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MAN HACKED TO DEATH BY HIS SONS IN SOURA, DUO ARRESTED: POLICE

A 62 year old man was hacked to death by his sons in Ellahi Bagh area of Soura in Srinagar outskirts, police said on Saturday. A police spokesman said that on April 7, 2022 an

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ISOLATE THOSE CONDONING 'TERRORISM': LG TELLS PEOPLE

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-Socrates

NEWS DIGEST

LG Greets People On Ram Navami

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of Ram Navami. In a message, the Lt Governor described the festival as a celebration of Lord Ram's life of righteousness and truth. "The life of Bhagwan Shree Ram teaches us to **More on P6**

IMD's Twitter Handle Hacked

NEW DELHI: The India Metrological Department's (IMD) Twitter handle was hacked on Saturday evening and efforts were on to restore it, officials said. It was not immediately clear who was behind the hacking. This comes at a **More on P6**

2 'Militant Associates' Held In Budgam

SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant associates in central Kashmir's Budgam district. Wajid Yousuf Akhoun and Mohammad Ashraf Sheikh were detained by a joint team of police, army's 2RR and the personnel **More on P6**

PDD Workers Falls Off Pole, Dies

SRINAGAR: A casual labourer in the power development department died on Saturday after falling from an electric pole in Ajas area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district. 30-year-old Manzoor Ahmad Lone of Garoora Bandipora, was repairing an electric cable at Ajas Teshil when he fell from the pole, a police official said Saturday. He said that Lone **More on P6**

Top Militant Killed In Anantnag



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2 Soldiers Injured In Kulgam Encounter, Militants Escape Military Dragnet

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A militant commander was killed and two soldiers injured in two separate encounters in the twin districts of Anantnag and Kulgam in south Kashmir, officials said Saturday.

Police and army's 3RR launched a joint operation in Sirhama village of Anantnag in the early hours of Saturday after receiving specific information about the presence of militants, a police spokesperson said. When the joint team proceeded towards the suspected spot, he said, the hiding militants fired

indiscriminately upon them.

The search team, according to the spokesperson, retaliated to the militant firing, setting off an encounter. In the exchange of gunfire, he said, the hold-up militant was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of the encounter.

The police identified the killed militant as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Nisar Ahmad Dar alias Musaib of Redwani Bala in neighboring Kulgam district.

As per police records, the spokesperson said, Dar was active since April last year and was a categorized militant.

"He was involved in several killing of civilians & outside labourers besides, he was also involved in grenade lobbing attacks on security forces," he said.

For his militant **More on P6**

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Video Shows Students Doing Manual Labour, Probe Ordered

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The authorities in Bandipora have ordered a probe into a viral video purportedly showing children being made to do the manual labour inside a government run school.

The inquiry has been ordered by the Chief Education Officer Bandipora after a video went viral on social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter purportedly showing children of a

government school being made to do the manual labour inside school premises.

Quoting sources, a local news agency GNS reported that a two member team comprising Deputy CEO and a Principal has been constituted to enquire into the video circulated on social media.

The video, which was also put into the district administration group purportedly showed the **More on P6**

AMARNATH YATRA

DGP Tells Officers To Take All Necessary Measures

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir police chief Dilbag Singh on Saturday directed security forces to take all necessary measures for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the upcoming annual Amarnath Yatra which will commence in June.

A police spokesman said the DGP visited Ganderbal in central Kashmir and reviewed the security scenario in the district and also the preparedness for the pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine.

Singh directed the officers to prepare and take all necessary measures for the smooth and peaceful conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

All the measures should be taken with regard to the security and logistics point of view. Police headquarters will provide all the necessary support system for the conduct of peaceful yatra, he said.

Chairing an officers' meeting, the DGP commended the work and role of the district police in maintaining peace and order and also in curbing the nefarious designs of anti-national elements.

He directed them to be more vigilant **More on P6**

One Million Pilgrims To Perform Hajj This Year

Agencies

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia will allow one million pilgrims to perform Hajj this year after reducing numbers in the past two years because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah said "one million pilgrims, both foreign and domestic" would be able to take part in the annual pilgrimage.

Pilgrims should be less than 65 years of age and must be fully immunised against Covid-19 with a vaccine approved by the Saudi Ministry of Health, the ministry said in a statement released by state news agency SPA on Saturday.

Pilgrims arriving from abroad must submit a negative PCR test for Covid-19, using a sample taken within 72 hours before departure to Saudi Arabia, the ministry said.



Saudi authorities allowed only 1,000 pilgrims from within the kingdom to participate in the Hajj in 2020. The number was raised to 60,000 last year, with participants chosen through a lottery for fully vaccinated citizens and residents.

The quota for this year's pilgrimage, which will take place over five days in June, is less than half of the 2.5 million

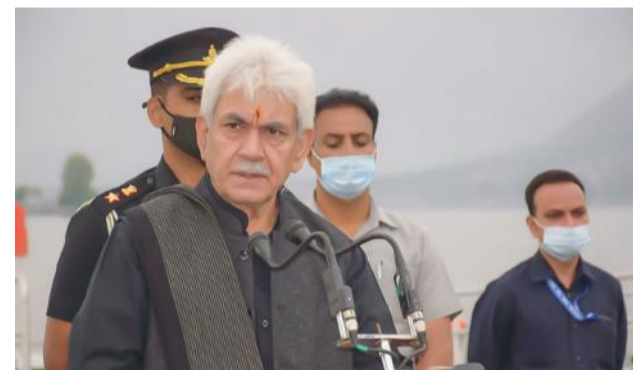
people who performed Hajj in 2019. The pilgrimage is one of the five pillars of Islam and must be performed at least once in their lives by able-bodied Muslims.

The increase in this year's attendance comes amid an easing of Covid-19 restrictions in the kingdom. In March it suspended "social distancing measures in all open and closed **More on P6**

Saudi's Age Bar Puts 2000 J&K Aspirants In Dock

Jammu and Kashmir is set to see a dip in the number of pilgrims undertaking the journey as at least 2000 Hajj aspirants have become non-eligible for this year's holy pilgrimage due to age-bar set by the Saudi regime. The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah—Makah Saturday announced that one million pilgrims both foreign and domestic, will perform Hajj this year. The ministry, however, **More on P6**

J&K Witnessing A Golden Period: LG



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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a golden period as 80 lakh tourists visited the Union Territory in the last few months, a record in the last 15 to 20 years, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said here on Saturday.

He also highlighted several initiatives of the government to boost tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I think this is the golden period for Jammu and Kashmir in which all the records of the last 15-20 years have been broken. More than 80 lakh tourists arrived here in the last few months. This has brought prosperity and is helping people establish peace," Sinha told reporters here.

The LG flagged off an event titled "Athwas", a unique partnership between citizens and authorities **More on P6**

Home Secy Hails CRPF For Tourist Influx

Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Saturday lauded the CRPF personnel for neutralizing many hardcore militants in Jammu and Kashmir and ensuring security due to which tourists were flocking to the Valley.

Bhalla, while officiating as the chief guest at the 'Valour Day' event of the country's largest paramilitary here, said while large-scale violence was anticipated in Kashmir post the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) showed good cooperation and contained the violence to "a large extent". **More on P6**

THERE ARE PROVISIONS FOR RS 136 CRORE in the budget for cleaning the lake. Money had come before as well, but I do not think it was utilised as it is being done now. The lake has become better and the change is visible."

Absconding Ex-Minister Babu Singh Arrested

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JAMMU: Former Jammu and Kashmir minister Jatinder Singh alias 'Babu Singh', the main accused in a case related to the recent recovery of Hawala money meant for subversive activities, was arrested from Kathua district on Saturday, a police officer said.

Singh was at large since March 31 after police busted a Hawala racket here and issued a lookout notice for him on April 6.

"He (the former minister) was arrested from Kathua district and is being brought to Jammu for questioning," Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, Chandan Kohli said.

Singh was a minister in the PDP-Congress government in 2002-2005 and now is the chairman of an organisation, Nature-Mankind Friendly Global Party.

Mohammad Shareef Shah, a resident of south Kashmir's Kokernag, was arrested with the Hawala money on March 31 from the Gandhi Nagar area of Jammu and his questioning revealed that he was tasked by Singh, a resident of Kathua district, to collect **More on P6**

KARGIL COUNCIL CRISIS

NC's Feroz Khan Likely To Face No Confidence Motion

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Kargil: The scheduled general council meeting of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC)-Kargil was postponed here on Saturday by its CEO, amid indications that a no-trust vote against Council chairman and National Conference leader Feroz Ahmad Khan could be on the cards.

In his order, chief executive officer Santosh Sukhdeve said six councillors each of the BJP and the Congress have intimated separately withdrawal of their support from the present dispensation and it would not be appropriate to go ahead with the GCM till the position of all the councillors is cleared.

The LAHDC-Kargil plunged into crisis last week when the



BJP announced rescinding support to Khan, the chief executive councillor who, however, denied any threat to his chair by claiming the backing of the required 16 members in the 30-member house.

Khan had convened the GCM of LAHDC Kargil for discussion and approval **More on P6**

Pak Power Play: Imran Holds Emergency Meeting With Cabinet

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan held an emergency meeting of his Cabinet on Saturday night, even though his government is expected to lose a no-confidence motion in the National Assembly, according to local media reports.

Khan chaired the emergency Cabinet meeting where it was decided that he should not resign, sources said.

The meeting has taken many by surprise as Khan has little chance of surviving the no-confidence motion against him.

Also, reportedly top courts have become active and the Islamabad High Court and Supreme Court were expected to become operational by midnight to take action if the orders to complete voting on a



no-confidence motion against Khan were not implemented till the end of the day.

Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial has instructed the relevant officials of the top court to open the doors at 12am, sources said, as the National Assembly Speaker Asad Qaiser is yet to allow voting on the no-confidence **More on P6**

US Rejects Pak PM's Conspiracy Allegations

The US has bluntly rejected Pakistan's embattled Prime Minister Imran Khan's latest allegations of a "foreign conspiracy" plotted in Washington to overthrow his government with the help of the Opposition parties, saying there is "absolutely no truth" to these claims. Khan has been claiming that the Opposition's no-confidence motion against him was the result of a foreign conspiracy because of his independent foreign policy and funds were being channelled from abroad to oust him from power. In an address to the **More on P6**

13 Youth Detained Over Jamia Sloganeering

Auqib Javeed

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir have arrested thirteen persons on charges of sedition and criminal trespass in connection with anti-India slogans at Jamia Masjid Srinagar following Friday prayers on 08 April.

A video of some people raising slogans went viral on social media on Friday prompting the police to register an First Information Report (FIR).

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Rakesh Balwal told Kashmir Observer that no one will be allowed to disturb peace in Srinagar and the accused will be booked under Public Safety Act (PSA)

In a statement issued here, a police spokesperson said that "dossiers" have been prepared and all of them are being booked under PSA and warned people that "any attempt at disrupting

peace will be viewed very seriously and strictest action under provisions of law" will be taken against them.

"Yesterday afternoon, there were Friday prayers in Jamia masjid wherein a huge number of gathering took place, around twenty-four thousand persons attended the prayers, which is among largest in recent history," the spokesperson said, adding, "After the culmination of the prayers about a dozen persons started anti-national and provocative sloganeering for while, this was joined by a couple of others as well, while most of the gathering remained aloof."

The spokesperson said that there was also an altercation between the persons indulging in sloganeering and the volunteers of intezamia committee of Jamia Masjid who tried to stop such **More on P6**



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Study Finds Millionaires Are More Risk-Tolerant And Emotionally Stable

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According to new research, millionaires are more risk-tolerant, emotionally stable, open, extroverted, and conscientious than the general population. The findings of the study were published in the journal 'Humanities and Social Sciences Communications'. The data used for the analysis of personality traits come

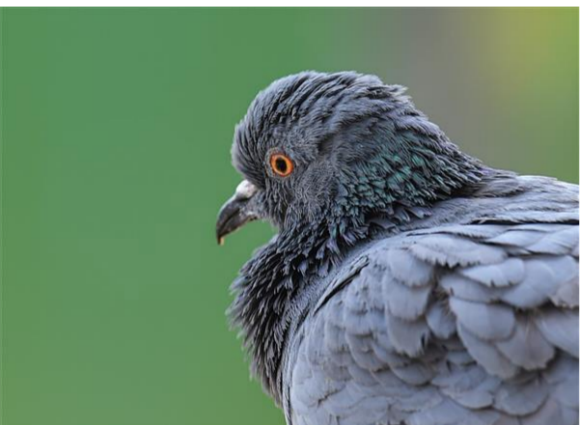


nounced among millionaires who attribute their wealth primarily to inheritance. Within the sample of millionaires, those whose personality traits correspond most closely to the typical profile have the highest wealth. In the rest of the population, a weaker form of this personality profile can be found in individuals who have worked their way up through their own efforts:

from the SOEP, a representative random sample of the German population. In 2019, a subsample of more than 2,000 high-wealth individuals was added to the SOEP. The SOEP now surveys more than 1,100 millionaires whose net worth averages around 4 million euros. "This means that the very wealthy are now overrepresented in the SOEP, making it possible to analyse this very small population in a meaningful way," explained SOEP researcher Carsten Schroder, who initiated the top-wealth subsample. The results have shown that the typical millionaire personality profile is especially pronounced among self-made millionaires, who see themselves as having made their money on their own rather than through inheritance. The profile is less pro-

Although they are not millionaires yet, they see themselves as having earned their money on their own and, therefore, as self-made. Johannes Konig, a research associate at SOEP and lead author of the study, explained, "Taken together, the results suggest that personality is a relevant factor in wealth accumulation." Coauthor Mitja Back, Professor of Psychological Diagnostics and Personality Psychology at the University of Munster, added, "This is the first study to describe the personality of millionaires using robust data. Since the rich wield particular influence over societal decision-making processes, and since personality has a determining influence on the way people think and behave, the investigation of millionaires' personality traits is of great social relevance."

Climate Change May Be Causing Many Birds To Nest, Lay Eggs Earlier: Study



Press Trust Of India
Climate change may be causing many species of birds to nest and lay eggs up to a month earlier than they did a century ago, according to a study conducted in the US. These bird species, including killdeer, yellow warblers and field sparrows, are now laying their eggs 25 days earlier, on average, than they were 100 years ago, the researchers said. For migratory bird species, earlier spring warm-up could lead to a mismatch between nesting activities and food availability, they said. The team led by researchers at the Field Museum of Natural History in the US assessed changes in nesting dates of 72 bird species in the Upper Midwest of the US. The study, published in the Journal of Animal Ecology, compared contemporary lay dates with those obtained from archived, historical museum nest records over a 143-year period (1872-2015). The researchers noted that global climate change impacts species and ecosystems in potentially harmful ways. They used carbon dioxide

(CO2) concentration as a proxy for temperature and an environmental indicator of climate change as the temperature data was not available for an entire time period. Overall, the researchers found that lay dates advanced about 10 days over the 143-year period. Resident, short-distance migrants and long-distance migrants lay dates advanced by about 15, 18 and 16 days on average respectively, they said. "Twenty-four species (33.3 per cent) significantly advanced, one (1.4 per cent) significantly delayed and we failed to detect an advance or delay in lay date for 47 species (65.3 per cent)," the authors of the study said. "Overall, mean advance in first lay date (for the species that have significantly advanced laying date) was 25.1 days," they said. The study highlights the scientific importance of both data gathering and archiving through time to understand phenological change, the researcher said. Such data will provide the ability to track, understand and perhaps predict responses to human-driven environmental change, they added.

Scholarships This Week

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Description: SBI Youth for India Fellowship 2022 is an initiative by the State Bank of India (SBI) Foundation in partnership with various reputed NGOs for bachelor's degree holders. Eligibility: Open for Indian or Overseas Citizens of India under the age group of 21-32 years who have completed at least a Bachelor's degree before the commencement of the program.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 50,000 and other benefits
Last Date to Apply: 30-04-2022
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/YF17

Scholarship Name 2: CSIR Innovation Award for School Children (CIASC) 2022

Description: CSIR Innovation Award for School Children (CIASC) 2022 is an initiative for young innovative students of India below 18 years of age to harness the creative and innovative spirit of school children

Eligibility: Open for Indian students below 18 years of age as on 1st January 2022 and be enrolled in class XII at a recognized Indian school.
Prizes & Rewards: Cash awards up to INR 1 lakh
Last Date to Apply: 30-04-2022
Application mode: Online and



Offline application to - Head, CSIR-Innovation Protection Unit NISCAIR Building, 3rd Floor, 14-Satsang Vihar Marg New Delhi-110067, India

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Scholarship Name 3: INAE Young Entrepreneur Award 2022
Description: INAE Young Entrepreneur Award 2022 is an opportunity offered by the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) to young engineers, encouraging and recognizing their innovation and entrepreneurship. Eligibility: Open for young

engineers below 45 years of age as of 1st January of the year of the award and have attained both innovation and entrepreneurship together. The candidate must be a young innovator from academia/ research organization or industry whose novel engineering/technology ideas have been translated into successful startup enterprises.

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Man Hacked To Death By His Sons In Soura, Duo Arrested: Police

Agencies

Srinagar: A 62 year old man was hacked to death by his sons in Ellahi Bagh area of Soura in Srinagar outskirts, police said on Saturday.

A police spokesman said that on April 7, 2022 an unidentified dead body was lying in Dal Lake near Akhoun Mohalla, Foreshore road.

"Subsequently, the body was fished out from the lake and shifted to the hospital for medico-legal formalities. The body was identified as Khurshid Ahmad Tota, son of Ghulam Nabi Tota of Ellahibagh, Soura (aged 62)," the statement said.

"After medical formalities, the dead body was handed over to its legal heirs. The preliminary medical report revealed marks on neck and it came into light that the deceased has been murdered by unknown persons who then threw the body into the Dal Lake," reads the police state-

ment.

Accordingly, a case under FIR number 34/2022 under section 302, 120 B IPC, 201 IPC was registered in Police Station Nigeen and investigation was taken up.

According to police, through circumstantial evidence, oral witnesses, CCT-Vs and technical analysis, it came to conclusion that the deceased was killed by his family members at their home on the evening of April 5 after some altercation, and the body was kept at home for a day.

On the evening of 6th April, after proper planning, they shifted the body in an i-20 vehicle and threw it into the Dal Lake to conceal the crime, police said.

The two sons of the deceased have been arrested and the vehicle has been seized. Police said further investigation is going and more arrests will follow. (KNO)



Labourers extracting weeds from Dal Lake manually on Saturday. LG Manoj Sinha launched 'Athwas' initiative to collaborate with the citizens to de-weed the Dal Lake. KO Photo Abid Bhat.

For Rejuvenation Of Dal Lake, Partnership Between Citizens & Authorities Vital: LG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday flagged off 'Athwas', a partnership initiative between citizens and authorities for the rejuvenation of Dal Lake.

Underscoring that effective community participation is vital to develop and conserve ecological heritage, the Lt Governor said that the de-weeding and dredging will be conducted in collaboration with the citizens.

The Lt Governor further observed that dedicated efforts have been initiated in the last two years to clean Dal Lake, and for conservation and protection of other water bodies across J&K. In this year's budget, Rs 373 crore has been allocated for development and conservation of Dal and Nigeen lakes, he said.

The Lt Governor noted that for the first time in history, a successful campaign is being run with active public participation to clean Dal Lake.

"The de-weeding campaign which was started last year was very successful and we will add new cleaning machines to the existing fleet and start dredging work on the western side to restore 60,000 Sq metre area", he added.

On the conservation of Wular Lake, the Lt Governor said that a walkway is proposed to be built



along the Lake which will enhance the beauty of Wular and also help in preventing encroachment along it.

"Our aim is to revive the historical and cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir and the lakes here are an invaluable part of that heritage", the Lt Governor underscored.

The Lt Governor said that with the inspiration and encouragement of Hon'ble Prime Minister, people of the UT are determined to preserve the natural wealth of Jammu Kashmir.

The Lt Governor further said that for three decades, Khushal Sar

Lake had dried up and turned into a sewage dump, and it was only after the significant partnership of administration and people, the lake was rejuvenated and returned to its original form. The Hon'ble Prime Minister has also appreciated the efforts of the people of Srinagar and the district administration for the initiative, he added.

"This year, we aim to revive 3600 water bodies in different parts of the UT. I call upon all stakeholders, PRIs and departments to join hands with a resolve to save our natural wealth with collaborative efforts", the Lt Governor said.

DC Srinagar Calls For Prompt Disposal of Migrant Grievances

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to ensure time bound quality redressal and disposal of Kashmiri Migrants Immovable Properties, Community Assets related grievances, a meeting of senior Revenue Officers was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex here on Saturday.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, SDM East, all Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the disposal status of migrant grievances and instructed all the Tehsildars to pay special thrust on the

complaints registered on the portal, offline to ensure quality redressal to the best satisfaction of the complainants. He further asked the officers to work with added zeal and dedication while redressing the grievances to ensure their time bound, prompt and quality disposal.

While reviewing Tehsil wise status of grievances, the DC directed all the Tehsildars of Srinagar District to clear pendency regarding disposal of migrant grievances within 10 days related to correction of records/ demarcation and removal of encroachments/trespassing/alienation by way of fraud or distress sale, etc. He said that no laxity will be tolerated with regard to lenient ways or slow pace of grievance settlement.

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- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
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- Srinagar-Leh - (Open)

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FAJR	4: 41
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This Day In History

- 837 - Comet IP/837 Fl (Halley) approaches within 0.0334 AU of Earth
- 1589 - Spanish troops conquer Geertruidenberg
- 1815 - Mount Tambora in Indonesia experiences a cataclysmic eruption, one of the most powerful in history, killing around 71,000 people and causing a global volcanic winter
- 1877 - 1st human cannonball act performed in London
- 1887 - US President Abraham Lincoln's re-buried with his wife in Springfield, Illinois
- 1913 - President Woodrow Wilson throws out 1st ball, Senators beat Yankees 2-1
- 1923 - Hitler demands "hatred & more hatred" in Berlin
- 1938 - Austria becomes a state of Germany
- 1944 - Soviet forces liberate Odessa from Nazis
- 1946 - 1st election for Japanese Parliament
- 1964 - Iranian motor launch catches fire & sinks killing 113 (Persian Gulf)
- 1972 - 7.0 earthquake kills 1/5 of population of Iranian province of Fars
- 1973 - Pakistan suspends constitution
- 1979 - Soyuz 33 launched with a Russian & a Bulgarian
- 1981 - Computer glitch keeps Space Shuttle Columbia grounded
- 1986 - Benazir Bhutto returns to Pakistan
- 1989 - Intel corp announces shipment of 80-486 chip
- 1991 - Rare tropical storm develops in the Southern Hemisphere near Angola; first to be documented by satellites
- 1996 - Fastest wind speed ever recorded (not a tornado) 408 km/h (220 kn; 253 mph; 113 m/s) during tropical cyclone Olivia on Barrow Island, Australia
- 2006 - Hundreds of thousands protest H.R. 4437 (aka the "Sensenbrenner Bill") in the United States.
- 2010 - Polish Air Force Tu-154M crashes near Smolensk, Russia, killing all 96 people on board including President Lech Kaczyński
- 2012 - United Nations deadline for Syrian troop withdrawal passes as violence continues

انتقال پر ملال

یہ خبر انتہائی دکھ کے ساتھ دی جاتی ہے کہ جو اس سال شوکت احمد آخون ولد محمد باقر آخون مورخہ 17 اپریل بروز جمعرات اچانک حرکت قلب بند ہونے کی وجہ سے اس دار فانی سے رحلت کر گئے مرحوم نہایت ہی نیک سیرت ملنسار اور خوش خلق انسانیت کے مالک تھے اللہ تعالیٰ مرحوم کو اپنے جوار رحمت میں اعلیٰ مقام عنایت فرمائیں مرحوم کی فاتحہ خوانی مورخہ 11 اپریل بروز سوموار بوقت صبح 8 بجے ان کے آبائی مقبرہ محلہ چک صدرہ بل محلہ تھل میں انجام دی جائے گی بعد از اس تعزین مجالس کا انعقاد مرحوم کے گھر پر ہوگا۔

صاحب تعزیت۔۔ محمد عباس آخون۔ علی محمد آخون۔ بشیر احمد آخون

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to General Public that:-
1. Sajad Hussain Tickoo S/o Ghulam Hussain R/o Zainakote Srinagar intending to purchase land measuring 01 Kanal 02 marlas along with residential house constructed thereon comprising 12 Marlas under khasra no. 1055/949/500/240 and 10 Marlas under khasra no. 1062/949/500/240, khawat no. 31, khata no. 102 situated at Mouza Parimpora Tehsil Central Shalatteng Srinagar standing in the name of Manzoor Hussain S/o Gulab Ud-Din Resident of Poonch through Axis Bank Ltd Home loan scheme B/o Sara City Centre Srinagar.
That Mohammad Amin, Mohammad Shafi and Gulzar Ahmad sons of Ghulam Rasool R/o Chattabal Srinagar who were in possession of below mentioned documents / sale deeds have been lost / misplaced by them. The details of the said sale deeds are as under:-
1. Sale deed dated 28-12-1991 bearing no. 1762 for land measuring 12 Marlas falling under khasra No. 1055/949/500/240 situated at mouza parimpora Tehsil Central Shalatteng Srinagar executed by Abdul Rehman in favor of Mohammad Amin, Mohammad Shafi and Gulzar Ahmad sons of Ghulam Rasool R/o Chattabal Srinagar who have sold the said properties to Manzoor Hussain S/o Gulab Ud Din R/o Poonch vide sale deed registered in the office of Sub Registrar West Srinagar on 14-07-2021.
2. Sale deed dated 28-05-1991 bearing no. 244 for land measuring 9 X MARLAS falling under khasra No. 1062/949/500/240 sold by Abdul Rehman and land measuring 3 % marlas khasra no. 1062/949/500/240 sold by Ghulam Mohammad situated at mouza parimpora Tehsil Central Shalatteng Srinagar executed in favor of Mohammad Amin, Mohammad Shafi and Gulzar Ahmad sons of Ghulam Rasool R/o Chattabal Srinagar.
That the above said properties stand transferred upon Manzoor Hussain S/o Gulab Ud Din R/o Poonch [present owner] vide sale deed registered in the office of Sub Registrar West Srinagar ON 14-07-2021 by the above three persons Mohammad Amin, Mohammad Shafi and Gulzar Ahmad sons of Ghulam Rasool R/o Chattabal Srinagar and same stands mutated on his name as well and now he is selling out the said property.
If anybody is having any objection with regard to said property he can file his objections before penal lawyers of Axis Bank
1. Muzaffar Ahmad Shah Advocate, cell no. 7006772925.
2. T.P Singh Advocate cell No. 9419715504.
Within a period of 10 days and after such period no objection can be entertained.

Sajad Hussain Tickoo
S/o Ghulam Hussain
R/o Zainakote Srinagar

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir
E-mail: ddtreg123@gmail.com

Subject: -Applied online for fresh registration of Paying Guest House home stay under the name and style of "The Gate Way of Peace" situated at Mehjoor Nagar, Srinagar.

Public Notice

Whereas, Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Dar S/o Lt Sonallah Dar R/o Sadat Colony Mehjoor Nagar, Srinagar has approached to this office online for registration of his residential house as paying guest house under the name and Style of "The Gate Way of Peace" situated at Sadat Colony Mehjoor Nagar, Srinagar under the provisions of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011.

Whereas, applicant has submitted Building Permission issued, Land Documents, pan Card, state subject certificate, PDD/PHE NOC, Affidavit, Ratio Card, NOC fire And Emergency, Passport Photo copy and other related documents.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under J&K Registration Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011 before the request of applicant for registration of paying guest house in favour of Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Dar S/o Lt Sonallah Dar R/o Sadat Colony Mehjoor Nagar, Srinagar is considered the matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/Financial Institutions/Banks/Organizations/Departments, etc. that in case of any objection, the same should reach to this office within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice. Objections received beyond period of 7 days will not be entertained and registration shall be granted to the above mentioned unit under rules after submission of all documents/formalities.

No: Reg/UP-108/26/DTK
Dated: 09/04/2022

DIPK-302/22

Sd/-
Deputy Director Tourism
Registration Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Mrs: Habla Akhter W/o: Ali Mohammad Mohand R/o: Trichal Pulwama A/P Gulshan Nagar Shankarpura Chadoora Budgam (Transferor)

of Alto k-10. Vehicle bearing registration number JK04E - 3129. Chasis number 27873 Engine no. 31354 Model 2018. in favour of Mrs. Humera Anjum D/o. Ali Mohammad Mohand R/o Gulshan Nagar Natipora (Tranferree)

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of ownership shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper Kashmir Observer

Assistant Regional Transport officer
Budgam Kashmir

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.114
Dated 09/04/2022

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From KO Archives

'I'll Watch Cricket & Talk Kashmir'

Musharraf Says, Positive signals From India to Resolve Kashmir

Islamabad - Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf today said he would discuss the Kashmir issue with Indian leaders during a two-day visit to New Delhi next week.

Reports suggest there is more to watching cricket than what is said to on cards during Musharraf's visit to New Delhi on April 16.

Originally billed as a visit to watch the last one-day match in New Delhi on April 18. General Musharraf has said that the main purpose of his visit was to use the opportunity for talks on Kashmir.

Musharraf told a gathering of students here that he is more interested in talks on Kashmir than watching cricket.

"I am going to India on April 16 to watch the cricket match. I will discuss Kashmir. It is more important," he said.

Cricket match will not have that much importance, as that of a dialogue on Kashmir," said the General, while addressing convention at Jinnah Convention Centre at Islamabad today.

In his address, general Musharraf did not seem to attach too much importance to the Muzaffarabad-Srinagar bus service.

"It is a small step towards confidence building and a small contribution for the happiness of people," he said.

He asserted the people should "appreciate good things" before "condemning" them outrightly.

"When something good is being done, it should not be negated," he said observing that the bus service was a good confidence building measure (CBM) but not a solution to the Kashmir issue.

"CBMs are a contribution towards the progress of the people. It is not total. You cannot say it is nothing or a zero. They are something, not enough but. I also say that more needs to be done, he said to a female student from Pakistan controlled Kashmir who criticised the service.

Before the bus service began, extensive "consultations" were held with Kashmiris in Jammu and Kashmir and A/ad Kashmiri to find out whether they favoured it or not. Musharraf said.

"It is not for Pakistan and India but for Kashmiris on both sides who wanted to meet and travel. This is a right step. You should support it. The effort would be to resolve the Kashmir j dispute," he added.

Since (he visit was finalised, hectic backdoor diplomacy was I on between officials of both the countries to prepare the ground I work for talks between Singh and Musharraf on Kashmir and I other contentious issues.

Official sources here said former Indian diplomat and S M Lamba and Musharraf's close confidant and Secretary of the Pakistan's National Security Council (NSC) Tariq Aziz have been holding secret talks to prepare a broad agenda for the meeting.

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“ The policy of TN govt to keep 50% reservation in NEET-SS for in-service candidates is brilliant. It is the only way to increase super-specialist care at periphery level and encourage specialists to join peripheries. I wonder what is keeping J&K back in adopting such policy”

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“ US will be the reason for India-China war. I say this with responsibility & deep study. It is time for India to understand that China is US's peer competitor & world is moving towards bipolarity. We need good ties with Pak, China, Russia & Iran - rest is matter of details!”

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ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Blood In Lahore

Pakistan's acute vulnerabilities came to the fore once again on Tuesday in the deadly terrorist attack on Sri Lankan cricketers in Lahore that left at least seven policemen dead.

Apparently, the country is picking up the tab for supping with the devil, and the bill is too high. This first major strike against foreigners, and that too in a bustling metropolis, can shake the confidence of the outside world about the viability of Pakistan as a safe destination, besides giving foreign investors second thoughts about bringing in much needed funds. There is no dearth of ostensible motives for this violent act, as, for example, certain quarters are on record of having vowed vengeance for the Lal Masjid operation, while some others are sore at the Pakistan establishment's helplessness before the US drone attacks in the border belts. But with the trend set by the agreement in Swat, which the US is very uncomfortable with, one would have thought that the threat of attacks such as Lahore had receded. In any case, the incident has too many imponderables for anyone to point definitive fingers at the usual suspects. But the bottom line, of course, is that Pakistan has been left wide open for all sorts of forces to operate with impunity to the detriment of the nation's vital interests.

In many ways, many of Pakistan's present troubles can be traced back to the US-inspired injection of the jihad virus during the General Zia regime that called for portraying Islam in a particular way, and the aberrant brand of the religion the general was encouraged to promote to lend legitimacy to his rule which the US badly needed for its policy in Afghanistan. What has taken hold in the country down the years are not the Islamic notions of socio-economic justice and equality, which General Zia did nothing to focus on during his long tenure, but a belligerent, exclusivist interpretation of faith that has no scope for enlightened evolution but is a replica of the dark ages before Islam. True, the silent majority do not subscribe to this variant of the religion, but they are silent and toothless before the vocal, motivated, and even armed, votaries of distortion who have, till recently, been nourished by the state itself.

The supreme irony in the whole affair is that despite having played the US game without demur, be it in propping the jihad in Afghanistan or later ditching the very forces it nurtured, Pakistan has been left in the lurch to face the vicious backlash of its once favoured protégés. Islamabad had little choice but to ally with the US in its war on terror, but while the Americans have insulated themselves well, Pakistan has been left alone to bear the brunt of the war's inevitable fallout. For all its pains in siding with the US, Pakistan does not enjoy even a modicum of sympathy in Washington which goes about bombing and killing in its territory without as much as a by-your-leave. If the US can pick out, as it says, forces inimical to its interests within Pakistan territory, surely it can have intelligence on those inclined to strike within that country. The least Washington could do in return for Pakistan's compliance is to help it neutralize the threats to its security and integrity.

The dominant role of the military throughout Pakistan's chequered history has left little room for the growth of civilian, democratic institutions and the evolution of a mature, civilian leadership that could confront challenges with the backing of the will of the masses. For all their rhetoric, totalitarian regimes have allowed external forces and powers too much latitude to mess with the country's internal affairs, leaving a highly skewed playfield for the transitory democracies Pakistan has experimented with. The upshot is that the political leadership today is totally lost between gaining the goodwill of the White House and addressing the muted aspirations of its own people. This has implications for the country's very sovereignty, if that has not been compromised already.

In this severe, unending hour of crisis, a neighbourly helping hand could go a long way in assuring Pakistan that it can surmount the threats to its security and stability. New Delhi has time and again asserted that a secure, stable Pakistan was in India's interests. It is time that it put this commitment to work in a discernable manner. A sympathetic word on the tragedy – and undermining the writ of the state is nothing short of tragedy – that has just befallen the beleaguered nation should be forthcoming shortly, if only to convey that Pakistan is not alone in the troubles it faces.

The article is an editorial from KO's archives and was originally published on 12 June, 2010

Corporal Punishment, Coercive Course

A teacher was suspended over corporal punishment on students in Rajouri recently. This calls into question teaching and parenting practices which legitimise violence in day to do life

Mehvish Khurshed

SOME actions are normalized and engraved into our society in such a way that even if it's physical abuse, it's okay. Earlier in the times when our parents used to be children, they were subjected to certain correctional methods and corporal punishment was one of the most used methods. It was a norm back then to spank, beat or even use harsh words for children who misbehaved. It was considered necessary to incorporate fear in a child's mind in order for them to behave in a certain way. Corporal punishment is still practiced in the 21st century in most Indian schools. The Delhi high court banned its use in Delhi schools in 2000. Many schools claim to apply the ban – though the enforcement is lax.

Corporal punishment often turns into serious physical abuse. It also lends itself to the wrong messaging that is, it teaches the children that violence is an acceptable way of dealing with issues. It teaches them it's okay to use violence.

Children face many emotional and social hurdles growing up especially when they are in their adolescence; this is when they become very sensitive to their environment and the way people treat them. They face the wrath of an unmitigated identity crisis and confusion. With this pain of growing up, they only see two figures from whom to seek guidance - parents and teachers. The image of a teacher or a parent is carved as an ideal and a perfect picture in a child's mind. Every action taken to solve a situation by them is considered the right way of handling them. Many times when a child feels his or her needs are not being met such as the need for attention, he or she misbehaves and causes a fuss; the lack of skill to handle it makes many of the teacher and parents strike out at children and use corporal, verbal, mental or other forms of emotional punishment.

There is a very thin line between correcting a child and abusing a child, very often authority is misused by a teacher or an elder who uses dictatorship methods over a child. Violence in many forms has been accepted in the society in such a way that it feels normal. It's widely used by teachers and parents regardless of its evident lack of effectiveness. Therefore, layers of beliefs and practices that cloak corporal punishment under the guise of love care and protection - when in reality it's abuse of authority that harms the child.

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means of causing pain can lead to increased aggression, antisocial behaviour, physical injury and mental health problems in children. Corporal punishment is associated with a variety of psychological and behavioural disorder in children and adults like anxiety, depression, withdrawal, low self-esteem impulsiveness, delinquency and substance abuse.

It is globally recognised that punishment in any form or kind in school comes in the way of the development of the full potential of children. When adults use corporal punishment it teaches children that hitting is an acceptable means of dealing with conflict. Corporal punishment leads to adverse physical, psychological and educational outcomes - increase aggressive, destructive behaviour, vandalism, poor school achievements, poor attention span, increase dropout rates, low self-esteem, anxiety, somatic complaints retaliation against teachers. Many people support the use of corporal punishment and recall their childhood days where getting beaten up by teachers and extreme physical punishments were a part of teaching. But change is a law of nature and with the advancement of time and growing field of research we know now what effects such type

of punishment leaves on a child's mental health.

There are a number of alternative methods of dealing with a child or an adolescent that include Distraction, removing them from the situation, moral conversations, loss of privileges etc. The not wanting to change the old traditional methods of teaching attitude is found in many teachers and parents who now have become a source of distress instead of comfort. These distressful children then grow up to become abusive adults and also show aggressive behaviour towards their spouses as well. Our society is currently suffering from domestic violence, assaults and many other aggressive crimes, and the offenders most usually have a history of being victims of such aggression themselves. Corporal punishment and other cruel and degrading forms of punishment are forms of violence and states must take all appropriate, legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to eliminate them.

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Russia vs NATO: The Economic Battlefield

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NATO's strategy is clear. It aims to disrupt the economic cycle in Russia, make international trade difficult and create significant logistical hurdles for Moscow to bypass western sanctions. These listed goals are not much different from what western powers have used against Cuba, Venezuela, and Islamic Iran. In all three cases, the targeted states managed to live with sanctions. In Iran's case, the country even learned to overcome them.

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While many leading Russian economists agree that western sanctions will significantly hurt Russia economically, some of them also forecast that the country will learn to live with them, even if they do not manage to overcome them immediately.

As Russia is quite intertwined with many western businesses and industries, its economic isolation will also have a negative impact on western economies. Most people do not see this perspective because of Russia's inadequate propaganda mechanisms and NATO's domination of the information war.

Russia is a massive country with vast resources. True, it is corrupt and mismanaged, but to assume that economic warfare on the largest country in the world will have minimal effects on western economies is simplistic and misleading.

Apart from transactional aspects, a key unintended and long-term economic hit that western economies will face will be the undermining of trust in their economic and business commitments and principles. For example, by freezing Russian Central Bank's assets, along with pressuring private

companies to take a political stance, western regimes demonstrate that sacred foundations of capitalism and free-trade are not off limits. The so-called foundational principles of free trade can and will be violated when strategic political interests are involved.

It can be argued that it was short-sighted of the Russian government to expose itself so much to western financial and economic mechanisms, while at the same time aiming to challenge the western global order on a geopolitical level. While this is valid, other economies with fractious political relations with NATO regimes will now think twice before establishing strategic economic ties with the west. Who can guarantee that today's political allies will not become tomorrow's foes?

It seems others are already

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learning from Russia's bitter experience and divesting from western economic mechanisms. Having outlined in broad terms western economic policies and moves, let us examine possible Russian maneuvers.

These will be analyzed in three phases: short-term response to limiting the colossal negative impact of sanctions, and mid-term policies aimed at making sure that the economic cycle within the country does not regress to a Soviet-style command economy. Finally, the long-term strategy would include making sure that Russia breaks out of its isolation and establishes a somewhat functioning free market system with minimal exposure to western economic mechanisms.

The toughest and probably most problematic phase of Russia's re-

sponse to western sanctions will be the initial phase. At the moment, Russia is in reactive mode, focusing on implementing haphazard economic policies. This phase will naturally experience the trial-and-error problems. This will happen not only because Moscow was unprepared for the scale of western sanctions, but in order to create adequate response policies, Russia needs time to observe and analyze the specific impact of sanctions.

At the initial stage, which is only beginning, Russian economic response will most probably focus on state intervention. Its success will depend on how well state economic actors and the private sector cooperate. There are some hints that at least some of the business tycoons are willing to cooperate and aid the economy if the government

will automatically trigger geopolitical tensions, as NATO regimes will try to pressure the ruling autocrats in Central Asia and Azerbaijan to reduce Russia's use of their territories to evade sanctions.

Phase three of Russia's economic war with NATO will be directed at attracting investment and doing trade with countries and entities of the developing world. This stage might benefit business organizations of countries like Malaysia, Iran, Turkey, the UAE and South Africa. In an environment where established western business organizations will be eliminated from the Russian business scene, business organizations from developing economies will have a better chance to grow and improve their operations and profits in Russia.

It should be noted that the NATO-Russia economic war will likely last for a decade or more. Even if Vladimir Putin is ousted as president, NATO powers will not simply forget everything and move on. A broader strategy of making sure that Russia never reaches the ability to challenge NATO in the way it is doing right now in Ukraine will most likely remain in place for many years. Even if Putin leaves, it is most likely that his successor and those around him will be equally anti-western.

In the Russia-NATO economic battle, developing economies which make smart investments in Russia and Central Asia are likely to reap the biggest benefits. It should be noted that sanctions against Russia do not have United Nations approval. These are imposed unilaterally by individual nation states. Thus, there is significant room for maneuver by developing countries, Russia and western companies aiming to make profit. The economic battlefield will, therefore, remain fluid and quite unpredictable.

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Life and Times of Lily Want: From Rustic Childhood to Blooming Eminence

The professor receives accolades for her academic spark that lit up some dark times of Kashmir's recent history

Asma Majid

When Agha Shahid Ali was preparing to shine "a light on the darkness" on his beloved *Country Without a Post Office* from the borough of Brooklyn, his acquaintance back home was setting records straight about the poet's life with her elegant eloquence.

Making her academic debut in the dramatic eighties, the professor had her brushes with the "beloved poet" in the Department of English, University of Kashmir about which it was widely disseminated that Shahid, *the witness*, wanted to render his services to it.

Decades later, as Professor Lily Want invigorates her memory, she dismisses all the hearsays bandied about by people in the poet's name.

"I knew Agha," Lily says with her signature succinct stance.

"I knew his family. He would be invited to the English Department for lectures and we would interact with him. It was a joy listening to him. But given the ecosystem he had been brought up into, he was content with his life in America. He never wanted to serve in the University of Kashmir."

What Prof. Lily says is perhaps the first testimony of an insider about the popular notion pertaining the poet's life.

Back then, in the midst of crisp Kashmir upheaval, while Agha Shahid Ali was unfolding his verses, from a distant land, like charmed whispers and half-remembered dreams that were magically transformed into narratives, Lily Want had already begun a solemn procession towards the evolution of English language in the Department.

Agha, the 'poet of dreams', eventually won the American Literary Pushcart Prize, while Lily Want, with her eurythmic persona, went on to touch and fashion many literary lives.

After her superannuation at the University of Kashmir in 2020, while Prof. Lily Want is now holding an estimated chair in the picturesque South-Kashmir varsity, she doesn't only have the Agha Shahid Ali rumour to bust.

In her thirty-four years of academic life, the lady who steered away from the shore with her striking individuality has more legends to start.

In a time when the vile mindset of "boys being the assets and girls only a burden" was prevalent, Lily Want was born after three boys to her parents.

"The moment I was born, my father's world lit up," the professor says with sparkling eyes.

A change of fortune brought forth by the birth led to the shifting of her family from a rented house to a palatial one with a good stretch of farmland and lots of pets.

Lily Want eventually assimilated the purity of the idyllic lifestyle she was brought up into, away from the humdrums of the world, and went on to become a perceptive person.

Going against the grain, Lily was admitted to the renowned missionary school of Srinagar, Presentation Convent. While the love she harboured for English Literature had percolated down from her beloved father's DNA, her school played a pivotal role in budding that love into blossom.

Lily Want recalls how her late father, Prof M. Sultan Want believed in the education and financial independence of girls. "Father would say, 'I will show the entire world how girls are to be brought up,'" she recalls with nostalgic vibes.

Greatly influenced by Prof. Sultan's impressive personality, Lily Want would spend a greater chunk of her time with her father, grasping the texture of his being, the nuances of his persona and his moral construction.

Possessing all the qualities of an emancipated individual, partly ingrained in her personality and rest acquired by the way she lived her life under the influence of her father, Lily Want had her priority compartments where professional settlement was given the first place.

But like all the role models of the world, Lily Want too witnessed the phase of much drudgery and little pleasure.

After several adhoc positions in colleges and a job in State Institute of Education (SIE), she finally got appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of English, University of Kashmir in the year 1986 while pursuing her M.Phil in the same Department.

What followed was a 34-year-long academic streak kindled by her services to the Department paving way for the evolution of English language in Kashmir by virtue of the alumni of the Department.

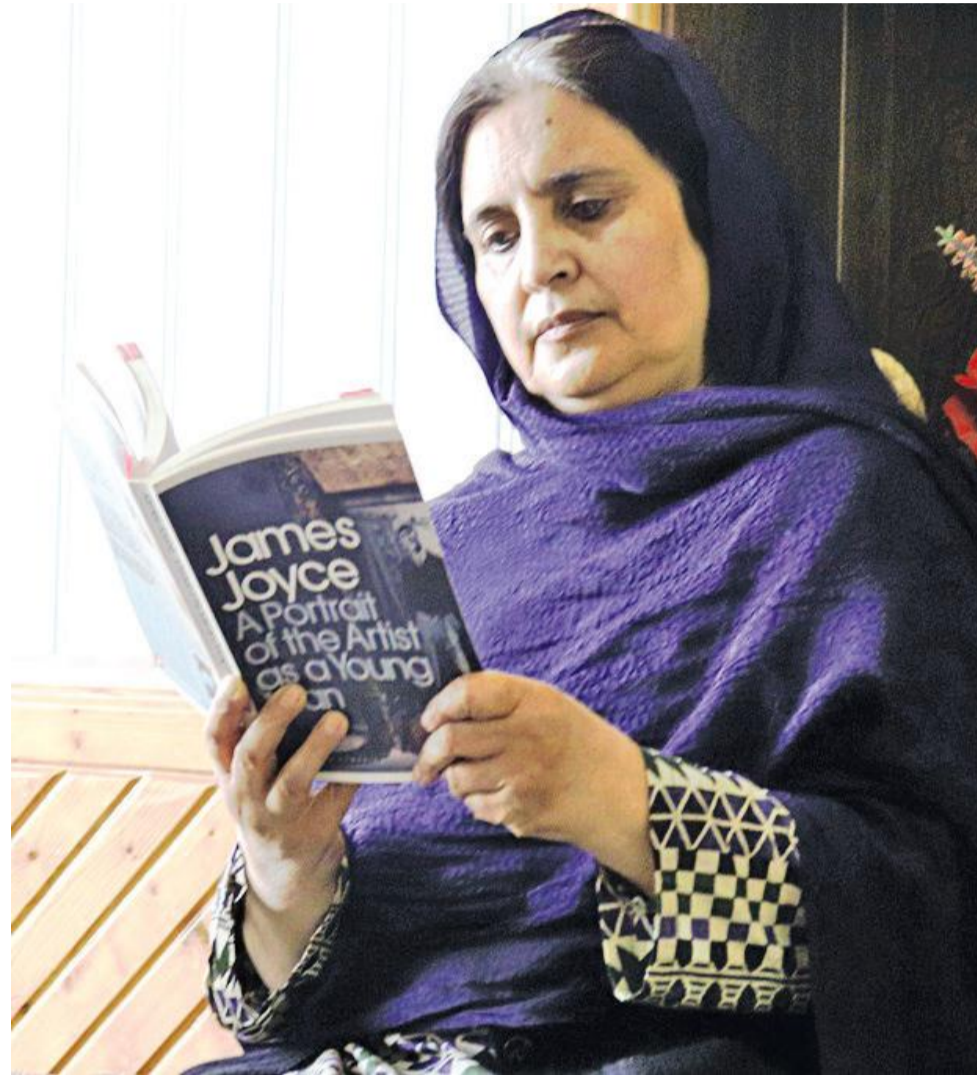
"Father wanted me to be a student of Literature," she recalls her youthful time spent in the shade and shadow of Prof. Sultan — the revered teacher who held sway over masses due to his mastery. "When I joined the Department of English, I felt I have fulfilled his dream."

Lily talks about how the people who had earlier worked with her father compared her with the genius he was but she dismissed it all for she believed he was *gifted* and she could never attain that level.

Yet, she would look up to her father not just as a polished human being but as a veteran academician as well as a habile administrator.

"Every day that I spent in the office," she continues detailing her life, "I acted the way he would. Everything for me would revolve around his personality, how he carried himself and how he ran the Department. Even now, I always have him in my mind. I am two persons within me — me and father."

But then, it often intrigues many to know as to how a person so close to *rose* was named as *Lily*. "My real name is Aamina Jehan Ara," she says



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with a smile. "Father would always give two names to a child. He lovingly called me Lily."

She goes on to say as to how a casual error of name in her matriculation form rendered her term of endearment to be the *name* she would be one day recognized with.

Lily laughingly recalls how some people would deem her to be a Christian because of her western outfits, short hairdo and of course, her name. "Do you go to the Church every Sunday," some mistaken people would often inquire.

But while conducting her professional life with elegance, Prof. Lily Want, a workaholic to the core, never refrained from being an assiduous homemaker.

Maintaining a strict predawn waking up routine, she would make sure that she's able to tend to her domestic life perfectly well, while ensuring her punctuality in the Department.

"Domestic responsibilities must be delivered as efficiently as the professional duties," the Professor believes.

Even after being an accomplished working woman, Lily does not look down upon those women who play the roles of homemakers. She denounces the thankless attitude of people towards such *unsung heroes* who are not given the credit of their endless work hours within the boundaries of their households.

"They must be lauded for their roles," Lily exclaims. "Those women are true icons for all of us as they teach us empathy and a sense of institutional

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building. Our families won't be the same without them."

Thus, while mentoring her scholars back there in the Department, she would captain the ship of her household by the same token.

Having pursued research under the guidance

of Lily Want, Dr. Ameen Fayaz Parray, Assistant Professor, Department of English (North Campus), describes her a professional who wears heart on her sleeve.

"Prof Lily belongs to the league of extraordinary teachers, administrators and mentors as she has been through and through a votary of the pedagogy of heart," Prof. Ameen says.

The Professor's ideal life has influenced her students so much that they hardly mince words for their "guiding light". For them, Lily Want symbolizes confidence, pride and passion in her life pursuits.

Prof. Lily even made a difference of opinion with people work out so well and productive academically, administratively and intellectually.

"There are very few people of her stature in the academic world today," says Prof. Zafar Reshi, Dean Biological Sciences, University of Kashmir. "Perfection is her hallmark."

By virtue of her radiant personality, Lily charmed anyone who would interact with her.

Recollecting her as a good friend and a great colleague, Prof. Farooq Masudi, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Kashmir, says, "We always felt that we'll get academically upgraded once we sit with that wonderful lady."

Much of these accolades have to do with Lily Want's academic spark that lit up some dark times of Kashmir's recent history.

As a go-getting professional, neither political nor pandemic lockdowns could ever stop her from attending to her duties.

She would cross the bunkers and barricades just to sustain the flame of learning at the varsity.

This intrepid conduct helped her lead the Department of English to excellence and heights of thought and action. Not just an adept administrator, the academician in her knew how to connect with her students at a level extraordinaire.

Unrivalled as she has been to school intelligence in her students to make them stand out as billows of brilliance. Thus, having been her student and later being a part of the faculty under her leadership, Dr. Ishfaq Yatoo pours his heart out while reminiscing the Lily's blooming influence.

"She's an amazing human being, a classic example of an academician, an astounding teacher and the gem of a genius," Prof. Yatoo asserts.

Her fastidious attention to details further made her distinctive in a class by itself.

Thus, even after her departure from the University of Kashmir, Prof Aejaz Muhammad Sheikh, Department of Linguistics, is able to sense the supernal melodies of her sombre mien and aptly defines her as "Integration, dedication and commitment at its best."

Starting off with Enid Blyton, the exotic air of her taste led Lily to master the art of reading classics, all of which amalgamated to give birth to the kind of literary prowess she eventually began to hold.

"Give me anything and I'll read it," she says being a voracious reader in the truest sense of the word.

While she holds no favourites, the reading of

classics, she believes, is the cornerstone of a budding writer.

Lily appreciates the kind of literature Kashmir has been able to produce post 1990s, especially hailing Mirza Waheed, Basharat Peer, Siddhartha Gigoo for their pivotal works spiralling around the Kashmir conflict, praising them as pioneers of Kashmiri writings in English.

She believes that these journalistic writings every inch fit in the western theoretical framework when seen from the prism of post-colonialism.

But what makes her worried is the kind of repugnant writings being produced by an emerging class of 'young adult writers' that leave a bad taste in the mouth.

Lily is especially concerned about such writings going out in the arena as representative literature of Kashmir. A check on the self-publishing houses that unwittingly encourage these writers, she believes, is the need of the hour.

But beneath her striking erudition lies placid disposition - a calm and considerate character unshaken by challenges.

Lily has the propensity to understand the full gamut of human emotions vis-a-vis her students. She has the ability to suck out the vexations of life under canvas.

A kind word, a friendly smile, a gentle tap on shoulder or a warm embrace, she knows how to make it right for her beloved students.

"My students have been my brand ambassadors," she says with a beaming face.

Methodical in her approach, she may at times have a bitter tongue for discipline, but her students have seen the golden heart that she holds in her bosom which makes her sensitive to the handling of every affair pertaining to their welfare.

Her students even reveal how they have always counted on her as the one person who shall always have their back amid all odds.

Back in her home in the city uptown, she now leads a merry life with her partner who has been able to touch the cords of her heart at a different level.

Prof. Musadiq Sahaf, former Dean Academic Affairs, University of Kashmir, says the couple can't find fault with each other.

"Although we have difference of opinions, but it never reaches to the level of conflict," says Prof. Sahaf, explaining how their 29-year-old marriage has been so precious and invaluable to them. "She's intellectually and socially very high."

He even fears that their ideal life may be jinxed by evil hexes and mischievous sprites and thus recites the protective verses from The Holy Quran very often.

But after her departure from the University of Kashmir, Lily had already chalked out her plans — a wholesome list headed by the desire to read all those books she was unable to go through during her hectic campus life. But as luck would've it, she was once again offered to mentor a new class of students.

Looking back, Lily has no regrets to hold. She laughs at her *shikwahs* that she held at one or the other points of time in her life.

For her, the key to lead an agreeable life is to have an unflinching faith which practically leaves out no scope for *shikwahs*.

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"It's not that I never made any mistakes, but we learn at our own peril," she says.

The purpose of life, she believes, is nothing more or nothing less than being a good human being.

"People should annihilate their egos and the complexes they are caught up into and just focus on enriching the humans in them. I believe in the doctrine of goodness and have faith in the fact that whatever happens, happens for good."

Once recalling the entire catena of the events of her life, Lily, sitting in her South-Kashmir varsity chamber, assumes an air of quietness.

For a while, she lets the very silence of the chamber speak volumes about herself. It feels like the matron has relieved herself by letting out the story she had been carrying all her life.

But there is still that one conjecture about the beloved poet of Kashmir, which she goes back to, for she believes it is purely deduced by surmise and thus far from fact.

"It's unfortunate that people often bruit about big names," she says with a certain weight.

"There's indeed much more to Agha than the myth of forces refraining him from serving the University of Kashmir. He's a guiding light to the budding writers of Kashmir. I'm happy that I could endorse some of the researches under his name."

While the poet, having bedazzled the world with his poetry, rests peacefully in Amherst, the lady has still miles to go to light the lamps of Literature and create an epoch in itself that would be remembered for all times to come.

Iran's President Vows To Continue Nuclear Activities

Tehran: President Ebrahim Raisi said Saturday that Iran will continue nuclear development activities as talks to revive Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers remain stalled, state media reported.

Speaking in a ceremony marking Iran's national day of nuclear technology, the hard-line president said his administration will support an acceleration in research of peaceful nuclear technology.

Our knowledge and technology in the nuclear field is not reversible. Iran's (continuation of) research in peaceful nuclear fields will not depend on others' demands or viewpoints, said Raisi, who came to power in August.

Raisi's comments came as talks between Iran and world powers in Vienna to revive the 2015 nuclear deal have stalled.

There is concern that Iran could be closer to being able to construct an atomic weapon if it chose to pursue one.

The nuclear deal collapsed four years ago when former President Donald Trump withdrew the United States and imposed crushing sanctions on Iran. In the meantime, Iran has vastly expanded its nuclear work.

Iran has long insisted that its nuclear program has had peaceful purposes like generating electric power and medical isotopes.

During Saturday's ceremony, Iran displayed its new civil nuclear achievements, including several medical isotopes, agricultural pesticides, detoxification equipment and nuclear fuel material. The report did not elaborate.

The head of Iran's civilian Atomic

Energy Organization, Mohammad Eslami, said Iran will soon pursue construction of a new nuclear power plant with 360-megawatt capacity. It is to be located near the town of Darkhovin in oil-rich Khuzestan province in the country's southwest.

The plant was supposed to be built before the 1979 Islamic Revolution with help from France but the project was halted in its initial phase. The site became a major battlefield in the 8-year war between Iran and Iraq that began in 1980.

Iran's sole nuclear power plant, with 1,000-megawatt capacity, went online in 2011 with help from Russia in the southern port city of Bushehr.

Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium continues to grow and

it is currently enriching it at up to 60 per cent purity. That's the highest level ever by Iran and is a short technical step from weapons-grade levels of 90 per cent. It is far greater than the nuclear deal's 3.67 per cent cap.

Meanwhile on Saturday, Iran imposed symbolic sanctions on more U.S. officials over their roles in harming Iran, the country's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The 16-person list included George William Casey, former commander of American forces in Iraq; CENTCOM former commander Joseph Votel; former commander of American forces in Afghanistan Austin Scott Miller; U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Dorothy Shea and other U.S. officials from the former Trump administration.

Shanghai Hospital Pays The Price For China's COVID Response

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Beijing: A series of deaths at a hospital for elderly patients in Shanghai is underscoring the dangerous consequences of China's stubborn pursuit of a zero-COVID approach amid an escalating outbreak in the city of 26 million people.

Multiple patients have died at the Shanghai Donghai Elderly Care hospital, relatives of patients told The Associated Press.

They say their loved ones weren't properly cared for after caretakers who came into contact with the virus were taken away to be quarantined, in adherence to the strict pandemic regulations, depleting the hospital of staff.

Family members have taken to social media to plea for help and answers and are demanding to see surveillance video

from inside the facility after getting little to no information from the hospital.

The conditions and deaths at the hospital are a sharp rebuke against China's strategy of sticking to a zero-COVID policy as it deals with the outbreak in Shanghai in which most of the infected people don't have symptoms.

With a focus on forcing positive cases and close contacts into designated collective quarantine facilities, the costs of zero-COVID may be outweighing the risk of getting sick.

Shen Peiming, 71, was one such casualty. She died Sunday morning at the hospital, without any relatives by her side. A family member said they have been calling the hospital non-stop to find out the circumstances of Shen's death, but have not gotten a clear answer.

"How many times have there been lockdowns since 2020? They still don't have experience managing this?" the family member said. All they know is her doctor and nurses had not been there to care for Shen, who was partially paralyzed after a stroke.

Her last nursing assistant had been quarantined for being a close contact of a positive case, the relative said, speaking on condition of anonymity out of fear of retribution.

An unfamiliar worker called to inform them of her death. Later, the hospital said it was due to a chest infection.

The hospital had a COVID-19 outbreak, the family heard from orderlies, but Shen had tested negative as of last week. Shanghai authorities have reported no deaths from this outbreak, but questions have been raised about the reliability of the data.

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Top Militant

activities, the spokesperson said, many case FIRs including 39/2021, 02/2022, 11/2022 have already been registered against him at Police Station Qaimoh. Dar, he said, was also instrumental in motivating gullible youth to join "terror folds".

The spokesperson quoted IGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar appreciating the joint team and termed the elimination of Dar as a big success as he was wanted by law for his involvement in "gruesome terror activities".

"Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition has been recovered from the site of the encounter. Police have registered a case under relevant sections of law regarding the encounter and further investigation is in progress. People are requested to cooperate with Police till the area at encounter site is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any," the spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, two soldiers were injured in a firefight with militants in Chaki Samad area of Damhal Hanjipora in Kulgam district.

According to reports, Police, Army and CRPF launched a search operation on Saturday morning in the Chaki Samad area on the basis of information suggesting the presence of militants.

When the joint team started advances, the reports said, militants opened fire upon them in an attempt to escape from their dragnet.

In the ensuing firefight, two soldiers identified as Rohit Yadav and Ankesh Kumar were injured. Both of them were reportedly taken to hospital for treatment.

According to reports, the guns fell silent after the initial exchange of fire with militants.

The search operation was later called off, as it was believed that the militants had managed to flee.

DGP Tells Officers

and keep pressure on the anti-national elements and their supporters.

Singh stressed upon the officers to identify the people and OGWs who support the anti-national elements and help in sustaining the "terror eco-system".

He appreciated the recent successes of J-K Police and other security forces against militancy in different encounters.

He emphasised upon the officers that while dealing with any anti-militancy activities and law and order scenario, civilian convenience and security should be always kept in mind to the best possible extent.

He directed the officers to continue to maintain cordial relations with the general public and stressed to organise police community partnership group meetings at the local level.

During the meeting, the SSP Ganderbal and other officers briefed the DGP regarding the ground situation and security measures taken in the district for peace and order, the spokesman said.

One Million Pilgrims

places" including mosques, while masks are now only required in closed spaces.

Saudi Arabia has so far registered more than 751,000 coronavirus cases, including 9,055 deaths, according to Health Ministry data. It said in its daily update on April 6 that there had been no deaths from Covid-19 for the first time in two years.

Saudi's Age Bar

said that this year's Hajj is open to those who are under 65 years of age and have received the main Covid-19 vaccinations approved by the Saudi Ministry of Health. State Executive Hajj Officer Dr Abdul Salaam Mir said that almost 12000 applications were received by the Hajj office J&K this year.

"Now that the Saudi government has set an age-limit of below 65 years, some 2000 pilgrims won't be eligible for the Hajj this year," he said. "We

have almost 2000 applications from the pilgrims who are above 65 years."

He said that most probably the remaining 10,000 pilgrims may all become entitled for the Hajj 2022 depending on the final quota distribution by the Government of India. "Things will become clearer within a couple of days," Dr Mir said.

He said from this end, all the preparations have been made and now that the announcement has been made for Hajj 2022, they will speed up the further process that includes submitting money, passport and other relevant documents.

J&K Hajj aspirants were in a fix as the Saudi government had been delaying the quota announcement. Hajj 2022 will take place after two years (2020, 2021) as it remained suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Upbeat over the announcement, Ghulam Qadir Rather, 63, a Hajj aspirant said that he was feeling relieved over the Saudi government's decision of allowing the Hajj this year.

"The J&K government should made clear whether it will allow all the aspirants aged up to 65 or go for draws," he told a local news agency KNO.

J&K Witnessing

for the rejuvenation of the Dal lake. Under the project, de-weeding and dredging of the waterbody will be carried out in collaboration with the citizens.

"Several activities are happening (on the tourism front), 3,500 shikaras row the lake each day and I think no activity can be bigger than that. Around 400-500 (tourists) arrive here every day. The number of flights has increased. For some, it is difficult to get a ticket to Srinagar just two-three days before (the travel date). Hotels are booked. We are thinking about having more hotels here," Sinha said.

He said the Dal lake has become cleaner and will be restored to its pristine glory soon.

"The people as well as the administration here have vowed to keep clean the Dal lake, which is the cultural and historical heritage of the city. People from the world over want to visit the lake. The average citizen now feels that the lake has become cleaner than before."

"There are provisions for Rs 136 crore in the budget for cleaning the lake. Money had come before as well, but I do not think it was utilised as it is being done now. The lake has become better and the change is visible," Sinha said.

He added that money has been deposited in the DBT mode into the accounts of those cleaning the lake, which has led to a change in their economic and social lives and also ensured the cleaning of the lake on a war footing.

About the recent fire incidents in which a few houseboats were gutted, the LG said a provision has been kept in the Smart City project to provide immediate relief in case of fire incidents in the lake.

On the Smart City project for Srinagar, he said the administration is working on the need to protect the city's inheritance and also to provide modern amenities.

"When you will be able to ride a cycle along the banks of the Jhelum, sip coffee and enjoy free internet for half an hour, you will surely bring us sweets," Sinha said

Home Secy Hails

"The CRPF has a big role in ensuring the unity of India...in Jammu and Kashmir, over the last year, many hardcore terrorists have been killed and a huge quantity of arms and ammunition have been seized by the CRPF and other forces," he said.

"The cooperation between Jammu and Kashmir Police and the CRPF has been excellent and that has been beneficial," he said addressing the troops and officers of the force at a camp in

south Delhi.

He said it is due to the "hard work" of the CRPF jawans that many tourists are visiting Kashmir and there is a "sense of security" in the union territory.

"With the good deployment of local police and the CRPF, people know they can go to Kashmir safely...the flights to Kashmir are full and tourists are visiting. We feel good about it," the home secretary said.

He said the force has got "expertise" in dealing with a variety of internal security challenges, be it counter-terrorism, insurgency or Left Wing Extremism.

"The CRPF has a good public image in dealing with law and order situations and the home ministry gets maximum demand from states for deploying your force whenever there is a challenge," Bhalla said.

He asked CRPF commanders to use "optimum force with skill" while dealing with internal security issues.

Bhalla also expressed hope that the troops of the force will ensure good security for the annual Amarnath yatra in Kashmir that is expected to begin in June.

He complimented the force for moving from one conflict theater to the other on a quick notice as he praised its "logistical capabilities." "At times, when you reach for a task, there is no facility...you have to stay in a school or some arrangement...only after some-time local administration provides facilities but we never get complaints (from the CRPF). This is very difficult but your training is very good and this is a big achievement," he told the personnel.

The top home ministry bureaucrat decorated 97 personnel with gallantry medals apart from one posthumously, during the event.

It is in the memory of the battle of April 9, 1965, at Sardar Post in Gujarat that the about 3.25 lakh personnel-strong CRPF observes the 'Valour Day' annually.

The fightback by the force, which was posted for border guarding duties at the time, is considered one of the glorious chapters in the country's military history when only two companies - about 150 personnel - of the force stood their ground and repulsed the Pakistani attack.

On the intervening night of 8-9 April that year, 3,500 men of the 51st Infantry Brigade of Pakistan and comprising 18 Punjab battalion, eight Frontier Rifles, and six Baluch battalions stealthily launched a simultaneous assault on the Sardar and Tak Posts under an operation code-named "Desert Hawk".

The retaliation by the CRPF saw the numerically and armament superior Pakistan retreating the areas and leaving behind 34 bodies of their soldiers, including two officers.

Four Pakistani soldiers were taken as hostages while six CRPF men made the supreme sacrifice and the post was saved.

Abscinding Ex-Minister

the money from Srinagar. Three persons - Sidhant Sharma of Kathua and S Gurdev Singh and Mohd Shrief Sartaj of Jammu - have also been detained for questioning in connection with the case, police said.

On April 2, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh had said that the politician is absconding and he will be traced soon.

"After his questioning, a complete picture will emerge in the case which is linked to Pakistan and separatism... some people have already been arrested and the money trail clearly indicated that it was meant for subversive and anti-national activities," he had said.

Shah has also disclosed names of his foreign associates including Javed and Khatib of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, Farooq Khan of Toronto (Canada), officials said. He was also running a group on social media platforms having members from Pakistan and Saudi Arabia as well, they said.

NC's Feroz Khan

of the draft Capital Expenditure Budget 2022-23 but the deputy commissioner and chief executive officer Santosh Sukhdev announced the postponement of the meeting.

Objecting to the decision to put off the meeting, Khan said it will hamper development works in the region and demanded an immediate floor test for smooth functioning of the hill council.

In his order, Sukhdev also said the said six councillors each of BJP and Congress have requested for initiating process under Section 27(2) of the LAHDC Act.

Section 27(2) of the LAHDC provides that the chairman may be removed from office by a resolution carried by a majority of the total number of members at a special meeting of the council called for the purpose upon a requisition made in writing by not less than one-third of such members of the council.

Whereas, keeping in view the political developments in LAHDC, Kargil, it would not be appropriate to go ahead with the GCM till the position of all the councillors is cleared with regard to their support to the present dispensation, the order said, adding keeping in view the unprecedented situation, the GMC is hereby postponed till further notice.

Earlier on March 30, the BJP withdrew its support to the National Conference and recommended the dissolution of the council. However, one of the BJP members Executive Councillor Mohsin Ali rebelled and continued to support Khan.

I am ready for the floor test as I have the numbers the decision to postpone the GCM was not right because the BJP and Congress councillors have not sought the postponement of the GCM but requested for initiation of process under section 27(2) of the LAHDC. Both are two different things, Khan told reporters.

He said the postponement of the GCM will impact the developmental work besides recruitment and other day-to-day activities of the council meant for the public welfare.

We have a limited working season and, therefore, I request the administration to immediately call for the floor test for smooth functioning of the hill council. The developmental activities should not hamper in the district, Khan said.

He said the National Conference had no alliance with either the BJP or the Congress, so their talk of withdrawing support to the chair is technically incorrect.

Among the 26 elected members of the LAHDC-Kargil, 10 are from the National Conference, eight are from the Congress, three are from the BJP and five are independents. The Ladakh administration nominates four members to the 30-member council.

The 2018 elections to the Council had produced a hung verdict.

After the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the NC and the Congress fell out.

The NC then entered into a coalition with two PDP councillors and four independents to continue in power. A few months later, both PDP councillors joined the BJP.

Pak Power Play

motion against Prime Minister Khan. Islamabad High Court's doors are also being opened on the instructions of IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah, sources said.

Meanwhile, the joint Opposition has lodged an official complaint with the Speaker, urging him not to further delay the voting on no-confidence motion against the prime minister. They said all authorities concerned including him were guilty of gross contempt and liable to punishment in accordance with law.

The joint Opposition need 172 members in the 342-member house to oust Prime Minister Khan. They have garnered the support of more than the needed strength with the help of some

allies of the ruling coalition and rebels from Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

Khan, who has been saying that he will fight till the last ball, has been claiming that the Opposition's no-confidence motion against him was the result of a foreign conspiracy because of his independent foreign policy and funds were being channelled from abroad to oust him from power.

In an address to the nation on Friday, the 69-year-old prime minister reiterated his allegations that a senior US diplomat threatened regime change in Pakistan.

The US has bluntly rejected the allegations.

US Rejects Pak

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Khan has alleged that Donald Lu, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs in the Department of State was involved in the foreign conspiracy to topple his government.

Responding to a question on Khan's renewed allegations of the US encouraging the no-confidence vote against his government, deputy state department spokesperson Jalina Porter in a press conference on Friday said, "Let me just say very bluntly there is absolutely no truth to these allegations."

"Of course, we continue to follow these developments, and we respect and support Pakistan's constitutional process and rule of law. But again, these allegations are absolutely not true," she said.

Friday's rebuttal was the third time the US State Department has publicly commented on Khan's allegations. Previously, Pakistan's Dawn newspaper reported that the State Department had dismissed the allegation when it initially broke in late March.

On March 31, State Department Spokesman Ned Price said, "We are closely following developments in Pakistan, and we respect, we support Pakistan's constitutional process and the rule of law. But when it comes to those allegations, there is no truth to them."

Prime Minister Khan in a public rally in Islamabad on March 27 first disclosed about a "letter" and claimed that it contained a threat to the Pakistan government from the US.

On the basis of the letter and the alleged conspiracy plot, National Assembly Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri had dismissed the Opposition's no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Khan on April 3. The deputy speaker's ruling was struck down by the Supreme Court on Thursday.

On Saturday, Pakistan's Parliament started its crucial session to take up the no-confidence resolution against the defiant prime minister.

Earlier this month also, the US had denied reports of any "threat letter" sent to Pakistan on the current political situation in the country.

Last week, some Pakistani media outlets reported that the powerful Army has also contradicted Prime Minister Khan's remarks accusing America of hatching a conspiracy to topple his government, saying there was no evidence of interference in the country's internal matters.

13 Youth Detained

sloganeering and "hooliganism."

"This created a situation of ruckus inside the mosque leading to clashes between them. Later the hooligans were dispersed outside the mosque by volunteers. Even after coming outside from one gate, more than a dozen among them tried to provoke others by sloganeering which failed and in 2-3 minutes they dispersed in hurry seeing police presence around," the spokesperson said.

In this regard, he said, a case was registered in police station Nowhatta as FIR no 16/2022 under IPC sections

124A (sedition) and 447 (criminal trespass).

During the course of the investigation, the spokesperson said, technical means were adapted to identify these "hooligans and raids were conducted at different locations which led to arrest of two main instigators of the sloganeering namely Basharat Nabi Bhat son of Ghulam Nabi Bhat of Hawal, Nowhatta and Umar Manzoor Sheikh son of Late Manzoor Sheikh of Bahuddin Saab, Nowhatta. "Both were apprehended and formally arrested in the case".

Eleven (11) more accused were subsequently arrested in this case who were involved in the "sloganeering and hooliganism inside the Jamia Masjid and at the gate," he said.

"Many more suspected persons are being examined and will be formally arrested as soon as their role clearly comes forth in this case. PSA dossiers of all these accused are being prepared for booking them under PSA act as well, in addition to case," he added.

The spokesperson also claimed that it also came out during the initial investigation that the accused in furtherance of a well-planned conspiracy had received instructions from Pakistani handlers of militant outfits to disrupt Friday prayers in Jamia Masjid and create law and order situation by provoking the attendees. This section 120B was also invoked in this case, he said.

"Investigation, in this case, is underway at fast pace and some more arrests are likely," police said, adding, "Police informs all citizens that any attempt at disrupting peace will be viewed very seriously, strictest action under provisions of the law will be taken against all those who get involved in such illegal activities," the spokesperson said.

In addition to this, he said, no attempt at using religious places for furthering "anti-national and (militant) agenda will be tolerated at all."

"Lastly, parents are also advised to keep a watch on company of their children, indulging in such activities may cause irreparable damage to career prospects," the spokesperson added.

The Friday prayers at the Jamia Masjid were allowed by the authorities on April 8 and a large number of people offered the prayers.

US Rejects Pak

Video Shows Students

students of the school being made to do the 'manual labour' in the school premises.

LG Greets People

follow the path of humility and righteousness. It is an occasion to re-dedicate ourselves to a life of selfless service, commitment and compassion. May the festival bring joy and happiness to all," the Lt Governor said.

IMD's Twitter

time when the IMD handle has been attracting a lot of traffic due to the ongoing intense heatwave in parts of India.

"The Twitter handle has been hacked and we are trying to restore it," IMD Director-General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said. (PTI)

2 Militant Associates'

of CRPF 179 battalion from Rathsun village of Beerwah, a police spokesperson said Saturday.

He said incriminating materials of LeT, arms & ammunition including one Chinese Pistol, 2 pistol magazines, 12 pistol rounds have been recovered from their possession.

"Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 35/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Beerwah and investigation has been initiated," the spokesperson added.

Video Shows Students

PDD Workers

was rushed to CHC hospital Hajin where doctors declared him dead.

Meanwhile, Police have registered a case and started investigation in this regard. (KDC)

COVID-19: No Cases In 19 J&K Districts

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Valley logged five fresh Covid-19 cases while there was no case reported from Jammu division for the fourth consecutive day on Saturday, officials said. There was no death due to the virus in the last 24 hours either in Kashmir or Jammu, they said.

They said that while there was no fresh case from Jammu, five cases in Kashmir Valley were restricted to Srinagar, taking the overall tally to 453859-163973 in Jammu and 287586 in Kashmir, they said. Interestingly 24 cases confirmed at NIT Srinagar did not find mention in the tally, apparently as the cases pertain to the last 24 hours till 5 p.m.

There was no death reported in the last 24 hours, they said. So far 4750 persons have succumbed to the virus-2327 in Jammu and 2423 in Kashmir.

Besides, they said, 59 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time and six were from Jammu and 53 from the Valley. So far 449029 people have recovered, leaving the active case tally at 80-2 in Jammu and 78 in Kashmir.

The officials said there was no

24 NIT Students Test Covid-19 Positive

SRINAGAR: Rapid antigen test (RAT) for Covid-19 returned positive for 24 students at NIT Srinagar on Saturday, officials said.

In a letter to Head of the Department, Social and Preventive Medicine GMC Srinagar, Block Medical Officer (BMO) Hazrabal informed that 24 students out of 47 tested positive for Covid 19 during RAT today. "It is requested to kindly take up the matter with the concerned authorities for necessary declaration of MCZ (Micro Containment Zone)," the letter reads.

new confirmed case of mucormycosis (black fungus) reported today. So far 51 black fungus cases have been confirmed in J&K, the officials said. They also informed that 15,404 doses of covid-19 vaccine were administered during the time in J&K.

Doors Of NC Open For Those Who Want To Strengthen Pluralistic, United J&K: Dr Farooq

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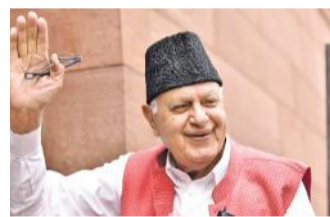
JAMMU: National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Saturday said the doors of his party are open for those who want to strengthen the idea of a pluralistic, democratic, progressive and united Jammu and Kashmir.

Abdullah was speaking at a function here to welcome new entrants into the party-fold from the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

Among those who joined the party were former government officials Raghuraj Singh Manhas, D B Singh and Chander Mohan Sharma, former sarpanch Charan Singh and former soldier Sanjeev Singh from the Nowshera area of Rajouri and prominent social activist Mumtaz Shah from Surankote in Poonch, an NC spokesperson said.

"The National Conference takes pride in giving a platform to all those individuals who want to do their bit to build bridges between different communities, regions and sections of the society," Abdullah said.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said the NC's strategy and vision in politics are



about the welfare of people and protecting the political, social and cultural interests of people from all regions and religions.

He exhorted the new entrants to the party to raise the concerns of people at the appropriate levels.

"The perception of the public's voice in the administration and the government has decreased due to the backsliding of the democratic set-up, governance deficit and administrative inertia," Abdullah said.

Meanwhile, the NC president and vice president Omar Abdullah extended warm greetings to people on the occasion of Ram Navami.

They said the festival is yet another glaring example of Jammu and Kashmir's abundant cultural richness and hoped that it is observed in the best tradition of brotherhood and gaiety.

MeT Forecasts Light Rain Spell Next Week

SRINAGAR: While the weatherman said no major rain was expected till April 20, it forecasted light rain spell ensuing Tuesday to Thursday.

A meteorological department official said a spell of light rain was expected during April 12-14. "There is no forecast of any major rain till April 20," the official said.

Meanwhile, the meteorological department official told GNS that Srinagar recorded a low of 10.4°C against 9.6°C on the previous night. He said the temperature was 3.5°C above normal during this time of the year for the summer capital.

Qazigund recorded a low of 7.4°C against 6.4°C on the previous night. The temperature was above normal by 1.7°C for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a low of 9.4°C against 9.8°C the previous night. It was 4.0°C more than normal during this time of the season for the place, the official said.

Pahalgam, the famous resort

in south Kashmir, recorded a low of 6.0°C against 4.2°C on the last night. The temperature was 3.8°C above normal for the place, he said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 5.0°C against 6.2°C on the previous night, the official said. While 0.5°C is normal for the world famous skiing resort during this time of the season, the official said that the temperature was 4.5°C above normal for the place in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of 8.9°C against 6.1°C on the previous night. The temperature was 3.4°C above normal, the official said.

Jammu recorded a low of 23.1°C against 20.4°C on the previous night, the official said. The temperature was 17.8°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 9.6°C, Batote 15.3°C and Baderwah 11.4°C, the official said.

Ladakh's Leh recorded a minimum of 4.1°C against 3.8°C on the previous night, he said. (GNS)

Isolate Those Condoning 'Terrorism': LG Tells People

Says Before 2019, Youth Were Deliberately Denied Opportunities By A Few Vested Interests

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: Asserting that young people and entire community have a huge responsibility to isolate & expose those justifying or condoning militancy, the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that it was necessary to foil underground as well as over ground extremist ideological campaign, which is involved in "misguiding youth".

The LG made these remarks while addressing a programme "Sahi Raasta" organized by the Chinar Corps in Pattan here on Saturday, an official spokesperson said.

Sinha, he said, maintained that the young minds have an instinctive attraction to ideals of peace, selfless service, and progress of the society. The LG said that the J&K administration has taken many steps to create supportive infrastructure, schemes and policies to meet the aspirations of young population.

"Entrepreneurship and employment opportunities are showing spectacular growth, tourism is expanding by leaps and bounds," Sinha said.

The LG, according to the spokesperson said that J&K has a large pool of excellent human resources and a favourable demographic profile, which is receiving more and more attention from India Inc, interested to transform UT's economic landscape.

"It is necessary to foil underground as well as over ground extremist ideological campaign, which is involved in misguiding our youth. Young people and entire community have a huge responsibility to isolate and expose those justifying or condoning terrorism," the LG added.

Calling "Sahi Raasta" program as a life changing process, the LG, as per the spokesperson said that it was an opportunity

6 "Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, in August 2019, Jammu and Kashmir entered a new era of governance. We are addressing critical areas of reforms for speeding up investment and growth"

Pole Reviews Preparation To Tackle Flood Situations

Directs Activation Of Districts Control Rooms From April 15

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Pandurang K Pole on Saturday chaired a meeting of officers of various departments to review the preparation by respective departments to tackle flood situations and mitigate its effect.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, Bandipora; ADCs of Srinagar, Budgam, Baramulla, Anantnag and Ganderbal; Director Health Services Kashmir; officers and representatives of GMC Srinagar & MCH Bemina, SMC, LCMA, FCS&CA, Tourism, School Education, ERA, Colleges, Indian Meteorological Department, Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing, Fire & Emergency Service, Police, NDRF 13, SDRF 1ST, 144th CRPF; Chief Engineers I&FC, PWD R&B, KPDC, PHE, UEED; Regional Secretary Indian Red Cross Kashmir and other officers.

On the occasion, Div Com directed I&FC and Indian Meteorological Department to issue forecasts of rainfall and flood alerts on timely basis for dissemination to responding departments, officers from civil administration and police, and public through electronic, print and digital media.

He stressed that flood warning should be provided well in advance so the hazard shall be mitigated.

He also directed officers of IMD for creation and uploading of database on their website - Integrated Operational Forecast System regarding areas prone to flood, contact details of officers of tehsil level, volunteers, man power of concerned agencies and database of machinery & logistics, rescue centres and control rooms for the coordination and prompt action to the tackle and control flood and its impact.

He also directed compilation of database of maps of Jhelum,



'Security Grid Alert, No Need To Panic'

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that the security grid of Jammu and Kashmir is alert and there is no need for any panic by anyone living in the region.

"There is no need to be afraid as our security forces including police and paramilitary are always vigilant," he told reporters on the sidelines of an official function in Baramulla district.

Asked about the strategy adopted to deal with militant attacks on non-locals, Sinha said strategies are in place, but these cannot be discussed before the media.

About the safety of shrines and religious places, the Lt Governor said: "Religious places whether it is a church, a masjid, a temple or a gurdwara... these should be kept safe and the people should take care of these by supporting the administration."

"All religious places will be protected, but the people also need to play their role in protecting these places." (Agencies)

to turn dreams of youth into reality showing them the right path to live a virtuous and successful life.

Sinha also said that before 2019 the youth of J&K were deliberately denied opportunities by a few vested interests.

"Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, in August 2019, Jammu and Kashmir entered a new era of governance. We are addressing critical areas of reforms for speeding up investment and growth," he said.

Termining peace and harmony as preconditions for development, the spokesperson said that the LG lauded the Army and the security forces for their sustained efforts towards maintaining peace and also bringing misguided youth back on to the right path.

He said that the 'Sahi Raasta'

initiative by the Chinar Corps in collaboration with UT administration and civil society aims to bring the misguided youth back to normal life and provide them opportunities for a bright future and removing their misconceptions via interactions and counseling with expert mentors.

On the occasion, the spokesperson said, various mentors of the programme including SSP Baramulla and other young achievers were felicitated by the LG.

While speaking on the occasion, Lt Gen DP Pandey, GOC Chinar Corps talked briefly about the 'Sahi Raasta' initiative and the participants that have benefited from it.

Besides senior army, police and civil administration officials, large number of youth, their parents and mentors were present on the occasion.



its tributaries and catchment areas for monitoring water level and, rescue & evacuation process.

He asked to mark the 2014 flood level on bridges and govt buildings so people would remain alert everytime to respond flood situation.

He directed district administrations to activate control rooms from April 15 and ensure that those are equipped with man power, resources and other essential services including water, electricity, ration and medicine.

Regarding flood gauging, he directed consolidation of measurements by different departments by Flood and Irrigation department to keep check on recording of readings.

He stressed on Chief Engineer I&FC for conducting audit of embankments before April 25 and identification of weak points of river banks and reparation at the earliest. Besides, asked him to keep sufficient quantity of filled and empty EC bags available in the control rooms.

Meanwhile, Div Com directed that the desilting shall be completed by May 15 to reduce the water level of Jhelum and its tributaries.

He also directed for conducting joint mock drills by related

departments for a collaborated response and synergy for quick and efficient rescue during floods.

He also directed for formulation of plan to restore water supply, electricity if those services are damaged in any area besides asked to ensure supply of drinking water by tankers and keeping DG sets available to run dewatering pumps.

He exhorted concerned to ensure water and power supply should be maintained in hospitals and essential service providing offices during floods.

Besides, he asked SMC to distribute 127 mobile dewatering pumps to flood prone areas on priority and requirement basis to save localities from inundation.

Earlier, officers of I&FC and IMD gave presentations regarding present status of preparation to tackle flood, functioning of agencies and availability of logistics.

Moreover, Div Com directed Dir Health Services to prepare plan to control and inhibit water borne diseases and post flood infections.

He also reviewed preparation by flood prone districts regarding controlling of flood and establishment of control rooms and rescue centers.

Devotees Visit Maa Chandi Temple For Ashtami After Two Years In Doda

Press Trust Of India

BHADERWAH: Hundreds of devotees on Saturday thronged Maa Chandi temple in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district to celebrate Ashtami festival after a gap of two years due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The hilltop temple in the Chinnote area of Baderwah was decorated by the management to welcome the devotees who had come from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir and outside including Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, officials said.

The Ashtami festival, a symbol of Nag culture, was celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety after two years of pandemic restrictions, they said.

The temple witnessed a heavy rush of devotees since the start of Navratras and peaked on Ashtami (eighth day of Navratra), the officials said, adding special prayers were held under the supervision of Sansthapak Kulbir Singh.

The 'Ashtami' celebrations started early in the morning with the hawan' organised by the temple committee, they said.

The officials said adequate security arrangements were made for the safety of devotees.

Picturesque Baderwah, also known as mini-Kashmir for its natural beauty, is known and famous for its unique Nag culture, ancient temples and numerous high altitude pilgrimages.

The devotees expressed happiness over their participation in the prayers at the temple after a long gap of two years.

IUST's Alamdar Nursing College Commemorates World Health Day 2022

Observer News Service
Charari Sharief: Alamdar Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology (AMCON&MT), Charar-i-Sharief, a constituent college of Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST) Awantipora celebrated the "World Health Day" on the theme "Our Planet Our Health."

The programme was part of multiple events organized by the Varsity on this occasion.

Principal AMCONMT organizing chairperson of the event, Prof. (Dr.) Mehmooda Regu enlightened the audience about the urgency of creating awareness among people about the sustainable development goals committed to achieving equitable health.

Earlier, Welcome Address and unfolding of the theme was presented by Ms Bushra Mushtaq, the organizing secretary of the event who highlighted various avoidable environmental causes and climate crises which are the biggest health threat facing humanity.

The programme included a debate competition on the said theme followed by modal presentations by the B.Sc. Nursing students of AMCONMT.

Furthermore, health related awareness was disseminated among the audience by medium of role play prepared by B.Sc. Nursing 3rd year students. The programme concluded with the prize and certificate distribution among the winners and felicitation of the participants.

80 Lakh Tourists Throng J&K In Six Months

► 75 Offbeat Destinations Being Developed For Adventure Lovers

SRINAGAR: "Sustained campaigns by the Tourism department coupled with other revolutionary measures towards tourism promotion in Jammu and Kashmir lured about 80 lakh tourists through the UT to enjoy its scenic splendor and grandeur, from October to March 2022".

The UT is witnessing steep rise in tourist influx to the picturesque world famous destination of the country due to various remarkable initiatives launched by the department under the guidance of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, to offer the tourists wide range of attractions.

Union government is supplementing the efforts of J&K tourism department with all the resources and necessary support. 'Liberal funding of a record budget allocation of Rs 786 crore, Rs 509 crore higher than last budgetary allocation, speaks about volumes of the Union government's keenness to boost tourism infrastructure and related services in Jammu and Kashmir'.

To offer tourists a peep into the hospitality of people, unique culture, traditions of countryside in J&K, Manoj Sinha launched J&K Tourist Village Network initiative to transform 75 villages of Jammu and Kashmir known for historical, picturesque beauty and cultural significance into tourist villages. The youth-led sustainable tourism initiative is also aimed to strengthen the rural economy and community entrepreneurship besides empowering youth and women by providing direct and indirect employment opportunities.

These 75 offbeat locations will provide the experience of nature's wilderness to adventure seekers, trekkers and tourists and will also create a livelihood in the villages on forest environs through homestays, nature guides, trek operators besides food stalls and forest souvenirs, an official said.

The Union Territory government is adopting best practices recognizing the uniqueness of each village and showcasing the landscapes, indigenous knowledge systems, cultural diversity and heritage, local values and traditions besides encouraging film shooting, offering financial incentives as well as ensuring a digital platform to all these villages.

Amid the tourist influx, the Srinagar International Airport has registered record flight operations. For example, on March 28, Srinagar airport operated 90 incoming and its outgoing flights which ferried more than 15,014 visitors making it the busiest day in the airport's history.

"Passenger footfall at Srinagar airport in December 2021 was 3,24,415 and so has Jammu airport

recorded the highest footfall," a senior official of tourism department said. "The Jammu airport, one of the critical airports in the country, got 8,000ft-long runway operational which will be instrumental in the development of Jammu and Kashmir."

The Srinagar- Sharjah direct flight was flagged off by Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, on October 23 last year to boost trade and tourism in J&K, has been a hit among international tourists and domestic tourists who add J&K to their Dubai itinerary.

It is pertinent to mention that LG Manoj Sinha highlighted the scope for cooperation between Jammu and Kashmir with the 34-member delegation of businessmen from UAE, Hong Kong and other GCC countries, which was on a four-day visit to the UT to explore investment opportunities, during Gulf Business Summit in Srinagar held to make 'paradise on earth' the most beautiful investment destination in the world.

"We promise to provide global standard end-to-end facilities for the businesses, skilled workforce, transparent and hassle-free regulatory mechanism and creation of necessary infrastructure wherever required," Sinha said.

Under the smart city project, 20 religious sites in Srinagar have been earmarked for face lifting and renovation to attract a larger number of tourists. The focus area is the induction of modern technology to uplift the overall infrastructural standard of the city.

The government of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India undertook the task of renovation, restoration and conservation work on Mubarak Mandi heritage complex, Amar Singh Palace and twin sections of cable car project in Jammu to boost the tourism potential of Jammu city.

In a significant move, Jammu and Kashmir government launched a new film policy to boost tourism and investment in the union territory. The policy envisaged the setting of the Jammu and Kashmir film development council (JKFDC). The policy strives to create nationally competitive infrastructure in Jammu & Kashmir. It assures administrative assistance to ease filmmaking in the UT by setting up Single Window Cell to grant permission for shooting films, preferably within 2 to 4 weeks. The Indian film industry is rekindling its romance with Kashmir, a destination once a favorite of filmmakers and the audience alike. Soon, the Valley witnessed the cameras set on its blooming tulips, placid lakes, coniferous trees and the Dal Lake.

Woman Among Two Held For Drug Peddling

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Two alleged drug peddlers, including a woman, were arrested and 800 grams of ganja was recovered from them in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Saturday, police said.

The notorious peddlers were arrested when they were mov-

ing with the contraband substance on a motorcycle near Katra town, a police official said.

Varun Sharma and his woman accomplice Bablu were booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and are being questioned to unearth their forward and backward linkages, he said.

Big Test Awaits Pant As DC Take On Iyer's KKR



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MUMBAI: Skipper Rishabh Pant will face a big test when Delhi Capitals lock horns with table-toppers Kolkata Knight Riders, led by their former captain Shreyas Iyer, in a much-anticipated IPL clash here on Sunday.

Iyer, one of the architects of the Delhi franchise's resurgence in the IPL, having taken them to their maiden final in 2020, was replaced as skipper of the team last season after he missed the first half due to an injury. The franchise didn't retain the 27-year-old, who was picked up by KKR at the auction.

Under his captaincy, the Knight Riders are perched at the top of the league with six points from four outings, their only loss coming against Royal Challengers Bangalore.

The Capitals on the other hand, after a winning start, have slumped to back-to-back defeats and are placed seventh.

Both Pant and Iyer are touted as future India captain and it will be interesting to see how

the two fare. However, the wicket-keeper-batter might be feeling the pressure, having won just one game so far.

The Capitals have lost a close match to new entrants, Lucknow Super Giants, after falling to the other new team, Gujarat Titans.

While the return of pace spearhead Anrich Nortje, who had been nursing an injury, bolstered the bowling unit, the South African, who hasn't bowled since the T20 World Cup in November, looked understandably rusty.

Despite having plenty of options, the bowling department has not looked potent, leaking runs against Gujarat Titans and LSG. Mustafizur Rahman has been their top performer but others need to complement him better.

Their batting unit has also looked out of sorts, with skipper Pant again expected to do the bulk of the work with the willow.

The Brabourne pitch has worked for the batters. With the dew factor unlikely to affect the day game, the captains might be tempted to bat first.

LSG, RR Face Off In Blockbuster Clash



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MUMBAI: If their performance is any indication, Lucknow Super Giants and Rajasthan Royals could make for a blockbuster Indian Premier League contest on a Sunday evening, an iconic venue adding to its charm.

IPL debutants Lucknow Super Giants got off to an excellent start in their first season and are placed third in the points table, having won three of their four matches.

KL Rahul's team lost its opening game narrowly to fellow first-timers Gujarat Titans, but have since recorded comprehensive wins over defending champions Chennai Super Kings, Sunrisers Hyderabad and a very formidable Delhi Capitals outfit.

While Rahul has led the side admirably in the matches played so far in the 15th edition of the lucrative league, the likes of Evin Lewis, Deepak Hooda and young Ayush Badoni shining with the bat has lent great balance and stability to the team.

As far as bowling is concerned, the pace-spin duo of Avesh Khan and Ravi Bishnoi have managed to hold their own against some of the most established names of T20 cricket.

However, it is easier said than done when up against a side like RR, which has emerged as one of the stronger teams in the competition so far, notwithstanding the loss to Royal Challengers Bangalore in its last outing.

Before the reverse against RCB, RR won two matches, beating Sunrisers Hyderabad and Mumbai Indians by 61 runs and 23 runs respectively.

Arguably one of the best batters in the shortest format, Jos Buttler is going great guns, following up his blazing hundred with a 47-ball 70 against RCB.

Buttler in form is a huge positive for RR, who can also look up to Devdutt Padikkal and Shimron Hetmyer for quick runs. And then there is also skipper Sanju Samson, who can tear apart any bowling attack once he settles down in the middle.

Pacer Navdeep Saini has leaked runs in the last couple of matches and it remains to be seen if Riyan Parag, who has not contributed with the ball, continues to bat at number six.

Playing with three overseas players in Buttler, Hetmyer and Trent Boult, fourth-placed RR have the option of drafting in an all-rounder like Jimmy Neesham to lend more balance to their XI.

IPL 2022 POINTS TABLE

TEAM	M	W	L	TIED	N/R	POINTS	NRR
Kolkata Knight Riders	4	3	1	0	0	6	1.102
Gujarat Titans	3	3	0	0	0	6	0.349
Lucknow Super Giants	4	3	1	0	0	4	0.256
Rajasthan Royals	3	2	1	0	0	4	1.218
Royal Challengers Bangalore	3	2	1	0	0	4	0.159
Punjab Kings	4	2	2	0	0	4	0.152
Delhi Capitals	3	1	2	0	0	2	-0.116
Sunrisers Hyderabad	3	1	2	0	0	2	-0.889
Chennai Super Kings	4	0	4	0	0	0	-1.211
Mumbai Indians	3	0	3	0	0	0	-1.362

Abhishek Sharma Stars In SRH's 8-Wicket Win Over CSK



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NAVI MUMBAI: Indian Premier League's sentimental favourites Chennai Super Kings slumped to their fourth successive defeat with young Abhishek Sharma's 50-ball-75 guiding Sunrisers Hyderabad to their maiden eight-wicket win in this edition of the tournament.

The 21-year-old Sharma took the attack to the opposition with a blistering first IPL half-century which was studded with five fours and three sixes, to help Sunrisers easily chased down the target of 155 with 14 balls to spare.

CSK now has to win at least eight out of their remaining 10 games in order to reach the magic figure of 16 points which

during past few years is the cut-off for play-off qualifications.

The left-hander from Punjab, who was bought for Rs 6.5 crore by the Sunrisers in the auction, led India to victory in the U-19 Asia Cup in 2016, before being replaced as captain by Prithvi Shaw months before the 2018 U-19 World Cup.

It was Sunrisers first win of this IPL, having lost to Rajasthan Royals and Lucknow Super Giants in their earlier matches.

CSK have already lost to Kolkata Knight Riders, Lucknow Super Giants and Punjab Kings in earlier games.

On a sluggish pitch, Sharma took the pressure off his captain Kane Williamson (32 off 40 balls) who played second fiddle to the youngster who was in top

form after failing to score big in the previous two matches.

Williamson was out in the 13th over off the bowling of left-arm seamer Mukesh Choudhary (1/30) after sharing 89-run opening stand with Sharma, who also fell in the 18th to Dwayne Bravo (1/29) with Sunrisers needing just 10 runs.

Sharma was dropped when on 62 by Ravindra Jadeja off the bowling of Bravo but by then CSK have already lost the plot. The Sunrisers needed 47 runs from six overs with nine wickets in hand.

Sharma struck Mukesh Choudhary for a six in the next over and Tripathi then joined the party with a maximum and a four off Chris Jordan in the 17th over to make it a no contest.

After Chahal's Revelation, Shastri Proposes Life Ban For Offender

Chahal said a drunk player dangled him from the 15th-floor balcony



"He was very drunk and was looking at me and he just called me. He took me outside and he dangled me from the balcony." - Chahal

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MUMBAI: Taking exception to leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal's allegations of physical harassment by a player in his early IPL days, former India head coach Ravi Shastri has suggested that the offender never be allowed to come near a cricket field.

In a shocking revelation, Chahal said he had a close shave during a post-match IPL party in 2013 when a drunk player dangled him from the 15th-floor balcony of a Bengaluru hotel.

Reacting to this, Shastri said it's "no laughing matter at all".

"I do not know who the person involved is, he was not in a conscious state of mind. If that is the case then it is a big worry. Someone's life is at risk, some people might think it is funny but for me, it is not funny at all," Shastri told ESPNcricinfo.

"It shows the person who is trying to do it is in a state which is not appropriate. When you are in such a state trying something like that, the chances of mistakes are even more. It is not acceptable at all."

Chahal, 31, one of the country's top leg-spinners and who has played under Shastri in the Indian team, made the revelation during a chat with Ravichandran Ashwin, the video of which has been shared by their new IPL franchise Rajasthan Royals.

"It is the first time I am hearing such a drastic thing like this. It is not funny at all. If such an

incident happens today, a life ban for that person involved and send that person to a rehab centre as quickly as possible.

"Life ban, better not come near a cricket field then he will realise how funny is it or not funny," Shastri stated.

Chahal said not many people knew about his near-death experience as he had kept it to himself.

Shastri, a former India all-rounder, also said that it is important for players to report incidents like these at the earliest, instead of waiting for something tragic to take place.

"You do not want an unfortunate incident for you to wake up, if something like that happens, you have to step up and tell the people concerned. Just like you are told by the Anti-Corruption Unit when there is an approach made by someone or the other when it comes to fixing, it is your job to approach the authorities to let them know," said Shastri.

During his chat with Ashwin, Chahal said, "My story, some people know about it. I have never spoken about this, I never shared this."

"In 2013, I was with the Mumbai Indians. We had a match in Bengaluru. There was a get-together after that. There was a player who was very drunk, I will name him."

"He was very drunk and was looking at me and he just called me. He took me outside and he dangled me from the balcony."

Charles Leclerc Takes Pole At Australian Grand Prix

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MELBOURNE: Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc claimed his second pole position of the year with a blistering final lap in qualifying for the Australian Grand Prix on Saturday. Leclerc, who won the season-opening race in Bahrain in March, posted a time of 1 minute, 17.868 seconds to edge Red Bull driver and defending series champion Max Verstappen by 286 seconds.

Red Bull driver Sergio Perez qualified in third position, while Lando Norris will start from the second row in his McLaren after qualifying fourth. Lewis Hamilton, who had claimed pole position in the six previous Grand Prix races held in Melbourne, finished .957 seconds behind Leclerc in fifth.

The brilliant drive from Leclerc gave Ferrari its first pole position in Melbourne since Kimi Raikkonen in 2007. "It felt good. Even more, because it was a track I have always struggled at as a driver," Leclerc said.



"In Q3, I managed to pull everything together. It feels great. Tomorrow we just need to do a good start and hopefully we can maintain pole position." Verstappen said he "didn't really feel good in the car all weekend so far" and that it had been a "bit of a struggle... for me, this weekend has been all over the place. As a team, we want more."

In a major renovation to the Melbourne track, five corners were re-profiled at Albert Park and two were removed completely. After two races, Leclerc leads the drivers' championship with 45 points, followed by Sainz with 33 and Verstappen, who won in Saudi Arabia two weeks ago, with 25. (AP)

Everton Lifts Survival Hopes With Win Over Lackluster United

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MERSEYSIDE: Everton gained a huge win in its fight for survival and further damaged Manchester United's flimsy top-four hopes with a 1-0 victory in the Premier League on Saturday.

Anthony Gordon's shot from the edge of the penalty area deflected into the net off the outstretched leg of United defender Harry Maguire in the 27th minute at Goodison Park.

It was another lackluster performance by United, which brought two great saves out of Jordan Pickford - both from efforts by Marcus Rashford - early in the match and was frustrated by

some obdurate and at times desperate defending by Everton in the second half.

Whoever is hired as the full-time replacement for interim manager Ralf Rangnick - and Ajax's Erik ten Hag looks to be the favorite for the job - is set to arrive at Old Trafford with United out of the Champions League and potentially not in any European competition.

United stayed three points behind the teams in fourth and fifth place - Tottenham and Arsenal, respectively - and the two London clubs have games in hand.

Asked if speculation over the next manager was creating a state of limbo, Rangnick said: "I don't think this



should be an excuse for anybody. We're Manchester United, we've got a lot of international players.

"This cannot be an alibi for anybody. If the next manager is announced in 10, 14, 21 days, this should not affect a game like today."

Things look much more positive, though, for Everton, which bounced back from a demoralizing loss at relegation rival Burnley on Wednesday to move four points clear of the bottom three as the team looks to avoid going out of the top flight for the first time since 1954.

Everton's home form raises hope that it can stay up. Frank Lampard's side has won five of its last seven matches at Goodison Park in all competitions.

"These are pressure times

with the reality of the situation, but at Goodison we've been good," Lampard said. "Away from home is a different aspect but when we come together, the players, the fans here, we're hard to beat."

"It starts with the physical output, the fighting spirit. That's what the fans demand and rightly so. When you give them that you give yourself a chance."

Lampard said "beautiful football can come later," given the position Everton is in.

"I've got ambitions at the club to stay up and change some things," he said. "But in the position we're in, it's fighting first."

"We've got loads to do. It's one win."

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