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**NEWS DIGEST**

**Policeman Dies Of Cardiac Arrest In Srinagar**

SRINAGAR: A policeman died of a cardiac arrest in Maisuma area of Srinagar on Wednesday morning, official sources said here. Official sources said that a 33-year-old cop identified as Altaf Hussain son of Nazir Ahmad of Tehsil Mohar of Reasi suffered a massive cardiac arrest and fell unconscious at Maisuma. They said that he was rushed to SMHS hospital **More on P6**

**Mine Explodes Along LoC In Poonch**

JAMMU: A mine blast took place along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Wednesday, officials said. No casualties were reported in the incident. Officials said the mine exploded due to movement of an animal near the border.

**LeT Militant Associate Held In Budgam: Police**

SRINAGAR: A militant associate of LeT outfit was arrested in central Kashmir's Budgam district in a case related to the Narco-Militancy Funding module, police said here on Wednesday. In a statement, a police spokesperson said that during the course of investigation pertaining to busting of Narco-Militancy Funding module one more associate namely Showkat Ahmed Ganie alias RK son of Late Mohammad Kamal Ganie of Chadoora has been arrested. The statement reads that during investigation of **More on P6**

**J&K Logs 73 New Covid-19 Cases**

SRINAGAR: Daily Covid-19 cases continued an upward trend in Jammu and Kashmir as 73 new infections were added up to the tally in the last 24 hours while the death toll remained at 4756 with no fatality due to the virus during the time, officials said on Wednesday. They said that 52 cases were reported from Jammu division and 21 from Kashmir division, taking overall tally to 455006. Giving district wise details, Jammu reported 44 cases, Srinagar 19, Kathua four, two each in Rajouri and Poonch, and one each from **More on P6**

**Heat Wave Grips Kashmir**

**Srinagar Sizzles As Mercury Touches 34-Degree Mark**

**Agencies**

SRINAGAR: The capital city of Srinagar recorded the hottest day of this season on Wednesday as the mercury touched 34°C mark, even as the meteorological office here predicted light to moderate rains in Jammu and Kashmir. Today's temperature was over 0.8°C higher than yesterday and 3.4°C above the normal for this time of the season, a MET official said. It also remained third highest in the last 12 years in Srinagar.

On 9 June 2021, Srinagar recorded 34.7°C. The highest June temperature in Srinagar in the last 12 years was 35°C recorded on 3 June 2018. The highest ever June temperature in Srinagar was 37.8°C, recorded on 29 June 1978.

Meanwhile, Qazigund recorded a maximum of 32.5°C against 32.0°C on the previous day. The temperature was 3.6°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

Pahalgam recorded a maximum of 28.9°C against 28.0°C on the previous **More on P6**



**IT ALSO REMAINED THIRD HIGHEST IN THE LAST 12 YEARS IN SRINAGAR.** On 9 June 2021, Srinagar recorded 34.7°C. The highest June temperature in Srinagar in the last 12 years was 35°C recorded on 3 June 2018. The highest ever June temperature in Srinagar was 37.8°C, recorded on 29 June 1978.

**Zilhaj Moon Not Sighted, Eid-ul-Azha On July 10**

**Agencies**

SRINAGAR: Grand Mufti Kashmir Mufti Nasir-ul-Islam on Wednesday evening announced the crescent for the month of Zilhaj 1443 AH was not sighted anywhere in Jammu and Kashmir and as such the Eid-ul-Azha celebrations will start on July 10, 2022.

"The crescent wasn't sighted on Wednesday and as such (upcoming) Friday will mark the first day of Zilhaj and the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Azha will be celebrated on July 10", the Grand Mufti said in his announcement.

"I greet my brethren from Kashmir in particular and the global fraternity in general on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Azha and pray to Almighty Allah to bless us all with success", he further said.

The month of **More on P6**

**'Chai Pe Charcha'**

**LG Discusses Amarnath Yatra With Mainstream Leaders**

**Mehbooba Skips High Tea' Meeting Invite**

**Auqib Javed**

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti was the only notable absentee from the "high tea" party hosted by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhavan here on Wednesday.

Sinha invited heads of various political parties in the union territory for a meeting to discuss the prevailing situation including the Amarnath Yatra scheduled to begin Thursday, officials said.

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, J-K BJP chief Ravinder Raina and



A group of Amarnath yatis chant slogans on their arrival at the Baltal Base camp in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Wednesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

**Amarnath Yatra Begins Today Amid Unprecedented Security**

**Press Trust Of India**

SRINAGAR: The 43-day Amarnath Yatra to the holy cave shrine located in south Kashmir Himalayas is all set to begin on Thursday after a gap of three years. All arrangements have been put in place by the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) to ensure smooth pilgrimage to

the naturally formed ice-lingam at the cave shrine, officials said. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday morning flagged off the first batch of pilgrims from Jammu base camp.

The first batch of 4,890 pilgrims left around 4 am from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp for Kashmir Valley in a cavalcade of 176 light **More on P6**

**LG Flags Off 1st Batch Of Pilgrims From Jammu**

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday flagged off the first batch of 4,890 pilgrims for the annual Amarnath yatra from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu city for their onward journey to the Pahalgam and Baltal base camps in Kashmir. The 43-day **More on P6**

**JKSRTC Puts 500 Buses At Disposal Of Yatis**

**Zaid Bin Shabir**

The Jammu & Kashmir State Road Transport Corporation (JKSRTC) has made necessary arrangements to ply 500 buses across J&K for the smooth travel of the **More on P6**



Congress president G A Mir were among the notable leaders who attended the meeting.

A spokesperson of the PDP said it was strange that the office of the Lt Governor was inviting leaders for a high tea meeting at such a sensitive time.

"If there were something to be discussed, an agenda should have been set for the meeting," PDP chief spokesperson Suhail

Bukhari said.

Earlier, reacting to the invitation, Bukhari tweeted, "For a meeting in the evening that is supposed to be a serious affair, the invitation is sent in the morning. What a mockery! By the way what happened to the outcome of the all parties meeting chaired by @PMOIndia in which @OfficeOfLJandK **More on P6**

**2 Militants Killed In Kulgam Encounter: Police**

**Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: Two local militants of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were killed in a firefight with government forces in South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday, police said.

Yasir Wani of Wangund, Kulgam and Raees Manzoor of Chotipora, Shopian were killed in an encounter that erupted after a joint team of police and army's 9RR launched a cordon and search operation in Nowpora, Mir Bazaar area of the district, a police spokesperson said.

As per police records, he said, both the killed militants were categorized and part of groups involved in several crime cases including attacks on Police/SF and "civilian atrocities".

"Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including 01 AK-47 rifle and 01 Pistol

were recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation," he said.

"In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation has been initiated. People are requested to cooperate with Police till the area at encounter site is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any," he added.

Giving more details of the operation, the spokesperson said that the search operation was launched on the basis of specific input about the presence of militants in the village.

He said during the search operation, as the joint search party approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding militants fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party **More on P6**

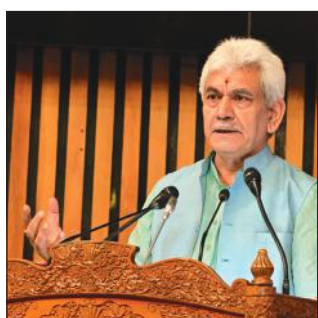
**Farm Income Ranking**

**J&K Stands Tall Among Top 5 States, UTs: LG**

**Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday that braving all challenges of agricultural reform, the ranking in monthly farm income in Jammu and Kashmir has improved and the Union Territory is standing tall among top five states and the Union Territories

Sinha made these remarks at the 'Kisan Maha Sammelan' here at SKICC Srinagar during which he felicitated innovative, technically empowered farmers for their contribution to agriculture & horticulture sector, an official



spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, enlisted various innovative measures and policy decisions taken by the government to increase the income

of the farmers and encouraged youth to adopt agriculture as a medium of employment.

"Over the past two years, the government has shifted to the improved farming system on scientific lines and market-oriented policies in order to make agriculture and allied sector a sustainable & profitable economic activity," Sinha said.

"In spite of rapid urbanization, nearly 70% population's livelihood is dependent on agriculture and it is the key to remove developmental imbalances between urban and rural areas. To some extent, **More on P6**

**Kulgam Leading District In J&K With Quality Education: Report**

**Zaid Bin Shabir**

SRINAGAR: The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE and L), Ministry of Education (MoE), Ministry of Education (MoE) on Monday released the Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) including Jammu & Kashmir for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 chapter.

PGI-D assesses the performance of the school education system at the district level by creating an index for comprehensive analysis. The latest PGI-D reports (2018-19 and 2019-20) provide insight into intra-State comparison of progress of School education.

Both the reports grade the districts into ten grades starting from Highest achievable Grade which is 'Daksh', meant for Districts scoring more than 90 percent of the total points in that category or overall. The lowest grade in



PGI-D is called Akanshi-3 which is for scores upto 10 percent of the total points.

As per the report, no district in J&K and rest of India has attained highest grade Daksh in both 2019-20 and 2018-19, implying that there is ample

scope for the districts to further improve their performance in future years.

However, as per the report, districts in J&K have been arranged in three categories of Prachesta—which is the 5th category of PGI-D grading

system—1,2 & 3.

The report further noted that under Prachesta 1, J&K has four districts with Kulgam (324 overall score) leading the race of imparting a better education than the rest of Kashmir. Other districts include Ganderbal (314 overall score), Srinagar (313 overall score) and Baramulla (303 overall score).

Besides this, the report added, J&K has 12 districts falling under Prachesta 2. This includes Bandipora(298), Ramban(290), Pulwama(284), Jammu(283), Kupwara(281), Badgam(280), Shopian(2280), Anantnag(277), Kishtwar(259), Samba(253), Kathua (252) and Doda(242).

"J&K has four districts in Prachesta 4 including Rajouri(222), Udhampur(218), Reasi(195) and Poonch (194)," the report noted.

Pertinently, as per the Ministry of **More on P6**

**J&K HAS LIMITLESS POTENTIAL IN AGRICULTURE & concerted efforts are opening up doors of opportunity for small & marginal farmers. Never before had high-density plantation investment in agro-based industries taken place at the kind of speed witnessed in the last two years"**



# 54% People In India Turn To Social Media For Factual Info: Study

Press Trust Of India

As many as 54 per cent of people in India turn to social media when looking for factual information, according to a global study by Oxford University Press (OUP). The researched campaign 'The Matter of Fact' looked at the level of understanding of how truths are identified and sources validated. Despite concerns around misinformation and false claims, social media users around the world continue to believe that the information they read and share on platforms like Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook is factually correct, with levels of trust highest in emerging economies, the study said.

The findings show that when looking for factual information, 37 per cent turn to social media, rising to 43 per cent of Mexicans and South Africans and 54 per cent of Indians. Britons were less likely to look for facts using social media, with only 16 per cent describing it as a preferred source, compared to nearly three in 10 (29 per cent) Americans.

Overall, most of us rely heavily on Google and other search engines for information, with two thirds (67 per cent) worldwide and 62 per cent in the UK finding facts this way. Three-quarters of people are confident information they share from social media is accurate. In India, as many as 87 per cent of people who share information from social media are confident in its truthfulness, slightly above the global average of three quarters, it said.

The study takes a broad look at how people across the world seek out information and judge its accuracy, drawing on a pool of evidence bolstered by survey data collected from 5,000 people across the UK, the US, South Africa, India, and Mexico. It found that more than half (52 per cent) said that when it came to distinguishing fact from fiction, sites like Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram play an important role. At the same time, reliance on books and more traditional means of gathering accurate information has declined. For example, less than a third cited non-fiction books and encyclopedias as sources when seeking facts.

There were geographical differences in the level of trust people put in social media, with almost 80 per cent of Indian and 60 per cent of Mexican respondents seeing these networks as an important tool for separating fact from fiction, but only 27 per cent taking this view in the UK and 42 per cent in the US, the study said.



People under the age of 55 were more inclined to believe in the accuracy of the material they shared on social media while 35 per cent of people aged 25 to 44 said they were 'very confident' they were sharing only truthful information on social media and only 13 per cent of over 55s felt the same, it found. Younger people are also more likely to rely on social media as a source of factual information, with over 44 per cent of those in the 25 to 44 age-bracket turning to the platforms compared to just 12 per cent of over 55s, the study said.

The pandemic does appear to have had an impact on people's perceptions of truth, with around three in four people agreeing that they are now more cautious about the accuracy of information circulating channels, and so many answers available at the touch of a button, it's no surprise that our research presents a global picture of confusion." OUP India MD Sumanta Datta said with over 87 per cent of Indians placing their trust and confidence in information circulating

of the information they encounter - a figure that climbs to over 80 per cent in India, Mexico, and South Africa, the study said. Notably, parents from India were much more likely than those elsewhere to use social media and WhatsApp when teaching their children, with around 30 per cent citing these sources.

Speaking about the research, OUP CEO Nigel Portwood said: "With an ever-increasing number of sources to turn to for information, from books to academic texts to digital on social media, there is a need to understand the potential impact of factual inaccuracies and misinformation. "We hope to continue to provide and increase access to tools that allow individuals to be more confident to engage in debates and discussions in their pursuit of knowledge. In a country like India, with a large young population, it is imperative to build processes and policies that help raise a well-informed, intelligent, and perceptive future generation," he said.

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## University Of Kashmir , Srinagar (NAAC Accredited d Grade 'A+')

### RESULT NOTIFICATION DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Irfan Hashim S/o Bashir Ahmad Bhat bearing University Registration No: 40867-5-2006 who pursued his Ph.D. programme on whole-time basis in the Department of Media Education Research Centre (MERC) and submitted his thesis titled "Kashmir Unrest 2008 to 2016: An Analysis of Print Media Coverage in Select English Dailies" under the supervision of Professor Sabeha Mufti, MERC, University of Kashmir, Srinagar is declared qualified for the award of Ph.D. Degree in the discipline of Mass Communication and Journalism on June 16, 2022 in the School of Social Sciences.



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Assistant Controller Of Examination (Secrecy)

Errors & Omissions accepted. No: F(Ph.D-Mass Communication and Journalism) Sec/KU/22 Dated 28-06-2022

### CORRECTION OF NAME IN PASSPORT

It is information for the general public that in passport my fathers name was wrongly entered as Ali Mohammad Rather while his actual name is entered in other documents as Ali Mohd Rather. Now I want its correction, in this regard if any body having any objection may contact Regional Passport Office Srinagar with in a period of 10 days. No objection shall entertained after this.

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### DEMISE

With profound grief we are sorry to inform that Mrs Peer Allau-ud-din Shah R/o Zirayat Sharif Batamalo passed away on 28th June 2022 at her residence. Her congregational prayers will be held at their ancestral grave yard Ziyarat Sharif Batamalo on 1st of July 2022 (Friday) around 10:00 A.M. May Allah grant her highest place in Jannah.

Inna Lillah Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajeoon.

BEREAVED FAMILY

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## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REW DIVISION BANDIPORA

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Short Term E- NIT No. 34 /2022-23 Dated: 27/06/2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory Of JandK, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of JandK Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Major Head	Panchayat /Gram Sabha
2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11
1)	C/o drain from L/O GH. Mohd Bhat to H/O Ab Khaliq and C/O Drain from Ab Salam Najar onwards Nadihal-A	3.80	300/=	30 Days	DEE	2 % OF Adv. Cost	PRI	BLOCK BANDIPORA HALQA :-NADIHAL-A
2)	Improvement of road from chittarnar Gate onwards at Ayathmulla	8.00	300/=	30 Days	DEE/CEE	2 % OF Adv. Cost	PRI	BLOCK BANDIPORA HALQA :- AYATHMULLA
3)	Upgradation of path BWO concrete path, p-bund, drain and culvert from h/o Bashir ahmad dar to h/o Ab. Hamid Lone at ayatmullah	7.00	300/=	30 Days	DEE/CEE	2 % OF Adv. Cost	PRI	BLOCK BANDIPORA HALQA:- AYATHMULLA
4)	C/O protection bund and fencing graveyard peer buthoo and path, drain at W- VII	5.30	300/=	30 Days	DEE/CEE	2 % OF Adv. Cost	PRI	BLOCK BANDIPORA HALQA :- PAZALPORA-A
5)	Chainlink fencing and leveling of eidgah at darmahama & tile path from main road to Ab rehman dar	5.50	300/=	30 Days	DEE/CEE	2 % OF Adv. Cost	PRI	BLOCK BANDIPORA HALQA :- PAZALPORA-B
6)	C/O 2 no toilet blocks near RP school	2.50	200/=	30 Days	DEE/OTHERS	2 % OF Adv. Cost	PRI	BLOCK BANDIPORA HALQA :-NADIHAL-C
7)	C/O Drain from H/o Parvaiz ahmad dar towards L/o Gh Mohd dar & C/o Drain with path from main road towards I/o Mohd Hayat & others	1.972	200/=	30 Days	DEE/OTHERS	2 % OF Adv. Cost	PRI	BLOCK BANDIPORA HALQA :- GAMROO
8)	Chain link fencing of markazi Graveyard & Chain link fencing of masjid sharief takyabal & chainlink fencing around shaheen public school at Gamroo	4.50	300/=	30 Days	DEE	2 % OF Adv. Cost	PRI	BLOCK BANDIPORA HALQA :-GAMROO
9)	Construction of Community Saintry Complex near Masjid Sharief at Ward No. 5 Kulhama	3.00	200/=	30 Days	DEE/OTHERS	2 % OF Adv. Cost	BDC	BLOCK BANDIPORA HALQA :- NADIHAL-B
10)	Construction of road along with drain path culverts and R Wall at different spots	15.00	600/=	45Days	DEE/CEE/BEE	2 % OF Adv. Cost	DDC	BLOCK :- BANKOOT
11)	Fencing of School in Bankoot constituency	2.00	200/=	30 Days	DEE/OTHERS	2 % OF Adv. Cost	DDC	BLOCK :- BANKOOT
12)	Improvement of Panchayat ghar at AUTHWATOO	4.00	300/=	30 Days	DEE	2 % OF Adv. Cost	DDC	BLOCK :- BANKOOT HALQA :-ATHWATOO
13)	Development of Eid gah near Jamia Masjid Bonkote	6.00	300/=	30 Days	DEE/CEE	2 % OF Adv. Cost	DDC	BLOCK :- BANKOOT HALQA :-BANKOOT-A
14)	construction of tilepath near H/o Gh Ahmad Teli to H/O Asif ahmad at Pazalpora	2.11	200/=	10 DAYS	DEE/OTHERS	2 % OF Adv. Cost	DDC	BLOCK :- BANKOOT
15)	IMPROVEMENT OF KHUL AT Sonerwani A	4.00	300/=	15 DAYS	DEE	2 % OF Adv. Cost	DDC	BLOCK :- BANKOOT HALQA :-SONERWANI-A

Position of AAA: Awaited(LOI and Allotment of works shall be issued only after receiving of AA from competent authority) Accorded Position of funds: Partially Available

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, 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.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	28-06-2022.
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	80-06-2022
3.	Bid submission Start Date	28/06/2022 from 9:00A.M.
4.	Bid Submission End Date	11/07/2022 at 4:00 P.M.
6.	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online) -	12/07/2022 at 11:00 A.M.
7	Note: Hard copy of original Treasury Challan Receipt , EMD in shape of CDR of 2% Adv cost Cost and other bid relevant documents within three days after opening of bid by the 1st lowest bidders	

Special Condition:

As per Govt. Order No: 238 -FD OF 2021 Dated : 07-09-2021: Special Condition: 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 in case of non availability of contractors card in the panchayat) however members from nearest panchayat may be included in case of non availability of cards in concerned panchayat.

The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer REW Division BANDIPORA(tender receiving authority).

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

2. The earnest money shall be forfeited, If:-

a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

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

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

3. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

3.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

3.2. 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 Vendor.

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

4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

4.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically / by registered post / through courier before the date specified in Para-1.

4.6 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents in soft copies with the technical bid and no documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained. However, the earnest money a tender document fee is to be submitted in both soft as well as hard copies. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arise.

4.7 The earnest money in favour of unsuccessful/ Non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document Fee in original, irrespective of Hard Copies, failure of submission of Tender documents fee by the bidder using the site shall entail him for blacklisting.

Sd/- Executive Engineer  
REW Bandipora

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Dated 27 /06/2022

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I Fancy Amin D/o Mohammad Amin R/o Tinda Mohalla have passed my 7th class examination from Govt Girls High School Sida Kadal . Now I am applying for the issuance of Discharge Certificate . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the above mentioned school within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained

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### ADMISSIONS 2022-23 (PG DEGREE & PG DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES)

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the admission to Postgraduate Degree & Diploma Programmes will be based on Common University Entrance Test CUET (PG - 2022) to be conducted by National Testing Agency:

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**PG DIPLOMA COURSES (FULL-TIME)**

Candidates can apply for CUET (PG) - 2022 through online at: <https://cuet.nta.nic.in/>

Online Application link for the PG/ PG Diploma Programmes will be made available on the Official website of the University also.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Extended last date for Online submission of Application Form	04.07.2022 (upto 05:00 pm)
Last date of successful transaction of fee through Credit/ Debit Card/ Net Banking/ UPI	05.07.2022 (upto 11.50 pm)
Corrections in particulars of Application Form on the website only	06.07.2022 to 08.07.2022 (upto 11.50 pm)

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## LG Attends JKRLM's Event On Women Entrepreneurs

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday attended an event of Women Entrepreneurs organized by J&K Rural Livelihood Mission at the lawns of SKICC.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor e-inaugurated and laid foundation stone for New District Rural Haats across J&K and dedicated the facility to all the women entrepreneurs.

We are proud that lakhs of women entrepreneurs around the UT are making valuable contributions to uplift the rural economy with single-minded pursuit of excellence through creativity and hard work, the Lt Governor said.

It is the women entrepreneurs in the far-flung rural areas, who keep the wheels of socio-economic progress moving, helping the government to reduce disparities, inequalities in the society & contributing to faster growth with employment and equity, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor highlighted the reforms introduced by the government to identify women's potential in the leadership role and providing them opportunity to scale up their businesses.

Government's initiatives like Saath, Hausla, Umeed, Tejaswini laid a strong foundation for financial independence of rural women, he added.

Technology, market dynamics and financial inclusion is providing an opportunity to transform the women Self Help Groups. They are successfully creating a niche for their products in a fiercely competitive global market and helping other women to become financially independent, the Lt Governor said.

As many as 5 lakh women are associated with 56,000 Self-Help Groups. This year, assistance and support will be provided to additional 1.5 lakh women entrepreneurs, observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor stressed on identifying 75 progressive women entrepreneurs from Rural Livelihood Mission Self Help Groups for honouring them on August 15 as an acknowledgment for their contribution to women empowerment.

The Lt Governor unveiled the Product Catalogue of Self Help Groups and JKRLM's gift hamper. To mark the occasion, the Lt Governor distributed Micro ATMs and felicitated best performing Sakshies.

## Workshop On Health Awareness For Women Held At KU

Agencies

Srinagar: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan Wednesday presided over a workshop on 'Health and Hygiene Awareness for Women'.

The day-long workshop was organized by the varsity's Centre for Women's Studies and Research (CWSR).

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer said apart from academics and research, the CWSR is mandated with focusing on advocacy, extension and awareness programmes and the current workshop is an important endeavor in that direction.

Prof Nilofer, the founder director of CWSR, said academic institutions have a professional obligation to hold grassroots sensitization programmes to highlight the importance of women's health and hygiene for the larger welfare of the society.

"We will make all efforts to further strengthen our resolve to make this University a gender-friendly and an inclusive institution in all respects," she said, urging CWSR to continue with its community-level outreach activities.

On the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor released a pamphlet titled 'Socio-Cultural Perceptions of Menstruation', formulated by CWSR in collaboration with the Department of Linguistics, to raise awareness on menstrual hygiene.

Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, who was a guest of honor, said the University is committed to provide its complete support to such important societal programmes.

Keynote speaker Dr Rizwana Habib from GMC Srinagar called for doing away with stigmatization of menstrual health and hygiene, saying "it hurts human rights and amounts to abuse of women."

She said 52 percent of women in the world are still unaware of menarche, even as she underlined that education alone can lead to de-stigmatization of menstrual health and hygiene in the society.

Coordinator CWSR Dr Shazia Malik gave an overview of the workshop and the objectives that it aims to achieve. She said the Centre would continue with its outreach activities, while focusing on its academic and research pursuits with greater zeal and determination.

Dr Roshan Ara delivered the formal vote of thanks, while Dr Suhail Hakak conducted proceedings of the inaugural session, which was attended by a galaxy of academics including Prof Irshad Nawchoo, Prof Tabassum Firdous, Prof Adil Amin Kak, Prof Taraek A Rather, Prof Shazia Manzoor, Dr Humaira Azim, Dr Tousseef Rizvi, Dr Humera Shafi and others. (KNS)

## Admin Welcomes First Batch Of Yatris In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: After the gap of two years following the Covid-19, this year, the first batch of annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra reached Srinagar on Wednesday.

They were welcomed by the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and other officers of the District Administration in presence of SSP Srinagar, Rakesh Balwal, Commissioner SMC, Athar Amir Khan, SSP Traffic Muzafar Ahmad Shah and other senior officers of Police and Civil Administration were present on the occasion.

Mayor Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Junaid Azam Mattoo, Chairman District Development Council (DDC), Sri-

nagar, Malik Aftab Ahmad, Vice Chairman DDC, Bilal Ahmad, DDC Member Bahama, Aljaz Ahmad and other PRIs also welcomed the Yatris at the venue.

Mayor, DDC Chairman as well as Deputy Commissioner along with locals representatives welcomed the Pilgrims and prayed for smooth, safe and peaceful conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra

While expressing their gratitude to the District Administration for welcoming them, the yatris said that they were waiting for two years to pay obeisance at Shri Amanathji and are very happy to see it happen.

The Yatra to Shri Amarnath Cave of Lord Shiva, located in the upper reaches of the Himalayas, started today from the

twin routes of Pahalgam and Baltal. While in Srinagar a Yatra Transit camp en-route yatra has been established at Panthachowk by the District Administration Srinagar for the convenience of Yatris as a temporary halt station.

At the Yatra Transit Camp Panthachowk, this year all necessary arrangements have been made for the convenience of the Amarnath Yatris including boarding, healthcare, sanitation, langer, communication, traffic, parking, e-KYC/RFID registration facilities.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also visited the Yatra Transit Camp Panthachowk to oversee the arrangements made for the visiting yatris.

## World Environment Day Celebrated At MPML School



Observer News Service

Srinagar: World Environment day was celebrated by Government MPML higher secondary school under the theme ONLY ONE EARTH. Dr. Tasaduq Hussain, Hon'ble Director School Education was the chief guest and graced the occasion. Manzoor Ahmad Kumar, CEO Srinagar was the guest of honour. The event was also attended by other dignitaries.

Afifa Ashai (Principal, GHSS, Amira kadal), Nighat Parveen (Principal, GHSS,

Soura), Shabnum Nahid (Principal, GHSS, Zadibal), Shaheen (Principal, GHSS, Khaniyar), Amaan Ashraf (Principal, BHSS, Zadibal), Mohd Amin Beigh (Principal, BHSS, Soura), Adil Amin (Senior Lecturer, BHSS, Zadibal), Nasir Ahmad (cultural wing DSEK), Mohd. Yaseen (Media line Adv. Agency).

Principal Romana Qazi, was the host of the event. She spoke on the importance of celebrating the day. The event was attended by hundreds of students. The student participants mesmerised the galaxy of guests by presenting the heart

touching cultural segments theming the conservation and protection of Only One Earth. The chief guest in his appreciation speech encouraged the students and showered his gratitude for organising the marvellous event. The event would not have been a success without the efforts of Mtr. Nargis, Mtr. Shugufta Parveen, Mtr. Rumaisa Nazir, Mr. Zubair Ahmad Bangi, Mr. Fayaz Ahmad and the last but not the least Mr. Bashir Ahmad Bangi. At the end of the event Vice Principal Shabir Hussain Rather presented vote of thanks to all dignitaries and organising staff.

## 'Need To Promote Green Technologies For Sustainable Environment'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Experts during a workshop at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Wednesday said that there is a need to promote green technologies for a sustainable environment on earth and urged all stakeholders to join hands in this noble mission.

The workshop titled 'Recent Trends in Sustainable and Green Technology (RTSGT - 2022)' is being organized by the Department of Chemical Engineering in collaboration with IChE Student Chapter NIT Srinagar.

The inaugural event was presided over by Director NIT, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal and Prof. G.D. Yadav, Padma Shri Awardee, ICT Mumbai was Chief Guest on the occasion.

Dr. Mustaq A. Rather and Dr. Shashikant are conveners of the workshop while Dr. Tanveer Rasool, Dr. Malik Parvez, and Dr. Leela Manohar Aeshalawas are coordi-

nators of the program.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Yadav said there is a need to promote green technologies for a healthy and sustainable environment so that visible change can be seen on the ground.

"Green technology comes in the form of recycling, renewable resources, health and safety concerns, energy efficiency, and more. There is a need to tackle environmental concerns and promote green technology," he said.

Prof. Yadav said the main objective of green technology is to use science and technology to protect natural resources and mitigate the negative environmental impact of human activity.

In his message, Director NIT, Prof. Rakesh Sehgal said green technology offers the best hope to counteract the effects of climate change and pollution. It also takes into account the long- and short-term impact something has on the environment, he said.

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ASR	5:35
Magrib	7:50
ISHA	9: 30

### This Day In History

- 296 - St Marcellinus begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 350 - Roman usurper Nepotianus, of the Constantinian dynasty, is defeated and killed by troops of the usurper Magnentius, in Rome
- 833 - Louis crowned King of Austria
- 949 - Otto I the Great gives away bishopric of Utrecht "forestrecht"
- 1294 - Jews are expelled from Berne, Switzerland
- 1371 - Arnold II of Horne chosen bishop of Utrecht
- 1397- Denmark, Norway & Sweden sign Union of Kalmar under Queen Margaretha
- 1422- Battle of Arbedo between the Duke of Milan and the Swiss cantons.
- 1520 - Spanish conquistadors under Hernán Cortés take gold from Aztecs
- 1520 - The Spaniards are expelled from Tenochtitlan
- 1528 - Burgundian army occupies Utrecht
- 1548 - Augsburg Interim issued by Charles V becomes law - orders Lutherans to return to Catholic practices with some concessions
- 1559 - King Henry II of France is seriously injured in a jousting match against Gabriel de Montgomery
- 1596 - English and Dutch fleet reach Cadiz
- 1598 - King Philip II moves to Escorial palace Philip II
- 1607 - Annales Ecclesiastici (Scientific History of Catholicism) published
- 1690- Battle of Beachy Head: French under Tourville beat Dutch/ English fleet
- 1758- Seven Years' War: The Battle of Domstadt takes place.
- 1859- Charles Blondin is 1st to cross Niagara Falls on a tightrope
- Event of interest Event of Interest
- 1860- Famous debate on Charles Darwin's theory of evolution held at the Oxford University Museum and dominated by arguments between Thomas Henry Huxley and Bishop Samuel Wilberforce
- 1876- Serbia declares war on Turkey
- 1893- Excelsior diamond (blue-white 995 carats) discovered
- 1894- Korea declares independence from China, asks for Japanese aid
- 1914-Mahatma Gandhi's 1st arrest after campaigning for Indian rights in South Africa
- 1930- 1st round-the-world radio broadcast Schenectady NY
- 1938- Superman 1st appears in DC Comics' Action Comics Series issue #1
- 1940- German troops begin the invasion of the undefended Channel Islands.

*From KO Archives*

## J&K To Stop Shahtoosh Trade

Observer News service

SRINAGAR: the government will stop Shahtoosh trade owing to world-wide criticism and problem being face by traders dealing in it outside, the chief minister of the State Dr Farooq Abdullah told mediapersons here today.

Dr Abdullah said that though the state has its own act regulating the Shahtoosh trade, yet it has become problematic to sell it beyond the state in view of ban in the rest of the country. Even weaving of Shahtoosh invites action.

The chief minister also referred to the recent judgement of the High court on this issue.

To a question Dr. Abdullah said the government is contemplating to amend the state law in this regard. He said the government is considering several proposals to rehabilitate the Shahtoosh traders of the State.

"Instead of Shahtoosh we will promote Pashmina in a big way which is State's one of the monopolized items having tremendous potential," the chief minister said, adding that exhibitions would be held at important centres to popularize Kashmiri shawls world-over.

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K O V I E W

## Pilgrims' Progress

With the annual Amarnath yatra set to begin on June 30, the government is pulling out all stops to ensure a peaceful pilgrimage. The yatra is taking place after a two-year gap due to the Covid-19 pandemic which made it impossible to hold large gatherings. So, the government's effort is to make up for the suspension of the last two years by holding a successful pilgrimage this year. And to this end, the beefing up of security remains a top priority. And rightly so. Holding the yatra in a troubled region like Kashmir remains a major challenge for the administration. Security measures are thus unprecedented. All the peaks leading to the holy cave from Pahalgam and Baltal have been occupied by the security forces to facilitate the yatra. Security forces have set up temporary posts on these peaks. The government is also involving the political class as the Lieutenant General Manoj Sinha's invite to the heads of political parties in the union territory shows.

Over the years, the yatra has gained immense spiritual, economic and political significance. Underlining this, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, P K Pole recently said that the yatra is not mere a pilgrimage but a major economic push to J&K's economy. The government, he said, expects Rs 2000 to Rs 3000 crore revenue from 6 to 8 lakh pilgrims, who would visit tourist destinations as well. Each pilgrim, Divisional Commissioner said, stays in Kashmir for a week and spends at least Rs 35000. It is true, thousands of people have come to depend on yatra for their livelihood.

At the same time, the pilgrimage has a huge spiritual significance for Hindu community in J&K and across the country. Muslims in Kashmir Valley have always ensured that pilgrims are treated like their valued guests. The yatris have always been welcomed by the local people. Even during the times of unrest when the Valley was engulfed by the unprecedented protests, the yatra passed off peacefully. When stones and bullets flew around on the streets, the buses carrying pilgrims to the holy cave shrine operated unscathed. Amid the reigning chaos, the people have exhibited concern and empathy for their pilgrim guests and ensured they are spared of the mayhem on the streets. In 2008, when the yatra itself became a subject of controversy after transfer of the 100 acres of land to the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board, bringing hundreds of thousands people out on the streets, the pilgrimage itself went smoothly, even when sometimes the busloads of yatris ran into the agitated gatherings of angry youth. This year also, the yatra, as always, will receive the support of people of the Valley. Here's to a spiritually-enriching, peaceful yatra.

OTHER OPINION

## Plastic surgery

Given that the country generates more than 25,000 tonnes of plastic waste every day — more than 40 per cent of it stays uncollected, often choking sewage networks — the need for measures to restrict the use of this non-degradable synthetic material cannot be overstated. The government has also done the right thing in enforcing the ban in phases. The current strictures apply to relatively low utility items. The real challenge will come when the prohibition is extended to polythene bags under 120 microns in December.

In the past five years, more than 20 states have put in place some form of regulation on plastic use. But by all accounts, their implementation has been patchy at best. The poorly-staffed and feebly-empowered state pollution control boards or cash-strapped municipalities tasked with enforcing the bans have generally not been up to the task. Environment Minister Bhpender Yadav has said that his ministry will set up control rooms to monitor the ban. A better way would be to raise awareness amongst people and take all stakeholders into confidence — the success of Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh, to an extent, testifies to this.

Some food vendors, takeaway restaurants and grocery outfits have begun using biodegradable cutlery and cloth or paper bags. The government claims that a large number of plastic units are making the switch to using packaging alternatives such as cotton, jute, paper and crop stubble waste. However, the alternatives sector does not produce at a scale that will enable businesses all over the country to make the environment-friendly transition. There are more than 22,000 plastic manufacturing units in the country.

It will be some time before enough numbers are brought under the alternative segment to make a tangible difference to the packaging sector's environmental footprint. Industry experts say that the prices of a lot of the current plastic substitutes burden the retailer and the consumer — a kg of fabric bags, for example, cost Rs 80 more compared to plastic bags. The government would, therefore, do well to hand-hold businesses, especially small outfits already strained by the economic fallout of the pandemic, during the transition period. In the long run, it must join hands with industry bodies to facilitate R&D in viable plastic substitutes.

The Indian Express

# New Global Development Partnerships

Within a week two strong messages have emanated from the two sparring world powers, aimed at controlling the world or realigning the current global order



Asad Mirza

US President Joe Biden on 26 June and the Chinese President Xi Jinping on 23 June have announced two new global initiatives at BRICS and G7 Summits, respectively.

### China v/s US

Last week, in his address on 22nd June at the 25th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum and the next day, on 23 June at BRICS Summit in Beijing, the Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed the need to forge greater synergy amongst countries for greater international development and close the development gap, by pooling resources, platforms and networks of development partnerships.

Noting that the international community is keen to achieve more equitable, sustainable and secure development, Xi said it is important to seize opportunities, meet challenges head-on, and work on the implementation of the 'Global Development Initiative' (GDI) to build a shared future of peace and prosperity. The Chinese president proposed the GDI in his speech to the 76th Session of the UNGA in September last year. The plan charts a course for international development, based on China's goals and priorities.

Meanwhile, at the recent G7 Summit at Schloss Elmau in the Bavarian Alps, Germany, President Biden on 26 June relaunched his initiative to provide infrastructure funds to poor and developing countries only a year after a largely similar scheme was unveiled at the G7 conference in Cornwall last July under the label 'Build Back Better World'.

The fund was relaunched at the start of the G7 in Germany on Sunday as the 'Global Investment and Infrastructure Partnership'. The avowed aim of this initiative is to become an alternative to the Chinese belt and road initiative (BRI) that Beijing has used for more than a decade to expand its economic ties and influence with developing countries.

The partnership aims to generate \$600bn of private and public funds by 2027, with \$200bn over the next five years coming from the US.

Projects cited at the event include a secure sub-sea cable link

ing Europe and south-east Asia, an industrial mRNA vaccine plant in Senegal, solar projects in Angola, a modular nuclear reactor plant in Romania and a port linking Christmas Island with the rest of the world.

### Initiatives Galore

However, up until now, little has been heard of 'Build Back Better World' since last year, while in January the EU launched its own infrastructure fund for developing countries, called the 'Global Gateway', aiming to mobilise 300 billion (\$53 billion) in investments between 2021 and 2027.

Initially, EU declared that this fund would work alongside 'Build Back Better World', and not be a rival. The UK, outside the EU, launched its own infrastructure project called the 'Clean Green Initiative'. There are reports that Japan is planning to raise \$65bn over the same period for regional connectivity, though this fund/project has not been christened, yet.

All these various funds, though

The Guardian quoted Jake Sullivan, the US national security adviser and an important member of the project, saying at an event hosted by the Centre for a New American Security last week that the US-initiated partnership will cover global infrastructure, physical health and digital infrastructure and will provide "an alternative to what the Chinese are offering". "We intend for this to be one of the hallmarks of the Biden administration foreign policy over the remainder of his tenure," he said.

On its part China has criticised the initiative as based on a "zero-sum game approach." The Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson, Wang Wenbin, said the relevant initiative from the US side ignores the desire of all countries for common development and win-win cooperation.

### G-7: Next Steps

Though the avowed aim of the G7 Summit was to discuss, among other issues, the war in Ukraine and ways to stabilise energy markets and less-

these two high-level summits was the presence of the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This underlines the importance, which both China and the US attach to India currently. It is majorly due to its independent and realistic foreign policy, that the Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi praised India for calling out the West at the GlobSec 2022 Bratislava Forum, earlier this month, where Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar had said that New Delhi and Beijing can manage their bilateral relationship on their own, and stressed the need for the world to come out of its Eurocentric mindset.

India so far, has neither endorsed the Chinese president's GPI nor has commented so far on Biden's new initiative. It continues to pursue a completely independent international foreign and trade policy and due to its geo-political and economic importance, and its unwavering stand has endeared it to both the blocs, and both seem to be courting it seriously.

Meanwhile, on 28 June, the US announced a new alliance for the Pacific including Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the UK to boost economic and security ties with the Pacific island nations.

Also, on the heel of the G7 summit, the NATO summit, to be held in Madrid this week, will for the first time include the top leaders of four Asia-Pacific countries, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand, and also for the first time, the bloc will identify China in its new strategic concept, a key document on NATO's future security trial and military development will be adopted at the summit.

This underlines India's central role in the new thrust for the Indo-Pacific by the western nations led by the US and if India plays its cards well, it could translate into benefits for the country in both defence and economic & trade areas.

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uniquely targeted against China have just created confusion for the politics and the common man alike. Perhaps realising this Olaf Scholz, the German chancellor in his speech on 26 June, implicitly acknowledged the confusion, saying there were advantages if the G7 countries showcased their offers under a common roof.

It is reported that Biden, the European Commission president, Ursula von der Leyen, and the UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, met in November at Cop26 in Glasgow to evaluate their differing projects, and whether by duplicating their efforts they were weakening what they were offering to poor countries. However, it does not appear from the statements that the funds are being fully merged into one funding stream, but instead are being more closely coordinated.

dependence on Russian gas and oil, the announcements made seems very little, apart from moral support to Ukraine. The G7 leaders heard the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and promised him more arms, four of the G7 nations moved to ban imports of Russian gold from 26 June onwards to tighten the sanction squeeze on Moscow and cut off its means of financing the invasion of Ukraine.

However, metal analysts say this may not have a bearing on the international prices of gold, as they have held the same level since May last year. This follows reports that oil will move up again, and in this background the stalled Vienna talks might be resumed to ensure flow of Iranian oil in the market.

### Indian Diplomacy

The common denominator at



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## Concerning Rise in Temperature

It is evident since the start of spring that degrees in temperature have increased unprecedentedly. While a layman's perspective of the situation might be, "it's good how the harsh cold ended sooner this time", people need to realise this rise in temperature isn't the fix to their miseries but an addition to it. Climate change is a very grave issue, but it is unfortunate how people tend to ignore it and go

about their daily lives with all their habits adding to it.

As commoners, the most we can do is try to contribute little by little to the tumultuous climate change. Small habits that we can incorporate into our daily lives include cycling or walking short distances instead of driving, avoiding usage of plastic bags and materials, using a dustbin to dispose of waste (especially non-biodegradable), as

it should be and not dumping waste directly onto roads and into water bodies. Kashmiri women mostly, are frequently seen throwing waste on roads, lanes and bylanes, but it is neither civil nor sane of them to do so. We as a community must start gaining some civic sense and manners, and start taking a responsibility towards this planet we're thriving on. You and I can start by learning about climate change

and contemplating small significant steps to help combat it, so we could be able to aid a greener world. We must realise how selflessly the earth gives its bounties to us, we may never be able to return the favour of mother earth, but we can at least try to not harm it.

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# Zero Waste: 7 Rs to Heed

Dr. Ashaq Hussain

**7**R Rule is inevitable as 5R's of waste management have become now obsolete in sustainable waste management efforts

Large scale Industrialization and an increase in living standards have led to the generation of impressive amounts of waste that, unfortunately, have made considerable environmental degradation through climate change, through their negative impact on fauna and flora and ultimately through their impact on our health. The most devastating effect comes from the generation of solid waste contaminating every ecosystem on the planet. The increasing use of plastics and their accumulation has further contributed to eco-pollution. A large percentage of plastic produced each year is used to make single-use, disposable packaging items or products which is mostly permanently thrown out within a year. The effect of solid waste is even far more dangerous, acting as a large source of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, contributing to global climate change. Along with it, if waste is not managed well, then it leads to flooding, air pollution and thereby various health problems such as respiratory ailments, diarrhea and dengue fever.

Despite the need and importance of zero waste in terms of preserving a clean and healthy environment for citizens, waste management has historically suffered from a poor image. Globally it has typically been viewed as dirty work in dirty and dangerous places carried out by people with little or no qualifications for little or no wages, sometimes just for subsistence on discarded materials. This is still a widely held view and sadly a daily reality for poverty stricken families in many under developed parts of the world and too much pronounced in our country. No doubt, by convention, solid waste management is a better choice. But, the idea of management also creates feelings of creating and using more solid waste, which is undesirable. Thus, the process of linear production-consumption-disposal system is now an outdated ideology and hence we should have one-way alternative i.e., "Zero waste management" or "Life with minimal waste".

Thus with change in mindset, times have changed and in many parts of the world, the modern waste industry have laid claims of being one of the most dynamic and fast changing business sectors. The 21st Century has seen a substantial number of initiatives that focus on improvements to the environment, with changes in how we manage our wastes forming a part of firm foundations that are being built to facilitate the sustainable development of society. However here still we have a greater requirement on the



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waste sector to operate to higher standards of professionalism and to incorporate best practice and new technologies in all its activities. These changes should reflect society's desire to manage our resources better and to protect the environment, locally as well as globally. So waste management should be now viewed as resource management and a multi-disciplinary subject, incorporating: civil, electrical and mechanical engineering; physical, chemical, biological, environmental and materials sciences; politics; economics; urban and rural planning; media & communications; IT; advertising; marketing; design; technology; transportation; logistics and operational management; business studies; management; and even the creative arts. Resource or waste management has never had a higher public profile, because its complexity is not properly recognized by the society that

continues to under-value its importance to its quality of life. There has never been a better time to consider the importance of education to waste (resource) management.

So, when we talk about waste, it literally means the solid wastes that are produced from residential, industrial and commercial sources with the exception of hazardous wastes. Among these, the output of garbage, litter, tailings, debris and other discarded materials of household materials are the large waste groups. The amount of waste produced in the world is growing exponentially, especially in developed countries, where the national gross domestic product (GDP) and waste generation per capita are at high ratio. Thus, there is a growing concern regarding the impacts of commodity production and associated waste materials.

Integrated waste management (IWM) is

thus the need of the hour and as such it has emerged as a holistic approach to managing waste by combining and applying a range of suitable techniques, technologies and management. There is no individual waste management method which is suitable for processing all wastes in a sustainable manner. With the rise in waste generation and processing costs along with a simultaneous dip in available land, the three or even five R's of waste management of past have become now obsolete in sustainable waste management efforts. It has been proposed that, instead of 3R or 5R, 7R rule must be incorporated indicating, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Re-thinking, Renovation, and Regulation so as to arrive at Zero waste target.

Zero waste refers to waste management and planning approaches which emphasize waste prevention and using no extra

product that can generate potential waste. Zero waste focuses more on restructuring production and distribution systems to reduce waste rather than eliminating waste through recycling and reuse. Even if it is not possible to completely eliminate waste due to physical constraints still zero waste provides guiding principles for continually working towards eliminating wastes and there are many successful cases around the world which resulted from the implementation of the zero waste rule. Since the focus of zero waste is on eliminating waste at the outset, it requires heavy involvement primarily from industry and government. In fact, zero waste will not be possible without significant efforts from the industry. Meanwhile, the Government which has the ability to form policies should frame efficient policies and provide subsidies for better product manufacturing, design, sale and the ability to develop and adopt comprehensive waste management strategies that can reduce waste generation.

New Zealand is one of the first countries to adopt a national goal of achieving zero waste who adopted the New Zealand Waste Strategy policy with the strategy the country was able to make considerable progress. A number of companies are now embracing the zero waste concept including Hewlett-Packard, Kimberly Clark, and The Body Shop. Cradle-to-cradle (C2C) strategies are at focus on designing industrial systems so that materials flow in closed loop cycles; meaning that waste is minimized, and waste products can be recycled and reused. In natural ecosystems, nutrients are cycled through an ecosystem because the waste generated by certain organisms is typically used or consumed by other organisms. This biological nutrient cycling can be mimicked for better waste recycling and reuse. Green engineering is another option of achieving sustainability through science and technology. It can reduce pollution at the source, and minimize the risks faced by humans and the environment when designing new products, materials, processes and systems. Many successful persons are working on promoting the zero waste system through awareness programmes to inspire the whole world on the beautiful concept of zero waste. So practically it is possible to make a world of zero waste, where no human being and no biotic life is prone to risk of harmful impacts of solid waste and plastics. It is the time which we can make for us as well as for our future generations to make a healthy, greener and sustainable planet to live within.

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## 5 Drawbacks To Following Your Passion

**A**fter earning bachelor's degrees in engineering and sociology, I was determined to do what I love. I headed straight to graduate school to investigate the social problems that frightened and fascinated me.

For almost a decade, I told everyone I encountered – students, cousins, baristas at the coffee shop I frequented – that they should do the same. "Follow your passion," I counseled. "You can figure out the employment stuff later."

It wasn't until I began to research this widely accepted career advice that I understood how problematic – and rooted in privilege – it really was.

### THE PASSION PRINCIPLE

As a sociologist who examines workforce culture and inequalities, I interviewed college students and professional workers to learn what it really meant to pursue their dreams, which I will refer to here as the passion principle. I was stunned by what I found out about this principle in the research for my book "The Trouble with Passion."

I examined surveys that show the American public has held the passion principle in high regard as a career decision-making priority since the 1980s. And its popularity is even stronger among those facing pandemic-related job instability.

My interviews revealed that proponents of the passion principle found it compelling because they believed that following one's passion can provide workers with both the motivation necessary to work hard and a place to find fulfillment.

Yet, what I found is that following one's passion does not necessarily lead to fulfillment, but is one of the most powerful cultural forces perpetuating overwork. I also found that promoting the pursuit of one's passion helps perpetuate social inequalities due to the fact that not everyone has the same economic resources to allow them to pursue

their passion with ease. What follows are five major pitfalls of the passion principle that I discovered through my research.

### 1. REINFORCES SOCIAL INEQUALITY

While the passion principle is broadly popular, not everyone has the necessary resources to turn their passion into a stable, good-paying job.

Passion-seekers from wealthy families are better able to wait until a job in their passion comes along without worrying about student loans in the meantime. They are also better situated to take unpaid internships to get their foot in the door while their parents pay their rent or let them live at home.

And they often have access to parents' social networks to help them find jobs. Surveys revealed that working-class and first-generation college graduates, regardless of their career field, are more likely than their wealthier peers to end up in low-paying unskilled jobs when they pursue their passion.

Colleges and universities, workplaces and career counselors who promote the "follow your passion" path for everyone, without leveling the playing field, help perpetuate socioeconomic inequalities among career aspirants.

Thus, those who promote the "follow your passion" path for everyone might be ignoring the fact that not everyone is equally able to find success while following that advice.

### 2. A THREAT TO WELL-BEING

My research revealed that passion proponents see the pursuit of one's passion as a good way to decide on a career, not only because having work in one's passion might lead to a good job, but because it is believed to lead to a good life. To achieve this, passion-seekers invest much of their own sense of identity in their work.

Yet, the labor force is not structured around the goal of nurturing



our authentic sense of self. Indeed, studies of laid-off workers have illustrated that those who were passionate about their work felt as though they lost a part of their identity when they lost their jobs, along with their source of income.

When we rely on our jobs to give us a sense of purpose, we place our identities at the mercy of the global economy.

### 3. PROMOTES EXPLOITATION

It's not just well-off passion-seekers who benefit from the passion principle. Employers of passionate workers do, too. I conducted an experiment to see how potential employers would respond to job applicants who expressed different reasons for being interested in a job.

Not only do potential employers prefer passionate applicants over applicants who wanted the job for other reasons, but employers knowingly exploited this passion: Potential

employers showed greater interest in passionate applicants in part because employers believed the applicants would work hard at their jobs without expecting an increase in pay.

### 4. REINFORCES THE CULTURE OF OVERWORK

In conversations with college students and college-educated workers, I found that a substantial number were willing to sacrifice a good salary, job stability and leisure time to work in a job they love. Nearly half – or 46% – of college-educated workers I surveyed ranked interest or passion for the work as their first priority in a future job. This compared to only 21% who prioritized salary and 15% who prioritized work-family balance. Among those I interviewed, there were those who said they would willingly "eat ramen noodles every night" and "work 90 hours a week" if it meant they could follow their passion.

Although many professionals seek

work in their area of passion precisely because they want to avoid the drudgery of working long hours doing tasks they aren't personally committed to, passion-seeking ironically perpetuates the cultural expectations of overwork. Most passion-seekers I spoke to were willing to work long hours as long as it was work about which they were passionate.

### 5. DISMISSES LABOR MARKET INEQUALITY

I find that the passion principle isn't just a guide that its followers use to make decisions about their own lives. For many, it also serves as an explanation for workforce inequality. For example, compared to those who don't adhere to the passion principle, proponents were more likely to say women aren't represented well in engineering because they followed their passion elsewhere, rather than acknowledging the deep structural and cultural roots of this underrep-

resentation. In other words, passion principle proponents tend to explain away patterns of labor market inequality as the benign result of individual passion-seeking.

### AVOIDING PITFALLS

To avoid these pitfalls, people may want to base their career decisions on more than whether those decisions represent their passion. What do you need from your work in addition to a paycheck? Predictable hours? Enjoyable colleagues? Benefits? A respectful boss?

For those who are already employed in jobs you are passionate about, I encourage you to diversify your portfolio of the ways in which you make meaning – to nurture hobbies, activities, community service and identities that exist wholly outside of work. How can you make time to invest in these other ways to find purpose and satisfaction?

Another factor to consider is whether you are being fairly compensated for the extra passion-fueled efforts you contribute to your job. If you work for a company, does your manager know that you spent weekends reading books on team leadership or mentoring the newest member of your team after hours? We contribute to our own exploitation if we do uncompensated work for our job out of our passion for it.

My research for "The Trouble with Passion" raises sobering questions about standard approaches to mentoring and career advising. Every year, millions of high school and college graduates gear up to enter the labor force full time, and millions more reevaluate their jobs. It is vital that the friends, parents, teachers and career coaches who counsel them begin to question if advising them to pursue their passion is something that could end up doing more harm than good.

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## Delhi Police Examining Financial Transactions Of Arrested Alt News Co-Founder Zubair

Press Trust of India

**New Delhi:** The Delhi Police on Wednesday wrote to multiple banks seeking information about bank account details and other financial transactions of fact-checking website Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair who is under police custody over an "objectionable" tweet, officials said.

Zubair was arrested on Monday for allegedly hurting religious sentiments after posting the tweet against a Hindu deity in 2018.

"We are currently focusing on the source of donation and other financial transactions made into the bank accounts associated with Alt News. We have evidence that in the last three months, transaction amounting to Rs 50 lakh was made into one of the accounts. We are further analysing the transactions made from multiple bank accounts," a senior police officer said.

He said Zubair will be taken to Bengaluru on Thursday in connection with the probe.

"Our team will take Zubair to Bengaluru tomorrow to seize the devices, including the mobile phone and laptop, that might have been used to post the tweet in question, and also to collect other evidence linked to the case," the officer said.

Police had said that the objectionable tweet "led to a Twitter storm with hate speeches which was detrimental to communal harmony".

The officer also said that the mobile phone used by the journalist at present has been formatted and does not have information related to the case.

According to police, Zubair, when asked about the phone he used when he allegedly posted the tweet in question, said he had lost it.

Meanwhile, the anonymous Twitter handle, a complaint from which led to Zubair's arrest, does not exist on the microblogging website anymore, sources in the Delhi Police said.

A Delhi court had on Tuesday extended by four days the custodial interrogation of Zubair.

During the hearing, Zubair's counsel said that the photo which he had used in the tweet was from a 1983 film by Hrishikesh Mukherjee, Kissi Se Na Kehna, and that the film was not banned.

The court, however, rejected the submission, saying it was of no assistance to the accused at this stage.

The Delhi Police had also told the court that Zubair allegedly used controversial tweets to hurt religious feelings in an effort to get fame.

On June 20, a case against Zubair was registered under sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, language etc.) and 295A (deliberate and malicious act intended to outrage religious feelings) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the DCP said.

However, he was arrested in connection with one of his tweets posted in the year 2018 that had a questionable image with a purpose to deliberately insult the god of a particular religion, he said.

(Central), J&K, against an available vacancy.

Atul Kumar, JKAS, Secretary, Jammu Municipal Corporation, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Ashok Kumar, JKAS, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Khalid Hussain, JKAS, Assistant Settlement Officer, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Poonch, relieving Dr. Mohammad Tanwir, JKAS, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Poonch of the additional charge of the post.

Vishwajeet, JKAS, General Manager, DIC, Ramban, has been transferred and posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, Culture Department.

Rakesh Kumar Vaid, JKAS, Commissioner in the State Taxes Department, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, Jammu.

Sohan Lal, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in GAD, has been posted as Registrar, GCET, Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Joginder Singh Jasrotia, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bani, holding additional charge of Sub Registrar, Bani, has been transferred and posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Samba, relieving Dr. Subash Chander, JKAS, Registrar, District Samba of the additional charge of the post.

"Further, the officers who have been assigned duties relating to Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2022 shall join at their new places of postings after completion of Yatra," the order reads.

Meanwhile, as per a spate order, Aziz Ahmad Rather, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner (Central) in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary to the Government, Industries and Commerce Department.

Ms. Mita Kumari, JKAS, Deputy Director, Libraries, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Udhampur.

Aadil Fareed, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Industries and Commerce Department, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner (Central) in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.

Dharam Paul, JKAS, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Udhampur, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Director Libraries, Jammu.

### LG Discusses Amarnath

and @HMOIndia was also present?"

He also said it was ironic that the security apparatus denied Mehbooba permission to visit her father Mufi Mohammad Sayeed's grave in Anantnag district on the same day when the administration was inviting her for the meeting.

Abdullah, while talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function here, said he has received the invitation but has not been informed about its agenda.

"I arrived from Delhi today only. I have received the card but the agenda is not mentioned. I will go there and find out what is it all about," he said.

The Congress also lamented that no agenda was fixed for the meeting.

CPI (M) leader M Y Tarigami told Kashmir Observer that the meeting lasted for over an hour in which arrangements for the Amarnath Yatra were discussed.

He said the LG sought the suggestion from all the political leaders regarding the smooth conduct for the Yatra.

"This was the common opinion of all the political leaders that the yatra is the part of cultural ethos of Kashmiri society," Tarigami said, adding that the leaders also wished that the Yatra should become a medium for bringing people of Kashmir close to New Delhi rather than widening the gap.

Tarigami, who is also the spokesperson of People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) is a political alliance between the several regional political parties-told Kashmir Observer that the leaders also apprised LG that the Yatra shouldn't hit the daily affairs of the people.

Tarigami said LG didn't discuss anything about the political or security situation of Jammu and Kashmir and left after a cup of tea.

Meanwhile, in a statement issued here, an official spokesperson said that the LG held a meeting with senior political leaders to discuss arrangements and management of Amarnath Yatra.

Sinha, he said, observed that sacred pilgrimage strengthens our faith in the goodness of mankind & its successful conduct is responsibility of every citizen of J&K UT.

"Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra is a reflection of our composite culture and people belonging to all the faiths are contributing to make it successful," the LG said.

According to the spokesperson, all the senior leaders in the meeting spoke in one voice and observed that Amarnath Yatra is like a few festival, a celebration of Kashmiriyat for common man of J&K and each & every citizen of UT will ensure warm

hospitality & comfort of the pilgrims

He said that the senior leaders appealed to the people for their continuous support and assistance in the conduct of the Yatra, which is pride of Jammu Kashmir and reflection of unity in diversity.

"The senior leaders also observed that Yatra is a vital part of J&K's economy and livelihood source for a large number of local people," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the LG also apprised the meeting about the arrangements put in place for the pilgrimage, besides special places identified at all Yatra Camps for selling local products, including famous art and handicrafts of Jammu Kashmir.

"All the senior leaders of prominent political parties of J&K put forth their views and suggestions for the smooth and successful conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra," he said, adding that the LG said a similar meeting would be held after 10 days of Yatra.

Other political leaders who participated in the meeting included Muzaffar Hussain Baig, Muzaffar Shah, Altaf Bukhari, Hakeem Mohd Yaseen and GM Shaheen. (With PTI inputs)

### 2 Militants Killed

which was retaliated effectively leading to an encounter.

"Later on CRPF (18Bn) also joined the operation," the spokesperson said, adding in the ensuing encounter, two local categorized militants of LeT were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter.

According to the spokesperson, IGP Kashmir congratulated the joint teams for conducting the operation in professional manner without collateral damage.

"He also termed the operation as a big success as the operation site was very close to National Highway (Yatra route)," he added.

### J&K Stands Tall

this goal has been realized," he added.

The LG, as per the spokesperson said that braving all the challenges of agricultural reform, our ranking in monthly farm income has improved and J&K UT is standing tall among top 5 states/UTs.

"J&K has limitless potential in agriculture & concerted efforts are opening up doors of opportunity for small & marginal farmers. Never before had high-density plantation investment in agro-based industries taken place at the kind of speed witnessed in the last two years," the LG said.

Sinha, the spokesperson said, also asserted that Green Agriculture Revolution, and the contribution of Agricultural Universities, Institutions & Krishi Vigyan Kendras has changed the way of farming in an innovative way by extending benefits of modern technologies to the farmers.

He further said that the LG informed that under the Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana started by Prime Minister, last year J&K administration covered 82,188 farmers and this year, the target is to register 50,000 additional farmers under the scheme. The farmers associated with this scheme will get a pension of three thousand rupees every month in their account after the age of 60 years.

"I urge every eligible beneficiary to take advantage of this scheme," the LG said.

As per the spokesperson, the LG termed farmers, youth and women entrepreneurs as the priority of the J&K administration and assured every possible support to them.

On the occasion, he said, the LG handed over sanction letters to beneficiaries, and financial assistance to farmers under the National Saffron Mission.

He also released a book titled "Zero Budget Natural Farming" and inspected the impressive stalls set up by government departments, startups and other stakeholders.

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### Kulgam Leading

education, the ultimate objective of PGI-D is to help the districts to prioritize areas for intervention in school education and thus improve to reach the highest grade.

The PGI-D is expected to help the state education departments to identify gaps at the district level and improve their performance in a decentralised manner. The indicator-wise PGI score shows the areas where a district needs to improve. The PGI-D will also reflect the relative performance of all the districts in a uniform scale which encourages them to perform better.

The structure comprises total weightage of 600 points across 83 indicators, which are grouped under six categories which includes outcomes, effective classroom transaction, infrastructure facilities and student's entitlements, school safety and child protection, digital learning and governance process.

These categories are further divided into 12 domains – Learning Outcomes

and Quality (LO), Access Outcomes (AO), Teacher Availability and Professional Development Outcomes (TAPDO), Learning Management (LM), Learning Enrichment Activities (LEA), Infrastructure, Facilities, Student Entitlements (IF and SE), School Safety and Child Protection (SS and CP), Digital Learning (DL), Funds convergence and utilization (FCV), Enhancing CRCs Performance (CRCP), Attendance Monitoring Systems (AMS) and School Leadership Development (SLD).

The PGI-D report has graded 725 districts in 2018-19 and 733 districts in 2019-20 across the States / UTs. In a press release, the Ministry has said that the "PGI-D 2020-21 is presently under compilation. PGI-D 2018-19 and 2019-20 provides insight into intra State comparison of progress of School education".

In the Digital Learning (DL) category along with scores in 2018-19 and 2019-20, 20 districts have shown over 20 percent improvement in score and 43 districts have shown improvement of over 10 percent in score during 2019-20 as compared to 2018-19 resulting in grade level progress.

In the Infrastructure, Facilities, Student Entitlements (IF & SE) along with scores during 2018-19 and 2019-20 category, overall 478 districts made improvement in score during 2019-20 as compared to 2018-19. Out of these 478, 37 districts made over 20 percent improvement in score and 115 districts made an improvement of over 10 percent implying Grade level improvement.

Under the Effective Classroom Transactions during 2018-19 and 2019-20 category, Overall 510 districts made improvement in scores in the category- Effective Classroom Transactions, of which 18 districts made more than 20 percent improvement in scores and 29 districts improved their score by over 10 percent resulting in grade level improvement in 2019-20 as compared to 2018-19.

### Zilhaj Moon Not

Zilhaj is considered as a very sacred month in the Islamic calendar, one in which the annual 'ajj (Pilgrimage) is performed besides the festival of sacrifice Eid-ul-Azha, synonymously known as Bakra Eid, Bakrid, Eid Qurban or Qurban Bayarami is celebrated.

With the beginning of the auspicious month from Monday, all those intending to do sacrifices, make Qurbani – of animals – are supposedly not to trim their hair or nails until the sacrifices are actually made, as per well-established Ahadith (sayings of Prophet Muhammad SAW).

The history of the Eid-ul-Azha started when Prophet Ibrahim kept having a recurring dream of slaughtering his beloved son, (Prophet) Ismail, to fulfill the wishes of Almighty Allah.

Hazrat Ibrahim spoke to his son regarding the dream, explaining to him how Allah wanted him to make the sacrifice and Ismail, who was just as much a man of Allah, agreed with his father and asked him to comply with the wishes of Allah. Shaitan (the devil) tempted Ibrahim and tried to dissuade him from making the sacrifice but he tried to shun it away by pelting it with stones.

Allah saw Ibrahim's absolute devotion and sent Jibreel (Angel Gabriel), the Archangel, bearing a sheep for slaughter. Jibreel told Ibrahim that God was pleased with his devotion to him and sent the sheep to be slaughtered in place of his son. Ever since then, cattle sacrifice is a major part of Eid-ul-Azha celebrations which not only commemorates Prophet Ibrahim and Ismael's love for Allah but also shows that one is willing to make the ultimate sacrifice of what they love dearly, just for the sake of Allah. (GNS)

### Policeman Dies

for treatment, where he was declared dead on arrival.

The deceased was posted as constable at police station Maisuma.

### LeT Militant

the said case it came to fore that the arrested associate was involved in providing logistic support to LeT by distributing proceeds of narcotics to active militants and operatives of the outfit.

It added that further investigation into the case was going on.

### J&K Logs 73 New

Budgam and Bandipora. Among the total cases, 166996 are from Jammu division and 288010 from Kashmir.

There was no death due to the pathogen reported in the last 24 hours, they said. So far 4756 persons have succumbed to the virus—2331 in Jammu and 2425 in Kashmir.

Besides, they said, 31 Covid-19 patients recovered during the last 24 hours—21 from Jammu division and 10 from Kashmir Valley. So far 449803 people have recovered, leaving the active case tally at 447—316 in Jammu and 131 in Kashmir.

The officials said there was no new confirmed case of mucormycosis (black fungus) reported today. So far 51 black fungus cases have been confirmed in J&K, the officials said. They also informed that 9507 doses of covid-19 vaccine were administered during the time in J&K.

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### Srinagar Sizzles

day. The temperature was 2.9°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir during this time of the season, he said.

Kokernag recorded 31.7°C against 31.5°C on the previous day. It was 3.6°C above normal for the place in south Kashmir during this time of the season, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a maximum of 24.0°C against 23.2°C on the previous night, the official said. While 21.6°C is normal for the world famous skiing resort during this time of the season, the official said that the temperature was 2.4°C above normal for the famous place in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Jammu recorded a maximum of 38.1°C against 39.6°C on the previous night, the official said.

The temperature was 0.4°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a maximum of 30.8°C, Batote 28.9°C, Katra 35.0°C while Bhadarwah had a minimum of 34.2°C, the official said.

"Conditions are favourable for arrival of monsoon into J&K during 30th (June) -1st July," the MeT official said.

Regarding subsequent five days, he said, light to moderate rain are "very likely" at many places mainly in plains of Jammu region.

### Amarnath Yatra

and heavy vehicles, the officials said.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration is also augmenting the efforts of the shrine board by providing fool-proof security cover along both the Pahalgam and Baltal routes to the holy cave, a senior official said.

The board has also made a provision of online 'darshan' for those who cannot physically undertake the pilgrimage.

"For the devotees who cannot come for the pilgrimage, they can avail the facility of online 'darshan', 'pooja', 'havan' and 'prasad'," the official said.

This year, the pilgrimage is expected to see higher than usual attendance of pilgrims as the Yatra is resuming after a gap of three years.

In 2019, the Yatra was curtailed days ahead the abrogation of Article 370. The pilgrimage did not take place in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While a senior army officer recently said the threat perception to the pilgrimage was more this year, unprecedented security arrangements have been made to ensure it remains incident-free.

Security personnel have been deployed three to four times more in strength for the pilgrimage, the officials said.

The security along both the Baltal and Pahalgam routes has been beefed up and new security pickets have been established to ensure that subversive elements are not able to disrupt the pilgrimage, they said.

To ensure only bona fide pilgrims are present at the pilgrimage, the SASB has asked all intending pilgrims to carry Aadhaar cards or any other biometric verified document with them.

Apart from the deployment, drone surveillance and RFID chips are also a part of the three-tier security arrangements for pilgrims.

The peaks leading to the holy cave from both the routes -- Pahalgam and Baltal -- have been covered by the security forces, the officials said.

They said sanitisation of the routes has been carried out and round-the-clock vigil is being maintained.

The officials said the pilgrimage would be monitored with the help of CCTVs and drones on both routes.

Apart from security, other arrangements have also been in an elaborate manner.

At the Baltal base camp, a 70-bed fully-equipped DRDO hospital has

been set up for quality healthcare services to the pilgrims.

The hospital, funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, will have X-ray and ultrasound facilities, general and oxygenated wards, OPD, ICU, pharmacy and a laboratory.

The health department of the Union Territory administration has also made special arrangements for providing healthcare facilities to the pilgrims.

They have stationed 109 basic life support ambulances and 26 advance life support critical care ambulances at 55 locations en route Baltal and Chandanwari routes from Qazigund for the pilgrims.

The officials said this year, special focus is on cleanliness and the board aims for a "Swachh Amarnath Yatra".

Toilets have been provided all along the routes.

The pilgrimage will culminate on August 11, coinciding with 'Raksha Bandhan'.

### LG Flags Off

pilgrimage to the cave shrine will begin from twin base camps in Kashmir on Thursday and will conclude on August 11 on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

The annual Amarnath Yatra is being organised after a gap of two years due to the Covid pandemic.

Amid chants of 'Bam Bam Bhole' and 'Jai Barfani Baba ki', the pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here in a convoy of vehicles amid tight security.

Flanked by political leaders and officials, including Jammu Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, BJP leader Devender Rana and Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, the Sinha flagged off the convoy of buses and other vehicles carrying pilgrims on their inward journey to the twin base camps in Kashmir.

The first batch of pilgrims left for the cave shrine amid chanting of Vedic mantras.

The Lt Governor prayed for the peace, prosperity and a safe journey of pilgrims.

Marking the beginning of the annual pilgrimage, the first batch left at around 4 am in a cavalcade of 176 light and heavy vehicles, officials said.

The yatra has passed through Udhampur and Ramban districts amid a grand welcome accorded by the top officials district administration led by DCs and SSPs.

"The pilgrimage has begun from Jammu. The convoy, flagged off by the L-G, has left for Kashmir from here," Jammu Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta told reporters.

He said all arrangements have been made to provide comfort to the pilgrims.

In Jammu, Daleep Singh, a devotee from Barmer in Rajasthan, said, "There is no fear, no threat, only unbridled passion to reach the cave shrine quickly and have a glimpse of Lord Shiva."

Asha Devi, who is a part of an over 40-member group of pilgrims from Kanpur, said, "We urge people from all over the country to come and pay obeisance at the cave shrine."

Multi-tier security arrangements have been put in place in and around the base camps, lodging, registration and token centres with the deployment of over 5,000 security personnel in Jammu city, officials said.

The yatra will commence on June 30 from the traditional 48-km Nunwan route in south Kashmir's Pahalgam and the 14-km Baltal route in central Kashmir's Ganderbal.

According to officials, over three lakh pilgrims have registered so far for the annual Amarnath Yatra.

This year, the government has introduced a Radio Frequency Identification to track the movement and well-being of the pilgrims, they said.

"Adequate security measure has been put in place for the base camps and lodging places in Jammu city.

Security is a major challenge," Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police Chandan Kohli said.

The police have issued special stickers for vehicles ferrying pilgrims. No vehicle without the sticker will be allowed to proceed towards the cave shrine, officials said.

### JKSRTC Puts 500 Buses

pilgrims arriving to Kashmir for the Amarnath Yatra pilgrimage.

The buses have been deployed at six different routes including Jammu-Pahalgam and vice-versa, Jammu-Baltal and vice-versa, Srinagar-Baltal and vice-versa, Srinagar-Pahalgam and vice-versa, Airport-Baltal and vice-versa and Airport-Pahalgam and vice-versa.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, Habibullah Reshi(GMO), Nodal Officer Yatra, Kashmir Division said that 250 buses have been deployed for daily operations and rest are kept as reserve. "We've deployed a total of 500 buses for the Amarnath Yatra pilgrims this year. Out of the 500, 250 are kept for daily travel and 250 have been kept as a reserve stock," Habibullah Reshi told Kashmir Observer.

The official further added that JKSRTC has deployed about 54 buses on Wednesday for the first batch of pilgrims. "Each bus contains about 42 seats. 8 buses have been deployed on the Airport route. Depending on the need of the bus, the department may also increase the number of buses if required," the official said, adding that 40 separate buses from different routes have been deployed for the smooth travel of Government employees.

Pertinently, three different variants of JKSRTC buses have been deployed for the pilgrims. This includes A/C Buses, Deluxe buses and Semi-Deluxe buses.

However, a Jammu based JKSRTC official wishing anonymity said that "until the Yatra concludes, the Government employees in the Jammu division may face a curtailment of bus services".

JKSRTC has five separate booking counters in Jammu Division. This includes Shri Amarnath Ji Yatri Niwas in Bhagwati Nagar, Rameshwari Mandir, T.R.C Jammu, Railway Station Jammu and General Bus Stand Jammu.

Pertinently, the department has also erected four booking counters in Kashmir Division which includes counters at Nunwan Pahalgam, Baltal Sonamarg, Srinagar Airport and TRC Srinagar.

### Govt Transfers

Jammu, relieving Sukriti Sharma, JKAS, Deputy Excise Commissioner (Accounts), Jammu of the additional charge of the post.

Hakeem Tanveer Ahmad, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Kangan, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Kangan, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Employment, Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Mohammad Aslam, JKAS, Deputy Director, Estates, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Dhirender Sharma, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Ramban, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Education, Udhampur/Reasi, against an available vacancy.

Bilkees Jan, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Ganderbal, has been transferred and posted as Joint Registrar, Cooperative Societies (Special), Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Ms. Ashima Sher, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in GAD, has been posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Hqr).

Ideel Saleem, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Anantnag, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Labour Commissioner



## NCM Member Visits Kishtwar, Says 'Revolutionary Steps' Taken For Welfare Of Minorities

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: National Commission for Minorities (NCM) member Rinchen Lhamo visited Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday and said the commission has taken several revolutionary steps for the welfare and upliftment of minority communities.

Lhamo made the remarks during her interaction with representatives of Muslim and Sikh minority communities at Chenab Bhawan, an official spokesman said.

He said Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner Ashok Sharma, Senior Superintendent of Police Shafkat Hussain Bhat, District Social Welfare Officer Zubair Ahmed and several other officers were part of the interaction.

"The mandate of NCM is to provide education and employment opportunities to the minority section of society," Lhamo said and listed some of the initiatives of the commission.

Responding to the demands raised by the representatives of various minority communities, she assured them that their genuine issues would be taken up with higher-ups for immediate redressal.

Lhamo urged the representatives of minority communities to work in collaboration with the district administration to spread awareness about various welfare schemes among the masses.

Earlier, Lhamo visited Paddar area of the district and held an interactive meeting with Buddhist and other minorities to hear their issues and grievances.



SENIOR CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AND POLICE OFFICIALS welcoming a Sadhu on his arrival at the Yatra Transit Camp Panthachowk here on Wednesday  
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## Participation Of Civil Society, Locals Inextricably Woven Into Yatra: LG

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Participation of Civil Society members and locals are inextricably woven into Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, said Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday.

He was speaking during a programme organized by Civil Society of Kashmir & PHDCCI to welcome Amarnathji Yatris, here at SKICC.

Many generations here have assisted in this spiritual journey and Darshan of Shri Amarnath ji. Apart from having a spiritual significance, integral part of lifetime, the pilgrimage also gives J&K opportunity to showcase its rich cultural heritage and warm hospitality, said the Lt Governor.

There is tremendous enthusiasm among devotees and people of J&K for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra beginning tomorrow and everyone is contributing to make this sacred pilgrimage successful, he added.

For many centuries, Shri Amarnathji pilgrimage is strengthening the bond of brotherhood & social unity, besides having a greater impact on the J&K's economy, observed the Lt Governor.

Government is making efforts



to provide best possible facilities to the Yatris, however such holy occasion may not be complete without the wholehearted participation of the civil society. I have full faith that the devotees of Shri Amarnathji will return with God's blessings and everlasting memories of warm hospitality of the 1.25 crore people of Jammu and Kashmir, the Lt Governor said.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, speaking on the occasion, appreciated the gesture of the Civil Society members to organize a programme to welcome the pilgrims of Shri Amarnathji Yatra. He also highlighted the development taking place in the UT in terms of connectivity, tourism, livelihood generation of the locals etc.

Chairperson J&K Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, said that the people of Kashmir always have a strong connect with Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and considered it as their responsibility to ensure comfortable stay of the pilgrims in the valley during their yatra.

Civil Society representatives including Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya and Bashir Ahmad Rather also spoke on the occasion and assured full cooperation and support from the members of the civil society to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the yatra.

## Qummi Flays Cleric For Blasphemous Remarks

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Maulana Sibte Mohammad Shabbir Qummi, the patron of Peruwane Vilayat has demanded strict action against a cleric who allegedly has uttered insulted remarks against the noble lady Hazrat Fatima Zahra (AS).

In a statement issued to the press Qummi said that so called clerics are trying to create a discord among communities and shatter the centuries old brotherhood in Kashmir.

He said that all Muslims irrespective of sectarian divide have

deep devotion and love for Ahlul Bayt but it is unfortunate that their feelings are being hurt under a planned conspiracy. He said that instead of putting curbs on such so-called preachers, they are being given a place on the pulpit by the vested interests.

He appealed Muslims of Kashmir, especially the Muttahida Majlis-e-Ulema, to find and expose such wolves in their ranks and take action against them which, apart from insulting the Ahlul Bayt and other religious personalities, incite violence among Muslims.

## Molana Syed Safi Haider Qibla Given Award Of Excellence

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Molana Syed Safi Haider Qibla, the National Secretary Tanzeemul Makatib - India on Wednesday was given Award Of Excellence for his outstanding achievements in fields of religious education in India.

The award was presented on behalf of Mirza Abul Qasim R.A Memorial Mission & CDRCT Kashmir in presence of formerly and newly elected Nigran-Secretaries along with State teachers and implementors at their Headquarter (Kashmir), a statement issued on Wednesday said.

## Woman's Body Retrieved From NHPC Dam In Uri

Agencies

URI: An unidentified female body was retrieved from NHPC water dam in Salamabad Uri in north Kashmir's Baramulla district this evening, officials said.

They said that the locals spotted the female body floating in

NHPC and informed local police. A team soon after visited the site and retrieved the body from the water body, they said.

Confirming it, a police official told a local news agency GNS that a case has been registered in this regard. "Efforts are on to ascertain her identity", he further said.

## New Genus Of Treeshrew From Middle Miocene Site Of Ramnagar In J&K Spotted

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Scientists have spotted fossils of a small mammal resembling squirrels called treeshrew belonging to a new genus and species from Ramnagar in Jammu and Kashmir.

This treeshrew currently represents the oldest record of fossil tupaids in the Siwaliks, extending their time range by 2.5-4.0 Million Years in the region and can help provide a more precise age estimate for this Ramnagar locality lying in the Udhampur District (UT-Jammu & Kashmir).

Siwalik sediments document the evolution of many mammalian groups from the middle Miocene through Pleistocene including treeshrews, hedgehogs, and other small mammals. Treeshrews, in particular, are very rare elements of the fossil record, with only a few species known throughout the entire Cenozoic era.

Scientists from the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), an autonomous institute of Department of Science and Technology (DST) found fossils of the new genus and species of treeshrew (known as Sivatupaia ramnagarensis n. gen. n. sp) from the middle Miocene (extends from about 23.03 to 5.333 million years ago) site of Ramnagar in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dietary analyses suggest that the new tupauid was probably adapted for a less mechanically

challenging or more fruit eating diet compared to other extant and fossil tupauids. In addition, new hedgehog and rodent specimens have been described from this same fossil locality. The murine rodents are of particular importance, because different species and dental features are well-known to be time sensitive, as has been documented throughout a continuous, time-controlled Siwalik sequence on the Potwar Plateau of Pakistan. Therefore, the identification of these time sensitive dental features and species in the current collection help to provide a more precise age estimate for this Ramnagar locality as between 12.7-11.6 Million Years.

This work was carried out by Dr. Ramesh Kumar Sehgal (leading author), Dr. Ningthoujam Premjit Singh (corresponding author) and Mr. Abhishek Pratap Singh from Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun, India in association with researchers from Panjab University Chandigarh (Dr. Rajeev Patnaik); Hunter College of the City University of New York, USA (Dr. Christopher C. Gilbert); University of Southern California, Los Angeles (Dr. Biren A. Patel); Arizona State University, USA (Dr. Christopher J. Campisano); American Museum of Natural History, USA (Dr. Keegan R. Selig). It was recently published in the Journal of Paleontology. The newly described specimens are housed in the repository of Wadia Institute.

## Amarnath Yatra Symbol Of Communal Harmony, Brotherhood: NC

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Welcoming pilgrims intending to visit the holy cave shrine of Amarnath in Jammu and Kashmir, senior National Conference leader Rattan Lal Gupta on Wednesday said the yatra is a symbol of communal harmony and brotherhood and the safety and security of the yatris should be the priority focus of the administration.

The 43-day annual pilgrimage is scheduled to commence Thursday from the twin base camps, traditional 48-km Nunwan in south Kashmir's Anantnag and 14-km shorter

Baltal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, after a break of two years following the outbreak of coronavirus.

It is a unique pilgrimage performed by the people of one faith and facilitated by the people of another faith, Gupta, who is Jammu provincial president of the National Conference, said in a statement here.

He said while this speaks a lot about the unity in diversity of this great nation it is a matter of pride for Jammu and Kashmir and its people that despite all odds and turbulence for over three decades the people here continue to demonstrate the highest degree of hospitality to one and all irrespective of caste, colour, creed, religious or regional affiliations, that commenced from time immemorial.

The pilgrimage is a symbol of communal harmony and brotherhood among different communities, he said.

Emphasising that near about 90 percent of Muslims directly facilitate the yatra and serve their Hindu brethren coming from different parts of the country and abroad, the NC leader said the administration must leave no stone unturned in ensuring a wonderful spiritual and hospitality experience to these yatris.

## Kashmiris Provide Real Sense Of Security To Amarnath Yatris: Mehbooba



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday said despite stringent security measures, it is the people of Kashmir who provide the real sense of security to the Amarnath Yatra pilgrims.

The annual Amarnath Yatra is beginning on Thursday, resuming after a gap of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This year's Yatra has resumed after 2 years & I'm sure that Kashmiris will welcome them wholeheartedly as always. Despite stringent security measures including shutting down of shops en route the Yatra, it's we Kashmiris who provide a real sense of security to the yatris," Mehbooba tweeted.

The comments of the PDP president came after a group of shopkeepers from the Panthachowk area of the city held a protest claiming that they have been directed to shut down their businesses for the period of Amarnath Yatra, which will end on August 11.

## Div Com Kashmir Reviews Arrangements For Eid Ul Azha



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Wednesday convened a meeting to make the arrangements for the ensuing festival of Eid ul Adha regarding availability of sacrificial animals and essential commodities for public consumption.

While reviewing the Eid arrangements, Div Com directed DCs of Kashmir Division to establish sale centers where people can purchase the sacrificial animals.

He directed them to constitute the teams comprising various departments including Food and Civil Supplies, Drugs & Food Control Organization, Police, Revenue and Legal Metrology which shall be deployed at sale centers to ensure quality of animals and compliance of fixed rates.

The meeting was informed that 13 sale centres shall be established in Srinagar to make sacrificial animals available to the people.

Meanwhile, the Div Com directed concerned departments to conduct market checking to ensure quality of food items

like bakery, meat, poultry and other consumable commodities besides, he also directed to take strict action against overcharging and illegal profiteering by traders.

Div Com asked Commissioner SMC and Director Urban Development Department to ensure sanitation of places where large congregation prayers shall be held including Shrines and Mosques in Srinagar.

Moreover, he gave directions to PDD and PHE to maintain constant supply of electricity and water to the general public during the ensuing festival days.

Further, he asked RTC officers to make transport arrangements for devotees from Lal Chowk to Hazratbal who will offer Nimaz at Shrine.

Police authorities were instructed to ensure proper security arrangements during the festival days.

Among others, the meeting was attended by DCs, Commissioner SMC, ADCs, SSPs, Director Sheep Husbandry, Director FCS&CA, Director Animal Husbandry, Deputy Director Information, officers of PHE, R&B, Animal Husbandry, Traffic, Waqf Board and other officers.

## Hideout Busted After Militant's Arrest: Police

SRINAGAR: Police on Wednesday claimed to have arrested a hybrid militant of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and recovered a huge arms cache on his instance in North Kashmir's Bandipora district.

Mehboob-ul-Inam alias Farhaan of Nadihal was intercepted by a joint team of police, army's 24 RR and the CRPF at a checkpoint established in Papchan area of the district, a police spokesperson said Wednesday. During searches, he said, a grenade hidden under the seat of his scooter was recovered.

On further questioning, the spokesperson said that the arrested youth disclosed his association with LeT and further revealed that on the directions of his outfit he has made a hideout inside his shop at Nadihal Market, where killed militants of LeT Hyder alias Abu Muslim, Abu Ismail alias Faisal, Abu Hamza alias Oka-

sha and Gulzar alias Faizan used to hide and stay.

"Furthermore he also confessed that they had kept Arms, ammunition and IED materials inside the hideout for which they were planning to recruit some local youths from North Kashmir especially from Bandipora District to strengthen the cadre base of LeT organization," he added.

Later on, the spokesperson said that the hideout was busted and a huge cache of arms and ammunition along with RDX & IED materials was seized. Besides other arms, he said, three AK-47 rifles, 10 magazines and 380 rounds, 3 pouches, two YSMS Sets, two Detonator boxes, 26 Chargeable Pencil Cells, one Chargeable Adopter and IED wire sets were recovered from the hideout.

"In this regard Case FIR has been registered and further investigation taken up," he added.



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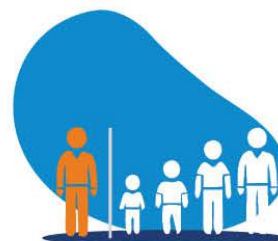
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