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CANCER CASES SHOW ALARMING RISE IN KASHMIR

In a worrisome trend, Kashmir's leading tertiary care hospital Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) has recorded over 1100 cases of cancer in the first RAMA7AN

THE MONTH OF BLESSING

Fasting in one form or the other does exist in almost all the religions. However, fasting or 'Roza' as practiced by Muslims is an elaborate process of self-purification. The Qur'an says, "O ye who believe! Fasting is

P7 STATE

2 FORMER MLAS FROM J&K TO JOIN AAP TOMORROW

In a major political development, two former MLAs from Jammu & Kashmir are likely to join Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led by Arvind Kejriwal in New



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C Quote!

We design our lives through the power of choices

-Richard Bach

NEWS DIGEST

VDC Member's Son Shoots Self Dead

SRINAGAR: A Village Defence Committee (VDC) member's son on Thursday shot himself dead with his father's rifle in Murrah sector of Bufliaz in Poonch district, officials said. Around 9: 30 am Thursday. Gulzar Ahmed picked the 303 rifle of his father Mohammad More on P6

Arms Recovered Along IB In Jammu: BSF

JAMMU: Border Security Forces (BSF) on Thursday recovered an Ak-47 Rifle, two made in Italy pistols and ammunition at Akhnoor International Border. officials said.

"A special search operation of BSF Jammu was More on P6

Notorious Thief Booked Under PSA

SRINAGAR: Police in north Kashmir's Kupwara district have booked a notorious thief under public safety act (PSA) after obtaining necessary sanction from the authorities, a spokesperson said Thursday. Mudasir Ahmad Lone of Mughalpora Kupwara More on P6

Cop Injured In Qazigund Accident Succumbs

SRINAGAR: A policeman injured in a road accident in Qazigund area along Jammu-Srinagar national highway five days ago, succumbed at a hospital here on Thursday morning, officials said. Officials said that policeman Shabir Ahmad Bhat son of Ali Muhammad Bhat, a resident of Karloo Kund was fatally injured after a truck (HP38D-3595) collided with his More on P6

Army Firing Injures Two Civilians In Handwara



Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: Two civilians sustained gunshot injuries on Thursday in what army described 'accidental discharge of weapons' during an altercation with worshippers outside a Masjid in Handwara town of Kupwara district.

The altercation, according to the eyewitnesses, started when the worshippers raised objections over soldiers of 21 RR clicking their pictures and recording videos outside the Jamia Jadeed on Thursday afternoon. The devotees, they said, were preparing for Zuhr prayers when the soldiers arrived there.

"Many devotees saw soldiers clicking their pictures and videos from the entrance of the Masjid. They objected to the army's action and confronted them. This was the time when the verbal dual turned ugly and soldiers loaded their rifles and shot at and injured two youngsters," an eyewitness, wishing not to be named, due to fear of reprisal from army, told Kashmir Observer.

The two youth identified as Abdul Ahad Mir from Rajwar and Mujeeb More on P6

Punjab Resident Shot At In Pulwama NIA Raids 11 nidentified militants on Thursday shot at and injured a

abourer from Punjab in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Sonu Sharma, the helper of a poultry-carrying vehicle, was shot in the right leg by the militants, the officials said. A resident of Pathankot in Punjab, Sharma was immediately More on P6

Militants Escape After In Shopian

fter a brief exchange of fire last evening, A the militants have managed to give slip to the government forces in Haripora Brief Encounter Imamsahib area of South Kashmir's Shopian district. An official said that a joint More on P6

Onus On Pak To Create Environment For Engagement: India

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: India on Thursday said it desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan while asserting that the onus is on Islamabad to create an environment free of terror and hostility for such engagement.

Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan said this in Rajya Sabha when asked about media reports stating that the adviser to Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan backed the resumption of bi-

lateral trade ties with India.
"The government government's

consistent position has been that India desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan and is committed to addressing issues, if any, bilaterally and peacefully in an atmosphere free of terror, hostility and violence," Muraleedharan said.

"The onus is on Pakistan to create such a conducive atmosphere." he added.

The ties between India and Pakistan came under severe strain after India's warplanes pounded a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist training camp in Balakot More on P6

Imran Khan Loses Court Battle, Faces No-Trust Vote On Saturday

Trans Asia News

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that Prime Minister Imran Khan's move to dissolve parliament was unconstitutional and called for lawmakers to return in two days, a decision that could spell the end of his premiership.

The no confidence vote against Prime Minister Khan will now be held on Saturday. If Imran Khan loses, he will be the first Prime Minister to be removed through a no-trust vote. Two other Prime Ministers against whom a no-confidence motion was called, had resigned before the vote, but former cricket star Khan had refused to step down, insisting that he would "play till the last ball".

His opponents had gar-

nered the 172 votes needed to oust him in the 342-seat house, after several members of his own party and a key co-alition partner defected. But Khan dissolved Parliament on Sunday and set the stage for early elections, accusing the opposition of working with the United States to remove him from power for pursuing an independent foreign policy.

The opposition claimed Khan violated the constitution



THIS IS THE UNFORTUNATE FACT about Pakistani politics — the political issues, which should be settled in the parliament are instead brought to the Supreme Court to settle."

and took their case to the country's top court.

The Supreme Court ordered for the session of the National Assembly to reconvene on Saturday at 10am. saying that the session cannot be adjourned without the conclusion of the no-trust motion against Prime Minister Khan.

The chief justice said the verdict was announced with a unanimous agreement of

5-0 after the judges consulted each other. "The current issues are done away with," he said. The verdict said that the government could not interfere in the participation of any member in the assembly session.

The constitutional crisis has threatened economic and social stability in the nucleararmed nation of 220 million people, with the rupee currency hitting all-time lows earlier

on Thursday and foreign ex-

change reserves tumbling. When opposition parties united against Khan last week to push for the no-confidence motion, the deputy speaker of parliament, a member of Khan's party, threw out the motion, ruling it was part of a foreign conspiracy and unconstitutional.

Khan said Washington wants him gone because of what he describes as his independent foreign policy, which often favors China and Russia. Khan has also been a strident critic of Washington's war on terror and was criticized for a visit to Moscow on Feb. 24, hours after Russian tanks crossed into Ukraine.

The U.S. State Department has denied any involvement in Pakistan's internal politics. After the no-confidence motion was thrown out, Khan dissolved the parliament and went on national TV to announce early elections.

The 69-year-old Khan came to power in 2018 after rallying the country behind his vision of a corruption-free, prosperous nation respected on the world stage.But it appears that the firebrand nationalist's fame and charisma may not be enough to

Locations In Kashmir Valley

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency conducted searches at nearly a dozen places linked to The Resistance Front (TRF) militant group in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, days after its announced cash rewards of Rs 10 lakh each on information leading to the arrest of its four cadres.

The searches were carried out at multiple locations in Srinagar, Baramulla, Pulwama, Budgam and Kulgam districts in connection with a case related to radicalising, recruiting and motivating the youth to effect violent activities by TRF commander Sajad Gul and others, a spokesperson of the National Investigation

Agency (NIA) said. The spokesperson said the locations searched included the house of active militant Basit Ahmad Dar, against whom the NIA More on P6

ED Grills Omar For Five Hours In J&K Bank Case NC Calls It 'Vicious

Vilification' **Press Trust Of India**

New Delhi: The ED questioned Thursday in connection with the purchase of a building by J&K Bank some 12 years ago when he was Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, a move the party termed a "political exercise" ahead of the Assembly elections in the union territory.

After spending more than five hours at the ED office here in response to summons sent last week, Abdullah told reporters that he had not been accused of anything and that he had "answered them as much as I could". He would further help them "if they need me", he added.

According to officials, the case pertains to the purchase of a building by the J&K Bank, in which the government has 68 per cent equity, at Bandra Kurla in 2010. A property measuring around 65,000 square feet



was acquired at a cost of Rs 172

Sources said the board of directors of the bank had set up a two-member committee headed by its chairman Haseeb Drabu which recommended the purchase of the property, in which another leading bank was also interested. The purchase was approved by the bank board, and the chief minister had no say in the matter, the sources added.

While Abdullah refused to divulge details about his questioning by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), the National Conference (NC) slammed the move as a "vicious vilification" and "fishing expedition" ahead of the Assembly elections expected to be held later this year in Jammu and Kashmir.

There was a time when elections were announced by the Election Commission, but now, it seems that elections are announced by the ED," the party alleged in a statement, which also said that the ED's action was another case of misuse of investigative agencies by the central government.

According to the sources, Abdullah More on P6

J&K Moving In Direction Of Positive Progress: LG

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that the Union Territory was moving forward in the direction of positive progress with the spirit of strong service nurtured by national values and public consciousness.

Sinha made these remarks while speaking at the National Health Festival for Divyangjan, organized by Special Olympics Bharat I&K, to honour specially-abled sportspersons at the Jammu University, an official spokesperson said Thursday.

The LG, he said, observed that under the leadership of the PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Divyangjan have been granted their due rights to live a dignified and virtuous life.

"Before 2015, all the laws in our country were aimed at somehow connecting the

specially-abled people with the programs of social welfare. A new social consciousness emerged after 2015 wherein focus shifted to bestowing Divyangjan their due rights and not just benefits under social welfare measures," Sinha said.

"During the same time, Accessible India Campaign turned into a mass movement creating accessible infrastructure for specially-abled, in government and private buildings, railway stations, airports, schools and colleges," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the LG highlighted the unprecedented work being done keeping in mind the needs and aspirations of all the sections of the society and said the UT of J&K is moving forward in the direction of positive progress with the spirit of strong service nurtured by national val-

ues and public consciousness. "Jammu and Kashmir government is More on P6



Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir is mulling to cover entire Union Territory of J&K under round the clock Close Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance to keep an eye on the anti-national elements and for the "efficient law and order management."

The police headquarters of J&K have floated tenders for UTwide CCTV integrated network system with a primary focus on procuring hi-resolution cameras having facilities of recognising face, automatic number place, colour unidentified ob-

jects and stone pelting.

The draft proposal of CCTV Integrated Network program framed by the J&K police, reads that the UT of J&K is the northern most region of India and it shares National Borders with Himachal Pradesh and Punjab and international border with Pakistan.



"The UT is in constant threat of militancy and insurgency activities for a very long time. The PHQ is primarily responsible to manage Law and order situation in the UT. PHQ has accordingly undertaken several initiatives in the past, to enhance the surveillance systems. In one of such initiative, PHQ has installed CCTV cameras at various cities of UT, like Kashmir, Jammu and

Samba etc," the proposal reads. "It has also set up a Police Control Room (PCR) in Srinagar and Jammu city. With the growing needs and urge to maintain law & order in the UT, PHQ felt a need to create a holistic and integrated CCTV Camera network.

The UT Wide CCTV Surveillance Project envisages creation of an integrated network of GIS based CCTV cameras connected with Zonal Command Control Centers (Z3Cs) and District Command Control Center (D3C) for an efficient management of law & order situation in the UT."

The draft proposal reads that the project is focused on building CCTV infrastructure with proposed solutions of general surveillance, Automatic Number Plate Recognition System (ANPR), Facial Recognition System (FRS) and Command Center etc.

"The key components of the project are CCTV More on P6

J&K To Adopt Uniform Academic Calendar From This Year

All Colleges To Obtain NAAC Accreditation, **NEP To Be Implemented** Fully: CS Mehta

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir will fully implement the National Education Policy (NEP) from the current academic session while the four year undergraduate programme as per UGC guidelines would be introduced in all the colleges of the Union Territory, officials said Thursday.

The decision in this regard was taken unanimously in a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, to review and discuss modalities for implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Jammu and Kashmir, an official spokesperson said Thursday.

The meeting, he said, also decided that the centralized admission test CUET would be mandatory for all admissions in I&K from the next academic session.

"It will also move to a uniform academic calendar which in turn will be synchronized the national academic calendar. In addition, all higher education institutions would move towards progressively greater autonomy," he said.

According to the spokesperson, the meeting had a thorough exchange of ideas on steps to be taken for implementation of this ambitious nationwide policy in J&K.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Rohit Secretary, Kansal. School Principal Education, B. K. Singh, Vice Chancellors of various universities of the UT and other senior officers of Higher More on P6

No 5- Dal Lake Boulevard Srinagar, 190001, Kashmir

Hizmet: Kashmir's Very Own Food **Delivery Service**

■ rinagar- In mainland India Zomato and Swiggy might be the best food delivery apps, but in Kashmir a local app "Hizmet" is making a name for itself.

The Hizmet app took its first order on 12th August 2020, on the first day of its launch, and to date, the Hizmet group has delivered around twenty thousand orders. They've never looked back ever since.

It all began with the founder's dream of bridging the gap between the consumer and the finished product,



food. To diminish delivery time is a main priority at Hizmet. With the average delivery time of 27 minutes we would certainly state that the Hizmet group is doing impressively well.

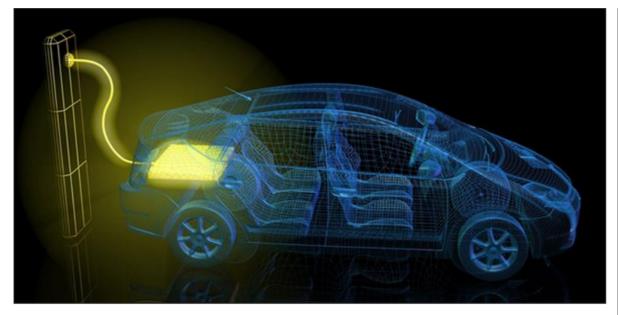
The Hizmet app has about 350+ restaurants listed, and is primarily operational in Srinagar, Baramulla and Sopore. With the delivery fleet consisting of 50 enthusiastic deliverymen, you know that your order is in safe

hands. Currently the Hizmet app is running a food festival in which the minimum order amount has been brought down to a mere Rs. 100. On top of that the ongoing discount of flat 20% off just makes the already sweet experience sweeter.

We certainly recommend ordering your next flavour some meal from the Hizmet app.

https://hizmetdelivery.com/home

The App is available for both IOS and Android Platforms. http://onelink.to/nfp9zt



IIT Develops Tech To Standardise Electric Vehicles For Indian Drive Cycles

Press Trust Of India

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati, have developed a one-of-its kind technology that rates the motors and batteries of Electric Vehicles (EVs) based on Indian drive-cycles.

According to officials, the Electric Vehicles currently available in the market do not take into account the different climatic conditions in India, and the drive cycles developed are not focused on rural and urban drive-cycles.

A drive cycle is typically represented by a series of data points which plots vehicle speed against time. Driving cycles are produced to assess the performance of vehicles in various ways, including fuel consumption and pollutant emissions.

"An electronic drivetrain (group of components that deliver power to the drive wheels) developed in a humid region does not work the same in a dry and colder environment. Therefore,

the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) right now are considering creating standard drive-cycles for Indian conditions," said Praveen Kumar, Professor, Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering, IIT Guwahati.

"Currently, no OEM uses this technology and they have been requesting the drive-cycle data of Indian vehicles. This research hopes to create better and more efficient drivetrains based on different regions. This is also beneficial for start-ups. This research aims to reduce emissions and reduce fuel consumption," Kumar added.

The researchers of the Electric Mobility Laboratory of IIT Guwahati focused on Indian climatic conditions for both rural and urban areas. They developed the method to suggest the best drivetrain to manufacture. Drive-cycles developed by the IIT Guwahati team, are unique and not available anywhere else, the researchers claimed.

"Our goal is to prepare a document that can enable the new entrants into

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the EV market and help in levelling the playing field. The other primary benefit of this entire exercise is to prepare the next generation of technocrats that are ready for an excellent career in EV technology anywhere in the world," Kumar said.

The institute's team intends to extend the research to commercial vehicles working with OEMs so that they can manufacture more efficient drive trains that suit the different climates of India better. The researchers are also working to develop this technology for four-wheelers also as the current project focuses exclusively on two-wheelers.

"The development in the field of nextgeneration energy-efficient EV technology is one of the most important breakthroughs required for the sustainable development of the country and to reduce carbon footprint. We are earnestly working in this direction. This development will augment this process and maximize the outcomes," he said.

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ازنيابت رنبير بوره بااجلاس غلام محى الدين صاحب ورجداول مون درخواست منجانب: مُسن بانو بيوه عز برالرحمان خان ساكنه رنبير بوره محصيل مثن اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام ماملہ کی نسبت پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جمکی روسے سائلہ کا شوہر سمجکمہ PHE میں ملازم ران ملازمت مورخہ21/01/2022 کوفوت ہواہے۔متوفی کےوارثان جائیز کی تفصیل یوں ہیں رشته همراه متوفى پیشه مريلوكام 68 سال ى بانوبيوه عزيز الرحمان خان كل رحمان ولدعزيز الرحمان خان 6000/= しい43 یٹامتوفی (شادی شدہ) (شادی شده) 40سال ز (شادی شده) ختر (شادی شده) دختر (تلاق شده) 30سال

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The Jammu And Kashmir State **Board Of School Education**

BRANCH OFFICE SOPORE

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10 th under Below mentioned particulars

Shair Mushtag Father's Name: Mushtaq Ahmad Dar Mother's Name: Masooda Begum

Roll No: 13205408 Year 2021 Session Bi-Annua

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.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary Sub Office Sopore

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R/o Roshanabad Kanihama

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Mohd Hsham Ali Mir S/o Nazir Ahmad Mir

Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

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Note:- The Date of Treasury Challan must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date. Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.

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3.4. Any quotation deficient or incomplete in any of the requisite matters, particulars or formalities rightly rejected. 3.5. The undersigned reserves the right to modify, cancel or reject any quotation or part thereof without assigning

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No.117-26 **Executive Engineer** R&B Division Ganderbal Dated:06-04-22 DIPK-209/22

Public Notice

My DOB has been wrongly written in my school records as 01-07-2014 Instead of 01-07-213 which needs to be rectified. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Govt Primary School (Jamia Mohalla Magam) within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be en-

R/o Jamia Mohalla Magam

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Schools Force Parents To Buy Uniforms At **Selected Shops**

Agencies

rinagar: Some private schools in Srinagar allegedly force parents to buy uniforms from selected shops.

Parents can be seen buying school uniforms from designated shops near the city center and other shops across Srinagar city. Parents allege there is a new nexus between the schools and shopkeepers.

Parents also allege the designated shops that sell school uniforms flout norms.

"The other day I purchased a coat, shirt and sweater for my class 3rd child from a shop at Regal Chowk. Every item was without any price tag. They charge as per their will," said Nazir Ahmed, a resident of Jawahar Nagar.

Jammu Kashmir Students Association alleges that there is a nexus between some selected shopkeepers and private schools. Parents have been directed to purchase summer uniforms from specific private shops. "Is it a new way to make money? The Government must break this nexus and mafia between a few selected Shopkeepers and private schools," the Association said.

The Association said that they are being informed that schools do this to earn commission

Parents allege despite government orders, some schools are continuing with the practice. "The practice is against the instructions. Authorities should monitor such practices and initiate action against them." Parents said

Pertinently, the Education Department had repeatedly directed private schools to stop forcing the parents and students to buy uniforms and books from particular shops

Gram Sabha Held **Across Srinagar**

Observer News Service

rinagar: In connection with the celebrations of National Panchayati Raj Day to be held on 24th of April, a series of special Gram Sabhas were held in different Panchayati halqas and Blocks of District Srinagar.

The Gram Sabhas were conducted in Panzinara A and Panzinara B in Block Qamarwari, Khimber, Syedpora, Faqir Gujree A, Faqir Gujree B in Harwan Block

Similarly, Gram Sabhas were also held in Lasjan A, Soiteng and Nowgam A in Block Srinagar, while in Block Khonmoh of the District Gram Sabhas were conducted in Balhama A, Balhama B, Khonmoh A, Khonmoh B.

A large number of people actively participated in the Gram Sabhas, during which agenda points along with other issues were discussed in detail and focus was laid on the developmental activities of respective Panchavati Halga



POLES APART: Despite erecting new electric poles, the old poles are still standing their ground in Hazratbal, Srinagar.

QUARTER ONE 2022

Cancer Cases Show Alarming Rise In Kashmir

Agencies

Srinagar: In a worrisome trend, Kashmir's leading tertiary care hospital Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) has recorded over 1100 cases of cancer in the first quarter of ensuing year.

The medicos at the Radiation Oncology department of the Institute admit that the cancer cases have shown a steep rise in Kashmir adding that in men, lung cancer is the most prominent one while women are fast falling prey to breast cancer. The doctors at the institute termed the growing cancer rate as a "cause of great concern."

Figures revealed, against last year's total patient load of 4800, SKIMS received 1110 cancer cases in the first three months (Jan 1 to March 31) of 2022, highest in recent times.

Dr. Fir Afroz, Head of department Radiation Oncology at SKIMS said that out of the total cases received at the Institute, Lung cancer was found prominent among men while breast cancer was seen on the rise among women.

She said that smoking is one of the primary reasons for cancer among males. "Family history, obesity, age are among the factors responsible for the cancer cases," Dr Afroz said.

She, however, said that one of the positive changes that has happened in the valley in the past few years is that people are getting aware about the disease. "We have a high inflow of such patients who come forward to get themselves treated. People have overcome their fear of getting treated which is a good sign," Dr. Afroz said, adding that 'early detection of the disease helps provide timely treatment, which ulti-

mately can help save the precious life.' As per Union Health Ministry's figures, Jammu Kashmir has reported an estimated 39041 cancer cases, of which 12675 were recorded in 2019, 13012 in 2020 and 13354 in 2021.

"Cancer is a multi-dimensional disease and the risk factors inter alia include ageing population, sedentary lifestyle, use of tobacco products, unhealthy diet and air pollution. The number of cancer cases due to water and industrial pollution is not available," the ministry's note reads.

Dr Afroz said that the actual rise in cancer cases could be found at the end of the year after drawing comparison with the last year. "I urge patients having symptoms of cancer to come forward as early treatment can prevent the disease from spreading further and then help save a life," she said, adding that at the Institute there is a quality treatment available as far as Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy is concerned. "Upgradation of the infrastructure is a continuous process," Dr Afroz said. (KNO)

ازنیابت دیدگام بااجلاس نایب تحصیلدار دیدگام تضمون درخواست منجاننب: زامدعلى وسهبل على پسران على محمد ياله ساكنه گنور بخصيل وضلع اننت ناگ

بغرض حصول RBA سر گفکیٹ اشتھار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔ معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائلان نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول RBA سرفظیٹ وفتر ہذا میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ ہے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائلان کا

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04 سہیل علی ولدعلی محمد پالہ 21 سال زیر تعلیم | اس کےعلاوہ اور کوئی افراد کہنہ میں موجوز نہیں ہے اور کہنہ کی سالا نہ امد نی=/219,140 ہے اب سر لفکیٹ مزکورہ کی اجرائی میںا گرکسی شخض کوکوئی عذریااعتراض ہوتوایک ہفتے کےاندراندردفنز ہذامیں ً پیش کریں۔معیاد گذارنے کے بعد کوئی عذر قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تحرير الصدونائب تحصيلدار

> از نیابت رنبیر پوره بااجلاس غلام محی الدین صاحب درجه اول مضمون درخواست منجانب:مساة ځسن بانو بیوه عزیرالرحمان خان سا کندرنبیر پوره محصیل مثن بغرض حصول: ـ ڈیپنیڈنسی سرٹفکیٹ

اشتھار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔ معاملہ کی نسبت پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جبکی رو سے سائلہ کا شوہرمحکمہ PHE میں ملازمت کرتا تھااہ مسمی نے کور دموری 21/01/2022 کوفیہ تنہوں سر متوفی کر ڈینڈ نیڈ تفصیل بزیل سر

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اسطور متو فہ کے صرف دوہی ڈیینیڈنٹ موجود ہیں۔ان کےعلاوہ متوفی کا کوئی ڈیپنیڈنٹ موجوز کہیں ہےاسطور سا کلیڈ پینیڈنٹ سرٹفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کی خواہا کرتی ہے۔اگر کسی مخف کوکوئی اعتراض ہوتو وہ دفتر ہذا میں سات دن کےاندراندر پیش کریں۔بعداز معیاد گذرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ (تح الصدرا بگزیکٹیومجسٹریٹ درجہاول)

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This Day In History

- 1848 1st battle at Gioto: Sardinia-Piemonte beats Austrians 1848 - Battle at Xaquixaguana, Peru: Pedro de la Gasca beats
- 1866 Italy and Prussia ally against Austria-Hungary.
- 1898 Battle of Atbara River, Anglo-Egyptian forces crush
- 1902 Russia and China sign the Convention of Evacuation under which Russia agrees to evacuate Manchuria within 18
- 1902 Demonstration organised by socialists in Belgium as people demand better education, living conditions, the right to strike and universal male suffrage result in a riot and some
- 1904 Great Britain and France establish their Entente Cordiale, a technical treaty settling long-standing disagreements over Morocco, Egypt, Africa, and the Pacific
- 1908 H. H. Asquith succeeds Henry Campbell-Bannerman as **British Prime Minister**
- 1913 Opening of China's 1st parliament takes place in Peking (now Beijing)
- 1914 US & Colombia sign a treaty concerning Panama Canal
- 1916 Norway approves active & passive female suffrage
- 1920 LONGA soccer team forms in Tilburg
- 1929 Indian Independence Movement: At the Delhi Central Assembly, Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt handouts and bombs to court arrest.
- 1943 U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt, in an attempt to check inflation, freezes wages and prices, prohibits workers from changing jobs unless the war effort would be aided thereby. and bars rate increases to common carriers and public utilities. 1946 - League of Nations assembles for last time.
- 1947 Largest recorded sunspot (7,000) observed
- 1948 Soen Nakagawa & Nyogen Senzaki (Zen teachers) meet 1952 - US President Harry Truman seizes steel mills to avert a
- 1960 Neth & Germany sign accord concerning war casualties 1960 - US Senate passes Civil Rights Bill with measures against discriminatory voting pracrices
- 1964 Unmanned Gemini 1 launched
- 1965 India & Pakistan forces engage in a border fight
- 1966 OAO 1, 1st orbiting astronomical observatory, launched 1966 -Time publishes its "Is God Dead" issue - its first issue without an image
- 1968 Czechoslovakia Cernik government forms
- 1968 New socialist constitution of East Germany takes effect
- 1974 Discovery Island opens
- 1977 Israeli premier Yitzhak Rabin resigns
- 1985 Amdahl releases UTS/V, 1st mainframe Unix
- 1985 India files suit against Union Carbide over Bhopal disaster 1990 - New Democracy wins the national election in Greece.
- 1991 Major league umpires & baseball reach a 4-year agree-1991 - Michael Landon announces he has inoperable cancer of

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Leisure A No Longer A Pleasure For Kashmir Youth

Observer News Service

RINAGAR: The youth in Kashmir are today severely handicapped when it comes to spending leisure time in an enriching and meaningful way, a Kashmir Observer report has found out.

The older generation had a better time in its youth than today's vounger lot, who despite the myriad diversions are disposal, feels anxious and impatient at what it describes as severely shrinking space for recreation.

Evidently television, internet cafes and snooker clubs are no match for the colourful fairs at Badamwari, the acrobatics of an Afsar khan at Edges or the antics of magicians in open grounds of which only memories exist in the minds of elders.

What the youth f today seem to be missing is the kind of active participation their [parents and grandparents had by being associated with dramatic clubs, literary societies or sports

The first ingredients of living satisfying life – the manner of spending leisure time-appears to be a gift that youth in Kashmir today have lost or never acquired in first place. (Kashmir Observer, 08 April, 2005)

از نیابت انچیل							
ار نیابت! پل مضمون درخواست منجانب: _ عبدالرشید کھور وولد غلام محمد کھورو ساکندا چھل دہ آگاہ							
ل دها کاه	هورو ساكنداچ -	توروولدغلام خمر س	واست منجانب: - معبدالرسيده	معنی درخ			
تخصيل وترگام بغرض حصول RBA سر تفكيث تحت أيس آرآ و 294 بحق جاويدا حمد و							
			اندليب جان اولا دان عبدالرشيد	شافیه بانو و			
		ص وعام په	اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخا				
	رض حصول		بئة بيعنوان الصدر ميں سايل نے ايک	معامله مندرج			
علقہ عدویتہ ویں مسروین مایں ہے، بیک رووات کا برای موں RBA سرتفکیٹ وفتر ہذا میں پیش کیا ہے۔اس بارے میں عملہ فیلڈ سے رپورٹ طلب کیا							
			یبیک دسر ہرایں ہیں تیا ہے۔ سے عیاں ہے کہ سامل کا کنبہ دھ ھذ				
رہا ک پدریہ							
			کی ماہوارہ آمدنی 12000 او				
آمدنی	پیشه	عمر	نام افراد کنبه	تمبرشار			
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		55سال		02			
	زرتعليم	32سال	شافيه بانو	03			
	زرتعليم	28	جاويداحمر	04			
	زرتعليم	26	اندليب جان	05			
اس کےعلاہ اور کوئی افراد کنمیہ نہیں بتلایا گیاہے ۔ لہذاز ریجٹ سرٹفکیٹ اجراء کرنے							
میں اگر کشی شخص کوکوئی عذریااعتراض ہوتو وہ سات دن کے اندرا ندرا پنااعتراض معہ							
وجوہات پیش کرے۔میعاد گذرنے بعد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔							
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مضمون درخواست منجانب: _غلام الدين تجام ولد ثناولله تجام ساكنه موضع احجيل تخصيل وتر گام بغرض حصول SC سرٹفیکیٹ تحت ایس آ رآ و294 نجق دختر ان راشیہ گل ومنهرگل اشتہار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔ معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سامل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول SC سرٹفیکیٹ وفتر مذامیں پیش کیا ہے۔اس بارے میں عملہ فیالہ سے رپورٹ طلب کیا گیا جس سے عیاں ئے۔ کے سایل کا کنبددھ ھذامیں گزشتہ پندرہ سالوں سے رہائش پذیرہ کی ماہوارہ آمدنی 10000 اورسایل کا کنبه بذیل ہے۔ نامافرادكنبه مزدوری 46سال غلام الدين حجام وحيده ببيكم گھریلوکام 45سال منهرگل مزدوري 18سال 03 راثيهگل زرتعليم 16 04

اس کےعلاہ اور کوئی افراد کنمہ نہیں بتلا یا گیاہے ۔ لہذاز پر بحث سرٹفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوکوئی عذریااعتراض ہوتو وہ سات دن کے اندراندرا پنااعتراض معہ وجوہات پیش کرے۔میعاد گذرنے بعد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

ازنيابت الحچل ضمون درخواست منجانب: فروس احد دار ولدغلام محمدةُ ارساكنه حكرتار گُڑھ بغرض حصول RBA سرُفْعِ كيائة تحت ألين آرآ و294 تجق ذا مدفر دوس و طفيل فردوس اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔ عامله مندرجه عنوان الصدريين سايل نے ايك درخواست بغرض حصول RBA سرٹفکیٹ وفتر بذامیں پیش کیا ہے۔اس بارے میں عملہ فیلڈ سے رپورٹ طلب کیا گیاجس سےعیاں ہے کہ سامل کا کنبہ دھھذا میں گزشتہ پندرہ سالوں سے رہائش پذیر ے کنمہ کی ماہوارہ آمدنی 70138 اورسایل کا کنبہ بذیل ہے۔ نمبرشار نام افراد كنبه 57سال فردوس احمد ڈار 01 گھر بلوکام 50سال ريحانه بيكم 02 طفيل فردوس زرتعليم 22سال 03 ذامدفر دوس 04 س کےعلاہ اورکوئی افراد کنمینہیں بتلایا گیاہے ۔ لہذاز بربحث سرٹفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میںا گرکسی شخص کوکوئی عذر بااعتراض ہوتو وہ سات دن کے اندرا ندرا پنااعتراض معہ جوبات پیش کرے۔میعاد گذرنے بعد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ از نیابت احچل

تصبيل وتر گام بغرض حصول SC سرٹفيکيٹ تحت ايس آ رآ و294 اشتہار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔ معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر مين سايل نے ايك درخواست بغرض حصول SC سرٹفيكيٹ وفتر ہذامیں پیش کیا ہے۔اس بارے میں عملہ فیلڈ ہے رپورٹ طلب کیا گیا جس نے عیاں ہے کہ سامل کا کنبددھ ھذامیں گزشتہ پندرہ سالوں سے رہائش پذیرہے کنعمہ کی ماہوارہ ُمدنی 4000 اور سامل کا کنبہ بذیل ہے۔ آمدنی نام افراد كنبه نمبرشار عبدالرحيم كمار 55سال 01 مزدوري

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ں کےعلاہ اورکوئی افراد کنمیز نہیں بتلایا گیاہے ۔ لہذا زیر بحث سرٹفکیٹ اجراء کرنے

میںا گرکسی شخص کوکوئی عذریااعتراض ہوتو وہسات دن کےاندراندراینااعتراض معہ

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KO VIEW

Tourists are back

Tith the third wave abating across India, tourist arrivals in Kashmir have accelerated in recent weeks. According to the official estimate, the arrivals are set to reach a 10-year high this year. Since January alone, more than 340,000 tourists have come. In March, around 1.8 lakh tourists arrived which is an unprecedented number over the last so many years. One of the biggest draws for the tourists is the Tulip Garden, Asia's largest, and also the resorts like Gulmarg, Pahalgam and Dal lake. Most of the tourists visited Gulmarg where the hotels remain booked ever since January. Similarly, the tourist spots like Pahalgam are seeing the rush. But it is Gulmarg which is the go to place. This is because Gulmarg has received most of the publicity. Prospects for tourism are getting better by the day.

But the excessive focus on fewer resorts are drawing tourists away from other equally scenic places, some of them like Aharbal, Yusmarg, Tosamaidan, Gurez, historic old city in Srinagar have only recently found a prominent place on the tourist map of Kashmir. These places need development of tourist infrastructure and also a wider publicity for people to visit. The Tourism department has said that an advertising campaign across major Indian cities and the opening of new destinations were attracting more tourists.

Tourism, one of the mainstays of the Kashmir economy, is one of the sectors that has been hit the hardest. There is a large section of people who have largely been without employment over the last two and a half years. Their savings have already been depleted. For example, the transporters: the drivers and conductors were among the worst-hit. This includes also the people associated with tourism. In 2021, many cases of suicides and suicide attempts took place as a result. The major cause of suicide attempts was financial distress in the families caused by the turmoil of the preceding two years and also by the extended successive lockdowns, two of them the result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Here's hoping that with the abating of the pandemic, the economic situation would return to normal, both in the country as well as in Kashmir. This alone will prevent further misery.

Tourism sector forms 6.8 percent of Kashmir's GDP and employs 2 million people. The sector has the potential to shore up our beleaguered economy. Here's hoping that things improve from hereon. The waning pandemic wave is once again creating conditions for unhindered tourism in the Valley. This is also the hope of the people associated with the tourist sector. They hope there is no fourth Covid wave so that the tourists continue pouring into Kashmir and help resuscitate the economy and generate jobs.

OTHER OPINON

Double trouble

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act provides for the biggest welfare spending scheme by the Government of India. A pre-announced wage rate is paid under the scheme for labour performed in creating assets. The wage rate varies from state to state, depending upon prevailing labour market conditions. The recent revision in wages under the scheme for 2022-23 shows the MGNREGA wage rate to be below the minimum wage for similar unskilled work in almost every state. There has been an additional announcement that fresh grants under the scheme released for each state would be done only after the completion of an audit to check the money utilized and the work done. The official reason cited for this gap relates to viewing MGNREGA jobs as being sought as a last resort when regular jobs are unavailable. The Centre does not want people to become dependent on the MGNREGA. The idea is not to make MGNREGA jobs the most preferred. The audit requirement is obvious and justified on the grounds of preventing the misuse of funds.

These announcements will have implications for states and their labour markets. First, consider the wage gap. In tight labour markets, say, in Maharashtra or Kerala, the actual wage rate, as opposed to the minimum, will tend to increase. However, this natural rise will be tempered by the existence of a de facto minimum wage, which is the MGNRE-GA wage rate. In other words, rising wage rates will compel employers to hold on to wages as much as possible by forcing labour to fall back on the MGNREGA. In weak labour markets, the state's minimum wage would come under pressure to be reduced further as the opportunity cost of work ers would be the MGNREGA wage rate, a trend that would reduce the wage gap. In both cases, the average rural wage would be lower than what it would have been if the wage gap had not been there. The second implication is about the auditing of funds and performance. While this is laudable in ensuring that public funds are not wasted, it might also create a conflict of political interests in a federal system. States with Opposition governments might feel that the audit process is slow and too complicated, thereby leading to a delay in the release of the next round of funds. States that misuse funds or are terribly inefficient in their use ought to be hauled up. It is not clear that such identification of the laggards would be done in an acceptable fashion. The increase in political quibbling would have its own economic costs.

1 economic costs. Telegraph India

Anganwadi Workers: Denied and Dismissed?

Haris Zargar

They were especially critical in fighting the pandemic in the rural areas, helping people deal with the virus and its aftermath. These high-risk responsibilities were in addition to their everyday tasks, including providing meals for women and children, mass immunisation and building links between the government and the community

undreds of Anganwadi and accredited social health activist (Asha) workers – India's frontline community personnel who have spearheaded the country's fight against malnutrition and the Covid-19 pandemic – are facing retaliation charges and dismissals for their protests for better wages and work benefits.

Nearly 1 000 Anganwadi workers and volunteers in Delhi have been dismissed, while more than 3 000 others have been issued showcause notices for their participation in the 39-day strike demanding regularisation of their jobs and the implementation of government service rules so workers can get retirement benefits and medical insurance

considered "honorary workers", Anganwadi workers and helpers have been protesting in the national capital since 31 January after two demonstrations – on 7 September 2021 and 6 January – failed to persuade state authorities to make them government employees. The most recent protest was suspended on 9 March after Delhi's lieutenant governor invoked the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA), which prohibits any employee

strike for the next six months. The Anganwadi workers who have been issued notices or whose services have been terminated are devastated, since so many families rely entirely on their earnings for survival. "All these terminations are illegal without any hearing. Without any actions, the workers were terminated for participating in the strike," said Shivani Kaul, president of the Delhi State Anganwadi Workers and Helpers' Union, which spearheaded the strikes. Kaul also pointed out that the act can only be imposed on government employees. "Clearly, this step is completely un-

constitutional and illegal," she said.

On 14 March, the union appealed the termination at the high court in Delhi, seeking immediate reinstatement with wages. In the petition, the union stated that its strike was called off after the government prohibited it. The workers were asked to report back to work immediately and to sign apology letters saying they would not strike in the future.

In its response, the Delhi government told the court that the workers who were terminated from services had refused to come back even after being asked to. It said it would not terminate any more Anganwadi workers or helpers.

The union said that its fight would continue even after receiving threatening letters and suspension notices, and accused the authorities of disrespecting Anganwadi employees. Fifteen Anganwadi workers were also detained in the capital after protesting the termination notices sent to their colleagues.

At present, Anganwadi workers receive a monthly honorarium of about R1 800 and helpers receive R930. They want about R4 800 a month for workers and R3 800 for helpers. In response to the strike, the Delhi government announced on 14 February an increase in pay for Anganwadi workers to about R2 440 and R1 309 for helpers from 1 March. The striking workers declared this inadequate and said the protests are meant to draw attention to their working conditions. They vowed to continue the strike until their concerns are addressed.



Nationwide resentment

On 15 March, hundreds of Anganwadi, Asha and midday meal workers from Haryana, Delhi and Punjab held a protest near the Indian Parliament for a wage increase. The Centre of Indian Trade Unions led the protest backed by the All India Federation of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, the Midday Meal Workers Federation of India and the All India Coordination Committee of Asha Workers.

In the neighbouring north Indian state of Haryana, the administration terminated 600 workers for demanding an increase in their honorarium. More than 40 000 Anganwadi workers and helpers in Haryana had been protesting since 8 December, but the strike was also suspended after the state authorities invoked the ESMA.

Workers in Haryana have been demanding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi honour a commitment made in September 2018 to raise the monthly honorarium for Anganwadi workers by about R288 and helpers by R144, along with getting other government employee benefits.

In the south Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, the Anganwadi workers have also been staging state-wide protests demanding the implementation of a minimum wage and payment of allowances. Many Anganwadi and Asha workers were detained for attempting to submit a memorandum of their demands to authorities. On 29 March, hundreds of Anganwadi workers held protests in Madurai city and in the northern city of Ludhiana.

A resilient workforce

Employed under the government's Integrated Child Development Scheme, India's 2.5-million-strong Anganwadi and Asha workforce are community workers who serve vulnerable sectors of society, catering to the education and health needs of children under six. They collect data on children's growth and education, and distribute rations to pregnant women, while also providing them with information about vaccinations, healthcare and sanitation.

Anganwadi was launched in 1975 to combat child hunger and malnutrition. The Ashas are trained women's community health activists created under the National Rural Health Mission to mobilise the community to use existing health services. Working in close association with each other and other frontline workers such as the Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, the Ashas and Anganwadi largely consist of

women workers. They are often divorcees, single mothers or widows who earn an honorarium. They are not entitled to a salary. Spread across the country, their honorarium differs depending on the state, though the component sanctioned by the union government is common to all. They often come from the community they serve and are highly politically aware and unionised, despite the odds.

When the Covid-19 pandemic put a strain on health facilities, Anganwadi workers led door-to-door check-ups for Covid symptoms and distributed medicines with their fellow Ashas. They were especially critical in fighting the pandemic in the rural areas, helping people deal with the virus and its aftermath. These high-risk responsibilities were in addition to their everyday tasks, including providing meals for women and children, mass immunisation and building links between the government and the community.

While the government imposed a nationwide lockdown, Anganwadi workers and Ashas were still expected to work, despite limited transport. Many of them were not adequately equipped to work in the field. Others were not properly trained for their new responsibilities. Despite their contact with possibly infected people, they were expected to function without masks or sanitisers in a virus-stricken environment

"Ashas and Anganwadi workers have been going to extreme lengths to ensure that the households they serve are able to access state entitlements, raising the question of why their entitlements remain unreco nised," writes Ayesha Pattnaik, a researcher at an Indian agency working on rural poverty alleviation. "While these workers have been building strong unions with defined collective voices, protests by Ashas and Anganwadi workers across states have been met with police brutality." She adds that criminalising dissent has meant that the space to claim their rights is shrinking.

Scholar Suchita Krishnaprasad says the rural women whom the Anganwadi and Asha workers serve are not powerful enough to nudge policymakers to extend decent working conditions to these frontline health workers.

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KAS, JEE and NEET Obsession

IFE in Jammu and Kashmir is narrowly conceived, particularly in the case of students and parents. Well, it is not their fault; when the main motive of life is to earn money by hook or by crook, parents deliberately and their children voluntarily or involuntarily choose that way that can give them money in heaps. KAS and NEET are two ways that have become the trademarks of learning. In fact, such is the impact of these two things that other professions and occupations have taken a back seat. Recently, social media, electronic media and print media were full of success stories, regarding KAS and NEET qualifiers.

Yes, it is a moment of happiness that we produce good bureaucrats and doctors. But the main thing is that is life all about qualifying an examination or is it about knowing the world and yourselves?

and yourselves?

In the present context, this line of demarcation has blurred a lot. Those students who have no inclinations towards these professions are called useless. Those students who are called useless, follow their own whims. They want to do something adventurous that can pacify their nerves. They don't want to be in a race of cut throat competition. They live the way they find life.

Our educational system never

takes individual differences into account. From the beginning, we are taught that we are all going to become doctors, engineers, bureaucrats, entrepreneurs, etc. We are never taught that the main aim of life is to know one's life. When a person knows their worth, he or she opts a profession or an occupation according to his or her liking and necessity. However, in the present world, it is seen that the majority of people engaged in different professions are misfits. If someone wants to opt any profession or occupation, he or she is forced to prefer that profession that is not suitable to them. In this way, the menace of the educational system is to blame. It is

this that produces narrow mindedness in our society.

In short, there should be a broad consensus on what the real meaning of life is. After knowing this, there should be pondering over different professions and their needs. Knowing all these things will enable us to respect every profession. We will be in a position not to give unnecessary hype to those things that are like others. William Bill Gates, Ellison, Jack Ma, Steve Jobs, Elon Musk, Warren Buffet, etc are some examples.

Syed Mustafa Ahmad syedmustafaahmad9@gmail.com MINDFUL FRIDAYS

Ramazan for Mental Health: Fasting as a Means of Developing Self-control

Self-control necessitates willpower and tenacity, which are essential factors in completing tasks and goals when they get difficult rather than leaving the task midway. Fasting, which by its very nature challenges people to abstain from eating food for extended periods of time, is one of the most powerful exercises in willpower and steadfastness, which together translate to selfcontrol. And selfcontrol is essential

for success



Wasim Kakroo

llah says in Qur'an: "Oh you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may develop self-restraint" (Qur'ān

The first instruction by Allah to Muslims in Qur'an about fasting conveys the fundamental wisdom behind why we should fast and that is to achieve a sense of selfrestraint, which in other terms means self-control.

Self-control is a basic tenet in many faiths, and it's also one of the most important predictors of anybody's long-term success. Most people find it difficult to leave a single meal even occasionally, much less for a month. However, studies show that self-control (e.g., practiced through fasting) has long-term implications. One study has shown that when young children were given an appealing toy or piece of candy and told not to touch it until sometime later, those who showed the most self-control by waiting for the prescribed time were found to have a better set of executive functioning skills 14 years later. Executive functioning is a term used to describe higher order cognitive abilities such as problem solving, good decision-making, and the ability to switch from one task to another. We as psychologists believe that selfcontrol, one facet of emotional intelligence, plays a larger role in longterm life success of an individual than even IQ.

WHAT ROLE DOES SELF-**CONTROL HAVE IN ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN LIFE?**

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Weight loss cell regenerati slower ageing, and prevention of

chronic diseases like diabetes and Alzheimer's are all well-known and investigated physical benefits of fasting. However, common people know less about psychological benefits of fasting, despite research pointing to a variety of beneficial effects on mental health, including:

Improved mood – people reported feeling more accomplished, rewarded, proud, and in control after fasting for many hours, indicating a boost in self-esteem and sense of success. These effects are caused in part by a raise in specific hormones while fasting, as well as the pleasure felt after completing a difficult activity, which serves as a powerful feel-good agent on the brain.

Lower levels of stress, anxiety, and depression - fasting leads to production of brain proteins that imitate the actions of anti-depressant drugs, lowering stress, anxiety, and depression levels. Fasting has been suggested by professionals as a treatment for depression and other mood disorders due to

the significant improvement in anxiety that was seen in those patients who fasted.

Enhanced vigilance and alertness - contrary to popular belief, fasting does not promote irritability or tiredness. Instead, people who fast appear to benefit from improved vigilance and alertness. Food is converted into glucose by our bodies, and too much of it causes sluggishness and tiredness, which most individuals experience shortly after eating. Fasting helps the body regulate glucose levels, which reduces sluggishness and increases alertness.

Improved memory – the key to a healthier memory is better attention. Remembering where you put your keys is more a function of how well you pay attention in the first place than of how forgetful you are. As a result, fasting may be used to treat inattention. Fasting improves memory by regenerating cells in the hippocampus, the brain's

memory centre, and so acts as a "spring cleaning" for the brain, resulting in improved cognitive functioning.

Improved sleep quality - People who fast notice a considerable improvement in the quality of their sleep, which obviously is linked to improvement in mood. In psychology, sleep is often referred to as a "wonder medicine." Many elements of psychological and physical health improve for people who sleep the optimum number of hours daily.

For many people, fasting is difficult – denying ourselves of food is one of the most difficult things we can do. Fasting, on the other hand, is commanded by Islam with a clear indication of the benefits we may obtain - self-control, which ultimately leads to greater awareness of God and thus we are benefitted both psychologically as well as spiritually.

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Ramazan: The Month of Blessing

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asting in one form or the other does exist in almost all the religions. However, fasting or 'Roza' as practiced by Muslims is an elaborate process of self-purification.

The Qur'an says, "O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn) self-restraint (Qur'an, A – Baqara, 2:183.)

The month of fasting or Ramazan involves a wide range of responsibilities on the part of those who observe fasting.

Normally the fast should not affect the daily avocations, and it should not be a pretext for neglecting normal duties. Islam never approves, much less demands, of keeping vigil during the whole night and passing the following day in sleep and indolence. Fast means a greater effort to perform all the usual duties and something else, more prayers and more charity, and all this in the absence of food and drink. Fasting should make one remember the hunger and starvation of the poor and develop empathy for the deprived people. It is an opportunity to experience hunger so that people will understand the pain of the hungry and will go forward to help them. Ramazan fasting is also an exercise in selfdiscipline. For those who are chain smokers or who nibble food constantly, or drink coffee every hour, it is a good way to break the habit.



Of the greatest advantages of fasting in the month of Ramazan is that its true observance inculcates in a person a habit of speaking the truth- a commodity that is becoming very rare nowadays

PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS

The human body consists of physical, emotional, biological and spiritual parts. A balanced mix of these can lead to excellence. The fasting during the month of Ramazan orients the observer to the

art of balancing the spiritual essentials with other parts. It helps curb the animalistic tendencies originating from the stomach, in full. It is an effective tool for sobering of a mind and reconstruction of our spiritual faculties.

HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

There are a number of healthcare benefits , which originate from the month of fasting. The basic among them being that Allah does not encourage overeating, the root-cause of many diseases.

Ramazan fasting is a sentinel against disease, provided the fast follows the strict dietary rule: eaIt is categorically stated, "...Eat and drink, but waste not by excess, for Allah loves not wasters." (Al-Qur`an, 7:31). We also have additional

prayers prescribed after the dinner during the month of Ramazan. According to one estimate, using a calorie counter, the amount of calories burnt during the special night prayer of Ramazan (tarawih) amounted to 200 calories. It is stated that this form of prayer as well as the five daily-prescribed prayers use all the muscles and joints and can be considered a mild form of exercise in terms of calorie output.

CONCEPTS OF HOSPITALITY. **NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHARITY**

The concepts of hospitality, neighborhood and charity are important virtues apart from self-purification, which the month of Ramazan is expected to imbibe among the followers of Islam. The Prophet had said, "Those who become happy on hearing the sound of the footsteps of a guest, God will forgive their sins". It is thus a great incentive to practice the concept

of hospitality. The practice of the concept of neighborhood is equally important. It has wider connotations than its literal meaning. The Prophet had said, "One should behave decently with the whole of humanity and foremost among them is your neighbour." If one connects it with the concept of fasting, an immediate implication is that a true Muslim cannot see any human being hungry, even if it means having to sacrifice 'iftar' and to continue fasting for the next day. Similarly, a true Muslim cannot see a human being in pain or misery. It applies to both one's immediate neighborhood as well as humanity at large. What we are witnessing around us in the name of Islam is not Islam. In essence Islam in general and 'roza' in particular teaches a person to address human concerns and values.

On charity it is said that if one gives say a charity of rupees ten during the month of Ramazan, he will get 70 times more blessings in return. This is a great motivation and in reality an average middle class Muslims do follow this more meticulously than others. The rich on the other hand do it for the sake of fame & name. A Muslim is also expected to take stock of his personal wealth both cash and kind, every year and calculate 'Zakat' which is to be earmarked for distribution among the poor and needy.

Of the greatest advantages of fasting in the month of Ramazan is that its true observance inculcates in a person a habit of speaking the truth- a commodity that is becoming very rare nowadays. If a person speaks the truth, practices the concept of hospitality and neighborhood and gives charity as advocated above, he will certainly be entitled to God's blessings and protection, which we all need so desperately in these modern

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Over 30% Indian Districts Vulnerable To Extreme Forest Fires: Study

New Delhi: More than 30 per cent of Indian districts are vulnerable to extreme forest fires, said a study released on Thursday, warning such wildfires have risen by over 10 times in the last two decades.

The study conducted by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), highlighted that in the last month alone, significant forest fires were reported in states like Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

The CEEW study also found that Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra are the most prone to high-intensity forest fire events caused by rapid change in the climate.

"As global temperatures rise, instances of high-intensity forest fires have surged across the globe, especially in areas with dry weather. Over the last decade, there has been a sharp rise in forest fires across the country. Some of these fires have had severe impacts on fragile ecosystems and local economies.

"We need to strengthen our predictive and forest fire alert systems further to limit the damage caused by forest fires. State and district-level government officials must also prioritise enhancing the capacity of frontline forest officials and



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aging forest fires. The recent

incident at Sariska forest re-

serve, the fourth such incident

in a week, shows why manag-

ing forest fires in a changing

climate scenario is a national

"Sharp increase in forest fires

flood to drought.

imperative.

forest-dependent communities to prevent forest fires. Scaling up training on creating effective forest fire lines and using drones, especially in known forest fire hotspots, could significantly reduce loss and damage" said Arunabha Ghosh, CEO,

The study also found that over the last two decades, more than 89 per cent of total forest fire incidents have been recorded in districts that are traditionally drought-prone or have been witnessing weather swapping trends i.e., flood-prone areas turning drought-prone and

recognise forest fires as a natural hazard and earmark more funds for mitigation-related activities. Restoration of forest lands and efficient mitigation of forest fires could also help protect the food systems and livelihoods of communities traditionally dependant on forests, said Abinash Mohanty, Programme Lead, CEEW. The study said that local air

"Going forward, we should

quality could deteriorate significantly during a forest fire and called for the state governments or state forest departments to re-purpose public buildings like government schools and community halls by fitting them with air filters to create clean air shelters for communities worst impacted by fires and smoke from forest fires.

It also recommended that forest fires should be recognised as a disaster under the National Disaster Management Act (NDMA).

"This could help strengthen the National Plan on Forest Fires through improvement in financial allocation under the NDMA and creation of a specialised cadre trained to contain and combat forest fires. Policymakers should also consider developing a real-time alerts system only for forest fire incidents," the study said.

Not Rape When Promise Of Marriage Genuine But Doesn't Fructify Due To External Circumstances: HC

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NEW DELHI: A sexual relationship on a genuine promise of marriage that fails to fructify due to external circumstances is not rape, said the Delhi High Court.

The remark by the high court came while dealing with a matter in which a man and a woman were in a long-term relationship and also got engaged but the marriage could not be solemnised and the relationship ended on hostile terms.

Justice Subramonium Prasad set aside a trial court order framing charge under section 376(2) (n) of the Indian Penal Code against the man for repeatedly raping the woman under an alleged garb of marriage. The judge noted that even as per the prosecutrix, the petitioner took three months to convince her parents to allow her to marry him, and the prosecutrix's consent to establish a physical relationship was not predicated upon misconception or fear.

An engagement ceremony had taken place between the two and the same was attended by all family members, which indicates that the petitioner did indeed intend to marry the prosecutrix. Just because the relationship ended on hostile terms, it cannot be said there was no intention of the Petitioner to marry the prosecutrix in the first place.

Flowing from this, this Court is of the opinion that the consent so accorded by the prosecutrix for the establishment of a physical relationship was not predicated upon misconception or fear, the

court said in its recent order. The petitioner, who was represented by lawyer Badar Mahmood, submitted that the allegations against him were fabricated and that he was in love with the prosecutrix and intended to settle down with her and the instant matter is merely a case of a relationship that has ended on bad terms.

The court explained that there was a difference between a false promise of marriage and a breach of promise to marry, saying that in the latter, sexual relations are initiated on the premise that the two individuals will marry at a later point of time but in the former, sexual relations take place without any intention of marrying at all and the consent is vitiated.

If it is found that the promise of marriage was genuine and that the marriage failed to fructify due to external circumstances, then the promise cannot be said to be false, and consent as per Section 90 IPC is not vitiated, the court stated.

Therefore, in order to arrive at the conclusion that sexual relations were coerced, it is necessary to examine that whether at the stage of rendering a promise to marry, it was done with the intention of not keeping the promise and, therefore, was false at the inception itself, it said.

In view of the above, the court opined that the trial court rendered a "mechanical order" on charge without sifting or weighing the evidence and evidently failed to perform its duty and set aside the order framing charge against the accused.

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Army Firing

Ahmad Sofi from Handwara, were removed to the nearby hospital for

However, the doctors there referred them to Srinagar's SKIMS Bemina for advanced treatment. The condition of both the injured is said to be stable. "Unfortunately, the bullet has struck

his left leg and injured him gravely. The bullet is still in his leg and has also caused a fracture." Mujeeb's brother, Shoaib Sofi, told Kashmir Observer. "My brother had nothing to do with

this altercation. He was patiently sitting inside the mosque to offer prayers. It's impossible for me to comprehend the reason behind firing a bullet at my brother," he added.

When asked about how the situation escalated, Shoaib said that the entire market and devotees are witnesses to the incident.

"Everything will be sorted once these eyewitnesses and the business operators of the Main Chowk reveal

details of the incident," he said. According to the eyewitnesses, this is not the first time soldiers were spotted clicking pictures and videos of the devotees in the Masjids.

"Today's incident isn't an isolated one. It seems as if there's some pattern behind this sudden move. Since the onset of Ramazan, there have been four-five instances where several army personnel were clicking pictures and recording videos of the devotees across the Handwara town. A few days ago, the soldiers were seen clicking pictures of devotees at a local mosque while offering Zuhr prayers," they said.9

Meanwhile, a defense spokesperson said that the youngsters were injured in an "accidental discharge of weapons" during a scuffle between the soldiers and protesters.

'Troops of 21 RR were on routine patrol in Handwara town. In view of Iftar party planned by the army near the Town Chowk, the troops at about 1.30 PM took few photos of Jamia Masjid, Handwara to showcase happiness & offering of prayers during the holy month of Ramzan," he said, adding that the army personnel had requested a local to get a few photos from inside.

"It is when the local person was going to take photos, some rogue elements protested, and instigated others to get into an altercation with the troops. While attempting to pacify them, twothree individuals got into a scuffle with the troops wherein there was an accidental discharge of the weapon, injuring two civilians identified as Abdul Ahad Mir of Rajwar & Mujeeb Ah Sofi of Handwara," he added.

As the crowd was pacified, the spokesperson said, police in the vicinity arrived to jointly control the situation.

The incident also evoked sharp criticism from several mainstream leaders. People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone said the incident was a result of the "sorry state of affairs" prevailing in

Jammu and Kashmir. "What a sorry state of affairs. One of the most peaceful towns Handwara at the receiving end. Hoping against hope the guilty are punished," he said in a

tweet. The People's Democratic Party (PDP)

also condemned the firing incident. "Security forces barging into religious places, profiling worshippers and shooting civilians at will without any fear of justice is the level of

unaccountability pervasive across J&K. Rather than moving forward, Kashmir seems to have been taken back to 90s again," a PDP spokesperson said in a

Punjab Resident

rushed to District Hospital Pulwama where his condition was stated to be stable. This is the third attack on people from outside Jammu and Kashmir in Pulwama district since Sunday. Five persons were injured in these attacks.

Militants Escape

team of Police, Army and CRPF launched a search operation on specific information about the presence of militants in the area on Wednesday evening.

He said that as the joint team of forces approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding militants fired upon them, which was retaliated leading to an outbreak of a gunfight.

He added that after the initial exchange of fire, no contact was established with the militants, reported news agency KNO.

He added that cordon layers were tightened after initial exchange of fire, however, nothing has been found following which operation has been called off.

Imran Khan

in power.

If Khan were to lose the no-confidence vote, the opposition could nominate its own prime minister and hold power until August 2023, by which date fresh elections have to be held. The opposition has said it wants early elections, but only after delivering a political defeat to Khan and passing legislation it says is required to ensure the next polls are free and fair.

"This is the unfortunate fact about Pakistani politics — the political issues, which should be settled in the parliament are instead brought to the Supreme Court to settle," said analyst Zahid Hussain, who has authored several books on militancy in the region and Islamabad's complicated relationship with Washington. 'It is just a weakness of the system."

Pakistan's top court or its powerful military have consistently stepped in whenever turmoil engulfs a democratically elected government in Pakistan. The army has seized power and ruled for more than half of Pakistan's 75-year history

The military has remained quiet over the latest crisis although army chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa told a security summit in Islamabad over the weekend that Pakistan wants good relations with China, a major investor, and also with the United States, the country's largest export market.

The latest political chaos has spilled over into the country's largest province of Punjab, where 60% of Pakistan's 220 million people live and where Khan's ally for chief provincial minister was denied the post on Wednesday after his political opposition voted in their own candidate.

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in Pakistan in February 2019 in response to the Pulwama terror attack. The relations further deteriorated after India in August 2019 announced withdrawing special powers of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcation of the state into two union territories.

"In August 2019, Pakistan announced the suspension of bilateral trade with India. Pakistan partially relaxed its ban on trade with India in September 2019 by permitting trade in certain pharmaceutical products," Muraleedharan

To a separate question, Minister of State for External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi said the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism is promoting Indian culture worldwide through its cultural centres and missions abroad.

She said the government has received a proposal to organise events with the theme 'Spirit of Gujarat' in select countries abroad.

"The concept is to connect the diaspora of Gujarat to represent the cultural and historical perspective of Gujarat. A week-long programme would start with a short film on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and the role of Gujaratis living abroad in the development and preservation of culture," she said.

NIA Raids 11

had recently announced a reward of

Besides Dar of Redwani Payeen in Kulgam, the reward was declared against Gul of Srinagar and two Pakistani nationals -- Saleem Rehmani alias 'Abu Saad' of Nawab Shah in Sindh and Saifullah Sajid Jatt of Shangamanga in Kasur.

The four militants are wanted by the NIA in connection with the case registered last year under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The NIA said the searches were carried out at six locations in Srinagar, two in Baramulla, one each in Awantipora (Pulwama), Budgam and Kulgam

The spokesperson said Gul, along with his associate commanders of LeT based in Pakistan, has been recruiting individuals (Over Ground Workers) to do reconnaissance of pre-determined targets, coordinating and transporting weapons to support LeT and TRF.

During the searches, the spokesperson said, various incriminating materials such as digital devices, SIM cards, digital storage devices and documents

The NIA said investigation into the

case was underway. J&K Moving

working on a mission mode to ensure 100% saturation of Divyangjan pensions and distribution of tricycles," Sinha said. "All Schools and Panchayats have

been mandated to create sports infrastructure facilities to popularize a robust sports culture among the masses, especially among children and the youth," he added.

Police Wants Entire

monitoring of public areas frequently visited by citizens of J&K and susceptible to crime. Integration of locationbased services and crime and criminal databases with real time CCTV feeds for prompt and effective resolution of citizen safety issues at public places," the proposal reads.

To begin with, 184 cameras will be installed in Kashmir for 43 sites while as 218 cameras will be installed in Jammu region at 119 sites. "All five zones of Srinagar district will be covered where 43 cameras will be installed in north, South and Hazratbal zones of the district," it reads.

The high resolution Cameras to be procured by the police will have facilities of "Facial Recognition of a person and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) that will be implemented primarily at entry/exit of Districts, and crucial crossings/ junctions etc," the proposal reads, adding that the Cameras will also be used for Crowd Gathering, Object Identification (Colour) & Tracking, Object left behind

/ unidentified object and stone pelting. Interestingly, all the Deputy Commissioners of J&K districts have already asked the businessmen to install CCTVs outside their shops and

malls-(KNO) J&K To Adopt

Education and School Education Department.

Mehta, according to the spokesperson said that the current year would be a transformational year with respect to the education system and impor-tant changes would be required in the

The CS, he said, also stated that the UT will implement the NEP from April and sought suggestions from VCs about the modalities to be adopted for making a smooth transition in its

implementation. The VCs unanimously suggested the need to synchronize the academic calendar with the national academic calendar and move to a single calendar. They said that adoption of uniform calendar system would not only enable the students from JK to compete with students in rest of the country for admissions to top institutions but also save valuable time," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the Chief Secretary advised the universities to ensure implementation of the calendar in such a way so not to lead to any disruptions or loss of time.

Mehta, he said, also advised them to start the admissions process as soon as possible and also offer foundational courses to the students in line with the

The Chief Secretary, he said, asserted that Universities have a great role to play in research and vocational development and said that universities should become a centre of innovation and students instead of chasing government jobs should become innovators and job creators.

"He said that the government will provide every kind of support to all universities in this regard. He said that the focus of this year's financial budget will be to address the gaps in terms of academic infrastructure and teaching resources," he said.

"He emphasized for greater coordination among higher secondary schools, colleges and universities that only greater coordination and supervision could lead academic excellence. He said that J&K universities should chase excellence in education and obtain the best possible rankings," he added. According to the spokesperson, the

CS asked the VCs to develop a robust framework for getting feedback from the students as academic feedback is more strongly and consistently related to achievement and quality of higher education. Mehta, he said, also stressed on the

need for a vibrant academic and cul-

tural ecosystem, organizing more intra and inter University competitions and a healthy campus life. According to the spokesperson, the

Principal Secretary Higher Education briefed the meeting regarding the various steps being taken for the implementation of the NEP.

"He informed the meeting that all degree colleges in I&K would apply for accreditation or provisional registration (PAC) under the NAAC framework this year. In addition, at least 10 Government Degree Colleges across Jammu and Kashmir would identify sister Colleges which would have collaboration with reputed International Institutions to boost faculty and student exchange programs," he said.

"From the academic Session 2022-23, 14 Centers of Innovation, Invention, Incubation and Training would be established under Hub and Spoke model. In addition, IIT and IIM Jammu would develop 10 Incubation Centers (each) in Degree Colleges under Hub and Spoke model," he added.

Regarding Learning Management System (LMS), Kansal, the spokesperson said, informed that JK Higher education department has launched its own LMS that supports Online Learning for students.

"In the first phase. been connected while all GDCS will be connected with LMS in next Phase. It was also informed that JK Higher Education department has directed all institutions to ensure equitable access to quality education, with a special emphasis on Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs)," he

ED Grills Omar

maintained during the questioning that as chief minister, he had no role in the purchase of the building. The bank was subject to the supervision of the

To media reports that Abdullah was staying in New Delhi at a property associated with former director of the bank Nikhil Garware, NC sources said that the party had rented out a flat in the national capital for use as its vicepresident's residence as well as an office where he holds meetings with party MPs and others.

"There is a rent agreement between the NC and a Mumbai company for it. Rent is regularly paid by cheque from the party accounts," they said.

Slamming the questioning of Abdullah by the ED, the NC further said, "Over recent years, we have seen that wherever state elections are due, agencies like the ED move in and target those parties who pose a challenge to

A party spokesperson said the summons to its vice-president is in the same vein. "We have no doubt that this fishing expedition will yield no concrete results to the BJP and the people will give a ringing endorsement to the National Conference as and when required.'

The spokesperson said Abdullah had been asked to appear before the ED in Delhi on the grounds that his attendance was necessary in connection with an investigation.

"In spite of it being the holy month of Ramzan, and Delhi not being his primary place of residence, Mr Abdullah did not seek a postponement or a change of venue and appeared as per the notice," he said.

The party alleged that the central government has "made a habit of misusing investigative agencies" and Thursday's questioning of Abdullah was "another step in the same direction". "No political party that puts up

meaningful opposition to the BJP has been spared, whether it is the ED, CBI, NIA, NCB all have been used for political purposes," the NC spokesperson

The party said the summons is another step in the "vicious vilification" campaign that started even before August 5, 2019, when constitutional position holders like the then governor were used to make "slanderous accusations" against opponents of the BJP, knowing well that there was no legal recourse available to those at the receiving end of these "lies".

Even though this exercise is political in nature, Abdullah will cooperate with investigative agencies as there is no wrongdoing on his part and he is not an accused in any matter under investigation, the spokesperson said.

VDC Member's Son

Fazal, the VDC member, and shot himself dead.

SHO Surankote Niaz Ahmed confirmed the incident and said that further proceedings have been launched

The reason for the 28-year-old taking the extreme step is being attributed locally to some 'domestic issue', but police said that investigations are

underway. **Arms Recovered**

launched in sub sector Pargwal on Akhnoor International Border and troops recovered one AK 47 Rifle, 20 rounds, two rifle magazines two Pistols (Made in Italy), 40 rounds and four pistol magazines," BSF spokesman said in a statement. "There were intelligence inputs

elements) attempts to smuggle weapons," he said, adding, "Accordingly BSF troops were kept on high alert and the area between fencing and IB was regularly patrolled." This morning, the BSF party recov-

about Pak based ANEs (anti-national

ered a bag near IB containing the arms and ammunition "which was to be smuggled into the Indian side and thus averted a major tragedy.' Speaking on the occasion, SK Singh,

DIG/PSO, Jammu said that BSF is always on high alert all the time and also committed to secure the International Border, "It is the hard work and dedication of troops which resulted in this significant seizure." (PTI)

Notorious Thief

was today detained under Public Safety Act by Police after obtaining sanctions from the concerned authorities for his unrelenting criminal acts of burglary and theft, the spokesperson

Lone, he said, was involved in at least five cases of burglary and theft in and around Kupwara town.

"Apart from his involvement in several FIRs, the accused had created an atmosphere of terror and fear among general public of the area," he added.

Cop Injured

motorcycle (DI3SCK-8195) at Nussu Badragund area of Qazigund on April 3, reported news agency KNO.

He was hospitalized at SKIMS Soura hospital, however succumbed to his injuries this morning, an official said adding that he was an SPO rank cop in Jammu and Kashmir police and was posted in Kulgam district.

Sinthan Top Cleared In A Record Time



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: In a significant development, the District Administration Anantnag and NHIDCL through joint efforts have this year cleared the road to Sinthan Top a month ahead of schedule, officials said Thursday.

road has been cleared at least comparison to the last year during which the clearance operation was completed on 11th May.

The officials from revenue department under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Anantnag have been striving to achieve early clearance of snow operations and have facilitated NHIDCL at every step.

It is in place to mention that links to several areas.

the clearance operation was completed by overcoming several challenges. At places, snow accumulation has been in excess of 30 feet. The road is still prone to shooting stones and a single lane is operational.

The district Administration Anantnag is in close contact This year a single motorable with the administration of Kishtwar and has assured that a month ahead of schedule in the road from Sinthan towards Kishtwar will be cleared within

> It is in place to mention that previously Margan top road was cleared on 20th of March, much ahead of its schedule. The road is usually cleared by mid-May. People have appreciated the efforts of District Administration as the two roads form important

'OGW' Of Militants Arrested **In Kupwara: Police**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: An over ground worker of militants was ar-Lolab Kupwara, police said on Thursday.

"A joint team Police Station Sogam, along with 28 RR and 162 Bn CRPF has apprehended one OGW from Gudmacher cannot be ruled out." area of Lolab Kupwara," a police spokesperson said in a statement to GNS.

He has been identified as Owais Ahmad Khan, son of Ghulam Mohammad Khan of Khancheck Tekipora Lolab.

tigation, he was found to be in mir for their nefarious designs.'

contact with a Pakistani based (militant) handler, who had motivated him to join (militant) ranks," he said, adding, "Some rested from Gudmacher area of incriminating material has also been seized from the arrested person".

Further investigation in the case has been taken up and more arrests in this "network

Timely action by joint forces has prevented his recruitment into (militant) ranks," he said, adding, "Kupwara police requests parents to keep a close watch over their children to not fall into the trap of the adversary who "During preliminary inves- have spoiled the youth of Kash-

Chief Secretary Holds Meet With STP Pune



Explores Ideas Towards Building An Innovation Ecosystem In JK

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday chaired a meeting with the officers from Science and Tech- interventions nology Park, Pune, for exploring ideas about building an innovation ecosystem and culture in Amarnath Yatra where Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, Science and Tech-grims are expected to nology Park, Pune, one of the visit this year. first Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Parks (STEPs) set up in 1986 by National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship preneurship devel-Development Board (NSTEDB) of Department of Science and Technology (DST), provides technology inputs for various gov- another area of interernmental and industrial devel- est. He said that in opment projects, development near future there will of new technologies and its com- be huge investment mercialization besides imparting with several reputed

need based high end training. Chief Secretary listed out few in the UT which will areas where the government automatically of JK will be interested in and ate jobs for 3-4 lakh asked the UT officers to study the projects and services of STP which would be tailor-made analysis so that we can to provide solutions to various create highly skilled issues. He said that JK would and employable youth like to partner in application of for meeting the indusnew and existing technologies try demand. He said for specially made clean solu- that focus will be laid tions to various pressing issues on specialized training like biomass utilization, sewage ecosystem to provide a treatment, plastics treatment, Kangri design and house construction.

Chief Secretary said that as ficers from JK to study JK comprises of around 55 per- the cyber critical techcent of forest area, it produces nology development a large quantity of biomass and S&T innovation and would require the modern programmes and fundtechnological interventions to ing in line with Nationbe introduced for capitalizing al Initiative for Develon this low hanging fruit and conversion into some form of Innovators to support energy. He said that second area entrepreneurs and inof interest would be converting novators from idea plastics into a usable commod- stage to scale-up stage.

ity as plastics don't gel with the beauty of Kashmir.

Dr. Mehta also emphasized upon developing a people friendly Kangri design saying that the present design of Kangri has numerous disadvantages causing several mishaps in the

He said that JK needs some immediate scientific would help in sewage treatment during the more than six lakh pil-

Chief Secretary added that business incubation and entreopment besides skill training and awareness programs will be industries coming up people. He said there is a need for skill gap job ready workforce to

the industry. He directed the ofoping and Harnessing

2 Former MLAs From J&K To Join AAP Tomorrow

JAMMU: In a major political development, two former MLAs from Jammu & Kashmir are likely to join Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led by Arvind Kejriwal in New Delhi on Friday.

Sources said that two former MLAs from Panthers Party-Balwant Singh Mankotia and Yashpal Kundal- are likely to join and Delĥi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tomorrow.

While Mankotia, Kundal, DDC member Taranjit Singh Tony fronts," Tony said before leaving flew to New Delhi, Harshdev is for New Delhi to join AAP. could join the party in next few weeks—(KNO)

his pictures with Delhi deputy CM and key AAP leader Manish Sisodia have appeared on social

member Taranjit Singh Tony expected to join AAP tomorrow.

"Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is geous to the party. the last hope for the people AAP in presence of its supremo of Jammu and Kashmir as BJP, which enjoyed the support of one and all, junked people af-

would be interesting to watch whether AAP could dent electoral prospects of BJP in Jammu.

On the other hand, the BJF Apart from former MLAs, DDC leadership claimed that AAP's entry wouldn't have any impact along with several BDC mem- on its electoral prospects, but bers. Sarpanchs and Panchs are they said that delaying elections is proving disadvanta-

It has been learnt that several former ministers, legislators, retired bureaucrats and businessmen from J&K are in ter betraying them badly on all touch with AAP leadership and

J&K Cong Chief, Party Workers Detained In Jammu During Protest Against Price Rise

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir undue benefits to big corporates. Congress president Ghulam Ahmad Mir and scores of parprices of fuel and other essential commodities.

Mir alleged that the government was fleecing the poor by fic. The police detained the proimposing unreasonable taxes on testers, including Mir, and took are fed up and want to change the petrol, diesel and cooking gas.

indulging in "tax terrorism" to give

As part of a nationwide protest call, a large number of tral government over the rise in and raised slogans against the er items and essential services. central government.

The protesters briefly blocked the Tawi bridge, disrupting trafthem to the district police lines present dispensation," he said.

He accused the government of in Gandhi Nagar. They were later released.

Talking to reporters, Mir said the BJP is insensitive to the hardships of the poor and filling ty workers were detained in Congress workers led by Mir the coffers of the government Jammu on Thursday during a assembled in Tawi Bridge area by levying heavy taxes on pet-protest against the BJP-led cen- carrying placards and banners rol, diesel, cooking gas and oth-

"The Modi government is antipoor and anti-common people... today the unemployed youth, daily wagers and the middle class

Govt Using Agencies To Silence Dissent: Tarigami

Press Trust Of India

government is using agencies like the Enforcement Directorate to silence dissenting voices, CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami on Thursday said after NC leader Omar Abdullah was questioned by the central probe agency in Delhi.

The ED questioned Abdullah on Thursday in connection with the purchase of a building by J&K Bank some 12 years ago when he was Jammu and Kashmir chief minister.

and ensure transparency, offi-

launched the portal at the civil

cials said on Thursday.

secretariat here.

Additional Chief

to summons sent last week, Abdullah told reporters that he SRINAGAR: The BJP-led Union had not been accused of anything and that he had "answered them as much as I could".

Tarigami said, "The government is using agencies like ED to silence the dissenting voices. Earlier it was Farooq Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti and wife of late Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, now Omar Abdullah.

"Digging up old cases is nothing but political vendetta. The BJP has been in power for eight years at the Centre and hours at the ED office in response several years now. Where were silencing the opposition voice.

IAMMU: The Jammu and Kash- collaboration with National

Secre-

they for so long?".

He said it was ironic that those leaders who "shake hands with BJP become squeaky clean' and those who start raising the voice of people are "hounded by using agencies".

He said these actions are further widening the gap between people of Jammu and Kashmir and the political class in Delhi.

"The government should halt this kind of activities forthwith", he said.

He said it seems that the BJP is preparing ground for fulfilling has ruled Jammu and Kashmir it's agenda in Jammu and Kash-After spending more than five either in coalition or solo for mir ahead of the elections by

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Economics and Statistics in discipline and proper project

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management of

J&K Admin Launches Portal For Verification Of Govt Works

mir administration launched a Informatics Centre (NIC) for it will also ensure completion physical verification portal to filing of online verification of works within approved cost, monitor development works reports of development proj- completion of all procedural formalities like accord of AA,

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The 50-year old man was roaming suspiciously along the police for further interrogation.

Govt Creating Massive School Edu Infra In J&K

4200 Works Of **School Education** Department Under **Execution In UT Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has introduced major changes in the education sector with pathbreaking decisions to ensure in the Infrastructure and Sports quality, equity, accessibility, accountability and affordability in the system.

The department of School Education has achieved landmark strides so far by effectively implementing all schemes and projects envisaging a notable improvement in the existing curriculum besides embarking upon various innovative new projects and works.

Director Samagra Project Shiksha, Deep Raj said that infrastructural edifice in schools dous up-gradation and improvement according to the official figures, around 1164 construction works under SAMAGRA SHIKSHA comprising of School Buildings, Addl. Accommodation, Toilets, Boundary Walls, and Teacher's Quarters have been completed with a financial implication of around Rs. 95.00 crores, besides other construction works under UT/District CAPEX budget and JKIDFC.

To provide quality education along with monetarily support to the girls of weaker sections of society, 59 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) residential schools and 23 Girls share the development, "Unwere completed in the last financial year.

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha e-inaugurated 40 projstandards of the tribal popukey targets of the government which are being materialized in a phased manner".

To bring a major revolution in the infrastructure up-gradation of school education, more than 4200 Projects are under execution in the UT of J&K. Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj said that Schools with high enrolment shall be developed as Smart/Model Schools in the coming years, which shall be saturated with all the basic facilities. "There shall be no Gap facilities. Moreover the Teachers shall be imparted special training to enhance their academic Standard," he said. Jammu and Kashmir Govern-

ment has launched an ambitious initiative of providing Water, sanitation, and electricity in all 23,112 government schools. This was one of the basic requirements of the schools which was being carried out at a snail's pace by successive Governments. The ministry of Jal Shakti had of the UT has witnessed tremen- launched a 100-day campaign on October 2, 2020, based on the vision and under the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure potable water supply in all schools and Anganwadi centres across the country. "the union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir fulfilled the Prime Minister's vision by providing safe water in all these institutions within the campaign period, so that the children will have access to potable piped water for drinking, hand washing and for use in toilets," an official said.

The Union Home Minister, Amit Shah took to Twitter to Hostels at a cost of Rs. 130 Crore der the leadership of Modi ji, J&K is becoming synonymous with peace and prosperity. I congratulate Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji and Gajenects of the school educa- dra Singh Shekhawat ji for ention department in the last suring a timely supply of pure year. The Central and Jam- drinking water from the tap mu & Kashmir governments to all schools and Anganwadi have launched a multitude centres in J&K". Meanwhile, of game-changing schemes 4500 Eco Clubs have been creaimed at enhancing the living ated for eco-friendly activities in schools including organizing lace with emphasis on their tree plantation programmes, economic and educational awareness programmes such empowerment. "Strengthening as quiz, essay, painting comthe role of tribal communi- petitions, rallies, nukkad natak ties in economic development etc. regarding various enviand decision making are the ronmental issues and creating awareness about the re-use of waste material & preparation of products out of waste.

BSF Arrests Bangladeshi National In Samba

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) arrested a Bangla- revealed his identity as Mohmdeshi national from near the mad Siraj of Barisal district International Border (IB) in Jam- of Bangladesh, they said. The mu and Kashmir's Samba dis- troops did not find any incrimitrict, officials said on Thursday. nating material on him.

border with Pakistan when alert BSF troops nabbed him, they said. During initial questioning, he

The BSF handed him over to

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR UT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MUFFASIL (R&B) DIVISION BUDGAM

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TENDER NOTICE

E-tendering NIT No. 02-MDB of 2022-23/142-62 DATED:- 07-04-2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT, Fresh e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Rs.)	Earned	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	М.Н
1	Construction of Diversion for damaged culvert on Machipora Khuspora road in KM 1st by way of Providing and Laying of GSB filling and RCC spun pipes.	0.60 lacs	200/-	Rs.1380/-	5 days	DEE	3054- M&R

Position of AAA = Accorded, Position of TS = Accorded, Position of funds: Available/Committed The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.O.Q.), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of date given below:-

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice 07-04-2022 2. Period of downloading of bidding documents 07-04-2022 3. Bid submission Start Date 4. Bid Submission End Date .3 -04-2022 upto 4.00 PM 13 -04-2022 at 4.30 P.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer Muffasil (R&B) Division Budgam Within 7 days of receipt of LOA.(The bidder has to provide 5% of allotted Cost as Performand Submission of Performance Security (PS) Security within 7 days after opening of Financial Bid) in shape of CDR/FDR/BG

NOTE:-The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploaded softcopy any short fall if any found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected As per Circular issued by the Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department Kashmir vide No.CE/RBK/HD/32857-92 Dated:- 01/01/2022

(Modification about Earnest Money and Performance Security) As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Sectt. Finance department vide No.OM No.A/24(2017)-651

dtd. 07-06-2018 which reads as under :-Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of E-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only

from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids. The Cost of tenders should be collected by uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan/Receipt. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) and

Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Muffasil (R&B) Division Budgam failing which the tender will The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer Muffasil (R&B) Division Budgam.

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

No: EE/MDB/NIT/142-62 Executive Engineer DATED:- 07-04-2022 Muffasil (R&B) Division, Budgam DIPK-244/22

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Principal Secretary E-Launches YSS Cup 2022

Asks for involving PRIs in sports activities



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Alok Kumar, on Thursday elaunched YSS Cup 2022 at Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, MA Stadium, here.

He asked the concerned for ensure involvement of all Panchayat Rai Institutions (PRIs) in sports activities being held in their respective areas. He also directed them to invite DDCs, BDCs, Corporators, Sarpanchs and Panchs to attend the sports events being

held across the Union Territory.
Principal Secretary also asked ritual for elimination of drugs mandatory during the inaugural sides educating youth about the ill effects of drugs.

Director Youth Services and Sports, Gazanfar Ali; Deputy Di-celebration of National Panchayrector (Jammu), Jitender Mishra and Deputy Director (Planning), Ravi Kumar Sharma were present on the occasion.

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SRINAGAR: A number of com-

petitions in many sports disci-

plines were held across Kash-

mir on Thursday as part of the

events being organised by the J&K Sports Council under special

held from railway station Om-

pora, Budgam to Sports Stadium

flagged off the race and distrib-

uted prizes among the 50 partici-

pants. Parvez Mir of Safavi Me-

morial School, Mir Gund secured

first position while Aashiq stood

2nd and Shoaib Akhtar of Spring

Buds School secured 3rd position.

competition in the discipline of

Pencak Silat was held at the in-

door stadium Budgam in which

more than 100 participants took

part. Divisional Sports Officer

J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Fa-

rooq presided over the func-

tion as chief guest along with

Manager, Budgam Stadium Altaf

Ahmad besides Manager Indoor

was also present in the function.

In the ongoing Spring Shield

conducted at Nanil sports sta- affirmative.

Similarly, a panchayat level

activities 2022.

JKSC's 'My Youth My

More events to follow: Secretary Sports Council

In the morning a Panchayat performance by scoring 60 runs

Budgam. Station House Officer played at Sports Stadium Anant-

level cycling competition was and claiming 1 wicket.

Pride' Creates Buzz

ensuring impartial and transparent registration of players besides making sure that the venues selected for sports events should preferably be in Panchay-ats. He said that there should not be any bar for the teams and players who had participated in YSS Cup-2021 and the registra-

He added that choosing venues at various Panchayats for holding the sports activities will serve twin purpose of developing playfields and saturating sports equipment at Panchayat level.

tion should be open for all.

Principal Secretary said that the dignitaries who grace the inthe officers to make oath taking augural and closing ceremonies of various sports events should always make it a point to delibceremonies of sports events be- erate on ill effects of drugs and other social evils.

Principal Secretary asked the officers to start preparing for at Day, falling on April 24, in a befitting manner.

Director Sports presented an overview of activities and Principal Secretary asked for achievements of the department.

dium, Anantnag, the first match

of the day was played between

FCC Aung and Seer Eleven. Seer

Eleven after winning the toss

elected to bat and scored 168 for

the loss of 10 wickets in the al-

lotted 20 overs and bundled op-

ponents for 122 runs only. Shakir

Zahoor presented an all round

In the Knockout Football Tour-

nament under My Youth MyPride

nag between SCFA Pampore and

KIC Anantnag, the match ended

4-0 in favor of SCFA Pampore.

Furgan of SCFA Pampore Pulwa-

ma was adjudged Player of the

In another match played at Gani

Memorial Stadium Shahr e Khaas

Srinagar SCFA played a goalless

Zahid of FC Ganderbal was ad-

Players in groups visited Sri-

nagar office of J&K Sports Coun-

cil and demanded scope of such

events to reach to their Panchay-

ats as well. Many players even

in her office chambers in Jammu

and were making similar de-

judged Player of Match for his

Match for his brilliant play.

draw against FC Ganderbal.

brilliant play.

LG Attends National Health Festival To Honour Specially-Abled Sportspersons

New Sports Policy focuses on sporting facilities and welfare of specially-abled: LG

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday attended the National Health Festival for Divyangjan, organised by Special Olympics Bharat J&K, to honour specially-abled sportspersons at the Jammu University.

The programme is being organised on World Health Day in 75 cities of India marking the 75 years of independence, by Special Olympics Bharat, a sports organisation accredited with International Federation of Sports.

Speaking on the occasion, the LG saluted the dedication and spirit of the special athletes. He has been made in the UT through a new Sports Policy, which focuses on sporting facilities and welfare of specially-abled.

Terming them as true role models for the younger generation, the Lt Governor said that specially-abled sportspersons have kindled hopes by their remarkable performance in Inter-



development plan for the Divyangjan", he added.

All schools and panchayats have been mandated to create sports infrastructure facilities observed that a good beginning to popularize a robust sports culture among the masses, especially among children and the youth, he said.

The Lt Governor lauded Special Olympics Bharat, its Chairperson Dr. Mallika Nadda and everyone associated with it for providing much-needed platforms to the specially-abled to showcase their talent.

The Lt Governor also extend-"I urge sports federations and ed his best wishes to the Special

to draw up a strategic sports hails from a border village and despite facing many hardships managed to secure selection for the next year's Special World Winter Games to be held in Kazan, Russia.

It is the responsibility of Jammu and Kashmir administration to develop a flourishing sports culture among the specially-abled, identify their talent, and provide the world stage to special athletes, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor assured every possible support of the UT Government to those organizations which are working towards the welfare of the sportspersons

all other sports bodies in J&K Athlete Paramjeet Singh, who with special abilities.

Board chairman Ramiz Raja cal perspective on things and if series which concluded on is hopeful of holding positive a fellow cricketer is leading the Tuesday in Lahore. talks with his counterpart in BCCI, we should be approachthe BCCI on the sidelines of the able to each other since we ICC meetings in Dubai

Ramiz and PCB's chief executive Faisal Hasnain left for Dubai on Wednesday night, aiming to push for a discussion on the proposal to hold a fournation T20 tournament every year featuring India, Pakistan, England and Australia.

While Australia has responded positively to Ramiz's proposal, he is awaiting a re-

mportant because Ramiz is chief Sauray Ganguly on Indo- hold meetings with planning to meet with the BCCI Pakistan cricket and the proofficials on the sidelines of the ICC meetings and discuss matters of mutual interest including the four-nation proposal, the Asia Cup and other matters." a source in the PCB said.

Pakistan contests.

"India-Pakistan (2022 T20 will share a special report with World Cup) tickets were sold in the ICC executive board on KARACHI: Pakistan Cricket one day, we don't have a politi- hosting the Pakistan-Australia

"Ramiz is confident that after the successful hosting of the Pakistan Super League and the series against Australia he will face no problems convincing the other member boards to schedule bilateral series against Pakistan with emphasis on three-test series in the 2024-25 calendar," the source said. He said Pakistan

"The PCB chairman will also heads of the respective boards to improve relations and create "I'll talk to Ganguly regarding future opportunities for Paki-

The source said that Ramiz was not very hopeful that the four-nation T20 tournament proposal would be accepted at the meeting but he is confident it will at least start a discussion The source said that Ramiz on the proposal.



stan cricket," the source said.

ing in im-

PCB Chairman Hopeful Of Holding Positive Talks With BCCI In Dubai

Press Trust of India

from April 7 to 10.

sponse from India and England. don't know politics." "The coming meetings are He would also talk to BCCI

Ramiz said in a recent inter- away eyeballs from bilateral view that he felt it was unfair cricket, of which the novelty to keep fans away from India-

gain-

Punjab Kings Vs Gujarat Titans: Ferguson Vs Livingstone Could Be One Of IPL's Hottest Battles

posed four-nation event.

factor is decreasing."

a four-nation tournament. The

future of cricket is in triangular

and four-nation competitions.

Twenty20 leagues are taking

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Gujarat Titans' lethal pace attack is all set to ask some probing questions to the dynamic Punjab Kings top-order when the two teams lock horns in an IPL match on Friday.

In terms of composition and balance, both Gujarat and Punjab are very different and that makes for an enticing contest on a Brabourne Stadium track where runs are always on offer.

Punjab in their three games have shown that the approach this year would be to go hammer and tongs during the Powerplay overs and set the tempo for the rest of the innings.

In IPL however, there are some intriguing sub-plots that make it an engaging Friday. It will be a battle between Punjab's costliest buy (apart from and skipper Pandya. skipper Mayank Agarwal's retention) Liam Livingstone and New Zealand's speed merchant Lockie Ferguson.

Having literally terrorised Delhi Capitals' Mandeep Singh with his pace and steep bounce in the earlier game, expect Ferguson to unleash his thunderbolts on Livingstone, who had that is expected to provide firetaken the CSK attack to cleaners works with M Shahrukh Khan in the previous game with his 32-ball-60.

Ferguson and Mohammed Shami make for the most po- Tewatia and Varun Aaron, who tent new ball pair after the first is known for leaking runs in all able job against Chennai.



these years of IPL. However where

> In the first match against Lucknow, they didn't have to chase much and the second game saw them defend 170 odd purely because of their

> Vijay Shankar as a top-order batter has looked far from convincing and Matthew Wade hasn't yet hit the rhythm although he is capable of big hits.

> new at this stage while Tewatia and David Miller aren't exactly known for their consistency.

> In case of Punjab, they have two match-winning bowlers in Kagiso Rabada and leg-spinner Rahul Chahar but Arshdeep Singh, debutant Vaibhav Arora and Livingstione himself did a commend-

UEFA Approves New Rules To Scrutinize Football Club Finances



Agencies

NYON: UEFA approved new financial monitoring rules for European football clubs on Thursday, giving up on "fair play" and lowering expectations it can solve the competitive imbalance in the Champions League.

The "Financial Fair Play" system, known as FFP, will be replaced in June by "Financial Sustainability" regulations.

"Competitiveness cannot be addressed simply by financial regulations," UEFA project leader Andrea Traverso said at a briefing, adding the words "fair play" had been misinterpreted to mean "we create a level playing field."

"This is why we changed the name," he said.

The Champions League has been dominated by the wealthiest player salaries and huge transfer fees. Over the past decade, the most unlikely club to reach the Champions League final was Tottenham – which currently has the 10th-highest revenue in world football. Only Spanish and English clubs won the Europa League.

The new rules were praised last week by the Spanish league for "restricting the ability of stateowned clubs to commit financial doping." That statement did not identify clubs but clearly targeted Manchester City and Paris Saint-Germain – owned by the rulers of Abu Dhabi and Qatar, respectively.

By 2025, clubs playing in UEFA competitions will be limited to spending 70% of their revenue on salaries and transfers or face financial and — eventually — sporting sanctions.

After two years of financial penalties, persistent rule-breaking clubs could be barred from selecting certain players in UEFA competitions, have points deducted or be banned from a competition.

Although some clubs were excluded for one season from the Champions League and Europa of clubs, ones able to afford rising League under the old FFP system. the most celebrated case saw Man City defeat UEFA to get a two-year ban overturned at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

UEFA-appointed investigators had accused Man City of inflating the value of sponsorship deals with companies from Abu Dhabi.

Benzema Defying Time To Reach His Best At Age 34 the team every day and is be-

Agencies

MADRID: At an age when most top athletes are hoping to maintain their form, Karim Benzema is reaching the pinnacle of his

The 34-year-old France striker is enjoying the best season of the 13 he has spent at Real Madrid and making a strong argument for being considered the top player in the world.

Benzema's three goals at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday gave Madrid a commanding 3-1 advantage in their Champions League quarterfinal with Chelsea. Last month he singlehandedly brought Madrid back against PSG with a stunning second-half treble to advance his team on a 3-2

aggregate score. "He's just like a fine wine," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said about Benzema. "He gets better every day and feels as if portance

coming more of a leader. That's making all the difference in him." Madrid hosts Getafe in the Spanish league on Saturday before Chelsea visits the Santiago Bernabéu needing a big win to keep alive its European title de-

But with Benzema playing like he is, Madrid has a great chance to add to its 34 Spanish league titles and 13 European Cups, both competitions records.

Fueled by Benzema's leaguehigh 24 goals, 10 more than his nearest chasers, Madrid leads Barcelona, Atlético Madrid and Sevilla by 12 points with eight games remaining

in Spain. He has scored 10 of Madrid's last 11 goals and has 37 goals in 36 games in all competitions this season. That already surpasses his previous best of 32 goals for Madrid in the 2011-12

Qatar World Cup Organisers Admit Workers Were Exploited

Agencies

LONDON: Qatar World Cup organisers have admitted that workers were exploited while contracted for FIFA's preparation tournaments in the Gulf State.

The acknowledgement of failings came after an investigation by Amnesty International which said security guards were forced to work in conditions it called "forced labour" by exceeding the 60-hour maximum work week and not having a day off for months or even years.

abuses that involved subcontractors working on the Club World

Cup and Arab Cup in 2021. Three companies were found to be non-compliant across a number of areas," Qatar World Cup organisers said in a statement. "These violations were completely unacceptable and led to a range of measures being enforced, including placing contractors on a watch-list or black-list to avoid them working on future projects – including the FIFA World Cup – before reporting said contractors to the Ministry of Labor for further investigation and

punitive action." The exploitation of workers con-



tinues in Qatar despite World Cup organizers saying it has introduced measures since 2014 - four yearsafter FIFA awarded it hosting rights to protect health and safety. "Many of the security guards

Qatar provided no details of the we spoke to knew their employers were breaking the law but felt powerless to challenge them," said Stephen Cockburn of Amnesty International. "Physically and emotionally exhausted, workers kept reporting for duty under threat of financial penalties - or worse, contract termination or deportation.

"Despite the progress Qatar has made in recent years, our research suggests that abuses in the private security sector — which will be increasingly in demand during the World Cup — remain systematic and structural."

The draw for the World Cup took place in Doha last week ahead of the Nov. 21-Dec. 18 tournament.

Youth League 2022: Participants Call On DC B'pora

Stadium Polo ground Srinagar called Secretary Sports Council

T20 Cricket Tournament, being mands which were responded in



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The participants of 2nd Youth League 2022 on Thursday called on Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed before leaving for participation in the tournament.

The players of Sports Council Football Academy met the DC in his office chambers wherein Dr ment and fight with a sportsman Owais expressed best wishes to them for the tournament.

The 2nd Youth League 2022 is being organised by JK conducted under the banner sports activities in the district.

of Youth League.

The academy also thanked DC Bandipora for providing football equipment to this academy. They hoped that the support by district administration will go a long way in improving sports activities in the district.

Dr Owais hoped the players will give their best in the tournaspirit. He said the Bandipora youth have proved their mettle at international forums in sports and assured to provide every Sports Council and is being possible support to uplift the

two weeks. With head coach Anil Kumble they would like to devise a strategy to keep Punjab Kings under check during the Powerplay overs.

Hardik Pandya again bowling full tilt and touching 140 clicks also adds to the potency of the Gujarat attack but their batting still looks a bit questionable save Shubman Gill

While senior openers Shikhar Dhawan and skipper Agarwal are yet to make significant contributions, it would be an onerous job against the Titans attack.

It is the middle-order of Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Livingstone and newcomer Jitesh Sharma, and Odean Smith at the rear.

They would like to target the weak Indian bowlers like Rahul

might face problems is in the batting front. Shubhman Gill is the only assured batter they have till now.

opening bowling depth.

Abhinav Manohar is very