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NEWS DIGEST

Earthquake Of 5.2 Magnitude Hits J&K

Srinagar: An earthquake of magnitude 5.2 on the richter scale hit Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, officials said. The tremor was recorded at 2:52 pm, the officials said. The epicentre of the quake was at latitude of 36.46 degrees North and longitude of 71.09 degrees East in Afghanistan, the officials said. It hit a depth of 260 km. The tremors caused panic among the people who rushed outdoors for safety. **More on P6**

Soldier Killed In Accidental Grenade Blast

Srinagar- A soldier was killed in an accidental grenade blast on Friday in North Kashmir's Kupwara district. Reports said that the grenade exploded accidentally when signalman Bharat Yaduwanshi was on duty at the Gonipora Gugtiyal Camp in Kupwara. The injured soldier was rushed to 428 Field Hospital Zangli, Kupwara, where he succumbed to his injuries. "The body was handed over to the concerned **More on P6**

J&K Clocks 22 New Corona Cases

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir reported 22 new COVID-19 cases on Friday, taking the infection tally in the Union Territory to 4,54,442, officials said. Seventeen fresh cases were reported from Jammu division while five cases were reported from Kashmir valley, the officials said here. There are 124 active cases of the disease in the Union Territory, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,49,566, they said. The COVID-19 death toll stands at 4,752 in Jammu and Kashmir as no fresh fatality linked to the infection was reported in the last 24 hours. **More on P6**

3 Killed As Cab Rolls Into Kathua Gorge

Jammu: Three people were killed and six others injured on Friday when a passenger vehicle skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, police said. The accident took place on the Baggan-Katli road in the Billawar area when the driver of the cab lost control while negotiating a blind curve, a police official said. He said rescuers immediately swung into action and recovered three bodies from the scene. The six injured people were rushed to a hospital. **More on P6**

'Strong Possibility': DM Hints At J&K Polls By Year-End

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: In the first indication of a timeline for assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir since it was downgraded to a Union Territory, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said there is a possibility of holding the polls "by this year-end".

Addressing a function here to celebrate the 200th year of the coronation of Maharaja Gulab Singh, the defence minister said the delimitation exercise has been completed following which the number of seats has gone up to 90 with Kashmir having 47 seats and Jammu 43.

Rajnath Singh, who is on a two-day visit to the Union Territory, said, "Recently, the delimitation process was completed. Earlier, the Jammu region had 37 assembly seats, and Kashmir had 46, but now, in the new assembly with 90 seats, Jammu has 43 seats and



Kashmir 47. I feel that the election process will be initiated by the end of this year... there's a strong possibility."

The indication of a timeline comes two days after the Election Commission initiated the revision of electoral rolls in the union territory and prepared the draft rolls by August 31.

According to the officials, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey carried out a review and directed the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer to map the redrawn assembly constituencies.

During the revision exercise, citizens **More on P6**

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Top Army Commander Asks Troops To Remain Alert

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Friday asked troops deployed along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir to not let their guard down and remain prepared to meet any emerging security challenges effectively.

On the last day of his three-day visit to the Kashmir Valley, the Northern Army Commander reviewed the security situation along the LoC, PRO Defence Col Emron Musavi said.

He said Lt Gen Dwivedi, accompanied by Chinar Corps Commander Lt Gen ADS Aujla, visited the formations and units wherein the local commanders briefed the Army commander on the existing security situation and the measures instituted to foil infiltration by militants **More on P6**

Srinagar Again Shuts Down Against Anti-Prophet Remarks



Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Parts of Srinagar observed a shutdown on Friday over the derogatory remarks made by two

now-sacked BJP leaders against Prophet Mohammad (Pbuh), officials said.

Most of the shops and business establishments were shut in old city areas,

US Condemns Derogatory Remarks

The US has said it condemns the Derogatory remarks made by two now-suspended BJP functionaries against Prophet Mohammad (Pbuh) and encourages India to promote respect for human rights. The BJP on June 5 suspended its national spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled its Delhi **More on P6**

Curfew Relaxed In Bhaderwah

Curfew was relaxed for four hours in Bhaderwah town of Jammu and Kashmir's Doda as the Friday prayers concluded peacefully across the district amid additional deployment of forces to maintain law and order, officials said. The curfew in Bhaderwah town was imposed **More on P6**

Suspended BJP Leader Untraceable: Mumbai Police

A team of Mumbai Police which travelled to Delhi to serve a summons to suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma in connection with a case regarding her derogatory remarks about Prophet Mohammad could not find her, an official **More on P6**

Protesters on 'Agnipath'

Train Stations, Highways Turn Into Battle Fields



Press Trust of India

New Delhi: A man was shot dead in police firing in Telangana's Secunderabad, trains went up in flames, and public and private vehicles attacked, as railway stations and highways turned into battlegrounds in many states on Friday amid burgeoning protests against Agnipath, the contentious defence recruitment scheme.

Assurances by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and the Army chief failed to cut ice with hordes of angry youth, carrying bamboo sticks and stones, storming railway premises across cities and small towns and

laying siege to highways, creating a security scare.

Over 300 trains have been affected and more than 200 cancelled so far due to the protests, the Railways said, reflecting the enormity of the agitation.

Coaches of seven trains have so far been set ablaze by protesters, officials said, adding carriages of three running trains in the East Central Railway (ECR), headquartered in Bihar's Hajipur, and one empty rake in Kulharia, also in the same zone, were damaged by protesters. One coach of a train was also damaged in the washing line at Uttar Pradesh's Ballia. So far, 64 trains were short terminated in ECR. **More on P6**

I HEARTILY THANK PRIME MINISTER SHRI @NARENDRAMODI for his concern and sensitivity towards the future of the youths. I appeal to the youth that the process of recruitment in the army is going to start in a few days. They start their preparation for it."

IT Raid On Kashmiri Biz Group in Delhi, Cash Seized

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Income Tax department has seized over Rs 46 lakh in cash after it recently raided the premises of a "leading" Pashmina and Kashmiri shawl manufacturer in Jammu and Kashmir and Delhi, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said on Friday.

The raids were launched on June 15 at 15 premises in Srinagar and Anantnag in

Jammu and Kashmir and the national capital.

"A preliminary analysis of the seized documents indicates that a substantial portion of sales has been made in cash which has not been found recorded in the regular books of account," the CBDT said in a statement.

The board is the administrative body for the Income Tax department.

The business **More on P6**

BOSE Shares List Of De-Recognised FAT Schools With Govt

'No Such Academic Institution Was Affiliated With Board'

Agencies

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE) has shared the list of de-recognized Falah-e-Aam Trust (FAT) institutions with the government, besides it has said that no such academic institution was affiliated with the board.

BOSE has also said that it has tagged students of ten Falah-e-Aam Trust (FAT) institutions with the nearby Government Schools from time to time for Examinations purposes only.

The FAT schools include Islamia Model School (Boys and Girls), Barzulla, Srinagar, Islamia Model School, Kupwara, Islamia Model School, Handwara, Islamia Model School, Devar Lolab, Kupwara, Islamia Model School, Door, Sopore, Baramulla, Islamia Model School, Batamaloo, Srinagar, Islamia Model School, New Chowk, Anantnag, Islamia Model

School, Safapora, Ganderbal, Islamia Iqbal Memorial School, Sopore, Baramulla and Noorul Islam High School, Baramulla.

According to the reports, BOSE in a communiqué has said, "It is to inform that no academic institution of Falah-e-Aam Trust (FAT) stands affiliated with the JKBOSE as on date."

"However, pursuant to interim orders of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, the Government, has communicated JKBOSE that the candidates of ten academic institutions being run by the FAT had been tagged by this office with the nearby Government Schools from time to time for Examinations purposes only," it reads.

Earlier on Tuesday, the government said that it de-recognized all Falah-e-Aam Trust (FAT) schools, associations and organizations in Jammu and Kashmir. Principal Secretary, School Education **More on P6**

SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION

Shopian Ranks Sixth Among 19 Districts Across India

Zaid Bin Shabir

Srinagar: Based on the recent evidence and their effectiveness, an analysis of district-level data published by a group of scholars in a health journal shows a worrying rise in Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in J&K where Shopian district with a grueling 17.4 percent is among the nineteen districts across India that have a very high prevalence of SAM.

The analysis titled, "Alarming level of severe acute malnutrition in Indian districts" has come at a time when even the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 showed only an overall marginal increase in levels of SAM among children in the country.



Authored by five scholars and published by BMJ Global Health—an open access online journal that publishes all aspects of global health—the report says that although the prevalence trend in SAM

between NFHS-4 and NFHS-5 shows an almost stagnant position at the national level, the national average hides the worsening of SAM at several individual districts due to the improvement in other districts.

As per the analysis, in the very high category of SAM, J&K's Shopian district ranks sixth after Bihar's Aurangabad (18.5%), Madhya Pradesh's Harda (18.8%), Maharashtra's Dhule (18.1%), North Tripura (18.1%) and Telangana's Kamareddy (17.9%).

The analysis has also noted that the highest increase between 2016 and 2021 was recorded in the district of Karimganj in Assam (6.1%–30.5%); Sheohar in Bihar (4.3%–21.4%); Saraikela Kharsawan in Jharkhand (8.9%–23%); North Tripura district in Tripura, (4.3%–18.1%); Kupwara (1%–14.7%) and Shopian (3.8%–17.4%) in Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides this, the analysis further notes that J&K has six districts which **More on P6**

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Goodbye Internet Explorer. You Won't Be Missed (But Your Legacy Will Be Remembered)

The Conversation

After 27 years, Microsoft has finally bid farewell to the web browser Internet Explorer, and will redirect Explorer users to the latest version of its Edge browser.

As of June 15, Microsoft ended support for Explorer on several versions of Windows 10 meaning no more productivity, reliability or security updates. Explorer will remain a working browser, but won't be protected as new threats emerge.

Twenty-seven years is a long time in computing. Many would say this move was long overdue. Explorer has been long outperformed by its competitors, and years of poor user experiences have made it the butt of many internet jokes.

How it began

Explorer was first introduced in 1995 by the Microsoft Corporation, and came bundled with the Windows operating system.

To its credit, Explorer introduced many Windows users to the joys of the internet for the first time. After all, it was only in 1993 that Tim Berners-Lee, the father of the web, released the first public web browser (aptly called World-WideWeb).

Providing Explorer as its default browser meant a large proportion of Windows's global user base would not experience an alternative. But this came at a cost, and Microsoft eventually

faced multiple antitrust investigations exploring its monopoly on the browser market.

Still, even though a number of other browsers were around (including Netscape Navigator, which pre-dated Explorer), Explorer remained the default choice for millions of people up until around 2002, when Firefox was launched.

How it ended

Microsoft has released 11 versions of Explorer (with many minor revisions along the way). It added different functionality and components with each release. Despite this, it lost consumers' trust due to Explorer's legacy architecture which involved poor design and slowness. It seems Microsoft got so comfortable with its monopoly that it let the quality of its product slide, just as other competitors were entering the battlefield.

Even just considering its cosmetic interface (what you see and interact with when you visit a website), Explorer could not give users the authentic experience of modern websites.

On the security front, Explorer exhibited its fair share of weaknesses, which cyber criminals readily and successfully exploited.

While Microsoft may have patched many of these weaknesses over different versions of the browser, the underlying architecture is still considered vulnerable by security experts. Microsoft itself has acknowledged this: [Explorer] is still based on technology that's 25

years old. It's a legacy browser that's architecturally outdated and unable to meet the security challenges of the modern web.

These concerns have resulted in the United States Department for Homeland Security repeatedly advising internet users against using Explorer.

Explorer's failure to win over modern audiences is further evident through Microsoft's ongoing attempts to push users towards Edge. Edge was first introduced in 2015, and since then Explorer has only been used as a compatibility solution.

What Explorer was up against

In terms of market share, more than 64% of browser users currently use Chrome. Explorer has dropped to less than 1%, and even Edge only accounts for about 4% of users. What has given Chrome such a leg-up in the browser market? Chrome was first introduced by Google in 2008, on the open source Chromium project, and has

since been actively developed and supported. Being open source means the software is publicly available, and anyone can inspect the source code that runs behind it. Individuals can even contribute to the source code, thereby enhancing the software's productivity, reliability and security. This was never an option with Explorer.

Moreover, Chrome is multi-platform: it can be used in other operating systems such as Linux, MacOS and on mobile devices, and was supporting a range of systems long before Edge was even released.

Meanwhile, Explorer has mainly been restricted to Windows, Xbox and a few versions of MacOS.

Under the hood

Microsoft's Edge browser is using the same Chromium open-source code that Chrome has used since its inception. This is encouraging, but it remains to be seen how Edge will compete against Chrome and other browsers to win users' confidence.

We won't be surprised if Microsoft fails to nudge customers towards using Edge as their favourite browser. The latest stats suggest Edge

is still far behind Chrome in terms of market share.

Also, the fact Microsoft took seven years to retire Explorer after Edge's initial release suggests the company hasn't had great success in getting Edge's uptake rolling.

What's next?

Web browsers play a vital role in establishing privacy and security for users. Design and convenience are important factors for users when selecting a browser. So ultimately, the browser that can most effectively balance security and ease of use will win users.

And it's hard to say whether Chrome's current popularity will be sustained over time. Google will no doubt want it to continue, since web browsers are significant revenue sources. But Google as a corporation is becoming increasingly unpopular due to massive data gathering and intrusive advertising practices. Chrome is a key component of Google's data-gathering machine, so it's possible users may slowly turn away.

As for what to do about Explorer (if you're one of the few people that still has it sitting meekly on your desktop) simply uninstall it to avoid security risks.

Even if you're not using Explorer, just having it installed could present a threat to your device. No one wants to be the victim of a cyber attack via a dead browser!

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Amid Rumors Of Fuel Shortage, People Queue At Filling Stations

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Fuel Stations in and around Srinagar witnessed massive queues of people on Friday as people waited to fill their tanks to keep their vehicles running.

The unprecedented rush comes amid rumors of fuel shortage and crisis in the coming days.

While most of the fuel stations operated normally with an unusual rush of people, some filling stations in Old city remained shut as they ran out of fuel.

Amid long queues of people minor altercations were also witnessed at some fuel stations.

The queue of people at Filling Station, Mill Stop was long one end of the queue was at Filling station at Mill Stop and the other end was at Alipora in Bota Kadal.

People were seen filling fuel to the full capacity of their vehicles. They attributed the panic buying to rumor mongering about the fuel crisis.

"I made sure that I fill the fuel to the fullest, petrol pumps from the last two days remain shut and people suffer" Said Shazan Hamdani, a local from



Lal Bazar.

"I don't care about the reason why filling stations are running short of fuel but I need to ensure that I don't get stuck at home" he added.

Javaid Akhoun, a motorist from Bemina voiced similar views.

"There were rumors that a fuel crisis is going to hit India so I made it a point to ensure I have enough petrol in my vehicle" he said.

"Apart from filling fuel in their vehicles, I saw people stocking fuel in cans" Javaid said.

Amid chaos and uncertainty, some customers also complained the fuel was being black marketed.

Some people were seen taking huge cans and later selling it for higher prices in the black market.

"Fuel Stations in Shahr e

Khaas are running out of fuel, so I purchased locally" said Syed Sajid, a resident of Hawal locality.

"I purchased 1.5 liters of petrol at Rs 200 which is a lot more than its original rate. I had no other option" he said.

Talking to Kashmir Observer Director Food and Supplies Department Abdul Salam said that the crisis erupted as a result of rumor mongering which had no basis.

"People started to stock petrol for no reason. I have directed the fuel station employees not to sell petrol to those taking it for stocking purposes" he said.

"On Friday, due to unfavorable weather on Srinagar-Jammu Highway the fuel tanks could not reach Kashmir, they will reach Kashmir by Friday evening, as soon as they reach here, the fuel crisis will be over" Salam said.

On the allegations of black marketing of petrol, he said he was not aware of it.

"If someone is caught selling fuel in black market, we will ensure strict action is initiated against those indulging in the wrongful act" he said.

Stray Dogs Unleash Terror In Habba-Kadal

Agencies

Srinagar: Residents in Habba Kadal say they are living in fear because of stray dog attacks in their locality. Though several residents have lodged complaints with the concerned officials, the administration did not act in this regard.

With dogs in large numbers forming groups and frequently roaming on the roads, the residents are scared to move on the streets. Several people were seriously injured in dog attacks during the past few months.

Locals say they are facing problems with stray dog menace. On several occasions, the issue was taken to the notice of the municipal authorities but they are least bothered to address the issue, they say.

"The dogs have been attacking the people during morning hours and at night-time they are chasing the vehicles. Several vehicle riders fell from their bikes due to chasing dogs and received serious injuries" said a group of locals.

"When people try to drive out, they are attacked and injured severely. During night hours, people are unable to sleep peacefully due to howling and quarrelling", stated Nazir Ahmad.

The residents said that they have lodged several complaints with the municipal authorities to drive out or catch the stray dogs but no one is bothered to address the issue. They urged the civic authorities to catch the stray dogs and save the residents from falling prey to them. (CNS)

DC Srinagar Reviews Healthcare Scenario

Observer news Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Friday chaired a meeting of senior health functionaries of the district.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed review of achievements under Health Sector Schemes, functioning of health Institutions, infrastructure upgradation and the healthcare facilities being extended to patients. He also reviewed progress achieved with regard to coverage under PMJDY-Ayushman Bharat Sehat cards in the district.

A threadbare discussion was held on the physical status of projects, financial implications, Healthcare achievements, Patient care facilities, en-

rolment under PMJAY- Ayushman Bharat, Jan Aushadhi Kendras, TB/Leprosy free Panchayat and Wards, status of online Hospital Management Information System, establishment of Health wellness centres, status of NDHM, RBSK, NPCDCS, JSY-JSSK, IMR/ MMR and other related issues. Speaking on the occasion, the DC urged upon health functionaries to come up to the expectations of the patients and focus on quality assurance, accessible, affordable health care in the district.

Regarding the achievements made under AB-PMJAY-SEHAT in the district, the DC directed the Zonal medical officers to redouble efforts to achieve 100 percent target of registration of beneficiaries under the scheme in the district.

The DC was informed that as many as 551869 Golden Cards have been issued to beneficiaries of the district so far covering 67 percent families and 61 percent individual beneficiaries under the scheme.

Stressing upon expediting works taken up for upgradation of healthcare infrastructure in the district, the DC directed the officers to monitor the pace and progress of works to ensure their timely completion for the larger benefit of the general public.

The DC also directed the concerned officers to project the issues that require intervention of the administration by paying site visits and monitoring timeliness, quality of assets besides fixing responsibilities of executing agencies.

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- 618 - Coronation of the Chinese governor Li Yuan as Emperor Gaozu of Tang, the new Emperor of China, initiating three centuries of the Tang Dynasty's rule over China
- 860 - Rus Vikings attack Constantinople
- 1155 - Pope Adrian IV crowns Frederick I Barbarossa Roman-German Emperor
- 1264 - The Parliament of Ireland meets at Castledermot in County Kildare, the first definitively known meeting of this Irish legislature
- 1316 - Peace of Fexhe: prince-bishop Adolf II of Mark and Luikse towns
- 1538 - Treaty of Nice: ends war between Emperor Charles V & King French I
- 1541 - Irish parliament selects Henry VIII of England as King of Ireland
- 1574 - Polish King Hendrik of Anjou secretly leaves Poland
- 1580 - States of Utrecht forbid catholic worship
- 1583 - Richard Martin of London takes out first life insurance policy, on William Gibbons; premium was £383
- 1629 - Sea battle at Dungeness: Piet Heyn beat the Dunkirkers, commerce raiders in the service of the Spanish Monarchy
- 1639 - Treaty of Berwick: Ends the First Bishops' War between England and Scotland
- 1682 - William Penn founds Philadelphia, US
- 1757 - Battle at Kolin Bohemia: Austrian army beats Prussia
- 1812 - War of 1812 begins as US declares war against Britain
- 1815 - Battle of Waterloo; Napoleon and France defeated by British forces under Wellington and Prussian troops under Blucher
- 1821 Opera "Der Freischutz" is produced (Berlin)
- 1822 - Part of US-Canadian boundary determined
- 1837 - Spain gets new Constitution
- 1912 - The Chicago national Republican Convention splits between President Taft and Theodore Roosevelt; after Taft is nominated, Roosevelt and progressive elements of the Party form the Progressive Party (also known as the 'Bull Moose Party')
- 1941- Turkey signs peace treaty with nazi-Germany
- 1948- UN Commission on Human Rights adopts the International Declaration of Human Rights
- 1953- Egypt proclaimed a republic, General Nguib becomes president
- 1959- 1st telecast transmitted from England to US
- 1977- Space Shuttle test model "Enterprise" carries a crew aloft for 1st time, It was fixed to a modified Boeing 747
- 1981- Vaccine to prevent hoof & mouth disease announced
- 1981-The AIDS epidemic is formally recognized by medical professionals in San Francisco, California.
- 1983 - 7th Shuttle Mission-Challenger 2 launches Sally Ride as 1st US woman in space

From KO Archives

Passport Issued, Posthumously

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A passport has been issued in favour of a Sopore woman one year after her death. Mehra Begum w/o Abdul Ahad Wandroo of New Colony, Sopore, had applied for a passport on June 7, 1998. But for about two years, the police and CID dilly-dallied the verification of her antecedents.

The passport was issued to her vide No B0921489 this week. But, in the meantime, she had passed away only to mock at the speed at which her case had moved in the state offices.

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Twitter Talks

“Psychiatric illnesses after giving birth to a baby are a real thing . Very few in our society recognise it . Most of the people think that either she has brought a bad omen to the house or she is possessed by some jinn”
@psychdelic820 (Dr Wajahat)

“Acc to media reports a person who is involved in JKPSI scam has left the country. Case has been registered against him under cheating act 420. @manojnsinha_sb thousands of students are waiting for justice. It’s a matter of trust in the system. A fair probe is need of the hour. #Jkssbscam”
@GuftarAhmadCh

ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Fountains Of Folly

The National Conference which rules the state along with the Congress seems to be suffering from a surfeit of bright ideas that have begun to spill over because of its severely limited capacity to hold water. The party which controls the city municipality and has swept the assembly polls in Srinagar, seems to have singled out the summer capital of the state to leave an indelible imprint of what it perceives to be its high notion of civic development. Only, in this case, it has embarked on an enterprise to erect monuments to its folly.

Mysteriously, the NC’s partiality to constructing fountains in main city squares has reasserted itself, despite the experience of seeing its past achievements on this front dismantled by subsequent administrations because of their absolutely unviable character. What is intriguing in this matter is who exactly in the National Conference is so oblivious to the pathetic state of the city to think of adorning its streets with the incongruous sight of fountains playing amid urban decay. This grotesque idea could only have stemmed from quarters – of which the NC has never been in dearth – who chart shortcuts to civic infamy by lucrative quick-fix solutions to the problem of spending hard-to-come-by funds. These columns have credited the NC of having learned crucial lessons during its years in the wilderness, but are constrained to revise the opinion in the light of the party’s inveterate penchant for making grandiloquent metaphorical statements. The public, who were held rapt by Mufti Muhammad Sayeed’s rightly-conceived demolition drive, are bound to be feel short-changed by the present government’s laughable attempts to make its presence felt.

If the purpose was to get a hold on the public imagination by some path-breaking step, the government had a host of opportunities, for instance, by undertaking the repair and completion of the city’s abandoned drainage system and setting up treatment plants for the flood of city sewage that has no way out but to find its way, raw and toxic, into the Jhelum and Srinagar lakes. It could very well have charted out a plan for the scientific disposal of the mountains of city garbage that are being dumped regularly on the outskirts. The Srinagar Municipal Corporation, which is ruled by an array of expensive corporators and functionaries, could have been equipped with essential manpower and machinery to keep streets, residential areas and commercial zones free of the ever-present mounds of refuse. More visibly, money could have been well spent if the streets in the interior and lower city, badly in need of repair, were given a facelift. On the contrary, what is seen is that one government agency undoes what another has achieved because different departments work without coordination, and often at cross purposes. The vital road leading to the SKIMS via the Eidgah is a case in point. The severely eroded and potholed stretch, originally meant to facilitate swift movement of ambulances among other traffic, has been in a shambles for months, and the present administration has not taken a single step to put this crucial motorway in order.

The NC’s obsession with fountains is only a flimsy veil for its lack of vision for the development of the summer capital. If it is so incapable of thinking for itself, it might have taken a leaf out of the book of Mr. Mufti, who at least had a blue print for the development of Lal Chowk, the city’s commercial hub, in a bold plan envisaging pulling down some of the badly congested center, and giving it much needed breadth and space right up to the banks of the Jhelum. On the contrary, the NC has mulishly stonewalled suggestions even to replace the existing Clock Tower by a more fitting edifice on the spurious plea that the present structure was a witness to history.

As these columns have repeatedly pointed out, the NC has a golden opportunity to make a proud name for itself, provided it musters the will and the vision to save Srinagar from turning into a vast slum. Unlike Mr. Mufti, the present chief minister, Omar Abdullah, is not hampered by a truncated tenure, and any worthwhile schemes he undertakes to redeem Srinagar are bound to be followed through by his successors. Instead of wasting time and money on harebrained ideas, the party would do well to put its bright sparks to some useful work like think of ways to undo the decades of urban neglect, decongest interior Srinagar and develop a sorely-needed satellite commercial district that would take the load off the overcrowded Lal Chowk, Budshah Chowk and other unplanned markets of the city.

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Perpetual Postponement
and Perennial Delays

Cancellations, delays and corruptions in examinations for employment have induced despair in Kashmiri students

Amir Suhail Wani

“So much is a job seeker’s distrust towards government advertised posts that there’s an existential dread attached to the entire exercise. “When”, “Where”, “How”, “What ifs”, “Yet again?” - these questions sum up the life of an aspirant seeking government jobs here

For the young and restless in Kashmir, government conducted examinations are bad news. Over the years, they have gained the reputation of being untrustworthy. So much is a job seeker’s distrust towards government advertised posts that there’s an existential dread attached to the entire exercise. “When”, “Where”, “How”, “What ifs”, “Yet again?” - these questions sum up the life of an aspirant seeking government jobs here.

Some red tape delays have become characteristic of Sarkari processes, however, the expected delays have managed to inject an exclusive despair in Kashmiri students. With unique un conducive conditions for education in Kashmir, such careless attitude in the industry of exams and employment is a cruel joke on students here.

Delay in examinations seems to have by now become a characteristic feature of our education system. Students have been seen raising their voice every now and then, knocking at the doors of authorities to register the delay in their examinations. Scholarships and fellowships have been lost, at times jobs slipped out of student’s hands, either because they were in the midst of their examinations because of earlier delay or were awaiting their results. This has had not only the implications of depressive order on students, but it has more pathetically postponed their employment and thereby delayed the entire schedule of their lives.

No matter how much we resist and desist, the case remains that ours is a fast paced age and there is no scope for delay, procrastination or even a slight deviation from the rigidly fixed timelines. At a time when economically underprivileged students, by virtue of their brilliance, have honed their skills to international standards and are aspiring to pursue higher education in some prestigious institutions of the world, the flawed system of exam delays risks their dreams and jeopardis-

es their careers.

These lapses are unfathomable in other parts of the world where the academic calendar and all application cycles are followed religiously. However, in Kashmir, these irrational lapses have been normalised.

Recently, JKSSB has been delaying exams indefinitely. The scale of discomfort that this causes aspirants is unquantifiable. With deference, postponements, delays and even annulments becoming the feature of exams, the helplessness of students has only aggravated with no solution in sight.

With a special socio-political context, the authorities here should have been more adept and prompt with making opportunities easy, available, accessible and more importantly, realisable. However, this is rarely ever the case.

For instance, the University of Kashmir seems to have earned a name of its own with good NAAC ranking, the flamboyant campus and a faculty that is at par with any other University in the country. The University has to its credit a long list of brilliant, boastful and proud alumni. But all this has not helped the university to mend its underperformance as far its examination wing is concerned. Instead, the cell has become a prototype of perennial delay. The course which should have otherwise taken three years is taking five and the degree which ought to have been awarded after four years, stretches to six. Can we even comprehend what it means for young aspiring students brewing with energy to have two or three years of their careers wasted in the unending vicious cycle of examination delays?

The University is only one of the many examples of institutional delays in Kashmir. One would have thought that once students manage to find their way out of Universities with no accountability, they would find a better world with better opportunities outside. However, the journey ahead is

lonelier.

While cracking competitive exams is of concern to students elsewhere, here students have a different kind of predicament. In Kashmir, students wonder whether exams would ever take place in the first place. Finally, if posts are ever advertised, they are indefinitely postponed at every step.

On a personal note, the writer applied for some exams whose forms were submitted in January 2021 and examinations took place somewhere in May 2022 and after the results went out, there emerged controversies, allegations and the selected candidates are still lingering in limbo. The case with JE electrical exams held by erstwhile JKSPDC is still more disturbing and debilitating. The posts were advertised in 2017, the written exam was held in 2018, the viva happened in the month of March 2019 and after the abrogation of article 370 on 5th August 2019, the posts were annulled, as final result had not been declared and candidates were yet to join. Think of tragedy of this magnitude and the ways it must have ruined the aspirants, shattered their dreams and pushed them against despair.

Why have we normalised this cycle of despair for students here? What would it take for concerned institutions to respect the sanctity of hard work? When will these authorities and institutions work with the spirit of honesty towards making employability realisable for the deserving?

This culture which students are subjected to needs to be checked. We need to encourage a conducive, representative and inclusive access to opportunities. However, all that students are getting are: ill-prepared timelines, compromised exam cycles and corrupted results.

*Views expressed in the article are the author’s own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer
The author is a columnist based in Srinagar*

Let’s Count What Really Matters

JAYATI GHOSH

MEXICO CITY – Despite the well-known problems with using gross domestic product as an indicator of human development, policymakers around the world still seem to be obsessed with it. Governments seek to promote GDP growth through all possible means, often regardless of the wider consequences for the planet and the distribution of rewards. The current focus on quarterly growth reflects a particularly unhealthy short-term perspective. And yet the International Monetary Fund and other multilateral organizations refer to GDP in all assessments of economic performance and make it the sole focus of their forecasts.

But the concept of GDP is deeply flawed. Aggregate or per capita figures are obviously blind to the distribution of income, and GDP is increasingly unable to measure either quality of life or the sustainability of any particular system of production, distribution, and consumption.

Moreover, because GDP in most countries captures only market transactions, it excludes a significant amount of goods and services produced for personal or household consumption. By making market pricing the chief determinant of value, irrespective of any activity’s social value, GDP massively undervalues what many now recognize (especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic) as essential services relating to the care economy.

GDP correspondingly overvalues activities, goods, and services that are priced higher because of the oligopolistic structure of markets – financial services being a particularly telling example. The obsession with economic growth, independent

of other indicators of well-being, leads to problematic assessments of the actual performance of economies and to poor policy decisions and outcomes.

That is why there is now much more discussion within the United Nations and its Statistical Commission about moving beyond GDP. UN Secretary-General António Guterres has repeatedly stressed that GDP is no longer the correct way to measure “richness,” and argues that it is “time to collectively commit to complementary measurements.”

This challenge was taken up by the UN’s High-Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs (I am a member), which recently issued a compendium that considers six big questions relevant to achieving a just and sustainable recovery. One important recommendation involves suggesting alternatives to GDP that national policymakers and international organizations should track on a regular basis. The idea is to provide a dashboard that captures some of the key socioeconomic variables that policymakers should monitor and that should be used to judge their performance.

What are these alternative measures? One is a labor-market indicator: the median wage multiplied by the employment rate. The median wage is a better indicator of the conditions faced by most workers than the average (mean) wage, which can be overly influenced by high remuneration at the top. And the employment rate is a useful indicator not only of the state of demand in the labor market, but also of the extent of unpaid labor typically performed mostly by women (since the greater their involvement in such work, the less likely they are to be able to engage in paid employment).

In the United States and the

United Kingdom, for example, my estimates suggest that per capita GDP dramatically outperformed the labor-market indicator in the period from 2009 to 2020, with a widening gap between the two. In India, the two measures actually moved in different directions, with the labor-market indicator declining even as per capita GDP increased.

Another alternative metric is the proportion of the population that can afford a nutritious diet (according to the Food and Agriculture Organization’s definition). This indicator is likely to become even more important as the global food crisis worsens, and it does not necessarily move in line with income poverty. In India, for example, 71% of the population cannot afford a nutritious diet, while the government and the World Bank’s official poverty estimates range from 13% to 22%.

The third measure is a time-use indicator, disaggregated by gender. This is particularly useful for capturing the incidence of unpaid care work, which is still largely performed by women. This measure shows the distribution of time between paid work, unpaid work, and personal leisure and relational time. Many countries now undertake time-use surveys. These need to be conducted on a regular basis everywhere, with the requisite financial and technical resources provided to countries that need them.

Gender-based analysis of time-use data is critical for understanding people’s social and material conditions. It shows the extent to which people experience time poverty, which is far more prevalent among women and the poor. Time-use indicators also reveal the extent to which people provide unpaid labor for society, especially care services that are otherwise unrecognized

and unvalued.

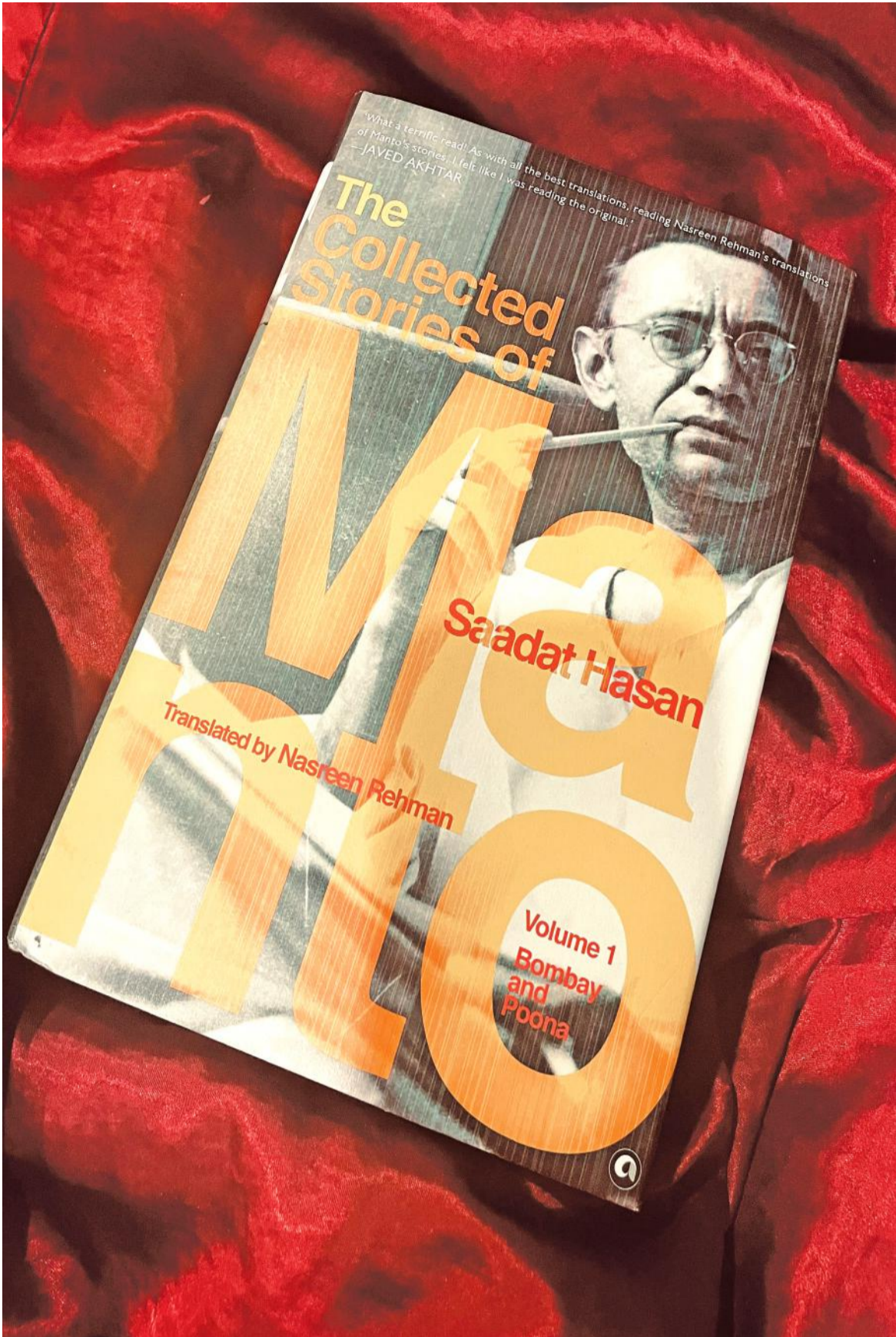
A fourth crucial indicator, vital in dealing with ongoing climate change and its implications, is per capita carbon dioxide emissions. While this metric does not capture all of the environmental effects of human activity, the carbon footprint (measured in terms of total consumption, not production) may closely track other environmental indicators, including those measuring pollution and depletion of nature.

Here, policymakers must also pay attention to distributive fairness. The ratio of the top 10% of the population’s per capita CO2 emissions to those of the bottom half has increased in most countries. Even more strikingly, the per capita CO2 emissions of the richest 1% of the global population have increased dramatically and are now set to be 30 times greater than the level compatible with limiting global warming to 1.5° Celsius by 2030.

If all countries tracked these four indicators regularly, we would have a very different view of comparative economic performance from the one that emerges from simplistic measures of per capita or aggregate GDP. And public awareness of this revised view of reality could well mobilize support for fundamental different policies at the national and international level.

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BOOK EXCERPT

Manto on “The Urinal” Near Congress House And Jinnah Hall

This story is from ‘The Collected Stories of Saadat Hasan Manto; Volume 1, Bombay and Poona’ translated by Nasreen Rehman (2022)

Not far from Congress House and Jinnah Hal, there is a urinal, generally referred to as a mootri in Bombay. All the filth of the local neighbourhood piles up outside this foul-smelling little shed. The stench is so overpowering that those forced to walk past it must cover their noses with their handkerchiefs.

One day, he had no option but to use the urinal. He held his breath, covered his nose with a handkerchief, and entered the fetid hellhole to urinate. He found its floor smeared with rank faeces and the walls covered with sexually explicit graffiti. In front of him, somebody had written: “Screw the Pakistan of the Sisters of Mussalmans!” These words intensified the putrid stench, and he rushed out.

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One day, yet again, he had to use the urinal; he covered his nose with his hanky, held his breath, and entered the hellhole. Streaks of runny faces had dried on the floor. Emissions of semen had multiplied on the walls. Below “Screw the Pakistan of the Sisters of Mussalmans!” somebody had inscribed these vile words: “Screw the Akhand Hindustan of the Mothers of Hindus!” The inscriptions added a noxious

heat to the stench of the urinal, and he rushed out.

Mahatma Gandhi had been released unconditionally. Jinnah lost in Punjab, and Jinnah Hall and Congress House remained under government control. Around the corner, the urinal remained under the sway of that fetid stench as the mounds of rubbish from the local neighbourhood rose higher.

He had to visit the urinal yet again, for the third time. This time, it was not just to urinate. He covered his nose, held his breath, and filtered the house of filth. Revolting creatures swarmed around the Moor. Images of shameful parts of the human anatomy covered the walls, leaving no room for graffiti. The words “Screw the Pakistan of the Sisters of Mussalmans!” and “Screw the Akhand Hindustan of the Mothers of Hindus!” had faded.

Below, someone had written in white chalk: “Screw the Hindustan of the Mothers of Both!” For a moment, these words blocked out the stench of the urinal. As he walked out from the foul-smelling house of filth, he thought he caught a whiff of an unnamed perfume.

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Do Students Lose Depth In Digital Reading?

Do Students Learn As Much When They Read Digitally As They Do In Print?

Naomi S. Baron

For both parents and teachers, knowing whether computer-based media are improving or compromising education is a question of concern. With the surge in popularity of e-books, online learning and open educational resources, investigators have been trying to determine whether students do as well when reading an assigned text on a digital screen as on paper.

The answer to the question, however, needs far more than a yes-no response.

READING IN PRINT VERSUS DIGITALLY

In my research, I have compared the ways in which we read in print and on-screen. Between 2013 and 2015, I gathered data from 429 university students drawn from five countries (the U.S., Japan, Germany, Slovenia and India).

The students in my study reported that print was aesthetically more enjoyable, saying things such as “I like the smell of paper” or that reading in print is “real reading.” What’s more, print gave them a sense of where they were in the book – they could “see” and “feel” where they were in the text.

Print was also judged to be easier on the eyes and less likely to encourage multitasking. Almost half the participants complained about eyestrain from reading digitally (“my eyes burn”), and 67 percent indicated they were likely to multitask while reading digitally (compared with 41 percent when reading print).

At the same time, respondents praised digital reading on a number of counts, including the ability to read in the dark, ease of finding material (“plenty of quick information”), saving paper and even the fact they could multitask while reading.

MEASURING LEARNING

But the bigger question is whether students are learning as much when they read onscreen.

A number of researchers have sought to measure learning by asking people to read a passage of text, either in print or on a digital device, and then testing for



comprehension.

Most studies have found that participants scored about the same when reading in each medium, though a few have indicated that students performed better on tests when they read in print.

The problem, however, with learning-measurement studies is that their notion of “learning” has tended to be simplistic. Reading passages and answering questions afterwards may be a familiar tool in standardized testing, but tells us little about any deeper level of understanding.

Some researchers are beginning to pose more nuanced questions, including one scholar who has considered what happens when people read a story in print or on a digital device and are then asked to reconstruct the plot sequence. The answer: Print yielded better results.

Another aspect of learning is to see how outcomes differ when students are doing their reading in less prescriptive experimental conditions. One study let students choose how much time to spend when reading on each platform. The researchers found that participants

devoted less time to reading the passage onscreen – and performed less well on the subsequent comprehension test.

This finding is hardly surprising, given the tendency so many of us have to skim and search when going online, rather than reading slowly and carefully. In my study, one student commented,

“It takes more time to read the same number of pages in print comparing to digital.”

Another complained, “It takes me longer because I read more carefully.”

CRITICAL THINKING AND READING

How does the learning question relate to educational goals? There is much buzz today about wanting students to be good at critical thinking. Definitions of that goal are elusive, but it’s pretty clear they involve being able to understand complex ideas, evaluate evidence, weigh alternative perspectives and construct justifiable arguments.

To become proficient in critical thinking – at least in a literate society – students need to be able to handle text.

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The text may be long, complex or both. To make sense of it, students cannot skim, rush ahead or continually get distracted.

So, does reading in print versus onscreen build critical thinking skills?

The comprehension studies we talked about earlier tell us little about the kind of reading we recognize as necessary for serious contemplation or analysis. An alternative approach, at least for starters, is asking students about their digital and paper-based reading patterns – much as physicians ask for histories (along with physicals and lab tests) to figure out what ails their patients.

While my own study didn’t directly measure learning, it did query students about their reading patterns and preferences. The responses to some of my questions were particularly revealing.

When asked on which medium they felt they concentrated best, 92 percent replied “print.” For long academic readings, 86 percent favored print. Participants also reported being more likely to reread academic materials if they were in print.

What’s more, a number of students indicated they believed print was a better medium for learning. One said, “It’s easier to focus.”

Others stated, “I feel like the content sticks in the head more easily” and “I feel like I understand it more.”

By contrast, in talking about digital screens, students noted “danger of distraction” and “no concentration.”

Obviously, student perceptions are not the same thing as measurable learning outcomes. And my research didn’t probe connections between reading platforms and critical thinking.

However, a pattern did emerge: Print stood out as the medium for doing serious work.

DIGITAL IS CONVENIENT AND CHEAPER

At the same time, we cannot ignore other factors impacting students’ decisions about what reading platform to choose for school work.

Convenience is one big consideration: More than 40 percent of participants in my study mentioned convenience (including easy access to materials) as what they liked most about reading onscreen.

Money is another variable. Students were highly conscious about differen-

tial prices for print and digital versions of reading materials, with cost often driving choice. As one student put it, “Cost rules everything around me.”

Many students revealed a mismatch between finances and learning. When queried about which reading platform they would choose if cost were the same, 87 percent said “print” for academic work.

ADAPTING TO DIGITAL LEARNING

We also need to keep in mind the growing trend for universities to adapt their curricula to fit the proverbial “procrustean” bed of a digital world – a world tailor-made for skimming, scanning and using the “find” function rather than reading slowly and thoughtfully.

Professors now toy with ditching long or complex reading assignments in favor of short (or more straightforward) ones, moving closer to digital reading patterns in the nonacademic world. This world hypes condensed versions of texts and shorter reading material that is bite-sized to begin with.

The question then is how can universities help students read text thoughtfully, reflectively, and without distraction on digital devices?

One key could be adaptation. Research suggests students may be overconfident about what they are understanding when they read digitally. Teaching them to be mindful in their digital reading (for instance, by writing down key words from the reading) may help in learning.

Another form of adaptation is happening in the realm of digital hardware and software. Modern screens cause less eyestrain, and annotation programs continue to improve. Some digital reading devices now come with tools enabling them to digitally approximate physical page flipping and multiple place-marking.

However, in my view, while short-and-to-the-point may be a good fit for digital consumption, it’s not the sort of reading likely to nurture the critical thinking we still talk about as a hallmark of university education.

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One Killed, Trains Torched As Agnipath Protests Singe India

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New Delhi/Secunderabad: One person was killed in police firing in Secunderabad, the first casualty of protests against the Agnipath defence recruitment scheme that raged through several states for the third day on Friday with trains torched, public property vandalised and many thousands blocking tracks and highways. At least 200 trains were affected, 35 cancelled and 13 short-terminated, railway officials said.

As angry crowds, some armed with brickbats and stones, fanned out across large parts of India, from Uttar Pradesh to Telangana and Bihar to Madhya Pradesh, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Army chief Gen Manoj Pande were among those who stepped in to assuage concerns.

The Army chief said the government's decision to raise the upper age limit to 23 years from 21 under the scheme in 2022 will provide an opportunity to youths who were preparing to join the force but couldn't in the last two years.

The Centre's decision to increase the upper age limit

will benefit a large number of youth, Shah said. He added that the recruitment process in the Army had been affected for the last two years due to the Covid pandemic and Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a sensitive decision by showing concern for the youth of the country.

But the protests spread, seemingly uncontrolled, with crowds squatting on tracks and highways, pelting stones and vandalising public property to vent their anger resulting in losses worth many crores of rupees.

At least four trains were set on fire, two in Bihar, one in Uttar Pradesh and one in Telangana.

In Bihar, where generations of youth train for years to get into the defence forces like in many other places, angry aspirants set fire to bogies of the New Delhi-Bhagalpur Vikramshila Express in Lakhisarai and the New Delhi-Darbhanga Bihar Sampark Kranti Express in Samastipur.

At the Lakhisarai station, people lay down on the tracks to block the movement of trains and were dispersed by the railway and local police.

Demonstrators also blocked highways at several

places in Buxar, Bhagalpur and Samastipur and burnt tyres. A mob attacked the home of BJP leader and Deputy Chief Minister Renu Devi in Patna.

In Secunderabad, a parcel coach of a passenger train was set ablaze by a crowd of about 300-350. One person was fatally injured when police fired in the air to disperse protesters on the rampage at the Secunderabad station.

Confirming the death, a senior official of the South Central Railway told PTI the firing was done by Railway Protection Force (RPF).

The injured are being treated in the state-run Gandhi Hospital.

There was mayhem with people running helter-skelter and shops in the vicinity hurriedly downing shutters.

The scenes of chaos over the defence recruitment scheme that touched an emotive chord in thousands of youth and led to rail and road traffic being disrupted were mirrored elsewhere in the country. In Uttar Pradesh's Ballia town, youths raised slogans such as Bharat Mata ki Jai and Agnipath Vapas Lo and set an empty train on fire and vandalised a few other

trains, prompting police to lathicharge them.

Protests also erupted in Varanasi, Firozabad and Amethi, causing damage to government buses and other symbols of public property.

Madhya Pradesh's commercial capital Indore saw hundreds gather on tracks and hurl stones. About 15 protesters were arrested.

"Nearly 600 youths gathered in different groups on the tracks near Laxmibai Nagar railway station in the city, forcing the railway administration to stop a few trains," Indore Police Commissioner Harinarayan Chari Mishra told PTI.

The fight against the government scheme escalated in Haryana with youths burning tyres and several others squatting on rail tracks in Narwana and blocking the Jind-Bathinda track, officials said.

Following the violent protests in Palwal, the Haryana government has suspended mobile internet and SMS services for 24 hours in Ballabhgarh area of Faridabad district as a precautionary measure.

Police booked over 1,000 people for the violence on Thursday in Palwal district.

An official said verification and

identification of all the accused from video clippings and CCTV footage was being done. He did not divulge further information.

The national capital was relatively quiet but Metro travel was disrupted with members of the Left-affiliated All India Students' Association staging demonstrations. The entry and exit gates of some Delhi Metro stations had to be closed.

The volatile agitation that spread like the proverbial wild-fire saw politicians ranged against each other.

While the government defended the scheme, saying it will secure the future of youths and help maintain a youthful profile of the armed forces, opposition leaders maintained it would adversely impact the functioning of the armed forces.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi cited schemes such as GST, noteban, farm laws and now Agnipath and said they were projected to be for the welfare of the people but were rejected by the citizens.

"Agnipath – youth rejected. Farm laws – farmers rejected. Noteban – economists rejected. GST – traders rejected.

some social posts by local right wing activists in her support.

The curfew was relaxed from 3 pm to 7 pm, shortly after the Friday prayers, the officials said.

On Thursday, the curfew was relaxed twice for a total of five hours in the town – from 9 am to 12 pm and 3 pm to 5 pm – and the relaxation period ended peacefully without any untoward incident.

Officials said senior police and civil officers reviewed the situation early this morning and decided to continue the curfew without any relaxation in the town to ward off any trouble during the prayers.

One person was arrested and nine others detained for creating communal tension over the past week following registration of three FIRs at the local police station.

A lookout notice was also pasted at the house of an accused who is evading arrest despite raids at several places in Bhaderwah, the officials said.

Assuring full cooperation to the administration, Anjuman-e-Islamia sought the arrest of all those behind fanning communal hatred.

"People from only one community were arrested or detained so far but those belonging to other communities, who provoked the people through social media posts, have been let off. One among them has sought an anticipatory bail," an office-bearer of the religious group said.

Meanwhile, in Jammu district, too, policemen were deployed in strength outside mosques with a direction to not allow any street protest after the Friday prayers, officials said.

Protests were witnessed in different parts of the city, including Gujjar Nagar, Talab Khatikan and Bathindi over the past week against the remarks on the Prophet (Pbuh).

Suspended BJP

claimed here on Friday.

The Delhi police too did not extend much cooperation, he alleged, adding that eventually they served summons to Sharma through email.

A team from Pydhonie police station in Mumbai was in the national capital for the last five days to hand over a summons to Sharma personally, seeking her appearance before the investigating officer.

A First Information Report was registered against the suspended BJP leader at Pydhonie police station on May 28 after her statement about Prophet Mohammad during a TV debate caused a furore.

She has been asked to appear before Pydhonie police on June 25 at 11am for recording statement. After reaching Delhi, the police team contacted their counterparts in the national capital as Sharma was not traceable, but it did not get "expected cooperation" from Delhi Police, the official alleged. Police then executed the summons to Sharma through email, he added. PTI

US Condemns

media head Naveen Kumar Jindal after their Derogatory remarks against the Prophet (Pbuh).

Amid protests by several Muslim countries and groups over the remarks, the party also issued a statement aimed at assuaging the concerns of minorities and distancing itself from these members, asserting that it respects all religions and strongly denounces the insult of any religious personality.

"Well, this is something that we've condemned. We condemn the offensive comments made by two BJP officials, and we were glad to see that the party publicly condemned those comments," State Department spokesperson Ned Price told reporters at his daily news conference on Thursday.

He was responding to a question by a Pakistani reporter.

"We regularly engage with the Indian government at senior levels on human rights concerns, including freedom of religion or belief," he said.

"We encourage India to promote respect for human rights. The Secretary (of State) said, when he was in New Delhi last year, that the Indian people and the American people believe in the same values: human dignity, human respect, equality of opportunity, and the

Notification Allowing Linking Aadhaar With Voter List Issued: Rijiju

New Delhi: The government on Friday issued rules allowing linking of electoral roll data with Aadhaar, making electoral law gender neutral for service voters and enabling young citizens register as voters four times a year instead of the present one.

Four notifications were issued under the Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021 passed by Parliament late last year to bring in the rules. Law Minister Kiren Rijiju took to Twitter to announce that four notifications in this regard have been issued in consultation with the Election Commission.

The government has all along maintained that sharing of Aadhaar details will be voluntary.

The Election Laws (Amendment) Act seeks to allow electoral registration officers to seek Aadhaar number of people who want to register as voters "for the purpose of establishing the identity".

It also seeks to allow the electoral registration officers to ask for Aadhaar numbers from "persons already included in the electoral roll for the

purposes of authentication of entries in the electoral roll, and to identify registration of the name of the same person in the electoral roll of more than one constituency or more than once in the same constituency".

At the same time, the bill as passed by Parliament makes it clear that "no application for inclusion of name in the electoral roll shall be denied and no entries in the electoral roll shall be deleted for the inability of an individual to furnish or intimate Aadhaar number due to such sufficient cause as may be prescribed".

In an interview to PTI on May 14, the then chief election commissioner Sushil Chandra had said that sharing Aadhaar details will be voluntary for voters, but those not doing so will have to give "sufficient reasons".

Rijiju shared a chart to say that the notifications will enable "linking of electoral roll data with the Aadhaar ecosystem to curb the menace of multiple enrolment of the same person in different places".

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'Strong Possibility'

would be given opportunities to enrol, delete and change their particulars in the electoral rolls.

Last month, the Central government issued a notification saying the orders of the Delimitation Commission which redrew electoral constituencies and provided six additional assembly seats to the Jammu division and one to Kashmir would come into effect from May 20.

According to the orders of the Delimitation Commission, set up under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act of 2019, the Union Territory will have 90 assembly constituencies -- 43 in the Jammu division and 47 in Kashmir -- with nine of them being reserved for the Scheduled Tribes.

The erstwhile state had 87 seats -- 46 in Kashmir, 37 in Jammu and four in Ladakh. During its reorganisation, Ladakh was declared a separate union territory without a legislature.

The three-member delimitation panel was headed by Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, a retired judge of the Supreme Court. Then chief election commissioner Sushil Chandra (now retired) and Jammu and Kashmir Election Commissioner K K Sharma were its two ex-officio members.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during a meeting with Jammu and Kashmir leaders on June 24 last year, had said the ongoing delimitation exercise has to happen quickly so that polls can be held to install an elected government that gives strength to its development trajectory.

'Foreign Conspiracy

of coronation of Maharaja Gulab Singh here. Singh, who reached Jammu on the second-leg of his two-day tour of Jammu and Kashmir, said no country can progress if its population is divided in communities.

Singh said, "The rulers from Ranjit Singh to Gulab Singh and Prem Nath Dogra worked for the unity of people in J&K. They are the role models under whom Hindus, Muslims and Buddhists worked together."

In Jammu and Kashmir, our neighbouring country is playing an important role in sowing the seeds of hatred. From 1947-48 tribal raids, till the recent targeted killings (by terrorists in Kashmir), there is a foreign conspiracy behind this, he said.

Without naming Pakistan, the defence minister said the neighbouring country is not happy with India marching ahead despite various challenges.

We have to thwart this conspiracy and the people of Jammu and Kashmir need to build their future with their own hands, he said.

Our government has taken the pledge of resolving the Jammu and Kashmir problem when it first came to power in 2014 when I was the home minister. The work is going on at a fast speed under the new home minister (Amit Shah), he added.

Stating that the twin Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have a major role in new India, he said the BJP-led government took a number of steps for the welfare of the displaced people, whether they are West Pakistani refugees, Pakistan-controlled Jammu and Kashmir (PcJK) residents or Chamb migrants.

There was no honest move to resettle 5,674 refugee families of West Pakistan but our government provided them Rs 5.5 lakh per family for their one-time settlement and similarly.

The package was extended to PcJK displaced persons and Chamb refugees who were also provided Rs 5.5 lakh per family. A package of Rs 2,000 crore was given to Kashmiri migrant pandits to create transit accommodations and jobs for them besides increasing their monthly relief, he said.

Singh said Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed the pain of displaced people and we will not allow another displacement of any community, whether Hindus or Muslims or Christians, from any part of the UT. I assure you that we will not allow forced migration of anyone.

Referring to PcK and Gilgit-Baltistan, he said Pakistan has no locus standi on these areas. Had it been so, its constitution never mentioned it while as our constitution says that PcK and Gilgit-Baltistan are part of India and both the houses of our parliament have passed a unanimous resolution in this regard.

Paying rich tributes to Maharaja Gulab Singh and other Dogra rulers who extended the

boundaries of Jammu and Kashmir, he said they have a dream after making Jammu and Kashmir part of India and therefore every section of the society had to come forward and take a pledge to fulfill their dream which will be a great tribute to them.

Train Stations

As the depredations against the recruitment scheme continued for the third day across large parts of India, from Uttar Pradesh to Telangana and Bihar to Madhya Pradesh, Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah and Army chief Gen Manoj Pande tried to assuage the concerns of the agitators with little success.

Coaches of seven trains have so far been set ablaze by protesters, officials said, adding carriages of three running trains in the East Central Railway (ECR), headquartered in Bihar's Hajipur, and one empty rake in Kulharia, also in the same zone, were damaged by protesters. One coach of a train was also damaged in the washing line at Uttar Pradesh's Ballia. So far, 64 trains were short terminated in ECR.

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"I heartily thank Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi for his concern and sensitivity towards the future of the youths. I appeal to the youth that the process of recruitment in the army is going to start in a few days. They start their preparation for it," Rajnath Singh tweeted, calling the scheme a "golden opportunity" for the youth.

But the protests spread, seemingly uncontrolled, with crowds squatting on tracks and highways, pelting trains and buses with stones, toppling vending kiosks at train stations and burning used tyres on tracks.

Fiery orange flames leapt out of the windows of trains at Secunderabad, and Lakhisarai and Samastipur in Bihar, sending thick plumes of black smoke into the sky that could be seen from several kilometres away.

Broken tubelights, benches and stones littered several railway stations across the country. Policemen in anti-riot gear were seen chasing away the protesters, hundreds of whom were rounded up.

Demonstrators also blocked highways at several places in Buxar, Bhagalpur and Samastipur with burnt tyres.

Besides targeting railway properties, the protesters attacked the house of Deputy Chief Minister Renu Devi and the car of a BJP MLA in Bihar. State BJP president Sanjay Jaiswal's residence in Bettiah town was also vandalised but the leader claimed the attackers were not job aspirants.

One person was fatally injured when Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel fired to disperse the rampaging protesters at Secunderabad station. The injured are being treated in the state-run Gandhi Hospital.

The scenes of chaos unfolded in Uttar Pradesh's Ballia, where the agitators shouting "Bharat Mata ki Jai" and "Agnipath Vapas Lo" set an empty train on fire and vandalised a few other trains, provoking a baton charge.

Protests also erupted in Varanasi, Firozabad and Amethi, causing damage to government buses and other symbols of public property.

Dharmendra Singh, younger brother of Uttar Pradesh Transport Minister and Ballia MLA Daya Shankar Singh, said unruly elements threw stones at the camp office of the minister and also damaged a hoarding put at the office gate.

Madhya Pradesh's commercial capital Indore, Haryana's Narwana and many places in West Bengal and Jharkhand witnessed protests.

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Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U)

made a fresh plea to the Centre for an immediate review of the 'Agnipath' scheme, and to assure protesting youngsters that their future will not be adversely affected by the new policy.

"The announcement of 'Agnipath' scheme by the Centre has triggered resentment among youths of Bihar and other parts of the country. The Centre should, therefore, think of an immediate review ('avilamb punarvichar') of the scheme. If that is not possible, it must assure the youngsters that the scheme is not going to adversely affect their future," JD(U) national president and MP Rajiv Ranjan Singh said.

While the government defended the scheme, saying it will secure the future of youths and help maintain a youthful profile of the armed forces, opposition leaders maintained it would adversely impact the functioning of the armed forces.

"Agnipath – youth rejected. Farm laws – farmers rejected. Noteban – economists rejected. GST – traders rejected. "The prime minister does not understand what the people of the country want, as he cannot hear anything except the voice of his 'friends'," Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi, mounting an acerbic attack on the Modi government.

BJP leaders, however, lauded the government's decision to raise the upper age limit for recruitment under the Agnipath scheme to 23 years from 21 for this year, with party chief JP Nadda saying it shows Prime Minister Narendra Modi is fully seized of the concerns of the country's youth and is making efforts for their bright future.

Unfazed by the intensifying protests, the Army, Navy and the Air Force on Friday announced they will start the enrolment process under the new model by next week.

Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari told PTI that the selection process by the Indian Air Force for recruitment under the new scheme will start from June 24, while the Army said it will begin the initial exercise within two days.

The Indian Navy said it will start the recruitment process "very soon". A senior naval commander said the notification for the recruitment will be out within a week.

The three services are planning to deploy the first batches of recruits under the new scheme, both in operational and non-operational roles, by June next year, senior military officials said.

Top Army Commander

from Pakistan-controlled Kashmir.

The Army commander interacted with the troops and complimented them for their high morale and the high state of operational preparedness, Col Musavi said.

While appreciating the current state of peace prevailing along the LoC, the Northern Army Commander cautioned all commanders and troops to not let their guard down and remain prepared to meet any emerging security challenges effectively, the public relations officer (defence) said.

Lt Gen Dwivedi also complimented all government agencies for their close coordination in maintaining peace in the region and reaching out to the people wholeheartedly.

Srinagar Again

popularly known as downtown Srinagar, and in and around the Lal Chowk city centre, they said.

However, public transport and private vehicles were plying in these areas, according to the officials.

Government forces had been deployed in strength in sensitive places of the city and elsewhere in the Valley for maintaining law and order, the officials said.

Protests were held in several parts of Srinagar last Friday against derogatory remarks made by now-suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and party's former Delhi unit media chief Naveen Jindal on Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh).

The comments led to an intense backlash in several Muslim countries and calls for a boycott of Indian products. There have been protests in many Indian cities as well, while multiple FIRs have been registered against Sharma.

Curfew Relaxed

on June 9 following communal tension in the wake of protests over the derogatory remarks on Prophet Mohammad (Pbuh) by now-removed BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and

freedom of religion or belief," Price said.

He was referring to US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's visit to India in July last year.

"These are fundamental tenets," Price said.

"These are fundamental values within any democracy, and we speak up for them around the world," Price said.

IT Raid On

group, manufacturer and seller of pashmina, jamawar and other varieties of Kashmiri shawls, resorted to "large-scale" tax evasion through "under-valuation" and under-reporting of stocks, the IT department alleged.

"Unaccounted stock of more than Rs 4 crore has been detected in Delhi alone," it said.

The department gathered documents that showed that the group made exports from India to its various concerns located in Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

"However, the business in the UAE is found to be carried out in the name of third parties with an informal profit-sharing arrangement."

"The group is found to have made huge unaccounted investments in a large number of immovable properties not only in India but also abroad," it said.

It was found that the group had an investment in a luxury hotel which is not fully disclosed in the regular books of account the IT department claimed.

"The search action has led to the seizure of unaccounted cash of more than Rs 46 lakh," it added.

BOSE Shares List

Department has said, "All the students presently studying in these banned institutions shall admit themselves to nearby government schools for the current academic session 2021-22."--(KNO)

Shopian Ranks

are currently battling undernutrition and fall under the serious category of SAM.

"Among the 86 districts in the serious category, there were 13 districts each from the state of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh; 9 districts from Gujarat; 6 districts each from Telangana, Jammu and Kashmir and Karnataka; 5 districts each from Bihar, Assam and Rajasthan; 4 districts from Odisha; 3 districts from Madhya Pradesh; 2 districts each from Jharkhand, West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh; and 1 district each from Chhattisgarh, Nagaland, Sikkim, Delhi and Tamil Nadu," reads the analysis.

According to the analysis, between 2016 and 2021 (NFHS-4 and NFHS-5), severe wasting, or severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in preschool children (aged 0-59 months) increased in 341 districts out of 707 across 36 states and Union Territories.

Notably, the analysis has also revealed that J&K has two districts that have recorded a 10% increase in SAM in the past five years.

"17 districts recorded more than 10% of the increase in SAM between NFHS-4 and NFHS-5. These districts are from Uttar Pradesh (n=4), two districts each from Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana, and one district each from Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal," reads the analysis.

The analysis has also concluded that the data represented in NFHS-5 was primarily collected before the COVID-19 pandemic. "Hence, the nutritional trend in the majority of the districts revealed in NFHS-5 is the status before the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown was declared on 11 March 2020. It is likely that the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures to control it have further amplified the existing nutritional crisis," the analysis noted.

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However, there were no reports so far of any injury or damage to property, the officials added.

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unit after the completion of medico-legal formalities initiated by police under section 174 CrPc", they said.

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The condition of three of them is stated to be critical, the official said.

Cong Continues Anti-BJP Protest In Jammu; Many Detained

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Several Congress workers were taken into preventive custody as the party continued its protest on Friday against the BJP-led Union government over its vindictive policies against the opposition leaders.

The protesters, led by vice president of Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) Mula Ram, were detained soon after they tried to take a march from Press Club here, officials said.

Besides Ram, prominent others detained included PCC chief spokesperson and former legislator Ravinder Sharma, former MP T S Bajwan, former MLA Balwan Singh, and former MLC

Ved Mahajan.

The Congress workers have been on the roads since Monday in protest against the summoning of their leader Rahul Gandhi by the Enforcement Directorate in the National Herald money laundering case.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government wants to suppress the voice of opposition, especially Congress leadership, and thus use government agencies like ED and CBI, Sharma told reporters.

He alleged that Rahul was being implicated in a fake case as the government was unable to answer his tough questions of public importance and was seeking to hide its failures on various fronts.

Shikara Ride To Be Introduced In Wullar Lake

Agencies

BANDIPORA: Authorities are introducing Shikara ride to promote tourism in Wullar Lake which is considered as one of the largest freshwater lakes of Asia.

Situated on the foothills of Harmukh Mountain, the lake is spread over a total area of 130 square kilometres and is located in northern parts of Kashmir.

The lake also supports the livelihood of a huge population and is a habitat for migratory water birds. For its restoration, the multi-million dredging project's work, one of the biggest restoration efforts in Asia, has been going on for the years in the lake.

A top official at Wular Conservation & Management Authority (WCMA) said that 'shikara', which is a great attraction for tourists in Srinagar's Dal Lake and other water bodies, would be introduced now at Wullar Lake in a bid to attract more tourists in the area.

"We will start it on a trial basis," he said, adding that the main aim is to attract more and more tourists to the Lake while the local people can also earn a living from it. "We have also set up a boat club of young boys who will be trained by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council following which they will be able to take part in major water sports events," he added.

The WUCMA has also made a proposal for a walk-way which will be about 3.20 Kilometers around the lake's area which has been restored so far and work on it will start soon, he said, adding that the cost of the project is 90 crores.

The WUCMA official said that only locals will be taken into consideration in these projects of Wullar which will benefit them in terms of their livelihood. "I can say with certainty that in the next six months there will be a lot of development in the Lake and it will become another major tourist destination—(KNO)

JMC Corporator, Her Husband Falls In ACB Net



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday arrested Corporator, of Ward No.53 of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) and her husband while accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 for issuance of Mulba Clearance certificate.

ACB received a complaint in writing wherein the complainant stated that he is a contractor by profession and have been allotted contract work for upgradation of the open area along the main road near Mastermind Classes by Pre-cast of paver tiles and upgradation of open area along main road near easy day at Ward No. 53Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, a spokesperson of anti-graft body said Friday.

"The complainant further stated that he has completed construction of allotted work and final payment of the same is pending with JMC Division IV. For making final payment there is a requirement of mulba clearance certificate from the concerned Corporator, for which complainant approached the Corporator of Ward No.

53 namely Jyoti Devi who demanded an amount of Rs. 10,000/- as bribe for issuance of mulba clearance certificate of the works done by him and she asked the complainant to contact her husband for payment of bribe money. He further stated that he did not want to pay the bribe and requested for taking necessary action against them," he said.

"Upon receiving the complaint, allegations of the complaint were verified. Consequently a case FIR number 10/2022 P/S ACB-J U/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 and 120-B IPC was registered at PS ACB-Jammu. A trap team was constituted whereupon the accused Sham Lal was caught red handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs. 10,000/- on behalf of his wife Jyoti Devi Corporator of Ward No. 53 from the complainant. Both the accused persons were taken into custody on the spot. Searches at the residential house of the accused persons were also conducted," the spokesperson said, adding that further investigation in the case is going on.

Anti-Agnipath Protests

Several Detained For Attempting To Block Highways In J&K



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Several youths were detained on Friday as they took to streets in Jammu and Kashmir and tried blocking highways to protest against the newly launched Agnipath military recruitment scheme, an official said.

The unhappy army aspirants demonstrated in Jammu, Kathua and Rajouri districts of the state.

Police resorted to lathicharge and detained several protesters after they became violent and indulged in stone pelting at Kunjwani Chowk on Jammu-Pathankot Highway in the outskirts of Jammu.

Accusing police of high-handedness, one of the protesters named Rahul Sharma said that the aspirants had just started assembling when police

resorted to lathicharge without any provocation.

He said that they reject the new scheme and took to streets to press for their recruitment as per the previous scheme.

"We have submitted our forms for recruitment in the army in February 2020 and have already cleared the physical and medical examination. The written test was not undertaken by the army over the past one year and now they have come up with this scheme which is unjustified and anti-youth, Sharma said amid anti-BJP sloganeering.

The protesters have threatened to intensify the agitation in the coming days.

Another group of protesters tried to block the Jammu-Pathankot Highway near Kalabari Chowk in Kathua district, the official said, adding that

police dispersed those who pulled down a poster of Union Minister Jitendra Singh and raised slogans against Bharatiya Janata Party.

Another group of protesters blocked the Jammu-Rajouri National Highway near Muradpur before dispersing peacefully on the intervention of police, the official added.

Unveiling the scheme on Tuesday, the government said youths between the ages of 17 and-a-half and 21 years would be inducted for a four-year tenure while 25 per cent of them will be subsequently inducted for regular service.

The youths to be recruited under the new scheme would be called 'Agniveer'. A major objective of the scheme is to bring down the average age of military personnel and cut ballooning salary and pension bills.

Srinagar-Jammu Highway Reopens For One-Way Traffic

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: One-way traffic resumed on the 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway after remaining suspended for most part of the day following a massive landslide near Banihal on Friday, officials said.

The landslide struck the highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, at Romepadi around 11 am during the ongoing four-laning project, they said.

After a hectic day-long road clearance operation by the agency concerned, the one-way traffic was restored around 9 pm, officials said, adding that only stranded light motor passenger vehicles were allowed as the clearance operation is still on.



Senior Superintendent of Police, National Highway (Ramban), Shabir Malik said a heavy boulder is still in the middle of the road and four rock breaker machines are engaged to clear the road.

According to officials, the road clearance agencies have to work very cautiously to ensure

that no damage is done to a nearby bridge providing connectivity to an under-construction railway tunnel.

Earlier during the day, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Traffic (National Highway), Asgar Malik said, "Big boulders rolled down from a hillock and completely blocked the highway."

Prophet Muhammad Dearer To Every Muslim Than His Life: Dr Farooq

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Prophet Muhammad is dearer to every Muslim than his life and possessions, National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah said here on Friday, amidst an outrage over derogatory remarks of two BJP leaders who have since been removed from party positions.

Abdullah offered the Friday congregational prayers at the Dargah Hazratbal here.



Interacting with people there, the Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar said the Prophet is dearer to every Muslim than his life and possessions.

"The central human figure in

Islam, Allah's last Messenger, had a personality like none other. No one can ever be as perfect as him but we all must strive to follow his revered, holy footsteps," he said.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister prayed for everlasting peace and prosperity in the region.

He also prayed for the return of healthier times to the world and other bountiful provisions from the almighty.

SCERT J&K Hosts 2 Day Faculty Orientation Programme



Observer News Service

JAMMU: SCERT J&K Divisional Office Jammu on Friday organised an Interactive Faculty Orientation Programme on "Annual Training Calendar – SCERT J&K & DIETs of Jammu Division-Concepts & Formulation" here under the guidance of Prof Veena Pandita, Director SCERT J&K and overall supervision of H.R Pakhroo, Joint Director, SCERT J&K wherein all members on staff of SCERT J&K participated.

The main objective of the programme is to orient the faculty about the basic design, concept and formulation of Annual Training Calendar.

The programme was inaugurated by H.R Pakhroo, Joint Director, SCERT J&K-Divisional Office Jammu. He spoke at length on the proposed systematic and result oriented plan of programs and activities formulated for the ensuing session in respect of

SCERT J&K and DIETs of Jammu Division, to give impetus to the Teacher Education component of School Education Department and objectivised Teacher Training Action plan 2022-23.

The Training Action Plan has been designed to cater to the contemporary needs of the schools, exhaustive study of National goals, School Education policies, RTE Act 2009, guidelines of NCTE and pedagogical approaches.

The interactive sessions were conducted by Pawan Kumar Gupta, V.K Koul Associate Professors and Suresh Kumar Gouria, Senior Academic Officer. They discussed all components of Teacher Education and planned modus operandi carried out in formulation of Action Plan and Training Calendar.

The programme was co-ordinated by Kishore Kumar, Associate Professor and vote of thanks was presented by N.P.Singh Associate Professor.

Mother, Son Killed As Tree Falls On Tent In Bandipora

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A mother-son duo were killed after a tree fell on their temporarily erected residential tent during strong winds in Lashkoot forest in north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Friday.

Official sources said that a woman identified as Zareena Begum, wife of Shair Mohammad Kasana and her son Yasir

Ahmad of Quilmuqam village lost their lives this afternoon after a tree fell on their tent at Lashkoot forests of the district. They further said that the deceased belong to Gujjar community and each year during summer they migrate to the upper reaches for grazing cattle.

Meanwhile, a team from the administration has been sent to the area to ascertain the details—(KNO)

J&K IMPARD Organizes Yoga Sessions For KAS Probationer Trainees



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (JK IMPARD), organized yoga sessions on 16th and 17th of June, on "Meditation and Breathing Techniques" for 2020 batch of JKAS Probationary Officer trainees who are undergoing Phase-I of their Induction Training at IMPARD, Srinagar.

The sessions were conducted under the guidance and supervision of Director General IMPARD, Saurabh Bhagat.

These yoga sessions were held under the auspices of the 'Art of Living' foundation with Vandana Daftari and Avinash Tiku as trainers.

Considering the high job stress and feeling of exhaustion among the officers due to their demanding jobs and long working hours, Director General organized these yoga sessions to

help and equip them with simple and practical techniques to get rid of anxiety and negativity.

The Art of Living Yoga programme included practical and simple yet highly effective and tested methods which draw upon ancient and widely acclaimed wisdom. In addition, the programme also included interactive sessions, games, discussions besides methods of managing emotions and dealing with negativity. These processes are aimed at improving life skills, producing better response to work and life situations, which lead to achieving commitment to work with higher efficiency.

Encouraged by the enthusiasm among trainees towards these yoga sessions, Director General decided that Yoga would be made an important component of training courses being conducted by IMPARD for all cadres.

J&K First To Have A Comprehensive Drug De-Addiction Policy After Punjab

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir becomes the first Union Territory in the country, after Punjab state, having a comprehensive drug de-addiction policy envisaged to weed out this atrocious menace from the society.

The urgency to formulate a drug de-addiction policy by Jammu and Kashmir government is due to the location of the UT in the vicinity of "Golden Crescent", a name given to South Asia's opium producing countries like Afghanistan, Iran

and Pakistan which produces 80 percent of the world's opium and is considered as the prime source of illicit drug trade.

J&K government has intensified its efforts to fight narcoterrorism being unleashed by unscrupulous elements from across neighboring countries. It has come out with a detailed mechanism to supervise and review implementation of Drug De-addiction Policy and has even roped in civil society members in the endeavor so that drug menace is fought effectively.

Giving further details in this

regard, an official informed that "UT Level Policy Implementation Monitoring Committee and Jammu and Kashmir Division Level De-addiction Centre Monitoring Committees have been constituted. The UT level committee has been assigned the task of suggesting changes in the Drug De-addiction Policy from time to time besides looking out for financial support for various de-addiction activities in Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

These committees have been assigned the task of inspecting the existing de-addiction facilities

in Jammu and Kashmir and grant or cancel licenses after thorough inspection of infrastructure, manpower and standards of care. The committees have also been entrusted with the task of advising various stakeholders from time to time in implementation of Drug De-addiction Policy on ground and look at monitoring of prescription drug abuse and suggest remedial measures to the Drug Controller," an official said.

The policy also focuses on various key aspects including prevention, rehabilitation and

integration, training and sensitization, community participation, generating awareness and upgradation/establishment of drug de-addiction centers.

"It lays out a comprehensive action plan for addressing the drug addiction issue in its entirety. There has been a steep rise in physical, mental and substance-use disorders over the past two decades across the UT. There has been an alarming shift in the pattern of substance use in terms of rise in the number of female users, decreasing age at first-use, increasing use

of solvents, injectable-opiates and use of steroids as well as increasing drug related deaths (over-dose and accidents)," the official said.

For effective surveillance and law enforcement, the government has also constituted the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) in coordination with the Excise and Agriculture departments to map the expected cultivation areas and take remedial actions in terms of destruction of illegal crops on both private and government lands.

The ANTF has further been

asked to formulate an action plan to prevent such cultivation in the next season. The ANTF will also undertake extensive awareness generation drives to inform the public about the associated risks and issues and accordingly plan a calendar of activities.

"The Task Force will institutionalize the mechanism for promoting wide ranged reporting on illegal cultivation, transportation, trade and consumption of drugs and their synthetic derivatives; through NGOs, PRIs and Volunteers," policy reads.

J&K Witnessing Massive Transformation In Sports Field: LG Sinha



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday said that J&K is witnessing massive transformation in the field of sports over the past couple of years and that the government has set a target participation of around 35 lakh youth in sports this year.

LG Manoj Sinha made these remarks while attending 9th Executive Council meeting of Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM&WS) in Pahalgam.

Sinha said that sometimes it used to be around 1.5 to 2 lakh youth who would participate

in sports events in J&K, however, last year more than 17 lakh youth participated in sports events.

"During last more than 2 years J&K has achieved many milestones in sports field and transformations and this year a target of 35 lakh youth, participating in these events, has been set," he added.

He also said that every Panchayat has sports fields now and has distributed the sports kits among the youth.

Sinha further said that in almost every district indoor and outdoor stadiums are being built as well as 31 Khelo India centres have been completed. (KNS)

DPS Student Wins Silver At Khelo India Games



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Saira Zahoor – a student of class 12th of Delhi Public School Srinagar won a silver medal in the 52 kgs category in Thang Ta at the recently held Khelo India Youth Games.

Thang Ta – "The Art of the Sword and Spear" is the traditional martial art of Manipur in northeast India. It integrates various external weapons – the sword, spear, dagger, etc. – with the internal practice of physical control through soft movements coordinated with the rhythms of breathing.

The games were held in Panchkula, Haryana from 4th to 6th June 2022.

14 participants from 14 states of India participated in Thang Ta and the competition was quite tough. The final was a close af-

fair and Saira put up a very courageous performance losing by a very thin margin of 22-24.

Congratulating the student, the Principal Shafaq Afshan said, "We are delighted that our student has won accolades for the school and the valley at a national level. Our endeavour is to provide students a platform to excel, and the success of Saira proves we are on the right track."

DPS Chairman, Vijay Dhar also congratulated the student, and said "DPS Srinagar manifests the best of academics and co-curricular activities in a holistic pedagogy. Before we burst on the scene, disciplines like Thang Ta were unheard of, but now through students like Saira, talent in all non-traditional sports is also getting an opportunity to get noticed. Congratulations to her."

Inter-Department Table Tennis Tournament Ends At KU



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: An Inter-Department Table Tennis Tournament for both Men and Women concluded at the University of Kashmir on Friday here.

The tournament was organised by the Directorate of Physical Education & Sports (DPES).

Fourteen departments of the university participated in the men's category, while seven departments took part in the women's category.

In men's category, the final match was played between the Institute of Technology Zakura and the Department of Law, wherein the IOT Zakura won by 2-0.

In the women's category, the

final match was played between the Department of Psychology and the Department of Food Technology, in which Department of Psychology won by 2-0.

A felicitation-cum-medal ceremony was held at DPES, where its Director Prof Showkat Ahmad Shah felicitated the winners.

Congratulating the winning teams and participants, he said the Directorate will field a Table Tennis (M/W) team in the upcoming North Zone Inter-University Championship to be held later this year by the Association of Indian Universities.

The event was attended by Dr Basharat Ali Assistant Director, Harbir Singh, Hockey Coach, Surjeet Kour, Sports Assistant, and Mirza Irshad of DPES.

England Break Record For Highest ODI Total With 498 Against Netherlands



Agencies

AMSTERDAM: England broke their own world record for the highest team total in one-day international (ODI) history after they scored 498-4 in 50 overs against a hapless Netherlands attack on Friday.

Jos Buttler, Dawid Malan and Phil Salt notched up centuries

while Liam Livingstone scored England's fastest ODI fifty. The previous record was England's 481 against Australia in 2018.

Malan (125) and Salt (122) laid the foundation for England's record score with a 222-run partnership before Buttler (162 not out) came in and accelerated the scoring in what was a brutal onslaught on the Dutch

bowlers.

In all, Buttler smashed seven boundaries and cleared the ropes 14 times while Livingstone, who reached his fifty in 17 balls, finished unbeaten on 66 off just 22 deliveries.

England now have the three highest scores in ODI history, having also scored 444 against Pakistan in 2016. (Reuters)

India Beat South Africa By 82 Runs In 4th T20I; Level Series 2-2



Press Trust of India

RAJKOT: India crushed South Africa by 82 runs in the fourth T20I to draw the five-match series level 2-2 here on Friday. India dished out a clinical performance as they posted a competitive 169 for six, riding on Dinesh Karthik's career-best 27-ball 55 and Hardik Pandya's 46 off 31 balls.

The hosts then returned to dismiss South Africa for 87 in 16.5 overs.

For India, Avesh Khan (4/18)

snapped four wickets in a sensational spell of fast bowling, while Yuzvendra Chahal (2/21) claimed two and Harshal Patel (1/3 in 2 overs) took one.

Invited to bat, India were in a spot of bother after being reduced to 40 for three in the 7th over but Pandya (46 off 31 balls) and Rishabh Pant (17 off 23 balls) added 41 off 40 balls to provide stability the innings.

Pandya and Karthik then forged a 65-run stand in 33 balls to take India to a good score.

For South Africa, Lungi Ngidi had the best figures of 3-0-20-2, while Marco Jansen (1/38), Anrich Nortje (1/21 in 3 overs), Dwaine Pretorius (1/41) and Keshav Maharaj (1/29) were also among wickets.

Brief Score:
India: 169 for 6 in 20 overs (Dinesh Karthik 55, Hardik Pandya 46; Lungi Ngidi 2/20)

South Africa: 87 all-out in 16.5 overs (Rassie van der Dussen 20, Avesh Khan 4/12)

Kohli Among 8 Indian Test Players To Leave For England



Agencies

MUMBAI: Even as the white-ball squad led by Rishabh Pant is engaged in a T20I series against South Africa at home, some key players of the Test squad, including former India captain Virat Kohli, have left for England for the rescheduled Test at Birmingham.

The selection committee had a few days back named India's 17-member Test squad for the fifth rescheduled Test against England to be played at Edgbaston, Birmingham from July 1-5. India currently lead the Test series 2-1.

On Thursday, BCCI tweeted photos of the players that are not involved in the South Africa series and left for England.

Rohit to leave later

The players that departed for England on Thursday include Kohli, opener Shubman Gill, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Cheteshwar Pujara. In all BCCI tweeted photos of eight players from the squad of 17 that left for England.

Skipper Rohit Sharma, who is yet to recover from his injuries, will leave for England in a few days along with those involved

in the South Africa series, while opener K.L. Rahul will miss the entire tour of England as he will be flying to Germany for the treatment of his groin injury. Earlier, the right groin injury had resulted in Rahul being ruled out of India's ongoing T20 series on the eve of the opening match in New Delhi.

"That is correct, the board is working on his fitness and he will be going to Germany soon," BCCI secretary Jay Shah was quoted as saying in a report by Cricbuzz on Thursday. The report added that Rahul may leave for Germany by the end of this month or in early July. (IANS)

With 6 Ducks, Bangladesh Out For 103 Vs. West Indies



Agencies

NORTH SOUND (Antigua): Bangladesh gained another share of an unwanted record when six players were out for ducks in their paltry first innings of 103 on the first day of the first Test against the West Indies.

Of the seven instances in which there have been six ducks in a Test innings, Bangladesh now is responsible for three, including in the first innings of their previous Test against Sri Lanka last month.

Bangladesh owed almost half its first innings total to reluctant captain Shakib al Hasan who made 51. Veteran opener Tamim Iqbal made 29 and Litton Das made 12 as the only other players to reach double in a depleted batting lineup. The innings last-

ed only 32.5 overs.

The West Indies fast bowlers were outstanding on a brown first day pitch, which occasionally provided uneven bounce. Captain Kraigg Brathwaite called for the heavy roller between innings and the West Indies comfortably reached 95-2 by stumps. Braithwaite was 42 not out and Nkrumah Bonner 12.

The West Indies won the toss and were able to bowl, which usually is the favoured decision at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

Jayden Seales took 3-33 from 10 overs and Alzarri Joseph returned the same figures from 8.5 for a career-best haul. Kumar Roach began the decline of the Bangladesh innings with two early wickets and finished with 2-21, while Kyle Mayers took 2-10 from five overs. (AP)

Bowlers Power Sri Lanka To Win Over Australia



Agencies

KANDY: Sri Lanka's Chamika Karunaratne picked up three wickets, including the crucial one of Glenn Maxwell, to trigger an Australian collapse as the hosts won the rain-hit second one-day international by 26 runs on Thursday to level the series.

Australia were cruising at 123-3 in pursuit of 216 in 43 overs when spinner Dunith Wellalage (2-25) removed Travis Head (23) and Marnus Labuschagne (18) in quick succession before Karunaratne (3-47) and Dushmantha Chameera (2-19) ensured a Sri Lankan victory in front of a

packed house in Pallekele.

Australia's top seven all got into double figures but failed to kick on, with Wellalage and Dhananjaya de Silva (2-26) both doing a fine job of stifling them in the middle overs on a slowish pitch.

Earlier, Australia elected to field and restricted Sri Lanka to 220-9 in 47.4 overs before rain brought a premature end to the innings. Kusal Mendis top-scored for the hosts with 36 while Pat Cummins returned figures of 4-35.

The third game of the five-match series takes place in Colombo on Sunday.

Fifa Announces Host Cities For 2026 World Cup



Agencies

NEW YORK: Los Angeles, Toronto and Mexico City have been named among the host cities for the 2026 World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico, marking the first time the tournament will be shared by three different countries.

World soccer governing body FIFA announced the 16 cities – 11 in the United States, three in Mexico and two in Canada – that were successful from the 22 bids put forward in a special event at the Rockefeller Center in New York on Thursday.

However, there was no indication where the opening game or the final would be played.

The United States will host games in Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Dallas,

Atlanta, Houston, Boston, Philadelphia, Miami and New York/New Jersey.

Mexico, who hosted the World Cup in 1970 and 1986, will stage games in Mexico City, Guadalajara and Monterrey, while Canada, which is hosting the men's event for the first time, will do so in Vancouver and Toronto.

"It was the most competitive process for a FIFA World Cup, we'll have the world coming here, we'll have an exciting tournament," FIFA president Gianni Infantino said.

He added that no decision had been taken on where the final would be played.

Cincinnati, Denver, Nashville, Orlando, Washington DC/Baltimore and Edmonton were the cities that missed out.