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NEWS DIGEST

J&K Reports 7 New Covid Cases

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir reported seven new Covid cases on Monday, taking the infection tally to 4,54,355, officials said. Of the new cases, three were reported from Jammu and four from Kashmir, they said. There are 91 active cases of COVID-19 in the Union Territory, while the number of recoveries has **More on P6**

Four Injured In Poonch Accident

Srinagar- Four persons were injured when a van they were travelling met with an accident in Mendhar area of Poonch district on Monday. Quoting official sources, news agency GNS reported that the Van (JK02BJ-5554) coming from Shindra Poonch towards Mendhar skidded off road near at Uchhad area, **More on P6**

Missing Minor Boy Found Dead

Srinagar: The body of a 12-year-old boy, who had gone missing from a forest area in Uri of North Kashmir's Baramulla district on June 12, was recovered on Monday. News agency GNS reported that the boy namely Shahid Ahmed son of Abdul Jabbar Ganai of Trikanjan Boniyar had taken his cattle **More on P6**

Day 5: Curfew Continues In Bhaderwah

Broadband, Mobile Internet Services Restored In Ramban



but curfew remained in force

in the Bhaderwah town for the

fifth day in a row. However,

students appearing in board

exams were given free move-

ment on showing valid identity

mobile internet services were

restored in the Ramban district

late Sunday night after remain-

However, the services re-

mained suspended in Doda and

Kishtwar districts, as a precau-

tionary measure, More on P6

ing suspended since June 9.

They said the broadband and

and admit cards, officials said.

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Ramban: Broadband and mobile Internet services were restored in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district while prohibitory orders were lifted from Doda, except in Bhaderwah town, on Monday, days after tension ran high in the Union Territory over now-suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's derogatory remarks over Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh). Prohibitory orders were also relaxed in the Kishtwar district

Oppn Leaders Take Out Peace March In Jammu

Concerned over communal tension "gripping" different parts of the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, several opposition parties and social organisations on Monday took out a peace march here and appealed to the people to maintain peace and harmony. The march was organised by Jammu-based All Parties United More on P6

Infiltrators Trade Fire With BSF On IB

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Jammu: Border Security Force (BSF) engaged armed infiltrators in a brief gunfight and thwarted their attempt to sneak into this side from across the International Border (IB) here, a spokesperson of the border guarding force said on Monday.

The incident occurred in Arnia sector around 9.30 pm on Sunday when alert BSF troops observed suspicious movement close to the IB, the spokesman said.

He said BSF troops challenged the miscreants who fired on the troops and fled in the face of retaliation.

BSF retaliated by firing a few bursts (of gunfire) towards them due **More on P6**

LG Calls For Strong Action To Destroy Militant Ecosystem



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Nagrota: Pitching for strong action against the militant

eco-system in the hinterland and on the border, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj **More on P6**

100 Militants Killed So Far : IGP

overnment forces have killed 100 militants in Kashmir during counter insurgency operations since the beginning of this year with Lashkar-e-Taiba outfit bearing the maximum brunt as it lost 63 cadres, officials said here on Monday. IGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, said that 100 militants have been killed in the Valley so far this year. "100 terrorists (71 local & 29 foreign) More on P6

Customers Fume As J&K Bank Services Hit By System Upgrade

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Srinagar: The transactions and other procedures were hit across all branches of Jammu and Kashmir Bank following a technical glitch leaving the customers in lurch for the third consecutive day.

On Monday, Kashmir Observer received dozens of calls from distressed customers complaining that they were unable to make payments or access their accounts because of the unprecedented outage.

"I was here [J&K branch] to withdraw the cash, but the employees informed me that the



system is not working. I then tried to transfer an immediately required amount from my Mpay but that too wasn't working." said **More on P6**

J&K Bank Board Appoints Pratik Punjabi as CFO

The bank's board on 10 June 2022 approved appointment of Pratik D Punjabi as the chief financial officer. Punjabi's appointment will be effective from the date of his actual joining, Jammu and Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank) said in a

KP Employees Reiterate Relocation Demand

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Kashmiri Pandit employees on Monday staged another protest demonstration here, reiterating the demand for their relocation outside the Valley till peace is restored there.

Hundreds of employees, both men and women, assembled under the banner of 'All Migrant Employee Association Kashmir' outside the Press Club carrying placards, some of which read, "Don't rehabilitate us at the cost of our blood! Orphaning our children! Widowing our wives! and the only solution is relocation anywhere outside the Valley."

Nearly 4,000 More on P6

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WHO Urges Eligible People To Make Regular, Voluntary Blood Donations

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n the eve of World Blood Donor Day, the WHO on Monday urged eligible people in countries in its South-East Asia Region and across the world to join the effort to save lives, improve health and advance health equity by making regular, voluntary, unpaid blood donations.

An estimated 118.5 million blood donations are collected worldwide, of which around 40 per cent are collected from high-income countries, home to just 16 per cent of the world's population, Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director of WHO South-East Asia Region, said.

In low-income countries, a majority of blood transfusions are given to children under five years of age and to manage pregnancy-related complications, making regular donations by voluntary unpaid donors a critical tool in the fight against maternal, neonatal and child mortality, she said.

"An estimated 2 million more units of blood are urgently required from voluntary unpaid donors in the region to help patients of all ages live longer and with a higher quality of life, to support complex medical and surgical procedures, and to accelerate progress towards universal health coverage (UHC), health system resilience and Health for All," she said in a statement.



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Throughout the Covid-19 response, countries of the region have continued to implement national blood policies, with a focus on maintaining essential blood donation and transfusion services, increasing the quality of donor care, enhancing the clinical use of blood, and strengthening oversight and surveillance of the chain of blood transfusion. she said.

All blood donated in the region is screened for HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C and syphilis, and more than 80 per cent of it is collected from voluntary unpaid donors. From 2008 to 2018, the region reported the highest proportional increase of voluntary unpaid blood donations among all WHO regions, and the secondhighest increase in absolute numbers, the WHO Regional Director highlighted.

Amid the pandemic response, the WHO has conducted a series of online training to increase the capacity of member states to achieve the outputs of the WHO Action Framework to advance universal access to safe, effective and quality-assured blood products, as well as the WHO's five-year plan to help build effective and efficient regulatory systems.

Several priorities require targeted attention, she said. First, policy makers and programme managers should reappraise and where appropriate update national blood action plans while mobilising adequate and reliable financing to implement the same. Second, health facility administrators and managers should increase health worker capacity to safely collect, store and administer blood and blood products, instilling a culture of quality that encompasses all aspects of the chain of blood transfusion, she stated.

Third, policy makers should standardise data collection and reporting and implement uniform systems for traceability, surveillance, haemovigilance and pharmacovigilance for both public and private sector providers. Fourth, programme managers, educators and civil society groups should increase awareness of the benefits of regular blood donation, especially among the youth, who should be encouraged to make blood donation a habit, Khetrapal Singh stated

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Corrigendum for Extension

Subject: - Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of two (02) No. 08 Passenger MRL Lift (G 2) along with allied works and AMC for two years of normal warranty period at Boys and Girls Hostel for **NIELIT Rangreth.**

References: This office e- NIT no: MHCHD/TS /2022-23/35/e-tendering, Dated 28.05.2022.

In view of no response, the critical dates of above referred e-NIT are extended as follows:

S.No	Description	Date and Time
1.	Last Date of Bid Sub- mission	16.06.2022 (14:00 hrs)
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All the other terms and conditions will remain the same.

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Nine Vegetables That Are Healthier For You When Cooked

The Conversation

aw food diets are a fairly recent trend, including raw veganism. The belief being that the less processed food is, the better. However, not all food is more nutritious when eaten raw. Indeed, some vegetables are actually more nutritious when cooked. Here are seven of them. 1. Asparagus

All living things are made up of cells, and in vegetables, important nutrients are sometimes trapped within these cell walls. When vegetables are cooked, the walls break down, releasing the nutrients that can then be absorbed more easily by the body. Cooking asparagus breaks down its cell walls, making vitamins A, B9, C and E more available to be absorbed.

2. Mushrooms Mushrooms contain large amounts of the antioxidant er-

important nutrients. Although cooking tomatoes reduces their vitamin C content by 29%, their lycopene content increased by more than 50% within 30 minutes of cooking. 5. Carrots

walls, which contain several

Cooked carrots contain more beta-carotene than raw carrots, which is a substance called a carotenoid that the body converts into vitamin A. This fat-soluble vitamin supports bone growth, vision and the immune system. Cooking carrots with the skins on more than doubles their antioxidant power. You should boil carrots whole before slicing as it stops these nutrients from escaping into the cooking water. Avoid frying carrots as this has been found to reduce the amount of carotenoid. 6. Bell peppers

Bell peppers are a great source of immune-system-boosting antioxidants, especially the

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05	Putrigam-A in District Pulwama.	Rs.2.625 Lacs	Rs.5,250/	Rs. 200/	05 days		PHE/GWD/15 of 06/2022
06	Construction of 125 mm dia machine drilled hand pump well at Sonpati Mohalla NHO Ab. Khaliq Reshi & Others at Lethpora-B Awantipora in District Pulwama.	Rs.03.10 Lacs	Rs.6,200/-	Rs. 200/	05 days		PHE/GWD/16 of 06/2022
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08	Construction of 125 mm dia machine drilled hand pump well NHO Abdul Rashid Malik at Newa in District Pulwama.	Rs.2.625 Lacs	Rs.5,250/	Rs. 200/	05 days	DDC Grants Under District Capex Budget	PHE/GWD/18 of 06/2022
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gothioneine, which is released during cooking. Antioxidants help break down free radicals, chemicals that can damage our cells, causing illness and ageing. 3. Spinach

Spinach is rich in nutrients, including iron, magnesium, calcium and zinc. However, these nutrients are more readily absorbed when the spinach is cooked. This is because spinach is packed with oxalic acid (a compound found in many plants) that blocks the absorption of iron and calcium. Heating spinach releases the bound calcium, making it more available for the body to absorb. Research suggests that steaming spinach maintains its levels of folate (B9), which may reduce the risk of certain cancers. 4. Tomatoes

Cooking, using any method, greatly increases the antioxidant lycopene in tomatoes. Lycopene has been associated with a lower risk of a range of chronic diseases including heart disease and cancer. This increased lycopene amount comes from the heat that helps to break down the thick cell

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carotenoids, beta-carotene beta-cryptoxanthin and lutein. Heat breaks down the cell walls, making the carotenoids easier for your body to absorb. As with tomatoes, vitamin C is lost when peppers are boiled or steamed because the vitamin can leach out into the water. Try roasting them instead. 7. Brassica Brassica, which include broc-

coli, cauliflower and brussels sprouts, are high in glucosinolates (sulfur-containing phytochemicals), which the body can convert into a range of cancer-fighting compounds. For these glucosinolates to be converted into cancer-fighting compounds, an enzyme within these vegetables called myrosinase has to be active.

Research has found that steaming these vegetables preserves both the vitamin C and myrosinase and, therefore, the cancerfighting compounds you can get from them. Chopping broccoli and letting it sit for a minimum of 40 minutes before cooking also allows this myrosinase to activate.

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KU's Assistant Registrar Results Expected Soon

Agencies

Srinagar: University of Kashmir is likely to announce the much-anticipated results of Assistant Registrar and Assistant Controller exams in a couple of days.

Reporters received calls from aspirants about the 'undue delay' vis-à-vis the announcement of results of the posts, for which, they said, mains exam was held on March 23 this year.

Detailing it further, a group of aspirants said that the varsity advertised seven posts of Assistant Registrar and Assistant Controller on October 24, 2019 and after a gap of almost two years, a notification for conduct of preliminary examination was floated on August 13, 2021,

and the exams subsequently held on August 26, 2021

"Provisional merit list was published on December 1. 2021 and the mains examination after being scheduled for January 6, 2022 was postponed due to inclement weather conditions. After much delay, the exam was held on March 23, 2022", they said

"Despite an elapse of almost 82 days, the authorities are however yet to announce the final results for which 175 candidates appeared then". they said adding as per the varsity statutes, the posts are to be filled within two years of advertisement.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. Neelofar Khan assured results for the posts will be announced in a couple of days. (GNS)

Govt. Provides Relief To Houseboat Owners And Shikarawalas

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a bid to provide relief to Houseboat owners and Shikarawals Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha approved the proposal of the Tourism Department to pro-





vide subsidized timber for repairs and maintenance of houseboats and taxi shikaras.

For the reconstruction and major repairs of houseboats, the timber will be provided on a one-time basis, on 50 percent concessional rate upto a maximum of 70 percent of the requirement or 80 CFT. whichever is less

ever is less, once in five years.



Road Leading To Kashmir's Lone Tertiary Care Hospital In Shambles

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Months after the drainage work started at Dr Ali Jan road, authorities have failed to repair the vibeen

Sciences Due to construction of the drainage system, one portion of the road has been closed for vehicular movement

which results in massive traffic jams.

to contain the dust aris-Locals say it has several months ing from the under conthat he work has struction stretch.

started but much to "We sprinkle wathe disappointment of ter on the stretch as commuters and local authorities have left us populace it work on the to fend for ourselves" drainage work is yet to said Farooq Ahmed who lives at Saidpora. "Ambulances find "Seven months is

too long to construct drainage on this small stretch" he added. Sewerage and Drainage Division II Locals can be seen

of UEED had taken the the road stretch from Road November last Grid Lane to Said Pora year with the timeline

of March 2022. department The missed the deadline with experts saying

bor," the protesters said.

The protesters sought the

intervention of LG Manoj Sinha

and urged the Director of Tour-

ism to release the salaries on

humanitarian grounds. (KNT)

the stretch is not fit for macadamization. Executive Engineer Abdul Manan Left

River Circular Road (LRCR) said the macadamization on one tube will be taken up once the settlement of the road takes place.

"For the other tube, macadamization will be done in the coming days" he added.

Casual laborers Stage Protest, **Seek Pending Wages**

Agencies

Srinagar: The casual laborers of the Tourism Department Monday staged a protest outside the office of Directorate Tourism, demanding the release of their pending wages The protesters were carry-

ing placards and raised slogans in favor of their demands. "We requested our De-

partment many times but nothwe have been demanding the ing materialized. We are being release of pending wages. We forced to come on roads," Fayaz work round the clock and al-Ahmed Dar who led the protest ways make ourselves available for the department and yet desaid He said that two consecuprived of our hard-earned la-

tive orders had been issued directing the department to release the pending wages of the casual laborers, but no action was taken.

"From the last 8 years,

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This Day In History

1917-1st German air attack on England, 100+ killed in East London

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- 1929 Prussia & Vatican sign Concord
- 1938- Chlorophyll patented by Benjamin Grushkin
- 1940- German forces enter Paris during WWII
- 1941- Estonia loses 11,000 inhabitants as a conseguence of mass deportations into Siberia
- 1942-1st bazooka rocket gun produced Bridgeport Ct
- 1944-1st B-29 raid against mainland Japan
- 1958- British parachutists lands on Cyprus
- 1967- USSR launches Kosmos 166 for observation of Sun from earth orbit
- 1973- US President Richard Nixon administration imposes 60-day economy-wide price freeze, superseding Special Rule No. 1 for oil companies
- 1975- USSR launches Venera 10 for Venus landing
- 1989 -Ground breaking begins in Minn on world's largest mall
- 1989- Ronald Reagan is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II (honorary knighthood)
- 1993- Japanese space probe Sakigake passes Earth 2001- China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan form the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.
 - 2012 -The world's first stem-cell assisted vein transplant is undertaken by Swedish doctors on a 10 year old girl
 - 2013- Hassan Rouhani is elected President of Iran

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Workshop On 'Urdu

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Sahafat' Held At AS College

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Department of Urdu, Amar Singh (AS) College, Srinagar on Monday organized a workshop on "Urdu Sahafat- Ahmiyat-wa-Ifadiyat".

The students of the Skill Course attended the workshop and participated in the exchange of ideas on the subject.

Principal, Amar Singh College, Prof. Bashir Ahmad Rather inaugurated the workshop. In his inaugural address, Prof. Rather highlighted the importance of Urdu Journalism. He said that India has great linguistic diversity, and Urdu is the language of all communities, symbolizing our composite culture.

He added that Urdu language has a special value in the lives of communities, so Urdu-speakers must focus on propagation of their mother tongue, primarily by teaching the language and its script to their children. He further said that there are some languages and dialects facing danger of extinction and the need is to do research, and work for preservation of such languages

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Deeba Sarmand Dean, Cluster University of Srinagar, said students of journalism and mass communication learn technical parts of news and script writing in universities and colleges but there is not much focus on improving their language skills. She added that training in content and script-writing with focus on language should be the part of the curriculum.



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No power on Earth can change Of Kashmir status: Farooq

'I Never Go To Pakistan, Never Ever Play Golf With Hurriyat Leaders'

Observer News Service

rinagar - National Conference (NC) Patron Farooq Abdullah today asserted that no power on Earth can change the present status of Jammu and Kashmir, saying it will continue to remain a part of India.

I consider this part of Kashmir as part of India and that part of Kashmir as part of Pakistan. I cannot see any other solution ever working than this whether Prime Minister Manmohan Singh says anything or Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf, "Dr Abdullah said before the start of the one-day TAG Heuer Golf tournament here.

'We must accept one thing for final and that is Jammu and Kashmir belongs to India and no power on Earth can change it...Nothing is going to change and let us be honest about it,*' the former Chief Minister added.

About the Hurrivat leaders visit to Pakistan and Pakistan-controlled Kashmir (PcK), he said they are welcome to go anywhere, but nothing is going to come out of this visit either.

The separatists have also said that they do not expect much from their visit, he added.

The Hurriyat leaders are themselves divided. They blame each other for many things. They will just go. Kha pi ke aa jayenge... Kuch bag bi layenge aur kuch hawala se aa jayega (They will bring some with them and the other will come through hawala)." Dr Abdullah claimed.

Dr Abdullah then NC leader said he did not expect anything substantial coming out of the peace process. "Where is the peace process? Innocent people get killed everyday. India is not going to give up Kashmir and Pakistan will not settle without Kashmir. So where is the settlement?" he asked.

However, Dr Abdullah advocated that borders should be made immaterial so that people can go and come and trade between the two sides promoted.

He also expressed dissatisfaction over the performance of the Mohammad Sayeed government in the state.

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Reigning uncertainty

ver a hundred militants have been killed in Kashmir over the first six months of this year, 30 of them from Pakistan. Last year a total of 171 militants were killed, out of whom 19 were Pakistanis and 152 local. In addition, 44 security personnel and 34 civilians also lost their lives. As the data makes it clear, the proportion of foreign militants has increased over the last year. And this is not a good sign from a security point of view. This is the first time in several years that the percentage of foreign militants in the Valley has increased.

Ever since the revocation of Article 370 in August 2019, Kashmir has witnessed an uneasy calm. The protests and the stone-pelting incidents have gradually tapered off. But the militancy has so far held out. That too, despite the killings of a large number of militants.

According to a police estimate, around 150 are active militants in Kashmir, the lowest such number in the last seven years. This has, for once, created a distinct possibility that the militancy could very well end in the next few months or over the course of this year if there is no replenishment of the ranks in the form of local recruitment or influx from across the border. Also, contrary to the apprehensions, the foreign presence in the Valley's militancy has only increasingly diminished over the years - that is, if we consider the current increase as an exception.

This has put the militancy in the union territory apparently on a shaky wicket. But it is premature and also risky to make predictions about Kashmir. In the past also, this ebb and flow have continued. As the history of the past thirty years shows militancy has gone on. And it seems unlikely to die down unless the replenishment stops, something that has never happened so far. And appears unlikely to happen in near to medium future. This is why while public unrests and stone pelting have drastically diminished since the revocation of Article 370 in August 2019, militancy has continued unabated. And there is little sign that the situation on this score will change anytime soon. What is more, security agencies have already warned that the violence could once again scale up further this year, with the local militancy expected to be reinforced by the influx of foreign militants - albeit, there have so far been no indications that this is happening in greater numbers. Militancy is largely led by the local youth who come from a demographic of 15 to 25 year olds. Recent killings of the civilians and the members of the minority groups have brought the situation to a head. It is difficult to see where the situation is headed in the near to medium future. However, one can only hope that the situation will improve in the end.

Persisting RTI Lacuna

How Will Non J&K Residents Get Info Under Malfunctioning RTI Provisions?

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

hile addressing the 14th special general body meeting of National Federation of Information Commissions of India (NFICI) in New Delhi recently, the Union Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dr Jitendra Singh said that post abrogation of article 370 even nondomicile and non-state subjects of Jammu & Kashmir were entitled to file applications under Right to Information Act (RTI) to seek information from public authorities in J&K. Dr Singh who is also the minister in-charge Department of Personnel and Trainings (DoPT) which looks after RTI related issues said:

"Consequent to the passing of J&K Reorganisation Act 2019, the J&K Right to Information Act 2009 and the Rules there under have since been repealed and the Central Right to Information Act 2005 and the Rules there under were enforced from October 31, 2019. As a consequence to this, the difference now is that, unlike in the past, even a non-domicile or a non-state subject of Jammu & Kashmir is entitled to file RTI related to UT issues or agencies."

The Union Minister lauded the Central Information Commission (CIC) for achieving consistent decline in pendency with corresponding rise in disposal of the Right to Information (RTI) appeals. He said that he was pleased to note that the pendency reduced from about 40,000 cases last year to around 27,000 cases at present, while the disposal of cases increased from 17017 in 2020-21 to 28901 in 2021-22.

Dr Jitendra Sing further said that ever since the Modi Government came to power in 2014, transparency, accountability and citizencentricity became the hallmark of the governance model.

Ground Situation

When Article 370 was read down, the Jammu & Kashmir RTI Act 2009 got repealed along with dozens of central laws. Instead, the RTI Act 2005 (central law) was extended to J&K with effect from Oct 31st 2019.

Under this act, there is a provision of setting up of State Information Commissions (SIC) in states where RTI related appeals and complaints are heard. J&K also had the State Information Commission (JKSIC) constituted under the erstwhile act. The said commission was closed after the abrogation and since then we have no information commission in place in J&K. This is the biggest lacuna of the extension of RTI Act 2005 in J&K.

The PIOs are taking undue advantage of the closure of the JKSIC and treat the right to information very casually, for they know they will not be taken to task.

For almost 3 years, government officials have been non-responsive and this is especially true of requests made under the RTI Act, 2005. The government has also failed to undertake sensitisation workshops for designated Public Information Officers (PIOs) or First Appellate Authorities (FAAs). These officers were familiar with the state RTI Act of 2009 but not with the 2005 RTI Act which has now been applied to Jammu and Kashmir



Since the last 2 years, I haven't heard a single case wherein the Central Information Commission (CIC) has slapped a penalty on erring Govt officers from J&K UT? This was not the case in the past as J&K State Information Commission was tough on Govt officials denying information to citizens

a PIO or the First Appellate Authority (FAA) would not do justice with RTI applicants. The said commission would dispose of the appeal in 60 to 120 days only, as there was legal provision in the repealed J&K RTI Act 2009. This lacuna was found in RTI Act 2005 and drafting committee of J&K RTI Act 2009 had taken this thing into consideration.

Infact, former Central Chief Information Commissioner Wajahat Habibullah had voiced for these insertions in J&K Law and suggested the same to J&K Govt when the RTI bill was being drafted. Moreover, Jammu & Kashmir RTI Movement was fully involved in that process.

There is no such provision binding the CIC or the SICs in other states (under RTI Act, 2005). It is on this count that the now-repealed 2009 Act was considered a more progressive law than the Jammu and Kashmir RTI Act, 2009.How can people living in remote areas of Jammu, Kashmir, or Ladakh approach the CIC in the Capital? Only educated and empowered people approach the CIC now, whereas in the past even illiterate folk would approach the JKSIC.

I had personally filed 3 appeals in Central Information Commission (CIC) New Delhi in December 2020 and they were listed for hearing after 13 to 14 months.

To make people wait for a year or more to get information about, say, beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), MG-NREGS works, or lavatories constructed under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) is unjustified. How can aggrieved people be made to wait for 1 ½ years to get information related to selection by JKSSB or JKPSC?

Since the last 2 years, I haven't heard a single case wherein the Central Information Com-

Technically, non-residents and even local residents should have been given the facility to file online RTI applications. Nobody is taking up these issues. Is merely giving the benefits of filing an RTI application enough? mission (CIC) has slapped a penalty on erring Govt officers from J&K UT? This was not the case in the past as J&K State Information Commission was tough on Govt officials denying information to citizens.

Former Chief Information Commissioners G R Sufi or Khurshid Ganai were people of great stature who tried their best to deliver and gave some landmark judgments like bringing J&K Bank under RTI ambit or taking JKPSC to task by allowing RTI applicants to check their answer scripts. All that is history now ?

PMs Ujjwala scam & LGs intervention

It took months for the PIO of Lt Governor's office to dispose of an RTI application of Mushtaq Ahmad Lone R/O Batwodder Surasyar District Budgam. Mushaq wanted action taken by LG's office on the announcement made by Shri Manoj Sinha Hon'ble LG regarding investigating the PM's Ujjwala scam in Budgam. The Lt Governor during his Awam ki Awaz programme last November had assured Mushtaq that action would be taken against erring gas agencies who had looted people by taking money from them for free gas connections as Mushtaq brought the matter into his notice.

When no action was taken for 3 months, Mushtaq had to file an RTI in the Lt Governor's Office (Raj Bhavan). It took months to get the application disposed. The officers were in fact very cooperative later on when they came to know the reply had not been provided on time. Some months back, the LG's office shot letters to the Government for taking action against erring gas agencies but till date no action has been taken to recover the looted money. The gas agencies were penalised with only Rs 79,000 and Rs 29,000. This is the case when the highest authority of the state is asking for a probe and action. can only imagine what the condition might be in other Government offices At a time when the residents of Jammu & Kashmir are denied information under RTI on basic issues like Bijli, Pani or Sadak, how can we expect non J&K residents to get information by filing applications through speed post? Technically, non-residents and even local residents should have been given the facility to file online RTI applications. Nobody is taking up these issues. Is merely giving the benefits of filing an RTI application enough? The public authorities must also respond with a reply which isn't happening in J&K since central law became applicable here. Dr Jitendra Singh must stress on ensuring applications under RTI Act are disposed off as well.

OTHER OPINON

Inflation's long shadow: On RBI's actions

Price gains are now expected to accelerate at a 7.5% pace in the April-June quarter, a sizeable 120 basis points faster than previously estimated, before printing at 7.4% in Q2, a sharp 160 basis points quicker than April's projection of 5.8%. The headline CPI-based inflation is now seen stuck above the RBI's upper tolerance limit in Q3 as well, at 6.2%, before easing to 5.8% in the fourth quarter. The MPC has listed a slew of factors clouding the inflation outlook: the war in Ukraine and the consequent elevated commodity prices, crude prices that continue to pose a pass-through risk to domestic pump prices of fuels, increases in electricity tariffs, and, crucially, manufacturing and services firms flagging input and output price pressures.

That inflation looms large over every other aspect of the outlook for the economy worldwide is also evident from the MPC's pointed reference to 'growing stagflation concerns' that are amplifying the volatility in global financial markets. While the RBI has made brave to retain its April forecast for GDP growth in the current fiscal at 7.2%, citing an ongoing recovery including in contact-intensive services and an expected boost to rural consumption from rain-spurred kharif sowing and output, a 37% 'below normal' start to the southwest monsoon serves as an early cautionary augury. And it is precisely the "headwinds from accelerating inflation" and the resultant 'erosion of purchasing power of consumers' that the World Bank cited on Tuesday when it cut its forecast for India's GDP growth for this year by 50 basis points to 7.5%. The only silver lining is the RBI's finding in a quick survey, post the May 21 excise duty cuts on petrol and diesel, that show urban households' three-months-ahead inflation expectations have moderated by 190 basis points. Governor Shaktikanta Das has cited this finding to underline that States too could do their bit to soften inflationary pressures by further reducing their value-added taxes on fuels. The Hindu

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The PIOs in the Deputy Commissioner's office at Budgam, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board, the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department of the Jammu and Kashmir government, the Block Development Offices, the Jammu and Kashmir Housing Board at Srinagar, the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Kashmir, and many other government offices are ignoring RTI applications, nor are officials making the voluntary disclosures of information that are mandated by section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005. In all these offices I have personally filed the applications under RTI and didn't get a response within the stipulated time of 30 days. It took me 6 months to year to get the information that too after I had filed appeal before Central Information Commission (CIC)

Appeals before CIC

The aggrieved people would file 2nd appeal before the erstwhile State Information Commission (JKSIC) if the information was denied by Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

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Merits of Blood Donation

onating blood is one of the most important things you can do to save others.We know that a single blood donation can save the lives of up to three individuals. Blood donation is a noble act and a huge contribution to the society. The global demand for blood necessitates everyone's help by donating blood and encouraging others to do so. Despite the fact that approximately 92 million people throughout the world donate blood each year, safe blood is always in low supply, particularly in developing nations. Sustainable and highquality blood services are crucial for a society's health as well as disaster

planning and response.

Every year on June 14, World Blood Donor Day is commemorated to raise awareness about the need for safe blood donations, and to thank voluntary.

unpaid blood donors for their lifesaving donations.Blood donation saves millions of lives every year and aids in the recovery and wellness of individuals suffering from illnesses, injuries, complex operations, or complications during childbirth. Natural and man-made disasters necessitate the use of blood reserves. Because some blood types are rare, this event will also promote the need for rare donor types.Donating blood is important not only for saving the lives of thousands of individuals who are deprived of life, but also for saving the lives of many more people who are suffering with various ailments and assisting them in fighting a variety of illnesses. Donating blood is not just for the sole purpose of transfusion, it has many other benefits for the health industry also. Because blood products cannot be manufactured artificially, donors are the only viable source. World Blood Donor Day is an opportunity to encourage people to donate blood.

Young people are a valuable source of blood donors. They could go on to promote healthy lifestyles in their community and assist maintain a safe and regular supply of blood in the future if they are properly informed about the value of blood donation and the continual need for blood. Thousands of regular donors can be generated by arranging blood donation camps or awareness programmes through motivational advertisements in campuses , canteens or classrooms.People must also be encouraged, inspired, and motivated to donate blood voluntarily and to become professional donors.

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Covid-19, Children and Unprecedented Loss

Listening to young people could help reduce pandemic-related harms to children

Tammy Chang

s the COVID-19 pandemic extends into a third year, experts have gained a much better understanding of its consequences for the health and development of children and adolescents.

They range from learning loss to mental health issues to housing and food insecurity to contracting the virus itself.

We are a law professor who focuses on children's rights and well-being and a practicing family physician who researches adolescent health. We and other researchers have found that over the past two years, governments have missed opportunities to better understand and address what young people have been going through as they navigate the pandemic.

A better understanding of the pandemic's effects on young people is essential to developing policy responses that can address the breadth of harms children and adolescents are experiencing.

THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACTS ON CHILDREN

Research has found that, on average, K-12 students fell behind by about five months in mathematics and four months in reading during the 2020-2021 school year compared with students before the pandemic. Many students lost the equivalent of half a year or more of learning, with students in low-income and majority-Black schools being hit hardest. This learning loss puts many students at risk of not finishing high school, and it jeopardizes their chances of attending college, all of which has adverse consequences for lifetime earning potential.

The pandemic has also adversely affected children's mental health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 37% of high schoolers reported poor mental health and 44% reported that they "persistently felt sad or hopeless" during the pandemic. Other research, including a recent surgeon general's advisory on young people's mental health, has found higher rates of depression, anxiety, loneliness and other social-emotional issues among children since the pandemic.

Basic needs including food and housing have also been put at risk by the pandemic. Job losses, disruptions in schoolbased meal programs and other adverse impacts on families led to an increase



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in the number of families experiencing food insecurity, putting children at risk of being unable to get adequate nutrition for healthy development.

In addition, millions of children and their families have experienced housing insecurity. The Eviction Lab, which tracks evictions in six states and 31 U.S. cities, reports that more than 939,000 evictions have occurred since March 2020. Even when families can stave off eviction, housing insecurity adversely affects children's educational progress and well-being.

Finally, we know that many children have contracted COVID-19 – more than 13 million by official counts – though research suggests the numbers are much higher.

CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN AND HEARD

Policymakers frequently dismiss young people as too immature to participate in

the "serious business" of policymaking. This attitude has persisted during the pandemic: Young people have seldom been consulted on public health policy changes that affect them directly, from schools to transportation to public parks.

For example, most decisions regarding moves to virtual schooling and back to in-person learning were made without inputfrom children – the very population most affected by these decisions.

This failure to engage young people stems largely from the conventional view that children and adolescents are "becomings," not "beings" – that is, because they are developing, they lack maturity to make important decisions and thus should be "seen and not heard."

However, we have learned through our own research and engagement with young people– as well as through other youth participation projects and reports – that this mindset is outdated and fails to recognize the knowledge young people's lived experience offers. In our research and partnering with youths, we have found consistently that involving young people at all stages – from identifying issues to designing and implementing projects to developing policy recommendations – improves outcomes.

WHY CONSULTING WITH CHILDREN MATTERS

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes that young people have a right to be heard and to participate in decisions that affect their lives. Research shows that that while young people may not want the burden of making the final decision, they do want a say in what happens in their lives and their communities.

Research has found that listening to and engaging young people helps adults better understand the challenges children face. Giving young people meaningful opportunities to participate in decisions that affect their lives can lead to important insights about whether particular options will be effective and can help identify more promising solutions.

In addition, experience shows that involving youths in the development of policies and programs increases the likelihood of better buy-in from young people on the final decisions. In turn, buy-in helps improve outcomes.

For example, while children may not be experts on education theory, they are the only ones alive today who have ever navigated school during a global pandemic. Their lived experience offers expertise that can help inform and improve policies and outcomes.

Moreover, involving young people now will help them develop the skills they need to prepare for adulthood.

LISTEN, INVOLVE AND CREATE PATHWAYS

Our work suggests that there are various ways adults can partner with children on creating policies and programs during this pandemic, as well as in future public health crises. A few of these include:

- Parents, teachers, school administrators and community leaders can simply listen more often to children. This may best be done by "meeting them where they are," which can include paying attention to what youths express on social media to connecting with them through text messages or asking them more often how they are doing. Adults can ask them what they're concerned about or what they want to see happen, or create supportive in-person and virtual groups.

– Adults can actively involve young people in what is happening in their communities and engage them in responses to the pandemic in age-appropriate ways. There are good examples of children having an impact during the pandemic. With ideas originating from youths themselves, young people have taken on leadership roles in their communities, leveraging their skills to do everything from producing mask extenders for health care workers to starting a food delivery business to aid elderly community members.

 Schools, communities and policymakers can create permanent pathways for young people to participate in developing and implementing policies
 and don't have to wait for a pandemic to do it.

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New Wave of Godless Spirituality

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woman sits cross-legged, poised, shoulders back, her eyes closed and a smile on her face. It's a smile just wide enough to indicate that she's not happy (who wants to be happy? Happiness is so 1990s). She is content, she is selfaccepting. She is the modern 'spiritual' woman, and she is meditating (the contemporary secular equivalent to religious prayer), but you mustn't say such things out loud as this new form of spirituality has absolutely nothing to do with God or religion.

The absence of God from spirituality is a relatively new concept that has come to existence and can take many forms, the most popular being that of contemporary mindfulness. Mindfulness is defined as a lifestyle that places the concept of moment-by-moment awareness at its core. The idea is that if you pay attention to nothing but this very moment in time, you will experience feelings of peace and calm. There is A LOT of scientific research out there that backs this claim, contemporary mindfulness has been shown to decrease levels of anxiety and depression, as well as increase feelings of empathy and nurture virtues such as forgiveness and honesty. The message is, you don't need God to feel complete, you just need to be at one with yourself. You need you.

What's more, the idea of being spiritual but not religious is often portrayed as a progressive reaction to the realisation that science and capitalism have failed to live up to their expectations. They have not given us answers to the BIG questions that plague every single one of us, questions like 'what are we doing here?', 'how did we end up here?' and 'why are we here?' and we have come to accept that no amount of 'Black Friday buy-one-get-one free' offers are going to fill the hollowness and aching we experience at the centre of our chest when we contemplate the worth

of our existence. Both science and capitalism have failed to provide us with meaning or reassurance, so the woke contemporary individual has no choice but to turn to modern spirituality for inner peace and meaning.

The absence of God from the contemporary wave of spirituality is worn like a badge of honour. It is an act of rebellion against the capitalist and colonial sentiments of modernity, it is a sign that this individual is fresh, progressive and inclusive, as their spirituality welcomes all people. Here, no one is right and so everyone is also wrong, but who cares? As long as we are all equally wrong together! It's called pluralism my friend, and it's the tag line for the 2000s.

But the way this modern spiritual narrative sells itself can be highly misleading given that a lot of the core practices and concepts found in narratives that are labelled as 'secular spirituality' resonate in and originate from religious traditions, including Islam. And so this modern spirituality can sound a lot like the very institutions and systems it claims to be separate from. Essentially, it sounds like a religion. Take the contemporary concept of mindfulness popular amongst western white middle classes; it makes the claims to being a 'secular' practice, despite the fact that its concepts and meditative techniques originate from the Buddhist tradition. Within the Buddhist tradition mindfulness is at the centre of a very complex system that includes moral and ethical commitments, including speaking and doing good, and espouses detachment from worldly desires at its core, all with the aim of ending human suffering. It is hard work and requires commitment, not simply 'paying attention to the moment'. The Islamic equivalent to what has been done to the Buddhist tradition in the context of contemporary secular mindfulness would be encouraging people to carry out the five daily prayers as a form of meditation



and stipulating that the belief in other Islamic concepts including God is irrelevant to achieving peace through prayer.

I imagine that narrative would annoy a few people, as it has in the contemporary mindfulness context, where some critics (and not just those who adhere to the Buddhist tradition) have criticised the contemporary secular take on mindfulness as being another example of a colonialist 'take over'. This is when Eastern traditions are whitewashed and re-packaged to suit western temperaments with little respect or regard for their origins. This observation has earned mindfulness the nickname 'Mc Mindfulness', due to opponents seeing it as nothing short of a covert continuation of existing western capitalist ideals, where emphasis is on a 'fast service' that appeals to as many people as possible to maximise returns.

The idea that you can pick and choose what aspects of a world philosophy you want to follow, is very similar to walking into the supermarket with your shopping trolley and selecting only the items that appeal to you or later trying them and returning them. In other words, it still looks a lot like capitalism.

The capitalist modernist undertone is most glaringly obvious in its selling point - no God. As in true secular capitalist fashion, 'the self' has taken on that role. The self is in charge, it decides which parts of spiritual philosophy are followed and when, it decides what is right and wrong and so in essence it is what is being worshipped; it has taken on the role of God. Since people turn to spirituality to gain a sense of self-worth and acceptance, the capitalist narrative plays on this emotion by placing the gratification and exploration of the self as a core concept. The self then becomes both the means and the ends. This is at odds with spiritual development concepts found in world religious philosophies as well as ancient philosophies, where emphasis is placed on self-control and freedom is found in self- denial.

Self-worship is the cornerstone upon which our post-modernist, capitalist societies are built on. We are constantly encouraged to shamelessly 'flaunt it', we are constantly bombarded with adverts that glorify the self, rendering it all sufficient and all powerful. You simply have to take a look at the Nike adverts that pitch the likes of you and me as being the missing hero in the Avengers line-up. If only we just had belief in ourselves and ran a couple of times around the block (in Nike gear-obviously) how life would be different for us and the world!

This undisputed power and freedom given to the self has meant that the effectiveness of modern spirituality has been questioned. Can someone really become spiritual without a rigid moral and ethical system to take them to account? And can it be done whilst being embedded and loyal to a capitalist and colonialist structure that seeks to enslave us all to a system of inequality?

Perhaps this 'new wave' of spirituality is not 'new' at all, but simply another attempt at side-lining God and/or religion from worldly narrative, where capitalist ideals work to encourage philosophies such as this modern wave of spirituality and contemporary mindfulness practice in an attempt to 'take over' the wider ethical and social concerns that are associated with religion and communities. The understanding here is that capitalist ideals will work to prey upon the feelings of disillusion that people may have towards institutionalised religion and offer something similar (a sense of self-worth and meaning) but different (i.e. you're God).

So, perhaps it is high time that people of faith and belief in God were more mindful of the narratives that seek to undermine and replace the beliefs that are important to them and became more aware of the ways that secular contemporary narratives may have unintentionally crept into their subconscious, disrupting their wellbeing. I think it is time that we start talking about God and religion and the ways in which we can integrate these concepts into worldly narratives, so that we can start living life in line with our consciousness, with feelings of fullness and peace.

Until then I'm afraid İt's either God or your Nikes (I'm 99.999% certain I'm not destined for the Avengers, so I'm sticking with God).

– Amaliah

NEWS

J&K Optimistic About A Sea Change In Its Education Structure With Implementation Of NEP

UT Admin Aims To Increase Gross Enrolment Ratio In Higher Education From 26.3% to 50% by 2035

Observer News Service

Srinagar: With implementation of National Education Policy from current session, Jammu and Kashmir will be among the first few states and Union Territories to implement this vibrant document with numerous reforms towards making the education system job-oriented.

"Students now will be easily able to compete for national courses well on time, they won't have to wait for months to get admissions in national colleges after declaration of results," said an official.

"With implementation of NEP, national pattern of syllabus followed by other states and Union Territories will be introduced in Jammu and Kashmir. Syllabus and format approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) will be applicable in the UT," he added.

'Be it in terms of syllabus, study formats, educational courses, exam pattern etc Jammu and Kashmir will not only implement the National Education Policy but will become at par with national standards'.

In Jammu and Kashmir, 16 colleges have been finalized for option of Skill Development Programme along with Under Graduation courses.

Under the policy, the School Education Department has been asked to immediately rollout Vidya Pravesh, a preschool preparation programme for Class 1 students. The programme consisted of a three month play module

New **Education Policy** 2020

working on the educational re-

forms in J&K and proper imple-

Sinha said the New Education

and the Indian Sign language as a subject at secondary level.

The policy seeks to restrucmentation of NEP-2020. ture school curricula and peda-The New Education Policy gogy in a new '5+3+3+4' design, has paved way for innovative activities, modern labs, placeso that school education can be

made relevant to the needs and ments and many such features interests of learners at different for bringing a landmark change developmental stages including in the education system. 'Foundational Stage' (five years), Lieutenant Governor stressed on timely implementation of 'Preparatory Stage' (three years), NEP-2020 saying that "our prime focus should be to invite 'Middle Stage' (three years) and 'High Stage' (four years, covering suggestions from all stakehold-

grades nine, 10, 11 and 12). Pertinently, an online process ers and to remove the doubts.' was started for suggestions and He said the NEP has been crecomments from people, which ated, for the first time in history, became the basis for major as a reflection of aspirations of decisions in implementation the parents, teachers, students of National Education Policy and education experts which (NEP-2020). aims to address the challenges

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj for the coming generations. Sinha, also interacted with the **Education Reforms Committees** Policy contains features of equity, quality, affordability, acconstituted at UT, divisional and district level and invited countability and promotes intheir valuable suggestions for dividual development through experience based education and logical thinking.

The policy aims to recognize, identify and foster the unique capabilities of each student by sensitizing teachers as well as parents to promote each student's holistic development in both academic and non-academic spheres. It envisions the changes to the current system which included moving towards multidisciplinary universities and colleges, with more HEIs across India that offer medium of instruction in local/Indian languages; moving towards a more multidisciplinary undergraduate education; of moving towards faculty and institutional autonomy; revamping curriculum, pedagogy, assessment, and student support of reaffirming the integrity of faculty and institutional leadership positions of establishment of a National Research Foundation, governance of HEIs by independent boards having academic and administrative autonomy; "light but tight" regulation by a single regulator for higher education; increased access, equity, and inclusion.

"By 2040, all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) shall aim to become multidisciplinary institutions, each of which will aim to have 3,000 or more students. There shall, by 2030, be at least one large multidisciplinary HEI in or near every district. The aim will be to increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education including vocational education from 26.3% (2018) to 50% by 2035," the policy reads."

Rahul Gandhi Questioned By ED For Over Nine Hours, Cong Puts Out Show Of Strength

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Lashing out at the govern-

ment for "not allowing"" peace-

ful protest, Congress leaders said

they would not kowtow to the

Modi government and vowed to

The BJP hit back at the

Congress, accusing its lead-

ers of putting pressure on the

ED, supporting corruption and

protecting the alleged assets worth Rs 2,000 crore of the

Noting that nobody is above the law "not even Rahul

Gandhi", BJP leader and Union

Minister Smriti Irani claimed

that never before such a bla-

tant attempt was made by a

political family to hold a probe

agency to ransom to protect its

Gandhi, 51, went from the

party headquarters on Akbar

Road to the ED office in central

Delhi a few kilometres away

in a convoy of seven cars af-

ter walking for some distance

hours, he left the ED office for

a lunch break during which he

met his mother Sonia Gandhi

at the Gangaram Hospital,

where she has been admitted,

ing on Monday continued well

past 9 pm and he has been

asked to appear before the ED

The former Congress presi-

dent, a Z+ category protectee of

the CRPF after the Union gov-

ernment withdrew the Gandhi

family's SPG cover in 2019, is

expected to write down his

statement, official sources said.

Prohibitory orders were

and returned at 3.30 pm. Officials said the question-

again on Tuesday.

After about two-and-a-half

"ill-gotten" assets.

with his supporters.

ies have been released.

continue their agitation.

Gandhi family.

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KASHMIR OBSERVERTM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was questioned for over nine hours by the Enforcement Directorate in a money-laundering probe linked to the National Herald newspaper and was called to depose again on Tuesday, as his party protested across the country, alleging that the Centre was targeting the Opposition by misusing agencies.

Gandhi, who appeared before a central probe agency for the first time for questioning, arrived at the ED office at 11.10 am on Monday accompanied by a battery of leaders including sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and escorted by armed CRPF personnel. He was given an 80-minute break in the afternoon and was at the ED office till past 10 pm. Hundreds of Congress work-

ers in Delhi and state capitals took to the streets and several senior leaders, includ-ing Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Randeep Surjewala and K C Venugopal, were detained here amid a massive show of strength by the party which had called for the Satyagraha march against the ED summons.

The principal opposition party alleged that the Delhi police made a "murderous attack" on its leader Venugopal and others, with former home minister P Chidambaram and Pramod Tiwari sustaining hairline rib fracture.

The Delhi Police said while no incident of injuries due to use of force by police has come to its knowledge, it will diligently probe any such complaint and take appropriate action. It said

imposed in parts of central Delhi 459 people were detained including 26 MPs and five MLAs that were heavily barricaded.

The ED is recording the statement of the Lok Sabha member from Wayanad in Kerala under criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The probe is related to alleged financial irregularities in the party-promoted Young Indian that owns the National Herald newspaper, published by the Associated Journals Limited (AJL).

Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are among the promoters and shareholders of Young Indian.

Rahul Gandhi is expected to be grilled about the incorporation of the Young Indian company, the operations of the National Herald and the fund transfer within the news media establishment.

"We are not scared. The Modi government should be ashamed that they have turned central Delhi into a fortress just because our leader is going to the ED with his supporters," Indian Youth Congress President Srinivas BV told PTI near the ED office just before he was detained by the police.

Tempers rose as the day progressed with scenes of slogan shouting and Congress workers jumping barricades and resisting attempts by police to detain them.

Slogans such as "down down BJP", and "we want justice" rang out in cities such as Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Guwahati, Jammu, Dehradun and Jaipur.

The party claimed it was starting Mahatma Gandhi's 'Satyagraha', peaceful resistance, again with the march against the Modi government.

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Day 5: Curfew officials said.

In Bhaderwah town, police vehicles fitted with a public address system made several announcements since early morning informing people to stay indoors.

"As per the directions of the administration, admit cards were treated as curfew passes to facilitate free movement of students appearing for class 10 and 12 board exams," said Rana Arif, an official of the education department.

Arif, nominated as liaison officer to coordinate meetings between different communities and address students' issues, said almost all students and staff have reached the centres well in time and the examinations were conducted successfully. An official spokesperson said restrictions under CrPC section 144, which were imposed on Thursday, have been lifted from the whole of the Doda district, except Bhaderwah town. Deputy Commissioner of Doda Vikas Sharma along with Senior Superintendent of Police Abdul Qayoom reviewed the law-and-order situation across the district.

urged the locals to maintain communal harmony, tranquility, peace, besides asked not to indulge in any activity having potential of breaching law and order situation. **Oppn Leaders Take**

Morcha (APUM), a conglomerate of various socio-political organisations, including the Congress, National Conference, PDP and CPI(M), from Parade ground to Raghunath temple chowk in the old city.

Raising slogans of religious harmony, the participants denounced the attempts by "mischievous elements" and "divisive forces" to incite communal tension in the country.

"The developing situation in the cou

through drones and through social media. Government's determination and the indomitable courage of our Police and Security forces will not let the enemies outside and within our borders succeed." the LG said.

The LG said that militants and their supporters should be handed out the same punishment.

"Attempts by outside forces (to foment trouble in Jammu and Kashmir) are continuing.

"There is a need for strong action in the hinterland as well as on the borders". Sinha told army personnel at a function organised in con-

nection with the golden jubilee of the Indian Army's 16 Crops here. He said that apart from dealing with (infil

waiting at various J&K Bank branches since morning. Almost all the customers left the bank disappointed as they failed to make any transactions.

"While the bank is upgrading its platform to provide a better service to its customers, this is no way to handle customers during the hour of need. They can't expect us to stay patient after putting us through a lot of troubles." Nausheen Shah, another customer told Kashmir Observer.

Notably, since the start of the new calendar year, the prestigious J&K Bank, which kept banking alive in Kashmir during the turbulent times, and was trusted across the length and breadth of the valley, has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. From a host of charges related to scams and irregularities in recruitment, J&K Bank has somehow damaged its customers' trust in recent times. However, talking to Kashmir Observer, an official from the J&K Bank who is looking after the software upgrade says that the bank is unable to understand why people are complaining. "Mpay and ATM services were working fine. Only in-person transactions at the bank were down," the official said. "The software was already upgraded yesterday. Today, the bank was facing problems in cheque clearing. Except that, everything was working fine.' He further added, "Bank is currently working on outdated software. That's why we're shifting from that to Finacle 7, which after sometime will be updated to finacle 10, which is faster and has a unified view of all channels. Multiple channels like mobile banking, UPI, e-banking, nach and CTs are to be moved. It takes time and also the data fields in both databases are different. So there's a chance of failure."

Kashmiri Pandits are working in different departments in the Valley after they were selected under the Prime Minister's employment package announced in 2008.

The package has two major components one pertains to the provision of 6,000 jobs for youth and another to 6,000 accommodation units for the employees.

"Our protest is part of the ongoing agitation for our relocation from the Valley as we are not feeling safe there. We have reached Jammu while our colleagues are still on protest in the Valley for the last 31 days," one of the protesters, Shweta Bhat said.

"We are working on the field, feeling depressed and unable to concentrate on our worl with a fear in mind," Bhat said, rejecting the government assurance of relocation to safer places within the Valley. She said the protesting employees will not buy the "government lollipops" as "our lives are at stake". "Let the government relocate us anywhere outside the Valley till the situation becomes normal," she added. Bhat said while all those living in rented accommodations have reached Jammu, those staying in government accommodations are locked in transit camps where they are continuing their protest. Another protester Ajay Kumar said, "We are employees and are ready to serve, but the situation is not conducive for us. We will return when the government announces that Kashmir has become terrorism-free.'

The deputy commissioner urged the locals to maintain communal harmony, and not to indulge in any activity that can have an adverse effect on the law-and-order situation.

Markets were opened in Doda, Thatri and Gandoh, the spokesperson said, adding the "situation in Bhaderwah was also normal and is continuously being monitored".

Officials said that in Kishtwar town curfewlike restrictions were relaxed for one-and-ahalf hours from 6 pm.

"The situation is well under control and there was no untoward incident reported from anywhere," a police official said, adding the relaxation period is likely to be further extended in Kishtwar.

Meanwhile, Aadil Gafoor Ganai who was arrested on Sunday for allegedly delivering an inflammatory speech from Markazi Jamia Masjid Bhaderwah on June 9 was produced before a mobile magistrate who sent him to police remand for five days.

Another accused, a juvenile whose social media post triggered the protests by the Muslim community, had managed an anticipatory bail from a court in Jammu.

Son of a police woman head constable, the 17-year-old evaded detention after being booked by police as raids continued in the town to arrest other accused wanted for their alleged involvement in creating trouble.

Meanwhile, an official spokesperson in a handout released on Monday evening said that barring Bhaderwah town, restrictions have been lifted from rest of the district.

He said that markets were open in Doda, Thatri and Gandoh and people across all section of society expressed their happiness over the removal of restrictions.

According to the spokesperson, the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Sharma along with Abdul Qayoom, SSP Doda on Monday reviewed the law and order situation across the district and also conducted round of Doda town.

"SDM Thatri and SDM Gandoh along with police officers also conducted various meetings with different sections of society within their respective jurisdictions," he said.

He further said that the District Magistrate

cluding in Jammu and Kashmir, in the wake of recent widespread protests is a cause for serious concern. Some forces with vested interests are trying to harm the age-old communal harmony which is not good for the nation, former Member of Parliament Sheikh Abdul Rehman told reporters.

Rehman, who led the march, said similar programmes will be conducted in all districts to mobilise public support against those trying to vitiate the peaceful atmosphere.

National Conference Provincial President of Jammu Rattan Lal Gupta said a deliberate attempt is being made to create a division in the society.

The public as well as the religious leaders are requested to remain cautious and not allow the vested interests to disturb peace, brotherhood and communal harmony, he said.

Senior Congress leader and former legislator Ravinder Sharma denounced communalism and fundamentalism in any form and asked the government to check such forces.

Unity in diversity is the strength of our nation and we have to maintain it at all costs for overall development, he said.

Accusing the government of failure to control the mischievous elements, Sharma demanded stern action according to law against all those trying to spread hatred in the society.

The participants also appealed to the Supreme Court to take suo moto cognizance of the prevailing situation in the country and put a moratorium on 'mandir-masjid' conflicts and communal politics.

Infiltrators Trade

to which they ran back. Search of the area was carried out Monday morning but nothing (incriminating) was recovered, the spokesman said.

LG Calls For

Sinha on Monday said better coordination by security agencies is needed to deal with continuous attempts by outside forces to foment trouble in the union territory.

Sinha said the government has a clear-cut policy on dealing with terrorism - "not to spare any terrorist and not to touch any innocent".

Speaking on peace and development in the region, Sinha reiterated that the government's clear cut policy is not to spare the guilty and not touching the innocent.

"Troubled by our renewed resolve towards development of Jammu & Kashmir, its aspirations and latest goals, our enemies are making desperate attempts to create unrest in J&K through drug trafficking, smuggling of arms trating) militants on the borders, troops have to be ready to crush them in the hinterland.

"They (terrorists) are out to cause destruction in the society at the behest of the neighbouring country. To deal with them, you have to increase our potential and vigilance along with better coordination with all security agencies", he said.

"For Jammu and Kashmir administration, the person who hands over a gun to a terrorist is as much a terrorist as is the gun-totting ultra," he said, adding the same treatment should be meted out to them.

"Both should be dealt with similar punishment as both are enemies of humanity," he said.

Asserting that the government is committed to stamping out terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir, he called upon agencies to ensure the destruction of this "eco-system".

"Our resolve should be to ensure an assault on full eco-system", he said.

He referred to attempts to foment trouble in I-K, saying social media is being used from across the border and drones were being sent.

"We are committed to ensuring the safety and security of people, unity and integrity of the nation and harmony", he said while lauding the forces for improving the security situation in J-K.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir will regain its glory and reach the pinnacle of progress.

"Making 21st Century, J&K's century is our resolve and nothing can hinder our progress. Our armed forces are working with one single aim, with one single intention to make J&K excel in every sphere of development," the LG said.

The LG also shed light on increasing selfreliance in various sectors, including defence, and said, "Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Indian Army is also moving towards self-reliance in terms of weapons and other military resources. It is due to the Government's persistent efforts that about 65% of the military budget is now spent within the country itself."

100 Militants

killed in different encounters in 5 months & 12 days this year in 2022. 50 terrorists (49 local & 01 foreign) were killed last year in 2021 in the same duration. Maximum losses to LeT (63) and JeM (24) terror outfits," IGP Kashmir said in a tweet.

Customers Fume

Muhammed Afzal Naqash, a customer. Besides this, scores of customers were seen

The official also said that the current software upgrade is a must for every bank to go through and subsequently their services will also be disrupted during the upgrade. "So, J&K bank is no exception," the official told Kashmir Observer.

Pertinently, the bank had sent a prior SMS to the general people in which it was conveyed that a major system upgrade scheduled this month may lead to temporary disruption of services.

"Due to a major system upgrade scheduled in this month there may be temporary disruption of services. We solicit your cooperation & request you to bear with us. JK BANK," reads the SMS

Notably, two days ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr last month, services of J&K including ATM and MPay services were down most of the time and customers were put to a lot of difficulties. **J&K Bank Board**

Srinagar-based J&K Bank is a scheduled commercial bank. It functions as a leading bank in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir holds 70.12% in the bank.

J&K Bank's net profit fell 64.47% to Rs 112.20 crore on 4.81% rise in total income to Rs 2,209.40 crore in Q4 March 2022 over Q4 March 2021

Shares of J&K Bank fell 0.69% at Rs 28.65 on the BSE.

KP Employees

J&K Reports

reached 4,49,513, officials said.

The COVID-19 death toll stands at 4,752 as no fresh fatality was reported in the last 24 hours. There are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in Jammu and Kashmir, they said.

Four Injured In

leaving four persons injured. Locals and police reached the spot and immediately shifted the injured to Sub District hospital Poonch.

They have been identified as Abdul Aziz (65) son of Gulab Din, Mohammad Latif (55) son of Faiz Mohammad, Rashida Bi (45) wife of Majid and Shamshad Begum (35) wife of Basharat Hussain . all are resident of Shindra Poonch.

SHO Mendhar Manzoor Kohli confirmed the accident and said that a case has been registered with regard to it.

Missing Minor

for grazing on Sunday. As the boy didn't return back, the family grew apprehensive and informed the police which subsequently alongside the locals launched a search operation to locate the missing boy.

A police official said that body parts of the boy were found at two places within the particular area. Army also helped locals and police to trace out the missing body. Sniffer dogs were pressed to find out the boy. A police official while confirming the recovery of the body said that apparently the boy has been killed some wild animal.

Notably, the fresh incident comes two days after a child was mauled to death in a suspected wild animal attack at Cholan Kalsi Ghati area in the frontier town on Saturday late evening.

STATE

Probe Panel Asked To Submit Report By June 24

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The committee which is June 10, the order said. formed to probe into the "alleged irregularities in the written test" for sub-Inspector posts in J&K police by Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board has been asked to submit its report by June 24.

Headed by Financial Com- into it within a time frame and hissioner (Additional Chief if any foul play was found, the missioner Secretary), Home Department, process shall be annulled and R K Goyal, the members of the committee include Principal Secretary General Administration Department and Secretary Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, reads an order by government.

been given an option to co-opt of the administration to carry as may be required has been out an impartial probe and take asked to submit report/ recom- necessary action," he had said.

mendations within 15 days from the date of the issue of the order "From last few days, newspapers have reported bringing into question the sub inspector recruitment by JKSSB. We have decided that a committee headed by additional Chief Secretary Home (R K Goyal) will inquire

recruitment will be made in a transparent manner," Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said at a function in Udhampur on June 9, adding, "no fingers were pointed at any other recruitments done so far and if there are apprehen-The committee which has sions in mind of people, it is duty

VC SKUAST Jammu, Former MLC Call On Lt Governor



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Monday that his administration has taken various breakthrough initiatives for unlocking the unprecedented opportunities in all the sectors, furthering the economic growth and holistic development of the Union Territory.

Sinha made these remarks while interacting with Vikramaditya Singh, former Legislator, who called on the LG and discussed about opening up new avenues for the tourism and industrial sector in the UT, an official spokesperson said Monday.

The LG, he said, while interacting with the former Legislator assured him of addressing all his genuine concerns and issues. most recent advancements to

various breakthrough initiatives ment in the overall functioning for unlocking the unprecedented of the University," the spokesopportunities in all the sectors, person said.

furthering the economic growth and holistic development of Jammu & Kashmir," the LG said.

Earlier, the official spokesperson said that Prof. JP Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu met the LG at Raj Bhavan. The VC, he said, briefed the LG on various ongoing outreach activities, and research programmes in the University besides other issues of academic and administrative importance.

"He also had a discussion with the Lt Governor regarding the upcoming Convocation of the University. The Lt Governor asked the VC to lay special emphasis on encouraging innovative agricultural technologies, besides promoting excellence in academic & research programmes with special focus on The UT Government has taken bring in qualitative improve-

E-Permission Portal For Non-Resident Travelers Inaugurated In Kupwara

Govt To Provide Cost-Free Land For Degrees Colleges

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday approved the proposal of Revenue Department to transfer various parcels of land for public purposes. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor

to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The Administrative Council approved the transfer of land measuring land measuring 138 Kanal 11 Marla in favour of Higher Education Department for construction of new Government Degree Colleges in District Budgam and Shopian. The land will be transferred free of cost to the Higher Education Department.

decision aims at The strengthening the higher education eco-system in Jammu and Kashmir by providing easy access to quality higher educa-tion in both the districts. Operationalization of new colleges will also boost recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff

as per the sanctioned strength. The Administrative Council further directed that the requirement of land for degree colleges being established in different districts shall be standardized by the Higher Education Department.

Moreover, approval was also given to the transfer of land measuring 04 Kanal (02 Kanal each) at village Pazipora & Chuntipora, in district Kupwara in favour of Health & Medical Education Department for

Approval Given To Various Developmental Works

tive Council (AC) which met portunities by new creation here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, requirement at the new office. Manoj Sinha on Monday accorded administrative approval to various developmental the Union territory of Jammu works in different districts of and Kashmir, the Administra-

tive Council directed constitu-Jammu and Kashmir. tion of a Building Screening Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Gover-Committee, comprising Adminnor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, istrative Secretaries of Finance, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nit-Home and General Administraishwar Kumar, Principal Section departments to evaluate and clear all such proposals. retary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting. Further, the Administrative

The Administrative Council Council also approved the approved the the Construcconstruction of office complex tion of Anti Corruption Bureau for Service Selection Board Office, District Doda at village at Srinagar at an estimated Kathori Patnitop, Udhampur at an estimated cost of Rs. project will be completed in 20.04 crore.

The project will further decentralize the functioning of adequate official accommodation to the Service Selection the Anti Corruption Bureau towards achieving the goal of Board and will facilitate the functioning of the Board for establishing a corruption-free timely recruitment of candisociety in Jammu and Kashmir by promoting accountdates for different posts reability; raising awareness ferred by various government among the general public; departments. The availabiland providing an easy access to authorities for lodging genity of a modern, spacious and well furnished office building uine corruption-related comfor JKSSB at Srinagar will enplaints against public servants able delivery of better quality in Government Offices. The project will be com- access to one of the key insti-

pleted in two years and will tutions of the Government.

establishment of two Ayush Health and Wellness Centers. The land will be transferred free of cost to the Higher Education Department.

JKPCC Chief Among Scores Of Congress Workers Detained In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

IAMMU: Number of Congress leaders and workers including Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president G A Mir were detained Monday after they staged a sitin and tried to take out a march here to protest alleged misuse of government agencies against opposition leaders by the BJPled central government.

The protest was part of the nationwide agitation by the Con gress against questioning of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi by the Enforcement Directorate in the National Herald Hundreds of Congress workers led by Mir assembled out- Indu Pawar and youth Congress side party headquarters at Shaheedi Chowk in the heart of the city and staged a sit-in before ship is on the roads across the starting a march which was, country and our aim is to march however, foiled by the police by towards ED offices to lodge barricading the main Residency a protest against the BJP-led Road, officials said. They said when the protesters tried to break the police cordon, police swung into action by police. and detained the protesters who were taken to police lines Gandhi Nagar in two buses.

Injured J&K MBBS Student To Be Airlifted From B'desh **To AIIMS: Raina** He said the PMO sought de-

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Indian government Modi personally called the India's has reached out to an MBBS stu- ambassador to Bangladesh to prodent undergoing treatment in a vide all necessary help to the stu-Bangladesh hospital after being critically injured in an accident and efforts are being made to airlift him to AIIMS in New Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir BJP President

Ravinder Raina said on Monday. Shoaib Lone, a resident of Rajouri district here, is a final year MBBS student in Barind Medical College in Dhaka. On June AIIMS, New Delhi for specialised 3, Shoaib, along with two other friends from the college, met with an accident in which one them died and two others including Shoaib were critically injured.

trict, Raina met the student's father Mohmmad Askam Lone.

Amarnath Yatra **Over 350 Sanitation Workers** To Be Deployed, Says JMC

Press Trust Of India

workers will be deployed duryatra, Jammu Municipal Corpoas it unveiled various initiatives Amarnath yatra' this year. to make the annual pilgrimage memorable for the intending

devotees. The 43-day-long yatra to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath is scheduled to start on June 30 from the twin routes - traditional 48-km Nunwan in south Kashmir's Pahalgam and 14-km shorter Baltal in

central Kashmir's Ganderbal. The yatra is taking place after a gap of two years due to a large number of devotees and the vatra which is also the first post abrogation of Article 370 (in August 2019). The focus of the government for the yatra is JMC, including requirement of safety, security, sanitation and disinfectants, tools and tackles, inclusiveness, JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta told reporters

Purnima Sharma and senior of- and 18 langar (community ficers, including JMC commis- kitchens) halls by the health and sioner Rahul Yadav, Gupta said transport section of JMC.

here.

as the civic body was assigned the task to supervise sanita-JAMMU: Over 350 sanitation tion work across Jammu region - from Lakhanpur to Banihal ing the upcoming Amarnath and also Mughal road, various initiatives were chalked out to ration (JMC) said on Monday, achieve the target of Swachh

tails and Prime Minister Narendra

The ambassador visited the in-

Raina, who thanked PM Modi

jured student in Ever Care Hospi-

tal in Dhaka and reached out to his

for speedy action in this regard,

said the government is making

all efforts to airlift the student to

treatment and has promised to

Shoaib's father, who is a class – 4

employee in J-K government, said

the family somehow managed

to arrange 10 lakh by contribu-tion but all have been spent in his

"Now we are neither in the po-

sition to bear the charges to treat

bear expenses of his treatment.

family in Rajouri, Raina said.

dent's family.

treatment.

We welcome the yatris and request the cooperation of the people of Jammu, especially the NGOs to come forward like yesteryears to ensure nobody faces any difficulty and the pilgrims return with a good impression, he said.

Spelling out various initiatives planned by the JMC, the deputy mayor said a total of 369 sanitation workers will be deployed for waste collection and sweepthe coronavirus pandemic and ing, cleaning of toilets, urinal bathrooms, secondary are expected to take part in transportation and wastewater management.

A detailed sanitation plan has been prepared by health wing of during the yatra, she said, adding waste collection and sanitation activities will be taken care Flanked by deputy mayor of at all the 27 locations (camps)

Health and Wellness Center will promote treatment under the Indian Medicine System (ISM) and provide various employment opportunities to the The establishment of Ayush Ayush professionals of the area.

services and allow easy public

The project will provide

SRINAGAR: The Administra- generate employment opof posts for human resource To streamline the construction of new office buildings in

During his visit to Rajouri dis-

"As soon as I came to know

about the accident from his father during my visit to Rajouri, I sought him at Bangladesh nor in the posihelp of the PMO. He is in coma. His tion to bring him back to India, he parents want help", Raina told PTI. said.

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Observer News Service

KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Khalid Iahangir on Monday on Monday inaugurated an online portal for Kupwara district at a function

held here. Speaking at the occasion, the DC said that the launching of the E-Permission service portal is an innovative step of District Administration to boost the cer Kupwara, Abhishek Mali. The tourism activities in Kupwara district. It will also facilitate monitored by the NIC team itself. non-resident travellers, visiting border areas of Karnah. Keran and Machill in getting online accessing the E-Permission porpermission with convenience. tal and generated demo permis-Until now, the permission was sion in presence of the DC.

given offline for which the travellers had to consume time to

visit D.C. Office physically. The DC said that the online portal is part of the Lieutenant Governor's mission to provide E-Permission for border areas of more and more online services to the common people for their convenience and easy access to the administration.

The portal was devised by NIC team Kupwara under the supervision of District Informatics Offiportal shall be looked after and Earlier, the District Informatics Officers gave a demonstration of

working Congress president Ra-Central Bureau of Investigation man Bhalla, vice president Mula Ram, chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, former ministers money laundering investigation. Shabir Khan and Yogesh Sawh- ment becomes the target of the

> president Udey Chib. The entire Congress leader- the Congress leader said. government which is misusing central agencies, Mir told re- ment directorate.

porters before being detained

gress sloganeering by the protesters, Mir alleged that BJP is

to browbeat the opposition. Anyone speaking against the wrong policies of this governney, president Mahila Congress central agencies. We are protesting against this situation

and the undemocratic actions, He said Rahul Gandhi is bravely speaking against the

wrong policies of the government and is being targeted deliberately by using the enforce-

Congress Chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said the par-Amid anti-BJP and pro-Con- ty rank and file would not be cowed down by such measures. We stand with our leader Prominent among those taken using the agencies like ED, Na- Rahul Gandhi and are ready to into preventive custody include tional Investigation Agency and give any sacrifice, Sharma said.

Union Minister Praises Modi's Eight Years Of Government

Says Abrogation Of Article-370 Among Other Unparallel Achievements

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries and Jal Shakti, Prahlad Singh Patel on Monday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's eight years of government are unparalleled with the historical achievements in the form of the abrogation of Article 370, implementation of GST, abolition of Triple Talaq, recognition public outreach program in J&K.

crore people during Covid-19 times under PM Garib Kalvan Yojana which is world's largest food security scheme launched to combat Covid-19 induced economic disruption. The biggest achievement of this government was the Made-in-India Covid-19 vaccine made after the relentless efforts of our scientists which has made India self reliant making it the biggest exporter of it, the Minister added.

Patel also said that the defence sector in the country being important for border areas like Jammu and Kashmir has also been strengthened under PM Narendra Modi to the extent that India of Yoga at international level etc. The is now becoming an exporter of defence Minister said this while addressing a equipment, BrahMos defence export press briefing at Udhampur, J&K in condeals being the best example of it. The nection with the central government's defence ecosystem that is being build by India through its joint ventures like with Patel said that the government Israel is a biggest achievement in itself in provided free food grains to over 80 defence technology, the Minister added.



J&K Tops Among UTs In e-Governance Service Delivery

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir has topped among all Union Territories of India in egovernance services delivery. which has enabled it to save around Rs 200 crore annually that was earlier incurred in carriage of physical files, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Monday.

While releasing the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) report, he said 28 central government ministries/departments have already adopted e-office version 7.0 along with digitisation of the central registration units, enabling creation of paperless secretariats where receipts move online, files move online and correspondence moves online

Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, said the migration schedule of the remaining 56 ministries/departments has

been drawn up and by February 2023. all ministries will have e-Office version 7.0.

The minister said that in the Union Territories category, Jammu and Kashmir was assessed for the first time in NeSDA 2021 and scored the highest amongst all UTs for six sectors.

He lauded the UT for achieving this position with an overall compliance of nearly 90 per cent.

Singh said that after coming into force under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act on October 31, 2019, J&K became the first UT in the country to have good governance index and was also first to launch district good governance index for its 20 districts

in January this year. He said the operationalisation of two secretariats in Jammu and Kashmir was possible because of e-office and that has put an end to annual

darbar move carrying over 300 truckloads of files between the two capital cities of Srinagar and Jammu

This also saved Rs 200 crore per annum and led to uninterrupted work culture in the entire UT without any official break of six weeks for organisation of files in Jammu and Srinagar respectively, a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

The minister said the adoption of e-office has enabled the simultaneous operationalisation of both Jammu and Srinagar secretariats and was one of the biggest reforms related to the practice of Darbar move

Singh, who is a Lok Sabha member from Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur constituency, on Monday released the second edition of the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021 (NeSDA 2021), prepared at the initiative of Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) under the Union Ministry of Personnel.

The report has been prepared covering the assessment of states. UTs. and focuses on central ministries on their effectiveness in delivering online services to citizens.

It also provides suggestions for governments to further enhance their e-governance service delivery systems.

The limited file movement with four levels of submission and adoption of the desk officer system has ensured that non-performing officials can no longer hide files, the minister added.

Referring to some of the success stories, Singh said the uninterrupted functioning of the central secretariat in the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown was possible because of e-office.

Deputy Secretaries, Joint

Secretaries, Additional Secretaries and Secretaries had access to virtual private network and could take policy decisions on e-files during this period, he said. Singh said the adoption of e-

office in the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) represented a milestone as it demonstrated that departments with multiple field offices could use eoffice for real-time transfer of files.

He informed that in 2022, DRDO collaborated with DAR-PG in propagation of the use of e-Office in DRDO and all field offices of DRDO and the headquarters, the statement said. In conclusion, Singh expressed satisfaction that in assessment of state portals, Kerala became a frontrunner and the progress made by Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh in NeSDA 2021 was also commendable.

SPORTS

IZDL Competitions Held At Bandipora



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Bandipora on Monday organised an inter zonal District level competition of Volleyball, Kabaddi and Kho-Kho for U-14 and U-17 Girls at Higher Secondary School (HSS) Nadihal.

The competition was kick started by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed who was chief guest on the occasion.

He was accompanied by Joint Director Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad and Padma Shri awardee Faisal Ali Dar.

The competition for boys was conducted on 11th of June and the competition for Girls was conducted on Monday.

400 boys from all zones of

In YSS Competitions

in the competition while 380 Girls participated from all the zones of district.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Owais said that Bandipora has already proved its mettle in various sports and has produced national coaches also besides gold medallists in sports field.

He assured full support from the District Administration in developing sports infrastructure in the district.

The DC lauded the efforts of the YS&S department for such initia-tives and assured all support from the District Administration to carry forward the legacy of channelising the sports talent of youth across the District.

He said extracurricular activities are essential for overall development and urged the students to take part in sports

IPL Media Rights: BCCI Richer By Rs 46,000 Crore

- Digital rights soar to 50 crore per game
- IPL takes over EPL for per match valuation



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The BCCI is set to laugh its way to the bank after selling its IPL TV and digital rights for the Indian sub-continent for a whopping Rs 44,075 crore, making it one of the richest entities in the sporting world.

TV Rights) for 410 IPL matches across five seasons from 2023 to 2027 has been sold for Rs 23,575 crore, which is effectively Rs 57.5 crore per game.

them. The Package B fetched Rs 20,500 crore and thus cumulatively the BCCI is now richer by Rs 44,075 crore after selling the two packages.

When the auctions stopped on the second day, another Rs

As of now, the board has earned a staggering Rs 46,000 crore, which is already two and half times more than the 2018 auction value of Rs 16,347 crore. As PTI had predicted, the final

valuation would be around Rs was worth Rs 1 crore. 47,000 crore to Rs 50,000 crore.

pegged at Rs 33 crore.

The break-up of 410 matches across five years are as follows: 74 matches each for 2023 and 2024. It increases to 84 games in 2025 and 2026, and 94 matches in 2027.

As per the norms of e-auction, the owners are given a secret code through which they bid. No BCCI office-bearers and employees have an inkling of the bidding companies' code.

The bidding started with increments of Rs 50 lakh during the initial period and once Package A winner challenged the highest bidder of Package 'B', the incremental bid value

None of the BCCI officials

New Zealand Establish 128-**Run Lead Over England**

Anderson completes 650 wickets in Tests



Reuters

unbeaten on 49 as New Zealand

built a 128-run lead at tea on the

fourth day of the second test at

Trent Bridge on Monday, after

they rattled through England's

lower order to bowl the hosts

out for 539 with Trent Boult tak-

England added just 66 runs for

their final five wickets to leave

the game nicely balanced and

the touring side responded well

after losing Tom Latham bowled

by James Anderson, reaching

Anderson's 650th test wicket

was helped by Latham's ill-

judged decision to leave the ball

the seamers England hoped to put pressure on in the afternoon

But a century partnership be-

tween Young and Devon Conway

restored the dominance of bat

over ball that has been evident

throughout the match before a

Conway top-edged an at-

rash shot gave England hope.

ing five wickets.

114-2 at tea.

session.

to bring Henry Nicholls to the crease before tea. NOTTINGHAM: Will Young was

Joe Root and Ollie Pope had both made the most of the favourable batting surface to make centuries on Sunday but Root fell short of a double century.

Root, on 163 overnight, looked in positive mood and his audacious, Twenty20 style scoop off Tim Southee indicated he wanted to progress at haste.

But Root had added just 13 runs when he drove Boult to Southee at extra-cover and New Zealand wasted no time in exposing England's tail.

Stuart Broad's edge off spinner Michael Bracewell was superbly caught one-handed by Daryl Mitchell and Ben Foakes's useful and with signs of movement for innings ended on 56 after he was run-out following a mix-up with Matthew Potts.

Potts was bowled by a lovely inswinger from Boult and Bracewell picked up his third wicket to end England's innings with Anderson stumped and New Zealand 14 runs ahead.

Boult ended with figures of 5-106, the 10th five wicket haul tempted sweep off Jack Leach of his test career and the fifth which was well taken by Jonny time he has reached that mark Baristow at deep square leg against England.

Pressure On As India Take On SA In Must-Win Game

Press Trust of India

VISAKHAPATNAM: Underperforming spinners, an outof-form opener and his own poor show -- skipper Rishabh Pant will have a lot on his mind when India take on a buoyant South Africa in the third T20 on Tuesday in their bid to keep the five-match series alive.

The hosts came into the series on a 12-match winning streak but South Africa took the wind out of India's sails with

two emphatic victories. Pant's side is now struggling on Yuzvendra Chahal and Axar his leadership abilities. multiple fronts and it would take Patel have been a big letdown His decision to promote Axar herculean effort to plug all the as they went for the second and third game. the first game, a poor batting show cost them the second match and now they have their Pant (29, 5) has not fired himbacks to the wall desired with the openers failing of 23.9 and strike-rate of 126.6. to give the team a good start in



the powerplay.

and 59 in

a future leader, Pant has not in-In bowling, the spin duo of spired enough confidence with

Patel over desig ated finisher

Australia Quick Richardson Ruled Out Of Sri Lanka ODIs

Reuters

COLOMBO: Australia fast bowler Kane Richardson has been ruled out of the five-match 50-overs series in Sri Lanka in the latest injury setback to the touring side.

Richardson, who was added to the one-day squad as cover for injured fast bowler Mitchell Starc, suffered a "fairly severe hamstring injury" during Saturday's third Twenty20 match, a Cricket Australia spokesperson



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Bandipora district participated activities along with academics. **405 Budgam Girls Participate**



As per information received, Package A (Indian sub-continent

However, it is the India subcontinent's digital rights that stole the thunder with Rs 50 crore per game being offered by one of the bidders after the The base price for TV was Rs 49 could confirm as to who won winner of Package A challenged crore while digital rights were the two packages.

2000 crore was bid for Package C, which has a select non-exclusive digital rights deal. The auction, which has moved into the third day, will resume with Package C on Tuesday.

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: Inter Zonal District level competitions of girls for All Age Groups (AAG) in Volleyball, Kho-Kho and Kabaddi got un-derway at BHSS here on Monday.

The competitions were inaugurated by Incharge Activity Ghulam Hassan Khanday and Shakeel Ur Rehman along with Mohd Akram Bhat a senior official of the nual Road Race for U-14 and U-17 Department Of Youth Services boys and girls of the district. The and Sports. Players from 12 different sports zones of District Budgam are participating in these competitions. 405 Girl students are participating in the tourney.

While speaking on the opening ceremony, senior officials of the Department appreciated all the participants and applauded the efforts of the Zonal level at HSS Parnewa. Principal HSS Staff of the Department for en-

race started from the Main Stop Kanihama and concluded at Railway Station Mazhama. 212 students participated in this race with great enthusiasm. In Dreygam Sport Zone of District Budgam, football trials for

take part in games and sports.

They impressed upon all the

participants to actively par-

ticipate in games and sports to

achieve all-around development

Narbal of the District, senior Offi-

cials of the Department flagged-

off inter-school zonal level An-

Simultaneously at Sports Zone

of their personality.

U-19 boys were conducted in which 39 Students participated Parnewa inaugurated this event.

I'm Not Representing A Community, **But My Country: Nikhat Zareen**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: "As an athlete I'm here to represent India. For me, Hindu-Muslim doesn't matter. I'm not representing a community but my country," World champion boxer Nikhat Zareen said on Monday when asked about people talking more about her religious background than her achievements.

"I am happy to win a medal for my country," the 25-year-old pua media interaction, where she make a career in boxing. also emphasised on the importance of support required for handling mental pressure at high-stakes sporting events.

Zareen had become only the fifth Indian woman to be crowned World champion last month when she beat Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas 5-0 in the flyweight division of the championship in Turkey.

A lot has been spoken about Championships.

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how Zareen, who comes from an orthodox society as she had to gilist from Telangana said during overcome societal prejudice to

> As the discussion turned to her sport, she said handling "mental pressure" at the highest level is something Indian athletes lack and pushed for specialised train-

ing to overcome this hurdle at big-ticket events. Indian athletes have a ten-

dency to perform well at regular events but falter at the big stage like the Olympics or the World

holes with just one day between six and five overs in the two and the experienced Dinesh matches and the axe is likely to Karthik in the second game was If bowling let India down in fall on one of them going into baffling, to say the least.

the third game.

Going into the World Cup in Shoehorned into captaincy, Australia later this year, a lot will be expected from the wickself so far. He has only three fif- etkeeper batter, who can win India's batting left a lot to be ties in 45 T20Is with an average matches single-handedly and he will look to produce an in-As someone, who is touted as spired show on Tuesday.

Pakistan Pip India To 4th Spot In **ICC ODI Rankings**



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Pakistan have pipped India to climb to fourth spot in India behind a notch below at 105. the latest ICC men's ODI team rankings after completing a chance to climb the rankings clean sweep over West Indies in as they play England and West the recently-concluded threematch series.

New Zealand with 125 points ODI series in August. are on top of the table while England are a point below at 124 and Australia are placed third at 107.

Before the start of the series, England away from home, Pakistan were placed fifth in they have won all their ODI the rankings with a rating of 102 points but it must be mentioned that India haven't played Africa. any ODIs since the home series against the West Indies few months back.

paged 3-0.

Indies -- three ODIs each -before Pakistan play their next

Pakistan have enjoyed a bril-

They defeated Australia by the same margin when they troop of trusted players along came to visit Pakistan for the the way.

With a 3-0 victory over the first time since 1998. West In-Windies, Pakistan leapfrogged to dies stood no chance against Pakistan as they were ram-

> This period of upsurge has come under the captaincy of Babar Azam, who has led by example in all formats of the game. With his recent century in the first match against West Indies, he became the first batter to score three consecutive ODI centuries twice, having previously achieved the feat in 2016 as well. And with a fifty in the second ODI, he broke the world record for most consecutive 50+ scores (9) in men's international crick et across all formats. The topranked ODI batter has built a

said on Monday.

Richardson will be flying home and has been replaced by fast bowler Scott Boland for the series, starting on Tuesday.

Left-armer Starc required six stitches on the index finger of his bowling arm while allrounder Mitchell Marsh is nursing a calf strain.

Both players are expected to be available for the third match of the series on Sunday, Australia captain Aaron Finch told reporters while also naming his side for the opener.

Australia, who won the threematch T20 series 2-1, will also play two tests in Sri Lanka.

Australia side for Tuesday's ODI: Aaron Finch (captain), David Warner, Steve Smith, Marnus Labuschagne, Alex Carey, Marcus Stoinis, Glenn Maxwell, Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Jhye Richardson, Josh Hazlewood

Man City Complete **Erling Haaland Signing**

Reuters

MANCHESTER: Manchester City have completed the signing of Norway striker Erling Haaland from Bundesliga club Borussia Dortmund on a five-year contract, the Premier League champions said on Monday.

City did not provide financial details of the deal but German media reported that the total cost of buying Haaland could exceed 300 million euros (\$314.22 million), including his salary,

agent fees and bonuses. The 21-year-old striker's value has skyrocketed thanks to his prolific form at Dortmund after joining them from Austrian side Salzburg two years ago.

"I have always watched City and have loved doing so in recent seasons," said Haaland, who scored 86 goals in all competitions for Dortmund since his debut in January, 2020.

"You can't help but admire their style of play, it's exciting and they create a lot of chances, which is perfect for a player like me.



"I want to score goals, win trophies and improve as a footballer and I am confident I can do that here," added the Norwegian who will join City on July 1.

Haaland, whose father Alf-Inge played for City from 2000-03, won the German Cup and the Bundesliga Player of the Season award in 2020-21.

City have been in the hunt to replace Sergio Aguero after the Argentine striker – the club's all-time top scorer with 254 goals – moved to Barcelona on a free transfer last year.

No. 4 with rating of 106, leaving India, though, will have a

liant last couple of years in the 50-overs format.

Apart from the blip against

series, including 2-1 series wins against Zimbabwe and South