treasury Bills, verified Contractors and pending languishing projects bills, Rs 810 cr Power Purchase liability cleared. An increase of Rs 625 cr registered in Power receipts, besides Rs 600cr equity contribution of J&K in Kiru and Ratle projects were paid"

Pvt Member's Bill Seeking Rehabilitation Of KPs Moved In RS

Agencies

NEW DELHI: A private member's bill seeking social, political and economic rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits was moved in the Rajya Sabha on Friday. Congress leader Vivek K Tankha

introduced the 'The Kashmir Pandits (Recourse, Restitution, Rehabilitation and Resettlement) Bill, 2022' in the Upper House.

The Bill seeks to provide for social, political and economic rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits, protection of their property, restoration of their cultural heritage, ensuring their safety and security, provision of rehabilitation and resettlement package to them.

Since the abrogation of Article 370 and 35 A from Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019, there is talks about the rehabilitation



of displaced Kashmiri Pandits. Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh on Tuesday had also asked the government to allocate Rs 20,000 crore for the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits during

the discussion on the Finance

Bill-2022 in the Upper House.

Srinagar Airport Offers Business Opportunity To Self Help Groups Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: In a first of its kind, the Srinagar Airport authority has decided to introduce a new scheme that would pave the way for Self Help Groups (SHG) to sell their products to passengers inside the Airport premises.
Underlining the importance

of supporting Self Help Groups in Kashmir, the airport authority has decided to make this opportunity available to those SHG's which are concurrently registered with Deputy Commissioner Budgam.

Notably, this criteria has been set up so that no bogus Self Help Group makes its way into operating business from the Airport premises.

"It's a great Opportunity for Self Help Groups to sell their products at our airport." Director Srinagar Airport,



Kuldeep Singh said. "Self Help Groups that are registered with the Deputy Commissioner, Budgam can sell their Food Items or Handicrafts or any other product to the passengers at our airport."

Pertinently, the authorities

have also eased the rental system for these Self Help groups to set up their business at the Airport. "The normal rental for the sale outlets and shops at our airport is about Rs 5 Lakhs per month. But we are offering these shops to the Self Help Groups at

a nominal rent of Rs 6,133 only for a period of 15 days. This amount includes GST and all other taxes." says Kuldeep Singh. The airport authority has

also made the process of applying for these shops painless and manageable as the desirous Self Help Group has only been asked to submit its details through the Airport Authority of India's official link.

"The link will open up our website with an application format. The SHG may fill up the necessary details and upload their PAN Card, Aadhar Card & Registration Documents, if any. The applications will be collected and compiled in the order of the seniority of the SHG. Here Seniority means first come first serve." The director said.

It is pertinent to mention here that the collected details will be further More on P6

Srinagar Sees Steep Rise In Corona Cases

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The capital city of Srinagar is witnessing a steep rise in daily Coronavirus cases as 18 more people tested positive for the virus on Friday, while 13 others were reported from different parts of the Union Territory.

According to Kashmir Valley reported 30 new cases of Covid-19 on Friday while a single case was detected in Jammu division.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 18 new cases of Coronavirus, Pulwama 4, Anantnag 3, Kupwara 2, and one new case each in Baramulla. Budgam and Shopian. The three districts of Bandipora, Ganderbal and Kulgam witnessed no fresh cases of Covid-19. More on P6



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Personality Traits Are Connected To Well-Being Post Retirement

ANI

A recent study has found new links between older adults' personality traits, the routes they took to quit their jobs, and their well-being after exiting the workforce.

The findings of the study were published in the journal 'PLOS ONF'

As the world's population of older adults grows, communities and policymakers are increasingly interested in the well-being of those leaving the labour market. Researchers have begun to explore how different exit paths -- mandatory retirement versus voluntary retirement, for instance -- may be associated with subsequent life satisfaction.

To help clarify, Kesavayuth and colleagues analysed data from more than 2,000 adults aged 50 to 75 who participated in the British Household Panel Survey. The dataset included an assessment of participants' "Big Five" personality traits -- a standard evaluation of personality -- and subsequent life satisfaction after participants left their jobs, whether voluntarily or not, without plans to begin working again. Statistical analysis of the data uncovered associations between the routes people took to exit their jobs and their subsequent satisfaction with life, income, and leisure.



Among people who retired early, extraversion was linked to lower satisfaction with life, income, and leisure. However, for people who stopped working due to ill health or caregiving demands, extraversion was linked to higher satisfaction with leisure time. The authors speculate that extraverts might miss social relationships at work, but might also be motivated to find sociable, rewarding hobbies.

However, these associations did indeed vary according to their personality traits. leisure time for older adults who underwent mandatory retirement, and to increased

For example, the trait of conscientiousness was linked to increased satisfaction with

leisure time for older adults who underwent mandatory retirement, and to increased life satisfaction for people who became unemployed. The authors suggested that con-

scientiousness might act as a "psychological buffer," with conscientious individuals being more proactive in finding new fulfilling life patterns.

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early, extraversion was linked to lower satisfaction with life, income, and leisure. However, for people who stopped working due to ill health or caregiving demands, extraversion was linked to higher satisfaction with leisure time. The authors speculate that extraverts might miss social relationships at work, but might also be motivated to find sociable, rewarding hobbies.

Associations were also found for the traits of agreeableness, openness, and neuroticism. These associations do not confirm any causal relationships between the various factors, and proposed explanations can only be speculative at this stage. However, the findings could help guide targeted interventions and policies to boost the wellbeing of ageing adults. Such efforts could be especially relevant during the current mass exodus of workers from the labour force in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The authors added, "Our study uncovered associations between the routes people took to exit their jobs and their subsequent satisfaction with life, income, and leisure. These associations varied according to people's personality traits. Conscientious individuals were more proactive in finding new fulfilling life patterns."

Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir

NOTICE



Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Shri: Feroz Ahmad Dar S/o: Ghulam Rasool Dar R/o: Natipora Budgam (Transferor) of Scooter

(Chetak). Vehicle bearing registration number JK04A - 4535. Chasis number 80462 Engine no. 84268 Model 2006. in favour of Shri.. Mohammad Sarwar Malik S/o. Gh. Qadir Malik R/o Rawalpora Srinagar (Tranferee) Now therefore it is notified for the information of the

general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of ownership 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 CHIDGAM 8112

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.8112 Dated 01/04/2022

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Assistant Regional Transport officer

Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir

NOTICE



Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Shri: Nazir Ahmad Bhat S/o: Mohd Ramzan Bhat R/o: Kremshore Budgam (Transferor) of LMV Maruti Alto 800. Vehicle bearing registra-

tion number JK04E - 7349. Chasis number 24928 Engine no. 81402 Model 2018. in favour of

Shri.. Mohammad Ashraf Ahanger S/o. Ghulam Mohammad Ahanger R/o Khar Mohalla Humhama Budgam (Tranferee) as well as HPA Cancellation with J&K Bank ltd B/u Kanir.

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of ownership 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.8104 Dated 31/03/2022

Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir

Office of The Regional Transport Officer Kashmir

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Whereas, a joint application has been received from Shri Mahboob Ahamd Darzi S/o Ali Mohd Dariz R/o Koker Bazar Lal Chowk (Transferor) and Shri mohd altaf langoo s/o ghulam mohd langoo r /o baghi Roop Singh Khanyar Sgr

(Transferee) for transfer of Maxi cab carriage route Permit No 3917/MC Covering Vehicle No JK01H-8258

Now, therefore, it is notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit / vehicle shall be filled in writing in the office of the Regional Transport Officer. Kashmir.

Within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily News Paper Kashmir Observer.

Seller and purchaser identified by the authorized representatives of M/S_STW Co Namely Bagh Hussain

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-/Sa/-Regional Transport Office, Kashmir

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 11th under Below mentioned particulars

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Parentage; Abdul Rashid Bhat
R/o Aripanthan

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Secondary School Examination (class 12)

Secondary School Examination (class 12 th)
Roll No 2401212 Session / Year Annual 2019

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

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People's Neighbourhood Influences Their Sense Of Direction: Study



ANI

ccording to a new study, growing up in rural or urban areas or, in cities of varying complexity, influences people's sense of direction in adulthood.

The findings of the research were published in the journal, 'Nature'.

First, scientists have found that, on average, people who grew up in the countryside have a better sense of direction than people who grew up in cities. The extent of this difference varies from country to country: very strong in Canada, the United States, Argentina and Saudi Arabia, much less so in Austria, France, India and Vietnam.

The research team then looked at the maps of the major cities in these countries to categorize them according to layout complexity. While cities like Chicago are arranged in grids, with most branch lines at a right angle, cities like Paris form a more heterogeneous network, with nearly every angle present. Thus, ac-

cording to their results, growing up in a city with a complex topography confers a better sense of direction.

The research also has shown that people generally orient themselves better when confronted with topographies close to those travelled during childhood.

They are better at navigating great distances if they come from rural areas, and better on a grid plan if they grew up in a city "with right angles."

These results were achieved with Sea Hero Quest, a video game developed to study Alzheimer's disease. After having memorized the game map, players are set objectives at several levels.

It can be difficult to recruit participants to an experiment, and even more so to reproduce an experiment under identical conditions, and video gaming is a way to address these problems. For this study, from Sea Hero Quest we compared the sense of direction of nearly 400,000 people in 38 countries around the world.

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Principal Govt Degree College (Women) Kupwara

DIPK-14/22

UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR CIVIL AND SANITARY STAGE WORKS FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

For and on behalf of the University e-tenders for Civil and Sanitary Stage Works for the year 2022-23 Civil and Sanitary (In Single cover system) are invited on (Percentage % age) basis from approved and eligible Civil and Sanitary Contractors registered with Govt. of J&K/ other union territories and CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following:-

S.No:		Money	tender	Time and date of open- ing of tender	Bid submission date	Class of contract
	Civil and Sanitary Stage Works for Various Locations at Main, South, North and Kupwara Campuses for the Year 2022-23 (Group – A).	Rs.1.00Lacs	Rs.2000/-	(11.00 AM)	31-03-2022 To 20-04-2022 (6:00PM)	A&B
2		Rs.1.00Lacs	Rs.2000/-	(11.00 AM)	31-03-2022 To 20-04-2022 (6:00PM)	A&B

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the web site www.kashmiruniversity.net / www.jktenders.

DIPK-NB-1/22 Executive Engineer

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First Kidney Transplant Case Performed Under ABPMJAY Scheme At SKIMS

Observer News Service

rinagar: First transplant case in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been done under Ayushman Bharat Scheme at SKIMS.

According to the statement, SKIMS is the first in the UT of J&K to conduct this procedure under the Ayushman Bharat financial scheme. The patient was provided all expenses under the said scheme.

Director SKIMS complimented Ayushman Bharat Cell for quick processing and disposal of cases and benefiting poor patients.

He said Ayushman Bharat Scheme is beneficial to one and all and the first transplant conducted by SKIMS under Ayushman scheme is a good beginning and expressed hope that more such patients will get benefited under the scheme.

HOD Urology & Kidney Transplant Unit SKIMS Dr. Mohammad Saleem Wani said under the Ayushman Bharat financial scheme first transplant was conducted today.

He said extending financial cover to such patients is need of the hour as many patients can't afford the treatment being expensive but now more poor patients will undoubtedly get benefitted under Ayushman, he

Dr. Ghulam Hassan Yatooo HOD Hospital administration & Nodal Officer Ayushman Bharat SKIMS informed that one patient resident of Poonch was recently admitted for his kidney transplantation and all financial assistance was provided to him under Golden Card.

He further said that initially kidney transplant expenditure was not covered under the said scheme but now the financial cover has also been extended to patients who need kidney transplant and SKIMS is the first hospital to cover this procedure under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.



Badamwari Residents Fume As Traffic Gridlocks Become Daily Affair

Syed Mohammad Burhan

rinagar: The residents of Badamwari in the old city are up in arms against what they call "indifference" of the authorities towards the traffic mess in the lo-

The garden located at the foothills of Hari Parbat Fort, is seeing attendance of thousands of locals and tourists who throng the garden to witness Almond Flower Bloom.

Nisar Ahmad, an Auto Rickshaw Driver had a tough time waiting for tourists outside the garden.

"The road outside Badamwari is

very narrow and full of potholes and the traffic isn't being managed either"

Residents living in the vicinity of Badamwari say there is more to this locality than Badamwari.

The locality also hosts The Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences which witnesses rush of patients on a daily basis.

Misbah Farooq, who lives adjacent to the park says it has been two weeks that the locality is witnessing heavy traffic jams.

"We had to ferry a patient to the JLNM Hospital but couldn't because of the traffic jams" Misbah said.

"When we couldn't reach the Hospital, we took advice from the Doctor on a Phone Call".

The locals say the Authorities are not deploying cops in the vicinity which is leading to Traffic gridlocks.

SSP Traffic Srinagar Muzaffar Ahmad Shah said that people from across Kashmir and other parts of the country are thronging Tulip Garden and Badamwari in large numbers which results in traffic jams

"No more covid restrictions, arrival of Ramadan and narrow roads are the main reasons behind the Traffic jams" he said.

3 Mutton Shops And A Restaurant Sealed In Srinagar

Observer News Service

rinagar: The Enforcement squad of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Afment on Friday sealed three mutton shops at different places of Srinagar. They were found selling mutton at very high rates other than fixed by the Government and one Restaurant was also sealed for violation of the Essential Commodities Act.

The action against the erring was taken in view of the complaints pouring in from different sections of the society regarding illegal enhancement of rates by the butchers.

The Assistant Director Enforcement, Kashmir further reiterated that the drive will continue and strict action under law shall follow against the violators.

He further said that the shopkeepers have been advised to refrain from overcharging and in case of violations their licenses will be cancelled.

TEDx NIT Srinagar Organize Competition At Tyndale Biscoe School

Observer News Service

Srinagar: TEDx National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Friday organized a mini TEDx talk competition at Tyndale Biscoe School. The event was attended by hundreds of students from the school.

TEDx NITSrinagar is being organized in various educational institutions of Kashmir by the Department of Training & Placement NIT Srinagar, under the guidance of Head T&P Dr. Obbu Chandra Sekhar.

The Chief Guests of the event were Director -Tyndale-Biscoe and Mallinson Society Mr. Par-

wez Samuel Kaul and Principal The Biscoe & Mallinson School Mr. Alistair R A Freese. Syed Aga Hadi Riza (Curator – TEDx NITSrinagar) and Mir Faizan (Licensee & Organizer – TEDx NITSringgar) were the members of the jury panel for the competi-

In his key address, Director Tyndale-Biscoe and Mallinson Society, Parwez Samuel Kaul appreciated the students for working so hard to prepare for this elocution competition. He also thanked the TEDxNITSrinagar organizers for bringing TEDx to Tyndale Biscoe School and encouraged students to think positively of the future and hope for a better tomorrow.

In his message, Director NIT Prof. Rakesh Sehgal said such events inspire the students to accelerate in their respective careers, fields and are important for their all-round development.

Prof. Sehgal appreciated the Head Training & Placement Department, Dr. Obbu Chandra, and his entire team for making the event a grand success.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said motivational talks help students to believe in themselves and empower their confidence. It is always essential for students to

stay motivated and have faith in themselves, he said.

On the occasion, Mir Faizan shared the journey of TEDx to Kashmir. He also made students aware of the topics to be covered nagar event

He introduced TEDx and the Mini TEDxNITSrinagar competition to the audience and wished good luck to the participants.

Mir later thanked the sponsors of this event Broadway Education Hub, Resonance Eduventures, Chanakya IAS Academy, Web Cycle, and WHSS for supporting TEDs mission of sharing 'Ideas worth Spreading

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My name has been wrongly written in my driving license bearing DL No: Jk13200927684 as Ishfaq Ahmed Padder While my correct name is .Ishaq Ahmed Padder

S/O Bashir Ahmed Padder R/O Checkiwangund Anantnag which needs immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his / her objection in the office of the ARTO Pulwama within a perod of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ishaq Ahmed Padder S/O Bashir Ahmed Padder R/O Checkiwangund Anantnag

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No. ARTO/BUDGAM.8105 Dated 31/03/2022

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- the Danish fleet in the naval Battle of Copenhagen 1819 - 1st successful agricultural journal ("American Farmer") first
- publishes . 1865 - Battle of Petersburg ends as the Army of Northern Virginia
- is forced to retreat under heavy fire from a general Union offensive 1865 - Battle of Fort Blakely Alabama, last major battle of the US
- 1865 Battle of Selma, Alabmaa, Union forces break Confederates defenses to secure the town
- 1883 Battle at Bamako: French assault on Fabous arm forces attack 1917 - US President Woodrow Wilson asks Congress to declare war
- 192 Albert Einstein lectures in New York City on his new "Theory of Relativity"
- 1941- German occupier disallows Dutch scouting association 1945 - Diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Brazil

From KO Archives

'I Want To Be With My Family Now' Farooq Announces Retirement From Politics

Tammu- The Chief minister Farooq Abdullah today made the dramatic announcement of his "retirement from active politics" when he said that he will not contest any more elections in future and nor will hold the post of the president" of the ruling National Conference. "I will not seek any election after the term of present Assembly is over and will quit as national Conference president, before the end of the term of my government" Abdullah said.

Farooq's announcement, both sudden and unexpected, stunned the entire House, especially the members of the ruling National Conference, which he made in course of his reply to the debate on the motion of thanks to the governor's address. "I want to devote my whole time to my family. Let the National Conference look for some new leader" Farooq said.

Abdullah's dramatic announcement was first taken by some members as an "April Fool" joke, but when he went on to talk about the issue in course of his speech, the ruling party members could be seen in a state of shock and disbelief, both Incidentally Farooq's "retirement" announcement comes within less than 24 hours of a similar statement made by the Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in the Lok Sabha that it was his

last election" and he would never contest again.
What has prompted Abdullah, to take such an extreme decision, political observers here believe, was the "poor performance of the National Conference" both on the political and administrative fronts, with senior leaders taking hardly any interest in strengthening the party at grass root level.

Abdullah expressed his displeasure over the performance of National Conference ministers, at the meeting of the party's working committee, at which he is reported to have openly talked about his intentions to overhaul his cabinet. "My first experience has not worked well. Now, there will be an altogether different team" Farooq is believed to have told his party leaders

at the working committee meeting.
In his speech in the Assembly today, Abdullah showered praises on the BJP led government and appreciated its "secular pronouncements" expressing the hope that new government under the "inspiring leadership" Vajpayee would strengthen the country and promote brotherhood and amity. He also hoped that the tyranny of Pakistan on Kashmir would come to an end and "Azad Kashmir" under "illegal occupation of Pakistan' would once again become the part of this state. He referred to Pakistan's abetment to militancy and firing by its soldiers in border areas and said that Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee should "forcefully" tell Pakistan to stop all this. "We don't want war but peace. But at the same time we cannot allow the number of graveyards increasing", he said regretting that hot line between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan failed to stop the border firing.

Abdullah ruled out any talks with the militants or other people, outside the gambit of Indian constitution and said that no Indian Prime Minister can ever think of a dialogue with people who had no faith in Indian constitution. "Who can accept militants or Pakistan's illogical plea that Jammu and Kashmir is a disputed territory", he wondered and said that even those who were aspiring to sit on the chair now held by Vajpayee could have afforded to yield to such an "absurd proposition"

Without, naming Hurriyat leaders, Abdullah said that some elements who while living in India are freely visiting Pakistan high commission in Delhi, enjoy dinners, accept money and other facilities and dance to the tune of that country. It is the greatness of India to have such people here and asked "is this possible in Pakistan". Without naming Mufti Mohammad Syed, who has been advocating an unconditional dialogue with the separatist political leaders and militants, Abdullah said those making such a demand should first consider the "national

interest" before saying anything on the issue. (Kashmir Observer, 02 April, 1998)

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Amir Suhail Wani

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ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Defeating Smoking

he deadly grip of smoking, right from the initial, experimental puffs to the full blown habit of never being at ease without a cigarette clipped between the lips, is impossible to shake off without a high level of determination, and often, professional help. Blessed are those who never start, for they do not burn a hole in their pockets, nor run the risk of contracting a plethora of dreaded diseases, cancer being just one.

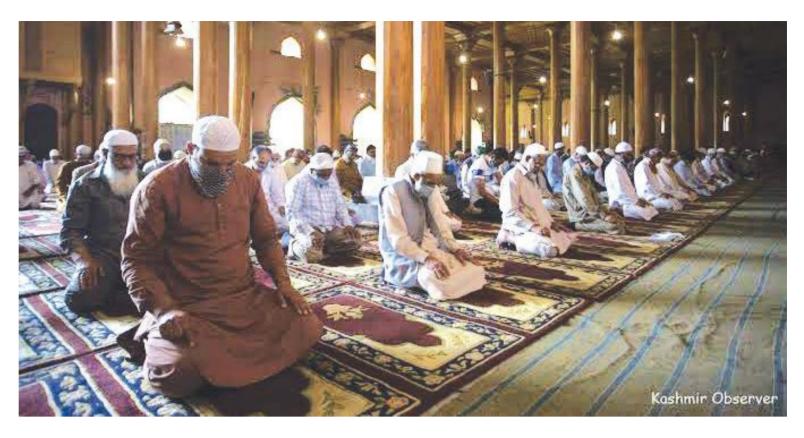
A hard-hitting campaign to offset the feeling of machismo of a young novitiate with the grim and gruesome image of hollowed out skull-bones could keep a lot of youngsters off the habit, and compel many a confirmed smoker to kick the addiction, but the government agencies concerned do not pursue the idea to its full potential, perhaps out of respect for the billions of rupees earned from the sale of ciga-

Given the hundreds of thousands of smoking related deaths every year in the country, one would have expected the government to launch a war on the e on every possible front – the ban of smoking in public places is a good step, but incorrigible smokers will find their secluded refuge anywhere to have their surreptitious puff. It is these die-hard acolytes who have to be won over to an alternative lifestyle which does not require them to put their health and wealth at risk. It is a psychological battle with longheld notions that has to be won, and health companies, which are at the forefront of enumerating the evils of smoking, could do their bit by devising antidotes that could help "victims" reduce their dependence on the lethal puff. Even the ban on smoking in public places needs to be enforced with a zeal rivaling that of a crusade if the non-smoking public is to be spared the toxic effects of inhaling carcinogenic

The cost of preventive measures, including the admittedly expensive ant-smoking publicity campaign and medical antidotes to the curse, should be offset with the cost to the nation in terms of dealing with the deadly diseases spawned by smoking. The figures of the liability in financial terms have not been communicated forcefully enough if at all such a study has been conducted in the country. The facts on this count could persuade policy makers and planners to devote adequate funding to the various aspects of the anti-smoking drive.

Of particular use could be generating a stigma against smoking through all means possible to make the act unattractive to youngsters, large numbers of whom are falling into the habit by the day. The menace has to be tackled using the same techniques as for promoting a product, only the corporate wagon has to run in reverse in this case. A beginning could be made by highlighting the blessedness of good health and the limitless possibilities of a healthy person, and juxtaposing it with the severe limitations of a victim stricken by smoking related diseases. Ad gurus could go a bit further by identifying non-smokers with those most successful with the fairer gender, and smokers among unsatisfying performers. By portraying the smoker as the one who loses the race for the damsel because of his unattractive habit, a large dent could be made in the incidence of smoking. If it really sets its mind to it, the media can turn nonsmoking into a fashion statement, one that comes without a hefty bill. The prettiest damsel in this case could go to the hunk who has never touched a cigarette in his life. If the dream-sellers could conjure up feminine disapproval for the habit, it would act as a powerful disincentive to those inclined to grab a pack just to impress the ladies. But the question is: Will

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Fasting – Spirit and Body

noted that man is not a physical being with spiritual possibilities, instead man is a spiritual being having physical form. This primacy of spirit, which is at the root of all religious traditions of the world forms a referent for understanding the concept of worship. Worship is essentially a phenomenon pertaining to spiritual domain. But for the fact man participates in corporeal existence, almost all acts of worship involve the participation of body. But the participation of body shall not blind us from looking into the spiritual and Transcendental aspects of worship which forms the heart of it. Like other religions, Islam too places primarily emphasis on the spiritual faculties of man and addresses it variously in various contexts. The institution and the concept of worship, as it exists in Islam aims at sacralizing the whole

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Islam is not content, nor does it approve, the gymnastics of limbs in acts of worship whereas the heart and soul of man remains oblivious of God. In all its acts of worship.

existence of man.

Islam seeks to import in the very existence of man, the notion of God consciousness and imbue in him the spirit of divine presence. This is what Prophet (saw) wanted to emphasise when he said about prayers that if one can't see God while he is praying, he must remember that God is seeing him. This feeling of living "in presence of divine" lies at the core of entire Islamic tradition and it manifests in all of its manifestation

The case of fasting is no different. Fasting reinforces our belief in the phenomenon that we are living in presence of divine. Fasting, as Maulana Maudoodi writes "is a form of Ibadah which is entirely private.... The private nature of God ensures that you have strong faith in God as the one who knows everything. Only if your faith is true and strong, you will not dream of eating or drinking secretly". Now by the very nature of this proposition, anybody who fasts must believe that he is perpetually under divine surveillance. This sense inkoves in man his dormant spiritual possibilities, which are otherwise subjected to latency by our gross engagement in the realm of matter. In fasting, we withdraw from the realm of Manifest matter and start our journey to the Transcendent realm of invisible with a belief and fervor. the impact of which is very much visible in our conduct during the "fasting duration". But here lies the basic perversion of our thinking that it is only "during fasting" or only during this particular month that the emotions of self and God consciousness touch crests in our lives. For the rest of time, our lives traverse the usual mundane trajectory of forgetfulness and God unconsciousness. We tend to gloss over the fact that Islam does not see worship as part of life, rather it sees life as a worship itself. The month of Ramadan is only a reminder to this end. Jigar Muradabadi beautifully verified it as:

"Mehvi Tasbee toh sab hai magar idraak kaha

Zindagi khud Hi ibadat hai magar hosh nahi"

Presence has often been described as the summit of religious experience. Fasting is the prolongation and permance of this experience. Fasting makes man to feel in presence of divine, in the very bosom of God, in perpetual Transcendence. Every time one feels hungry, tired, thirsty and fatigued, one is reminded of God, one recalls God. This connection building is what all our worshipping is about. Maulana Waheed Ud Din Khan while deliberating on the verse pertaining to fasting notes that "Ramadan is the month of height-ened God-consciousness" . It is this God consciousness which holds man from indulging in acts of sin because he always finds himself existentially in presence of divine. In fasting the believer abstains from not only prohibited acts and things, but deeds and things which are very legitimate otherwise. This absistence from otherwise legitimate things during fasting very much enables the believer to abstain from prohibited acts in other times of the year. In fasting does one realise his potential to overcome the forces of body and win over the forces of evil both within and without. Shall this realisation and spirit continue for the entire cycle of year, it is no wonder that one shall find God in his vicinity and one may discover, within his own self, the material and spiritual possibilities of which one has hitherto been unaware of.

Having said so much about the spiritual aspects of fasting, let's turn to its health and biological aspects (which are of course secondary but important). According to research conducted by neuroscientist Mark Mattson and others, cutting your energy intake by fasting several days a week might help your brain ward off neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's while at the same time improving memory and mood. According to Dr. Michael Mosley – author of The Fast Diet books this eating plan can not only help people lose weight, but it offers an array of other health benefits. "Studies of intermittent fasting show that not only do people see improvements in blood pressure and their cholesterol levels, but also in their insulin sensitivity". Prof Sassone Corsi observed that "In other words, fasting is able to essentially reprogram a variety of cellular responses. Therefore, optimal fasting in a timed manner would be strategic to positively affect cellular functions and ultimately benefitting health and protecting against agingassociated diseases". In their research paper titled "Intermittent Fasting: The choice for a healthier lifestyle" the authors, Kavitha Ganesan, Yacob Habboush, and Senan Sultan noted that "The systematic review found that intermittent fasting was effective for short-term weight loss among normal weight, overweight and obese people. Randomized controlled trials with long-term follow-up period are needed to follow the adherence to diet and long-term maintenance of weight loss without regaining the lost weight.

Future studies should also include specific subgroups of the population such as individuals with cardiovascular risk factors and type 2 diabetes mellitus as these patient population benefit more from weight loss which may modify the disease process. In summary, obesity and overweight is an international health crisis, and interventions such as ADF are needed to help people to achieve weight loss"

With this abundance of spiritual and physical benefits it shall inspire us all the more to hold on to God's command that "Oh you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you many learn piety and righteousness". Even the Bible, as a former scripture goes on to say "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish".

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Tuesday, after possibly the longest pause, of 137 days, in India's retail fuel prices in recent years, oil marketing companies raised petrol and diesel prices by about 80 paise a litre, following up with a similar increase on Wednesday. A 50 hike was also effected in domestic cooking gas prices. Fuel prices were last tweaked in November 2021, following the Deepavali-eve cut in petrol and diesel excise duties. The interregnum between then and now, coinciding with the five Assembly election battles, also witnessed the sharpest spike in global crude oil prices among recent instances of price freezes in India's 'deregulated' petroleum products market. From around \$73 a barrel on November 4, crude prices

Freeze Out: On Fuel Price Hike After A 137-Day Pause

are now around \$110 after shooting past \$130, immediately after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Ordinarily, oil marketing companies reset retail prices daily, based on an average of the previous 15 days' global prices for their preferred basket of crude. The Government has distanced itself from fuel pricing decisions, asserting there was no official directive to keep prices down. There is no evidence that oil firms had built up such large strategic reserves at earlier prices that they did not need to react to an over 50% cost surge for a commodity whose demand

is met largely through imports. That price hikes, in small doses, have begun only after government formation in poll-bound States, makes it abundantly clear that a nudge and a wink from the majority owner of the staterun oil players had goaded them into swallowing higher costs, compelling private players to follow suit to com-

Holding free market prices hostage to electoral politics, deployed ever so often in recent years, including the last time these five States went to the polls and the 2019 Lok Sabha campaign, is politically unfair, economically untenable and reflects an extremely cynical state machinery deployment tactic. That bulk diesel prices have been raised by 25 per litre to 122, indicates that several more hikes are in the offing to close the gap between costs and pump prices. Inflation, already above the comfort level, may rise further and the Government may intervene with more duty cuts at some point. But there are larger red flags to fret about. No sane global investor will bid for Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, for instance, if pricing freedom is effectively cur-

tailed after an Election Commission of India (ECI) briefing. This practice warrants wider consternation, not only because it undermines a level-playing electoral field in favour of the ruling dispensation but also opens the door for more such creeping diktats or deviations from policy positions for temporary gains in voter perceptions. Just as mysterious fuel pricing decisions have become par for the course, other transient departures from stated policy can also become governance habits. While governments are obviously tempted to create optics of benevolence towards the common voter, the ECI needs to rise up to take a firm stand on reversals or deferrals of routine decisions in poll season.

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Introducing Dr Nazir Ahmad Zargar's Commendable Work on Islamic Da'wah

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Discourse and Method

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'Islamic Da'wah: Discourse and Method' is a valuable addition and a commendable work on this subject which will prove helpful both to students and Da'wah activists~

a'wah (preaching of Islam) is one of the notable topics in Islam and a significant genre of Islamic scholarship, to which both Muslims and non-Muslims have contributed significantly. Numerous works have been written on the subject of Da'wah —its philosophy, methodology, pedagogy, prominence, tactics, discourse, and other allied dimensions in various languages, especially Arabic, Urdu and English. Some recent works, whether from globally reputed publishing houses/ companies or from different parts of India, include: Patrick Sookhdeo, Dawa: The Islamic Strategy for Reshaping the Modern World (Isaac Publishing, 2014); Mathew J Kuiper, Da'wah and Other Religions: Indian Muslims and the Modern Resurgence of Global Islamic Activism (Routledge, 2018) and Da'wa: A Global History of Islamic Missionary Thought and Practice (Edinburgh, 2021); Wahiduddin Khan, Da'wa Made Simple (Goodword Books, 2015) and Da'wa: The Mission of Muslim Ummah (Goodword Books, 2018): Jamal Malik, Itzchak Weismann, Culture of Da'wah: Islamic Preaching in the Modern World (University of Utah Press, 2020); and Sheikh Khalid Amin, Da'wah the Lost Art of the Call of Islam (Book Power Publishing,

One significant addition to this rich genre of scholarship is Dr Nazir Ahmad Zargar's Islamic Da'wah: Discourse and Method. Published by Kitab Mahal Publishers (Lal Bazar Srinagar)—a unit of Sheikh Bashir Ahmad and Sons (Tarjan-e-Kutub)—the book discusses in detail all the dimensions of Da'wah vis-à-vis contemporary relevance.

Dr Zargar is a prominent writer and preacher on diverse aspects of Islam. He has received higher degrees (MA, MPhil and PhD) in Islamic Studies and has previously taught at Shah-i-Hamdan Institute of Islamic Studies (SHIIS), University of Kashmir (KU) and is presently working as Assistant Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at Central University of Kashmir.

Divided into six (6) chapters excluding Introduction, the books throws light on the conceptual aspects of Da'wah, development of Da'wah methodology, prominent Da'wah organizations, qualities of a Dai and communication skills, and current challenges and the Da'wah methodology to be adopted in contemporary global society. These chapters are preceded by 'Publisher's Note' (pp. 5-6), Preliminary Notes (pp.13-14), Acknowledgements (pp. 15-16), Transliteration Scheme (p.17) and Preface to the Second Edition

(pp.19-20) and end with a comprehensive Bibliography (pp. 273-79) and Index (pp.281-87).

The book has 'endorsements' from such reputed academics like Prof. S. M. Yunus Gilani (presently at IIUM, Malaysia) who happens to be the supervisor of the author; Prof. Naseem Ahmad Shah (former Dean, School of Social Science, KU) and Prof. Bashir Ahmad Nahvi (former Director, Iqbal Institute, KU). They describe this book, respectively, as "valuable/ quite useful", "unique/ commendable addition" and "worthy and laudable"

In the lengthy "Introduction" (pp. 21-58) the author provides a detailed contextual background for performing Da'wah as well as a brief outline of the whole work. Chapter 1, "Da'wah and its Significance" (pp.59-136) discusses at length meanings/definitions, importance, objectives and ways and means of Da'wah. Quoting amply from the Islamic primary sources (Quran and Hadith), the author puts forth the broader perspective of Da'wah when he states: "In the Islamic theology, the purpose of Da'wah is to invite people, both Muslims and non-Muslims, to understand Islam, its faith and practice" (p.60).

Chapter 2 presents a "Brief Historical Survey of the Development of Da'wah Methodology" (pp. 137-154). Here Dr Zargar divides it into three main phases—The Initial, Second and Third Phase, which cover the eras of the Prophet, pious caliphate and Umayyads and Abbasids, respectively—and begins with this statement which is crux of this chapter: "From the very beginning Islam bears the stamp of a religion if Da'wah that seeks to win hearts and minds to lead them to their Creator—Allah. As it was in the beginning, so has it continued to the present day" (p.137). This is followed by two more sections, which respectively focus on "Da'wah and the Later Generations" (pp. 146-151) and "Da'wah and Spread of Islam in India" (pp. 151-154). In the last section, he enlists four (4) major factors "responsible for the speared of Islam in India" which include: 1) Da'wah activities of the Sufis; 2) and Da'wah efforts of the Muslim traders (p. 151) as both have played a "commendable" and "prominent role" (p. 152).

Chapter 3, "The Contemporary Da'wah Movements" (pp. 155-191), discusses the contribution of four major Islamic movements/ organizations and "their Da'wah methodologies", namely al-Ikhwan al Muslimun/ Muslim Brotherhood of Egypt, Tablighi Jammat, Jamaat-i-Islami and Jamiyyat-iAhl-i-Hadith of India (p. 155) while not overlooking their 'Weaknesses" (pp.188-191). In his analysis, the major factor responsible for the failure of these movements is that "they have not practiced perfectly what they preached " (p. 190).

Chapter 4, "Communicational Perspective of Da'wah" (pp. 193-212), discusses the essential qualities to be possessed by a Dai (both at individual level and as a member of any organization); different classes or types

of Mad'uwwin/ those who are invited and their qualities; and importance of language in Da'wah as a means of communication between Dai and his addressees. This chapter too is mostly based on the verses of the Quran.

Chapter 5, "Da'wah and Contemporary Global Society" (pp. 213-266), attempts to highlight in a detailed manner the nature and problems of the contemporary global society as well as the Da'wah methodology to be adopted within such circumstances so that to overcome the challenges of diverse nature (political, socio-cultural, civilizational, ideological, ethico-spiritual, etc.) and to meet the demands of the contemporary global society. For him, the contemporary society faces a "multi-faceted and multidimensional vacuum .. and no system or 'ism' other than Islam can fill this vacuum" (p. 253); therefore, "contemporary society demands that Islam should be presented as the most rational, problem solving and, above all, God-given Revelation for the guidance of man" (p. 263).

The book ends with chapter 6, "Conclusion" (pp.267-272), wherein the author highlights the role and significance of the Da'wah throughout history as well as focuses on the methods/ modes and the methodology to be adopted by the Da'wah organizations so that the negative image of Islam is replaced with its pristine image, which is mainly because of the "lack of well-organized Da'wah based upon the Quranic [principles of] hikmah and maw'izah hasanah"-i.e., wisdom and beautiful preaching, as in Q. 16:125 (p.267). Besides the movements or organizations, he also refers to "other ways and trends operating in many corners of the Muslim world to present Islam to the people of all shades" (p.268) and some of these include "inter-religious dialogue", "holding debates with people of other faiths", "freedom of choice" and "to participate in essay competition on a particular Islamic theme"

Though the book is rich in its contents and discussions on varied aspects of Da'wah however there are many typo and technical errors from beginning to end; for example, 'analysizes, 'Meaning somebody's presence', 'brign/ opponants', 'chordial/ revied' and '...organizations which conducting essay contests' (pp. 57, 59n, 268, 269, 272). The book consists of six chapters and in the outline provides in Introduction it mentions that it has only five chapters (p.57).

Keeping aside these slips, Islamic Da'wah: Discourse and Method is indeed a valuable addition and a commendable work on this subject and will prove helpful both to the students as well as to the general readers and Da'wah

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Leave the Bad Habits Behind This RAMADAN

HANAN BASHER

remember the first Ramadan I experienced during the pandemic where people around me, including myself, felt disappointed for not being able to go to the mosque and not being able to get-together for iftar. I guess for many of us, not being able to engage in our regular Ramadan activities had added or exacerbated the sense of isolation that we were going through physically because of the restrictions.

There was an interesting turn of events for some though and their Ramadan experiences were different as a result of Pandemic lockdowns, with a few mothers mentioning how Ramadan was great for them. For them, it was a Ramadan that the whole family was present together at home as was the case for many other families. They made time to recite Qur'an during the day, had iftar together and prayed taraweeh together. A good number of these families did not pray together and certainly not taraweeh because the fathers tended to go to the masjid and the mothers stayed at home with the younger children.

I give the above as an example of how our reality can be different to our expectations. That an expected loss could fruit an unexpected gain

Doesn't fasting involve a loss although temporarily? Fasting in Islam is the abstaining from eating, drinking and intimate relations from dawn (fajr) to sunset (maghrib). For what purpose? For the purpose of gaining Allah's pleasure and attaining taqwa:

Staying with the theme of "loss", let's turn our attention to having a transformational Ramadan and assessing what the road ahead looks like for us. Firstly, I think thinking about

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obstacles now and addressing them can really help so asking yourself: What are the small pebbles you can

lose, get rid off, eliminate from your path?

THE TO LOSE LIST

These could be a range of things so sit and make a list, it may be words, actions and ways of thinking that you find unhelpful, even acknowledging they exist is a step to change and improve. They could be things that you consider outright 'bad' like overeating, gossiping or negative self talk. The 'to lose list' could include things that are no longer serving you like being too accommodating or being too firm with those in your life.



This way of thinking of goals to set is particularly handy if you have been feeling stuck and unable to move forward with your own vision in life. That your dreams have stayed dreams for so long and you seem to be hitting a brick wall in your attempts to transform them into realities. It is normal to experience moments and stages of struggle we all do go through stages of difficulty.

SETTING ACHIEVABLE GOALS

Often goals especially for Ramadan can be so unachievable that we begin to feel disheartened in even achieving them. One of the processes of setting achievable and exciting plans in setting our goals is actually being able to see and feel those goals. Setting micro goals and easy goals also can help us in feeling like we are progressing and achieving.

JOURNAL YOUR THOUGHTS

Sometimes pre-Ramadan we have a lot of thoughts on what Ramadan can look like and to process some of these thoughts starting with a pen and paper can really help us look at the the brick wall and expectations. Perhaps explore your barriers and find out what they are. What are you ready to let go off and want to make this Ramadan an opportunity to do so?

Do your best to phrase your goals in a 'do' format and not in 'don't' format. Keep it simple and relevant. them

LANGUAGE MATTERS

Phrasing of your goal: this is particularly important in goals that involve stopping doing something or not wanting to do something. If I say, 'I don't want to be late to salah', my mind will form an im-

age. An image of me rushing wudu and rushing through the prayer to make it just in time'. Personally speaking, that image fills me with guilt and shame. Subconsciously I won't want to pursue a goal that makes me feel like that. However, if I say, 'I communicate with my Rabb (Lord) as soon as He calls me for success'. This time, I see myself smiling, I feel a warm fuzzy feeling in my chest as I imagine hearing the mu'thin say "Hurry to success!". That's something I would want to work toward. So consider the language you use when constructing plans and goals.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

When it's really simple, it is easier to accomplish and that builds confidence. We learn helpful practices and habits that will be valuable tools

to tackle the more complex and involved goals. So in the example about praying on time, the simplest first step for me could be to set an audible reminder for the time: an alarm or athan app or clock. It could be putting perfume on my prayer dress so I have a positive association with prayer. It could be asking family or friends to help me with task A? It could be eliminating task C altogether? It could be to keep my phone on silent so I am efficient with using my time.

KEEP IT RELEVANT

Think about what is important to you in your current situation and what goals actually work for you as ultimately you know your situation and what you need this Ramadan- it also allows the goals to be sustainable and achievable.

I began the steps of setting goals with the theme of giving up a bad habit and am aware that this could be one of the most challenging themes. It takes self awareness and digging deeper to uncover the real reasons for not letting go of the unhelpful habit or way of thinking. But it's worth it when you start pulling that wall apart and exploring it, piece by piece. Interestingly, some people realise that the wall was made of cardboard and walk right through it. Others found that while the wall was dizzyingly high it was also short and they walked around it.

Until next time... happy demolishing and May Allah grant us all a successful Ramadan that nourishes us and allows us to gain the pleasure of Allah. Ameen

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Kashmiri Pandits in traditional attire on Friday celebrated 'Navreh' (New Year) and displayed the artefacts of their community, including household items, paintings and other items in Srinagar. KO photo, Abid Bhat

CJI asks police to break nexus with political executives, bats for 'independent umbrella body' for probe agencies

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NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India NV Ramana on Friday offered a straightforward advice to police officers complaining about harassment after government change, asking them to be impartial, saying "when you endear yourself to powers, you will have to face consequences".

He also said that the CBI's credibility has come under deep public scrutiny with the passage of time as its actions and inactions have raised questions in some cases, and called for creating an "independent umbrella institution" to bring various investigating agencies under one roof.

Delivering the 19th DP Kohli Memorial Lecture on CBI foundation Day on 'Democracy: Role and Responsibilities of Investigative Agencies', the CJI said despite having many achievements to its credit, with some personnel making the supreme sacrifice, it is ironical that people hesitate to approach police in times of despair.

He said the image of the institution of police is regrettably tarnished by allegations of corruption, police excesses, lack of impartiality and close nexus with the political class.

"Often, the police officers approach us with the complaint that they are being harassed after the change in the regime. When you try to endear yourselves to the powers, you will have to face the consequences," he said.

Justice Ramana said the need of the hour is to reclaim social legitimacy and public trust.

The first step to gain the same is to break the nexus with the political executive. Often the best of talents enter this system in expectation of recognition and accolades. But, if the threat of infection looms large, honest and upright officers find it difficult to stand by their oath," he said.

He said the truth is that no matter how deficient and noncooperative the other institutions may be, if you all stand by your ethic and stand united with integrity, nothing can come in the way of your duty. "In fact, this stands true for all

institutions. This is where the role of leadership comes into play. The institution is as good, or as bad, as its leadership. A few upright officers can bring a revolution within the system. We can either go with the flow or we can be a role model. The choice is ours," he said.

Justice Ramana told police officers that they must remember that their allegiance must be to the constitution and the rule of law, and not to any person.

'When you stand upright, you shall be remembered for your courage, principles and valour. The political executive will change with time. But you, as an institution are permanent. Be impermeable and be independent. Pledge solidarity to your service. Your fraternity is your strength," he said.

He also stressed that every institution within our democracy must derive its legitimacy either directly from the Constitution. or from a law that is made in the true spirit of the Constitution.

"Unfortunately, our investigative agencies still do not have the benefit of being guided by a comprehensive law. Need of the hour is the creation of an independent and autonomous investigative agency," he said.

Justice Ramana said in spite of the various issues affecting the Indian judiciary, the public still reposes its faith upon the institution.

This faith is largely due to the inherent autonomy and commitment to the Constitution and laws by the judiciary, he said.

"There is an immediate requirement for the creation of an independent umbrella institution, so as to bring various agencies like the CBI, SFIO, ED, etc. under one roof. This body is required to be created under a statute, clearly defining its powers, functions and jurisdictions. Such a law will also lead to much needed legislative oversight," he said.

The Chief Justice of India said it is imperative for the organization to be headed by an independent and impartial authority, to be appointed by a committee akin to the one which appoints the Director of the CBI.

The Director of the CBI is chosen by a high powered committee comprising of the Prime Minister, Chief Justice of India and Leader of Opposition.

"The head of the organisation can be assisted by deputies who are specialists in different domains. This umbrella organisation will end multiplicity of proceedings. A single incident these days gets investigated by multiple agencies, often leading to dilution of evidence, contradiction in depositions, prolonged incarceration of innocents.

It will also save the institution from being blamed as a tool of harassment," Justice Ramana

He said one additional safeguard that needs to be built into the scheme, is to have separate and autonomous wings for prosecution and investigation, in order to ensure total independence.

US man abducted in Afghanistan appears in newly posted video

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WASHINGTON: An American man kidnapped in Afghanistan two years ago is seen in a video pleading for his release so that he can be reunited with his family, according to a recording posted Friday by The New Yorker magazine. The video of Mark Frerichs

marks the first time that the Navy veteran and civilian contractor has been seen by the public since his abduction in Kabul on Jan. 31, 2020. Frerichs, of Lombard, Illinois, is believed to be held by the Talibanaffiliated Haqqani network, and U.S. officials across two presidential administrations have tried unsuccessfully to get him home. Frerichs appears by himself

in the video, sitting upright before a dark curtain and wearing what appears to be traditional Afghan clothing. In the video, which he says was recorded last Nov. 28, he says he has patiently awaited his release and adds: I'd like to ask the leadership of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan: please release me. Release me so that I may be re-united with my family. Thank you."

Videos of hostages are sometimes released to show proof that they are alive and to facilitate negotiations for a release, though it was not immediately clear if that was the case here.

The video was posted Friday by The New Yorker, which says it obtained it from an unidentified individual in Afghanistan.

An FBI spokeswoman in Washington declined to comment on the video's authenticity, but a sister of Frerichs, Charlene Cakora, said in a statement Friday that she was grateful to the Taliban for releasing the video and described it as "public confirmation of our family's long-held belief that he is alive after more than two years in captivity.

She appealed to President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken to step up efforts to get Frerichs released.

We consider this to be an important indicator of the Taliban's interest in seeking to arrange for Mark's immediate release. President Biden and Secretary Blinken, we urge you to take bold and decisive action to bring Mark home," she added.

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Militant Killed

"People are requested to cooperate with Police till the area at encounter site is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any," he added.

Meanwhile, an army spokesperson in a handout issued here Friday evening said that two soldiers were injured when the holed-up militant lobbed a grenade on the forces. Both of them, he said, were evacuated to the 92 base hospital for treatment.

Jaish Module Busted

Preliminary investigation, he said, has revealed that the arrested trio was involved in providing logistics and transportation to militants in the

"Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including 01 AK rifle, 03 magazines, 69 AK rounds and a grenade were recovered on their disclosure," the spokesperson said.

Accordingly, he said, a case vide FIR No. 77/2022 under relevant of sections of law stands registered in Police Station Pulwama and further investigation into the matter is in progress.

12 Rohingyas Detained

Abul Hasan, Mohammed Alam, Noor Ameen, Noor Hussain, Sayeed Hossain, Mohammed Salim, Mohammed Ismail, Kamal Hussain and Mustafa Hussain.

As per the reports, they were staying as refugees at Bhatindi and Narwal in Jammu for eight years.

Female Teacher

Shopian, and summarily ordered her removal from the government service, reports said Friday.

The report said that the teacher had remained absent from her legitimate duties since 2018 and despite providing enough opportunities to said teacher to resume her duties by the Drawing and Disbursing Officer, she neither responded to the notices nor resumed her duties.

The said teacher had earlier submitted her resignation that was not accepted by the Directorate of School Education, and instead, she was removed from the government service.

Top Security Brass

Madrassas prior or after the act of committing "terror activities in an attempt to create communal disturbance".

"The issue of drug menace in the

valley and the negative effects manifesting because of it was deliberated upon. The Corps Commander and the their children and help arrest this regressive evil," he added.

Among the myriad of issues discussed in the forum, the spokesperson said that the aspect of secure and smooth conduct of the Amarnathji Yatra in the forthcoming summer factored prominently.

"The yatra this year is expected to draw large number of pilgrims as it is being resumed after a gap of two years due to the COVID restrictions. The agencies deliberated on the safety measures to be put in place and synergised efforts at ensuring a smooth flow of traffic of yatris and provision of administrative and medical assistance from available resources," he added.

UT. District Plans

plan around six important components - Objectives, Total Outlay, Broad Guidelines, Measurable Outcomes with Timelines, Expenditure Phasing & Evaluation. Specific directions were passed for the completion of the tendering process by the month of May.

"UT and District plans must be a road-map of J&K's development, progress and prosperity; reflective of the needs and aspirations of the people of I&K." the LG said.

Speaking on the governance reforms introduced in the last one and a half years, the spokesperson said that the LG highlighted that efforts made to streamline the overall development process have yielded favourable

"Tax collection reached Rs 15,180 cr with 25.33 % hike in the last FY; all Treasury Bills, verified Contractors and pending languishing projects bills, Rs 810 cr Power Purchase liability cleared. An increase of Rs 625 cr registered in Power receipts, besides Rs 600cr equity contribution of J&K in Kiru and Ratle projects were paid" Sinha said.

The LG, as per the spokesperson expressed his faith in the government machinery and said that absolute transparency in the system, timely release of Capex Budget component & completion of tendering process, timely submission of UCs will lead the government to achieve unprecedented feat in project completion in FY 2022-23.

He said that the Administrative Secretaries, Deputy Commissioners

and other concerned officials were directed to put special focus on the development of border areas & vil-IGP urged the parents to reach out to lages, women & youth empowerment, welfare of senior citizens. Nasha Mukti Abhiyaan, Jal Jeevan Mission, saturation of CSS, MGNREGA, tribal welfare, rural economy & infrastructure.

The LG, he said, also suggested for analysis of the chosen works to be done to assess their effective implementation.

According to the spokesperson, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary asked the officials to work on mission mode for accelerating the pace of economic development in the UT of J&K.

"J&K is among the top performing UTs in terms of e-governance, e-office, ease of living, transparency, and saturation of welfare schemes. All the vital aspects must be taken into consideration in the UT and District plans to replicate the success of the previous financial year," Kumar said.

Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance department said that the historic Rs 1, 12,950 crore budget of the UT of J&K for the year 2022-23 envisages all-round development in Jammu and Kashmir, meeting the aspirations of people. He also highlighted the achievements recorded in the previous financial year.

"All Administrative departments were asked to upload the approved Works Plan on BEAMS portal with the approval of competent authority by 10th April, 2022," the spokesperson

He further said that the departments were told to initiate the e-tendering process immediately in the month of April, 2022 and shall ensure that each e-NIT must be issued by or before 30th April, 2022 and the exercise of tendering is carried out in a time bound manner and all the tendering processes must be concluded by or before 31st

"The flow of funds to the subordinate offices will be in online mode through BEAMS and all departments shall be required to submit monthly reports regarding the progress made by them under various components," he added.

The spokesperson said that the projects undertaken during the year will need to meet basic discipline of Administrative Approval, Technical Sanction and e-tendering. Geo-tagged photographs will be necessary before commencement of the work and after completion of the work for incurring

He said that the activities will be available for public viewing through EMPOWERMENT web-portal janbhagidari.gov.in).

District "Further, All the Development Commissioners have been asked to furnish the District Plans (project/work/activity wise) in consultation with the PRIs. BDCs and DDCs of the concerned District at the earliest," he added.

Pertinently, the spokesperson said, the Government has accorded sanction to authorization of 50% Revenue and Capex budget including District Capex out of Budget Estimates 2022-23 through Budget Estimation, Allocation and Monitoring System (BEAMS) within the appropriation approved by the Parliament.

Srinagar Airport

submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Budgam for his approval and recommendation. After the approval and recommendation of Deputy Commissioner Budgam, the Director noted, the shop will be allotted to the

approved SHG. The airport authority has also decided to allot these shops to the selected SHG's for a period of 15 days and the allotment will be in the order of senior-

The Director further noted that the rent of Rs 6,133 is payable in advance and that there are no other charges.

"We get more than 13 thousand passengers every day. All of these passengers will be the potential customers of the SHG. This is a golden opportunity for the promotion of the Self Help Groups. They can sell their products for a period of 15 days from the airport and the advertising of the SHG is automatic. If the product of the SHG is good, the customers will remember it and contact the SHG for sourcing the product even after the sale period of 15 days is over. Therefore, this is also a golden opportunity for advertising of SHG products." The Director further

Notably, the location of these shops is in the security hold area of the airport. There are two such shops already present at the airport with an area of 7 square meters provided for each shop.

The Director further noted that the Self Help Group does not have to worry about the passes for entry to the airport. "We have already taken advance approval from BCAS to issue passes for the SHG for a period of 15 days. The SHG has to just submit the photographs to us to get the entry into the airport. We are sure that many Self Help Groups will use this opportunity for the sale of their products at our airport. This is our small contribution to the economic development and progress of our neighborhood." The Director noted.

Srinagar Sees

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu registered a single case of virus while no new cases were detected in the remaining nine districts of Udhampur, Rajouri, Doda, Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar, Poonch, Ramban and

Also, the officials said that the death toll due to the pandemic remained unchanged at 4750 in I&K, as no fresh fatality was reported across the UT during the last 24 hours.

Commercial LPG

kilolitre, or 2 per cent, to Rs 1,12,924.83 per kl (Rs 112.92 per litre) in the national capital, according to a price notification by state-owned fuel

Meanwhile, rates of LPG used by commercial establishments like hotels and restaurants, was increased by Rs 249.50 to Rs 2,253 per 19-kg cylinder.

However, prices of cooking LPG used in household kitchens were not changed. Rates of such gas were hiked by Rs 50 to Rs 949.50 per 14.2-kg cylinder on March 22. Likewise, there was no change in

the price of petrol and diesel on Friday. Prior to the second pause in 11 days, auto fuel rates had gone up by Rs 6.40 While jet fuel prices are revised on 1st and 16th of every month, LPG rates

change once a month. Petrol and diesel prices are revised daily based on equivalent rates in the international market. The increase in ATF price comes on back of the steepest ever hike 18.3 per

cent (Rs 17,135.63 per kl) effected on ATF in Mumbai now costs Rs 111,690.61 per kl, while it is priced at Rs 117,353.71 in Kolkata and Rs 116.583.71

in Chennai. Fuel prices have been increased in India because energy prices globally have risen on back of supply concerns following Russia's invasion of Ukraine and demand returning after being hit by the pandemic.

India is 85 per cent dependent on imports to meet its oil needs.

Jet fuel, which makes up for almost O per cent of the running cost of airline, has this year surged to new

ATF prices have increased every fortnight since the start of 2022. In seven hikes beginning January 1, ATF prices have been increased by Rs 38,902.92 kl or almost 50 per cent. (PTI)

CRPF Man Dies

training centre in Lethpora area of the district, reports said. A resident of Maharashtra. Vithal was immediately removed to Srinagar's SHMS hospital for treatment. However, the doctors declared him dead. The doctors suspected that Vithal

died of a heart attack. A CRPF official said that the body of

the deceased will be sent to his hometown after completing medico-legal formalities.

Commercial Explosives

the Jammu and Kashmir Police in Malipeth area and they recovered the explosives, Rs 1,20,000 cash and mobile phones from the house of one Mohammed Hussain, the officials said.

The recovered items have been confiscated and further investigation is in progress, they said. (PTI)

Engineer Arrested

that he was demanding a bribe of Rs 5,000 for processing the bill of Rs 98,776 to a contractor, a bureau spokesperson said.

The contractor, he said, had alleged Dar was seeking a bribe to clear his bill for the work carried out under MGNAREGA scheme titled as "R/Wall Nazir Merisi to Qasim bokad via Gh Rasool bokad at Gowass.

"On receipt of the complaint, Case FIR No. 05/2022 U/S 7 PC Act 1988 was registered in PS ACB Anantnag and investigation taken up," he added.

During the course of investigation, the ACB spokesperson said, a team constituted that laid a successful trap and caught the Assistant Engineer red handed while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 5,000 from complainant.

"He was arrested on the spot by the ACB team. The bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses. Further investigations are going on," he added.

LG Greets People On Navratras, Navreh; Ramazan

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has extended his heartiest greetings to the people of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on the eve of Navratras, Navreh, and Ramazan.

In his message, the Lt Governor said the auspicious festivals strengthen our faith in the goodness of mankind and inspire one and all to lead a virtuous life. May these festivals bring peace, prosperity and happiness and foster the spirit of compassion and brotherhood.

Extending wishes for the auspicious festival of Chaitra Navratras, the Lt Governor said that the divine atmosphere of the tion observed during the nine days of Navratras brings in us Navreh.



spiritual freshness.

The Lt Governor also extend ed his wishes to the people on the commencement of the holy month of Ramzan. He said that the holy month signifies the values of patience, self-restraint, tolerance, and austerity.

The Lt Governor also extended his warm greetings to the Kashprayer, chanting, and medita- miri Pandits who celebrate the first day of Chaitra Navratras as

Govt To Roll Out NMMS App For Monitoring MGNREGA Works

Observer News Service

Jammu and Kashmir is going to roll out the National Mobile eficiaries get paid. Monitoring System (NMMS) App through which attendance of the works with 20 workers or more will be taken and uploaded on MIS of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA (NREGAsoft) on daily basis, an official spokesperson said Friday.

and pilferage of wages under site photo uploading features. MGNREGA scheme.

toring System (NMMS) is aim- accountability and transparency ing to bring transparency and for better monitoring and perforto ensure proper monitoring of the schemes on the ground. It safeguarding Public Exchequer.

records real-time attendance of workers by uploading the geo-JAMMU: The Government of tagged photographs of worksites so that only genuine ben-

> With the launch of this app, realtime- same day attendance can be uploaded besides the app works in both offline and online modes.

Moreover, attendance can only be uploaded within the area of work location with regis-He said that the NMMS re- tered IEMI device only. The app strains the bogus attendance also has GPS tracking and work

The NMMS is another step to-The National Mobile Moni- wards good-governance, public

J&K Bank Warmly Farewells Its Top Management Functionaries



Observer News Service

President and President respectively, after serving the institution for around three-and-half decades in different capacities and situations. Sunil Gupta was heading various meticulous method of work besides portfolios that primarily included IT affable and pleasant conduct. And and Government Business, while as I know all of you are more familiar Karanjit Singh was Special Secretary to the Bank's MD & CEO.

The farewell function presided over by MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash was attended by Presidents, Vice- with all other retirees, MD & CEO Presidents and other senior officers added. "I must say that I have benof the Bank. Vice President Anokh Singh, who also retired after putting in 33 years of service in the Bank, was also present at the function held at the bank's Corporate Headquarters.

Lauding the contributions of outgoing officers, the MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash said, "Sunil Gupta Ji has given 36 best years of his concluding so well. Whatever I have life to this Bank while as Karanjit Ji and Anokh Singh Ji have served unforgettable years of my life has the institution for 33 years. During mostly been possible because of my my last three months here, I have found Sunil Ji as very diligent, de- other colleagues. I thank you all for cisive and dedicated leader who not only knew his role in the Bank years with profound sense of affecbut was always conscious of the tion and satisfaction"

role that this institution has been playing in this region for over eight **SRINAGAR:** J&K Bank gave a warm decades. With keen eye for detail send off to its two top manage- and steely resolve to see all his ment functionaries Sunil Gupta and assigned projects through, Sunil Ji Karanjit Singh, who superannuated will always be held in high esteem vesterday as the Bank's Executive—by his colleagues, subordinates and acquaintances alike in the Bank."

> "And I have seen Karanjit Ji serving the bank utilizing all his competencies. I have been impressed by his than me with Anokh Singh ji's decent and humble demeanor."

> Wishing them healthy, happy and active post-retirement lives along efited a lot professionally from the experiences of all these wonderful human beings.'

> Speaking on the occasion, Sunil Gupta said. "It has been a great pleasure to serve this institution and feel delighted to see this long and eventful journey of thirty-six years learned and earned during these association with you and so many this and will fondly remember these

Govt Assures Uncut Power Supply During Navratri, Ramazan

SRINAGAR: Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Nitishwar Kumar today assured the people of the Union Territory of uninterrupted power supply during make sure there is no unschedthe auspicious days of Navratri and Ramazan.

After reviewing the power supply scenario with the heads of corporations, senior officials, and engineers, Kumar, who is also Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, reiterated the government's commitment

sure uninterrupted power supply for devotees during Navratri Pooja and Sahri, Iftaar

"Directions have been issued to the officials on the ground to uled power curtailment during the hours of Navratri Pooja, and those observing Ramzan must have access to the facility during Sahri and Iftaar. The officials have been told to make all-out efforts to resolve the key issues and strengthen the efforts being made towards accelerated

in taking all possible steps to en- development and reforms of the transmission and distribution sector," he said.

The auspicious festival of Navratri is set to begin from 2nd April, while Ramazan will be observed from 3rd April He also greeted the people ahead of Navratri and Ramazan, and prayed for joy and happiness for all.

Managing Directors of J&K Power Corporations, besides concerned senior officials and Engineers attended the meeting, in person and through virtual mode.

'PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA-2022'

Students, Teachers' Watch PM's **Live Programme Across Kashmir**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The fifth edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' was today watched live on Doordarshan, You tube channel of MoE, Facebook Live and on All India Radio in all schools across all the districts of Kashmir.

During the event which was live telecasted from Talkatora Stadium, Delhi, the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi held interaction with students, teachers and parents. He discussed how to beat examination stress especially in the post-Covid19 pandemic era, besides sharing tips to do better in life, an official spokesperson

He said that the PM also spoke about the significance of the new National Education Policy-2020, among other important issues related to academics.

He further said that 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' is part of the larger movement - 'Exam Warriors' - led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. to create a stress-free atmosphere cha. for youngsters. It is a movement efforts to bring together students, present on the occasion. parents, teachers and the society the unique individuality of each and allowed to express itself fully.

Meanwhile at Śrinagar, the Di-Tassadug Hussain Mir along with of other schools. Chief Education Officer Srinagar

and Principal, teachers and students of Government Girls High School Kothibagh watched the live telecast programme 'Pariksha pe Charcha' at the Auditorium

programme was also watched live by a huge gathering of teachers and students at Government Girls High School Chanapora and at all the schools of Srinagar district.

At Ganderbal, the District Administration Ganderbal today hosted live streaming of the 5th episode of Pareksha Pe Charcha programme.

In this regard the District Administration along with the Education department had made adequate arrangements in schools for live streaming of the program.

The main event was held in the Conference hall of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal where students and teachers of various educational institutions of Ganderbal district witnessed live broadcast of the 5th episode of Pareksha Pe Char-

Chief Education Officer Ganthat is driven by Prime Minister's derbal besides parents were also

to foster an environment where dents across the district joined Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's child is celebrated, encouraged fifth edition of live telecast programme 'Pariksha pe Charcha' at sha pe Charcha'. Government Girls Higher Secondrector School Education Kashmir, ary School Kulgam and hundreds

Chief Education Officer Kulgam there was network problem.

along with other officers also participated in the programme.

The programme received an overwhelming response from the students, and students in all education zones joined and participated in this programme

Elaborated arrangements were put in place in all Educational Zones of the district to view the live telecast programme, 'Pariksha pe Charcha across the district

At Kupwara, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Imam Din along with Chief Education Officer, Kupwara, Abdul Hamid Fani today joined Prime Minister. Narendra Modi's live telecast programme 'Pariksha pe Charcha' at Government Higher Secondary School (Boys), Kupwara, here.

On the occasion, the DC was informed that a large number of Students and Teachers participated in the programme across the district. It was further informed that there was a target of 6000 students to witness the programme but the programme received a good response from the students, which increased the number 3 times more.

The DC was also informed hat suitable arrangements were put in place in all 13 Educational Zones of the district to view the live telecast programme, 'Parik-

Radio sets were also arranged in all those institutions in the border Machil area of the district where

49 People Hospitalised In Budgam **After Consuming Yellow Rice**

SRINAGAR: At least forty -nine portedly after consuming 'Tahaer SMHS Hospital Srinagar. (turmeric yellow rice)' and "some-

mainly children, complained Charar-e-Sharif. "They are reportof stomach ache. The persons believed to have consumed persons, mostly children, were traditional 'Tahaer' were subhospitalized on developing stom- sequently removed to different ach-related complications pur- hospitals, including three to

thing more" in Zaigipora area of Officer Budgam, Tajamul Khan it was done as a sort of precau-Charar-e-Sharif in central Kash- told a local news ahency GNS that tionary measure as they were mir's Budgam district this evening. among them, 24 children were re-Reports said that panic moved to GB Panth Hospital, three gripped Zaigipora village in to SMHS and the rest have been staff to the area to avoid any Chrowni block, after people, kept under observation at SDH exigency", he added.

ed to have consumed the (Tahaer). However there is something else which they have consumed which is not forthcoming", he said.

When asked about the condition of three persons referred Confirming it, Chief Medical to SMHS Hospital, he said that not stable at that time. "We have sent additional

Ramazan Arrangements reviewed In Kulgam



KULGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal of various departments to take drives. stock of various arrangements put in place to provide hasslefree services to people during the holy month of Ramazan.

On the occasion, a threadbare discussion with regard to various necessities was held, wherein the DC emphasized ensure that every arrangement people may not face any incon-

The DC directed the conthe people at prescribed rates during the holy month. He also checking and conduct of special drives to ensure availability of

quality products. He instructed officers of KP-DCL to ensure uninterrupted power supply on Iftar and Sehri time besides the concerned from Jal Shakti were instructed a comprehensive plan for saturato provide smooth supply of drinking water to people espe- Panchayat besides to work out on cially at the given times. He also all other points mentioned in the

in areas where ever required. The DC also instructed EOs

Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Friday of all Municipal Committees to chaired a meeting of officers carry out intensive sanitation

All the officers were stressed to work in a coordinated and synergized manner to provide better services to people throughout this month. ADC, SDM-NOORABAD ACR,

ACD, Tehsildars, Dy. SP-HQ, CMO, AD- FCS&CA, EOs and othupon the concerned officers to er officers, besides, members from traders and transporters is made well in advance so that associations also participated in this meeting.

Later, the DC in a separate meeting of officers reviewed arcerned authorities to ensure rangements for the panchayat the availability of all requisite conference which is scheduled and essential commodities to to be held on 24th of this month.

During the meeting, a detailed discussion was also held instructed to intensify market to achieve and implement the target of 100 percent saturation of all flagship and beneficiary oriented schemes across all panchayats.

The DC instructed all the officers to submit Panchayat wise data of schemes and to formulate tion of all schemes across all the asked to press the tanker service list of 100 points.

ACPs Given DDO Powers For Operation Of Funds

Observer News Service

JAMMU: To strengthen the Panchayat Raj Institutions, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday issued order delegating the drawing and disbursing (DDO) powers to the **Assistant Commissioner Panchayats** (ACPs) for operation of funds placed at their disposal.

The initiative will ensure better service delivery and effective coordination at the district level.

The order which has been issued after getting the concurrence from the Finance Department further reads that the DDO powers of the District Panchayat Officers shall cease to exist with immediate effect.

Mother Killed, Daughter **Injured In Kulgam Accident**

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and her daughter injured in an Anantnag, where Nelofer was deaccident between scooty and oil clared dead while Zarka's conditanker at Khudwani bypass area tion is stated to be critical. in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Friday.

Official sources said that two pillion riders namely Nelofer wife arrested driver of oil tanker and of Mohammad Yasir Mantoo and detained him in police station their daughter Zarkar of Buchroo Qaimoh for investigation.

were injured in the accident which took place around 6:30 p.m. Both **SRINAGAR:** A woman was killed were evacuated to district hospital

> They said scooty was dri by husband of deceased Mohammad Yasir Mantoo. Police

NC Expresses Grief Over Loss Of Lives In Poonch Accident

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) president Faroog Abdullah recovery of the injured and imand vice president Omar Abdul- pressed upon the divisional adlah on Friday expressed grief ministration in Jammu to ensure over the loss of lives in an ac- the affected families get relief cident in Jammu and Kashmir's and adequate ex gratia, he said. Poonch in which six people died and seven were injured.

Thursday when a car headed for Bufliyaz from Surankote's five government employees in Marha village skidded off the Jammu and Kashmir, saying road and rolled down a gorge at the undue measures are part Tarran Wali.

peace to the departed souls and the administration.

fortitude to the bereaved fami-

lies, a party spokesperson said. They also prayed for speedy

Meanwhile, party MPs Muhammad Akbar Lone and Has-The accident took place on nain Masoodi took strong exception to the termination of of larger design to purge the The NC leaders prayed for presence of local people from

TRANSFORMATIONAL **BUDGET 2022-23**

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has introduced major changes in the education MID-DAY MEAL (MDM) SCHEME sector with path-breaking decicessibility, accountability and affordability in the system.

envisaging a notable improvement in the existing curriculum besides tive new projects and works.

In the recently announced bud-

shows governments commitment towards quality education for the children of J&K.

The MDM Scheme is a school sions to ensure quality, equity, ac- meal programme designed to improve nutritional standing of schoolage children nationwide. The new The department of School Edu- budget proposes that only fortified cation has achieved landmark rice be served to about 8.30 lakh stustrides so far by effectively imple- dents at elementary level (I to VIII) menting all schemes and projects under MDM scheme for improving nutritional health of students. Software application developed by embarking upon various innova- CBSE is to be utilized for monitoring implementation of MDM.

The Akshaya Patra Foundation, get for 2022-23, the highest alloca- which is successfully implementtion has been for the education de- ing its own school lunch pro-

partment at Rs 11,832 crore which gramme in the country, is to be in- it has been decided that 500 Kin- schools (5 schools per district). volved in serving hot cooked meal dergartens will be established in to students enrolled in schools located in urban areas of Jammu enrolment, providing early child and Samba District on a pilot basis. At Akshaya Patra, the menu is merical and foundational literacy. designed and implemented after SMART/VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS taking into consideration various factors, including regional palate, be established in higher secondary taste, and flavours. Menu diversity is achieved by using a wide variety of seasonal vegetables and locally available ingredients.

ESTABLISHING KINDERGARTENS With the implementation of the National Education Policy in SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE Jammu and Kashmir, new kindergartens will come up across all

Government schools. Under new budget of 2022-23, structure will be developed in 100

500 Kindergartens To Be Established In Govt Schools government schools for increasing care education and enhancing nu-

518 smart/virtual classrooms will schools for imparting quality education to students, Also, 200 Vocational laboratories are to be established and 40 schools having vocational labs will act as hubs for imparting vocational/skill trainings.

Under the budget 2022-23, sports being indispensable part

of quality education, sports Infra-

RESIDENTIAL HOSTEL FACILITIES FOR GIRL STUDENTS & EDUCA-**TION OF TRIBAL STUDENTS**

> In a bid to address girl child dropout rate, 37 Girls Hostel Buildings and 12 KGBV (Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalays) buildings will be completed for improving residential facilities for girls and bringing about

desired gender parity in education. Fulfilling the commitment towards inclusive education, construction work of two residential schools, one each in the districts of Rajouri & Shopian will be taken up for tribal students, besides 8000 meritorious tribal students are to

Under the scheme Talash, the School Education Department will universal enrolment of students in to be developed within J&K. Jammu and Kashmir.

Survey of out-of-school children to be conducted using TALASH app, developed by UNICEF and appropriate measures to be taken for mainstreaming them.

HIGHER EDUCATION In higher education department, 07 college buildings are to will be establishment of Centers for Invention, Innovation, Incubaand Srinagar in collaboration with

Tata Technologies during 2022-23 for skill development of students. NAAC accreditation of 59 colleges rope in Panchayats and enroll all will be completed and e-goverout-of-school children and ensure nance system in all the colleges is Two numbers of high-level

Research Institutes for providing opportunity to students and faculty for high-end research and innovation will be set up and Skill enhancement training to nearly 20,000 under-graduate students is proposed in the new budget of UT.

The steps are also being taken on be completed in 2022-23. There the implementation of educational reforms and the new budget on education will play a significant role in givtion and Training (CIIIT) at Jammu ing impetus to the realization of a new and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

Srinagar Lifts UT Level Inter-District YSS Kabaddi Cup 2021 Title



Beats Jammu in finals, DC Budgam felicitates participants

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: Srinagar Kabbadi team on Friday lifted the title of UT level Inter District Kabaddi Boys Open YSS Cup- 2021.

The tournament was organised by Jammu and Kashmir Youth Services and Sports, in which as many as 20 teams participated.

Srinagar won against the Jammu team with almost 18 points lead in the final of the tournament held at Shaheed Aga Syed Mehdi Sports Stadium, Budgam.

Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, the Deputy Com- quarter Naeem Ahmad and othmissioner Budgam, Shahbaz er officers and officials were also Ahmed Mirza congratulated both present on the occasion.

Trekking Expedition

winner and runner up teams for their exemplary performance throughout the tournament.

The DC said that special focus is given for sports promotion in the district and efforts are on to ensure more better sports related facilities are created across the district.

Lauding the YSS Budgam for holding a series of sports related activities in the district, the DC said the main objective of these tournaments is to build sportsmanship among the youth and provide them a platform to showcase their skills and talent.

The DC also felicitated various sports persons for their exemplary performance in different sports activities on the occasion. Among others, District YSS

Officer Masrat Jan, Dy. SP Head-The show at the Doha Exhibi-**BS&G Organises**

Qatar Stages Draw For World Cup Amid Protests



Oatar will stage the first World Cup ever to be held in the Arab world. The tournament will also be the first World Cup not to be held in May,

FULL DRAW ANNOUNCED

June, or July, instead of taking place in November and December, in a reduced timeframe of just 28 days. The draw for the FIFA 2022 World Cup in Qatar is over. Follow along to find the draw for Groups A-H below:

Group A: Qatar (hosts), Netherlands, Senegal,

Ecuador Group B: England, United States, Iran, Wales/ Scotland/Ukraine

Group C: Argentina, Mexico, Poland, Saudi Arabia Group D: France, Denmark, Tunisia, Peru/

Australia/UAE Group E: Spain, Germany, Japan, Costa Rica/

New Zealand Belgium, Croatia, Morocco, Canada

Group G: Brazil, Switzerland, Serbia, Cameroon Group H: Portugal, Uruguay, South Korea,

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DOHA: Coaches and football officials are gathering in Qatar for Friday's draw for the Middle East's first World Cup.

There will be 37 nations involved in the draw ceremony but five teams will ultimately not reach the tournament, which begins on Nov. 21.

The full lineup will not be known until at least June, when the intercontinental playoffs and the final European qualifiers are completed.

tion & Convention Center starts at 7 p.m. (1600 GMT) and lasts one hour. Teams will be split into eight groups of four, with 16 advancing from the group stage. The day began with a protest

outside FIFA headquarters in Zurich. German artist Volker-Johannes Trieb used balls filled with sand to protest against the suffering of migrant workers in Qatar who have worked on the infrastructure related to the World Cup.

QATARI OFFICIAL: RAINBOW FLAGS MAY BE TAKEN TO PRO-**TECT FANS**

Rainbow flags could be taken from fans at the World Cup in Qatar to protect them from being attacked for promoting gay rights, a senior leader overseeing security for the tournament told The Associated Press.

Maior Abdullah Al Ansari insisted

tar for the Nov. 21-Dec. 18 FIFA showpiece despite same-sex relations remaining criminalized in the conservative Gulf nation.

But Al Ansari is against the overt promotion of LGBTQ freedoms as symbolized by the rainbow flag that FIFA and World Cup organizers had pre-viously said would be welcome across Qatar's eight stadiums.

"If he (a fan) raised the rainbow flag and I took it from him, it's not because I really want to, really, take it, to really insult him, but to protect him," Al Ansari told the AP. "Because if it's not me, somebody else around him might attack (him)... I can-General Abdulaziz not guarantee the behaviour of the whole people. And I will tell that LGBTQ couples would be him: 'Please, no need to really welcomed and accepted in Qa- raise that flag at this point."

JKP's Farooq Ahmad To Officiate At 2022 Asian **Games In China**

DGP J&K congratulates the official; says proud moment for J&K Police



Observer News Service

IAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Police's SgCt Farooq Ahmad Bhat has been selected as International Technical Officer (ITO, Race Official) in Dragon Boat Sports event for the upcoming 19th Asian Games 2022 Hangzhou, China.

The Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh has congratulated the police officer. In his has represented India as Race message the DGP congratulated official during World Champi-Farooq for his remarkable feat onship at Kunming, China in and said that it will inspire other 2017, and also as coach in World sportspersons in JKP to work championship at Pataya, Thaihard for achieving big goals. The land 2019.

DGP said that the selection of the official is a proud moment for I&K Police and hoped that he will continue to work with more dedication in future also. The DGP wished him good luck for the assignment.

Faroog Ahmad Bhat who is presently Assistant Coach Water Sports Team of J&K Police is International Dragon Boat Federation Grade-1 Race official and

India's GS Lakshmi Is **Match Referee For Women's World Cup Final**



Press Trust of India

CHRISTCHURCH: India's GS Lakshmi, the first woman ever in the ICC international panel of match referees, will be the match referee for the Women's World Cup final between England and Australia here on Sunday.

Lakshmi also has the distinction of being the first woman maica, became the first female match referee in men's ODIs, having stood in the role during the World Cup League 2 in the UAE in December 2020.

at the Hagley Oval will be overseen by four women match of- been named the fourth umpire. ficials—the first such instance in cricket history.

Australia and England are set to face off in the final after hav- increasing the number of intering outplayed West Indies and national female match officials, South Africa respectively in the with women comprising eight semi-finals.

South Africa's Lauren Agenbag and Kim Cotton of New Zealand have been named the two on-

field umpires, while West Indies' Jacqueline Williams will officiate as the TV umpire.

Cotton was the only match official during the 2020 Women's T20 World Cup final between Australia and India at the MCG, having stood as the on-field umpire alongside Ahsan Raza.

Williams, who hails from Jato officiate as the third umpire in men's international cricket in 2020, having fulfilled the role during West Indies' three-match The Women's World Cup final home T20I series against Ireland. Langton Rusere of Zimbabwe has

> "As part of its strategic commitment to a gender-equitable sport, the ICC has focused on of the 15 match officials at this event," the game's apex body said ahead of the summit show-

Ganderbal and President Youth Development Forum J&K. About 100 scouts, Guides, Rovers & Rang-

ers of District Ganderbal, Kupwara, Srinagar and Pulwama participated in the trekking programme. The programme was organ-

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SRINAGAR: The J&K chapter of

Bharat Scouts & Guides conduct-

Programme from Asthan Pora

Brain Nishat to Gophabal Zabar-

wan mountain here on Friday.

ised under the supervision of er Adult Resources Guide Wing cum Jt. State Administrative Of-

Rangers and Commissioner Hamida Bano, Jt. State Organizing Commissioner Guides with the Support of Staff members ed a one day Divisional Level trek- of State Headquarter J&K Bharat king cum environment awareness Scouts and Guides Srinagar and escorting teachers who came from different districts.

Basharat Saleem, District The camp was flagged off by Fa- Organizing Commissioner (S) rooq Ganderbali, a well known so- Pulwama Bharat Scouts and activist District commissioner. Guides, was also present in the adult Resources Scouts District programme and entertained all the participants during the trekking programme. All the participants enjoyed the programme to the fullest. Two expert Rovers from the locality guided the participants all along the track. The dedication of these two Rovers was highly appreciated by the Gulshan Ara, State Commission- It. State Secretary in his closing speech. The purpose of the trekking programme was to educate ficer J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides the participants about the enviand with the guide of Sheikh ronment and nature study and Mohammad Shafi, Jt. State Sec- culture exchange between difretary, Hamida Sheikh, Jt. State ferent Districts.

Adidas Unveils 'AL RIHLA', Official **Match Ball Of 2022 FIFA WC**



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Sportswear giant adidas on Friday unveiled Al Rihla -- the official match ball for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

It is the 14th successive ball that adidas has created for the FIFA World Cup, designed to the highest level of accuracy support the game at high speed and reliability on the field of as it travels faster in flight than any other World Cup ball.

Al Rihla translates as "the been inspired by the architecof Qatar.

The ball was designed with the environment at its heart and is the first World Cup ball made using only water-based inks and glues.

ing in adidas labs, wind tunnels, and on-pitch, Al Rihla provides play, due in part to its new pan-

el shape and surface textures. "An innovative core within the journey" in Arabic and has ball is tuned to improve accuracy and consistency, supporting ture, iconic boats, and the flag fast, precise play with maximum shape and air retention.

"The ball's polyurethane (PU) skin featuring micro and macro textures and a new 20-piece panel shape enhances aerodynamics to improve the accu-"Designed after rigorous test-racy, flight stability and swerve of shots," said the company in a statement.

> Al Rihla is the first World Cup ball in the 92-year history of the tournament which will directly contribute to raising funds to positively impact lives across the world, with 1 percent of Al Rihla's net sales going to the Common Goal movement, the release said.

Baramulla Annual Cricket Award Ceremony Held



DC emphasises on youth to take full advantage of the platform

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: In order to boost the morale of the cricket players and to encourage sports activities among the youth, an annual award ceremony was held on Friday at Dak Bungalow, here.

On the occasion, cricketers were awarded for the best performance and contribution they have shown in the sports field.

The Annual award ceremony was organised by Sultan Warriors Cricket Club which was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Bhupinder

Kumar as the chief guest. On the occasion, the DC extended his warm greetings to the the district.

cricket players who have shown exemplary achievements and contributions in the cricket and hoped that they would inspire other youth to engage them in sports activities. He urged upon the youngsters to work hard in the sports field and come out as the legends in National and International level.

The DC also sought suggestions from the prominent sports lovers and youngsters for the upgradation of sports infrastructure in the district during which he assured them full cooperation and reiterated that upgradation of sports infrastructure will be among the top priorities of the district administration.

Meanwhile, media persons of the district were also felicitated on the occasion for their active cooperation in covering and highlighting the sports events in

IPL 2022: I Call Myself 'Spin-Fast' **Bowler, Says Rashid Khan**

'Prefer bowling at 100 kmph rather than 75 kmph'

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Rashid Khan has a the ball at that pace and for fast bowler's mindset in a spin- that I think that it requires ner's body with an uncompro- a different kind of skillmising attitude when it comes set," Rashid told PTI in to ripping his googlies and leg- an exclusive interbreaks off the surface at nearly view. 100 kmph. At 23, the Afghan spinner is the most sought-after T20 freelancer on the global league circuit with 436 wickets in 312 games.

Having started the season with an impressive 1/27 for Gujarat Titans, Rashid is extremely hopeful that he can replicate his Sunrisers Hyderabad form that speed than bring for the Hardik Pandya-led franchise. So is Rashid an "aggressive fast bowler at heart" or "a scientist" ready to pull off new

"I am a "spin fast" bowler be- trying different experi-

cause of the pace at which I bowl. It is very hard to spin

somewhere between kmph to 100 kmph. It is hard to generate turn at that pace but I would rather bowl at it down to 70 to 75

"I have always been a big fan of bowling quick leg spin. I have just been

ments with my bowling in the nets and it's really helping," he added. "Consistency is in having that kind of mindset. Yes, that I am

> capable of delivering it in every stage and hardwork and belief in skill sets is something I have always had, he stated. "Doesn't matter where I am playing, against which opposition and what stage of

the match, as long as I have that belief and skills, as long as am giving my 100 percent, that's what matters to me."



Learned From Babar's Masterclass

Australia's Labuschagne Says

LAHORE: Australia's Marnus Labuschagne did not allow the disappointment of defeat to interfere with his appreciation of Babar Azam's sublime century, saying he learned from the Pakistan captain's masterclass in the second one-dayer on Thursday.

Babar orchestrated Pakistan's record chase of 349 with a masterly 114 of 83 balls, denying Australia an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

The elegant right-hander, ably supported by fellow centurion Imam-ul-Haq, scored his 15th ODI century in 83 innings, which is the fastest by any batsman.

"I enjoyed every minute of watching, it was a pity it was against us," Labuschagne told reporters after their six-wicket defeat in Lahore. "That was a very good innings. I sat back and I took some things on board for my own game to learn from that innings.

barely put a foot wrong. It was moon for him today."

just phenomenal." Labuschagne praised Imam as well but felt dismissing Babar early in Saturday's decider, also in Lahore, was crucial to clinch the series. "I think if we can find a way to get

him out early, put a bit more pres-

sure on the middle to lower order,

we have a chance," the 27-year-old

said. "He batted us out of the game and fair play to him. It was a tremendous innings." Ben McDermott smashed his maiden international century for Australia and Labuschagne, who made 59, was elated to be at the

non-striker's end when his child-

hood friend brought up his hundred. "We were best mates growing up in Australia. He was over at my house almost every second day, coming on the train home and we used to (play) in my backyard," Labuschagne said.

'The hard work that he's putting in domestic cricket in the Big Bash and his four-day game as well has just come such a long "To score 100 off 73 balls, he way, and I was I was over the