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'HAR GHAR TIRANGA' CAMPAIGN

Education Dept Stokes Controversy Over Flag Fund Collection

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: A circular issued by the education department in central Kashmir district of Budgam has stoked a controversy as students were told to pay Rs 20 towards the government's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign.

The circular was issued by Chadoora zonal education officer (ZEO) to all schools in the area on July 16, directing the heads of these institutions to collect the money from every student and staff member for the campaign launched as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

"As per the directions from the Chief Education Officer Budgam, all the HOIs (heads of institutions) of this zone are asked to collect Rs 20 per head from the students and the staff members of the school to deposit the same in ZEO office within four days," the circular read.

"In case of more than one student belonging to same family, charges from only student be collected as per instructions," it said.

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader and former MLA from Char-e-Sharief Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura posted a copy of the circular on social



media and questioned the administration for making the contribution "compulsory". "Sad to see such orders being issued which

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contradict Div Com's (Divisional Commissioner's) statement that 'Har Ghar Tiranga' is totally a voluntary movement and there is no compulsion & insistence in it. Admin must realize that nationalism comes naturally & can't be imposed through the barrel of a gun," Hanjura tweeted.

Budgam deputy chief education officer Inderjeet Singh, however, said the circular was issued erroneously and the contribution is voluntary. He said the zonal education officer concerned has already issued a corrigendum to the circular. PDP president Mehbooba

Mufti had on Sunday posted a video on Twitter in which employees of an urban body in Anantnag were purportedly making announcements on a public address system asking the shopkeepers to contribute Rs 20 each for the flag in order to "avoid trouble".

"We appeal to the shopkeepers to deposit Rs 20 with the municipal body, which issues the trade license to you, by 12.00 noon on Monday. This is under the order of district administration Anantnag for the Har Ghar Tiranga movement launched by the government. **More on P6**

CORONAVIRUS RESURGENCE

Govt Directs Booster Dose Campaign On War Footing

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Taking note of the rising Coronavirus cases, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday directed health officials to administer booster vaccination dose to the eligible people of Jammu and Kashmir on a war footing basis.

These directions were passed by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday while chairing a meeting to review the measures for containment of Covid-19 and Monkeypox diseases in the Union Territory, an official spokesperson said.

Mehta, he said, reviewed the measures for COVID containment and directed the concerned officers to frame a comprehensive strategy to gear up their efforts and saturate the targeted groups of vulnerable population and organize systematic vaccination drives for prompt booster vaccination of the remaining segment.

"He sought details about the number of eligible people to be administered booster doses and the number of people that have already received their doses," he added.

Asserting that booster dose was essential for all eligibles, the Chief Secretary, **More on P6**

Murmu Takes Over As India's 15th President

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: On a day that melded tradition with the aspirations of a modern nation, Droupadi Murmu took over as India's 15th president on Monday, the country's first tribal head of state and the second woman in the post.

"My election is proof of the fact that in India, the poor can dream and also fulfil those dreams," Madam President Murmu, who succeeds Ram Nath Kovind, said in Hindi after being sworn in by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana at Parliament's Central Hall.

Murmu, India's youngest president at 64 and the first to be

satisfaction, she said and recalled her growing up years in a small tribal village where even getting primary education was like a dream.

Murmu, who was born in a Santhal family, went on to become the first person in the village to enrol for college education.

In her speech to the gathering, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, ministers, former president Pratibha Patil, MPs as well as leaders such as Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik who backed her election, Murmu touched on various issues. These included the government's digital India and vocal for local' initiatives and its handling of the Covid pandemic.



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BJP Holds First Major Road Show In Srinagar's Lal Chowk

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The BJP on Monday held the first-ever Tiranga

bikers rally at the once separatist strong-hold of Lal Chowk in the city centre here to pay tributes to the fallen soldiers of the

1999 Kargil War.

The bikers rally to the Kargil War Memorial in Drass area of the Ladakh Union territory

was flagged off by the party's National General Secretary Tarun Chug, and Bangalore South | **Full Story on State Page**

Details Of Every Penny Spent In J&K In Public Domain: LG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Claiming that details of every penny spent in Jammu and Kashmir are in the public domain, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Monday that his administration's aim is to make all government services easily accessible to the people without human interface.

Sinha made these remarks during the inauguration of Digital Jammu & Kashmir week during which he launched several digital initiatives here at SKICC, an official spokesperson said Monday.



The LG, he said, also inaugurated Digi-Mela in districts which will generate awareness about digital solutions and new technologies. "Today, details of every penny spent in **More on P6**

Panel To Examine Transfer Policy Of Reserved Category Employees

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday said that a committee headed by Principal Secretary GAD has been constituted to examine the long pending demand of transfer policy for reserved category employees. "A Committee headed by Principal Secretary, GAD has been constituted to examine the long pending demand of transfer policy for reserved category Employees. **More on P6**

Kashmir Is Now Done With 'Terror': Tejasvi Surya

Says Art- 370 Was A Cultural, Psychological Barrier In Country's Integration

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Article 370 was not only a constitutional barrier in the way of Jammu and Kashmir's full integration with India, but also posed as a cultural and psychological hurdle, BJP's Tejasvi Surya said here on Monday.

Article 370, that granted the erstwhile state of J&K special status, was abrogated by the Centre in August 2019.

Surya, the president of the party's youth wing, was here to flag off the first-ever Tiranga bikers rally from Lal Chowk to Kargil War Memorial. Speaking at the historic



Ghanta Ghar' (clock tower), Surya said after the abrogation of Article 370, development came to Kashmir and the valley is now done with "terror". "Kashmir is done with 'ism and is on the path of development. We used to hear and read every day about terrorist attacks, **More on P6**

SHORT TAKES

LG Remembers Fallen Soldiers Of Kargil War

On the eve of "Kargil Vijay Diwas", the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday paid homage to the soldiers who were killed in the 1999 Kargil War. "I salute the valour and courage of our immortal heroes who fought till their last breath to protect the sovereignty and integrity of our great Nation, and recaptured territory of our motherland in Kargil from the enemy", Sinha said, as per an official spokesperson. **More on P6**

Ex-Minister Escapes Unhurt In Road Accident

Former Cabinet Minister in Jammu and Kashmir government, Sham Lal Sharma had a narrow escape on Monday after his vehicle was hit by a vehicle in Akhnora area of Jammu. According to reports, Sharma's vehicle was hit by a truck from the right side in which his Personal Assistant and three others sustained injuries. Sharma, who joined BJP after resigning from the Congress party escaped unhurt in the accident. All the injured, according to reports, **More on P6**

Ex-MLA Shoaib Lone Gets Interim Bail

A local court in Jammu on Monday granted interim bail to Shoaib Lone, District President Apni Party (Baramulla) in an FIR registered against him at Crime Branch, Jammu in the year 2019 under Sections 420 and 120-B RPC. The 2nd Additional Sessions Judge, Jammu R. K. Sapru granted interim bail to ex. MLA Sangrama in the three year old case registered against him. The said FIR was **More on P6**

Boy Drowns In Poonch Stream

A minor boy is feared dead after slipping into a nallah near bus stand Mandi in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir. 10-year-old specially-abled boy Mohammad Asif drowned in nallah in Mandi-Ioran near bus stand Mandi on Monday, officials said. The boy went near nallah Mandi to wash hands and **More on P6**

Death Toll In Ramban Accident Rises To 6

The death toll in the accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district has gone up to six, with two more people succumbing to their injuries in the hospital, officials said on Monday. Naseema Begum, 42, and Naza Begum, 45, had sustained serious injuries and they died in hospitals in Srinagar, the officials said. Two other injured women are under treatment at GMC Hospital in Anantnag, they added. Four people were killed and **More on P6**

2 Govt Officials Held For Demanding Bribe

The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday arrested a Junior Assistant & an orderly of Tehsil office Baramulla for demanding and accepting a bribe. In a statement issued here, the anti-graft body said that a complaint was received against Mushtaq Ahmad Mir posted in Tehsil office Baramulla for allegedly demanding a bribe of Rs 4000 from complainant for settling his case pending disposal with Tehsil office Baramulla etc. "It was found that a **More on P6**

Explainer: What Is Known About Monkeypox

Press Trust Of India

India has reported four cases of monkeypox so far - three from Kerala and one from Delhi - the latest being that of a 34-year-old man in the national capital with no history of foreign travel testing positive for the disease. The patient, who is presently recovering at an isolation centre at the Lok Nayak Hospital, had attended a 'stag party' in Himachal Pradesh's Manali recently, official sources told PTI.

Q: What is monkeypox?

A: Monkeypox is a viral zoonosis (a virus transmitted to humans from animals) with symptoms similar to those seen in the past in smallpox patients, although it is clinically less severe. There are two distinct genetic clades of the monkeypox virus - the Central African (Congo Basin) clade and West African. The Congo Basin clade has historically caused more severe disease and is thought to be more transmissible.

Q: What are the symptoms and what is the recovery period?

A: Monkeypox is usually a self-limited disease with the symptoms lasting two to four weeks. The case fatality ratio has historically ranged from zero to 11 per cent in the general population and has been higher among young children. In recent times, the case fatality ratio has been around three to six per cent. Monkeypox typically presents itself with fever, headache, rashes for up to three weeks, sore throat, cough and swollen lymph nodes. The symptoms include lesions, which usually begin within one to three days of the onset of fever, last for around two to four weeks, and are often described as painful until the healing phase when they turn itchy (in the crust stage). A notable predilection for palm and



Human-to-human transmission is known to occur primarily through large respiratory droplets generally requiring a prolonged close contact. It can also be transmitted through direct contact with body fluids or lesion material, and indirect contact with lesion material, such as through contaminated clothing or linens of an infected person.

soles is a characteristic of monkeypox.

Q: How does it spread?

A: Human-to-human transmission is known to occur primarily through large respiratory droplets generally requiring a prolonged close contact. It can also be transmitted through direct contact with body fluids or lesion material, and indirect contact with lesion material, such as through

contaminated clothing or linens of an infected person. Animal-to-human transmission may occur by bite or scratch of infected animals like small mammals, including rodents (rats, squirrels) and non-human primates (monkeys, apes) or through bush meat preparation.

Q: What is the incubation period and the period of communicability?

A: The incubation period (interval from infection to onset of symptoms) is usually six to 13 days but can range from five to 21 days. The period of communicability is one to two days before the rash until all the scabs fall off or get subsided.

Q: Is monkeypox sexually transmitted?

A: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Di-

rector General of the World Health Organisation, while declaring monkeypox a public health emergency of international concern, said, "For the moment, this is an outbreak that's concentrated among men who have sex with men, especially those with multiple sexual partners. That means, this is an outbreak that can be stopped with the right strategies in the right groups."

A research published in the New England Journal of Medicine last Thursday, which looked at 528 confirmed infections, showed 95 per cent cases were transmitted through sexual activity and that 98 per cent of those infected were gay or bisexual men.

Q: Is monkeypox a new disease?

A: No. Human monkeypox was first identified in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Since then, most cases have been reported from rural, rainforest regions of the Congo Basin, particularly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and human cases have increasingly been reported from across central and west Africa.

Since 1970, human cases of monkeypox have been reported in 11 African countries. In 2003, the first monkeypox outbreak outside Africa was in the US. This outbreak led to over 70 cases of monkeypox in America.

Monkeypox has also been reported in travelers from Nigeria to Israel and the United Kingdom in September 2018, December 2019, May 2021 and May 2022, to Singapore in May 2019, and to the US in November 2021.

In May this year, multiple cases of monkeypox were identified in several non-endemic countries. Globally, over 16,000 cases of monkeypox have now been reported from 75 countries and there have been five deaths so far due to the outbreak.

Women Experience Higher Rates Of Depression Than Men: Research

ANI

Despite the fact that there are treatments for depression, many people find these treatments to be ineffective at times. In addition, women are more likely than men to have depression, but the cause for this difference is unknown. This makes treating their disorders more challenging at times. The findings of the study were published this month in the journal Biological Psychiatry. University of California, Davis, researchers teamed up with scientists from Mt. Sinai Hospital, Princeton University, and Laval University, Quebec, to try to understand how a specific part of the brain, the nucleus accumbens, is affected during the depression. The nucleus accumbens is important for motivation, response to rewarding experiences and social interactions -- all of which are affected by depression.

Previous analyses within the nucleus accumbens showed that different genes were turned on or off in women, but not in men diagnosed with depression. These changes could have caused symptoms of depression, or alternatively, the experience of being depressed could have changed the brain. To differentiate between these possibilities, the researchers studied mice that had experienced negative social interactions, which induce stronger depression-related behavior in females than males. "These high-throughput analy-

ses are very informative for understanding long-lasting effects of stress on the brain. In our rodent model, negative social interactions changed gene expression patterns in female mice that mirrored patterns observed in women with depression," said Alexia Williams,



a doctoral researcher and recent UC Davis graduate who designed and led these studies. "This is exciting because women are understudied in this field, and this finding allowed me to focus my attention on the relevance of these data for women's health." The study "Comparative transcriptional analyses in the nucleus accumbens identifies RGS2 as a key mediator of depression-related behaviour." After identifying similar molecular changes in the brains of mice and humans, researchers chose one gene, regulator of G protein signaling-2, or Rgs2, to manipulate. This gene controls the expression of a protein that regulates neurotransmitter receptors that are targeted by antidepressant medications such as Prozac and Zoloft. "In humans, less stable versions of the Rgs2 protein are associated with increased risk of de-

pression, so we were curious to see whether increasing Rgs2 in the nucleus accumbens could reduce depression-related behaviors," said Brian Trainor, UC Davis professor of psychology and senior author on the study. He is also an affiliated faculty member with the Center for Neuroscience and directs the Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Lab at UC Davis.

When the researchers experimentally increased Rgs2 protein in the nucleus accumbens of the mice, they effectively reversed the effects of stress on these female mice, noting that social approach and preferences for preferred foods increased to levels observed in females that did not experience any stress.

"These results highlight a molecular mechanism contributing to the lack of motivation often observed in depressed patients. Reduced function of proteins like Rgs2 may contribute to symptoms that are difficult to treat in those struggling with mental illnesses," Williams said. Findings from basic science studies such as this one may guide the development of pharmacotherapies to effectively treat individuals suffering from depression, the researchers said.

"Our hope is that by doing studies such as these, which focus on elucidating mechanisms of specific symptoms of complex mental illnesses, we will bring science one step closer to developing new treatments for those in need," said Williams.

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TENDER DOCUMENT

(Abstract)

01	Contract	Supply of spares for Departmental Snow Machine No. 69 (Tata 715-LPT) of Mechanical Workshop Sub Division Khanabal.
02	Reference of NIT	MDA/TS/E-Tender/17 of 2022-23 dated: 22-07-2022.
03	Time of Completion of Contract	10days
04	Position of funds	Available
05	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	13580.00
06	Cost of tender documents	200.00 In shape of E- Challan/GR to be uploaded in the online bid Bank: Jammu and Kashmir Bank Branch: T. P. Anantnag IFSC: JAKAOEMPIRE Account No. 0014010100006015
07	Bid Security.	2% of estimated cost in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Mechanical Division Anantnag.
08	Online tender download/ start date	22-07-2022 (05:00 PM)
09	Online tender submission End Date	05-08-2022 (02:00 PM)
10	Date and time of opening of Technical Bid online (Cover 1 st)	06-08-2022 (02:00 PM) in Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, (MED), Anantnag.
11	Date and time of opening of Financial Bid online (Cover 2 nd)	After evaluation of cover 1 st in Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, (MED), Anantnag.

E-TENDER

No: MDA/TS/E-Tender/17 of 2022-23 Dated: 22-07-2022

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division Anantnag, invites E-Tenders in two cover system on item wise basis from reputed and registered firms/Workshop holders/ Mechanical contractors for the following work:

S.No	Name of work	Estt. cost (In Rs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs)	Bid Security.	Time of Completion	Administrative Approval	Technical Sanction
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Supply of spares for Departmental Snow Machine No. 69 (Tata 715-LPT) of Mechanical Workshop Sub Division Khanabal.	13580.00	200.00	2% of the estimated cost in the shape of CDR/FDR.	07 days	Accorded	Yes

The tender documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of quantities (BOQ), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from Government website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule given in the "Abstract" appended to this notice:

Instructions to Bidders:

01. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format with digital signature on the official website www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers; viz Technical-Commercial/ Financial cover
- 1.1 Cover 1st shall contain:
 - 1.1.1 Bid security/Earnest money:- Equivalent to 2% of the estimated cost in the shape of CDR/FDR from any nationalized bank having a working branch in Anantnag. The CDR/FDR shall be pledged to the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division Anantnag, without which tender cannot be entertained
 - 1.1.2 Registration Certificate of Sales Tax Department quoting GST No.
 - 1.1.3 Scanned copies of PAN Card/ GST Registration/ latest GST Clearance certificate or acknowledgement of latest returns.
 - 1.1.4 Scanned copies of the Annexure "A", & "B" duly signed and accepted.
 - 1.1.5 Scanned copy of E- Challan/DD etc. for an amount of Rs.200/= duly signed with date.
 - 1.1.6 Cover 2nd shall contain:
 - 1.2.1 Price bid, as per BOQ uploaded by this Department/Division.
 02. The Department/ Division will not be responsible for delay in submission of bids due to any reason.
 03. The cost of tender documents is Non- Refundable and Non- Transferable.

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Dated:22-07-2022.

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FCS&CA Imposes Fine On 25 Erring Shopkeepers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Enforcement squad of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Department on Monday recovered a penal sum of rupees Rs. 20600 from 26 erring shopkeepers besides sealing one mutton shop for violation of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

The fines were imposed during a market checking drive conducted in various areas of Srinagar City including Safa Kadal, Hawal, Lal-bazar, Hazratbal, Sadrabal, Saída Kadal, Sanat Nagar, Rawalpora, Parraypora and

other surrounding areas. During the market checking, 81 business establishments were inspected.

It is worth mentioning here that during the month of July-2022 in the entire valley, an amount of Rs. 800550 has been collected as fine from 1892 erring traders for violating E.C.Act. Nine establishments have also been sealed.

The FCS&CA Department has warned the erring lot to remain careful in future.

"The drive will continue in the same passion in future as well and whosoever found violating the norms will be brought to justice".

Tiranga Rally At Lal Chowk Historical: Darakshan Andrabi

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board chairperson, Darakshan Andrabi on Monday said that the first-ever Tiranga rally to Kargil organized by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Lal Chowk in Srinagar is a historical moment for the BJP.

Talking to media persons here at Srinagar, Waqf Board chairperson said that it's a historical movement for the BJP party as it organised the

first-ever Tiranga rally to Kargil from Srinagar city in which at least 300 bikers participated.

She further said that the rally was held at Srinagar where everyone was saying that these things are not possible here. "It is proof that people here want development and peace and order environment after the removal of 370," she said, adding that the rally will culminate on July 26 at Kargil War Memorial marking the Vijay Diwas.

Workshop On Food Safety In Livestock Sector Begins At SKUAST

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A seven-day workshop on 'Ensuring Food Security and Safety through Research and Development in the Livestock Sector' was inaugurated on Monday at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir Shuhama campus.

The workshop was organised by the SKUAST-K's Division of Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Extension, SKUAST-Kashmir and sponsored by Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB), Govt. of India under its Accelerate Vigyan Scheme.

More than 25 postgraduate students of SKUAST-K are participating in the workshop being conducted from July 25 to August 1. The participants will deliberate on the various issues of food safety and security with renowned national and international experts.

The inaugural function of the workshop was combined with the Valedictory function of an earlier held similar kind of SERB-sponsored workshop on Climate-Smart livestock farming organized by the Division of Vet. & AH Extension at Shuhama.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, who was the chief

guest at the inaugural function, highlighted the need and importance of resource management for the overall development of the agri-allied sectors. He stressed the need to have better innovative research in the field of food safety and security and the capacity building of human resources in this regard. Prof Ganai informed the audience about the various measures taken up at the university level for its efficient working alongside improved credibility among the stakeholders.

Dr Mahesh Chander, from IVRI, congratulated the organizers for having sanctioned the two prestigious SERB High-End workshops & appreciated the efforts of the Div. of Vety. & AH Extension for its role in capacity building and other awareness programmes held frequently under the banner of Faculty Outreach Centre at the Shuhama campus.

Earlier Prof. Abdul Hai, Head Division Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Extension gave a brief account of the workshops. The inaugural function ended with the formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr Shabeer Ahmad Hamdani, event organiser, Assistant Professor Div. of Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Extension, FVSc & AH Shuhama.



Supporters of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) raise slogans during the Tiranga Bikers rally near Clock Tower, Lal Chowk on Monday. KO Photo Abid Bhat.

SKIMS Celebrates Digital Week Showcasing Various Digital Services

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Department of Electronics & Communications/ Information & Technology and Hospital Administration SKIMS celebrated digital week showcasing various digital services at SKIMS.

Director SKIMS & Ex-Officio Secretary to Government, Prof. Parvaiz Ahmad Koul while speaking on the occasion emphasized for making all the services available in the hospital on-line to benefit patients as well as to enhance efficiency, transparency, accountability and accessibility, which are embedded with digital systems and services.

He appreciated the department of E&C/IT, Hospital Administration for taking initiatives in this direction and making some of the services digital end-to-end in the hospital.

On the first day of the programme, a review was taken in the SKIMS Auditorium on



the implementation of various digital services in the Administration of SKIMS like e-Office, e-Tendering, JK Paysys and other on-line services in these areas and also hands-on training on e-office implementation in uncovered areas of SKIMS was organized.

On the occasion Additional Director SKIMS & EOSSG Gulzar Ahmad Shabnum, HOD Endocrinology, Prof. Bashir Ahmad Laway, Medical Super-

intendent Prof. Farooq Ahmad Jan, Superintending Engineer E&C/IT, Er. Farooq Ahmad Wani and Superintending Engineer Mechanical, Er. Muzaffar also addressed the audience and highlighted the importance of e-services.

The programme was attended by the officers/officials of General Administration, Hospital Administration, Materials Management, Finance & Engineering departments.

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This Day In History

- 657- Battle of Siffin during the first Muslim civil war between Ali ibn Abi Talib and Muawiyah I beside Euphrates River
- 920- Rout of an alliance of Christian troops from Navarre and Léon against the Muslims at Pamplona.
- 1469- Wars of the Roses: Battle of Edgecote Moor - Pitting the forces of Richard Neville, 16th Earl of Warwick against those of King Edward IV.
- 1678- England & Netherlands signs treaty: sending ultimatum to France
- 1803- The Surrey Iron Railway, arguably the world's first public railway, opens in south London.
- 1847- The Liberian Declaration of Independence is signed making Liberia a sovereign nation, independent from the American Colonization Society
- 1891- France annexes Tahiti.
- 1936- The Axis Powers decide to intervene in the Spanish Civil War.
- 1941- US embargo on oil-export to Japan
- 1944- Japanese suicide attack on US lines in Guam
- 1944- Russian troops arrive in Weichsel
- 1944- The first German V-2 rocket hits Great Britain (nicknamed "gasometer").
- 1945- Declaration of Potsdam: US, Britain and China demand the Japanese surrender during WWII
- 1945- Japanese government disregards US ultimatum
- 1945- US cruiser Indianapolis reaches Tinian with atom bomb
- 1945- Physicist Raemer Schreiber and Lieutenant Colonel Peer de Silva depart Kirtland Army Air Field to transport the plutonium core for the Fat Man bomb (bombing of Nagasaki) to the island of Tinian where the bomb is assembled
- 1947- President Truman signs National Security Act (1947), establishing Department of Defense, CIA, National Security Council and Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 1951- Netherlands ends state of war with Germany
- 1952- King Farouk I of Egypt abdicates [Black Saturday]
- 1956- Egypt seizes the Suez Canal
- 1957- USSR launches 1st intercontinental multistage ballistic missile
- 1963-Skopje, Yugoslavia, destroyed by earthquake, kills 1,000+
- 1963-US Syncom 2, 1st geosynchronous communications satellite, launched

From KO Archives

Police 'Captures' Militant In 'Reel' Life Drama

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The police was today accused of having staged action-packed drama, complete with heavy aerial firing in a busy market in Bandipora to convey an impression that it had arrested a dreaded militant.

Reports from the area said that the two police Gypsies screamed to a halt near the Royal Sweets Hotel in Gulshan Chowk at around 2: 45 p.m., and their uniformed and armed occupants leapt out and began to shoot their weapons into the air. The gun fire created commotion in the market, with people rushing for cover.

Locals said that the policemen brought an armed youth out of one of the Gypsies, set him on the run, and began to pursue him. After a "respectable" distance had been covered, the cops pounced on the youth, and put him back in the vehicle.

A satisfactory day's work done, the policemen drove away from the scene.

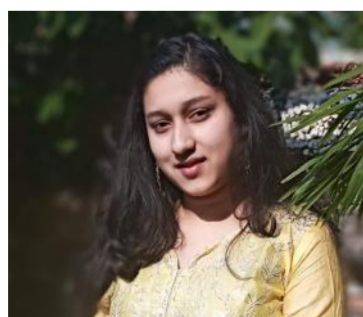
Locals said that the youth Bilal Ahmad Dar of Lankreshpora is a militant and the police took him away, adding that the farce about his arrest was played for the benefit of the public.

The police, however, said that a squad was passing through the Bandipora market when it came across a Hizb commander, Bilal Ahmad Dar and opened fire on him.

According to the police, several personnel chased the militant and managed to collar him. They said that a weapon had been recovered from him.

(Kashmir Observer, 26 July, 2007)

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Congratulations to Maheen Thakur for securing 93 percent in Class 10th (CBSE).

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K O V I E W

Defence Minister's visit

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said Jammu and Kashmir would always be an integral part of India and the parts of Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan have been illegally occupied by Pakistan. He expressed India's resolve to capture Pakistani-controlled parts of Kashmir as well. "If Amarnath is on this side, how can Maa Sharda remain on the other," the defence minister said on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas in Jammu. He also described Article 370 as "an artificial barrier that stands removed" saying its abrogation had brought a new dawn of hope to the dreams and aspirations of the people, especially the youth. The Union Minister said India had become a strong and confident nation, which was well-equipped to protect its sovereignty.

Later interacting with the J&K BJP leaders at the party office, the minister asked them to get into election mode. The party's J&K president Ravinder Raina echoed a similar sentiment, saying the party was ready to face the polls whenever they were going to be announced.

Earlier, visiting J&K in June to attend a function to mark 200 years of the coronation of Maharaja Gulab Singh, the first Dogra ruler of the princely state of J&K, Singh had also raised the hopes of elections this year. He gave a timeframe saying the electoral exercise may also commence by the end of this year.

J&K has not had an elected government since June 2018 when Governor's rule was imposed after the PDP-led coalition government lost its majority following the withdrawal of support by the BJP. The last three years have witnessed a drastic political makeover of the state-turned-union territory, so much so that in many aspects, the current J&K bears little resemblance to what it was pre-August 2019.

There is hope that the elections would lead to the restoration of statehood. The centre has already made it clear that statehood would be granted only after an elected government is formed, staying short of giving a timeframe. So, this could take a longer time than expected. New Delhi has indicated it would see the performance and behaviour of the elected government before it decides to restore statehood. It is expected that a government led or influenced by the BJP could pave the way for a faster return to statehood than a non-BJP government. But, for now, this is all in the future. All we can hope for now is that the elections are announced earlier than later.

OTHER OPINION

Currency caution

Domestic manufacturers and services providers are now having to cope with not just higher dollar prices for the raw materials, equipment or other supplies they may need to procure from overseas, in the wake of the supply disruptions caused by the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, but they also face mounting import bills — the slide means they have to fork out more rupees for the same dollar price from even just a few months ago. The Finance Minister and the RBI Governor have sought to explain the proximate causes for the pressure on the currency and allay apprehensions that the rupee may be in a 'free fall', a scenario that could ultimately prove rather damaging for macro-economic stability by spurring imported inflation at a time when both fiscal and monetary authorities are battling to tame runaway inflation.

While the Minister's statement in the Lok Sabha cited factors including the Russia-Ukraine conflict and soaring crude oil prices as major drivers of the rupee's depreciation, Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday acknowledged concerns about the rupee and pointed to the fact that foreign portfolio investors were "selling off assets and fleeing to safe haven" in the wake of global monetary policy tightening. So far in 2022, FPIs have dumped \$29.6 billion in Indian equity and debt after three straight years of net investments, with the prospect of more, sharp interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve to tame four-decade-high U.S. inflation likely to do little to staunch the outflows. The dollar index, a measure of the greenback's value against a basket of six major currencies, too offers little reassurance to the rupee. The index is just shy of a 20-year high hit last month indicating that investors are betting strongly on dollar-backed assets. The rupee's real effective exchange rate (REER), which provides a weighted average value in relation to a basket of currencies of its major trading partners, is also signalling that the Indian currency is still overvalued and has room to depreciate further. Notwithstanding Mr. Das's assertion that India's underlying fundamentals 'are strong and resilient' with foreign exchange reserves 'adequate', the RBI will need to judiciously utilise every dollar in its war chest to ensure that a likely slowdown in exports and sticky imports do not add more undue pressure on the rupee.

The Hindu

Food Waste: A Global Challenge

Kashmir has a solution to overcome food waste. The developed nations must follow suit

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

Food waste is a global challenge. Even though the earth has provided us with abundant natural resources, we do not utilise them responsibly. We consume far beyond what our planet can provide. Unfortunately, developed countries which should have been more concerned about food wastage are throwing away large quantities of food everyday. Food waste is a huge problem as it costs billions of dollars in lost revenue in the US and many other developed countries. The food waste affects human resources and harms the environment by contributing to global warming and climate change as the food waste goes to landfills where it is left untreated.

We must learn how to use and produce food in sustainable ways to reverse the harm that we have inflicted on planet earth. The sustainable development goal number 12 (SDG-12) which focuses on these concerns with its sustainable production and consumption patterns must be regarded religiously. All countries need to implement the 10-Year framework of Programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns.

All countries taking action, with developed countries claiming to be taking the lead, but when we see the amount of food waste countries like US, Japan, China, France, UK waste, the developing countries like India, Pakistan, Bangladesh find no role-models to adopt policies of not wasting the food unnecessarily.

At a time when we waste large amounts of food, the food security problem has become an important concern for the entire world. India wastes 68,760,163 tons of food every year which means 50 kgs of food is wasted per person every year in India (50kg/ capita). China also wastes a large quantity of food i.e 91,646,213 which is around 64 kgs / capita. However, as the population of China is much higher this is still less when we compare this with developed countries like Australia, France and Germany where per capita food waste is 102, 85 and 75 kgs respectively. The US and Japan waste 59 and 64 kgs/ capita food every year as well.

The problem of chronic hunger which has increased over the decades in the world clearly indicates that the world does not have sufficient amounts of food to feed people. The problem is further exacerbated by factors like effects of climate change, unstable global economy, low agriculture production, rising poverty and huge food wastage. Therefore, these factors have brought new challenges to the world for producing and supplying continuous staple food to the people and making sure we don't waste our food.

Global Hunger & Food waste

As per 2016 report of Food and Agriculture Organization a total of 795 million people or around one in nine people in the world, were estimated to be suffering from chronic hunger, regularly not getting enough food to conduct an active life. Further, the world is faced with problems of rising population, climate change, unstable global economy, low agriculture production, rising poverty, unstable food prices and food wastage. Such problems have brought new challenges for the world in terms of continuous availability, supply and access to food at affordable prices. Thus, food security has become an important problem for the world.

Food waste across the world is becoming a huge problem. According to the 2021 Food Waste Index of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) 931 million tons of food waste is produced every year in the world, out of which 569 tons comes from households (more than 60 %). The rest of the food waste which amounts to 244 million tons comes from the food service industry and 118 million tons is attributed to the retail sectors. The average global household produces 74kg of food waste per capita every year and that figure is broadly similar across country income groups which suggests that widespread improvement is needed to tackle the problem.

The food waste index states that if food loss and waste were a nation, it would be the third biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions on the earth. So we can now imagine with this illustration how extravagant the developed and developing countries are by wasting huge amounts



Food waste is a global challenge and developed nations like France, Germany, Australia, China and other countries must take lessons from Kashmir when it comes to addressing the food waste crisis. These nations must replicate our model in their countries which will ensure food is not wasted during marriage functions and other parties

of food waste and on the other hand 11 people die of hunger each minute around the globe, reported Oxfam in its 2021 report. When it comes to India the situation is more alarming. As per the 2017 report of National Health Survey approximately 19 crore people in India were compelled to sleep empty stomach every night, and on the other hand tons of food waste is dumped in our landfills. Most alarming figure that was revealed through that report was that 4500 children below the age of 5 years die every day of hunger and malnutrition across India which amounts to 3 lakh deaths every year.

Success story from Kashmir

Kashmir is famous all around the world for its royal cuisine known as 'Wazwan'. The Wazwan is a multi-course meal wherein different mutton dishes are served. There are a few vegetarian dishes as well. The wazwan is served during Kashmiri weddings and other functions. In the past only 6 to 7 mutton dishes would be served in the wazwan but now there are around 3 dozen dishes that are served on a big plate with

rice on it. Four people eat from the same plate called Trami and at an average 3 to 4 kgs mutton is served to 4 people. During special wedding feasts like Barat, the groom and his companions are served even 6 to 7 kgs of mutton with 36 dishes. In the past only Kashmiri ladies would carry the leftover mutton dishes by putting the same in old newspapers or poly bags that they would carry along. This trend gained momentum with the passage of time and men also started carrying the leftover mutton with them. As the number of dishes in wazwan increased from 7 to 15 and then 30 or more, it was difficult for the guests to eat everything. Some people would carry the leftover food with them, but many were reluctant as it looked very awkward. Around 30 years back the hosts started distributing poly bags to carry leftover food. It became a kind of movement and Kashmiri people adopted this within their culture.

Since almost three decades, every host in Kashmir keeps specially designed plastic packets with the wazwan feast once it is served. Then another bag is used to carry it which is also served during the wazwan party. Some elites of Kashmir, particularly, in Srinagar city were reluctant to serve the bags to carry leftover food but that led to a huge wastage of food and with the passage of time the elites too joined this movement and started serving the specially designed carry bags for leftover food. Now carrying leftover food with us during marriage parties and other functions has become part of Kashmiri culture and we don't feel this is an act of awkwardness. I believe more than 95% people in Kashmir serve plastic bags to the guests when they organise any function like a wedding function. This is in fact a success story to overcome food wastage.

Conclusion

Food waste is a global challenge and developed nations like France, Germany, Australia, China and other countries must take lessons from Kashmir when it comes to addressing the food waste crisis. These nations must replicate our model in their countries which will ensure food is not wasted during marriage functions and other parties.

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Rise in Road Accidents

Through the column of this reputable newspaper, I want to express my concern over the rising number of road accidents in the valley. Road accidents have become very common here, we find the news of many road accidents in the dailies. Most of the mishaps take place for careless driving, many due to poor roads and traffic manage-

ment. Two fatal accidents have been reported in the past 24 hours, on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway. 3 people were killed in one accident, and 5 in the other. Not a single day passes when we don't read in the newspaper or watch on televisions about the countless number of accidents taking place every day, it has become a daily headline for us.

It all brings to light the glaring fact that either the vehicle owners are minors, or rash drivers or are in inebriated state, etc. With scant regard for law, they disobey traffic rules and are often found talking on cell phones which can cause distraction and lead to accidents.

Human lives are precious and hence the traffic police need to deal

with the offenders promptly and strictly. Stringent traffic rules should be enforced and penalties should be levied so as to act as deterrents, and obedience of traffic rules and regulations should be made sure.

Sahil Feroz

Busting Medical Myths

SciTechDaily

Even in our hyper-connected world where reliable medical knowledge is ridiculously accessible, many health-related myths still carry on through the years. When discovered, these long-held false beliefs often leave the former believer at a loss to explain where the questionable information came from in the first place.

The list below contains six medical myths that have been around for a long time. See if you find anything that surprises you.

1. YOU CAN'T GET PREGNANT IF YOU'RE ON YOUR PERIOD.

According to the American Pregnancy Association, this is not true.

The Association website explains that while this is a rare occurrence, if the woman has a shorter than typical cycle and ovulates early, a pregnancy can definitely happen.

The science behind this is all about the timing. Surprisingly, sperm can remain viable in a woman's reproduction system for up to five days. Therefore, if the woman has sex near the end of her period, and if ovulation happens within five days after the encounter, it's possible that those little swimmers are still there waiting to fertilize that egg.

2. 8 GLASSES OF WATER A DAY ARE NECESSARY FOR GOOD HEALTH.

According to the Mayo Clinic, this statement is unknowable, and you should drink whenever you're thirsty.

The website goes on to explain that while water has an important role to play in the smooth functioning of our bodies, the exact amount needed on any given day can vary widely. Sometimes you'll need way more, like on a hot day when you're sweating up a storm or days when you're more physically active. On other days when you're inside relaxing on the couch, you don't need nearly so much.

How much water you need also depends a lot on what you choose to eat. Fruits and vegetables, for example, have high water content and will decrease the amount of water you need to drink.

The bottom line is that you should



pay attention when you're feeling thirsty, and what you choose to drink when you're thirsty should be water.

3. SPICY FOOD AND STRESS CAUSE ULCERS.

According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, the vast majority of ulcers are caused by a bacteria called *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*), not spicy food or stress.

However, some ulcers can be caused by the long-term use of aspirin and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

That said, spicy food and stress worsen the discomfort, as do caffeine and alcohol, no matter what the original cause.

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4. A PERSON WITH A CONCUSSION SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO GO TO SLEEP.

A concussion is a mild traumatic brain injury caused by a sharp blow to the head or body that causes a sharp back and forth sloshing motion in the brain, disrupting its activity. However, because a concus-

sion can't be seen on any medical imaging, the severity of the concussion must be diagnosed by the symptoms the patient is presenting. As with any injury, treatment of the condition is based on the doctor's understanding of the severity of the wound.

In the past, it was widely be-

lieved that it's dangerous to allow someone with a concussion to sleep for fear they'll slip into a coma or lose consciousness with no one knowing. Popular thought was that concussed individuals should be woken as often as every two hours or not be allowed to sleep at all.

However, because rest is the way that the body heals, waking someone or denying them sleep is counterproductive to healing. It stands to reason that allowing a concussed person to have a good night's sleep will do more good than being roused every couple of hours to answer questions about how they are feeling.

5. EGGS CAUSE HEART DISEASE.

According to Harvard Health, a publication of Harvard University, whole eggs don't cause heart disease, but excessive saturated and trans fats do.

Yes, eggs have lots of cholesterol, and high LDL blood cholesterol (the bad type) increases the risk of cardiovascular disease. But recent research has found that the cholesterol in our blood doesn't come directly from what we eat; it's manufactured by the liver, stimulated by the saturated and trans fats in our diet.

In fact, for an otherwise healthy individual, heart disease is more likely to be caused by a combination of factors such as eating lots of fatty foods, being overweight, not getting enough exercise, smoking, and drinking alcohol.

6. PEOPLE ONLY USE 10% OF THEIR BRAINS.

Neurologist Dr. Barry Gordon of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine says that the idea that we only use 10% of our brains is so wrong it's almost laughable.

The Johns Hopkins website goes on to explain that the brain is a complex organ controlling thought, memory, emotion, touch, motor skills, breathing, temperature, hunger, and every process that regulates the body.

So, while it's true that all parts of our brains are not all being used at once, that doesn't mean that those areas are never used. Different parts of the brain oversee the diverse activities of the body. Brushing our teeth, for instance, might use some distinct areas of the brain that reading a book does not, leaving some parts temporarily inactive and waiting for their turn to shine.

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How Not To Solve The Climate Change Problem

Kevin Trenberth

When politicians talk about reaching “net zero” emissions, they're often counting on trees or technology that can pull carbon dioxide out of the air. What they don't mention is just how much these proposals or geoeengineering would cost to allow the world to continue burning fossil fuels.

There are many proposals for removing carbon dioxide, but most make differences only at the edges, and carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere have continued to increase relentlessly, even through the pandemic.

I've been working on climate change for over four decades. Let's take a minute to come to grips with some of the rhetoric around climate change and clear the air, so to speak.

WHAT'S CAUSING CLIMATE CHANGE?

As has been well established now for several decades, the global climate is changing, and that change is caused by human activities.

When fossil fuels are burned for energy or used in transportation, they release carbon dioxide – a greenhouse gas that is the main cause of global heating. Carbon dioxide stays in the atmosphere for centuries. As more carbon dioxide is added, its increasing concentration acts like a blanket, trapping energy near Earth's surface that would otherwise escape into space.

When the amount of energy arriving from the Sun exceeds the amount of energy radiating back into space, the climate heats up. Some of that energy increases temperatures, and some increases evaporation and fuels storms and rains.

Because of these changes in atmospheric composition, the planet has warmed by an estimated 1.1 degrees Celsius (2 F) since about 1880 and is well on the way to 1.5 C (2.7 F), which was highlighted as a goal not to be crossed if possible by the Paris Agreement. With the global heating and gradual increases in temperature have come increases in all kinds of weather and climate extremes, from flooding to drought and heat waves,



that cause huge damage, disruption and loss of life.

Studies show that global carbon dioxide emissions will need to reach net-zero carbon emissions by mid-century to have a chance of limiting warming to even 2 C (3.6 F).

Currently, the main source of carbon dioxide is China. But accumulated emissions matter most, and the United States leads, closely followed by Europe, China and others.

WHAT WORKS TO SLOW CLIMATE CHANGE?

Modern society needs energy, but it does not have to be from fossil fuels.

Studies show that the most effective way to address the climate change problem is to decarbonize the economies of the world's nations. This means sharply increasing use of renewable energy – solar and wind cost less than new fossil fuel plants in much of the world today – and the use of electric vehicles.

Unfortunately, this changeover to

renewables has been slow, due in large part to the the huge and expensive infrastructure related to fossil fuels, along with the vast amount of dollars that can buy influence with politicians.

WHAT DOESN'T WORK?

Instead of drastically cutting emissions, companies and politicians have grasped at alternatives. These include geoeengineering; carbon capture and storage, including “direct air capture”; and planting trees.

HERE'S THE ISSUE:

Geoeengineering often means “solar radiation management,” which aims to emulate a volcano and add particulates to the stratosphere to reflect incoming solar radiation back to space and produce a cooling. It might partially work, but it could have concerning side effects.

The global warming problem is not sunshine, but rather that infrared radiation emitted from Earth is being trapped by greenhouse gases.

Between the incoming solar and outgoing radiation is the whole weather and climate system and the hydrological cycle. Sudden changes in these particles or poor distribution could have dramatic effects.

The last major volcanic eruption, of Mt. Pinatubo in 1991, sent enough sulfur dioxide and particulates into the stratosphere that it produced modest cooling, but it also caused a loss of precipitation over land. It cooled the land more than the ocean so that monsoon rains moved offshore, and longer term it slowed the water cycle.

Carbon capture and storage has been researched and tried for well over a decade but has sizable costs. Only about a dozen industrial plants in the U.S. currently capture their carbon emissions, and most of it is used to enhance drilling for oil.

Direct air capture – technology that can pull carbon dioxide out of the air – is being developed in several places. It uses a lot of energy, though, and while that could potentially be

dealt with by using renewable energy, it's still energy intensive.

Planting trees is often embraced as a solution for offsetting corporate greenhouse gas emissions. Trees and vegetation take up carbon dioxide through photosynthesis and produce wood and other plant material. It's relatively cheap.

But trees aren't permanent. Leaves, twigs and dead trees decay. Forests burn. Recent studies show that the risks to trees from stress, wildfires, drought and insects as temperatures rise will also be larger than expected.

HOW MUCH DOES ALL THIS COST?

Scientists have been measuring carbon dioxide at Mauna Loa, Hawaii, since 1958 and elsewhere. The average annual increase in carbon dioxide concentration has accelerated, from about 1 part per million by volume per year in the 1960s to 1.5 in the 1990s, to 2.5 in recent years since 2010.

This relentless increase, through the pandemic and in spite of efforts

in many countries to cut emissions, shows how enormous the problem is.

Usually carbon removal is discussed in terms of mass, measured in megatons – millions of metric tons – of carbon dioxide per year, not in parts per million of volume. The mass of the atmosphere is about 5.5x10¹⁵ metric tons, but as carbon dioxide (molecular weight 42) is heavier than air (molecular weight about 29), 1 part per million by volume of carbon dioxide is about 7.8 billion metric tons.

According to the World Resources Institute, the range of costs for direct air capture vary between US\$250 and \$600 per metric ton of carbon dioxide removed today, depending on the technology, energy source and scale of deployment. Even if costs fell to \$100 per metric ton, the cost of reducing the atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide by 1 part per million is around \$780 billion.

Keep in mind that the carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere has risen from about 280 parts per million before the industrial era to around 420 today, and it is currently rising at more than 2 parts per million per year.

Tree restoration on one-third to two-thirds of suitable acres is estimated to be able to remove about 7.4 gigatons of carbon dioxide by 2050 without displacing agricultural land, by WRI's calculations. That would be more than any other pathway. This might sound like a lot, but 7 gigatons of carbon dioxide is 7 billion metric tons, and so this is less than 1 part per million by volume. The cost is estimated to be up to \$50 per metric ton. So even with trees, the cost to remove 1 part per million by volume could be as much as \$390 billion.

GEOENGINEERING IS ALSO EXPENSIVE.

So for hundreds of billions of dollars, the best prospect with these strategies is a tiny dent of 1 part per million by volume in the carbon dioxide concentration.

This arithmetic highlights the tremendous need to cut emissions. There is no viable workaround.

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