KASHMR OBSERVER

Friday 03 June 2022 | 02 Zil Qaddah | 1443 Hijri | Srinagar | Vol:25 | Issue: 127 | Pages:08 | Price: ₹ 3

www.kashmirobserver.net ● twitter.com / kashmirobserver ● facebook.com/kashmirobserver ● Postal Regn: L/159/KO/SK/2014-2016



P3 CITY

MAN ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO MURDER **MOUZIN AT NAWAKADAL: POLICE**

Police on Thursday said that it arrested an accused person for attacking a mouzin while giving call for Fajr prayer in Nawakadal



You are not alone if you and your children feel frantic, isolated, anxious, or depressed post pandemic. The World Health Organization (WHO) reported in March 2022 that the COVID-19 pandemic had caused



P7 STATE

CONG REITERATES STATEHOOD DEMAND IN 'NAV SANKALP SHIVAR'

The two-day Nav Sankalp Shivar' of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) concluded at Patnitop near here, with the party



Quote!

Invisible threads are the strongest ties.

-Friedrich Nietzsche

NEWS DIGEST

J&K Logs Seven New Covid Cases

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir reported seven new coronavirus cases on Thursday, taking the infection tally in the union territory to 4,54,262, officials said here.

Four cases were reported from Jammu district while two cases were detected in Srinagar district, the officials said here. There are 56 active cases of the disease in the union territory, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,49,452, they said. The COVID-19 death toll in the union territory stands at 4,752 as no fresh More on P6

Abhishek Sharma Posted CEO JaKeGA

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Thursday transferred and posted Abhishek Sharma, IAS, (CG:2018) as Chief Executive Officer, JaKeGA. Abhishek Sharma, Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 holding additional charge of the Mission Director, DAY-NULM, shall relieve Ms. Prerna Puri, IAS, of additional charge of the post, a government order reads. "He shall also hold charge of the posts of Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 and Mission Director, More on P6

Teacher Sacked For Remaining Absent

Jammu: Director School Education Jammu has ordered termination from services of a teacher in Poonch district for remaining "absent" for over five years.

"keeping in view the continuous unauthorized absence of more than five years, the services of Mtr Nishat Firdous, Teacher, Govt HSS Mohri Gursai, is hereby terminated from School **Education Department from** the date the said official remained un-authorizedly absent from her legitimate duties viz. 01.03.2017 in terms of Article 113 & More on P6

Train Mows Down Elderly Man

Anantnag: A man was killed after he was hit by a train in Chodhama area of Mir Bazar in south Kashmir's Anantnag on Thursday, officials said. An official said that an elderly man in his sixties was hit by a train (04474) in between Anantnag-Sadura section near Km 15 at Chodhama. The man died on the spot while his identification is being ascertained, he said—(KNO)

Bank Manager From Rajasthan Shot Dead In Kulgam

Migrant Labourer Gunned Down in Budgam

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Militants dead a bank employee from Rajasthan inside the bank premises in South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Thursday, the eighth targeted killing in the Valley since May 1 and the third of a non-Muslim government employee.

In a separate incident, hours later, a migrant labourer reportedly hailing from Bihar was shot dead and another injured in Chadoora area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district.

Vijay Kumar, a manager



with the Ellagui Dehati Bank at Areh Mohanpora branch in the south Kashmir district. received More on P6

Soldier Killed, 2 Injured in Shopian Blast

soldier was killed while two others were injured in a blast inside a vehicle in the Sedow area of Shopian on Thursday, officials said. The blast took place inside a private vehicle at Sedow in which three soldiers of 15 Gadwal were injured, reports quoting an official said. He added that the trio was shifted to district hospital Shopian from where More on P6

Migrant **Worker Killed** In Chadoora **Attack**

nidentified militants on Thursday shot dead a migrant labourer and injured another in Chadoora area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district. Police said on Thursday, two non-locals were fired upon by the militants in More on P6

KASHMIR SITUATION

Doval, RAW Chief Hold Meet With HM Shah

Crucial Security Meeting On Kashmir In New Delhi Today

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Ahead of a crucial meeting on Jammu and Kashmir, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on Thursday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and is believed to have discussed the security situation in the Union Territory which has witnessed a spate of targeted killings since May 12.

Doval along with RAW chief Samnat Goel closeted with Shah for over an hour at the home minister's office at North Block this afternoon, official sources said.

Details of their meeting were not known immediately but they were believed to have discussed the situation in restive Kashmir where a bank employee hailing from Rajasthan was killed this morning -- the third government non-Muslim employee.



According to reports, slew of measures have been crystalized, after consulting with top brass officers of security agencies, which would be conveyed forth to the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha besides other top officials from

I&K Administration. Shah will chair the highlevel meeting on Friday to discuss the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, the second such exercise in less than a fortnight which comes at a time when militants have been carrying out targeted killings in the valley.

Doval is also expected to attend Friday's meeting which will be chaired by the home minister.

Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and senior functionaries of the central government and union territory would participate in the meeting which is also expected to take stock of the arrangements More on P6

Take Steps To Restore Peace In Kashmir, Rahul Tells PM

Press Trust Of India

ormer Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Thursday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take immediate steps to restore peace in Kashmir, saying innocent people are being killed in the valley and Kashmiri Pandits are fleeing. "Bank manager, teacher and many innocent people are getting killed every day, Kashmiri Pandits are fleeing. Those who have to protect them have no time as they are busy promoting the film. The BJP has only made Kashmir to attain power," Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi. "Take immediate steps to

restore peace in Kashmir, Prime Minister ji," he said. Gandhi also shared a collage of pictures of those killed in the last few days More on P6

HE MEETING WILL BE HELD AMID PROTESTS by Kashmiri Pandit community seeking protection and some of them leaving the valley following the targeted killings.

Killing Spree, Fear **Belie Govt's Normalcy Claims: Farooq**

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Targeted killings of civilians and the pervasive fear among the people in Kashmir belie the government's claims of normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir, NC president Farooq Abdullah said Thursday, alleging the administration

has its head in sand. "This ostrich ap-proach will push the situation to a point of no return," said the

former J&K chief minister, presiding over a meeting of the National Conference's provincial committee (Kashmir) at Nawa-e-Subah here.

Addressing the meeting Abdullah reiterated the party's stand to "peacefully fight for restoration of J-K's identity and dignity" an apparent reference to J-K's special status which was revoked by the Centre on August 5, 2019.

The NC president also More on P6

Bhajan Sopori Passes Away



lowing a More on P6

Santoor Maestro



referred to as the 'saint of santoor' and 'king of strings' for his mastery the instrument died on Thursday Gurugram hospital

Govt Forces Step Up

Srinagar: The govern-

According to officials, the police and paramilitary forces More on P6



Security personnel frisking a biker in the commercial hub of Lal Chowk in the capital city of Srinagar on 💥 Thursday: KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Vigil After Spurt In Attacks Auqib Javeed

ment forces on Thursday beefed up security measures in this capital city and elsewhere amid a fresh cycle of killings, mostly of government employees by militants, causing widespread outrage and condemnation from political parties.

KP Employees March In Jammu, **Demand Transfer To Home Districts**

Press Trust Of India

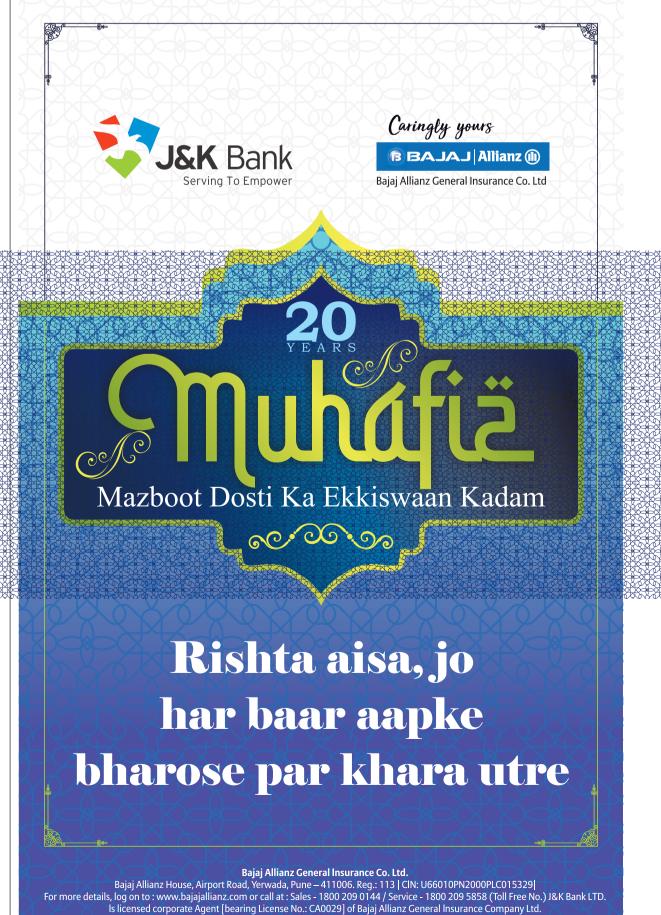
Iammu: Amid unabated targeted killings in Kashmir, hundreds of government employees posted in the valley took out a march here on Thursday to demand their immediate transfer to their respective home districts.

The protesters were carrying placards in support of their demand and pictures of their colleague Rajni Bala, a school teacher who was shot dead by militants at a school in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Tuesday, and chanted slogans demanding relocation.

The march was carried out from Press Club to Ambedkar

Assembled under the banner of All Jammu-based reserved categories employees association', the protesters said they will not resume their duties as the government has failed to stop targeted killings and provide a secure atmosphere to them.

Nearly 8,000 employees from different districts of Jammu are working in Kashmir under interdistrict transfer policy and we are not going to return and resume our duties in the present atmosphere. We are serving there for the last 15 years but are feeling insecure and tense in view of the spurt in the targeted killings, Ramesh Chand, More on P6



[IRDA registration No. 113]. | BJAZ-O-JK-0015 | 25-May-22

HYDEPORA 'ENCOUNTER'

Govt To Challenge HC's Order On Exhumation Of Amir's Body

Agencies

Srinagar: The government has decided to challenge J&K and Ladakh High Court's judgment regarding the exhumation of body of Amir Latief Magrey, one of the four persons killed in an "encounter" at Hyderpora area of Srinagar last year.

Allowing a petition by Amir's father-Mohammad Latief Magrey—a single bench the court on May 27 last had asked the government to make appropriate arrangements for transportation of the body to native village in Ramban for burial "sans further delay".

A senior officer said that the government has decided to file an More on P6

Monday - Saturday (9am - 6pm) No 5- Dal Lake Boulevard Srinagar, 190001, Kashmir

How To Organize Your Phone and Clean Out Your Storage

Apartment Therapy | Ashley Abramson

Tou spend the equivalent of an entire 24-hour day per week online—so as spring cleaning approaches, don't forget to declutter your devices. Like clearing out your closets and reorganizing your cabinets, taking time to declutter your phone space could make your digital home more efficient, functional, and enjoyable. Curious how to spring clean your smartphone? Here's a step-by-step guide to get you started on a cleaner, smarter

And if you want help with the household spring cleaning, too, we've got you covered! Enter your email below to join our free 20-day spring cleaning program, which kicks off April 1.

Clear the Cache

Clear the Cache
Why: You wouldn't keep old, expired cans of soup in your kitchen cabinet, so why are you letting old data accumulate in your phone? Andrew Moore-Crispin, the Director of Content at Ting Mobile, says the first step to spring cleaning your device is clearing its cache, which could significantly boost its speed and performance. Just keep in mind that clearing your browser data will remove all stored usernames and passwords, so make sure you've got that info in a safe place before sweeping your phone clean. info in a safe place before sweeping your phone clean

How: On an iPhone, open up the settings app, scroll down to "Safari." Scroll down again and tap "Clear history and website data." On an Android, open settings via the cog icon, then find Apps in the menu. Locate the app for which you want to clear data, tap on storage, then clear the cache.

Delete Old Text Threads

Why: You know that months-old text thread with your besties? Chances are, especially if it's ridden with GIFs, photos, and videos, the amount of data in it is slowing your phone way down. If your phone could use a performance boost, it might be time to say goodbye to old some text threads (You can always screenshot your fave convos—and

threads. (You can always screenshot your fave convos—and maybe even have them made into a book.)
How: On an iPhone, open up the iMessage app, swipe left on the thread you want to delete, and tap the red delete button. Unfortunately, you can only delete individual texts natively on Androids—just tap the Message+ icon select a natively on Androids—just tap the Message+ icon, select a conversation, hold down the message, and tap delete messages. To delete entire conversations, you'll need a thirdparty app like dr.fone.

at_archive_b81e7e61d46224e54d602b97c25b6e57f-22538ce.jpg

Backup Media

Why: Photos and videos tend to occupy the most real estate on phones, but the good news is, it's fairly easy to back them up whether you have an Android or iPhone. You can set Google Photos or iCloud to automatically backup your media, so if you lose your phone or it crashes, you're not losing precious memories along with it.



How: The first step on an iPhone is to make sure you've set up iCloud. Then, go to Settings > [your name] > iCloud > Photos, and turn on iCloud Photos.

To backup your photo library on Google Photos, open the Google Photos app, sign in to your Google Account, tap menu, select settings backup and sync, and choose "on."

Why: Your expansive library of apps probably takes up more space than you realize on your device. Depending on your storage situation, Moore-Crispin says apps can slow your phone down to molasses status—not to mention zap its battery life. A good rule of thumb is to delete anything you haven't used in the last month. Don't worry, you can always download it again later if you miss it.

How: On an iPhone, simply hold down the app you want to delete, and it will begin to "vibrate" on the screen. Select the "X" in the corner to delete.

On an Android, open the Play Store App, open the settings menu, tap on "My apps and games," and head to the Installed section. To delete, tap the app you want to say goodbye to, then tap uninstall.

 $project \quad prism_color \quad search \quad archive_cd4e2cad6e17d6f-240b2e9f5aba026f645466892.jpg$ mage credit: Kim Marcelo

Organize Photos and Apps

Why: Whether you color code them or organize them by category, organizing your apps makes your phone much more intuitive to navigate (and admittedly more aesthetically pleasing). Moore-Crispin recommends keeping your most-used apps on your home screen for easy

How: To organize iPhone apps, hold down a folder with your finger. Once it vibrates, you can move it or rename the folder it's in. To create a new folder, just drag one app on top of another. Move apps or folders to another screen by holding them at the edge of the screen until it moves. For an Android, the process is similar. Create a new folder by long-pressing one app and dragging it on top of another. When you release, the apps will be in a folder you can name. Drag more apps into the folder if you want, and drag the folder to move it like you would with apps.

Time of Class of Major Position of

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER **SOCIAL FORESTRY DIVISION ANANTNAG** E-mail:- dfo.sfant@jk.gov.in, sfdanantnag@gmail.com Fax:- 01932-224228

Cancellation of e-Nit No 01 of 2022-23 Dt. 31.05.2021

Due to some technical/typing errors, e-NIT No 01 of 2022-23 Dt. 31-05-2021, the works under RDF Units and Village Wood Lots by carrying out Fixing of fence posts with Black Annealed Barbed Wire fencing from S. No. 01 to 06 is hereby Cancelled due to change in e-NIT conditions/specifications. The fresh e-NIT shall be invited by this Division very soon.

Shamma Roohi, (ACF) **Divisional Forest Officer** Social Forestry Division

No:- DFO/SF/ANG/Acctts/2022-23/131-34 Dated:-01-06-2022

DIPK-3197/22

E-mail: dscobla2015@gmail.com

Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir **Department of Soil & Water** Conservation Baramulla / Bandipora

Corrigendum

Nit.No.01 of 2023 all the tenders has been cancelled falling in Nit No. 01 due to AS there is lot of mistakes about the class of contractual and adv. cost due to typing mistake

No: - DSCOB/Tender/Bla2022-23/149-55 Dated:-31-05-2022

DIPK-3178/22

District Officer. Soil & Water Conservation Deptt. District Baramulla/Bandipora HQ Baramulla.

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

BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th &12th under Below mentioned particulars

Name: Anayat Zehra S/o Mahboob Hussain Parray

Roll No 2406311

R/o Yall

Details of Marks Certificate lost Secondary School Examination (class 10th) Session / Year Annual / Reg. 2013 Roll No 307311 Higher Secondary School Examination (class12th)

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

Session / Year Annual . 2015

Sd/ Assistant Secretary Sub Office Magam

الميم حوم حاجي خضر محمر كأك انتقال كرئئيل

فاتحةخوانی اتوار5 جون کوانجام دی جائیکی

LPC

1.62

10ء مال

وورال

هدال

(المسايكية وينصبال

یہ خبرانتہائی دکھ اور افسوس کے ساتھ دی جاتی ہے کہ ہماری والدہ محترمہ اہلیہ مرحوم حاجی خضر محمہ كاك ساكنه كاكهمحلّه خواجه بإزارمتصل بوليس سٹیشن نوہٹہ مختصر علالت کے بعد 2جون 2022ء مطابق 2ذي قعدہ 1443ھ بروز جعرات الصبح انقال كرَّئيُس، مرحومه كي فاتحه خوانی 5جون 2 2 0 2ء بروزاتوار صبح 10.00 بج اپنے آبائی مقِبرہ واقع ملہ کھاہ متصل کا کہمحلّہ انجام دی جائیگی۔

لايلاءهن إزيال كالكافئ ويضعيان

الكاميا فخراعينا المامات

والسائدين المستشاوين

معرال والمراكز والمراث

مجالوا فالماحيل

متميدون والمستراعي والمهلب والمهلب والمستراع والمرادي والمرادي والمرادي والمرادي والمرادي والمرادي والمرادي و المرادي والمرادي وا

- Part Specific Street

مبالا يوميه الزائع المسترام الماليان سأنكب وأعصب الأفريعمل المالية المالي

عليه كالمحرك سيران يركه المالي كالمركز والمعرف

728

10

المعلوج برافلان الكير 100 أواد ويستمل عبد فيدا مرهود فكعد كعد المساكم أوكرو

هر آگر کی کنک احزاق منا درآید بالوشنسنان آگریشنا میشی ای احزاقی

والمرابع المنافز والمستشارين والمنافز و

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER **RURAL ENGINEERING WING BARAMULLA**

E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER NIT No: -06/Xen/Rew/Bla/2022-2023 Dated.31/05/2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work:-

Est. Cost Cost of EMD

No		(in Lacs)	T/Doc.	AMOUNT			Head of	AAA/TS
L			(In Rs.)				Account	
1_	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	C/O Drain along road side at different spots at Gutiyar Halqa Gutiyar under	6.50	300	13000	45days	CEE	ADP	AAA
L	ADP (PRI) Block Baramulla.					DEE		Accorded
2	C/O Drain from main road to Gh. Rasool Lala and others at Johama Halqa	4.00	200	8000	45days	DEE	ADP	AAA
	Johama under ADP (DDC) Block Baramulla.							Accorded
3	C/O Tile Path/PCC path with Drain at ward No 3, 4, and 9 at Patchar . Halqa	8.00	300	16000	45days	CEE	ADP	AAA
	Chandoosa-B under ADP (PRI) Block Baramulla.					DEE		Accorded
4	C/o P/Bund at different Spots at Kralpora Delina-C under ADP (PRI) Panchyat	5.00	200	10000	45days	DEE	ADP	AAA
	Halqa: Delina-C, Block Baramulla.							Accorded
5	Balance Part of Fencing of Public Park Johama under ADP (BDC) Panchayat	3.00	200	6000	45days	DEE	ADP	AAA
L	Halqa Johama Block Baramulla							Accorded
6	C/O path with P/Bund from H/O mohd Ramzan magray to onwards at Hudpora	3.00	200	6000	45days	DEE	ADP	AAA
	under ADP (BDC) Panchyat Halqa: Hudipora Block Baramulla.							Accorded
7	C/O path at different spots at ward no 2,3,6 at Katyawali under ADP (PRI)	7.50	300	15000	45days	1	ADP	AAA
L	Panchyat Halqa: Katyawali Block Baramulla.					DEE		Accorded
8	C/O path at different spots at ward no 1,4,5 at Katyawali under ADP (PRI)	7.50	300	15000	45days	CEE	ADP	AAA
L	Panchyat Halqa: Katyawali Block Baramulla.					DEE		Accorded
9	/O/ Upgradation of road from main road to onwards near university land at	11.30	600	22600	45days	BEE	ADP	AAA
	Delina Ghat . Halqa Delina-C under ADP (PRI) Block Baramulla.					CEE		Accorded
L						DEE		
10	C/O of road with P/wall near L/O Nisar Ah Parry to onwards at Delina-D under	5.00	200	10000	45days	DEE	ADP	AAA
	ADP (PRI) Panchyat Halqa: Delina-D, Block Baramulla.							Accorded
11	Upgradation of road with Edge walls at different spots at W.No 8 and ward no	7.35	300	14700	45days	CEE	ADP	AAA
	10 at Hajibal under ADP (PRI) Panchyat Halqa: Drangbal, Block Baramulla.					DEE		Accorded
12	C/O of road from Play ground to Chartiual at Hudpora under ADP (BDC)	4.00	200	8000	45days	DEE	ADP	AAA
	Panchyat Halqa: Hudpora Block Baramulla.							Accorded

1. of		lifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the scheduled date given below.
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	31-05-2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding	From 01-06-2022 to 15-06-2022 up to 6:00 PM
L	documents	
3	Bid submission Start date	01-06-2022
4	Bid Submission End Date	15-06-2022 up to 6:00 PM
		Technical Bids will be opened on 16-06-2022 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.
	The G O Ne 229 E OE 2021 DATED:07.00	2021 issued by the Gout/Finance deptt) that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Do

3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat. In the event of inadequate response to a tender , participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted. If the Bidder quotes his Bid exceeding the tendering Cost, his bid will be automatically rejected. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein Name of work and NIT No.

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.

All The Bidders has to deposit Earnest Money (2% of Advertised cost) in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering as per the Circular of Finance Department. The IST Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3 % of allotted cost of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of

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

The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited, If:-Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender inviting Authority).

Executive Engineer. **DIPK-3162/22** Dated: 31-05-2022

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri Ghulam Rasool Khan S/O: Abdul Aziz Khan R/o: Ompora Budgam Registration No: JK04E-9820 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S Mahindra & Mahindra Ser.Ltd

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of nire purchase Agreement shall be filed in Writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.

No. ARTO/BUDGAM.1035 Dated 10-06-2022

Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir

KINDERGATEN LITTLE CHAMPS, KHANPORA UTTERSOO, SHAGUS

Fee Structure of the School

Session 2021-2022

S.No	Class	Tuition
1	KG's	650
2	1st -5th	650
3	6th-8th	650

rna

Sd/- Chairman

CLOTHING & HOME APPLIANCES

YARDIMCI MULTI-VENTURE Deals with clothing

and home appliances at whole sale rates.

Contact:-0194-3550112 G-mail-yardimiciunique92@gmail.com I.G: yardimci_multi_venture_ F.B: yardimci multiVenture

ELECTRONICS

10X MOBILE STORE

All types of Mobile and Mobile Accessories Main Market Sannat Nagar Srinagar Contact:-7889657769

TECH WORLD

All Mobile and Electronic Accessories Xerox also available.



Sannat Nagar Srinagar Contact:-9149965005/9682370979



Workshop On 'Role Of ICT In **Education' Held** At AS College

Observer News Service

rinagar: The Department of Education and Department of **Computer Applications** of Amar Singh College organized a two days' workshop on the theme "Role of ICT in Education",

on Thursday. Prof. Bashir Ahmad Rather, Principal of the College, inaugurated the workshop.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Rather deliberated upon the importance of digital resources and tools for improving the quality of instruction delivery and informed the participating students about the student-centric IT facilities available in the College.

Prof. Arshad Ahmad Yatoo, Head, Department of Computer Applications, delivered extensive presentations on the theme and deliberated on various digital libraries and e-content repositories from which students can benefit.

Prof. Yatoo also conducted demonstrative sessions regarding epathshala, e-PG patshala, e-Shodhganga, e-shodhsindhu, e-shodhgangotri, e-gyankosh, N-List and National Digital Library. Moreover, MOOC platforms like swayam, NPTEL and Spoken Tutorials were also discussed in the workshop.

Around 100 students and some faculty members participated in the workshop and received participation certificates.

Prof Kasira, Head, Department of Education, and Prof. Razia Samoon, **Assistant Professor** Education, conducted the proceedings of the programme. Prof. Arshad Husain Bhat, Prof. Owais Shafi Zargar and Prof. Jamsheeda provided technical support to the programme.

Body Fished Out From Jhelum

Agencies

🔻 rinagar: A 60-yearold man's body was fished out from river Ihelum at Kondbal Padshahi Bagh area in Srinagar on Thursday.

Sources said the dead body of the male, , was fished out from Jhelum river at Kondbal Padshahi Bagh area.

After the dead body was recovered, it was immediately shifted to SHMS for autopsy, they said that the identification of the body was yet to be ascertained.

Meanwhile, police have registered a case in this regard and further investigation has been taken up. (KDC)



Man Arrested For Attempt To Murder At Nawakadal: Police

Agencies

Srinagar: Police on Thursday said that it arrested an accused person for attacking a mouzin while giving call for Fajr prayer in Nawakadal area of Srinagar.

A complaint was received in Safakadal Police Station that a person, Feroz Khan, who also happens to be Muazin of a mosque, was attacked with an iron rod by some unidentified person.

The statement reads that the

victim sustained injuries in his head and received eight stitches.

"Acting swiftly, police registered a case as FIR no 101/2022 under sections 307, 341 of IPC in Police Station Safakadal," it said. It added that during the inves-

tigation one accused was identified and arrested within an hour.

"The accused was later identified as Mohammad Shafi Seeru and has been found to have rivalry against the victim," it said.

NIT Holds Event On Innovation And Start-Ups

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Innovation, Incubation, and Entrepreneurship Development (IIED) Centre in collaboration with Institutions Innovation Council (IIC) on Thursday organized an awareness workshop on 'innovation and start-up' at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The event was presided over by Sheikh Jahangir from National Innovation Foundation and a three-time president awardee.

He was the brain behind the innovations in the Hindi blockbuster, 3 Idiots and was the chief guest and main speaker for the

NOTICE

Where a application for transfer

of ownership has been recieved

from one. Shri: Mohammad You-

R/o: Buchroo Chadoora Budgam

(Transferor) of M/CYCLE. Vehicle

JK04D -9684. Chasis number 12135 Engine no. 79854 Model 2017.

Shri.Ab. Majid Sheikh S/o. Gh Qadir Shiekh R/o Baghi Buchroo

general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of

ownership shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Re-

gional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days

from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the

Assistant Regional Transport officer

Budgam Kashmir

Sd/-

suf Paul S/o: Abdul Aziz Paul

bearing registration number

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal said innovation is important in today's world for the betterment of the society. India being an economic country can be the exporter of simple innovation to the world, he said.

Prof. Sehgal stressed on filing patents is also important because it provides its owner with the right to exclude others from exploiting the patented technology including, for example, making, using, or selling the patented invention, he said.

"The exclusive right enables the patent owner to recoup development costs and obtain a return of investment in the development of the patented technology

Sehgal said.

He also briefed students about 'why start-ups and innovations are important and urged students to "bring their ideas to reality through the use of technology and knowledge"

In his key address, innovator Sheikh Jahangir (The Real Rancho) native of Andhra Pradesh and settled in Mumbai energized the students with his lines "through simple ideas the world can go towards progressive growth".

"It is the right time for the budding engineering to take up the nation to the next level," he

The prominent innovator also ared many life examples includ

ing the experience in the 3 idiots movie, how his simple innovation moved his life from nowhere to a famous personality with his inno-

Jahangir also shared his experience on the hybrid scooter that is used for different modules like washing and grinding. He motivated students how simple innovations are if anyone has passion and interest.

The creative innovator Jahangir also answered many of the questions that were raised by the attendees and cleared their doubts regarding struggles and obstacles in innovation and how the process takes place.

Anak Jatan Kar Kal Santaye Maran Likhaye Mandal Meh Aaye

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAAS TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Father S Nirmal Singh Ji Bali, S/o S Kanheya Sigh Ji Bali (Chandoosa waley) at present Chandoosa Baramulla, who left for heavenly abode on 29/05/2022.

Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 5/6/2022 at 9am at our residence. Bhog Shri Akhand path Sahib on 7/6/2022 at 9 am. Antim Ardaas at Gurdwara, Chandoosa Baramulla from 9:30 am to 12 pm, followed

SON & DAUGHTER IN-LAW:

by GURU KA LANGAR.

01-S. Davinder Singh (Rtd. Post master) and Smt. Baljeet Kour 02-S. Harmohinder Singh (Principal) and

Smt. Jatinder Kour

03-S. Ranbir Singh (KAS) Director Finance(forests) and Smt. Perminder Kour

DAUGHTER & SON - IN-LAW 01-Smt. Daleep kour and S.paramjeet singh

02-Smt.Harmeet kour and S.Manjeet singh Mehta(Budgam)

KINDERGARTEN LITTLE CHAMPS, SHANGUS, SHANGUS

The list of Proposed Panel of Managing Body is as under:

S.No	Name & Parentage with Residence	Qualification	Residence	Designation	Phone No
1	Aijaz Hafeez Khan S/o Hafizullah Khan	12th	Uttersoo	Chairman	7780883916
2	GazalaHafeez Khan D/o Hafizullah Khan	B.A	Uttersoo	Secretary	9906580577
3	Shabir Ahmad Wani S/o Ghulam Ahmad Wani	M.A ,B.ED	Sheikhpora	Principal/Member	6006014031
4	Farooq Ahmad Tarry S/o Abdul Aziz Tarry	12th	Uttersoo	Member/Parent	9697945446
5	Arshid Ahmad Wani S/o Ghulam Qadir Wani	10th	Uttersoo	Member/Parent	7051216476
6	Manzoor Ahmad Shah S/o Shams U Din Shah	10TH	Uttersoo	Member/Parent	7889969384
7	Mohammad Iqbal Ganie S/o Ghulam Rasool Ganie	10TH	Kriree	Member/Parent	9797262038
8	Yasmeena Shakeel D/o Shakeel Ahmad Khan	B.SC ,B.ED	Kriree	Member/Teacher	7006332031

Note:- I am going to get the approval of Managing Body to be approved by the Director of School Education Kashmir Srinagar. If anybody has any sort of objection regarding in this matter he/she may file the same within a week's time of the date of publication in Directorate of School Education Srinagar. Sd/- Chairman **DIAL-EMMA**

TRAFFIC POLICE: 9419993745, 01998-266686 PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883

PDD: 0194-2450213 FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES: 2479488,2452222,2452155

SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081 Ambulance: Kashmer EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

CAPD: 18001807011



RAILWAYS

SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259 ANANTNAG: 01932-228243 BARAMULLA: 0194-102029 BIJBHERA: 01932-228243 PAMPORE: 01933-294132 PATTAN: 01954-293507

QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS



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



PRAYERS

FAJR 3:38 **ZUHR** 12:28 **ASR** 5:27 7:40

Magrib 9:19 **ISHA**

This Day In History

- 1934- Dr Frederick Banting co-discoverer of insulin, is knighted • 1935-
- French liner SS Normandie sets Atlantic crossing record of four days, three
- hours and 14 minutes on her maiden voyage 1940- Last British/French troop leave Dunkirk
- 1943- United Nations Relief & Dry, Rehabilitation
 - **Administration forms**
- 1944-Nazis pull out of Rome
- 1946- International Military Tribunal opens in Tokyo against 28 Japanese war criminals
- 1947-British Viceroy of India Lord Mountbatten visits
- 1948-200" (5.08 m) Hale telescope dedicated at Palomar Observatory
- 1950- French expedition reaches top of Himalayan peak of Annapurna in Nepal
- 1959 Singapore adopts constitution
- 1965 Gemini 4 launched; 2nd US 2-man flight (McDivitt & White)
- 1966 Gemini 9 launched; 7th US 2-man flight (Stafford & Cernan)
- **Event of Interest**
- 1971 Test Cricket debut of Imran Khan, v Englandl at Edgbaston (5, 0-36, 0-19) 1974 - Yitzhak Rabin forms a new Israeli government
- 1977 Belgium government of Tindemans forms
- 1977 US & Cuba talk about diplomatic relations
- 1980 Crew of Soyuz 36 returns to Earth aboard
- 1986 Battles in Beirut; 53 killed
- 1989 Beginning of the Tiananmen Square Massacre as Chinese troops open fire on pro-democracy supporters in Beijing
- 1992 World's largest environmental summit opens in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2001- Iraq announces that it will halt crude oil exports in response to the UN's resolution that extends the oil-for-food program by only 1 month, instead of the normal 6-month period
- 2006 The union of Serbia and Montenegro comes to an end with Montenegro's formal declaration of independence

From KO Archives

Charge-Sheet File In Kanna Case Disappears

Accused Gets Nine More Days In Judicial Custody

Observer NEWS SERVICE

RINAGAR-: Known informer, "Rajiv" Kanna, allegedly involved in the killing of a government employee of Safa Kadal, has been remanded to judicial custody for nine more days by the chief judicial magistrate (UM) in a case which has turned bizarre by the

disappearance of the charge-sheet file. Firdous Ahmad Bhat of Dab, Ganderbal, alias Rajiv Kanna, was produced before the magistrate today, where chief prosecuting officer, Basheer Ahmad, raised objections to the bail application filed by Bhat, saying that he was involved in as serious a case as murder.

Bhat's lawyer argued that since the police had failed to produce the case dairy and the charge-sheet against the accused in the court, his client should be set free.

At this point, the prosecution told the magistrate that the charge-sheet file of the case had disappeared, and the matter was under the court's investigation.

It said that the case-diary and the charge-sheet would be produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate after the court's orders. After ascertaining that the relatives of the accused were being al-towed to meet him in jail, the Chief Judicial

Magistrate remanded Bhat to nine more days in judicial

custody, asking counsel to present their arguments on his bail application on the next hearing. (Kashmir Observer, 03 June, 2007)

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir,

in favour of

Chadoora Budgam.

Kashmir Observer.

Dated 01/06/2022

No. ARTO/BUDGAM.1028

Shalimar, Srinagar - 190025

NOTICE

(Extension of the last date for submission of online applications for filling up of various Non-

The Last date for submission of online application forms invited vide Advertisement Notification No. 02 of 2022 dated 06-05-2022 issued under endorsement No. Au/Adm/(GAD)/Adv-NT/2022/1874-1933 dated 06-05-2022 for filling up of various non-teaching posts is hereby extended upto09-06-2022(11:59PM).

All other terms and conditions of the advertisement notification shall remain unchanged.

By Order

(Prof. T.H. Masoodi)

No. Au/Adm/(GAD)/Adv-NT/2022/3905-19 Dated: 02.06.2022

OBSERVER 1

Printed & Published by Sajjad Haider on behalf of the

Kashmir Observer LLP

Published from: # 5- Boulevard, Srinagar-190001

Printed at: KT Press Pvt. Ltd, Rangreth Budgam.

RNI Registration No: 69503/98

Postal Registration No-L/159/KO/SK/2014-16

Editor-in-Chief: Sajjad Haider

Legal Counsel: Tasaduq Khwaja

Switchboard: (0194) 2106304

Editorial: (0194) 2502327

Email editorial: editor@kashmirobserver.net

KO VIEW

Uncertainty in Pakistan

n a fresh indication that the situation in Pakistan may be in for more turmoil, former Prime Minister Imran Khan in an unusual warning has asked the country's Army to take "right decisions" to save itself from being "destroyed." Khan also said that Pakistan will become "bankrupt" which, in turn, will affect the standing of Pakistan's Army as the country's most powerful and credible institution. Talking to a Pakistani news channel, Khan also outlined a grim scenario for Pakistan if the Army, also called the establishment, didn't intervene to end the current uncertainty. Pakistan, he said, is heading towards default and if that happens, the army will be the worst hit. "After it (Army) is hit, what concession will be taken from us? Denuclearisation," Khan asked.

Former Pakistan Prime Minister also painted a grim scenario of Pakistan breaking up into three pieces if no effort was made to end the ongoing uncertainty. What is more, Khan has directly taken on Pakistan Army, saying the real power vested with it. He accepted that as prime minister he had the responsibility, not the power. This is so far the most blunt indictment of Pakistan Army by a former Prime Minister of the country and signals how things may get more difficult in the country in the coming weeks and months.

As things stand, the new Pakistan government has made it clear that it will not hold elections before August next year, when the term of the current National Assembly will expire. But Khan has indicated that he will press ahead with public protests demanding early elections. He has even warned about civil strife if his demand was not met. Now all eyes are on how the Pakistan Army will tackle the unfolding situation. Will it stick by the new government and let it complete its tenure? Or will it again intervene and ensure elections are held early as that alone will end the current deadlock.

Khan's allegations against the current rulers are of a very serious nature. He has built up a strong case that they were acting at the behest of a foreign country. And the communique he waved at a rally in Islamabad before his ouster has also been discussed in Pakistan's National Security Council. Khan has cast himself as the champion of an independent foreign policy for Pakistan which he alleges the foreign powers, particularly the US want to change. Earlier, he had praised India's foreign policy, lauding New Delhi for importing crude oil from Russia despite American sanctions. It is difficult to see where the situation in Pakistan is headed or how it will end. The best way out of the constitutional logjam for the country would be for the political parties to go back to the people and hold fresh elections. And, in turn, that could also make it possible for New Delhi to explore engagement with its difficult neighbour.

OTHER OPINON

Choppy Waters

emember that growth had already been on a steady decline through 2019-20 even before the lockdowns of 2020 — with GDP growing just 3.7%. The Government's assertion that the data establish a 'full economic recovery' is not entirely true. For one, it is not a V-shaped recovery, with GVA from job-creating sectors (trade and hotels) still 11.3% below 2019-20's low levels. This has kept the services sector, as a whole, in line with pre-COVID levels, not above. While GVA from industry is up 6.7% over 2019-20, another job creating sector, construction, is up only 3.4%, while mining has grown a meagre 1.9% over the two-year period. Manufacturing lifted the industry GVA, growing 9.3% from 2019-20 levels, but there are cracks on that front — the January to March 2022 quarter (Q4 of 2021-22) recorded a 0.2% contraction, year-on-year. Overall GDP growth slipped to a four-quarter low of 4.1% in Q4, down from 5.4% in Q3, evoking flashbacks of the 2019-20 slowdown and raising concerns about the trajectory going forward.

With reluctant demand, supply-chain and input cost woes hurting manufacturing, agriculture (that grew at a five-quarter high of 4.1%) and public administration services (whose growth dipped to 7.7% from 16.7% in Q3) lifted the Q4 numbers amid slower growth in Services and Mining over Q3, and a mild 2% uptick in Construction. A recovery in investment demand, helped by the Government's capital spending, is a silver lining, but the lingering concern is that consumption remains troubled, and unless it recovers, private investments will remain aloof as will sustainable high growth. Private final consumption expenditure grew 7.9% in 2021-22, but it was just 1.2 lakh crore or 1.4% over 2019-20. Worse, as inflation flared up, households' consumption growth has steadily dropped through 2021-22, growing a mere 1.8% in Q4. Price rise, combined with higher interest rates, could squeeze middle class disposable incomes and dampen consumption further. Yes, India is the fastest growing major economy and likely to remain so in 2022-23. But the rising tide in the past year has not been enough to lift all boats stranded in the detritus of the pandemic and the slowdown that preceded it. The waters are choppy with war and recession worries in the developed world.

The Hindu



Link Education To Employability

Farhat Jamal

We are living in the era of Industry 4.0, when AI, machine learning, and robots are being extolled as growth drivers. As a result, we need education systems that utilise contemporary and traditional techniques via digital platforms and multimedia learning to educate students and learners in this increasingly technological environment

ducation has an indisputable role in the formation of a vision of the world and the coexistence of so many value systems. India boasts one of the world's most extensive networks of educational institutions. However, there is still a lot of room for growth and improvement in the education system.

As per IBEF, with about 27% of the population aged 0-14 years, India's education industry offers substantial prospects for growth. India also has the world's largest 5-24 years population—around 500 million—providing a significant development opportunity for the education industry. The education sector is projected to reach \$225 billion by FY25. But, our public schools are marked by inadequate academic focus, poor infrastructure, a lack of resources, and other such factors. And private schools may be out of reach for the lower socioeconomic strata. Higher education may be expensive, and because English is the primary medium of communication, local languages are rarely given much attention.

At the same time, the decadesold brain drain looks unstoppable even today. India is often regarded as a land of ambiguities, and nowhere is this more evident than in the country's working population and employment market. On the one hand, it possesses the strength of human capital from a significant youth bulge. On the other, we are in the throes of an employment crisis. According to the World Economic Forum, just one in every four management professionals, one in every five engineers, and one in every ten graduates in India are employable.

Hence, it is not wrong to assert that one of the major issues plaguing India's education system today is offering a relatively excellent quality mass education to a large and rising number of college students in order for them to be employable. Although the number of students has grown from 30.2 million in 2012-13 to 38.5 million in 2019-20, the employability rate of college graduates has stayed below 50%, which is concerning. The

2021 India Skills Report provides some intriguing insights on college graduates' employment rates within the existing system. Only 45.9% of college graduates are considered employable, with engineering graduates being the most employable (46.8%), followed by MBA graduates (46.6%).

Engineering and technology are represented only by 12.6% of undergraduate students. Surprisingly, arts graduates outperform those with engineering or business degrees—40.3% of arts graduates are employed, compared to 30% of science graduates. These findings are significant because arts, humanities, and social sciences account for 32.7% of all undergraduate students, while science accounts for 16% and commerce for 14.9%.How can we address this issue?

The solution may lie in changing people's opinions about nontraditional occupations in creative industries. As technology advances, the demand for unconventional, creative opportunities grows—for rewarding careers such as content and product management, design, advertising, hospitality, tourism, photography, etc. The current worldwide trend is that the notion of skill must evolve to match the challenges posed by globalisation and rapid technological advancements. This coincides with the release of the OECD study, The Future of Education and Skills 2030. People must think creatively and work to produce new goods and services, occupations, systems, and methods to build a future-ready employee base, according to this. As a result, India's higher education programmes and curricula should contain a wide range of courses that lead to new opportunities.

We are living in the era of Industry 4.0, when AI, machine learning, and robots are being extolled as growth drivers. As a result, we need education systems that utilise contemporary and traditional techniques via digital platforms and multimedia learning to educate students and learners in this increasingly technological environment. As learning

and employment should go hand in hand, education must be comprehensive and ongoing, boosting agility and flexibility while preparing for volatility. Additionally, discipline-based education must be realigned toward skill-based education.

Various changes have been implemented to increase educational quality in the country. Education investment will almost certainly rise over the next few years. Many reforms have been outlined in the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), and more are underway. The NEP proposal to include vocational training in the educational system provides a chance to rectify the knowledge disparity in communities. We require a framework that allows educators to advise students on the importance of diverse occupations without diminishing them in favour of advanced higher education.

Vocational training was initially intended to assist students who had fallen behind in their schooling. The system is pressuring children to play catch-up in a game they will lose anyhow, because the broader conflict they face is the duality between achieving quick cash and maintaining long-term goals. Thankfully, this is gradually changing for the better.

The objective should be to provide a fair playing field that allows for the matching of ambitions and skills with no prejudice towards learners based on financial levels, scorecard, or other socioeconomic factor. To prepare the next generation for the future, we must focus on making education more employable. We must first improve infrastructure and technology convergence to reach every corner of the country.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer. The article was originally published by Financial Express

The Author is Veteran hotelier and chairman at Maulana Azad Educational Trust



OBSERVER MAIL

All letters intended for publication must include the writer's name and address, even if a pseudonym is used. Letters are edited as clarity, spaceand accuracy of expression require. Our publishing a letter does not mean we agree with everything or even anything in it. -EDITOR

MAIL YOUR LETTERS

P.O.Box # 337, GPO, Srinagar-190 001 email: editpage.ko@gmail.com

Teaching Practices in Kashmir

N a recent meeting with senior administrators of the Union Territory, Dr Arun Mehta, the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, emphasized updating the school curriculum by August 31. It is good to update books and keep track of the emerging facts, but in Kashmir, the use of obsolete books is not the only factor that hinders the education of school-going children. In essence, in most schools of the valley, teaching methods are a problem in itself.

Unfortunately, Kashmiri students are not motivated to think critically;

they are expected to remember things. Yes, to remember things for exams and getting grades. Rarely are they encouraged to question the validity and production of facts that books carry. And sadly enough, a cross-question to a teacher is taken as an insult to him or her. There's a cliché that teachers in Kashmir use "Don't argue." What is the problem with argumentation? If a student disagrees with a view that a teacher proposes, then (s)he has every right to contest the idea of his/her teacher. In other words, every student should be able to argue. Argumentation on

literary issues is a step towards critical thinking. And that's what school-going children should be trained in from a

certain point, to think critically.

Now, here's another example to understand methods of teaching in schools of Kashmir. Most students in Kashmir learn about the "grammar" of the English language. Students most commonly learn about nouns, pronouns, articles, verbs, adjectives, tenses, and forms of sentences. What they grasp through grammar training is how to remember different parts of speech than how to use them during commu-

nication. The true essence of learning grammar is to improve communication skills, but here in Kashmir, it is taught to pass exams.

Until reflective thinking is not encouraged in schools of Kashmir and students are not allowed to argue on literary issues with their teachers, updating books will not have much of an impact. Thus, steps should be taken to improve teaching practices in the valley.

Suhail Ahmad Khan skhan737662@gmail.com MINDFUL FRIDAYS

Outdoor Play for Mental Well-Being of Children



Allow everyone to pick their favourite outdoor activity, then plan each one

Try these simple activities to develop the habit of spending more time in nature:

- After dinner, go for a walk
- Make a weekly trip to the park with your family.
- ► Play sports with the children.
- Organize a picnic in your backyard or at a nearby park.
- **▶** Buy outdoor sports gears as a gift for birthdays or holidays.

Wasim Kakroo

ou are not alone if you and your children feel frantic, isolated, anxious, or depressed post pandemic.

The World Health Organization (WHO) reported in March 2022 that the COVID-19 pandemic had caused a 25% spike in depression and anxiety worldwide and adults aren't the only ones who are following this trend.

According to another survey done by a US based research team, mental health-related emergency department visits increased 24 percent for children aged 5 to 11 and 31 percent for those aged 12 to 17 from March to October 2020.

This, according to the American Psychological Association (APA), is a mental health crisis for children. While this may be a difficult fact

to face as a parent, there are steps you can take to help your children cope with the effects of the last few years of turmoil.

Getting outside in nature is one option.

To some people, this may appear to be too simple to be true. Others, such as city dwellers, may find it difficult to obtain. Still, the data shows that getting your family outside can be really beneficial to their mental health.

Here are some facts about the mind-nature link, as well as some suggestions for getting outside no matter what your circumstances

THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL **HEALTH BENEFITS OF GETTING OUTSIDE:**

It's no secret that the mind and body are inextricably linked. According to a research, spending time outside has a significant positive impact on physical well-being. This can help children and adults have better mental health outcomes.

Following are the benefits of taking your children out into the nature:

1. REDUCED CORTISOL:

The stress hormone cortisol is a hormone produced by the adrenal glands to deal with stress. It's preferable for the body to create just enough — not too much — when it comes to mental wellbeing.

In one research done in 2019 that spanned for 8 weeks, participants of 36 city inhabitants spent time in any outside location that brought them closer to nature. Participants showed a significant decline in cortisol levels after doing so three times a week for 10 minutes or more, regardless of what activities they did outside.

Since stress in our daily lives can



Choose a simple hiking trail that is suitable for the entire family

cause adrenal hyperstimulation and eventually tiredness, by spending some time in nature, parents and children can lower cortisol levels, reduce stress, and improve general health.

2. LOWERS BLOOD PRESSURE **AND HEART RATE**

Blood pressure and heart rate aren't merely indicators of how healthy your heart is. They're also key indicators of the body's stress

Multiple studies from the year 2020 found that sitting or strolling outside dramatically decreased blood pressure and heart rate.

The sympathetic nervous system, often known as the body's fightflight-freeze response system, was shown to be less active when people went outside. While this nervous system response is essential in the short term, it can become stuck in overdrive, resulting in long-term tension and fatigue

3. INCREASED VITAMIN D

Vitamin D deficiency has been related to an increased risk of mental illness.

These are some of them: Anxiety, depression, and be-

havioral issues Reduced immune responsive-

Thus, spending time outside in the sun can help adults and children get more of this important nutrient, which can help with mental

4. MORE RESTFUL SLEEP

If you or your child has trouble sleeping, you know how disturbing it can be for the rest of your family. You might feel more anxious, depressed, irritated, or on edge if you're having difficulties in sleeping. It also has an effect on your tol-

erance for distress and frustration.

for children suffering from anxiety

and depression due to trauma, par-

ticularly as a result of everything

we've been through in the previous

According to one study, spending

time outdoors, in nature, boosts life

expectancy, enhances wellbeing,

reduces depression symptoms, and

improves a child's ability to func-

According to a 2016 study, the

more time children spend in green

spaces, the more likely they are to

According to a 2019 scientific re-

view, spending time in nature im-

proves a variety of aspects of men-

tal well-being. These included the

Pleasant mood, the ability to ex-

perience positive emotions, a sense

of meaning and purpose in life,

be emotionally well-adjusted.

tion in school.

following:

several years with the pandemic.

Sleep deprivation makes things feel more insurmountable. There is, however, a solution to it. A few minutes in the backyard or at the park could help you get some

relaxation and keep your emotional health in check. According to a research conduct-

ed in 2021 across 14 nations on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children aged 3 to 5, children who spent time outside were more likely to have better sleep.

5. INCREASED OVERALL WELL-**BEING**

Being outside can be beneficial

duced mental suffering.

tive and spend more time outside throughout the day, teachers report enhanced concentration, better capacity to focus and learn, increased productivity, better behaviour, and the forging of more positive interactions between adults and children, as well as among peer groups.

positive social relationships, re-

When children are more ac-

With less limits, children find something exciting and exhilarating about being outside.

This sensation of freedom in open space is difficult to match in terms of happiness and wellbeing.

CREATIVITY

Outdoor activity may also help your children's brain development in surprising ways.

Greater daily exposure to woods and green space was linked to higher scores for cognitive development in teenagers in a study from 2021.

After spending time in nature, people of all ages may experience an increase in creativity.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children have one hour of unstructured out-

door play per day. The following are some of the benefits of outdoor play, according

- to her: better concentration improved cognitive perfor-
- enhanced inventiveness
- improved motor abilities Improved relationships

tween parents and kids It might be tough for parents to connect with their children in today's fast-paced, tech-focused environment.

One way to develop more lasting relationships is to spend time out-

Unplugging from devices to play in the backyard, going to the park, or going on a walk can minimise distractions faced while indoors, allowing parents to be emotionally present and create healthy, safe attachments with their children.

Children with a strong, stable attachment to their primary caregiver(s) feel more at ease exploring their environment and surroundings. Thus when things are tight at home, moving outside can help to clear the air.

The author is a licensed clinical psychologist (alumni of Govt. Medical College Srinagar) and works as a consultant clinical psychologist at Centre for Mental Health Services at Rambagh Srinagar. He can be reached at 8825067196.

CONTD. FROM **FRONT PAGE**

Bank Manager

grievous gunshot injuries and died on his way to hospital, officials said. The latest killing led to a chorus of condemnation from political parties across the spectrum, including the National Conference and the BJP.

Kumar, a resident of Hanumangarh in Rajasthan, had joined the Kulgam branch only a week ago. He had earlier been working in the Kokernag branch of the bank, co-owned by the Central government, the Jammu and Kashmir administration and the State Bank of India.

The CCTV footage showed the killer entering the premises first probably to verify whether the victim had come to the office, and within seconds returns with a pistol and fires at Kumar.

While one bullet hit the wall, the second hit Kumar leaving him seriously injured, the officials said, adding he succumbed to injuries on way to a hospital.

Government forces cordoned off the area and launched a hunt for the attackers, the officials said.

Kumar, who joined EDB in March 2019, had married in February this year and was supposed to come back to Bhagwan in Hanumangarh of Rajasthan, his native village, for 10-15 days next month. But destiny willed otherwise, said his father Om Prakash Beniwal on Thursday after the news about his son reached him.

"He had called recently and promised to come home for 10-15 days in July. We wanted him to settle down in Rajasthan but destiny was something else," said Beniwal, who is a government school teacher.

The family was in a deep shock as preparations for last rites were being made. Kumar's mortal remains will reach his native place on Friday.

The Resistance Front, a shadow outfit of banned Lashkar-e-Taiba militant group, has claimed responsibility for the attack.

The SBI issued a statement saying the bank remains committed to ensure the safety and well-being of all its employees, including those posted in the Valley.

The EDB shall ensure that the bereaved family is provided with necessary support - financial and otherwise - on priority, it said.

Condemning the act, All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) general secretary C H Venkatachalam said it is a matter of serious concern to all in the banking sector.

"Every now and then we get such disturbing news from one state or the other. Lot of very qualified youngsters are joining the banks for their career and better prospects. It is a pity that such incidents do happen periodically with no solution about the security of bank staff," he said.

Canara Bank Officers' Association general secretary Ravi Kumar, while condemning the incident, demanded strict action against those behind this killing.

Two days ago, on May 31, Rajni Bala, a Hindu woman teacher from Jammu's Samba district, was shot dead by militants at a government school in Gopalpora, Kulgam. On May 12, Rahul Bhat, a clerk, was shot dead inside the tehsildar's office in Chadoora tehsil of Budgam district.

Of the eight targeted killings in Kashmir since May 1, three victims were off-duty policemen and five were civilians.

So very sorry to hear about the targeted killing of Vijay Kumar. Tweeting to condemn an attack & condole a death are becoming a mind-numbingly regular thing. It's heart-breaking to see families destroyed like this, NC vice president Omar Abdullah said in a tweet.

Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari added that it was painful to witness targeted killings of civilians in Kashmir.

These dastardly acts of violence have devastated families... It's shocking. Will words of condemnation be ever enough? he wrote on Twitter.

Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Lone termed the killing a heinous act and said he was at a loss of words to express his condemnation for such a heinous act.

Yet again extremely sad news coming in. An innocent civilian working as a manager in a bank in Kulgam has been shot dead, he said

on Twitter.

Joining in the condemnation, PDP general secretary Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura said

secretary Gittian Nabi Lone Hangura salu such incidents unmask the fake claims of normalcy by the administration. Yet another life lost, deeply saddening & condemnable. This place has been turned into a battleground by the high headedness of the

condemnable. This place has been turned into a battleground by the high headedness of the admin, its fake claims of normalcy stand unmasked. Situation is far from normal & immediate steps need to be taken for redressal. My condolences, the PDP leader said in a tweet.

BJP's J-K spokesperson Altaf Thakur said the killing was a serious issue and a matter of concern.

"What a shameful act yet again. This time a bank manager of Ellaqui Dehati Bank Vijay Kumar of Rajashtan falls to the bullets of terrorists at Kulgam. Now terrorists targeting public servants too. A serious issue and a matter of concern. High time for security agencies to work out a strategy to stop this vicious cycle of violence," he said.

Soldier Killed, 2 Injured

they were shifted to 92 base hospital Srinagar. The official identified the injured trio as Ajab Singh, Parveen Singh and Pawan Rawat.

He further added that Pawan Rawat has succumbed to injuries at 92 base hospital.

Meanwhile, IĞP Kashmir Vijay Kumar said that nature besides source of blast is being investigated.

"A #blast took place inside a private hired vehicle at Sedow, #Shopian. 03 soldiers injured & shifted to Hospital. Nature & source (blast due to grenade or already planted IED inside vehicle or malfunctioning of battery) of blast being investigated & will be shared."

Kashmir police zone tweeted while quoting IGP Kashmir.

An official said that at approximately 3:00 am, based on specific intelligence, an operation was launched from Sedow and searched in the general area Patitohalan. "While moving to the target area, approximately a km from Sedhau, an explosion took place in the civil hired vehicle, being used by the team, resulting in injuries to three Indian Army soldiers," he said. "The blast is very likely to be from either an IED or a grenade or a battery malfunctioning in the vehicle. Details are being ascertained," he said.

"The injured soldiers were immediately shifted and given first aid at District Hospital, Shopian and thereafter evacuated to 92 Base Hospital, Srinagar. One soldier is critical while two others injured are stable," the official said. "Affected area has been cordoned and all likely escape routes have been sealed. Search to nab the militants is in progress."

expressed serious concern over the "deteriorating" security scenario in the valley leading to a series of targeted killings of innocents including members of the minority communities, the party said.

"I unequivocally condemn the brutal killing of Vijay Kumar, a Bank Manager in Kulgam. The killing spree and the pervasive fear among civilians, minorities and other soft targets gives a lie to the claims of the government that everything was Ok in Kashmir," he said.

Abdullah, the Member of Parliament from Srinagar, said, "Our brothers and sisters are being targeted under daylight, but the government has its head in the sand."

"This ostrich approach will push the situation to a point of no return," he added.

"I cannot say anything," Abdullah rued, "if this is the new face of normalcy that an employee becomes a target in a busy office, or a policeman gets killed at home.

"We feel sorry that innocent people are being killed one after another. Minorities are being killed. Police persons are being killed. Civilians are getting killed in targeted attacks," he said.

The party's provincial committee members echoed the sentiments of the party president and expressed concern over the security scenario in Kashmir.

All the members present in the meeting unanimously passed two resolutions condemning the spate of targeted civilian killings and ED summons to the party president, the NC said.

During the meeting, the provincial committee members deliberated on a plethora of issues concerning the party and the public in their respective areas. The members also shared their estimation of the ground situation with the party president and the vice president

Earlier, the meeting started with paying rich tributes to Panthers Party Supremo Bhim Singh who passed away on Tuesday.

Migrant Worker

the Magraypora area of Budgam district. Initial reports identified the victims as Goria and Khushdil from Gurdaspur & UP respectively.

Dilkhush and Goria, working at a brick kiln, were fired upon by unknown militants at Magraypora village of Chadoora on Thursday evening, officials said. While Goira received a bullet injury in his hand, Dil Khush sustained serious injuries in his shoulder.

Both of them, officials said, were removed to the hospital for treatment. However, Dilkhush was referred to Srinagar's SMHS hospital for advanced treatment. However, he succumbed to his injuries even before the doctors there could operate upon him.

"He was brought dead to the hospital. He had suffered blood loss due to bullet injury," SMHS Medical Superintendent, Kanwaljeet Singh told Kashmir Observer.

Dilkhush's killing comes hours after a bank manager was shot dead in Southern Kashmir's Kulgam district.

Meanwhile, soon after the attack, reports said, police and army launched a cordon and search operation in the village to nab the attackers.

Santoor Maestro

battle with cancer. He was 73.

Sopori is survived by his wife and two sons Sorabh and Abhay, who also plays the santoor.

"He was diagnosed with colon cancer last year in June. We admitted him to Fortis, Gurugram, three weeks back for immunotherapy treatment. It didn't work for him and his health deteriorated," his son Abhay told PTI

"Papa has been with me whenever I have performed. I don't know how my life is going to be without him," the grieving son added.

The last rites will be held at the Lodhi Road crematorium here on Friday.

In a statement, Fortis Memorial Research

In a statement, Fortis Memorial Research Institute said the santoor exponent was diagnosed with "colon cancer stage IV" and was under treatment at the hospital since February this year.

"The disease had spread to the liver and bones... (He) had received chemotherapy, targeted therapy and immunotherapy over the last couple of mothers."

"He was admitted at FMRI on May 18, 2022, after his condition had deteriorated. In spite of the best efforts of the doctors, however, he succumbed to multi-organ failure on June 2, 2022," the hospital further said.

Sopori's death comes just weeks after santoor virtuoso Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma, who also belonged to Kashmir and took the stringed instrument to the classical music stage, died on May 10. And on Saturday, playback singer KK passed away on Saturday in Kolkata following a cardiac arrest.

Kolkata following a cardiac arrest.
Sopori received multiple awards through his career, including the Padma Shri in 2004, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1992 and the Jammu and Kashmir State Lifetime Achievement Award.

The musician-composer belonged to north Kashmir's Sopore district and came from the 'Sufiana Gharana'.

Sopori, who gave his first public performance at the age of 10, was initiated into the intricacies of santoor playing by his grandfather Pandit Samsar Chand Sopori and later by his father Pandit Shamboo Nath Sopori.

The musician is considered a pioneer in establishing the santoor on national and international platforms as a complete solo instrument. He is also credited with innovating the instrument to improve its tonal quality and range.

Sopori had a double Masters degree in Indian classical music, specialising in both the sitar and the santoor. The versatile artist also had a Masters degree in English Literature and studied Western Classical Music at Washington University.

Sopori composed music for over 6,000 songs in almost all Indian languages, including Hindi, Kashmiri, Dogri, Sindhi, Urdu and Bhojpuri, as well as Persian and Arabic.

During his career, he composed music for 'ghazals' written by greats such as Ghalib, Daag, Momin, Bahadur Shah Zafar, Iqbal, Faiz Ahmed Faiz and Firakh Gaurakhpuri. He also set to tune the works of Kabir and Meera Bai.

In 2011, Sopori was honoured with a Rs 5 stamp, a special tribute by the Indian Postal Department for his extraordinary work in the field of art and culture.

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah described him as a "colossus in the world of classical Indian music who made the santoor his own".

Condoling the musician's death on Twitter, the former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir said he was "very sorry to hear about the tragic demise of Padma Shri Pandit Bhajan Sopori sahib. A great son of the soil..."

The Jammu & Kashmir National Conference also mourned Sopori's death in a tweet.

"Dr Farooq, @OmarAbdullah condole demise of Santoor Maestro Bajan Sopori. They said 'He was a great human being, a very talented musician. His contribution to music will be remembered by generations to come. They prayed for peace to the deceased & strength to the bereaved family'."

BJP leader Devender Singh Rana remembered Sopori as a humble person.

"Sad to hear about the demise of Santoor Maestro Pt Bhajan Sopori. Panditji was a very humble person. The music world will miss him. My Heartfelt condolences to Mrs Sopori and @abhaysopori. May the departed soul rest in peace in heaven."

In its tribute to the santoor maestro, the Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY remembered the musician as the cultural bridge of Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country.

"The #SaintofSantoor Pt. #BhajanSopori is no more. He breathed his last today. A cultural bridge of J&K with the rest of the country, he belonged to the fabled Sopori SufianaGharana, the traditional #Santoor family and was a huge supporter of SPIC MACAY. May God bless his soul

Govt Forces Step

heightened security measures in Srinagar and other parts of the Valley, especially South Kashmir districts to keep a check on the activities of militants. The intense security measures come in the aftermath of recent killings of government employees.

Here in Srinagar, CRPF and policemen carried out random searches and subjected people to identification checks. At many places here, the specially trained Special Operations Group (SOG) personnel carried out search operations.

A police official told Kashmir Observer that security has been enhanced and searches have been intensified across Kashmir, especially where the minorities are residing.

The official said in the last few weeks multiple security review meetings have been held and the number of security forces deployed around key installations, in the wake of the attacks.

He said both the J&K Police and the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) have deployed in sensitive areas to prevent any further attacks.

An official from CRPF told Kashmir Observer that additional forces have been called in to

deal with the current situation.

"We are expecting more deployment after the Home Ministers' meeting," he said.

The valley is witnessing a spate of target killings, at least 17 persons including police officials, teachers and sarpanches, were killed in targeted attacks since January this year.

On Thursday, a bank manager from Rajasthan was shot dead by militants in Kulgam in the second targeted attack on Hindus in the Valley in three days.

The attack comes just two days after a

Hindu teacher from Jammu, Rajni Bala, was killed by suspected militants outside a school in Kulgam.

Notably, Kashmiri pandits are protesting in Sringgar, Budgam and other parts of the

in Srinagar, Budgam and other parts of the Valley following the killing of Rahul Bhat, a Kashmiri Pandit, who was shot dead inside the magistrate's office in Budgam last month.

The pandits have been demanding that

The pandits have been demanding that they be relocated to safer areas. Since the last two days, a number of videos have gone viral on social media showing the pandits leaving the valley.

About 4.000 Kashmir Pandits employed in

the Valley under a Prime Minister's rehabilitation package have threatened mass migration as they no longer feel safe. Sources told Kashmir Observer that the

administration has put up barricades and locked gates to transit camps to stop them.

According to reports, the entire security establishment is on its toes after it came to the forefront that there is a rise in recruitment of militants and missing local youth

from Kashmir Vallev.

According to reports, the recruitment number stood at around 50 in the first five months of 2022. Meanwhile, in the last one month alone, more than three dozen youngsters have gone missing

Govt To Challenge

appeal against the verdict in the Division Bench. Asked about the grounds of challenge, he said, "Same are at the final stage of drafting."

The court had asked the government to make appropriate arrangements for transportation of Amir's body to native village of Thatharka Seripora in Tehsil Gool area of Ramban district with "promptitude and without wasting any further time."

"(The) respondents (officials) are (directed) to make arrangements for exhumation of the body/remains of the deceased Amir Latief Magrey from the Wadder Payeen graveyard (in Kupwara district) in presence of the petitioner (Amir's father)," the court had said and asked the government to make appropriate arrangement for transportation of the body to his native village for burial "in accordance with the traditions, religious obligations and religious faith which the deceased professed during his life time, provided it is in deliverable state."

However, the court had left the government free to impose any "reasonable terms and conditions" regarding exhumation, transportation and burial of the body.

"Since the body must be in advance stage of putrefaction, as such, it would be desirable that the respondents (officials) act with promptitude and do not waste any further time," the court had said, adding, "However, if the body is highly putrefied and is not in deliverable state or is likely to pose risk to public health and hygiene, the petitioner (Amir's father) and his close relatives shall be allowed to perform last rites as per their tradition and religious belief in the Wadder

Payeen graveyard itself."

In that situation, the court said, the State shall pay to Amir's father a compensation of Rs. 5 lakhs for "deprivation of his right to have the dead body of his son and give him decent burial as per family traditions, religious obligations and faith which the deceased professed when he was alive."

The court has held that the right of the next of kin of the deceased to have their dear one cremated or buried as per the religious obligations and religious belief was part and parcel of right to life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

Rejecting the government's contention that the decision not to hand over the body was taken in the "larger public interest and to prevent the situation of law and order going out of hand", the court termed it "arbitrary" and against Article 14 of the Constitution of India (equality before law). (GNS)

KP Employees March

a teacher posted in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, told reporters.

He said they have also come to pay homage to Bala and demand the government to ensure free education to her minor daughter and secure a government job for her.

We are frustrated by the deteriorating security situation as nobody, including Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs are safe there. Anyone can become a victim of militants anytime, he said and referred to the latest killing of bank manager Vijay Kumar from Rajasthan in Kulgam district on Thursday.

Another employee Anjana Bala, a teacher posted in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, said, We do not need government accommodation or promotion, we only want our transfer from the valley as providing security to each employee is not possible.

There is no safer place in the valley and we are not ready to accept the government proposal of relocation within the valley, she said, adding they have never faced any problem from the locals who have always supported them.

She said if the government can abolish decade-old Article 370 in August 2019, what stops them from making minor changes in the transfer policy and relocating them to their home districts.

We did not support the people of Kashmir who were against the revocation of Article 370. They were right and today we regret our decision as nothing changed on the ground except that we had lost the special status, she said.

Another teacher said they have gone there to earn their livelihood and not to settle there.

The government is saving that they will

The government is saying that they will relocate us to safer places but even after that if something untoward happens, who will be responsible. Today a bank manager was shot dead inside his secured office, while recently a Kashmiri pandit employee was gunned down in his office chamber, he said.

He said they have lost faith in the administration and will not return to the valley to become scapegoats.

Doval, RAW Chief

for the annual Amarnath yatra, being held after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting will be held amid protests by Kashmiri Pandit community seeking protection and some of them leaving the valley following the targeted killings.

In the last meeting on June 17, the home minister had advocated pro-active and coordinated counter-militancy operations and had asked security forces to ensure zero cross-border infiltration and wipe out militancy from the union territory.

The meeting comes in the wake of militants

carrying out targeted killings, including of a woman teacher hailing from Samba district of Jammu region at Kulgam on Tuesday.

On May 18, militants had entered into a wine shop at Baramulla in North Kashmir and threw a grenade, killing one person hailing from Jammu region and injuring three others.

On May 24, policeman Saifullah Qadri was shot dead outside his residence in Srinagar while a television artiste Amreen Bhat was gunned down in Budgam two days later.

Scores of Kashmiri Pandits, who were employed under a prime minister's package in 2012, have been staging continuous protests threatening mass exodus since the killing of Rahul Bhat, who was shot dead by militants on May 12 in Chadoora area of Budgam district in central Kashmir.

statement had said that the home minister directed security forces and the police to conduct coordinated counter-militancy operations pro-actively.

The home minister had said that in order to fulfill prime Minister Namedra Medicari

After the previous meeting, an official

to fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a prosperous and peaceful Jammu and Kashmir, security forces should ensure zero cross-border infiltration.

Taking stock of the Amarnath Yatra pre-

paredness, Shah had said a "hassle-free" journey for the pilgrims is a priority of the Modi government and directed all arrangements, including additional electricity, water, and telecom facilities be made.

He had also stressed for enhancement of

mobile connectivity along the yatra route as he directed that earth moving equipment should be placed at vantage points to clear the route in case of landslides.

The home minister had asked for an adequate number of oxygen cylinders, medical

beds at an altitude of more than 6,000 feet and deployment of ambulances and helicopters to deal with any emergency medical situation. During the previous meeting, it was also decided to enable WiFi hotspots to ensure

connectivity throughout the 39 km of the

yatra route from Pahalgam in south Kashmir. The other route is through Baltal in central Kashmir where a pilgrim treks for nearly 15 km. The yatra could not take place in 2020 and 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic and was cut short in 2019 just before the abrogation of Article 370. About three lakh pilgrims are likely to take part in the pilgrimage

that is expected to end on August 11.

About 12,000 paramilitary personnel (120 companies) in addition to Jammu and Kashmir Police are expected to be deployed along the two pilgrimage routes, one from Pahalgam and the other via Baltal, officials said. Drone cameras will help the security forces to ensure the protection of the

pilgrims. **Take Steps To**

that said, "The horror of targeted killings

in Kashmir".

J&K has been rattled by a string of targeted killings in the recent months, with Vijay Kumar, a manager with the Ilaquai Dehati Bank, being shot in Kulgam district on Thursday. Kumar was a native of Rajasthan.

Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala also hit out at the BJP government and shared media reports showing purported photos of Kashmiri Pandits queuing up at Srinagar airport while fleeing the Valley.

"100 Kashmiri Hindu families have migrated. The panic-stricken crowd is not the one in Ukraine but at Srinagar airport! Today again, terrorists killed a bank manager Vijay Beniwal, a resident of Nohar, Rajasthan. Why don't the BJP leaders of Rajasthan who are engaged in 'dismemberment of democracy' demand action from Modi ji," Surjewala asked in a tweet in Hindi.

Militants shot dead Kumar inside the bank premises, the eighth targeted killing in the Valley since May 1 and the third of a non-Muslim government employee.

Various political parties have attacked the BJP over the Kashmir situation and sought answers from the local administration for the spurt in targeted killings.

J&K Logs Seven

fatality was reported in the last 24 hours. The officials said there were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus).

cases of mucormycosis (bl **Abhishek Sharma**

DAY-NULM in addition to his own duties," reads a government order

Meanwhile as per a separate order, Akanksha Kalsotra, Junior Scale JKAS, Child Development Project Officer, Jammu has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary in Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages, on ex-cadre basis with immediate effect.

Teacher Sacked For

128 of J&K Civil Services Regulations 1956," reads an order passed by Dr Ravi Shankar Sharma (JKAS), Director School Education Jammu.

According to the order, Nishat Firdous was appointed as Teacher in District Cadre Poonch and joined her services in government Higher Secondary School, Mohri Gursai on 13 September 2014. Subsequently she availed commuted leave from 21.09.2015 to 17.10.2015 and 29.10.2015 to 06.11.2015, the order reads further. Thereafter, she had availed half pay leave for 20 days from 01.04.2016 to 20.04.2016 and again half pay leave "not due" from 21.04.2016 to 17.10.2016 for 190 days. "Once again she remained on extra ordinary leave w.e.f. 18.10.2016 to 28.02.2017 for 134 day no kind of leave was due to her and she was warned to join her duties immediately but she did not bother to reply," the order reads, adding, "she remained absent w.e.f 01.03.2017 to 23-07-2017 and on 24.07.2017 she had applied for extension of leave which was rejected.'

The order further reads that a number of notices were served to her, the latest being pre-termination notice on 04.05.2022 which was published in two newspapers and also served at her home address by the Principal, Higher Secondary School, Mohri Gursai. However she did not respond to the notice, the order added. (GNS)

Mehta Reviews Construction Of Vital Road Projects In J&K



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday reviewed the status of different road projects including national highways being laid out here in

The meeting was attended by the Principal Secretary, PWD; Divisional Commissioners; Commissioner Secretary, Forest; Commissioner Secretary Revenue; Secretary, PD&MD; Deputy Commissioners; MD, KPDCL; Chief Engineers of PWD, Jal Shakti, PDD; Representatives of BRO, NHIDCL and other officers of the concerned Departments.

The Chief Secretary (CS) urged the executing agencies to enshrine it as their goal to deliver all these projects on set timelines. He asked them that the erecting of crash barriers, sign boards, parapets on National Highways for the safety of travelers should be done before 15th of this month. He also advised the district administra- needs to be completed at an earlition to look into the availability of est. He directed both the district utilities like Eateries, Washrooms, and divisional administration to etc on the National Highways for enjoyable ride over them.

Dr Mehta enquired about the status of five tunnels (T1-T5) being constructed on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway that are going to drastically reduce the travel time between these cities besides making the road more reliable. He asked them to expedite the work on these tunnels so that all of them are timely dedicated

for maintenance of this road till Jammu and Srinagar cities.

the works are completed. He also directed for minimizing the waiting time at toll plazas by opening all the lanes for vehicles and using updated RFID readers over there. He made it clear to all the DCs that there should be least traffic disruptions on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway with focus on clearing the route within

an hour or two. Regarding the availability of material for construction of new roads the Chief Secretary asked the concerned departments to provide online permissions for mining of minerals besides exploring the possibility of allowing them to transport the same beyond daylight hours.

The CS also directed the departments of PDD and Ial Shakti to immediately shift their utilities wherever required so that both the construction and providing of services to general public do not get affected. He also reiterated that the land acquisition process resolve all the issues at their level and ensure the land is transferred to the departments without any

further delay. The Chief Secretary reviewed the status of roads like Jammu, Srinagar semi-ring road projects, Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Highway, Shopian-Qazigund Bypass, Kathua-Basholi-BaniRoad, Srinagar-Sonamarg Road, Z-Morh tunnel project, Chenani-Sudhmahadev Road, Akhnoor-Poonch Road, He enjoined upon them to Srinagar-Baramulla-Uri Road and move extra men and machinery many other internal city roads in

Sarmad Hafeez Inaugurates Pre-**Paid Counter For Pony Services**



Observer News Service

GULMARG: Secretary, Tourism, Sarmad Hafeez on Thursday visited Gulmarg where he inaugurated the pre-paid counter for pony service started by the Tourism Department.

This is the second pre-paid counter for pony services started by the Department after Pahalgam last week.

The Secretary, Tourism formally handed over the first pre- friendly tourism activities, the paid slip to a tourist Tahura in presence of representatives of various Departments and local stakeholders.

tourists can book a pony ride ers a common platform to take at a designated spot (near TRC, action at preserving the fragile Gulmarg) and get a pony ride booked on designated routes for ism stakeholders of Gulmarg to the rates notified by the Department. The Department intends of the environment and ensure to launch the service in other cleanliness at the resort. tourist destinations of Kashmir

Tourism Secretary congratu- thority, Ghulam Jeelani Zargar, lated the local stakeholders for senior officers of Tourism Deestablishing a pre-paid counter for pony service hoping that with the establishment of this counter there remains no scope for any complaint of cheating or inconvenience.

Praising the local stakeholders for upholding the tradition of local hospitality, Sarmad Hafeez to ask the local tourism unit said there has been a demand holders to maintain sanitation from local stakeholders about around their properties and establishment of such a counter and hoped that with this the also directed the allied Departtourists and visitors would have ments to keep their assets in a hassle free pony ride free from any inconvenience and cheating. sore spot greet the tourists.

Enumerating the steps taken by the Department, the Tourhas become an all season desbetterment of attractions like world famous resort.

improved skiing activities and games during winters, better road connectivity, power supply and sanitation and now with the addition of pre paid pony service tourists should have all the reason for a satisfactory stay at and visit to Gulmarg. He said added facilities are being thought of to let the resort maintain its international appeal.

Emphasizing on cleanliness ensuring environment Tourism Secretary said that the Department would provide various stakeholders including youth from Eco Clubs, Pony wallahs, ho-Under the prepaid service, teliers and other service providecology. He appealed to the tourcome forward and be conscious

Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Dr G N Itoo, Chief Executive Of-Speaking on the occasion, the ficer, Gulmarg Development Aupartment, Local Bodies besides representatives of local tourism stakeholders were present on the occasion.

Later, the Tourism Secretary took a detailed tour of the Gulmarg bowl. He impressed upon the local Tourism authorities keep them in good condition. He good condition and not let any

Sarmad Hafeez also reviewed the pace of works being underism Secretary said Gulmarg now taken by the Department besides functioning of the JKTDC tination with the addition and and Cable Car Corporation at the

Cong Reiterates Statehood Demand In 'Nav Sankalp Shivar'

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: The two-day Nav Sankalp Shivar' of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) concluded at Patnitop near here, with the party reiterating its demand for restoration of statehood with constitutional safeguards for demand for the restoration of protection of land and jobs to the people.

The party also rejected the delimitation commission report and said the report in the present form amounts to strategically rigging the next assembly elections.

The issues were raised as the party passed a number of resolutions during the marathon meeting at Patnitop in Udham- and Kashmir, he said. pur district, which was attended by top brass of the party from a party spokesperson said.

He said the Nav Sankalp Shiver', which was also attended by AICC incharge of J&K Rajni Patil, held threadbare discussions on various issues including the current political and security

Organizational affairs, membership drive and organizational elections and issues of women and youth, social justice, public welfare and other the spokesman said.

the spokesman said the party of Udaipur Congress Shiver and harmony in the society. declarations and reiterates its



statehood to Jammu and Kashmir with constitutional safeguards for the protection of land and jobs for the locals of J&K.

The resolution rejected the delimitation report in the present form which amounts to strategically rigging of the next

The Party seeks early restoration of democracy in Jammu

The Party also expressed its concern over the large-scale all parts of Jammu and Kashmir, conversion of agricultural land to the commercial and nonagriculture purposes and seeks to protect the agricultural land from wanton conversions.

> To strengthen the organization, it was resolved that as per decision of the Udaipur declaration Mandal Committees shall be defined and constituted at each assembly segment level, the spokesman said.

He said it was also resolved that Congress shall reach out to matters of public importance coordinate its efforts with othwere also discussed in detail, er like-minded forces, groups and NGOs to fight against the zational experience and shall Passing various resolutions, politics of hate, division and diversion of the BJP in-order to endorsed in letter and spirit maintain atmosphere of peace

The party resolved that Con- congress and NSUI.

gress shall work to protect the legal rights of the landless, small and marginal farmers in bonafide use and occupation of the lands for decades and seeks framing of a fair policy based on justice and equity in this regard.

The Congress party seeks proper implementation of forest rights act for Tribal and other Forest dwellers in Jammu and Kashmir, the spokesman said. He said the party shall work

for due constitutional and legal rights to the Scheduled Castes, Schedule Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Paharis and other weaker sections. The Congress shall struggle

for resolving the unsettled issues and financial package and political empowerment of dis-placed people of 1947, 1965 and 1971, the spokesman said.

He said the disciplinary action committee shall be strengthened and empowered to maintain discipline in the Party at all levels and curb indiscipline in any manner.

It was resolved that a political affairs committee be constituted at JKPCC level to deal with all contentious issues from time to time, the spokesman said.

He said the adequate number of women and youth should be considered for party tickets with at least five year's organibe considered for organizational assignments as per Udaipur declaration including the former office bearers of youth

Mehbooba Flays J&K Admin For **Disregard To HC Order**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday hit out at Jammu and Kashmir Administration for not returning the mortal remains of Aamir Magrey, who was killed in the Hyderpora shootout in November last year, in disregard to orders of the High Court.

huming the body of a civilian, the Inspector General of Police. who was dubbed as a 'militant' by police during the Hyderpora year, and handing it to his family for last rights.

brazen disregard for HC orders remains," Mehbooba added. to return Aamir Magrey's body to his family. Got a text from his grieving father who is still Shameful & deeply disturbing," Mehbooba tweeted and posted a screenshot of the message sent by Aamir's father Latief



Aamir's father has asked the The Jammu and Kashmir High PDP president to raise the issue of Court last week ordered for ex-returning the mortal remains with

here. A father's young son is encounter in November last killed in a so called chance encounter'. Months later, instead of demanding justice by pun-"While we mourn today's ishing the culprits, his family is tragic killing, LG admin shows reduced to begging for the son's family traditions, religious obli-

said in his 13-page order, "I am alive, the order said. inclined to allow this petition begging for his son's remains. of the father of the deceased Amir Latief Magrey and direct of the body/remains of the days after the encounter.

deceased...from the Wadder Payeen graveyard in presence of the petitioner"

The court said that however, if the body is, "highly putrefied and is not in deliverable state or is likely to pose risk to public health and hygiene, the petitioner and his close relatives shall be allowed to perform last rites as per their tradition and religious beliefs in the...graveyard itself.'

In that situation, the state "This is the state of affairs shall pay to the petitioner Mohammad Latief Magrey a compensation of Rs 5 lakh for deprivation of his right to have the dead body of his son and give him a decent burial as per the gations and faith which the de-Justice Sanjeev Kumar had ceased professed when he was

The bodies of two more civilians Altaf Ahmad Bhat and Dr Mudasir Gul, who were killed the respondents (Jammu and in the Hyderpora encounter, Kashmir government) to make were exhumed and returned to arrangements for exhumation the families following an outcry

BJP Alleges Pak Conspiracy In **Targeted Killings**

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Thursday said the recent targeted killings in the Valley is a conspiracy by Pakistan to create fear and death and destruction to Kashsabotage the Centre's efforts to mir," the BJP leader claimed. restore peace and normalcy in the Union Territory.

Raina asserted that the conspirwill be thwarted as teh police and other security agencies are neutralizing Pakistan-supported militants under operation 'all out' to provide a secure atmosphere for people.

"As Jammu and Kashmir is moving towards peace and progress under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government with major developmental projects gaining speed, supported terrorists hatched a conspiracy to sabotage the government efforts by creating fear among the people," Raina told re-

porters here. He claimed the targeted killings is part of the conspiracy jointly chalked out by Pakistan's Interservices Intelligence (ISI), its army and militant groups based in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir (PcK).

"They have named this conspir- in it over the last 35 years. They acy 'operation Red Wave' like we have turned the valley into a have seen the 'operation Tupac' in 1980-1990 under the leadership of then Pakistani military ruler Gen Zia-ul-Haq which brought

Raina said Pakistan is the biggest enemy of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and it wants to acy by the neighbouring country create an "Afghanistan-like situation" in the Valley.

He said the 'operation Red wave' will meet the same fate as the 'Operation Tupac' as police and security forces are determined to wipe out militancy with active support of the people of Jammu and Kashmir who are nationalist by core.

Condemning the latest killing of bank manager Vijay Kumar in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, Raina said, "The coward Pakistan the frustrated Pakistan and its and its supported terrorists have once again committed a grave sin and they have to pay heavy price

"Whether it is (Kashmiri panist) Amreen, (policemen) Riyaz Ahmad Thokar and Saifullah Qadri, (Dogra from Jammu) Rajni Bala or bank manager from Rajand Pakistan is directly involved committed against humanity.'

graveyard," Raina said.

He said Pakistan-supported militants have committed grave human rights violations by killing innocents over the past three decades.

"When terrorism raised its ugly head in the valley (in 1989), nationalist Muslims and minorities were targeted to create a fear and they are trying same thing again to harm brotherhood and sabotage the progress towards peace and development," he said. Raina said Pakistan and its agen-

cies are frustrated because the security forces eliminated all top commanders of Lashkar-e-Taiba. Jaish-e-Mohammad, Hizbul Mujahideen and other groups operating "The backbone of the terrorism

has already been broken with security forces successfully foiling all attempts of infiltration and recovering drone-dropped weapons like pistols and sticky bombs. We dit) Rahul Pandita, (Muslim art- will frustrate this conspiracy (targeted killings) as well," he said.

He also referred to the surgical and Balakote strikes inside Pakistan and said "Pakistan will have to asthan, innocent blood was split pay for its black deeds and crimes

Arrangements For Kheer Bhawani Mela **Reviewed In Ganderbal**



Bhawani temple,Tulamulla review arrangements for annual Kheer Bhawani Mela.

Threadbare discussions were held on lodging, bedding, re-ment-wise facilities provided pairing works of lavatory for the devotees. He stressed on blocks, lighting, sanitation, bar- the concerned authorities to be ricading, establishment of joint proactive and make every poscontrol room, health facilities, parking of vehicles, fool-proof security, and availability of essential commodities, route plan the temple and took stock of and general face-lifting in and around the temple.

ments concerned for making nec- arth Trust to ensure that the essary arrangements for uninter- devotees coming to pay obeirupted power and drinking water sance are provided with reqsupplies, transport, security, fire uisite facilities and foolproof tenders, ration, accommodation, mechanism should be put in medical facilities, macadamiza- place to ensure smooth conduct tion of roads and other related ar-

Municipality officials GANDERBAL: The Deputy Com- were directed to start intensive missioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shy-sanitation drives within as well ambir on Thursday visited Kheer as approaching road stretch to the temple prior to the Mela where he convened a meeting to besides installing dustbins at appropriate places within the premises and market.

The DC discussed departsible effort for smooth conduct of the Mela.

Later, the DC visited around arrangements put in place. He directed the officers concerned The DC directed the depart- and representatives of Dharmof this Mela.

Govt Designs EVS App For Verification Of Selected Candidates

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Government of Iammu and Kashmir has designed a web based application "Employee Verification System" (EVS) for online submission of Personal Verification Rolls (PVRs) of selectprocess of Verification of Character and Antecedents.

by General Administration Debased application "Employee Veridertaking the process of Verificaavailable on the URL:https://evs.

jk.gov.in". The circular further reads, "Various training sessions regarding the Besides, a number of training sesfundamentally similar to the Em- time to time".

ployee Verification System". The order also reads that in con-

tinuation to the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Verification of Character and Antecedents) Instructions, 1997, notified vide Government Order No.1918-GAD of 1997 dated 09.12.1997, read with ed candidates for undertaking the Government Order No.597-GAD of 1999 dated 26.05.1999, Government Order No.681-GAD of 2000 A circular issued in this regard dated 14.06.2000, Government Order No.1328-GAD of 2016 datpartment (GAD) reads, "A web ed 07.12.2016, and Government Order No. 528-JK(GAD) of 2021 fication System" (EVS) has been dated 21.06.2021 as amended developed by the Government from time to time, it is hereby imof Jammu and Kashmir for un- pressed upon all concerned that "Personnel Verification Rolls (PVR) tion of Employees' Character and of all candidates shall be submit-Antecedents to make the system ted only through the online mode transparent and minimize the to the Criminal Investigation Deprocedural delays that hamper the partment Hqrs. for verification. efficient and speedy processing of Manual submission of Personnel verification. The EVS portal has Verification Rolls (PVR) shall not been developed, and made opera- be entertained under any circumtional through a web based online stances after 01.06.2022. The desystem. The web application is partmental code (User Name and Password) shall be shared on the e-mail addresses provided by the appointing authorities on EVS."

The circular also quotes, "all the web application have been impart- Administrative Secretaries shall ed to the appointing authorities. implement the instructions in letter and spirit, and CID verificasions have already been imparted tion shall in no case be delayed to all the concerned on the process beyond one month as stipulated of Vigilance Verification, which is in the instructions conveyed from

Go Gurez!

Home Stays, Tented Accommodation Just A Click Away



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: As the summer sets in Gurez valley, the locals are all set to welcome the tourists this year as they have opened their homes for the tourist stay and arranging tented accommodations for them while the government is making efforts to attract more tourists to this virgin valley by organizing promotional events- Gurez festival

being one of these events. From the past few years, the Gurez Valley has witnessed a considerable increase in footfall of tourists. In order to enhance the situation for both. availability of accommodation for the incoming tourists, the Bandipora Administration in collaboration with the Department of Tourism and Army has been focusing on propagating the concept of Home stay and tented accommodation to preserve the local traditions and ecological balance.

This year the bookings can be done through popular tourism websites including MakeMyTrip and Goibibo.

Officials said in order to enhance participation of the main stakeholders i.e local population and to make them partners in the future growth of tourism sector, administration has invited application forms from all those households who want to provide their accommodation with the form of home stay to tourists so as to get additional economic benefits on one hand and the other hand tourists enjoy the home stay, enjoying and experiencing the local culture and lifestyle, as such being win-win Till date around 15 home stays

have been established and are receiving a good response from the visitors bringing them economic prosperity. The civil administration has been actively coordinating with the Tourism department for facilitating the home stay owners with requisite process of registration, housekeeping, skill up gradation and best practices, so as to provide a whole experience to the tourists.

YSS Deptt Organise Competitions In Volleyball, Kho-Kho & Kabaddi



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Competitions in different games are underway at South Kashmir's Pulwama. The Department of Youth Services and Sports is organising these competitions for the girl participants in the age group of under 19 years in the disciplines of Volleyball, Kho-Kho and Kabaddi.

A huge number of girls from different schools of the district are participating in these activities. The joyous and very enthusiastic student players were heard expressing gratitude to the Department of Youth Servic- activities. es & Sports for organising such activities for them.

The event was inaugurated by the Principal of Government person.

At Shopian

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: On the instructions

of District Youth Services and

Sports officer Shopian, Gurmukh

Singh Dutta, the District Youth

in Volleyball, Kabaddi and Kho-

Stadium Batpora, here

College Pulwama Women's along with District Youth Services & Sports Officer (DYSSO) Pulwama and other senior officials of the Department.

Speaking to the participants, the DYSSO said that sports is an important aspect of every being's life and it immensely helps in improving our health as well as teaching us some good qualities like discipline, hard work, patience, respect, teamwork, etc.

He further stated that YSS is committed to ensure the mass participation of girls and boys in different games and sports

He added that extra-curricular activities play a vital role in the all round development of a

Earlier, Ryaz Ahmad Wachkoo,

Activity Incharge, inaugurated the

tournament and addressed the

participants and officials and delib-

erated upon the benefits of sports.

Skills like teamwork, leader-

He also informed that many

throughout the district.

ISDL Tournament Held

South Africa T201 Team Arrives Ahead Of 5-Match Series

NEW DELHI: The South Africa T20I side, led by Temba Bavuma, arrived in New Delhi on Thursday ahead of five-match series against India to be played from June 9 to 19. The series serves as the resumption of both teams' preparations for the Mens T20 World Cup in Australia later in the year.

This will be the third time South Africa will be playing a bilateral T20I series in India after October 2015 (won 2-0 by the Proteas) and September 2019 (drawn 1-1).

"Touchdown (India flag). #INDvSA #BePartOflt," wrote Cricket South Africa (CSA) with pictures of the team inside the bus after landing in New Delhi.

Though India have rested their main players Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Jasprit Bumside and Rishabh Pant serving as his deputy, South Africa are fielding a full-strength team comprising David Miller, who Jaitley Stadium here, will act as played a crucial hand in Gujarat a platform for the Indian team Titans winning IPL 2022 apart to chase a 13-match winning from wicketkeeper Quinton de streak in T20Is. Currently, India Kock and pace spearhead Ka-

Apart from the trio, Marco wins in T20Is at 12.



Jansen, Anrich Nortje, Dwaine Dussen and Tristan Stubbs had also made appearances in IPL 2022 for their respective teams, rah with K.L Rahul leading the which means they are no stranger to Indian conditions.

The first match of the series, to be held on June 9 at the Arun are level with Afghanistan and Romania for most consecutive

After the first T20I in New Pretorius, Rassie van der Delhi, India and South Africa will play their next matches in Cuttack on June 12, Visakhapatnam on June 14, Rajkot on June 17, and Bengaluru on June 19.

South Africa squad: Temba Bavuma ©, Quinton de Kock, Reeza Hendricks, Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Wayne Parnell, Dwaine Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs, Rassie van der Dussen and Marco Jansen.

Pele Calls On Putin To Stop 'Wicked' Ukraine Invasion



Wednesday to Russian President Vladimir Putin to end his "wicked" and "unjustifiable" inva-Ukraine's national team played in a World Cup qualifying game.

"I want to use today's game as of his favorite players.

exists that can justify violence," Pele said on Instagram.

Pele made a public plea on fiable and brings nothing but pain, fear, terror and anguish.

Pele and Putin last met in Moscow in 2017 during the Confedersion of Ukraine, minutes before ations Cup, a championship held before the World Cup. The Russian leader has named Pele as one

"When we met in the past and

thought one day we would be as divided as we are today "said Pele who served as Brazil's first minis-

ter of sports in the 1990s. Ukraine beat Scotland 3-1 on Wednesday to move one game away from qualifying for the World Cup, at Hampden Park in Glasgow. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy thanked the team for "two hours of happiness, something we

District Pulwama Hogam an opportunity to make a request: **Sports Tournament Held** Stop this invasion. No argument exchanged smiles accompanied have become unaccustomed to.



Services and Sports Department ship, patience, discipline, learn-on Thursday conducted Inter ing from failure, sportsmanship,

School District Level tournament etc., are developed only when

in the discipline of Badminton children play sports regularly,

for U-19 girls at Government De- and these skills are equally im-

gree College Shopian and Inter portant when it comes to studies

Zonal District Level Tournament and management, he further said.

Kho for U-14/17 girls at Sports such events are being organised

Abid Khan

PULWAMA: Jammu Kashmir Hogam Association hosted the first District Hogam Sports tournament in Rohmoo Pulwama on Thursday.

The tournament began with a run from Karapora Dam to Kids Federation of India, he stated, Kingdom School. There were some basic race formats: Run 2km, with about 10 obstacles, water crossing, climbing terrain with the help of rope.

The Hogam Sports Relief Art has three sports branches, called 1-Tisapa (Crossing Sports Barriers), 2- Lightning (Individual Arts-Deformation), 3- The Drama (Dramatic Fighting). One of the special activities of this sport is practice in the nature of the forest, mountains, sea and desert in various climatic conditions for the purpose of sport and healthy recreation.

A large number of students participated in this tournament Rohmoo Mr. Abbas ul Aziz was from different schools and clubs of Pulwama district.

pleasantly surprised with my cates to the participants.

performance especially in havng the energy and strength for the obstacles, ascents, descents, and the running," said Munazah Yasin (gold medallist from Kids Kingdom School).

While speaking with Mr. Parvaiz, the President of Hogam "Earlier we conducted India's first Hogam event in Srinagar district. Our future plan is to hold Hogam events in every district of Kashmir as well as in every state of India. I am grateful to all of the parents that permitted their children to participate in this event."

Mohammad Shafi, Mohammad Irfan Lone, Uzma, Sahiba Nisar, Tabsum, Naveed Mukhtar, Rabia Tariq, Dawood Sofi, Mohammad Shoaib, Ashiq Sultan Dar, Shahid Hilal Malik, Rasik Shah Muskaan were the tournament officials.

On the occasion Director of Kids Kingdom Public School the chief guest while as chairman of school Iftikhar, Principal "It was my first experience as of school, Basharat, Bilal Ahmad, such events has not been ever were the guests of honour, who conducted in Pulwama I am distributed medals and certifi-

Bavaria Releases All Files On Munich Olympic Massacre



FILE PHOTO FROM SEPT. 5, 1972 shows a member of the Arab Commando group which seized members of the Israeli Olympic Team at their quarters at the Munich Olympic Village appearing with a hood over his face on the balcony of the village building where the commandos held several members of the Israeli team hostage. (AP Photo/Kurt Strumpf, File)

Agencies

BERLIN: Authorities in Bavaria say they are releasing all previously unpublished files on the attack at the 1972 Munich Olympics following criticism from relatives of the 11 Israeli athletes hostage on Sept. 5, 1972, with 50th anniversary of the attack. and coaches who died there.

Joachim Herrmann, the top security official in the southern German state, said Thursday that German jails. Eleven Israelis the government has rejected.

Bavaria will no longer keep any and a West German police offiles under wraps, but conceded that federal authorities might cue attempt. still hold confidential files.

The Palestinian group Black September took numerous the goal of forcing the release of prisoners held by Israel and two have also demanded compensaleft-wing extremists in West tion from Germany, something

ficer died during a botched res-

Complaints about persistent secrecy surrounding the files had threatened to overshadow a Some relatives of those killed

ENG vs NZ 1st Test: Jack Leach Out Due To Concussion Symptoms



Asian News International

LONDON: England spinner Jack Leach has been withdrawn from the first Test against New Zealand at Lord's after he showed concussion symptoms following a heavy fall while fielding. Matt Parkinson will be the concussion substitute for the bowler. "Jack Leach has symptoms of concussion following his head injury whilst fielding. As per concussion guidelines, he has been withdrawn from this Test," ECB said in a tweet.

"Lancashire spinner Matthew Parkinson has been confirmed as Jack Leach's concussion replacement. He will join the camp later today and can go straight into our XI," ECB added.

Parkinson is a leg-spinner from Lancashire. He has taken 126 wickets from 37 first-class cricket games.

Leach, playing his first home Test since Ashes 2019 suffered an injury during the sixth over of the game while chasing a drive by stylish southpaw Devon Conway to the backward point boundary.

As he dived and dragged the ball back from the edge of the rope, Leach landed heavily on his head and seemed to have injured his neck in the process. New Zealand's medical team attended to him for several minutes and he was able to walk back to the pavilion.

New Zealand won the toss and opted to bat first. Their innings is

Both sides are playing a three-Test series, with the next Test match set to take place from June 10 and the final one from June 23 onwards. The series is a part of the ICC World Test Championship 2021-23.

Neymar Scores 2 As Brazil Routs South Korea 5-1



Agencies

SEOUL: A pair of Neymar penalties helped Brazil start its World Cup preparations with a comprehensive 5-1 win over South Korea in an international friendly on Thursday.

English Premier League stars Richarlison, Coutinho and Gabriel Jesus were also on the and Neymar once more waited scoresheet.

It was a chastening time world champion Brazil too strong in all areas of the field.

Richarlison silenced 66,000 fans who filled Seoul World Cup Stadium to capacity after just seven minutes with an opportunistic strike. The Everton forward diverted a low shot from Fred high into the South Korean net from close range.

South Korea will make a 10th successive World Cup appearance at Qatar later this year in a group with Uruguay, Portugal

It struggled to get joint EPL golden boot winner Son into the game but was back on level terms on the half-hour with a well-worked goal. Wolverhampton attacker Hwang Hee-chan found Hwang Ui-jo in the area and the Bordeaux striker turned Thiago Silva to fire a shot past the diving Weverton.

Brazil was back ahead three minutes before the break after a penalty was given following a foul on Alex Sandro.

Neymar sent Kim Seung-gyu the wrong way to roll the ball into the net. The pattern was repeated just before the hour. The lively Juventus wing back was again brought down in the area for the goalkeeper to commit himself before calmly stroking for the South Koreans with five- the ball home for his 73rd goal for Brazil. That's just four fewer than Pele, Brazil's all-time leading goalscorer.

Neymar was delighted with the applause from South Korean fans when he left the field after 78 minutes. "It was phenomenal," Neymar said. "I didn't expect this reception."

Coutinho, a replacement for Neymar, added a fourth by smashing a loose ball into the top corner with 10 minutes remaining. In the final seconds, another substitute, Manchester City striker Gabriel Jesus, completed a perfect evening for the South Americans after running through the backline.

Brazil, which will take on Serbia, Switzerland and Cameroon at the World Cup, continues its preparations by facing Japan in Tokyo on Monday when South Korea hosts Chile. (AP)

Madrid Boosts Defence By Signing Rüdiger From Chelsea

Agencies

MADRID: Real Madrid signed Antonio Rüdiger on a free transfer Thursday, calling him "one of the best defenders in the world" and strengthening its squad after becoming European champion for a record-extending 14th

Madrid brought in Rüdiger from Chelsea on a four-year contract. The Germany international will be officially introduced on Monday.

Madrid praised Rüdiger's "very commanding physical presence" and his experience playing in England, Germany and Italy.

The 29-year-old central defender helped Chelsea in its run to titles central defenders Éder Militão and in the Champions League, Europa League, Club World Cup, UEFA Super

Cup and FA Cup. He scored five goals in 54 matches with Chelsea last season, both a record for him with the club.



Rüdiger made his Bundesliga debut with Stuttgart as an 18-year-old before joining Roma in 2015 and eventually Chelsea in 2017.

Real Madrid played the Champions League final against Liverpool with David Alaba, who was signed a year

ago from Bayern Munich. Madrid was without veteran Sergio Ramos after he joined Paris Saint-Germain, with Nacho Fernández playing in central defense when needed.