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# Monsters On Prowl: Molestation Cases On Rise In J&K, Reveals New Report

Vallev Reported 1426 **Cases Of Molestation** In 2021, Jammu 434

### **Auqib Javeed**

**SRINAGAR:** Once considered to be the abode of Sufi saints, the Kashmir Valley has witnessed the highest number of molestation cases in the last ten years against women with 1849 cases in 2021 against 1754 cases a year earlier, reveals Crime Gazette recently released by Jammu and Kashmir Police.

According to data, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer the region witnessed 1194 in 2011, 1322 in 2012, 1389 in 2013, 1413 in 2014, 1342 in 2015 1233 in 2016, 1422 in 2017, 1600 in 2018, 1445 in 2019, 1754 in 2020 and the highest number in 2021 with 1848.

The data in 2021 clearly shows that there has been a noticeable increase in molestation cases as compared to previous years with a crime rate 13.76 per lakh population.

The data further shows that the molestation against the women has marginally increased in the Valley unlike in Jammu-the winter capital of UT. The Valley reported 1426 cases of molestation in 2021

while Jammu witnessed only 434. Similarly in 2020, the

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valley witnessed 1358 cases while Jammu reported only 396 cases of molestation.

The central Kashmir's Budgam topped the chart with 217, followed by Srinagar with 204 and Kulgam and Baramulla with 191



and 124 cases respectively. However, the women's rights experts believe that the victims prefer to come forward and report the crime which was seen as a crime itself earlier.

"While it is unfortunate that

violence against women is increasing, one silver lining is that the rise reported in data may in-fact be a reflection of more women reporting such crimes," said a Srinagar-based rights activist Tania Sayeed.

She further says when the culture of reporting crimes becomes more frequent among women; it will create a culture where women will no longer fear either their abusers or the fall-out of reporting such crimes. In the absence of the state commission for protection of

women and child rights in UT, the victims are finding it difficult to report the cases.

It may be noted, the commission was repealed two months

after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A of the Indian Constitution on 5 August 2019. A top police official told Kashmir Observer that they have established a women po-

lice help desk in every police station across J&K. He said in Srinagar, the Police has

established a women police cell at Rambagh Police Station where cases related to women crime are being attended on regularly.

He further said that the help desks have encouraged the victims for approach the police for counselling and reporting any offence. However. Tania savs that there's some sense of suspicion

and shame attached to being seen inside or near More on P6

### 3.10 Lakh **Yatris Visit Cave** Shrine So Far

Pilgrimage To Conclude Officially On Aug 11 **Observer News Service** 

**Srinagar:** The Amarnath Yatra 2022 is finally inching to conclusion as sages are carrying Chadi Mubarak to holy cave while no fresh batches of Yatris left for Kashmir from Jammu in the last three days. So far 3.10 lakh pilgrims have visited the cave shrine of Amarnath much less than what the J&K administration had expected.

Yatra departure from Jammu Bhagwati Nagar base camp remained suspended for the third day on Monday due to a sharp decline in the arrival of Amarnath pilgrims, officials said. An official of the Shrine Board said, if there would have been pilgrims available they could send another batch before the end of the yatra but no Yatri is coming here now so no convoy could

leave Jammu for three days. Bhagwati Nagar base camp has been looking deserted for the past few days, forcing the operators to end their services and according to officials it is likely that counters at Bhagwati Nagar will be closed from tomorrow.

On August 2, Jammu and Kashmir Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha appealed to pilgrims to visit the holy cave before August 5. He said that the authorities were forced to take such a decision due to bad weather. Officials said the yatra, which started from June 30 this year, is more than 3. 10 lakh pilgrims have visited holy cave this year besides that 51 Yatris have died during this pilgrimage, including 15 pilgrims who died in the cloudburst incident near Baltal on July 8. This 43-day Yatra will

# **Kashmir Observes Ashura Today** Except Abi Guzar, No Restrictions In City: SSP Srinagar

### Zaid Bin Shabir

**SRINAGAR:** Ashura, marking the martyrdom of Prophet Muhammad's (SAW) grandson, Imam Hussein (AS) and his faithful companions in the battle of Karbala 1400 years ago, will be observed across the Valley on Tuesday amid tight security and restrictions in Abi Guzar area of this capital city.

Restrictions will be imposed in the Abi Guzar area falling under police station Kothibagh while administration is also deploying police and central forces in strength to maintain law and order on the 10th of Muharram, officials said

Sahab. Thousands of mourners from different parts of the city are expected to attend the Ashura procession that will conclude at the shrine of Mir Shams-uddin Araki in the evening after passing through various parts of Zadibal.

In Valley, the Shia Muslims used to take out processions from several parts of uptown Srinagar on 8th and 10th Muharram that culminated at Dalgate and the historic Zadibal Imambargah. However, after the onset of militancy, these two processions were banned in 1989 by the then Governor Jagmohan. Only small mournng rallies and processions are allowed in a few areas with sizable Shia populations. Authorities maintain that the ban on traditional processions has been taken in the larger public interest and to foil attempts of numerous groups "to hijack the processions to advance their objectives"



Hundreds of Dal dwellers Monday took out a boat procession on the eve of Ashura, marking the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS), his family and

Speaking with Kashmir Observer, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar, Rakesh Balwal said that curbs will be imposed only near the Abi Guzar area in the uptown city.

"Except near Abi Guzar area, there will be no restrictions anywhere in Srinagar on Ashura," Balwal said.

In Srinagar, the organizers said, the biggest Ashura procession will be taken out on Tuesday morning from Madin

Talking to Kashmir Observer President Anjuman Sharie Shiayan President, Aga Syed Hassan Al-Mosvi Al-Safvi said that in Budgam, More on P6

### No Force Used On Muharram **Procession: Police**

olice on Monday rubbished reports about use of force to regulate 8th Muharram procession in this capital city on Sunday.

"Some fake news (reports) are being circulated by vested interests about yesterday's Muharram by using old pictures and sharing them with oblivious media outside Kashmir. It is again categorically told that no force was used to regulate one Muharram route yesterday (banned since More on P6



THE BIGGEST PROCESSION IN **BUDGAM** will be taken out from Jamia Babul IIm Mirgund at 9 am in the morning to Imambargah Budgam."

**Observer News Service** 

# **LG Meets President** Draupadi Murmu In Delhi

companions in the battle of Karbala around 1400 years ago. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday called on President Draupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Monday.

Lieutenant During this, Governor Manoi Sinha congratulated him and also talked about Jammu and Kashmir and other subjects.

On July 21, Droupadi Murmu scripted history by becoming India's first tribal President in the one-sided contest, defeating Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha.

Murmu, 64, won by an overwhelming margin against Sinha after receiving over 64 per cent valid votes in a day-long

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counting of ballots of MPs and 15th president. MLAs, comprising the electoral Murmu had contested the college, to succeed Ram Nath 2014 assembly election from Kovid to become the country's Rairangpur, but More on P6

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officially end on August 11 on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. Officials said that a group of sages led by custodian of the holy mace More on P6

## War Against Corruption **ACB Filed 200 Cases Against Officials Since 2020**

### Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has tightened its noose as it has registered around 200 cases against corrupt government officials since 2020 in Jammu and Kashmir.

Official figures reveal that the anti-graft body has registered around 200 cases against corrupt officials for the last two years in Jammu and Kashmir. These cases have been regis-

tered related to misuse of official position, corruption charges, disproportionate assets, illegal compensation, purchase of sub-standard drugs, illegal grant permission to constructions, irregularities in funds, backdoor appointments, and various other wrong doings.

Among them 71 and 61 cases were registered in 2020 and 2021, respectively.

An official of the ACB said that there has been evidence against these officials for having indulged in wrong doings.

'Case is only registered when there is some proof against an accused," the official said, adding "Government has to decide whether an accused official should be given a plum posting or not,"

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has asked the ACB and General Administration Department (GAD) to use the latest technology and work in collaboration to set new benchmarks in combating corruption.

After the J&K Reorganization Act, Anti-Corruption Bureau works on the More on P6

### **Boulder Kills Two Pilgrims In Reasi**

wo pilgrims were killed and another was injured Monday after being hit by a boulder from a hillock near the famous Shiv Khori shrine in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. The pilgrims were standing in a queue enroute to the cave shrine when they came under the rolling boulder in the Ransoo area of Pouni block around 3 pm, a police official said. He said two pilgrims Sarwant Sahani (45) of Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh and Nirmal Singh (18) from Khawas village of J&K's Rajouri district were killed while Sahani's More on P6

### **Policeman Shoots** Self Dead In Doda

policeman allegedly shot himself dead with his service rifle at a court complex in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, officials said on Monday. Special Police Officer (SPO) Gurmesh Singh (46) was on guard duty at Doda Sessions Court when his colleagues heard a gunshot and rushed towards him, only to see him lying in a pool of blood late on Sunday, they said. The bullet that pierced his chest resulted in his on-the-spot death, they said, adding preliminary investigations More on P6

### Woman Found Hanging In Kulgam

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35-year-old woman was found hanging near her Anative village in Yarikhan area of Damhal Hanjipora in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Monday morning, officials said. News agency KNO quoting an official reported that a woman (name withheld) was found hanging with a walnut tree today morning, some 100 meters from her home in Yarikhan. He said that a case has been registered and further investigations have been taken up in this regard. Notably, this is the second incident in the last 24 hours in More on P6

### **Bear Kills Minor** In Baramulla

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minor boy on Monday was mauled to death by a black Hbear in Wagoora area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district. 4-year-old Ehsaan Ahmad Shah was outside his home on Monday evening when a black bear appeared there and attacked him. reports said. The cries of the boy, reports said, prompted his family and neighbors' to come out and chase the wild animal. However, Ehsaan, who sustained critical injuries in the beast attack, succumbed before he could be removed to the hospital for treatment. More on P6

### LG Pays Tributes To **Martyrs Of Karbala**

ieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday remembered the sacrifice of the martyrs of Karbala on the eve of Ashura, the 10th day of Muharram. In his message, the Lt Governor said, martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions has guided the humanity to strive for justice, values and righteousness, an official spokesperson said. The LG, he said, prayed for peace and prosperity in J&K, and urged the people to be kind, compassionate and work for the needy and underprivileged.

### **Army General Reviews LoC Situation**

he General Officer Commanding (GoC) of 16 **Corps Lieutenant General** Manjinder Singh on Monday visited the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district and reviewed the operational preparedness and security situation in the region. Flanked by commanding officers, Lt Gen Singh visited forward areas along the LoC in the Krishnagati sub-sector, officials said. He was briefed on the operational preparedness along the borderline, they said. More on P6



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# How AI Systems Can Help Humans By Predicting Diseases & Discover Cures

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The quest to discover how diseases develop in humans has been hamstrung by high costs and access to large enough datasets. Scientists are racing to change that.

It would be a eureka moment: discovering precisely how the development of diseases is linked to lifestyle, environment and genetics. But a huge amount of scientific research is needed to reach that milestone. Artificial intelligence (AI) is helping set the groundwork for the breakthrough, streamlining research with the goal of creating a fully automated system that can predict diseases and discover cures on its own.

In April 2022 Japan's Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST) and the Tokyo-based Corundum Systems Biology Inc began jointly working on a three-year project to establish an automated analytical system for microbiome and multi-omics data (data from various biological fields). The project is called MANTA: Multi-omics Analysis platform for the Nobel Turing challenge to develop AI scientists.

Alongside genetics, lifestyle factors such as dietary habits and sleep and environmental considerations such as exposure to pathogens and toxic substances are considered major determinants of human health. Getting to the bottom of this mix is complicated, so it requires epidemiological studies with large sample sizes to detect and quantify the impact of each factor.

To date, many projects, including casecontrol studies and prospective cohort studies for particular risk factors, have aimed to uncover the causes of disease. In many of these phenotype studies, biological samples such as blood, stool, urine and oral-swab samples are collected and tested. The resulting data



guides further studies, linking a particular disease, lifestyle, location of residence or living environment with microbiome in many parts of the world. With more research, the involvement of the gut microbiome in the development and progression of multiple diseases, such as psychiatric disorders, metabolic diseases, brain diseases and cancer, gradually becomes clearer. In the long term, the MANTA Project

aims to better understand how living

environments and factors unique to ethnic groups may be tied to causes of particular diseases.

To date, plans to expand deep-phenotype study have been challenged by high costs and the time required to get the necessary biological data. Another major hurdle has been standardisation of data quality: the number of participants needed for each study is massive and the amount of data from genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics and metabolomics to the microbiome of each study participant is voluminous.

This makes Al-aided analysis critical to taking the next steps. Automated systems for gut microbiome and multiomics data analysis can bring in globally consistent, replicable tests that can be reproduced en masse.

It sets the stage for extensive databuilding, as the same study participants can be monitored longer term and periodically at 10- to 20-year intervals, and at any location in the world. The automated nature of AI allows enormous groups of voluntary participants to be tracked for long periods, because it doesn't involve the same cost and commitment of assigning humans to do the monitoring.

The goal and expectation is that in fully integrating AI into research about disease development, many unknowns will become known. What causes diseases to spread, worsen and change, and additional early signs or symptoms that research has yet to uncover, should reveal themselves with the new frontiers made possible by automated AI

The MANTA Project is targeting full automation by March 2025, guiding a clear path for AI-supported analysis that if successful will speed up discoveries that assist both longevity and quality of life.

## Low Vitamin D Could Be Behind Chronic Inflammation

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esearchers have found a direct link between low levels of vitamin D and high levels of inflammation. The findings, led by a team from Uni-

versity of South Australia, provides an important biomarker to identify people at higher risk of or severity of chronic illnesses with an inflammatory component.

Inflammation is an essential part of the body's healing process. But when it persists, it can contribute to a wide range of complex diseases including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and autoimmune diseases.

According to lead researcher Ang Zhou, from the varsity, the study suggest that boosting vitamin D in people with a deficiency may reduce chronic inflammation.

"Inflammation is your body's way of protecting your tissues if you've been injured or have an infection," Zhou said.

The study, published in the International Journal of Epidemiology, examined the genetic data of 294?,970 participants to show the association between vitamin D and C-reactive protein levels, an indicator of inflammation.

The team found a one-way relationship between low levels of vitamin D and high levels of C-reactive protein.

"High levels of C-reactive protein are generated by the liver in response to inflammation, so when your body is experiencing chronic inflammation, it also shows higher levels of C- OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION QAZIGUND

### NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

### NIT NO.57 OF R&B/QAZIGUND/2022-23 /E-TENDERING.4656-70 DATED:06-08-2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on percentage rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K U.T Govt., CPWD, Railway and other U.T /Central Government works for the following works:-

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website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S. No.	Particulars	Dated		
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice		06.08.2022	
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	08.08.2022	(10:00 AM)
		То	13.08.2022	(04:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From	08.08.2022	(10:00AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	То	13.08.2022	( 04: 00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)		13.08.2022	(04:10 PM)
		In the office of Executive Engineer PWD	(R&B) Division QAZIGUN	Ď

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt(Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division QAZIGUND [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt)(Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division QAZIGUND (Tender receiving Authority).

2. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.

3. The 1<sup>st</sup> lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Qazigund (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work which shall be reckoned from the date of completion of the work. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor for entering in the tendering process for a period of 01 Year of the Division shall be recommended to Higher Authorities.

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5. The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division QAZIGUND.
6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of Opening of Technical bids.
7. The Earnest Money/Performance Security shall be forfeited If:
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Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

b. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
 c. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with

digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

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

f. Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of etenders is dispensed with the same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L-1 after opening of financial bids.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

9. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

10. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division QAZIGUND (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division QAZIGUND must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document), EMD and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
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tution/Legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence Address. b. All Bidders shall upload Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document)

b. All Bidders shall upload Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and Earnest Money/Bid Security.

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d. Scanned copy of GSTIN registration and most recent clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B from the previous quarter or month, whichever is applicable, ending June-2022, OR April –June Quarter- 2022.

e. All bidders shall upload Verification Certificate from concerned Chief Engineer / Superintending Engineer of Enlistment Registration Card.

f. If verification is not done then it is mandatory to submit/upload affidavit from First Class Judicial Magistrate/Notary regarding the Genuiness of the Contractor Card. The Bidders are subject to be disqualified if they have made misleading or false representation in the forms, statements, affidavits duly attested by Magistrate and attachments submitted in proof of the qualification requirement: and/or Record of poor performance such as abandoning the works, not properly completing the contract, inordinate delays in completion, litigation history, or financial failures etc.

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16. The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.

All the documents relating to the bid shall be in English language.
 All construction materials shall be supplied by the contractor at his

own cost as per the prescribed specifications **19.** If the bidder does not quote for any item of the rate list / quantity

reactive protein," Zhou said.



We have repeatedly seen evidence for health benefits for increasing vitamin D concentrations in individuals with very low levels, while for others, there appears to be little to no benefit

The study also raises the possibility that having adequate vitamin D concentrations may mitigate complications arising from obesity and reduce the risk or severity of chronic illnesses with an inflammatory component, such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and autoimmune diseases.

Boosting vitamin D in people with deficiencies may reduce chronic inflammation, helping them avoid a number of related diseases," Zhou said.

These results are important and provide an explanation for some of the controversies in reported associations with vitamin D.

"We have repeatedly seen evidence for health benefits for increasing vitamin D concentrations in individuals with very low levels, while for others, there appears to be little to no benefit," said Professor Elina Hypponen, Director at the varsity's Australian Centre for Precision Health.

"These findings highlight the importance of avoiding clinical vitamin D deficiency, and provide further evidence for the wide-ranging effects of hormonal vitamin D," she noted. validity or makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid. b) Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance secu-

rity within specified time period before issue of letter of indent. c) Successful Bidder fails to execute the agreement within 07 days after

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14. In case of CRF and other specified project, the relevant guideline/ standard bidding document shall be followed.

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### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: The Department of Community Medicine SKIMS, celebrated Breastfeeding week 2022 on this year's theme "Step up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support".

The Department conducted various activities aimed at "Breastfeeding Friendly Hospitals" which was the focus of World Breastfeeding Week 2022 in India. The activities were focused on postnatal ward of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Child Health clinic of the Department of Community Medicine and CHC Sumbal, the Rural health training center of the Department of Community Medicine. The activities included awareness generation among antenatal females, postnatal mothers, the caregivers of the postnatal women and the persons accompanying the children for immunization.

The emphasis was laid on the importance of breastfeeding, benefits of breastfeeding

### **Three day Model United Nations** conference concludes at NIT

### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: A three-day Model United Nations (MUN) conference in collaboration with the University of Kashmir concluded on Monday at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

MUN is an academic simulation of the United Nations where students play the role of delegates from different countries and attempt to solve real-world issues with the policies and perspectives of their assigned country.

The KUXNIT-MUN 2022 was organized by the Art and Culture Club (Office of Dean Students Welfare NIT Srinagar, while Dr. Nasir Faried Butt was the coordinator of the event.

The event was presided over by Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Rakesh Sehgal, while Registrar NIT Srinagar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari, and Registrar, University of Kashmir, Dr. Nissar Ahmad Mir were special guests on the occasion.

In his key speech,

to mother and child, early initiation of breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding and timely and appropriate complementary feeding. Besides this, practical demonstration of proper attachment and positioning at breast was given to breastfeeding mothers in the postnatal ward. Hand-outs containing information on benefits of breastfeeding were distributed. Issues with regard to breastfeeding among the postnatal mothers were addressed through counseling and demonstration.

Stress was given towards discouragement of pre-lacteal feeds and bottle feeding. To get a deeper insight into the problems being faced by lactating mothers, focused group discussion was conducted with breastfeeding mothers as participants, on the barriers and facilitators of breastfeeding, the perceptions about breastfeeding and formula milk and suggestions about how breastfeeding may be promoted in the hospitals.

ated the coordinator Dr. Nasir Faried Butt, and his entire team for organizing the vital conference on the campus.

collaborations-"Such both academic and extracurricular between institutes of higher education should always be encouraged. They are the need of the hour," he said.

Prof. Sehgal emphasized on organizing such awareness conferences at NIT Srinagar and will definitely encourage students to think out of the box.Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari expressed his optimism and impressed upon conducting more such events that polish the minds of the students and channelized their energy in pursuing productive endeavors.

"The main goal of such events is to bring together leading thinkers and achievers to share ideas that matter from varied disciplines and cultures. It was aimed at creating meaningful conversations and intellectual exchanges." Prof. Bukhari said



# **Trolleys-Turned-Sabeels Quenching Thirst of Mourners In Kashmir**

### Sved Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: As the Muharram processions take place in Alamgari Bazar locality of the city, the engine driven trolleys which follow the processions grab the attention of mourners and the people passing by.

In the city, at least two trolleys have been turned into Sabeels, (a refreshing point providing beverages and tea to mourners)

These trolleys follow the route of the processions and distribute tea and snacks among the mourners

Ilyas Rizvi, an oral historian and a craft researcher has been documenting Sabeels in Kashmir for years.

He says setting up sabeels

is an age-old tradition in the Kashmir valley and the trolley driven sabeels have their own significance.

"The tradition of setting up refreshing points along the roadsides is a centuries old but with the advancement in technology, new tools came into play. The engine-driven trolley provides refreshment to mourners during processions in the city" Ilyas says.

"In the last few years, there has been an increase in practice with people setting up stalls at multiple locations"

Sabeels offer a variety of drinks ranging from water to traditional beverages, chilled milk flavored and tea.

"Teenagers and Youth mostly take part at the Sabeels which offer refreshment".

Pertinently, with the arrival of Muharram, different organizations set up canopies at pathways from where processions are scheduled. With the month of Muharram falling in summer months, people are now served with juices and cold water"

Free food and beverages are distributed among the mourners as a way to pay tributes to Imam Hussain (A.S).

Sabeel is regarded as a signature Muharram activity tak ing place for centuries.In Srinagar, numerous sabeels have been set up alongside roads offering mourners free water, juices and tea.

People volunteering at the sabeels say it is a matter of pride for them to serve people and it is a way to pay respects to Imam Hussain (a.s).

# Mourners In City Mark Tasua (9th Muharram)

### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: Shia Muslims in Kashmir commemorated Tasua on Monday, the ninth day of the lunar month of Muharram. which precedes Ashura, the day when Imam Hussain (AS), was martyred.

On the ninth day of Muharram (Tasua), thousands of people, dressed in black, took to the streets and took out a procession from the Khanqah area of the old city which culminated

In the afternoon, mourners took out a procession in Gaw а Kadal and Mandibal area of the city which was attended by thousands of people. As part of the mourning rit-

ual, Dal dwellers took out a traditional procession which commenced from Kanda Mohalla in the interiors of Dal Lake. The procession consisted of boats driven by a motorboat.

Mourners chanted Labbyk Ya Hussain (A.S) slogans on the way to shore. Later, the procession culmi-

Pertinently, Tasua comes day before Ashura, which marks the day when Imam Hussain (A.S), along with 72 of his companions, was martyred in the battle against the second Umayyad caliph in the Iraqi region of Karbala, some 14 centuries ago

During the month of Muharram, Shia Muslims around the world commemorate the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hussain (AS), the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).



## This Day In History

- 48 BC- Caesar's civil war: Battle of Pharsalus - Julius Caesar decisively defeats Pompey at Pharsalus and Pompey flees to Egypt.
- 378- Battle of Adrianople: Goth army defeats Roman forces under Emperor Valens
- 681- Bulgaria is founded as a Khanate on the south bank of the Danube, after defeating the Byzantine armies of Emperor Constantine IV south of the Danube delta.
- 1173- Construction of the Tower of Pisa begins, and it takes two centuries to complete
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- 1831-1st US steam engine train run (Albany to Schenectady, NY)
- 1842- US-Canada border defined by Webster-Ashburton Treaty
- 1848- Austria & Sardinia sign cease fire
- 1849-Hungarian Republic crushed by Austria & Russia
- 1855- Battle of Acapulco during Mexican Liberal uprising
- 1859- Otis Tuft patents the first passenger elevator in the US
- 1910- Alva Fisher patents electric washing ma-

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- 1965- Singapore separates from the federation of malaysia and gains its independence
- 1972- There is widespread and severe rioting in Nationalist areas of Northern Ireland on the anniversary of the introduction of Internment
- 1973- USSR launches Mars 7
- 1974- Richard Nixon resigns US presidency, VP Gerald Ford swears oath of office to become 38th US president
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## From KO Archives

## Abdullah Defends Nc's Tie-Up With NDA

ANGALORE- Chief Minister and National Conference Supremo Farooq Abdullah today defended his party's tie-up with the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) saying its aim was to bring in a stable govemment at the Centre. Abdullah, who is here to attend the Janata Parivar's unity rally, told reporters that there was no political party in the country that was communal and disapproved of branding any party as a communal one.

Referring to Kargil conflict, he said Pakistan should stop pushing infiltrators into Indian territory and desist from claiming any territory in Jammu and Kashmir, which is an integral part of India. (PTI)

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# Avoidable Curbs

Police on Sunday detained dozens of mourners who attempted to participate in processions marking the Muslim month of Muharram. Police and paramilitary forces were deployed in strength in parts of downtown Srinagar and Lal Chowk to foil any protests. Concertina wires and barricades were erected at several places to stop the procession traditionally organized on the eighth of Muharram in areas around Lal Chowk. But mourners in some parts of the city defied the restrictions seeing these as unjustified curbs on their religious freedom.

Muharram gatherings continue to be banned in the Valley since the advent of militancy in 1989. Authorities maintain that the religious gatherings have been used for propagating separatist politics and triggering violence. In Srinagar, the vulnerable areas like Abi Gugar, Lal Chowk, Regal Chowk, Aali Masjid, Shaheed Gunj, Guru Bazaar and Hawal are placed under tight security restrictions to foil large gatherings of people. Government justifies the extreme measures citing the possibility of violence in the city. This has been a stock government explanation for prohibiting the Muharram religious processions over the past three decades. And such explanations are generally independent of the context and the circumstances prevailing at the time. The government always invokes dire prospects of mass disturbance disregarding the prevailing calm in the Valley.

Such justifications for strict security curbs are ironically at variance with the otherwise routine parading of peace in the region in government statements. But one misses the basic point about the prevailing normalcy in the state. If Kashmir is normal it is not because of the government, but because people are cooperating with the government and are choosing to be peaceful. Yes, there is a chance that the situation could deteriorate but that often happens when the government uses disproportionately more force than the situation warrants, as was the case on Sunday.

The point is not that the government is to blame for everything but that in its overzealous effort to maintain peace, it sometimes encourages the trouble. The disruption of religious events like Muharram prevents people in the Valley from practicing their faith which in turn engenders anger against the government, a source of violence. It is the government's responsibility to allow Ashura procession. Of course, there should be adequate security in place but it should not be there to impede but facilitate the occasion. Would the government do this? It looks unlikely it will. But it should do this if it wants to earn the goodwill of the people, who are asking for nothing but freedom to perform their religious obligation.

# Use Plastic Waste and Flood Channel Silt for Ring Road

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

n order to encourage use of waste plastic on National Highways, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) in 2015 issued guidelines to encourage use of plastic waste in the hot mix of bituminous plants. The MoRTH guidelines reads:

"Bituminous mix with waste plastic shall be the default mode for periodic renewal with hot mixes within 50 Kms periphery of urban areas having population more than 5 lakhs. Any relaxation on ground of non-availability of waste plastic, cost etc. shall involve approval of the Ministry. All the agencies responsible for preparation of project reports / estimates for the National Highways and Centrally sponsored works are expected to analyse and clearly bring out reasons of inclusion or otherwise of provision of use of waste plastic in wearing coats in the proposal"

### The guidelines further reads:

"Above mentioned guidelines shall be mandatorily followed for laying of wearing coat on Service Roads along National Highways within 50 kms periphery of urban area having population more than 5 lakhs also"

In 2019, during the winter session of parliament Road Transport, Minister Nitin Gadkari told the parliament that Indian Road Congress (IRC) had formulated guidelines for the use of waste plastic in hot bituminous mixes in wearing courses based on laboratory as well as field performance studies/investigations carried out in India. In this process, 8% plastic waste is used by weight of bitumen in the bituminous wearing course and as per mix design requirement.

### Srinagar Ring Road

PM Narendra Modi in May 2019 inaugurated two Ring Road projects in J&K aimed at decongesting traffic in Jammu and Srinagar cities. In Jammu, around 200 hectares (4000 kanals) of land has already been acquired for a 58-km highway. The work on the project has been going on. For the Srinagar Ring Road, 370 hectares (7560 kanals) of land is going to be acquired for a 62-km highway connecting Pulwama with Ganderbal via Budgam. 90% of the land is agriculture land. Srinagar Ring Road will cross through Pamp-Wathora Chadoora, Budgam, Dharmuna, ore. Narbal and then pass via Srinagar's western outskirts in Rambir Garh and enter Ganderbal after crossing the Srinagar Bandipora road.

Affected people, especially the farmers in Budgam and some other districts, have been on the warpath with the Govt over non-payment of fair compensation to them by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). As already mentioned in my previous write-ups, the Government has used force to take possession of the land in Budgam since the last 5 to 6 months. The matter has been before the division bench of the high court for 5 years now and very soon the final judgement is expected to be pronounced. In this piece, I am not going to discuss the legal battle of farmers but the issue related to the environmental destruction this road project is causing in Kashmir valley particularly in Budgam. I have come up with some suggestions which can help stop the environmental destruction.



It has been made mandatory for every state/ UT to take up a stretch of at least 10 km as pilot project for assessment of its performance. During 2019-20, the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign the main focus of the Government was on plastic waste management. This was in fact the main theme of the campaign. There were clear instructions for collection and re-use of waste plastic. This included information, education, communication (IEC) activities, recycling, effective disposal of plastic waste that included its use in road construction

that 17929 trees are proposed to be felled from agriculture land. It further says that dominant species of trees to be affected are Popular plantations average girth size of trees are 20cm. Recently, the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) in an RTI reply revealed that more than 1.11 lakh trees have been cut down for the Srinagar Ring road project. The details about destruction caused to apple orchards , and other fruit trees is not mentioned. Karewas , rivers , streams ate being plundered and there is no details about it in the EIA & EMP. The Hokersar wetland is affected but the EIA says the highway is away from the wetland. struction Corporation (MPRCC) for more than 10 years now. This has helped in the construction of more than 15000 Kms of roads made of waste plastic & bitumen. Around 40,000 metric tons of plastic waste has been supplied by Imteaz Ali to MPRCC.

We have large amounts of plastic dumped at Achan landfill site in Srinagar. Why can't the same be used in construction of Srinagar Ring Road? This will not only unchoke this congested landfill site but will reduce the environmental impact on our water resources, karewas and mountains which are over explored by the construction company that has been allotted the contract of Srinagar Ring Road construction.

shall muck and earth filling be obtained from streams like Shali Ganga or Doodh Ganga or damaging the Karewas of Budgam? The silt and clay can be excavated from the Flood Spill channel when it gets dry between September to December. This will again serve two purposes: a) The Karewas and streams in Budgam won't be destroyed for Riverbed & clay mining b) The flood spill channel from Rajbagh to Wullar via Narbal will be cleared of silt which will help easy flow of water during floods.

### Conclusion

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### OTHER OPINON

# Dragon Over India-Sri Lanka Relations

he Sri Lankan note verbale appears to convey that the matter is still open for negotiation, but it would be unfortunate if Colombo believes it can invite the ship back at a later date. China's Yuan Wang vessels are strategic platforms, and they form part of the People's Liberation Army support force. A vessel of its surveillance reach has never before sailed in the waters that Yuan Wang wishes to access. The Sri Lankan attempt to pass it off as a "research vessel" on an innocuous refuelling stop was either naive or disingenuous, but in either case, self-defeating.

China vs India on its soil is hardly a sporting fixture that Sri Lanka can watch from the ringside without getting hurt itself. This is the second time in 19 months that Colombo has tried to make light of India's security concerns on account of the Chinese presence in Sri Lanka. Last January, the Sri Lankan government awarded a renewable energy project on three islands close to the Tamil Nadu coastline, to a Chinese firm. It took much diplomatic energy on India's part, and a commitment to develop the same project through a grant, to have that decision reversed. India's massive assistance to Sri Lanka since January was certainly not tagged with the note that Colombo should stop being friends with Beijing. But a cavalier attitude to India's real security concerns is a sure way to lose Delhi's goodwill at a time that Sri Lanka needs it most.

The timing of the Foreign Ministry's clearance to the ship reinforces a worry that is true for India's entire neighbourhood. Instability in any country in the region, whether that is Sri Lanka, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan or Afghanistan, tends to impact India adversely and in unexpected ways. The Chinese ship apparently got its clearance from the Foreign Ministry on July 12. This was three days after President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had to flee in a navy boat as a sea of people stormed his official home. Clearly, there were some who believed that the political vacuum in Sri Lanka was ripe for exploitation. Who exactly gave that clearance should be a matter of interest in Colombo, as that person was not just acting on behalf of interests inimical to India, but against the interests of Sri Lanka as well, by trying to sabotage the new equilibrium in the relationship.

Indian Express

### EIA & EMP of Ring Road

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) & Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of Srinagar Ring Road Project prepared by Louis Berger Consulting Pvt. Ltd, the compliance of Terms of Reference (TOR) for this alternate highway way discussed in 135th meeting of the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for Building/Construction Projects/Township and Area Development Projects, Coastal Regulation Zone, Infrastructure Development and Miscellaneous projects held on 1st August 2014 at New Delhi. In the Appendix 1 under headline compliance of TOR it is mentioned at serial ii that the 17929 number of trees fall within the proposed Right of Way (RoW).

"Bare minimum trees to be cut. The information about their species and whether it also involves any protected or endangered species be provided. Necessary green belt shall be provided on both sides of the highway with proper central verge and cost provision should be made for regular maintenance", reads the TOR point at serial ii.

In the compliances column, it is mentioned

### Decongest Achan , Desilt Flood Channel

More than 1 lakh KMS of roads have been made from waste plastic in India since the last 10 years. Out of this, more than 700 kms of National Highways have been constructed by using waste plastic. This was revealed last during this year's Monsoon session of parliament by Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari. He told Lok Sabha, in a written reply, that the ministry has issued guidelines for mandatory use of waste plastic in periodic renewal with hot mixes and in wearing coats of service road on national highways within 50km periphery of an urban area having a population of more than 5 lakhs. The use of plastic waste in the construction of roads protects the environment from the adverse impacts of waste plastic. In Madhya Pradesh, Imteaz Ali who runs an NGO Sarthak in Bhopal has been supplying waste plastic to Madhya Pradesh Road Con-

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# **Trollers are Sinners**

Recently, 12th class results were declared in Kashmir. While the usual "girls outshine boys" news flashed on our screens — there was an unexpected flow of hate directed towards some students.

Following interviews with news channels, one of the state toppers was trolled shamelessly for her choice

of clothes. The comments that were present all across the web did not merely moral police her, some were open calls to threat.

It is disappointing to see that our society has some elements that are hellbent at bringing women down and discouraging them.

However, we must not be blindsighted by the hate given how it is the same society where it is young girls who have done brilliant in exams.

People should know that they are no more than criminals, thugs and trollers when they mindlessly abuse women online or participate in an unproductive shaming enterprise directed towards a young girl. To the many, "This is not Islam" comments, I say, trolling, online abuse, online threats are certainly not Islamic.

Our women have the minds to make the best of their journeys. We must have faith in them and stand with them as they excel and go on to make great contributions in the field of education.

Hurmat Gul

# **Boats and Banners: Inside Kashmir's Unique Muharram March**

Mehroob Mushtaq

As part of mourning ritual, Dal dwellers chant "Labbyk Ya Hussain" while taking out a rare boat procession to mark the events of the 9th Muharram in Kashmir.



On 9 Muharram, Dal dwellers take out a waterborne Muharram procession in the famed lake. It consists of a few boats driven by a motorboat.



Mourners get off from boats at Saida Kadal, as the procession culminates at Imambara Hassanabad.

# Witness to Karbala



**66** Tafsir, hadith and all other branches of knowledge thrived in Madina as men of learning flocked to Imam Bagir in order to quench their thirst. In fact even the Umayyad emirs turned to the Imam when unable to answer the great philosophical questions of the day

### Qasim A. Moini

n the burning sands of Karbala 14 centuries ago, mankind's noblest char-Husain, his family members and loyal companions – and its absolute worst, in the shape of the Umayyad imperial horde, were on display.

From the Husaini camp, there are numerous shining examples that personify courage, magnanimity and steadfastness in the the mosque of the Holy Prophet face of seemingly insurmount- as his base, restarted the process able odds. Leading this list is of propagating Islamic sciences Imam Husain himself, who in the manner of his great-grandbravely took on the tyrant of his father Hazrat Ali. This was all the day to save the very foundation more important as the Umayyads of Islam. Moreover, Bibi Zainab's – preoccupied with the expanstirring khutbas (sermons) in sion of their empire and tribal the courts of Kufa and Damascus politics – were little concerned shook the throne of Yazid, while about matters of learning and

ing the Islamic edifice after it had been severely battered by the Umayyads.

After Karbala there were severe restrictions imposed by acters - represented by Imam the state on members of the Ahlul Bayt. Imam Sajjad started rebuilding the infrastructure of Islamic learning in highly testing times, through his duas and remembering the tragedy that befell his family on Ashura.

After Imam Sajjad, Imam Baqir built on this foundation and using mam Zain al-Abidin's eloquence spirituality, and there was



The procession commences from Kanda Mohalla in the interiors of Dal Lake.



Mourners chant "Labbyk Ya Hussain" on the way to shore.



The event adds a unique distinction to Kashmir's Muharram processions.

and patience in the face of calam- one, other than members of the ity has few parallels in history.

Yet another sublime example emerges from this venerable camp: that of Imam Muhammad bin Ali al-Baqir, grandson of Imam Husain and son of Imam Zain al-Abidin. While Imam edge at a time when Islamic so-Baqir was a minor on the day of Ashura, he was a key witness to this massacre, and played an instrumental role in preserving rial politics and intrigue, Madina and rebuilding the Islamic edifice after the martyrdom of his grandfather and other family members on the plains of Iraq.

As recorded by late Iraqi scholar Shaikh Baqir Sharif al-Qarashi, quoting ninth-century historian Yaqubi, Imam Baqir remembers Karbala thus: "My grandfather was killed while I was four years murder and what hit us during that time.'

eyewitness to events that still shake anyone with a conscience centuries after the fact. Foremost of these was the brutal slaying of Imam Husain. As mentioned by renowned muhaddith (traditionalist) Shaikh Abbas Qummi in Nafasul Mahmum – one of the and health-related – the inspirmost authentic accounts of the Karbala tragedy – Imam Baqir relates that his noble grandfather suffered over 320 wounds from lances, swords and arrows.

But it did not end there. Imam aunts, sisters and other female relatives – members of the household of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) - treated as prisoners of war by the Umayyad army and held in unspeakable conditions. Moreover, his father Imam Zain al-Abidin, also known as Sajjad, was made to march in fetters in the scorching deserts of Iraq and Syria.

Yet what is truly remarkable is that even after experiencing such harrowing circumstances, which would have broken even the hardiest of individuals, when Imam Baqir reached adulthood, he played a vital role in rebuild-

Ahlul Bayt, to fill the void.

The impact of Imam Baqir on Islamic learning can be gauged by the fact that his title means 'opener', pointing to the fact that he opened and spread knowlciety was slipping back into the ways of ignorance. While Damascus served as a hive of impeal-Munawwara, under Imam Baqir's guidance, once again became the centre of learning.

Tafsir, hadith and all other branches of knowledge thrived in Madina as men of learning flocked to Imam Bagir in order to quench their thirst. In fact even the Umayyad emirs turned to the Imam when unable to answer of age. Indeed, I remember his the great philosophical questions of the day. After Imam Baqir, his son Imam Jafar al-Sadiq would As a child, Imam Baqir was an carry forward this stellar tradition of scholarship and piety, giving shape to modern Islamic theology as we know it.

In these times of adversity, when most of the globe is enveloped in crises of different kinds – political, economic, security ing personality of Imam Baqir offers a fine exemplar.

After Karbala Islamic society was at its lowest ebb, while at a tender age Imam Baqir suffered an immense personal loss. Bagir witnessed Bibi Zainab, his However, instead of withdrawing from the world this noble soul used his God-given knowledge and his strength of character to revive the ummah, all the while keeping alive the tragedy his family underwent so that revisionists were unable to twist the facts.

> Imam Baqir's life teaches us that in the face of great adversity, those who rely on Allah and the way of His Prophet stand their ground and illuminate new paths for the benefit of mankind.

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# NEWS

# Separated During Partition, 92-Yr Punjab Man Meets His Nephew From Pak At Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib

### **Press Trust of India**

Lahore: In a moving reunion, a 92-year-old man from India's Punjab met his nephew from Pakistan at the historic Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib on Monday, 75 years after they were separated at the time of Partition in which many of their relatives were killed in communal violence.

Sarwan Singh hugged his brother's son Mohan Singh, now known as Abdul Khaliq after being brought up in a Muslim family in Pakistan, at the historic Gurdwara in Narowal, some 130 km from Lahore and the final resting place of Sikhism's founder Guru Nanak Dev. Some members of both families were also present on the occasion.

Khalig sahib touched the feet of his uncle and hugged him for several minutes, Muhammad Naeem, a relative of Khaliq, told PTI over the phone on his return from the Kartarpur Corridor.

He said both uncle and nephew spent four hours together and shared memories and ways of living in their respective countries.

Both Singh and Khaliq were clad in white kurta pajamas with the former donning a black turban and the latter a white one.

Upon their reunion, the relatives garlanded them and also showered rose petals on them.

We can't explain our feelings in words but it is the blessing of God that we reunited after 75 years, Khaliq's relative Javed quoted them as having said.

He said Singh may come to Pakistan after getting a visa to stay with his nephew for a



saying he had two thumbs on

### longer period.

Two YouTubers from India and Pakistan played a role in helping the two reconnect after 75 years. At the time of Partition, Mohan, who now has a new identity, having a Muslim name (Khaliq), after being raised by a Muslim family in Pakistan, was about six years old, said

Parvinder from Jalandhar in India. A Jandiala-based YouTuber had documented several Partition stories and a few months ago he met Sarwan and posted a video of his life story on his YouTube channel.

Across the border, a Pakistani YouTuber narrated the story of Khaliq who was separated from his family at the time of Partition. Incidentally, a Punjab-origin man based in Australia saw the two videos and helped the rela-

tives connect. In one of the videos, Sarwan mentioned the identity marks of his missing nephew, daughter's home since the COVID-19

one hand and a prominent mole on one of his thighs. On the other hand, in the video posted by the Pakistani YouTuber similar things were shared about Khaliq, said Parvinder. Later, the Australia-based man managed to get in touch with both families on either side

of the border. The grandfather identified Khaliq with his identity marks, said Parvinder. Sarwan's family used to live in

village Chak 37, now in Pakistan, and 22 members of his extended family were killed in communal violence at the time of Partition. Sarwan and other family members managed to cross over to India but Khaliq, who escaped

the violence, was later raised by a Muslim family in Pakistan. Sarwan, who was living in Canada with his son, has been staying at village Sandhman near Jalandhar at his pandemic struck.

In November 2019, former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan formally inaugurated the Kartarpur Corridor as part of the commemoration of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak at a colourful ceremony, paving the way for Indian Sikh pilgrims to visit one of their religion's holiest sites in Pakistan without needing a visa.

Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara is located in Pakistan's Narowal district across the river Ravi, about four kilometres from the Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Punjab's Gurdaspur district.

It is the final resting place of the Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev, who had spent the last 18 years of his life in Kartarpur.

Indian pilgrims of all faiths are allowed to undertake roundthe-year visa-free travel to the historic gurdwara.

PM Hails Naidu's Witty One-Liners As RS Bids Farewell To Chairman; VP Delivers Punchlines With Some Word Of Advice To Govt, Oppn

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said M Venkaiah Naidu's witty oneliners were "revered, and never countered" as the Rajya Sabha Chairman used his farewell events to deliver some punchlines-- and also give some word of advice to the government and the opposition.

"Your one-liners are witliners and win-liners as well... There is nothing left to be said after that. Your each word is heard, preferred, revered and never countered," Modi said in his speech in the Rajya Sabha.

Two days before Naidu demits office as Vice President, the Rajya Sabha bade him farewell with Modi leading the Upper House in lauding his tenure during which, the PM said the productivity of the House as well as members' attendance increased.

Talking about speculation that he aspired to become the President, Naidu made it clear in his farwell speech, "I am not of that type, people now often talk - either president, otherwise dissident or a resident. I am not going to do all these three."

"I never aspired to be the president, will never become a dissident and will never be confined to the residence." he said. adding," I would be moving around, going around, meeting you all, greeting you all and talking to you on larger issues."

Later at an event outside Parliament, Naidu, known for his marvellous play of words, said, "If you don't have patience, you will become a patient."

Naidu has tickled the funny bone quite a number of times, both inside and outside

Parliament. "My operation depends on your cooperation, otherwise there will be separation," was one such witty remark of Naidu during opposition protests in the Rajya Sabha. Addressing a farewell func-

tion organised by Members of Parliament in Parliament House complex, Naidu had a word of advice for the government and the opposition when he said in a democracy people should have tolerance towards mandate given by the people and that the Treasury benches despite having numbers in its favour should let the other side have its say.

He said the government, despite having majority, should give respect to the opposition. "Let the opposition have its say, then the government will have its way because they have the majority ... this is my advice," he added.

A farewell message on behalf of the Rajya Sabha members was also presented to Naidu by Deputy Chairman Harivansh.

"As an immaculate wordsmith, you (Naidu) have often added a dash of humour when tensions ran high by weaving words together in a rhyming but meaningful way. Your oratorical brilliance laced with instant wit and humour makes you one of the finest speakers we have witnessed in our parliamentary polity in recent times," the message said.

In his speech, Modi hailed Naidu's highly productive five-year term as the country's Vice President and Rajya Sabha chairman. He said that during the five-

year term, Naidu raised the standards of functioning of the House with his discipline and experience.

"Under your leadership

and discipline, the productivity of this House touched heights. During your new term, Rajya Sabha's productivity has increased 70 per cent. Attendance of members in the House also increased," Modi said, adding a record 177 bills were passed or discussed during these five years.

The prime minister said there is both depth and substance in what Naidu says, adding, "There is warmth and wisdom too."

"You always stressed that disruptions beyond a point are equivalent to 'avmanana' (contempt or derogation) of the House," he said, referring to the outgoing chairman. "I see the maturity of democracy in your principles."

Modi said proceedings used to get adjourned in the past when debates or discussions were disrupted, but Naidu used dialogue, contact and coordination to run the House.

"When there was a confrontation in the House, we always heard from you 'let the government propose, opposition oppose, parliament dispose!'," he said.

Under Naidu's leadership, the Rajya Sabha gained newer heights, he added.

"One of the admirable things about Naidu is his passion for Indian languages. This was reflected in how he presided over the House," Modi said, adding as chairman he encouraged the use of mother tongue.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi spoke in Kannada in his farewell address to Naidu, while Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala addressed in Gujarati.

"Only five government bills

were discussed and passed during

the session, 27 private members

were also introduced and only one

private member bill regarding the

right to health could be partly dis-

cussed during the entire session.

# Marred By Frequent Disruptions, Monsoon Session Of Parliament Ends Four Days Before Schedule

### Agenceis

New Delhi: The Monsoon session of Parliament ended on Monday, four days ahead of schedule, after continued disruptions during the last three weeks over issues like price rise, suspension of 27 MPs, the controversial "Rashtrapatni" remark and the Enforcement Directorate's action.

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, which were adjourned sine die this afternoon, saw the passage of seven and five bills, respectively, during the session which was to end on August 12.

While Lok Sabha saw

be chaired by Jagdeep Dhakhar, who will take over on August 11. Members cutting across party lines recalled the contributions of Naidu, noting how he inspired and allowed them to speak in their native languages. Prime Minister Narendra Modi

said his witty one-liners were "revered, and never countered". He hailed Naidu's highly productive five-year term as vice president of India and Rajya Sabha chairman and said the attendance of members in the House increased during his tenure.

The prime minister said a record 177 bills were passed or discussed during these five years.

in independent India and were from very humble backgrounds. In his remarks, Naidu said people expect Parliament "to

discuss, debate and not disrupt" and appealed to members to maintain "decency, dignity and decorum" so that the image and respect of the house are maintained.

He also urged members not to pass bills amid a din but to follow the high standards of conduct.

While adjourning the House also, he lamented that over 47 hours were lost due to disruptions in the upper house that prevented members from raising issues of public importance.

way, We are not enemies, we are rivals." Naidu said.

While some Opposition members urged him to pen an autobiography, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge appreciated how Naidu functioned despite being "under pressure".

Naidu turned emotional when Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien narrated an incident from the Vice President's early life when he lost his mother as a one-year-old.

Before adjourning Rajya Sabha, which he presided over for the last time, Naidu said the house had 16 sittings during which it conducted business for more than 38 hours. Five government bills were discussed and passed.

accountability of the executives through questions," he noted.

Government sources said that the members of various parties were in favour of the earlier conclusion of the session as they wanted to visit their constituencies due to upcoming festivals.

However, Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien hit out at the government for cutting short the Monsoon session.

"This is the seventh consecutive time the parliament session has been cut short.

"Stop mocking #Parliament. We President Sonia Gandhi. will fight for its sanctity and pre-A post-adjournment chat bevent PM Narendra Modi and Âmit tween Gandhi and senior BJP MP Shah from turning this great insti-Rama Devi in Lok Sabha on the tution into the Gujarat Gymkhana," O'Brien said in a tweet. Proceedings were disrupted since the start of the Monsoon session, as opposition parties protested to press for an immediate discussion on issues like price rise and GST and later over the suspension of 23 Rajya Sabha members. Four members of Lok Sabha were also suspended. Congress members also protested against the Enforcement Directorate's action against the

Gandhis and other party leaders in the National Herald case.

During the session, the Lok Sabha witnessed an acrimonious debate on the issue of price rise. Also, Congress Leader Ranjan Chowdhury's Adhir 'Rashtrapatni' remark on President Droupadi Murmu led to several adjournments as a war of words broke out between opposition and treasury benches. The issue reached a flash point when Union Minister Smriti Irani sought an apology from Congress

No private member resolution could be taken up," Naidu said. During the day, Rajya Sabha also passed a bill to convert the National Rail and Transportation University, a deemed-to-beuniversity, into Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, an autonomous central institution.

Adjourning the lower house sine die, Speaker Om Birla informed that during this session, a total number of 16 sittings were held which lasted for about 44 hours and 29 minutes. During the session, the Lok Sabha passed seven legislations including The Antarctic Bill, The Indian Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, National Anti-Doping The Bill, The Wild Life Protection (Amendment) Bill, The Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, and The Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill

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of 16 sittings that lasted for 44 hours and 29 minutes, the upper house met for 38 hours with as many as 47 hours lost due to disruptions, an issue flagged by outgoing Chairman Venkaiah Naidu who has frequently expressed unhappiness over the stalling of proceedings.

Rajya Sabha also bid farewell to Vice President Naidu, whose tenure ends on August 10. During the next session, Rajya Sabha proceedings would

### "Your one-liners are wit-liners and win-liners as well... There is nothing left to be said after that. Your every word is heard, preferred, revered and never countered." said the prime minister, imitating Naidu's trademark style of making incisive, witty and rhyming remarks.

Modi said Independence Day this year would be celebrated with the president, vice president, Lok Sabha speaker and prime minister who were all born

Brushing aside speculation, Naidu said, "People now often talk -- either president, otherwise dissident or a resident. I am not going to all these three."

"I never aspired to be the president, never become a dissident and will never be confined to the residence. I would be moving around. Going around, meeting you all, greeting you all and talking to you on larger issues. I would not get into politics. We are all working on our

"However, more than 47 hours were lost due to interruptions which is a sad reflection of the functioning of the upper house of Parliament," Naidu, who was presiding over his last session, said.

"The session was characterised by regular and continuous disruptions which deprived members of the opportunity to discuss matters of urgent public importance and seek

demand for apology had turned ugly after Irani intervened in the conversation and was seen ges-

turing at the Congress chief. Addressing the House, Naidu said that out of 235 starred questions, only 161 could be answered orally and Question Hour could not be taken up in seven days. He said only 25 matters could

be raised by members with the permission of the Chair and only 60 special mentions could be made during the entire session.

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### Monsters On Prowl:

police stations in Kashmir, especially for women.

"Therefore, no matter the place, the police doesn't seem to be a woman's go-to to report such crimes," she said, adding that spaces created by NGOs or Women's commissions build trust around their work.

"Violence against women is a complicated affair and women would prefer that in their respective contexts, their case is handled with some amount of responsibility and caution," she added.

### 3.10 Lakh Yatris Visit

Mahant Dipendra Giri carrying Chadi Mubarak, holy mace of lord Shiva, to the Amarnath cave.

The Chaddi Mubarak has to reach the holy cave on 11th of August on Sharvan Purnima. The 145 kilometre Chadi Mubarak Yatra starts from Dashnami Akhara in Srinagar.

During the yatra route, sages perform hawans at Pampore, Bijbehara, Anantnag, Mattan, Aishmuqam and finally at Pahalgam where the procession takes rest for two days before proceeding to Amarnath holy cave.

They said sages along with Chadi Mubarak will spend the night at Pahalgam on August 7 and 8, while at Chandanwari on August 9, Sheshnag on August 10 and Panchtarni on August 11.

### Kashmir Observes

two major processions will be taken out from Imambargah Mirgund to Imambargah Budgam and Dargah Bab-ul-Hawaij to Imambargah Hajipora.

The biggest procession in Budgam will be taken out from Jamia Babul Ilm Mirgund at 9

am in the morning to Imambargah Budgam," Aga Hassan said, adding that other Ashura processions will be taken out from Gazi Manzil to Yousefabad, Magam, Sikanderpora, Beerwah and Sonpah.

Pertinently, scores of mourners were detained on Sunday when they tried to defy the restrictions imposed to stop people from carrying out 8th Muharram processions in the civil lines.

Mourners in small groups appeared across civil lines stretching from Batmaloo to Jehangir Chowk and Dalgate areas of the city and tried to take out a procession subsequently pushing police to swing into action and detain the mourners.

### **No Force Used**

many decades), a police spokesperson said. "Muharram processions are being peacefully held all over Srinagar, only 2 routes aren't allowed among 100 others which are allowed," he said, adding "the two aren't allowed due to possibility of sectarian clashes/ law & order".

The spokesperson further said that the chronic mischievous tendency of some vested interests to spread fake news with intentions of fomenting trouble in the City will be dealt with law.

"Srinagar Police is a professional force and is well aware of its duties of maintaining law and order in city," he added.

### LG Meets President

lost to the BJD candidate.

Born on June 20, 1958, in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, she catapulted into the national spotlight after being picked as the ruling NDA's presidential nominee in the July 18 polls.

It is from Rairangpur that she took her first step up the BJP ladder. She was a councillor in the local Notified Area Council in 1997 and rose to be a minister in Odisha's BJD-BJP coalition government from 2000 to 2004. In 2015, she was appointed governor of Jharkhand and stayed in the post till 2021.

She is an excellent orator in Santhali and Odia languages and has worked extensively to improve infrastructure such as roads and ports in Odisha.

### **ACB Filed 200**

lines of the Central Vigilance Commission. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also repealed the Jammu and Kashmir State Vigilance Commission Act, 2011.

Among them are several bureaucrats who have been given plum postings by the government despite their alleged involvement in wrong doings.

Earlier also, many officials faced probes by the Anti-Corruption Bureau and were also suspended. Article 226(2) of the J-K Civil Services Regulations, 1956 allows the government employees to be retired in "public interest" upon completing the 22 years of qualifying service or attaining 48 years of age.

Recently, the Jammu and Kashmir administration ordered the premature retirement of eight employees of the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) on the charges of corruption under Article 226(2) of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil services Regulations, Departmental Committees of J-K.

The charges against the said eight officers were confirmed by the Departmental Committees and were upheld by the designated review committee under Article 226(2), which includes misappropriation of funds,

falsification of records and raising fake bills, allowing illegal constructions, committing financial irregularities and making illegal appointments during their tenure in various Urban Local Bodies (ULBS). (KINS)

### **Boulder Kills Two**

younger brother Sahib Sahani (32) was injured and shifted to a hospital.

Shiv Khori, a famous shrine devoted to lord Shiva and situated in between the hillocks about 140 kms north of Jammu, is visited by lakhs of devotees from across the country round-the-year.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha announced ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh to kin of those lost their lives in tragic shooting stones incident at Shiv Khori

The injured would be given Rs. 50,000 each and the UT Government will bear the cost of their treatment, an official spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, expressed grief over the loss of lives during the unfortunate incident and directed the District Administration to provide all necessary assistance to the bereaved families and ensure the best possible treatment to the injured.

"Deeply anguished by the loss of precious lives in a tragic incident at Shiv Khori. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families who lost their loved ones. I pray for the early recovery of the injured," Sinha added. (With PTI inputs)

### **Policeman Shoots**

suggested that he might have committed suicide.

The officials said the motive behind Singh taking such an extreme step was not immediately known.

Police have started inquest proceedings in this connection, they said. (PTI)

### Woman Found

the district, as yesterday a 50-year-old man was found hanging in Turk Tachloo area of Kulgam.

### **Bear Kills Minor**

A police official told a local news agency GNS that a team is on the spot to collect more details.

### Army General

Lt Gen Singh exhorted all ranks to keep working with the same zeal and enthusiasm to secure the borders.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I want to apply ror rresh electricity connection for my newly constructed house at Baghat-e-Shoor, Lalbazar, Srinagar. In this connection, if anybody has any objection, he/she may file the same with the concerned authorities within the period of seven days of the publication of this notice. No objection would be entertained afterwards.

Urfana Noor, W/o Akhter Rasool Lala, R/o Baghat-e-Shoor, Lai Bazar, Srinagar

# STATE

# **National Anthem Singing Competition Gets Good Response In J&K**

About 9000 Entries Received For The Competition: Dir. Information



### **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: The National An- more than the entries received them Singing Competition -2022 launched by the Department of Information and Public Jammu and Kashmir divisions". Relations (DIPR) to celebrate 75 years of independence and commemorate it as 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav', has received overwhelming response from the people in Jammu and Kashmir, especially South of Kashmir, officials said Monday.

The entries for the completion were made open online between 1st August to 7th August, 2022.

Under this competition, the officials said that the government had called upon the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir to take part in the national anthem singing competition by submitting their entries through a google link.

'The entries were made open egories. Under the individual category, people in two subcategories, 13-18 years and above 18 years of age were allowed where as no age bar was kept for the group category," he said.

Speaking on this initiative, Director Information and Public Relations, Akshay Labroo said "Under this competition around 9,000 entries having around 50, 000 participants were received Mahotsav," the official added.

from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir which is four times last year and almost equal submissions were received from both He added that especially the districts of South Kashmir are leading and have given overwhelming response in the number of submission.

According to an official, the entries received will be sent to respective Deputy Commissioners of participants who will choose best three from each category.

"The winners from each district will sing the National Anthem at their respective district headquarters on Independence Day," he said, adding that the list of district level winners shall be forwarded to the Divisional Commissioners who shall then finalise the winners.

The official further said that under individual and group cat- the winners of the competition will get cash awards of Rs 25,000, Rs 11,000 and Rs 5,000 for first, second and third prizes respectively besides getting an to take part in the competition opportunity to perform National Anthem at the Divisional level Independence Day celebrations.

"Looking at the number of requests received for extending the deadline, the DIPR is thinking of opening another round of competition under 'Azadi ka Amrut

# **Govt Establishes Transparent Recruitment System In J&K**

'Schemes Like Mumkin, Tejaswani, Sahyta Launched To Create Self-Employment Avenues For Youth Across J&K'

### **Observer News Service**

to establish a new transpar- August 2019 up to June 2022

said, during the ongoing Parlia ment session Union Minister of SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kash- State for Home, Nityanand Rai mir Government has ensured informed the House that from

# **Rains Lash J&K, MeT Predicts More**



### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Rains lashed most parts of Jammu and Kashmir even as the minimum temperature recorded a rise on Monday. The weatherman predicted more scattered light to modover Jammu and Kashmir in

The meteorological department here also predicted "scattered to isolated" light and thunderstorms for subsequent

hours, a MeT official here said that Kathua received 40.6mm of rain followed by Srinagar with 18.2mm, Bhaderwah 13.6mm, Kokernag 8.4mm, Pahalgam 7.6mm, Banihal 5.4mm and Qazigund 5.2mm.

Jama'at Funding Case

# **NIA Carries Out Raids In Doda**, lammu

**JAMMU:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday carried out searches at multiple places in Jammu and Doda districts of Jammu and Kashmir against members of banned Jamaat-e-Islami (Jel) in a militant funding case,

raids are underway at nearly a Simultaneous

previous night and it was 1.2°C ature, he said, there was a slight above normal for the place, he

Popular tourist resort Gulmarg recorded a low of 10.2°C Srinagar, he said, recorded a against 11.2°C on the previous low of 19.8°C against 18.6°C on night. However it was 2.1°C 'bethe previous night. The temperlow' normal for the north Kashmir place.

Kupwara town saw a low of during this time of the year for 17.6°C against 17.4°C on pre-Qazigund recorded a low of vious night and it was 0.2°C 19.0°C against 16.3°C on the above normal for the place durprevious night. The temperaing this time of the season, the ture was 2.2°C above normal official said.

Jammu recorded a low of 26.4°C against 24.9°C on the In Pahalgam, the mercury previous night. It was 1.6°C above normal for J&K's winter on the previous night and it capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of outh Kashmir resort. 19.8°C, Batote 19.5°C, Katra Kokernag recorded a low of 23.8°C, Bhadarwah 19.8°C and 17.3°C against 17.1°C on the Kathua 24.6°C.

# 5.64 Lakh Golden Cards **Issued In Srinagar**

DC Sets Target To Cover Left Out Population Under PMJAY-SEHAT

### **Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** With the aim to cover left out population of Srinagar the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammed Aijaz Asad here at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

CEO, AB-PMJAY-SEHAT, Ayushi Sudan participated in the meeting through virtual mode. During the meeting, threadbare deliberations were held

mentation of AB-PMJAY-SEHAT in Srinagar District. The meeting also discussed in detail the modalities for speeding up the registration for SEHAT scheme and directions were passed on to all the concerned for mass mobilization to ensure all left are entitled to the benefits of

Golden Card. The Deputy Commissioner directed all the concerned to started at Anganwari level. improve performance to saturate the process of registration Srinagar to ensure overall moniof beneficiaries and generation toring of the process for its efof Golden Cards in Srinagar District. He also cautioned the concerned CSCs/VLEs to perform duties seriously or face de-registration for depriving people from getting benefits of Govern-

ment schemes. The DC directed all ZMOs, Tehsil Supplies Officers to put in extra efforts and ensure mo- conducted random inspections bilization of left-out population of the notified sites to check the within their respective jurisdic- presence of VLEs and progress tions with the assistance of con- of the Golden Card registration cerned Store keepers/Fair Price process.

Shop owners and Anganwari workers so that people are entitled to get the benefit of having Golden Card in the need of District under Ayushman Bharat hour that provides free of cost - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Universal Health Insurance Cov-Yojana-SEHAT Scheme (AB-PMJAY-SEHAT), a meeting of on a floater basis in convergence officers of all line Departments with Central Government's Aywas under the Chairmanship of ushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). While District Coordina-tor CSC was asked to ensure presence of adequate manpower(VLEs) at the notified registration sites and Ration Depots to enroll remaining benefi-

ciaries in the District. The Deputy Commissioner on present status and progress asked the all concerned VLEs to made with regard to imple- ensure their presence at notified FPSs to facilitate uncovered population else action as warranted under law shall be taken against them.

The Tehsil Supplies Officers of FCS&CA were asked to inform Ration card holders about the benefits of having a Golden Card out populations is covered un- and were directed to ensure all der the scheme so that they ration card holders are covered under the scheme. Similarly, it was also decided that enrolment of benefices will also be

The DC stressed the ADDC, fective implementation.

Similarly, the CMO Srinagar was asked to ensure proper monitoring of the process at Medical Zone level and submit progress reports on a daily basis for onward updation of registration portal.

The DC also emphasized on

# Government of Jammu & Kashmir **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER** (R&B) SUB-DIVISION MAGAM

### **NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

### NIT No: 61/R&B of 2022-23 Dated:05-08-2022 For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on an percentage basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works

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erate rain and thunderstorms ature was 1.1°C above normal

next 24 hours. the summer capital.

there, he said, as per news two days. In last 24 hours till 0830 agency GNS. settled at 15.8°C against 13.4°C was 2.4°C below normal for the

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officials said.

Regarding minimum temperincrease in mercury at most said. places in Kashmir and Jammu division.

spokesperson said Monday.

He said that the unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir has remained a big concern for he said, the government has 70 years and in the absence of a introduced numerous self-emprivate sector, the people used to do anything to get a presti- youngsters to set up their vengious government job as it was tures. Mission youth has been considered a guarantee for a secure future.

"For the first time in history of Jammu and Kashmir, recruitments have been done on merit basis, in transparent manner Mission Youth has helped unwhich is a living example of how employed youth to procure corruption-free, and just system contributes to a subsidised basis, to establish the progress of the marginalized a sustainable livelihood line in class and wherever wrongdoings were alleged, investigation ring Entrepreneurship Initiawas launched by credible and tive" scheme is based on the top law enforcement agencies," he added.

said, the J&K Lieutenant Gover- encouraging young entreprenor, Manoj Sinha, cancelled the neurs' especially young women recruitment of Sub-Inspectors towards innovations in various in J&K Police after some aspirants alleged that the process was not carried out in a fair manner.

He said that the complaint of the candidates was acted upon promptly and an enquiry committee was set up.

"The panel pointed out discrepancies in the selection process. Without wasting any time, ditions. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, cancelled the list, and made it clear that no one will be a special financial assistance selected through a backdoor," he added.

Speaking on the employment opportunities across J&K, scheme to youth in distress for Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar setting up gainful self-employ-Mehta, stated that "there was ment units. a wrong perception that there were no jobs in the Union Ter- for dental professionals, a cusritory". "Let me tell you that the tomised financial support is J&K government has given the being provided to dentists for highest number of civilian jobs setting up dental clinics. An in its history last year. Jobs are amount of 8 lakh is provided as there but they are not in the market for sale," he said.

Notably, the spokesperson ture.

ent recruitment system for the 29,806 aspirants were recruityouth without any favouritism ed by the J&K Government and and discrimination, an official nearly 5.2 lakh jobs were created through self-employment schemes.

During the past three years, ployment schemes to help the one of the most rewarding initiatives on behalf of the J&K ad-

ministration. The 'Mumkin' (livelihood generation) scheme under transparent small commercial vehicles, on the transport sector. The "Spurtheme Youth Enterprise with Innovation (YouWiN)/ Champi-Recently, the spokesperson on for Innovation program for

enterprises

Similarly, the "Tejaswani" (Radiant) scheme is aimed to promote entrepreneurship among young women. It envisages giving financial assistance up to Rs 5 lakh to young women for setting up gainful self-employment ventures, suited to their skills, training, aptitude and local con-

Another programme "Sahyta" has been rolled out to provide program for youth in distress. Financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh is being provided under the

Under sector specific scheme financial assistance under this scheme for setting up their vendozen places at the premises of JeI office-bearers and members in different parts of the two districts since early this morning, the officials said.

Official sources said the raids are being carried out at Dhara-Gundana, Munshi Mohalla, Akramband, Nagri Nai Basti, Kharoti Bhagwah, Thalela and Malothi Bhalla in Doda district and Bhatindi in Jammu.

The searches are being carried out NVESTIGAT in a case re-NATIONAL lated to terror funding, they said. The case, registered by NIA suomoto on

February 5 last year, pertains to the

been collecting funds domestically and abroad through donations, particularly in the form of 'Zakat, Mowda and Bait-ul-Mal' purportedly to further charity and other welfare activities, but are using the money for "violent and secessionist" activities.

According to NIA, the funds being raised by JeI are also channelised to proscribed militant organisations such as Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Taiba and others through well organised networks of JeI cadres.

"Jel has also been motivating impressionable youth of Kashmir and recruiting new members (Rukuns) in the Union territory to participate in disruptive secessionist activities," the NIA had said.

In February 2019, the Centre had banned JeI for five years under anti-terror laws on grounds that it was "in close touch" with militant outfits and was expected to "escalate secessionist movement" in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A notification banning the group under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act was issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs after a highlevel meeting on security chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Hundreds of Jel activists were arrested in a major crackdown across Jammu and Kashmir following the ban, which came just months ahead of the abrogation of the special status of the erstwhile state and its bifurcation into two Union territories in August 2019.

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Position of funds Available

The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates listed below: -

	1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	05-08-2022
	2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	06-08-2022
	3	Bid submission Start Date	06-08-2022
	4	Bid Submission End Date	13-08-2022upto 4:00 PM
	5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	13-08-2022 4:.30 PM
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2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document. 3.

At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam. The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 3% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 3% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

4. The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders' bids will be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (tender receiving authority).

- Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. 6.

6.1 Bidders are advised to download the bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as the "Bidders Manual Kit" option on the website www.jktenders.gov to familiarize themselves with the bid submission process.

- 6.2 In order to participate in the bidding process, bidders must obtain a 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' under the Information Technology Act of 2000. Any approved Vendor can provide bidders with a digital certificate.
- 6.3 Bidders must submit their bids in electronic format with a digital signature online. No physical bids will be accepted.
- Bids will be opened online in accordance with the time schedule specified in Para-1. 6.4

6.5 Bidders must upload online scanned copy of all required documents (within the document upload limits) with their technical bid. Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option. Note

- The department will not be held responsible for any delays in online submission due to unanticipated circumstances.
- The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other Uploaded bid documents shall have to be produced on demand by the successful bidder at the time of contract signing, and in the case of unsuccessful bidders, 2 percent EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam, will be released only after production of Original Treasury Challan of uploaded Scanned copy (Cost of tender document).
- q Bidders are advised not to change the contents of the BOQ (Bill of Quantities). They should never attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- 10 Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.
- 11 Price escalation and Taxes: -The bidder's percentage shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to the completion of the work. Taxes shall be deducted from the contractor's bills on the gross amount of the bill at the time of recovery at the rates in effect at the time of recovery.
- 12 Bidders are advised to use the "My Documents" area in their R&B e-Tendering portal user account to store any required documents.
- 13 The bidder should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submitting a bid, and no claim based on constrained site conditions will be entertained after the bid is accepted.

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Executive Engineer
R&B Sub-Division Magam.

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activities of the Jel members, who have

# Newly Elected J&K **Softball Association Discusses Roadmap**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: The newly elected I&K Softball Association (IKSA) on Monday discussed the roadmap for promotion of the game in Jammu and Kashmir.

The JKSA elections for the term 2022-2026 were held at Amar Singh Club, Srinagar. Voting for electing the Office Bearers of the Association and Executive Committee was held under the supervision of observers from the Softball Association of India.

Advocate Mir Asrar Ahmad was the Returning Officer (RO) for the election. After completing the election processes, the RO announced office bearers.

Waseem Raja Khan was unanimously elected as General Secretary, while Abdul Rahman Shigan as President and Chaman Lal Bhat as Senior Vice President.

Similarly, Rahil Rashid was elected Joint Secretary for Kashmir and Padam Dev Singh as Joint Secretary for Jammu. Naveed Ahmad Malik was elected as Treasure. Tariq Ahmad Mir and Mohd Ayaz Khan elected as Vice President.

The Office bearers elected for other posts include Siraj-uddin, Sachan Singh Jamwal, Feroz Ahmad, Yasir Ali and Suhail Mukhtar.

Later, the newly elected body also addressed the meeting.

# **CWG 2022:** Final Medals **Tally Of Top 10 Teams**

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Australia	67	57	54	178
2	England	57	66	53	176
3	Canada	26	32	34	92
4	India	22	16	23	61
5	New Zealand	20	12	17	49
6	Scotland	13	11	27	51
7	Nigeria	12	9	14	35
8	Wales	8	6	14	28
9	South Africa	7	9	11	27
10	Malaysia	7	8	8	23

# India Announce Asia Cup 2022 Squad

■ Injured Bumrah ruled out | ■ Kohli returns to the team



**Observer News Service** 

**BANDIPORA:** Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, 64 teams from across Kashmir Waseem Raja on Monday in- are participating in the Knockaugurated the 4th T20 Open out T20 championship. Cricket Championship 2022 at

Hamdan Hurricane Srinagar. Speaking on the occasion, Padmashree Faisal Ali Dar said that Interacting with the p

# **J&K ADGP Felicitates Pencak Silat Player**



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** S.J.M Gillani-IPS, ADGP Armed J&K, on Monday felicitated Ravees Ahmad for his successful participation in 19th World Pencak Silat Championship 2022 held at Melaka, Malaysia. Forty-six countries participated in the championship organised by Ministry of Malaysian Government from 26th July to 31st July 2022.

An impressive felicitation ceremony was held in APHQ J&K Srinagar on Monday to felicitate Ravees Ahmad. Dronachariya Awardee Kuldeep Handoo-DySP (Sports), Nissar Ahmad-Inspr. Incharge CST and Mohd Hussain ASI (M) Incharge Sports Section APHQ J&K, were also present on the occasion. Ravees Ahmad was the only

player from J&K Police among the total of 36 players of Team India from different States/UTs of the country.

Ravees Ahmad of J&K Police was sponsored by Indian Pencak Silat Federation affiliated by International Pencak Silat Federation (PERSILAT), Asian Pencak Silat Federation (APSIF), South Asian Pencak Silat Fedearion (SAPSF) recognised by Ministry of youth Affairs & Sports Govt. of India, Sports Authority of India, School Games Federation of India, Association of Indian Universities and All India Police Sports Control Board.

Ravees Ahmad, Head Constable of J&K Armed Police, is presently functioning as coach in Pencak Silat Central Sports team of J&K Police.

## **Aussie Plays In Final Despite Positive COVID-19 Test**



### Agencies

BIRMINGHAM: Star batter Tahlia McGrath tested positive for CO-VID-19 but was still allowed to help Australia win the first Commonwealth Games gold medal awarded in women's cricket, beating India by nine runs in Sunday's final at Edgbaston.

wealth Games rules for participation are more relaxed to match the regulations around coronovirus protocols in host nation England.

McGrath reported mild symptoms to team management before the final and returned a positive test but received clearance to play from the International Cricket Council and also



convened a meeting to discuss a road map for the promotion of the softball game across J&K, right from village level.

The meeting also discussed domestic activities including hosting of J&K Softball Championship for the year 2022-23, organizing of coaching camps in all groups prior to National Softball Championships at Jammu and Srinagar for the year 2023-24 after taking due permission from Softball Association of India.

Detailed discussions were also held on participation of J&K Softball team in different National Championships, Inter Zonal or Federation Cup Softball Championship at Jammu and Srinagar proposed to be organised by the Softball Associa-

tion of India. LR Maurys, Secretary General

Softball Association of India and Dr. Parvin Anaokar, Observer

# 4th T20 Open Cricket **C'ship Begins At Bandipora**

S.K Stadium, here.

The championship has been organised by Hashmee Cricket Club Bandipora in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora and District Election Office Bandipora.

The 4th T20 Open Cricket Championship 2022 is powered by Ali's Sports Academy Bandipora and supported by Bandipora Cricket Initiative.

between Rising Star Budgam vs among the youth.

spectators, the ADC complimented the organisers of the event for showing sports spirit and involv-

ing youth in sports activities. The ADC urged the youth to participate in sports and athletic activities apart from pursuing their academics for their physical and mental health and said that such an event will help to keep the young generation away from drugs, social evils

The inaugural match was played and inculcate the spirit and love

Press Trust of India The 15-member squad NEW DELHI: Senior pacer Jaswhile KL Rahul was named prit Bumrah has been ruled out his deputy.

of the Asia Cup T20 tournament shal Patel were not available due to injury as the BCCI announced the team for continenfor selection owing to injuries. tal tournament on Monday. They are currently undergo-Former skipper Virat Kohli ing rehab at the NCA in Ben-

was also named in the team. J&K speedster Umran Malik, and Deepak Chahar have been however, finds no place in the named as standbys," the BCCI team

The Asia Cup 2022 is set to will be led by Rohit Sharma, be played in Dubai and Sharjah from Saturday, August 27.

"Jasprit Bumrah and Har- INDIA SQUAD FOR ASIA CUP 2022: Rohit Sharma (Capt), KL Rahul (VC), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, R Pant (wk), Dinesh Karthik galuru. Shreyas Iyer, Axar Patel (wk), Hardik Pandya, R Jadeja, R Ashwin, Y Chahal, R Bishnoi Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh, Avesh Khan,

Top-ranked Australia pushed to the brink by India, which was led superbly by captain Harmanpreet Kaur, before claiming seven wickets in the last five overs for victory.

There was drama midway through Australia's innings when the team confirmed McGrath had tested positive for the coronavirus before the game

Had the match been played the match as her teammates celin Australia, McGrath could not ebrated the victory. have played. But the Common-

the Commonwealth Games Foundation

That led to an unusual moment early in India's innings as it chased Australia's total of 161-8.

After taking an important catch in the third over. McGrath had to wave her teammates away from her as they were gathering to celebrate the moment. She had to isolate after

India was bowled out for 152.

# Viewer's Guide For This Year's World Cup In Qatar

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### Agencies

last chance for Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. Kyl-Aian Mbappé back on the biggest stage of all. Brazil bidding for a record-extending sixth title.

One of the most eagerly anticipated World Cups in memory – as much for off-the-field reasons as those on it is just around the corner in Qatar and excitement is building after the qualification period was wrapped.

Thirty-two teams, 64 matches, 28 days. The first World Cup in the Middle East.

Here's a few things to watch when the tournament gets going in the smallest country ever to host a World Cup:

### **TOP TEAMS**

Brazil (No. 1 in FIFA ranking). Neymar, Vinícius Júnior and the rest of the flair-filled Selecao are peaking at the right time. Is a first World Cup title since 2002 on the horizon?

Belgium (No. 2). The "Golden Generation" is gradually breaking up but there's still Kevin De Bruyne leading the Belgian charge.

Argentina (No. 3). No World Cup title since the days of the great Diego Maradona. This will be the first World Cup since his death in November 2020 and Argentina is improving, with Messi still at its core.

France (No. 4). The defending champions. Still the country with the most

depth to its squad. Now with Mbappé AND Karim Benzema leading the attack. No team has retained its World Cup title since Brazil in 1962.

England (No. Semifinalist 5). at the World Cup in 2018, finalist the European Championship in 2021. Soccer's most underperforming national team is trending in the right direction.

**IG STARS** 

Lionel Messi, Argentina. The seventime world player of the year might have been saving his 35-year-old legs for one last push at a World Cup winner's medal that, to many, would solidify him as soccer's greatest player.

Cristiano Ronaldo, Portugal. He

has won the European Championship but the leading scorer in men's international soccer hasn't played in a World Cup final, let alone won one. He's 37 years old



now - make the most of him while you can.

Kylian Mbappé, France. The star of the last World Cup at the age of 19 and he is only getting better. The speedy striker could match Brazil great Pelé in being a champion at his first two World Cups.

Kevin De Bruyne, Belgium. Widely regarded as the world's best mid-

fielder, his driving runs are among the best sights in soccer. Belgium just has to hope he ar-

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without soccer comes on Dec. 7 – the 17th day of competition.

### **MUST-SEE GAMES**

Senegal vs. Netherlands, Nov. 21. The first match of the tournament and always a date to save on the calendar. With Sadio Mané and Virgil van Dijk on the field, it's an interesting one, too.

Argentina vs. Mexico, Nov. 26. The first of the big continental rivalries in the group stage, with Messi potentially sealing his and Argentina's spot in the last 16.

Spain vs. Germany, Nov. 27. Surely there can't have been many bigger group-stage matches than this at a World Cup? Two recent champions, two giants of European and world soccer.

Iran vs. United States, Nov. 29. It has been labeled as " The Mother of All Games Part II." Just like at the World Cup in 1998, the two countries will meet in the group stage in a politically charged matchup. Diplomatic relations have vet to be restored between the nations since being severed in 1980.

Ghana vs. Uruguay, Dec. 2. Anyone remember the night of July 2, 2010? In the last minute of extra time in a World Cup quarterfinal match between Uruguay and Ghana, Luis Suarez deliberately stopped the ball with his hand on the goalline, got sent off, only for Ghana to miss the penalty and lose in a shootout as Suarez celebrated on the sideline. Revenge would be sweet for Ghana.

### offs for the last two games in each group There'll be no break for the knock-

out stage, which begins the day after the group stage ends. The first day