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To think too much is a disease

- Fyodor Dostoevsky

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NEWS DIGEST

J&K Clocks 38 New Corona Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 38 new Covid cases on Thursday that took the infection tally to 4,54,623, officials said. No Covid-related death was reported, they said. Of the new cases, 25 were reported from the Jammu division while 13 were from the Kashmir valley, officials said. The death toll stands at 4,755, they said. There are 220 active cases, while the overall recoveries have More on P6

Missing Teen Girl Found Dead

SRINAGAR: Body of a teenage girl from Damhal Hanjipora area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district, who was missing since June 12, was recovered from a river in the district on Thursday, officials said.

They said that the girl identified as Khushboo Jan (17) daughter of Jahangir Ahmad Naikoo was missing since June 12 from her home in Koreal Manzgam area. He said that her body was recovered from More on P6

15 People Injured By Stray Dogs

SRINAGAR: At least 15 persons including a teacher and two children were injured in an attack by stray dogs in North Kashmir's Handwara on Thursday. Locals injured at least 15 persons in Gundchobutara Kralgund village of Handwara, who were all shifted to District Hospital Handwara for treatment. Sarpanch Naseer Ahmed Khan said that among the 15 people bitten by canines, More on P6

3 Booked For **Possessing AK-47 Rounds**

ANANTNAG: Police have booked three youth including two students under the Unlawful **Activities Prevention Act (UAPA)** for possessing ammunition and having links with militants here in South Kashmir's Bijbehara town of Anantnag.

Police have recovered 20 rounds of AK-47 from the possession of these three persons, a local news agency KNT reported Thursday. Quoting Police sources, the report said that an FIR More on P6

Flood Threat Over As Water Level Recedes In Jhelum



Agencies

Srinagar: The flood situation in Kashmir Valley showed marked improvement on Thursday as water level in Jhelum and other water bodies receded considerably.

From reaching 22.09-ft at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the water level in Jhelum at Sangam

No Major

Activity Till

June 30: MeT

Rainfall

gauge in south Kashmir was at 18.29 at noon on Thursday, an official of Irrigation and Flood Control department said, as per news agency GNS.

However he said the water level was still above the 'flood declaration mark' of 18-ft.

At Ram Munshi Bagh here, the Jhelum was flowing at 19.2-ft at noon against 19.77-ft at 4 a.m. today. "The water level is expected to reduce further as the day progresses," said the official. The water level was still above the danger mark of 18-ft when flood was declared in Srinagar.

At Asham in northern Kashmir's Bandipora district, the official said, the Jhelum level was at 12.58ft, almost 2-ft below the mark More on P6

eatherman on Thursday said that there was no major rainfall activity expected in Jammu and Kashmir till the end of this month. A meteorological department official here said that mainly dry weather was expected over the plains of Jammu and Kashmir with very light rain or thundershowers at one or two places over the higher reaches in the next 24 hours. He said fair to partly cloudy weather becoming More on P6

No Infiltration In Keran **Sector In Over** A Year: Army

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: No infiltration attempt was successful along the Line of Control (LoC) in lammu and Kashmir's Keran sector in over a year as there is multi-tier deployment of troops and surveillance equipment to maintain vigil, a senior Army officer said here.

Troops deployed along the LoC in the sector have intercepted terrorists twice in over a year, Brigadier Tapas Misra of the 268 Infantry Brigade said during an interaction with the media here.

The 268 Infantry Brigade headquartered Pharkian. It is responsible for manning the 55-km-long LoC in the sector in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

"We have intercepted twice. There has been no successful infiltration in our area," Misra said.

Brigadier Misra said a multi-tier deployment was in place to stop infiltration.

"Some of it is physical, some is electronic. It is a great combination of man, machine and surveillance. due to which we are able to ensure that no infiltration happens," he added.

The Army officer said the ceasefire agreement reiterated in February last year was holding up well and no incident of violation has taken place so far.

He, however, added that ceasefire or not, troops would guard the border.

"We have to be alert, and the boys are all up and about. We are More on P6

Highway To Remain Closed For 4th Day Today



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Traffic on Jammu-Srinagar, the only surface link connecting Kashmir Valley with the outside world, shall remain closed on Friday for the 4th consecutive day, officials said.

The thoroughfare remained closed due to multiple landslides triggered by incessant rains, officials said

"Tomorrow on 24-06-2022, movement of all type of vehicles shall remain suspended on Jammu-Srinagar highway in view of major landslide near Dewal bridge which has damaged both tubes of highway road where restoration work could not be

completed till today evening and will continue tomorrow also," a traffic department official told GNS. "Restoration work at t2 tunnel has also not been complete."

Likewise vehicular movement from Jammu to Chenani, Patnitop, Doda, Ramban, Gool, Banihal, Srinagar and vice-versa shall also remain suspended because of closure of highway near Dewal bridge, he said.

"People are requested not to undertake any journey on Jammu- Srinagar NHW and other mentioned routes till clearance work is completed."

Meanwhile in order to assess the ground situation that arose due to More on P6

TRUCKERS UPTO TEN TYRE are advised to use Mughal road from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa."

J&K Assembly To Miss Prez Polls For 2nd Time In History

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: As India elects its next president on July 18, the Legislative Assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will not be a part of the exercise for the second time in the history of the election to the top constitutional post.

There have been precedents of legislative assemblies of states not being part of the presidential polls on account of their dissolution, the first such instance being of Gujarat in 1974.

The assemblies of Assam, Nagaland and Jammu and Kashmir too could not participate in subsequent elections on account of dissolution.

In the present case, the Assembly

Jammu and Kashmir is yet to be constituted after the erstwhile state was bifurcated into the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in 2019.

The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act provides for a Legislative Assembly for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, but the election is yet to be held due to various reasons.

In 1974, Gujarat was in the throes of the Navnirman movement, which led to the dissolution of the state government headed Chimanbhai Patel.

Against the backdrop of demands to postpone the presidential polls, a reference was made to the Supreme Court to get its opinion More on P6

AMARNATH YATRA

LG Reviews Security Preparations In Unified Command Meet

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday chaired a meeting of top brass security and reviewed the security arrangements and preparations for the annual Amarnath Yatra scheduled to begin next week amid heightened security.

The LG chaired the Unified Meeting in Command Srinagar which was attended by Chief Secretary and senior security officers from the Home Department, J&K Police, Army, Intelligence Agencies, CRPF, BSF and others, an official spokesperson said.



He said that the officers apprised the LG Governor about the overall security situation while threadbare discussions were held on various arrangements related to Shri "Detailed plans More on P6

5000 Personnel To Be Deployed In Jammu **City For Security**

s many as 5,000 security personnel will be deployed in the Jammu city as part of the multi-tier security arrangement for the Amarnath Yatra which begins later this month. The 43-day pilgrimage is scheduled to start on June 30 after a two-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic. The journey will begin from both the routes -- the traditional 48-km route from Nunwan in Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag, and 14-km shorter but More on P6

25,000 Devotees **Visit Sufi Shrine On IB**

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The annual fair at the Baba Chamliyal shrine along the International Border in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir saw a huge rush of devotees on Thursday as it was being held after a gap of two years due to Covid, officials said.

According to a police official, nearly 25,000 devotees from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir and neighbouring states have visited the shrine till 2 pm.

The shrine of Baba Dalip Singh Manhas, known as the symbol of the Indo-Pakistan bonhomie in the past, did not see any visitors from the neighbouring country for the fifth straight year More on P6

HC Stays Man's Detention Under PSA On Medical Grounds

Basit Amin Makhdoomi

Srinagar: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has stayed the detention order under Public Safety Act (PSA) against a Srinagar resident on precarious health ground.

A single bench of J&K, Ladakh High Court M. A. Chaudary was hearing a habeas corpus petition challenging the detention order under PSA issued by District Magistrate Srinagar on April 05, this year against Ajaz Ahmad Rah of Srinagar.

The petitioner inter alia, challenged the detention order on the ground that the allegations made against him "are vague and indefinite and no prudent man can make an effective representation against these allegations".

Rah, was apprehending arrest

under an order passed by District Magistrate Srinagar on April 5, 2022 for the activities prejudicial to the security of the state.

While issuing notice to the respondents the bench directed the UT administration to file obiections within two weeks. "In the meantime, the execu-

tion of the impugned order is stayed subject to objections from the other side and till the next date before the bench," the court said

Keeping in view the complicated medical condition of the petitioner and the fact that that the order passed in the first week of April has not been executed so far by the respondents, the bench passed the directions of staying the operation of the

The petitioner More on P6

Report Paints Scary Picture Of Damage Caused Due To Tourist Influx In Himalayan States

Agencies

NEW DELHI: The barely 10 sq kms Leh town saw a total of 20.918 quintals waste - both biodegradable and non-biodegradable - generated in just 11 months from June 2021 till April 2022. However, of that, only 1,387 quintal waste - plastic bottles, multi-layer plastics, cardboards, tin, etc. - were sold for reuse while 19,531 quintal waste was deposited at the municipal processing site.

Reason: The increasing tourist inflow in the fragile trans-Himalayan landscape. Due to improving and affordable connectivity, particularly air travel, the tourism sector is booming in India and there has been an immense growth in infrastructure.

been sustainable and the tourists' have not exactly helped in economic prosperity, rather caused trouble for local land-

scape and biodiversity.

These are the findings of a damning report 'Environmental Assessment of Tourism in the Indian Himalayan Region', submitted to the Environment Ministry in compliance with a National Green Tribunal (NGT) order. The report, submitted earlier this month, was prepared by Govind Ballabh Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE), Almora.

After assessing every single state/UT - UT of Ladakh, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, West Bengal Hills & Darjeeling,



Assam Hills, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Meghalaya - for tourist numbers, municipal facilities for waste treatment, air and water quality and biodiversity listing etc., the report came up with some common actions/

suggestions for the entire Indian Himalayan Region (IHR).

The pointers included estimation of tourist carrying capacity, promotion of green tourism, green-premium tax on tourists, accelerate the de-carbonisation of tourism

operations, carbon taxes, biofuel subsidies, vehicle purchase subsidies, planning and zoning restrictions, restriction on use of vehicles in eco-sensitive areas, feed-in tariffs for renewable energy, establishment of proper waste segregation and management systems in tourist spots, establishment of ecofriendly bio-digester toilets in high altitude trek routes, etc. Apart from the worries about

water and air quality management - often discussed and written about issues - the report also highlighted that solid waste management has come up as a

major problem for the IHR. For instance, in Uttarakhand, currently there are 91 urban local bodies targeting the population of 34,40,814 More on P6



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'Typhoid-Causing Bacteria Have Become Increasingly Resistant To Essential Antibiotics'

Press Trust Of India

Bacteria causing Typhoid fever are becoming increasingly resistant to some of the most important antibiotics for human health, according to a study published in The Lancet Microbe journal.

The largest genome analysis of Salmonella enterica serovar Typhi (S. Typhi) also shows that resistant strains -- almost all originating in South Asia -- have spread to other countries

nearly 200 times since 1990. The researchers noted that Typhoid fever is a global public health concern, causing 11 million infections and more than 100,000 deaths per year. While it is most prevalent in South

Asia which accounts for 70 per cent of the global disease burden it also has significant impacts in sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia, and Oceania, highlighting the need for a global response, they said.

Antibiotics can be used to successfully treat typhoid fever infections, but their effectiveness is threatened by the emergence of resistant S. Typhi strains.

Analysis of the rise and spread of resistant S. Typhi has so far been limited, with most studies based on small

"The speed at which highly-resistant strains of S. Typhi have emerged and spread in recent years is a real cause for concern, and highlights the need to urgently expand prevention measures, particularly in countries at greatest risk," said study lead author, Jason Andrews, from Stanford University, US.

"At the same time, the fact resistant strains of S. Typhi have spread internationally so many times also underscores the need to view typhoid control, and antibiotic resistance more generally, as a global rather than local problem, Andrews said.

In the new study, the researchers performed whole-genome sequencing on 3,489 S. Typhi isolates obtained from blood samples collected between 2014 and 2019 from people in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Paki-



stan with confirmed cases of typhoid

A collection of 4,169 S. Typhi samples isolated from more than 70 countries between 1905 and 2018 was also sequenced and included in the analysis. Resistance-conferring genes in the 7,658 sequenced genomes were identified using genetic databases. Strains were classified as multidrugresistant (MDR) if they contained genes giving resistance to classical front-line antibiotics ampicillin. chloramphenicol, and trimethoprim/ sulfamethoxazole.

The authors also traced the presence of genes conferring resistance to macrolides and quinolones, which are among the most critically important antibiotics for human

The analysis shows resistant S. Typhi strains have spread between countries at least 197 times since 1990. While these strains most often occurred within South Asia and from South Asia to Southeast Asia, East and Southern Africa, they have also been reported in the UK, US, and Canada, the researchers said. Since 2000, MDR S. Typhi has de-

clined steadily in Bangladesh and India, and remained low in Nepal, though it has increased slightly in Pakistan.

However, these are being replaced by strains resistant to other antibiotics, they said. For example, gene mutations giving resistance to quinolones have arisen and spread at least 94 times since 1990, with nearly all of these (97 per cent) originating in South Asia.

The study found that quinolone-resistant strains accounted for more than 85 per cent of S. Typhi in Bangladesh by the early 2000s, increasing to more than 95 per cent in India, Pakistan, and Nepal by 2010.

Mutations causing resistance to azithromycin a widely used macrolide antibiotic have emerged at least seven times in the past 20 years. In Bangladesh, strains containing

these mutations emerged around 2013, and since then their population size has steadily increased.

The findings add to recent evidence of the rapid rise and spread of S. Typhi strains resistant to third-generation cephalosporins, another class of antibiotics critically important for human health.

The authors acknowledge some limitations to their study.

There remains an underrepresentation of S. Typhi sequences from several regions, particularly many countries in sub-Saharan Africa and Oceania, where typhoid is endemic. More sequences from these regions are needed to improve understanding of timing and patterns of spread,

اندرانی خاندان کوصدمه

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Office of The Regional **Transport Officer Kashmir**

NOTICE

Whereas, a joint application has been received from Shri Shabir Ahmad Dar S/o Ghulam Qadir Dar R/o Hazratbal Srinagar (Transferor) and Kasar Ahamd Najjar S/o Gh Hassan Najar

R/o Rampora Chattabal Sgr (Transferee) for transfer of Maxi Cab carriage route Permit No 4194/MC Covering Vehicle No

Now, therefore, it is notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit / vehicle shall be filled in writing in the office of the Regional

Transport Officer, Kashmir, Within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily News Paper Kashmir Observer. Seller and purchaser identified by the authorized representa-

tives of M/S STWCO Namely Bagh Hussain

NOJK-RTOK 4019 Dated: 23/06/2022 Regional Transport Office, Kashmir

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

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

S/o Abdul Aziz Dar R/o Watal Pora

Details of Marks Certificate lost Secondary School Examination (class 10th) Roll No 121008263 Session / Year 2021

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

Sub Office Magam

ازنیابت وترگام مضمون كاغذات درخوات منجانب عاقب طاريق نجار ولدطاريق احمه نجارسا كنه گنڈ ملراج تخصيل وتر گام بمرادعطا كي سوشل كاسٹ رنفیکیٹ بزمرہ نجار نجق خود اشتہار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام عامله مندجه عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سائل دفتر نډامیس زیرکاروئی ہےاس سلسلے مین پڑواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمولدر یکار ڈ طلب کیا گیا ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ماکل موضع گنڈ ملراج میں رہایش پزیرہے اور بھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہےاورسائل نجارزات تے تعلق رکھتا ہے سائل کا کمبہ طاريق احمد نجار تركھان گھر پلوکام سميره طاريق ا قب طائرق ئسن طاريق مومن طاريق فثر ت طاريق س کے علاوہ کوئی افراد کہمہ نہیں ہے سر لفیکیٹ زیر بحث اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی مخض کوئی عذریا

Subject: - Grant of Registration of Paying Guest House/ Home

عتراض ہوتو وہ اپناعذریااعتراض ساتھ یوم اندر دفتر ہذامیں پیش کرے معیادگرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذریا

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Executive Engineer

Special Sub Division Gurez

stay under the name and style "Home Sweet Home" Situated at Kursoo, Rajbagl **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Where, I TAHIRA SIDDIQUI W/O NAZIR AHMAD QAZI R/o Pine Enclave . Baghat Barzulla Kashmir intends to apply in the Directorate of Tourism for registration of my proposed Paying Guest House under the name and style "Home Sweet Home" situated at Kursoo, Rajbagh, Srinagar Kashmir under the Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011.

Whereas, I will submit Building Permission with site plan approved by the competent Authority , Revenue Document , land ownership certificate from concerned Tehsildar, Character Certificate of Competent Authority/Police, PHE/ PDD Bill (Current), Two passport size photograph of the applicant, photograph of the residential house and kitchen with family, Non conviction affidavit on prescribed format, ID Proof, Pan Card etc. as it is required.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011 before my case is processed for registration by the competent authority. The matter is hereby notified for information of general Public /Financial Institution /Bank/ Organizational for objection, etc, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration TRC Srinagar, Kashmir (email id: - ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspapers of the valley. Objections received beyond the period of 7 days from the publication shall not be entertained and the case shall be processed under rules as per the merit.

W/O Nazir Ahmad Oazi R/O Pine Enclave, Baghat Barzalla Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the Number Plate of my vehicle Bearing registration No: JK03F-9861. Now I am applying for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the ARTO ANANTNAG within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the Number Plate of my vehicle Bearing registration

No: JK03A-5772. Now I am applying for the duplicate of the same

if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/

her objection in the office of the ARTO ANANTNAG within a period

of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After

Name: Ishfaq Ahmad Wani S/O:- Assadullah Wani R/o:- Voi Bumdoora

that no objection shall be entertained.

Name: Rivaz Ahmad Dar

No: MHCHD/TS/2497-2501

R/o:- Old IddGah Anantnag

S/o:- Gull Mohd Dar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have a Pnb Metlife policy under policy no .23559383 .In the name of BILAL MALIK S/O.MOHAMMAD SHAFI GANIE but my correct name is BILAL AHMAD MALIK S/O.GHULAM HASSAN MALIK now I want to correct it if anybody have objection may contact Pnb Metlife office Anantnag within 7 days after that no objection will be entertaining.

BILAL AHMAD MALIK S/O.GHULAM HASSAN MALIK **R/O.DK MARG KULGAM ANANTNAG 192231**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the Name of my son from Koausar Khursheed to Mohammad Zyan . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Tyndle Bisco & Millinson School (Tangmarg) within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Khursheed Ahamd F/o Mohammad Zyan (New Name) Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SPECIAL SUB DIVISION GUREZ

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

2nd Call E-NITNo. 21/REW/2022-23/EE/SSDG/2994-3004 Dt-21-06-2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&Ke-tenders are invited on Percentagebasis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-:

	S. No	Name of Work	Estimated	Cost of	Time of	Earnest	Major Head of	Class of
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П	2	Renovation of Block Office Building at Gurez	3.775	200	15 days	7550	DDC Grants	DEE
	3	Development of sports field at barnai	4.75	200	15 days	9500	BDC Grants	DEE
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Position of AAA:- Accorded Position of funds: Committed

All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

The NITConsisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below

S. No.	Particulars	Dated				
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice.		21-06-2022			
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	22-06-2022	(10:00AM)		
		То	30-06-2022	(04:00PM)		
3	Bid submission Start Date	From	22-06-2022	(10:00AM)		
4	Bid Submission End Date	То	30-06-2022	(4:00PM)		
6	Date and time of opening of bid (online)		30-06-2022	(05:00 PM)		
		In the office of Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez				

2. Bids must be accompany ed with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour ofExecutive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez Major Head 0515-Rev:Misc) [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. 0.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dtd 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan/CDR/FDR should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez (Tender receiving Authority).

All bidders have to pay 2% of advertised cost of the work as earnest money deposit (EMD) in shape of CDR pledged to Executive Engineer Special sub Division Gurez at the time of uploading of tender.

The 1stlowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract value as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/pledged to Executive Engineer Special sub Division Gurez within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP. Special Condition: As per Govt. Order No: 238 -FD OF 2021 Dated: 07-09-2021

Participation/Allotments of works can be limited to members of Gram Sabha of each panchayat upto amount of 3.00 lacs only and participants should be registered with District Development Commissioner BANDIPORA No Objection Certificate/ Bio Data for e-Tender Note: The below details are required fo e-tendering

participation in Panchayat (Annexure A) The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez.

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of Opening of Technical bids. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. acquaint bid submission process.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic fornat with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid

e. **4.** Time Extension The work is to be completed within the time limit specified in the NIT and the timeof completion will also increase / decrease in proportion with additional /

deleted quantum of work depending upon the actual quantum of work Request for extension of time shall be made by the contractor in writing not later than fifteen days of happening of the event causing delay. The contractor shall also indicate in such a request the period for which extension is desired.

Abnormal/ bad weather or serious loss or damage by fire or civil commotion, strike or lockout (other than among the labour engaged by the contractor) affecting any or the trade employed on the work, or non-availability of departmental stores. Any other cause which in the absolute discretion of the accepting authorities

On contractor's representation based on the grounds as detailed above the time for completion of the work may be extended by a period considered reason-

able by the Department.

Extension of time shall be also admissible in the event of temporary suspension of work. The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirement a/s laid down in NIT

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR

(Tele-fax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

e-NIT NO: MHCHD/TS /2022-23/44/e-tendering

Dated:-21.06.2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT of J&K e-tenders are invited from registered firms registered under companies Act or Registered A class Civil/ Electrical Contractor with J&K Govt. or MSME/NSIC registered for the below mentioned work:-

П	S.	Name of Work	Est. Cost	Cost of T/	EMD Amount	Time of	AA Accorded Vided	
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Fortis Team In Srinagar

Parkinson' Disease **Curable: Dr Jindal**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Neuro-Modulation Team from Fortis Hospital led by Dr Anupam Jindal in Srinagar addressed a press conference on Thursday.

Dr Jindal said that a 64-year-old Patient was facing a distressing time as he was suffering from Parkinson's Disease and exhibited symptoms such as trembling of hands, arms, head, difficulty in speaking, stiffness of limbs and impaired coordination.

"He had become non-responsive to medicines and his symptoms had been progressing, while severely hampering his mental and physical health".

Unable to bear the discomfort, the Patient approached Fortis Hospital Mohali, recently.

The Neuro-Modulation Team at Fortis Mohali discussed the Patient's case thoroughly and subsequently performed Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery.

"Deep Brain Stimulation involved implanting electrodes inside the brain to produce electrical impulses, which helps treat affected cells and chemicals in the brain"

Burglars Loot 3 Shops At Forest Lane, Lal Chowk

Agencies

Srinagar: Shopkeepers at Forest Lane of Srinagar city Thursday claimed that burglars looted ready-made garments worth lakhs from the three shops during the intervening night of

Wednesday and Thursday. Police rushed to the spot to take stock of the situation.

As per shopkeepers, they found the shutters of three shops half-open with broken locks after arriving in the market.

"Burglars have looted readymade garments worth over 6 lakhs from the shop number 34 belonging to Ghulam Rasool Dhobi of Bemina, shop number 50 owned by Bilal Ahmed of Rainawari and shop number 60 belonged to Deen Muhammad, a resident of Lal Bazar area of Srinagar outskirts," the shopkeepers said.

President Forest Lane Shopkeep ers Association, Mufti Abdul Hamid Shah said that this is the third incident of burglary in the same market. "For past 50 years, the market has never witnessed any theft incident but now burglars loot it at will," he said, adding that they have approached the police to ensure swift action.

He said that thieves have unsuccessfully tried to break the locks of other shops as well.



A gleaming view of sunset over Dal Lake captured by KO lens man Abid Bhat

Miraculous Escape For Families As Houseboat Sinks In Dal Lake

Agencies

Srinagar: Seven tourists and two families had a miraculous escape on Thursday after a houseboat capsized into the Dal Lake following incessant rains in the Kashmir Valley over the past few days.

Mohammad Yousuf, owner of the house boat said his houseboat "Kolhai" sank into the Dal Lake today morning and said that besides two families there were seven tourists in the houseboat when it started to sink

He said that he along with other family members first evacuated the tourists as the houseboat was slowly sinking and somehow they managed to take them to a safer place. "After taking tourists to safer places, we evacuated other family mem-

Meanwhile, he said that their house boat is old and they had requested the authorities to give them permission so that they can repair it, however, their pleas fell on deaf ears.

He added that had the government allowed them to repair the house boat, this incident would have not happened.

"We are now homeless, as the house boat has suffered massive damage. We appeal to the authorities to provide compensation, besides permission to repair our house boat," he said—(KNO)

Govt Sets Up Panel For Houseboats

gencies: The government on Thursday constituted a advisory-cum-regulatory committee for regulating compliance by houseboats, an official

The panel will be led by Director Tourism Kashmir while Vice Chairman, Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) will be Co-chairman. Besides, the committee will have five members including Deputy Director Tourism (Registration), Secretary, LCMA), Assistant Director, F&ES, Srinagar and two members nominated by chairman Kashmir Houseboat Owners Associa-

The order said that the committee will identify areas of concern regarding preservation of the lake body with regard to the houseboats, point out measures to be taken for increasing tourist influx to the lake and houseboats in particular and review measures for proper and scientific waste disposal from houseboats and any other areas of concern.

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sponsible for scrutinizing all documents of houseboat(s) for issuance/ renewal of registration. Ensuring adherence of the fire safety related guidelines by the houseboat owner(s), Ensuring functional bio-digester or similar Sewage Treatment system for Solid/Liquid Waste is installed and Making surprise inspections of houseboats to check overcharging by the Houseboats and facilities as per entitlement are made available to them," it added.(KNO)

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- 451 10th recorded perihelion passage of Halley's
- 843 Vikings destroy Nantes
- 972 Battle of Cedynia, the first documented victory of Polish forces; Mieszko I of Poland decisively defeated Odo I of Lusatia
- 1128 Afonso I of Portugal defeats army of his mother
- 1314 Battle of Bannockburn; Scotland regains independence from England
- . 1396 Crusaders under Earl of Nevers reach Vienna 1397 - Sultan Bajezid I releases captured crusaders
- 1529 Zürich and Catholic cantons sign Peace of Kap-
 - 1658 French fleet recaptures Duinkerk 1662 - Dutch invasion of Macau repulsed (Macau
- Day)
- 1795- US & Great Britain sign Jay Treaty, 1st US extradition treaty
- 1812-Napoleon Bonaparte's forces invade Russia crossing the Neman River
- 1866 -Second Battle at Custozza: the Austrian Imperial army, joined by the Venetian Army
- decisively defeated the Italian army, despite the Ital-
- ians' strong numerical advantage. 1898- American troops drive Spanish forces from La
- Guasimas, Cuba 1917 -Russian Black Sea fleet mutinies at Sebastopol
- 1922 -Adolf Hitler begins a month long prison sentence for paramilitary operations; he rails
- against the ' Jewish sell-out ' of Germany to the Bolsheviks
- 1930-1st radar detection of planes, Anacostia DC
- 1931- USSR & Depth and the state of the stat
- 1932- Coup ends absolute monarchy in Thailand
- 1940- France signs an armistice with Italy during WW

From KO Archives

New Delhi talks of Kashmir resolution

Asks Hurriyat to come up with suggestions

EHRADUN - The Centre today rejected the Hurriyat Conference's demand for inclusion in the Indo-Pak lialogue process hut said the conglomerate could give its suggestions for the resolution of the Kashmir issue. "There is no question of involving the Hurriyat in the Indo-Pak talks." Union Minister of Stale for Home Sriprakash Jaiswal told reporters here.

However, he said the Centre has opened its doors for the Hurriyat to give its suggestions for the resolution of the Kashmir issue. "Now the onus lies on the Hurriyat Conference as to when they want to come forward in this regard." he said, adding the Government was ready to hold dialogue with any group in Kash-

Chairman of the moderate Hurriyat faction Mirwaiz Umer Farooq who along with eight separatist leaders from Kashmir had visited Pakistan earlier this month, had said that the conglomerate should be included in the Indo-Pak dialogue process to find an amicable solution to the Kashmir problem.

Claiming that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir was better now than at any time during the last 15 years. Jaiswal said the UPA government had taken several steps, including the current round of Indo-Pak dialogue, to bring peace in the State. "Tourist traffic is increasing in Kashmir, which is an indicator for the improvement in the situation here. We have also extended the duration of Amarnath Yatra from 30 to 45 days." he said

He said the improvement was possible due to the economic package provided by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Referring to the northeast. Jaiswal expressed 'satisfaction' over the situation there and said talks were in progress at various levels

On the naxal menace prevalent in different parts of the country, Jaiswal asked the affected States to find a solution themselves. "A solution to end the naxal problem has to come from the States affected by it." he said, lauding the efforts of West Bengal

(Kashmir Observer, 24 June, 2005)

Budgam Boy Drowns To Death In Srinagar

Agencies

Srinagar: An 11 year old boy on Thursday evening drowned to death in Umerhair Buchpora area of Srinagar, official

sources said here. Official sources said that the boy identified as Arsalan Ahmad Sheikh

of Beerwah area of Budgam, who was

at his grandfather's residence at Umerhair Buchpora drowned in a Nallah this evening while taking bath

They said that the boy was fished out by a team of Ahmad Nagar police station with the help of locals and was subsequently shifted to hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

The officials said that police have taken cognizance of the incident.(KNO)

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KO VIEW

India-Pak dead-end

akistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, in a recent speech at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad, advocated renewed engagement with India, a stance that took people in South Asia by surprise. He questioned the merit of past policies pursued by Pakistan with regard to India, asking if these had helped Pakistan achieve its objectives, "be it Kashmir, be it the rising Islamophobia," He stressed that despite a "long history of war and conflict" with India, the disengagement is, however, not productive. Bhutto-Zardari acknowledged that Pakistan had been isolated globally due to its past policies adding that if his country had achieved economic engagement with India in the past, it would have been in a better position to influence Delhi's policy and prevent both countries from taking extreme positions,

The speech has generated some buzz and also a controversy with the hawks in Pakistan seeing it as a climbdown from Pakistan's hardline position on India. Nevertheless, Bhutto-Zardari's speech indicates an intention to break from the past as far as relations with India. But whether this could actually lead to an engagement with India can be anyone's guess.

True, the recent takeover of Shahbaz Sharif-led coalition government had generated some hope for a bilateral dialogue. But this has turned out to be a mirage so far. The new government in Pakistan has just sixteen months before the national elections are called in the country. But despite this, the exchange of letters between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sharif had created a faint hope of some engagement. PM Modi congratulated Sharif on his election and said India desired peace and stability in a region free of terrorism. Sharif tweeted back that the resolution of Kashmir was

The Sharif family is generally seen as friendly towards India and there is hope that the new Pakistan prime minister will take steps to restore some kind of a relationship with India. When PM Modi was sworn in in 2014, Nawaz Sharif was among the invited regional leaders who had visited India for the ceremony. And later in 2015, Modi had made an impromptu visit to Lahore to attend the wedding of Sharif's granddaughter. But the bonhomie between the two countries was cut short when the militants traced to Pakistan attacked an Army base in Pathankot. From thereon, the relationship went steadily downhill reaching its nadir when New Delhi abrogated Article 370 of constitution in August 2019.

The neighbors tried to pick up the pieces with the surprise re-affirmation of the 2003 ceasefire along the Line of Control in February 2021. Ever since, however, they have failed to build upon the truce and restore the dialogue. But so far nothing has changed. Here's hoping against hope.

OTHER OPINON

State of Inequality in India

verall, the findings of the inequality report clearly indicate that while there has been some improvement in the employment and income parameters in the recent pre-COVID-19 years, the benefit has been largely restricted to the dominant groups at the expense of the disadvantaged groups who have been marginalised and deprived of the gains. The trends in wage earnings clearly show that the gains have not only excluded the majority of the labour force at the bottom but also contributed to an uneven development and denied income gains and mobility to the disadvantaged social groups, especially women and the youth. This would have serious repercussions as these trends are likely to gain more momentum and again reduce participation rates and marginalise them further.

However, the growing disparities in the income earned in labour markets are only a partial reflection of the growing inequalities. The experience across the world has been that wealth inequalities, the data on which is largely restricted to rich countries, are usually much greater than income equalities. Such growing inequalities in income and wealth are rather distressing, especially in the context of the relatively smaller direct tax base of the economy where the tax rates on the higher-income groups are often lower than that in the developed economies.

But the most potent implication of the growing inequality highlighted in the report is its repercussion on the medium- and long-term growth. It is now increasingly recognised by economists across the world that higher inequality can emerge as a serious deterrent to growth. Even the publications of the International Monetary Fund vouch for the negative correlation between inequality and growth. In fact, the evidence they ferret out shows that an increase in the share of income of the top 20% leads to a deceleration in the gross domestic product growth in the medium term.

In contrast, any increase in the share of income of the bottom percentiles is usually associated with an acceleration of the medium-term growth rates. The reason for this is that a large number of poor and middle classes can do more for growth as they produce positive vibes through the interrelated economic, social, and political channels and provide the critical synergies needed for boosting growth.

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Inflation: Power Play Gone Wrong



YANIS VAROUFAKIS

But, today, demanding that workers forgo wage gains are absurd. All the evidence suggests that, unlike in the 1970s, wages are rising much more slowly than prices, and yet the increase in prices is not just continuing but accelerating

THENS - The blame game over surging prices is on. Was it too much central-bank being pumped out for too long that caused inflation to take off? Was it China, where most physical production had moved before the pandemic locked down the country and disrupted global supply chains? Was it Russia, whose invasion of Ukraine took a large chunk out of the global supply of gas, oil, grains, and fertilizers? Was it some surreptitious shift from pre-pandemic austerity to unrestricted fiscal largesse?

The answer is one that testtakers never encounter: All of the above and none of the above.

Pivotal economic crises frequently evoke multiple explanations that are all correct while missing the point. When Wall Street collapsed in 2008, triggering the global Great Recession, various explanations were offered: regulatory capture by financiers who had replaced industrialists in the capitalist pecking order; a cultural proclivity toward risky finance; failure by politicians and economists to distinguish between a new paradigm and a massive bubble; and other theories, too. All were valid, but none went to the heart of the matter.

The same thing is true today. The "we told you so" monetarists, who have been predicting high innation ever since central danks massively expanded their balance sheets in 2008, remind me of the joy felt that year by leftists (like me) who consistently "predict" capitalism's near-death - akin to a stopped clock that is right twice a day. Sure enough, by creating huge overdrafts for the bankers in the false hope that the money would trickle down to the real economy, central banks caused epic asset-price inflation (booming equity and housing markets, the crypto craze, and more).

But the monetarist story cannot explain why the major central banks failed from 2009 to 2020 even to boost the quantity of money circulating in the real economy, let alone push consumer price inflation up to their 2% target. Something else must have triggered inflation.

The interruption of Chinacentered supply chains clearly played a significant role, as did Russia's invasion of Ukraine. But neither factor explains Western capitalism's abrupt "regime change" from prevailing deflation to its opposite: all prices taking off simultaneously. This would require wage inflation to overtake price inflation, thus causing a self-perpetuating spiral, with wage rises feeding back into further price hikes which, in turn, cause wages to rise again, ad infinitum. Only then would it be reasonable for central bankers to demand that workers "take one for the team" and refrain from seeking higher wage settlements.

But, today, demanding that workers forgo wage gains are absurd. All the evidence suggests that, unlike in the 1970s, wages are rising much more slowly than prices, and yet the increase in prices is not just continuing but accelerating.

So, what is really going on? My answer: A half-century long power play, led by corporations, Wall Street, governments, and central banks, has gone badly wrong. As a result, the West's authorities now face an impossible choice: Push conglomerates and even states into cascading bankruptcies, or allow inflation to go unchecked.

For 50 years, the US economy has sustained the net exports of Europe, Japan, South Korea, then China and other emerging economies, while the lion's share of those foreigners' profits rushed to Wall Street in search of higher returns. On the back of this tsunami of capital heading for America, the manciers were building pyramids of private money (such as options and derivatives) to fund the corporations building up a global labyrinth of ports, ships, warehouses, storage yards, and road and rail transport. When the crash of 2008 burned down these pyramids, the whole financialized labyrinth of global just-in-time supply chains was imperiled.

To save not just the bankers but also the labyrinth itself, central bankers stepped in to replace the financiers' pyramids with public money. Meanwhile, governments were cutting public expenditure, jobs, and services. It was nothing short of lavish socialism for capital and harsh austerity for labor. Wages shrunk, and prices and profits were stagnant, but the price of assets purchased by the rich (and thus their wealth) skyrocketed. Thus, investment (relative to available cash) dropped to an all-time low, capacity shrunk, market power boomed, and capitalists became both richer and more reliant on central-bank money than ever.

It was a new power game.

The traditional struggle between capital and labor to increase their respective shares of total income through mark-ups and wage increases continued but was no longer the source of most new wealth. After 2008, universal austerity yielded low investment (money demand), which, combined with plentiful central-bank liquidity (money supply), kept the price of money (interest rates) close to zero. With productive capacity (even new housing) on the wane, good jobs scarce, and wages stagnant, wealth triumphed in equity and real-estate markets, which had decoupled from the real econ-

Then came the pandemic, which changed one big thing: Western governments forced to channel some of the new rivers of central-bank money to the locked-down masses within economies that, over the decades, had depleted their capacity to produce stuff and were now facing busted supply chains to boot. As the locked-down multitudes spent some of their furlough money on scarce imports, prices began to rise. Corporations with great paper wealth responded by exploiting their immense market power (yielded by their shrunken productive capacity) to push prices through the roof.

After two decades of a centralbank-supported bonanza of soaring asset prices and rising corpo rate debt, a little price inflation was all it took to end the power game that shaped the post-2008 world in the image of a revived ruling class. So, what happens

Probably nothing good. To stabilize the economy, the authorities first need to end the exorbitant power bestowed upon the very few by a political process of paper wealth and cheap debt creation. But the few will not surrender power without a struggle. even if it means going down in flames with society in tow.

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No Roads for Swanky Cars

ith passing time, families have expanded and so the use of cars and bikes has increased. Earlier, if there was one car for each family, now there are different cars for each member of a family. The number of vehicles commuting across the city has increased unprecedentedly in the past few decades, but unfortunately, the road structure across the city has remained unchanged and unaccommodating. The roads connecting

Srinagar are mostly narrow, there are almost no double lane roads, and in many places, roads are occupied by street vendors, causing traffic woes. The road infrastructure across Srinagar is deficit and poor, while road connectivity and potent road infrastructure is widely recognized as an important means to aid socio economic development. Although the government has initiated various projects at different levels, it has been more than a decade of constant

work without any end result. These projects need to pick up pace and efficiency, because it has become tough to commute throughout the city in the contemporary time. While the authorities are bragging about their efforts to transform Srinagar into a smart city, basic road structure remains in shambles. A 'smart city' does not initially require road paintings and graffitis, but a civil city planning, most important of which is road planning. But alas, it has been

more than decades of work, and we are still very far from becoming a planned and developed city, leave apart the idea of 'smart city'. Road widening is the need of the hour and the government needs to pay heed to what is important rather than wasting their conscience and resources upon things that don't do any good to the common people of the state

Sauliha Muneer

MINDFUL FRIDAYS

Hobbies as Game Changers

Hobbies are Game Changers for Your Kid's Mental Health

The beautiful thing about hobbies is that they can be just that relatively pointless activities that make you feel good—but they also have the potential to be much more. They may serve as models for success and accomplishment. They can impart to an adolescent priceless life lessons that last through the ages and improve the quality of life on the physical, emotional, and psychological levels



One of life's greatest pleasures is having a hobby, but throughout adolescence, this is commonly ignored. One of the best things you can do for your adolescent as a parent, mentor, or guardian is to support their hobbies.

Hobbies have the following benefits:

PREVENT BULLYING:

Adolescents can interact with classmates in a positive way and build strong social networks by participating in afterschool activities like music, painting, or sports. Your child's social skills may be 'exercised" if they have a reliable group of friends. Through their hobbies, adolescents can interact diplomatically with their classmates without resorting to violence or insults.

DETECT AND PREVENT EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR:

need it through turning to trusted adults more frequently, adult supervision, and friends. People are encouraged to refrain from engaging in delinquent behaviour,



such as substance addiction, by trying to offer support in a way that still respects their privacy and feeling of autonomy as

INCREASES SELF-ESTEEM:

We all know that self-esteem is crucial for adolescents. Hobbies and extracurricular activities have been found to be very beneficial for showcasing talents while creating a welcoming environment where teenagers feel protected and appreciated. Children who have high self-esteem frequently do better in school, have stronger family ties, and are less likely to use drugs or alcohol as a coping mechanism.

HELPS TO ESTABLISH FRIENDSHIPS:

When a child enters puberty, making friends can be challenging. Having a variety of interests and hobbies can help teenagers find friends who share their interests and get involved in positive activities. An adolescent can benefit from having friends who share their interests and can act as a support system. For instance, two friends who love photography may alternately teach each other new tips. Learning from peers can be an extremely useful strategy that could produce better results than constant lecturing from adults.

MAKE ADOLESCENTS COMPETENT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND HIGHER **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

Hobbies and extracurricular activities are advantageous for college applications and can frequently be added to resumes. Teenagers who participate in extracurricular activities not only tend to perform better academically, but they may also fetch them certificates that they can use to compete in various competitive exami-

REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF OBESITY AND SEDENTARY

The occurrence of obesity is increasing alarmingly particularly among children and adolescents. Hobbies can help children and adolescents spend less time in front of the television or computer or over other electronic devices and teach them good routines that they can carry with them for the rest of their lives.

MANAGE TIME:

Adolescents may learn time manage-

ment skills through engaging in hobbies. Rather than spending their whole free time sitting on a couch, they may learn to devote time to their hobbies because they want to, not because they have to. They learn to balance their hobby time with homework, family obligations, and social obligations—and that's not always simple.

DISCOVER THEIR IDENTITY:

Most adults are aware that creating an identity involves making mistakes: you try something, you don't like it, so you try something else. The ideal time to begin this process is during the adolescent years and hobbies can help in discovering and establishing identity.

9. HELP CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS:

It takes persistence and time to master a talent. Investing time in a hobby inevitably involves dealing with the ups and downs one experiences along the way. Almost every element of adult life benefits directly from having this competence.

10. HELPS TO DEAL WITH ADVERSITY: Things don't always go according to plan

when engaging in hobbies. Losing happens, for instance, in sports. Adolescents who know how to overcome the negative and focus on the positive have an advantage in life. As we all know, adversity happens and is inevitable, the sooner someone learns how to handle it, the better.

Some hobbies are merely enjoyable. And that's what makes them so wonderful. They are simply enjoyable things to do to pass the time; they are not part of work, school, or family and that is completely OK. Everyone requires a means of passing the time, releasing tension, and enjoying oneself simultaneously. The beautiful thing about hobbies is that they can be just that-relatively pointless activities that make you feel good-but they also have the potential to be much more. They may serve as models for success and accomplishment. They can impart to an adolescent priceless life lessons that last through the ages and improve the quality of life on the physical, emotional, and psychological levels.

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Covid, Kids and Speech Disorders

What Is The Reason Behind The Surge In Cases of Kids With Speech Disorders?

Satata Karmakar

OVID-19 Pandemic and lockdowns have triggered a sense of fear and anxiety across the globe. This phenomenon has led to many short-term as well as long term impacts on the mental health of children. Various factors impact that impacts the developmental outcomes of children and toddlers are their developmental age, pre-existing mental health condition, financial status, quarantine, COVID infections, family structure, screen viewing times, the opportunity for social exposure and play, and neglect, family discord, loss of a parent etc. These factors play important role in determining the quality and magnitude of impact on the developmental outcomes of our toddlers. TheHealthSite.com spoke to Dr Himani Narula Khanna, Co-founder & Director of Continua Kid, to understand more about this condition. Here's what she says.

COVID AND ITS IMPACT ON KIDS

COVID-19 has impacted the lives of children across the world in an unprecedented way, the essential step taken for prevention from COVID-19 infection has been isolation and social distancing strategies to protect children from the risk of infection. Some of the measures taken during lockdowns were the closure of schools, educational institutes, and activity areas. These inexorable situations lead

to an increase in the level of stress and anxiety in children as well.

A surge in cases of children having speech, behavioural, and developmental problems has been observed by child specialists, teachers, speech therapists and other developmental therapists. Doctors who are currently examining children born in the CO-VID era of age between 2-3 years report an increase in the number of children with speech and communication delays. Typically, a child begins to babble around the age of six months and says their first word between 10-12 months, by 18 months can speak at least 6-10 meaningful words and have a vocabulary of more than 200 meaningful words with the use of 2-word phrases to communicate at 2 years of age. Children learn by sensory inputs from surrounding, sounds of parents, conversations of family members and sounds in immediate surroundings that influence the development of speech. Research says that we need to speak at least 21000 words per day with a baby from 28 weeks of gestational age for them to acquire age-appropriate speech at 2 years of age.

During the Covid era with lockdowns, quarantines, social distancing and closure of schools and educational institutes led to an increase in the use of alternative methods of engaging children which includes increased exposure to screens and gadgets. On one side the worldwide recommendations on the use of



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screens say no screen time till 2 years of age and less than an hour from 2 to 6 years, the children were on screens for longer than 2 hours a day. Fewer members at home, working parents, and lack of exposure to social scenarios in play areas, day cares, schools, and activity areas further reduced their sensory and social exposure to the language leading to significant delays in social and communication

skills. In post COVID era children are still not able to speak a few words properly and have significant delays in their communication skills. Many children sound like cartoon characters, with robotic speech, and speak with the same accent as the cartoon. Speech for many is not meaningful; they are unable to express their needs and share their emotions in words. Children are experiencing challenges in interpreting and understanding various sensory inputs from the environment and are finding it difficult to adapt and interact with the change of going back to school or play areas. More and more professionals are reporting behavioural problems like separation anxiety, nervousness, fears, temper-tantrums, meltdowns, aggressive behaviours etc

Lockdowns have resulted in a spurt of need for child developmental experts like Developmental Pediatricians, speech language therapists, occupational therapists, Child psychologists and other rehabilitation experts. This must alarm us to empower our schools and teachers by training them on early identification, and behavioural strategies to manage children with developmental challenges in classroom environments. Parenting workshops can be good an initiative to empower parents with the parenting styles and tips. Accepting every child and being able to provide equal opportunity for all must be our vision.

- Health Site

Lawrence Bishnoi Admits To Planning Moosewala Killing Since Last August, Say Police

Chandigarh: Gangster Lawrence Bishnoi has admitted that he was the "mastermind" in Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala's killing and the planning was going on since last August, Punjab Police ADGP Pramod Ban said on Thursday.

Ban, who is also the head of the Anti-Gangster Task Force, said another accused, Baldev alias Nikku, a resident of Haryana's Sirsa district, was arrested on Thursday.

Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, also known as Sidhu Moosewala, was shot dead in Mansa district on May 29, a day after the Punjab government pruned the security cover of the singer and 423 people temporarily.
"We had recently arrested

Lawrence Bishnoi in the case and his remand was extended till June 27. He has admitted that he was the mastermind (in Moosewala's killing)," Ban told reporters here.

The plan to carry out the killing was being hatched since August last year. According to our information, recce was done thrice. In January too, a different group of shooters had come to kill Moosewala but could not do so," the ADGP said.

"We have arrested 13 people so far and the entire conspiracy has been unravelled," Ban said, adding that Lawrence has also admitted to using a mobile phone in Tihar Jail.

Asked if the weapons



recovered from the arrested shooters in the case by the Delhi Police were used in Moosewala's killing, he said they are waiting for the forensic analysis.

"We will have to get those weapons forensic checked to see whether those were used in this case, that is part of the investigation."

Ban said that fake passports made outside Punjab were used by Lawrence's brother Anmol and his associate Sachin Thapan to travel abroad earlier this year.

Bishnoi made them settle abroad from where they could coordinate, facilitate and successfully execute the crime without being noticed or held culpable, the police officer said.

A separate FIR has been lodged in Mohali in connection with the case of the fake passport, he said.

Bishnoi has confessed to hatching the conspiracy with Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar, Sachin Thapan and Anmol, he said.

Ban said the police have got details of associates, weapons suppliers, financers and others helping this gang in various activities. The police in various districts of the state have arrested 19 people linked to this gang.

The ADGP said a Punjab Police team is in the national capital for the questioning of arrested shooter Privavrat alias Fauji and others who are in the custody of the Delhi Police.

He said that within hours of Moosewala's killing, the Punjab Police made the first arrest in the case. Some of the accused involved in the crime had reached Mansa three to four days before the crime.

"As far as the arrest of the other accused goes, eight to nine teams of the Anti-Gangster Task Force are at the job. We are also in touch with other states and are hopeful of nabbing them soon," the ADGP said.

About the accused arrested on Thursday, Ban said Baldev was the main person who carried out recce with Sandeep, who has also been arrested.

Baldev took a selfie with Moosewala and he spoke to Goldy Brar and Sachin Thapan

over the phone and passed on information to the conspirators who had direct contact with the shooters, he said.

A court in Mansa had recently extended the police remand of Lawrence Bishnoi who was brought to the state by the Punjab Police from Delhi last week for questioning in the Moosewala murder case.

The Delhi Police had arrested three persons, including two shooters, in the case, officials had said on Monday adding that one of them was in touch with Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar at the time of the incident.

Eight grenades along with an under-barrel grenade launcher, nine electric detonators, one assault rifle along with 20 cartridges, three sophisticated pistols, 36 rounds and part of an AK series assault rifle had been seized from them, police said.

The explosives were a part of a backup plan in case the weapons did not function, they had said, adding the accused were identified as Priyavrat alias Fauji (26), a resident of Sonipat in Haryana, Kashish (24), also from the state's Jhajjar district, and Keshav Kumar (29), a resident of Bhatinda in Punjab.

The police had said that Priyavrat led a team of shooters and was in direct contact with Brar at the time of the incident. He is the main shooter and executioner of the murder, the Delhi Police had said.

National Herald case: ED Asks Sonia Gandhi To Depose Late July

Accepting a request for postponing questioning in the National Herald money-laundering case, the Enforcement Directorate has asked Congress president Sonia Gandhi to record her statement with the agency in the last week of July, officials said on

Thursday.
The 75-year-old Congress president, who was supposed to depose before the agency on Thursday, wrote a letter seeking more time on the grounds that the doctors had "strictly advised her to rest at home following her hospitalisation on account of Covid and lung infection".

Officials said she would be asked to record her statement in the last week of July. Gandhi was first issued notice for an appearance on June 8 but after she reported positive for COVID-19, a fresh notice for an appearance on June 23 was issued

The Congress president was on Monday discharged from a private hospital in Delhi where she had been admitted for COVID-related complications. She was admitted to the hospital on June 12, days after testing positive for COVID-19 on June 2.

While she was in the hospital, the Enforcement Directorate questioned her son Rahul Gandhi for 54 hours in five days.

The Income Tax department, which had been investigating the National Herald case since 2016, had filed a charge sheet alleging financial irregularities in the Congress-promoted Young Indian Private Limited, which owns the National Herald newspaper.

The move to question the Gandhis was initiated as the ED recently registered a fresh case under the criminal provisions of the PMLA after a trial court here took cognisance of an Income Tax department probe against Young Indian, based on a private criminal complaint filed by Subramanian Swamy in 2013.

Sonia Gandhi and her son are among the promoters and majority shareholders of Young Indian with each having a 38 per cent stake in the company.

Swamy had accused the Gandhis and others of conspiring to cheat and misappropriate funds, with Young Indian paying only Rs 50 lakh to obtain the right to recover Rs 90.25 crore that the Associated Journals Limited (AJL) owed to the Congress.

In February last year, the Delhi High Court issued a notice to the Gandhis for their response to Swamy's plea, seeking to lead evidence in the matter before the trial court.

Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Pawan Bansal were questioned by the ED in this case in April.

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Flood Threat

when flood is sounded there.

Regarding some tributaries, the official said, the water level has receded below threat level now. He said Vishow Nallah at Khudwani Kulgam was flowing at 5.81m against the flood mark of 7.0m. At noon on June 22, the water level in Vishow Nallah at Khudwani Kulgam had reached 10.7m, he said. Similarly, he said, the level at Rambiyara Nallah at Wachi Shopian at noon was 1.99 m against danger mark of 5.7 while the nallah Lidder at Batkoot was flowing at 0.76m against the danger level of 1.65m.

Doodhganga Nallah at Barzulla here was flowing at 1.78m against the dangerous mark of 3.8m; Sindh Nallah at Doderhama was flowing 1.99m against 3.36m at last (June 22) noon.

Meanwhile, the weatherman on Thursday said that there was no major rainfall activity expected in Jammu and Kashmir till the end of this month.

A meteorological department offiial here said that mainly dry weather was expected over the plains of Jammu and Kashmir with very light rain or thundershowers at one or two places over the higher reaches in the next 24

He said fair to partly cloudy weather becoming cloudy towards late afternoon or evening was expected. "A brief spell of light to moderate rain/ thunderstorm can't be ruled out at isolated places," he said, adding, "Overall, there's no forecast of any Major rainfall activity till ending June.'

No Major Rainfall

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Meanwhile, he said, Srinagar received 3.1 mm of rainfall in the last 24 hours till 0830 hours and recorded a low of 10.8°C against 11.0°C on the previous night. The temperature, he said, was 5.0°C below normal during this time of the year for the summer

Qazigund had 8.0 mm of rainfall during the time and recorded a low of 12.0°C against 10.6°C on the previous night. The temperature was 2.3°C 'below' normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

Pahalgam received 4.2 mm of rainfall during the time and recorded a minimum of 8.6°C against 6.6°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.5°C below normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir during this time of the season, he said.

Kokernag had 13.8 mm of rain in the 24 hours and recorded a low of 10.7°C against 9.8°C on the previous night. It was 3.4°C 'below' normal for the place in south Kashmir during this time of the season, the official said.

Gulmarg received 10.0mm of rain during the time and recorded a low of 2.5°C against 3.2°C on the previous night, the official said. While 10.2°C is normal for the world famous skiing resort during this time of the season, the official said that the temperature was 7.7°C below normal for the famous place in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir received 2.0 mm of rainfall and recorded a low of 7.8°C against 9.7°C on the previous night. The temperature was 6.3°C below normal for the district, the offi-

Jammu received 1 mm of rainfall and recorded a low of 21.2°C against 18.7°C on the previous night, the official said.

The temperature was 4.9°C 'below' normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal had 8.6 mm of rain and recorded a low of 12.6°C; Batote had 44.2 mm of rain during the time and recorded a low of 11.7°C; Katra received 0.8 mm of rain and low 19.8.0°C while Bhadarwah received 2.2 mm of rain and had a minimum of 13.0°C, the official said. (GNS)

No Infiltration In Keran

maintaining our vigil," Misra said. Asked if the ceasefire agreement has helped in reducing infiltration, he said, "It is very difficult to correlate the two directly. The dynamics are different." On the presence of terrorists at launchpads across the LoC, the Army officer said there were inputs about it and the troops were on alert.

"We have ensured that we have whatever we need for our sector to keep the way it is. It has been reasonably good over the last year and so far this year." he said.

Asked if there was any incident of drone spotting, the officer said he was not aware of it. On whether any antidrone system was deployed in the sector. he said, "If somebody comes, we can detect it, we can see it, we will bring it down." Asked if anything has changed since former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan's exit, Brigadier Misra said, "It is too early for it to be visible or to manifest for us. So, can we put our guard down? No. Are we alert every night? Yes.'

Highway To

incessant rains and landslides. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Ramesh Kumar conducted an extensive tour of landslide hit areas on Highway in District Udhampur.

The Divisional Commissioner along with Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Krittika Jyotsna, SSP Vinod Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner. Mohammad Syed Khan, ASP Anwarul-Haq inspected the landslide spot near Toldi Nallah -Samroli stretch of Ĥighway, where men and machinery have been de-

ployed for expeditious clearance of road. The Divisional Commissioner asked the executing agencies to gear up men and machinery to remove landslides from highway and ensure that the road was made traffic worthy at the earliest.

The DC apprised the Divisional Commissioner that efforts were being made to restore the Highway, officials said. She said the men and machinery were working on war footing to restore Highway and partial restoration of vehicular movement was expected within 24 hours.

The DC further added that the general public has been advised to adhere to weather advisories and plan their journey accordingly. Stranded passengers were advised to call on 01992-272727-272728 helpline numbers for any kind of assistance.

It was informed that the road clearance work on Jammu-Srinagar Highway in Ramban District has

almost been completed while men and machinery was in place for clearance of stretches closed due to landslides. It is expected that the work will complete within hours.

The District Administration Ramban was providing shelter (accommodation) to passengers stranded in the district. The administration was also providing food facilities regularly. The Mughal road was also through

for traffic. "Truckers upto ten Tyre are advised to use Mughal road from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa."

The officials said there shall be no traffic movement on every Friday on Srinagar- Sonamarg-Gumri road from either side in view of maintenance and repair on Zojila axis.

J&K Assembly To

and nip any controversy in the bud.

The apex court had opined that the presidential polls had to be held and completed in such time as may enable the president-elect to enter the office on the expiry of the term of office of the outgoing president and therefore, the election should be held even if the Gujarat Legislative Assembly was not in existence then.

The Supreme Court had noted that Article 54 of the Constitution mentioned the houses of Parliament and legislative assemblies only for the purpose of showing the qualifications of the members of the electoral college.

"The elected members of a dissolved legislative assembly of a state are no longer members of the electoral college consisting of the elected members of both houses of Parliament and elected members of the legislative assemblies of the states and are, therefore, not entitled to cast votes at the presidential elections," the top court

In 1992, the legislative assemblies of Jammu and Kashmir and Nagaland were dissolved and thus, could not be part of the 10th presidential polls that elected Shankar Dayal Sharma to the top constitutional post.

In 1992, Jammu and Kashmir had gone unrepresented in the presidential polls as the election to the Lok Sabha too could not take place in the erstwhile state in 1991 due to insurgency.

However, in the July 18 presidential polls, five Lok Sabha members from the Union Territory — Farooq Abdullah, Hasnain Masoodi, Akbar Lone, Jugal Kishor Sharma and Jitendra Singh are eligible to cast their votes.

In 1982, when Giani Zail Singh was elected as the president, the legislators from Assam could not vote as the Assembly was dissolved.

LG Reviews Security

for telecom connectivity, health care, fire safety, electricity and water supply, weather forecasting, langar management, sanitation, lodging and disaster management were reviewed by the Lt Governor," he said.

According to the spokesperson, the LG also reviewed the detailed plans for all basic necessities including the security arrangements that have been put in place by J&K Police in tandem with Army and Central Armed Police Forces for all the Yatris and the service

Sinha, he said, expressed satisfaction

over the arrangements put in place by Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board (SASB) and other departments for the smooth and peaceful conduct of annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, which will start from 30th June.

"The government is committed to provide the best facilities for Yatris. The improvements have been made in the arrangements as compared to the previous years. All necessary facilities including traffic management, health, communication, water sanitation are in place. We are aware of the high altitude related issues and adequate number of oxygen cylinders, medical beds, emergency responders, doctors and nursing staff has been deployed to deal with any emergency situation,"

The spokesperson further said that CEO, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board also briefed the meeting about services to facilitate the Yatris and do's and don'ts for Yatris during the holy

pilgrimage. 5000 Personnel

steep Baltal route in Ganderbal dis-

trict of central Kashmir. "Adequate security has been put in place for the base camps and lodging places in the Jammu city. Security is a major challenge," Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Chandan Kohli told reporters in an interaction at an event organised by the Press Club Jammu here.

The SSP said adequate security measures have been put in place also around five registration centres, three token centres and 32 lodging centres. Pointing to major challenges, he said there are new security threat of sticky bombs, hybrid terrorists and IEDs dropped by drones.

He said the security setup has been drawn for convoys of Amarnath vehicles and area domination measures along road through which yatra convoys will pass.

Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) have also been put in place, he said. (PTI) 25,000 Devotees

even as the ceasefire agreement was

renewed in February last year.

Officials said there was no traditional exchange of 'Chadar' and 'Shakkar/ Sharbat', believed to have powers to heal various skin diseases, between the two sides at the shrine.

"The fair is being held with traditional fervour and enthusiasm... after a gap of two years," the BSF's Deputy Inspector General Surjit Singh Sekhon told reporters after offering a 'Chadar' on behalf of the force at the shrine.

The fair became popular in November 2003 following a ceasefire and parallel peace initiatives by both India and Pakistan. While it is held for three days on the Indian side, it is also held for a week in Saidanwali village in Pakistan's Sialkot district.

"Elaborate security and other arrangements have been put in place for the devotees who have been thronging the shrine since early this morning amid improved weather conditions," said Anuradha Gupta, the deputy commissioner of Samba.

"We have also offered a Chadar at the shrine on behalf of the district administration and the police, and prayed for peace and progress in Jammu and

Kashmir and the rest of the country," she said.

HC Stays Man's

through his counsel contended that he is suffering from HTN, right-sided paralysis (Hemiplegia) which was certified by Government SMHS Hospital, Srinagar in terms of the medical certificate issued to him. This complicated medical condition had made him extremely vulnerable, thereby constraining him to seek indulgence of the court for granting him interim protection till the time his habeas corpus petition is finally decided.

The respondents on their part were relying on the PSA dossier wherein it is alleged that the accused/petitioner came into contact with cadres of Islamic State of Jammu & Kashmir (ISJK), a proscribeď outfit, who motivated him to work as Over Ground Worker (OGW) for providing logistic "Ĥaving radicalized thoughts in

short span of time you became a staunch OGW of your area, besides preaches and propagates terrorist ideology in the area and motivated youth for joining unlawful activities in the area," the dossier reads.

It further alleged that in 2020 the accused arranged a room on rent for militants, and thereafter on May 20, 2020, the said militants fired upon BSF nafri during which two BSF personnel were injured and later succumbed to their

Contesting the plea the respondents stated that he was arrested in case FIR No. 48/2020 under Sections 320, 395 - IPC 7/25, 7/27 IA Act 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 39 UA (P) Act registered in Police Station Soura, Srinagar, The case stands challenged on December 19, 2020 before the TADA/POTA Court in Srinagar.

Relying on the dossier the respondents alleged that the petitioner has been found indulging in disturbing the public tranquility besides endangering human life, also causes impediment in the smooth economic development of

While granting the petitioner interim relief the court posted the matter again for final disposal.

Report Paints

generating 1,551.76 MTPD solid waste. There are a total 90 ULBs and 9 Cantonment Boards responsible for implementation of the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 (SWM, 2016) but most of the ULBs in the Uttarakhand do not comply with the prescribed guidelines, the report said.

Almost all states had more or less

the same story. The state/UT specific suggestion here for solid waste management included water ATMs as an alternative to packaged water; promoting clean water springs for drinking water purposes on the routes; waste recycling units for the segregated wastes instead of transporting it kilometres away to other states; and applying appropriate technologies for direct use, such as use of shredded plastic chips in road constructions.

One of the greatest threats to tourism is the risk of disasters, the report pointed out in the case of Darjeeling, where it has increased with time.

"Earthquakes and landslides are an annual phenomenon here especially during the rainy season which has intensified in the past decades. (But) the lack of technology and irregular monitoring of climate risks results in devastating effects on the tourist destination therefore it is necessary to equip the State with such technology which shall also assure optimal use of resources by preventing damages to infrastructures," the report said.

In the case of Manipur, the main hurdle of achieving sustainable tourism is the lack of research and knowledge, it said, and suggested, therefore, there is a need not only to study the intricacies of sustainable tourism but also its linkage with climate change.

In several states, the threat to the biodiversity of that state has been reported; however, data on the impact of tourism on the biodiversity is lacking.

Unavailability of separate data sets on tourist influx in protected areas of the state, especially through online portals of the state is another issue highlighted.

The report also highlighted some of the positive steps taken. In Arunachal Pradesh, for instance, in 2021, the state adopted 'Pakke Tiger Reserve 2047 Declaration on Climate Change Resilient and Responsive Arunachal Pradesh' that aims to promote development that is climate-resilient in the state. The report termed it as a positive move by the state in the direction of sustainable development of all sectors including tourism in the state.

"In some of the over-crowded and mass tourism circuits within Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, some pockets might have gained economic prosperity due to tourism but this could not be true in every state of the IHR particularly the northeastern states. It is, therefore, recommended to conduct more focused studies in terms of economic growth, environmental cost, and tourist carrying capacity to fill up these gaps in the north-eastern states in particular and other remaining states/UTs in general," the report concluded

J&K Clocks

reached 4,49,648, officials said. There were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus), they

Missing Teen

Veshu Nallah in the Bethipora area of Kulgam today.

The official added that the exact cause of death will be known only after post mortem-(KNO)

include a teacher and two children. Meanwhile, locals alleged that there

15 People Injured

are no anti-rabies vaccines in the hospital. (KNT) 3 Booked For vide number 104/22 under section

7/25 IA act 18,39 UAPA Act against three youth of Bijbehara at Police Station Bijbehara. They identified the trio as Tafazul

Ahmed Dar (19) of Tulkan Bijbehara, Ufaid Peerzada (19) of Baba Mohalla Bijbehara, both students and 26year old Suhail Ahmed Dar of Tulkhan Bijbehara, a plumber by profession.

TARSAR LAKE ACCIDENT

Guide's Body Retrieved, **Fate Of Tourist Unknown**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The body of local tourist guide, who drowned in Tarsar Lake In South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Wednesday was found at Lidderwath area of Pahalgam today, even as the fate of a drowned tourist

remains unknown, officials said. News Agency KNO quoting an official reported that body of Shakeel Ahmad, a tourist guide of Gagangeer area of Ganderbal,

while operation was going on to locate the tourist who had drowned.

Notably, the incident happened at Tarsar Lake in Sikwas area of Pahalgam, when a group of 13 tourists including three local guides were on way for sight-seeing on Wednesday.

Officials said that when tourists along with guides were walking nearby the lake, a tourist guide along a tourist identified as Dr Mahesh from Uttawho had drowned while trying rakhand drowned due to high to save tourists yesterday, was flow of water in the Lake while recovered at Lidderwath today, rest of them got stuck there.

SPDCL Okays Works For Year 2022-23 In 80th Board Meet



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Additional Chief Secretary Finance Department, Vivek Bharadwaj on Thursday chaired the 80th meeting of the Board of Directors of Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Limited (JKSPDCL) at Civil Secretariat here.

Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary, PDD; Ghanshyam Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power, GoI; Dr. Raghav Langer, Secretary, Planning, Development & Monitoring Department; Raja Yaqoob Farooq, Managing Director, JKSP-DC; Manoj Tripathi, CPES, I/c HRM, Central Electricity Authority, Ms. Santosh Kumari, Director Finance, JKSPDC; Ms. Raheela Wani, Executive Director (Electric); Jankar Nath, Executive Director (Civil); Sunil Gupta, Company Secretary; besides other officers of the Corporation were present.

During the meeting, the Board of Directors accorded its approval to works programme for the year 2022-23 for an amount of Rs 897.81 crore while the ongoing hydroelectric projects for which funds have been earmarked in the works programme include Parnai HEP. New Karnah HEP.

The New Projects to be taken up for which the funds have been earmarked for the year 2022-23 include Mohra HEP. Lower Kalnai HEP, Agro Solar Pampore and New Ganderbal HEP, the tenders for which have already been floated.

The BoD also accorded approval for the Revenue Budget Estimates for the year 2022-23 and Revised Estimates 2021-22, and an amount of Rs 296.99 crore has been approved under Revenue Budget for the year 2022-23.

The Board also approved to the confirmation/ regularisation of services of eligible probationers viz. Junior Engineers, Geological Assistants and Surveyors (Geology) who have been appointed in 2019,through transparent competitive process.

The Board also accorded approval to price adjustment and its financial implication for EPC contract of Parnai HEP.

The Chairman directed Managing Director to fix the responsibilities of officers for delay in commissioning of the project.

The Board also accorded approval to extension in time of PMC for Dah & Hannu HEPs & PMC for 66 KV transmission line up to 31-

AGNIPATH SCHEME

Govt playing with tradition, dignity of armed forces: Youth Cong

Press Trust Of India

Youth Congress on Wednesday lashed out at the BJP-led central government over the Agnipath scheme, saying it is playing with the tradition and dignity of the armed forces.

It said about 2,55,000 posts are lying vacant in Army, Navy and Air Force as the government has stopped the recruitment of the forces for the past two vears.

"Narendra Modi-led government is playing with dignity-

tradition-discipline of the Indian armed forces. The re-IAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir cruitment in armed forces on a contract basis is not right for the security of the country," president J-K Pradesh Youth Congress Uday Bhanu Chib said.

"What will happen to the future of the youth recruited only for four years," he said.

Chib said experts and retired military officers have expressed deep concern over the scheme.

"Is the Modi government playing with the 'operational preparedness' of the three services? he asked.

Horse-Trading Not New To Politics, BJP Repeating Congress' Mistakes: Omar

Press Trust Of India

leader Omar Abdullah on Thursday said horse-trading is not new in Indian politics and the Congress' mistakes while in power at the Centre is being repeated by the BJP.

'This is nothing new. Misuse of Rajbhawan, turncoats, horsetrading of MLAs. Were we not victims of this in 1984? The mistakes made by Congress are being repeated by the BJP. This has been going on for years now," Omar told reporters here.

The former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir was reacting to a question on the rebellion in Shiv Sena that is threatening to end the three-vearold Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government headed by Uddhav Thackeray in Maharashtra.

Asked if Shiv Sena was being dealt a row hand, Omar said it was not for him to comment

''Who am I to judge? Shiv Sena can say whether what is happening is right or wrong. If 35 MLAs are willing to leave the party, the Shiv Sena will have to is a remedy to it or not," he said. The this year's recruitment to 23.

National Conference vice president also dismissed suggestions that the **SRINAGAR:** National Conference protests against the Centre's Agnipath defence recruitment scheme, were sponsored.

"There can't be a sponsored protest on such a large scale. There might perhaps have been an attempt to take advantage by some people but their numbers are very less. The maximum number of protestors were those who felt that this scheme does not benefit them and on the contrary is detrimental to them." he said. Omar said the protests mainly took place in areas and regions where recruitment in the armed forces had been high. "If you see, the protests took place mainly in those areas where army recruitment has been high. They are not happy with the scheme and they feel their future has been endangered. They want a change in this scheme," he added. Protests had erupted in various parts of the country after the Centre unveiled the Agnipath scheme last Tuesday to recruit youngsters aged between 17-and-a-half and 21 years in the army, navy and air force, largely on a four-year contractual basis. think why it has happened and if there It later relaxed the upper age limit for

No More Free Electricity Now: LG Sinha Tells People

- ► Says Citizens can apply for water, electricity connections online
- ► Srinagar to be model smart city soon, advocates underground power cabling
- ▶ People can complain if there are unscheduled cuts



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday said that electricity won't be given to people without paying for it and those who won't pay money for power, won't get the out to be model smart city. He

"Centre doesn't provide us with free electricity. There is a huge power debt left by the making Srinagar a smart city, previous regimes. We have improved the distribution system and will provide better power to people. But power won't be free anymore," the LG said HMT, Srinagar, after inaugurat-Control Centre (ICCC).

He said power theft is a crimi-

money for power, won't be pro- in functioning of Srinagar Smart vided power supply," he said.

He said that citizens can apply for water and electricity connections online now. "There will be online payment mode for bills as well," LG said. He said that Srinagar is fast turning advocated underground laying of power cables to supplying making Srinagar a smart city, smart economy has to be a focus as well.

The LG said that people can complain only when there are unscheduled cuts of power othwhile speaking at a function at erwise no complaint will be entertained. "There is a huge powing Integrated Command and er debt of Rs 11000 cr left by the previous regimes," he said.

About the ICCC, the LG said nal act and police may have to that the new facility will prointerfere while dealing with vide a single platform aimed power thieves. "There are some at monitoring and addressing people who are becoming hur- public issues on a real-time badle in installing smart meters sis. "Srinagar Smart City aims to in Srinagar but they too will be secure and increase livability, dealt with. Meters will be in- sustainability, efficiency for all stalled and those who won't pay citizens. The holistic approach smarter city," he added.

City will help in achieving five long term goals-smart mobility, smart economy, smart environment, smart living and smart governance," he said. "Groundbreaking technological interventions are bringing efficiency in urban governance and strengthening the response capability of various stakeholders. Srinagar is embracing modern technical tools for sustainable and integrated urban living."

He said that real time data will ensure effective management of services like water, electricity, mobility, education, healthcare, environment, and security.

Speaking on the occasion, Junaid Mattu, Mayor SMC said that the Integrated Command & Control Centre will prove as a pivot for the technological understanding of the governance challenges.

"With various smart city initiatives, we are inching closer towards realizing the goal of a

Docs Protest Against Proposed Move To Pool J&K PG Medical Seats In All-India Quota

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Doctors on Thursday aspiring PG candidates of Jamstaged a protest against the mu and Kashmir as we have a pool 50 per cent post-graduate seats from Government Medical College (GMC) and all seats of Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences for all-India quota this year.

test in front of the GMC office rants. here in support of their demand for shelving the idea until more have been started at five newly administration to reconsider post-graduate seats are allotted

will harm the interests of the Shushant Kharke, one of the protesters, told PTI.

Elaborating further, he said if 50 per cent of PG seats of the GMC and all SKIMS are filled through the all-India quota, Accompanied by medical stu- only 172 seats would be redents, the doctors staged a pro- served for the domiciled aspi- Kashmir Apni Party have come

opened Government Medical ulla, Rajouri, Doda and Kathua

"The idea, if implemented, but no PG seats have been allotted to these colleges.

Extending support to the protest, Jammu and Kashmir stu-Jammu and Kashmir admin-istration's proposed move to would be further reduced," Dr to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to consider the demand of delaying the pooling of post-graduate seats in the all-India quota until the new medical colleges get PG seats.

The National Conference, Congress and Jammu and forward in support of the protesting doctors and urged the the proposed move in the larger to new medical colleges in the Colleges in Anantnag, Baram- interest of the people of the

Aadhaar Linked Birth Registration In J&K Hospitals Soon

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Principal tary, Health & Medical Education, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi and Deputy Director General, Unique Identification Authority India (UIDAI), Bhawna Garg on Thursday jointly chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to discuss the issues of Aadhaar Linked Birth Registration (ALBR) in hospitals through Civil Registration System (CRS) in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary Information Technology, Principal GMC Srinagar, Additional Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Project Manager, UIDAI, Srinagar, Director, Health Services, Kashmir, OSD, Health & Medical Education Department. Director, Census Operations, J&K, Director General, Economics & Statistics, J&K, Director General, Family Welfare, MCH & Immunization, Principal GMC Jammu/Anantnag/Baramulla/Rajouri/Doda/ Kathua, Director Health Services Jammu and other officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

While speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary directed concerned officials to make coordinated efforts for full implementation of Aadhaar linked birth registration (ALBR) and civil registration system (CRS) in Jammu and Kashmir.

He stressed on completion of all the technical formalities for successful implementation of the program and directed them



to follow the case with the Registrar General of India for making the portal available and accessible in IK at an earliest.

He enquired about the status and progress of constituent programs like training of staff, empanelment of Registrar of Births, procurement of necessary equipment and identification of staff to be trained for the task.

He advised the officials to start training the manpower so as the entire process becomes fully operational in Jammu and Kashmir within the set timelines. He directed the officers to ensure that the required infrastructure is put in place and any gaps should be projected before the UIDAI. He also directed the officers to cover all associated hospitals, district hospitals, CHCs, PHCs and private hospi-

tals under the scheme. During the meeting Deputy

Director General, Unique Identification Authority of India gave a brief about the process and benefits of the ALBR and CRS, saying the programs will quickly provide a unique identification to newborns.

She elaborated that ALBR is the Aadhar linked birth registration at the time of child birth and its integration with the national platform of Civil Registration System (CRS) would make the process of birth registration instant and hassle free. The meeting further deliber-

ated upon the ways and means of making this process effective besides discussing about maximising the benefits by identifying all the commonly utilised delivery points. It also discussed smooth and speedy implementation of CRS here which would eventually help in successfully implementing this program.

BSF Western Command Chief Reviews Situation In Jammu

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JAMMU: Additional Director mu D K Boora gave a detailed General (Western Command) of BSF P V Ramasastry visited the Jammu frontier on Thursday the area, he said. and reviewed the security situ-ation and operational prepared-ba and Kathua borders and took ness of field formations in the stock of the security situation region, officials said.

He was on a two-day visit arations of the Amarnath Yatra. alertness.

the PRO of BSF, Jammu, said. Inspector General (IG) of Jampresentation to the ADG about the general security scenario in

During the visit, the ADG to the Jammu frontier from also interacted with jawans Wednesday to review the prep- and praised the troops for their

AMARNATH YATRA

Disaster Management Dept Conducts Mock Drill At Baltal



Observer News Service

BALTAL: A table top and Mock Drill was conducted by Department of Disaster Management in collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority and District Disaster Management Authorities from June 22 to 23rd.

assess the overall preparedness and ush Singhla, Deputy Commissioner response measures taken at critical sites to deal with any untoward incident by all the concerned Govt and private agencies on both the routes of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra from Sonamarg to Holy Cave and Pahalgam to Chandanwari route.

Amarnath Yatra is scheduled to start from 30th of June upto 11th of August, 2022. Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain, Member National Disaster Man- other emergency services attended agement Authority and Nazim Zai the mock exercises.

Khan, Secretary DMRRR were present during the mock drill.

At Baltal the mock drill was attended by Major General VK Naik; Shyambir, Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal, along with Brigadier BK

Thakar from NDMA. From Pahalgam route Major Gen-The exercise was conducted to eral Sudhir Bahl from NDMA. Dr Piv-Anantnag, Suraj Rukwal, Special Secretary DDMRRR were present.

Besides other senior and middle level officers/officials from National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Rashtriya Rifles, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Army, Police, Health Dept, Civil Defence, Transport, Fire & Emergency Services and

Signature Campaign Against Child **Labour Launched At Kulgam**

Observer News Service

KULGAM: To mobilize public support towards eradication of child labour in the society, Integrated Child Protection Services Labour Department on Thursday conducted a signature camchild labour elimination drive.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam Dr.Bilal-Mohi-Ud-Dincampaign.

enue, Mir Imtiyaz-ul-Aziz; Assis- the child labour in the district.

tant Commissioner Development, Mohmmad Imran Khan; Assistant Labour Commissioner, Dr Adnan Tarig and other senior officers also joined this signature campaign.

District Child Protection Of-Kulgam in collaboration with ficer Kulgam, Snober Altaf said that the campaign aims to aware communities about the negative paign here as part of weeklong consequences of child labour and seek the support of the Civil Society for its eradication.

Highlighting the need for com-Bhat launched the signature munity participation, she appealed to the public to participate in the Government's efforts to eradicate

NC Asks Its Cadres To Remain Connected With Public

Press Trust Of India

ence (NC) Thursday asked its despite gigantic water resources, cadre to remain connected with there is serious power and water the public and get their issues addressed on priority.

stone unturned to strengthen the ment in Jammu and Kashmir.

The provincial president la-JAMMU: The National Confer- mented that it is an irony that crises in Jammu and Kashmir.

The people apprised the senior Jammu and Kashmir National National Conference leader about Conference (NC) Provincial Presimultiple issues confronting them dent Rattan Lal Gupta, who pre- including the water and power crisided over the party's 'mass conses, besides the burning problem tact programme', also directed of unemployment. Gupta asserted them to conduct meetings on such issues confronted by people war footing in their respective completely expose the hollow wards of Jammu and leave no claims of unprecedented develop-

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