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## Sustainable Development Goals

# NITI Aayog Praises J&K Govt For Raising SDG Score By 7 Points

Zaid Bin Shabir

**Srinagar:** In a significant achievement for the Jammu & Kashmir government, Indian think tank, NITI Aayog has praised the Union territory administration for its vigilant participation and valuable feedback that has helped India's progression in achieving 2030 agenda of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

These details were among the facts emerging from sections of NITI Aayog's and United Nations joint report on the Indian model of SDG localisation. An analysis

of the report reveals that in an attempt to attain 2030 SDG goal, J&K has created an institutional ownership in which the administration has constituted a high level committee, headed by the Chief Secretary of the UT, comprising the administrative secretaries of related departments to provide guidance and oversight.

"The Department of Planning Development & Monitoring (PD & MD) is the nodal department for monitoring SDGs in the UT. The SDG unit of the Department of PD & MD coordinates with line departments regarding

implementation of the SDG framework," the report reads.

Besides this, the report has also noted that among other states and UTs, J&K had also established a robust review and monitoring system, which is pillar two of SDG.

"Jammu and Kashmir has prepared a State Indicator Framework as well as District Indicator Framework. Metadata has been prepared and shared with all the departments and districts to ensure uniformity. SDG Progress Report 2020 with baseline data and progress up

**FOR SENSITISATION OF OFFICIALS, WORKSHOPS ARE ALSO ORGANIZED** by the UT government. Back to village programmes were organized by the government as a part of which the officers of the J&K Government at the highest levels visited villages and spent two-days in assessing the ground level development."

to the year 2018 has been released," the report observed.

Pertinently, as per SDG India Index 2020-21 which ranks states and UTs on its performances, J&K's SDG score had

increased by 7 points in 2021 taking the total score to 66 and pushing J&K into the front-runner category.

The NITI Aayog further mentioned that under the

"DEVELOPING CAPACITIES FOR INTEGRATING THE SDGs IN PLANNING AND MONITORING", In Jammu and Kashmir, a two-day state level workshop was organized to sensitize government officials on SDGs. "Additionally, back-to-village programmes have been organized wherein officials spend two days in villages to assess the status on the ground," the report noted.

Notably, NITI Aayog said that SDG goal 2030 cannot occur without the states and UTs strengthening their adoption, **More on P6**

## Migrant Worker Shot Dead In Bandipora

### Policeman Injured In Bijbehara Attack

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** A young migrant worker from Bihar was killed while a policeman sustained injuries in two separate attacks by unidentified militants in the twin districts of Bandipora and Anantnag in the Valley, police said on Friday.

The attack took place around midnight, they said.

"During intervening night, #terrorists fired upon & injured one outside #labourer Mohd Amrez S/O Mohd Jalil R/O Madhepura Besarh, #Bihar at Soadnara Sumbal, #Bandipora," the Kashmir Zone Police said on Twitter.

The police said Amrez was shifted to a hospital for treatment where he succumbed to injuries.

Mohammad Tamheed, who identified himself as Amrez's brother, said they were sleeping when they heard gunshots around 12:20 am.

"We were sleeping and it was 12:20 am when my younger brother woke me up, saying some shots were fired. I told him such things happen, so sleep. But he told me that he will take a look as another brother was not in the room.

"He went downstairs and saw him (Amrez) covered in blood. We called the Army. They came and took him to Hajin. The doctors there told us to take him to Srinagar, but he succumbed on the way," Tamheed said.

Tamheed and Amrez's colleagues appealed to the government to help them take his body back to Bihar.

Amrez is the fourth non-local killed in a targeted attack in Kashmir so far this year. Meanwhile, a **More on P6**

## I-Day Celebrations

# Security Beefed Up Across Valley

Zaid Bin Shabir

**Srinagar:** Amid a spurt in militant attacks, the government forces on Friday stepped up vigil and carried out random frisking in many parts of the Valley in the run up to Independence celebrations next Monday.

According to reports, Police and the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) have beefed up security arrangements in the Valley to thwart any untoward incident and ensure smooth Independence Day celebrations.

"In wake of the recent Fidayeen attack and attack on migrant labourers in J&K, terror outfits could carry out attacks to disrupt peace and normalcy and to harm unarmed civilians as they've recently tried to do so," a police officer told Kashmir Observer on Friday.

"That's why, the security has been beefed up across the Valley especially in Srinagar as the main Independence Day celebrations are being held in the city. Otherwise, no specific intelligence input has been received as of now."

Pertinently, a multi-layer

security arrangement with both ground and aerial surveillance has also been thrown across the Union Territory to thwart any untoward incident during Independence Day celebrations.

In Srinagar, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is expected to preside over the main I-Day function that is scheduled to be held at Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium in Srinagar. Besides LG, several chief guests including top officials of the civil administration, police, Bharatiya Janata party and DDC members are also expected to be present at the function.

The officials said a random search of vehicles and checking and frisking of people is being carried out at several places across the valley, especially around the venues of the Independence Day functions.

The checking continued on regular intervals at several places including Lal Chowk, Ram Munshi Bagh, Indra Nagar, Dalgate, Barbarsah, Munawar abad, Khanyar, Rajbagh, Kothi Bagh, Shaheed Gunj, TRC, Kral Khud and several other areas. A CRPF official **More on P6**



J&K LG Manoj Sinha on Friday performed 'Samapan Pooja', marking the end of annual Amarnath Yatra.

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## 'Har Ghar Tiranga'

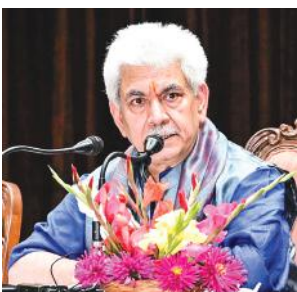
# It's Turning Out To Be Biggest Jan Mahotsav On Earth: LG

'The Journey Of Our Future Will Now Be Defined By Self-Reliance And Self-Respect'

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday termed Har Ghar Tiranga as a celebration of spirit of Janbhagidari and Jan Andolan and said that the event is turning out to be the biggest Jan Mahotsav on the earth.

Sinha made these remarks while chairing a high-level meeting at the Civil Secretariat herewith Deputy Commissioners and senior officials to review the



preparations for 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, which will start from tomorrow, an official spokesperson said.

"Har Ghar Tiranga is a celebration of spirit of Janbhagidari and Jan Andolan. Schools and colleges are organizing programmes recalling the contribution **More on P6**

## Flags Off 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Rally At Dal Lake

The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday flagged off the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' rally at the iconic Dal Lake in Srinagar. "Tiranga Utsav is a celebration of ideals and aspirations of the country. I appeal to everyone to join this campaign by hoisting the Tricolour on their homes from 13th to 15th August," Sinha said, according to an official spokesperson. He said that hundreds of

## Tricolour To Be Hoisted On All J&K Govt Buildings

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The government of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday ordered that all government buildings including Universities, Colleges and Schools should hoist the National Flag on the Independence Day by following proper flag code.

According to an order, it has been impressed upon all to hoist the National Flag in an appropriate and befitting manner with due regard to Flag Code.

"In continuation of instructions issued under Circular No.19 JK (GAD) of 2022 dated 23.05.2022, and in connection with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and commemoration of 75 years

of India's Independence it has been decided that all Government buildings/offices across the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir including Universities, Colleges, Schools, Urban Local Body offices, Tehsils, Blocks, Panchayats, Patwar Khanas etc. shall hoist the National Flag on Independence Day, 2022," reads the order.

It reads that it has, however, to be ensured that the National Flag is hoisted in an appropriate and befitting manner with due regard to Flag Code, for which the Information Department shall generate awareness amongst all stakeholders.

It added that accordingly, it is impressed **More on P6**



**THERE IS CHECKING, FRISKING, AND DRONE SURVEILLANCE.** We are also using technical surveillance. Like every year, this year too, we will ensure an incident-free function."

## S H O R T T A K E S

### Medicos Warned Over Pvt Practice During Office Hours

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday asked doctors and paramedical staff to restrain from private practice during duty hours in Health Institutions and warned of "strict action" in case of any violation. The government also sought monthly reports from HoDs with the direction not to allow any doctor borne on the establishment of Health and Medical Education Department to indulge into malpractices, resulting in loss of Government exchequer and weakening of public services. "It has been observed

### 2 More Held In Ramban Blast Case

Two more persons have been arrested in connection with a blast outside a police post in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on August 2, officials said on Friday. Mohammad Abbas, a resident of Ind-Gool, and Abdul Majeed, a resident of Dachan-Gool in Ramban district, were arrested a few days ago, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Mohita Sharma said. On August 6, two operatives of the militant group Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (Jkgf) were arrested in connection with the case. Two police personnel suffered minor injuries when terrorists hurled an explosive device at the police post at Ind village in the

### J&K Closes 586 New Covid Cases

Jammu and Kashmir reported 586 fresh Covid cases on Friday, taking the infection tally to 4,72,597, officials said. Of the new cases, 539 were reported from Kashmir and 47 from Jammu, they said. The death toll stands at 4,777 as no fatality due to the infection was reported in the last 24 hours, officials said. There are 4,734 active Covid cases in the Union Territory, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,63,086, they said. According to officials, there are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in Jammu and Kashmir.

### Drug Peddler Held In Sopore: Police

Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday claimed to have arrested a drug peddler in Sopore and recovered contraband substance from his possession. "A police party of Police Station Sopore during naka checking at Adipora Sopore under the supervision of SDPO Sopore Furqan Qadir intercepted a person identified as Safer Ahmad Lone son of Habib-ul-lah Lone resident of Adipora Sopore," a police spokesman said. During the search, 15 grams of brown sugar-like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to the police station where he remains in custody. Accordingly, a case

### Light Rain Likely In J&K

Light to moderate rain is likely to occur in Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours, the Meteorological (MeT) department said on Friday. Jammu division was lashed by incessant rain in the last 24 hours. A meteorological department official here said that in the last 24 hours till 0830 a.m. today, Jammu received rainfall of 49.2 mm followed by Katra (38.4mm), Batote (32.2mm), Kupwara (23.2 mm), Bhaderwah (16.1 mm), Kathua (10.8 mm), Banihal (2.6 mm), Pahalgam (0.4mm), Qazigund & Kokernag (0.2 mm) while Srinagar had traces. Regarding minimum temperature, he said, there was decrease in mercury

### CS Unveils 'Har Ghar Trianga' Quiz Portal

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday inaugurated the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' online quiz competition portal to test the knowledge of citizens about the National Flag. Citizens can now participate in the online quiz competition through google form questionnaire related to the National Flag, an official spokesperson said. He said that the link to the online quiz has been provided on the Information Technology Departments Website. <https://www.jkit.nic.in> "Once the citizen completes the quiz, his/her score is auto calculated and citizens whose percentage of answers are greater than 30% will get a digital certificate on their





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## India's Annual Green Finance Is Just One-Fourth Of Its Needs, Finds Study

Press Trust Of India

An analysis and advisory organisation has released an update on India's "first-ever effort" to track green investment flows, which are falling far short of the country's current need for its ambitious climate targets. Climate Policy Initiative in its report titled 'Landscape of Green Finance in India', has claimed that "the tracked green finance in 2019-2020 was Rs 309,000 crore (nearly USD 44 billion) per annum, which is less than a fourth of India's needs". The report estimates that for India to achieve its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris agreement, the country requires approximately Rs 162.5 lakh crore (USD 2.5 trillion) from 2015 to 2030 or roughly Rs 11 lakh crore (USD 170 billion) per year, the US-based organisation said in a statement. The evaluation of finance flows has been estimated for key real



economy sectors like clean energy, clean transport and energy efficiency, the organisation said. The study tracks both public and private sources of capital -- domestic as well as international -- and builds a framework to track the flow of finance right from the source to the end beneficiaries through different instruments with an emphasis on bottom up approaches based on actual flows rather than commitments, providing the most accurate analysis to date of where India's climate finance stands, the finance gaps it faces, and the opportunities that lie ahead, the statement said. This year, the report also provides a first-of-its-kind evaluation of adaptation financing for select sectors. "The report shows increased flows to renewable energy sectors. This indicates the positive role policy support has had on the renewable sector. We would also like to see a similar role being played in other sub-sectors like distributed renewable energy - rooftop solar and clean mobility," said Neha Khanna, project manager and lead author, Climate Policy Initiative-India.



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### Recruitment of Academic and Administrative Posts

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### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS:

GIST OF FRESH e-NIT No: - 16/JSD/PHE/RWSD/Civil of 2022-23.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir U.T Short Term e-tenders are invited (in TWO - Cover System) on "Percentage basis" Registered/Approved/Valid Civil Contractors/Agencies for the following works:

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (In Rs.)	Amount of earnest money (In Rs.)	Time for completion	Class of contractor	Major Head of account	Tender Call
	Providing water supply facilities to Dr. Farooq Abdullah Environmental park at Manigam by way of providing /Laying/ Fitting of 20 mm dia G.I Pipes. (Other deposit)	0.26	100.00	520.00	05 Days	DEE	Other Deposit	6 <sup>th</sup>

Note: The above-mentioned works (Refer Table - I) S. No. 01 were earlier advertised vide this office e - NIT No.20 S. No. 05, 24 S.

No-09, 27 S. No. 04, 35 S. No. 03 & e - NIT No.41 S. No. 03 Dated: 24.12.2021 of 2021-22 respectively.

Position of Funds:- Available.

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in> From 11.08.2022 (01:00 p.m.) UPTO 19.08.2022 (04:00 p.m.)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website: [www.jktenders.gov.in](https://jktenders.gov.in) As per schedule of dates given below

TABLE (II)		
01	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	11.08.2022
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 11.08.2022 (01:00 p.m.) To 19.08.2022 (upto 04:00 p.m.)
03	Bid Submission Start Date	From 11.08.2022 (01:00 p.m.) To 19.08.2022 (upto 04:00 p.m.)
04	Bid Submission End Date	20.08.2022 at 02:00 pm in the Office of the Executive Engineer JS-PHE RWS Division Ganderbal / Sgr (H.Q. ChekiDuderhama Ganderbal)
05	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online)	

Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR and (The date of CDR/FDR etc must not be prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2020) and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) as cost of Tender Document under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer RWS Division Ganderbal (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 90 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE RWS Division Ganderbal / Sgr (H.Q. ChekiDuderhama Ganderbal) on 20.08.2022 at 02:00 pm. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

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### NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Fresh to NIT 1135.No 01

NIT No: Fresh/118/6131-40/ SPN/RnB/e-Tendering/2022-23

Dated:-10-08-2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage (%) basis / Item rate basis (As the case may be) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Major Head of Account	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion (In days)	Cost of T/Doc. (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	AAA No / Dt	TS No / Dt
1	Amshipora Mir Mohalla link (Renewal Coat)	3054 M&R	2.956	AAY with HMPD/ DEE	20 days	200/-	5912/-	Accts/814-15, Dated:- 13-05-2022.	09-SE/PS of 2022-23. Dated:- 07-06-2022.

Position of Funds:- Approved

Percentage Rate method requires the bidder to quote a percentage above/below /at par of the schedule of rates applicable/as mentioned in the advertised BOQ

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10-08-2022
2.	Document downloading Start Date.	11-08-2022
3.	Document Downloading End Date.	16-08-2022
4.	Bid submission Start Date.	11-08-2022
5.	Bid Submission End Date.	16-08-2022
6.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	17-08-2022 at 10:30 P.M

2. Bidders must upload the requisite cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan / Treasury Challan Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority). (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority).

3. All the Bidders have to upload / submit Earnest money deposit / Bid security deposit in shape of CDR/FDR/BG. All the Bidders have to upload / submit Earnest money deposit / Bid security deposit in shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Besides that, it is mandatory to mention the name of advertised work/ reference to (NIT & S.No) in the bid security (CDR/FDR/BG) by the bidders while submitting their bidding documents.

4. Additional Performance Security is to be asked from the Lowest bidder in case of an Un-Balanced Bid strictly in accordance to JK-PWD Engineering Manual-2020 and office memorandum of finance department from time to time.

5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the Bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.

6. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority)

7. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-

a.) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any Modifications in the terms & conditions of the bid.

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

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

8. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

A. 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](http://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 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 the bid.

F. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid and no documents in terms of Hard copies shall be entertained.

However in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises. The Lowest responsive bidder (L1) must submit the original Treasury Challan (cost of Tender Document) and other relevant bid documents including EMD/Bid Security

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

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 shape of e-challan / Treasury Challan Receipt pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Shopian must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Lowest responsive bidder (L1) must submit the EMD/Bid Security and e-challan / Treasury Challan Receipt to the tender allotting authority before issuance of LOI/Format Allotment of contract

11. 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. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

12. Price escalation and all Taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work unless otherwise, specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

13. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

14. In case of CRF and any other specified project. The relevant guidelines / standard bidding documents shall be followed

15. Instructions to Bidder (ITB).

All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-

A. Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate in accordance with Contractor Registration Act As per NIT

B. Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of latest quarter / proceeding month to issuance of NIT

C. Scanned copies of EMD and Tender document fee

D. Verification Certificate from Concerned C.E/S.E as the case may be for Enlistment of registration card

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

14.2 Non attendance of pre-bid meeting will not be cause of disqualification of the bidder

14.3 All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.

16. No departmental store shall be issued.

17. If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the rate list / quantity schedule, cost of such item/ items shall be deemed to be part of the overall/ total contract value. No rate shall be allowed for such item / items in the allotment of contract.

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“Civic sense missing: People throw waste on the road leading to Shankaracharya Temple despite a dustbin being available“

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ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Costs of War

The second Gulf War has begun. How the war will progress, how Saddam Husain will respond, and how military and political events will unfold cannot be predicted.

And what after the war? The first casualty of the war has already occurred: it is the United Nations. America and Britain have fatally harmed it by stripping the world body of its international authority and by establishing a dubious principle - that if it suits a state or a group of states, the UN can be bypassed.

What matters is the unabashed pursuit of geopolitical and commercial interests. If the UN stands in the way, it should be brushed aside. By refusing to table a second resolution for fear it may not get a Security Council majority or it may be vetoed, the US and UK have seriously undermined the world body.

The world should now get ready to witness a descent into the law of jungle. All this talk about the war ushering in an era of democracy in the Middle East is poppycock. Democracy cannot be imposed from above; it has to grow from within as a result of a people's home-grown struggle.

Saddam may disappear from the scene, enabling the US to occupy Baghdad, install an interim administration there and pacify resistance elsewhere; or he may succeed in resisting at length, in Baghdad or elsewhere, forcing the US into a long fight. Or he could disappear, but others emerge to resist the US. The possibilities are endless.

If the United States is sincere in its assurance that all it wants is the destruction of Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction, it will have no difficulty in living up to the world's much reduced expectations.

However, only the ignorant or foolish believe in any of that anyway. America has more far-reaching goals in Iraq. It will not be content to stop at destroying Saddam's arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, if indeed such an arsenal exists. Nor will it be content to depose Saddam himself and then install a civilian government in his place. Nor will it rest once the mechanisms for a democratic future in Iraq are a reality, if in fact they are really a part of the vision.

Rather, US ambitions are for nothing less than complete control of Iraq and its oil reserves, and for a redrawing of the map of the entire region according to its own -- and crucially, Israel's -- agenda. On its way toward achieving that goal, the US has amassed the most terrifying arsenal of weaponry ever dispatched from its soil into the Persian Gulf.

The weapons themselves -- awesome though they may be in their destructive power and technical sophistication -- are of course not foolproof. Just how smart are the famed "smart bombs" the US are proposing to unleash on Iraq? Previous conflicts -- in Kosovo, for instance -- revealed that a large percentage of them go horribly astray. They have even landed in the wrong country on occasion. How safe will Iraq's civilians be when all hell comes raining down on them?

The prospect of a bombardment, the extent of which can barely be imagined, is terrifying. How can such a force fail to cause significant "collateral damage" -- the Pentagon's deceptive euphemism for blowing into pieces men, women and children, whose misfortune it is to have been born citizens of Iraq?

As the region braces itself for a full fledged war, two images crystallize in the mind one is of Saddam Hussein -- isolated and perhaps long out of touch with reality in the identical bunkers between which he moves, all the time contemplating his lack of a future. We must not forget, after all, that he has ultimately brought this fate upon himself and upon the Iraqi people, whom he has for so long terrorized.

The second image is of an Iraqi mother with her small children in a small house, which has had only intermittent power supplies for the 12 years of sanctions, her children robbed of an education. They are caught in a situation for which she was never even given a chance of bearing responsibility, but for which they will pay the ultimate price.

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Before the Disaster  
Save Bungus From Feral Human Intervention

Kamran Ashraf Bhat

One of the relatively undiscovered, but much-anticipated tourist Spots, 'Bungus' is receiving defining momentum related to tourism activities. This mesmerizing valley lies at an altitude of 10,000 ft above sea level in Jammu and Kashmir's northern district, Kupwara. The name 'Bungus' comes from a combination of two ethnic words 'Bun' (wild forests) and 'Gus' (Grass), which explains its geographic location and topography. Bungus has a 'spine' of mountain ranges in annular design with gentle substantial, considerable cool temperate grassy slopes and sub-alpine meadows rolling between mighty snowy mountains.

As the Administration of Jammu and Kashmir is constructing roads through forests and rocky hills, it is more important to consider all possible measures which can minimize unabated human intervention with heavy machinery. Unless and until experts in environmental conservation and sustainable tourism management are not deputed for designing the most eco-friendly tourist infrastructure with modern structural values; Bungus will remain capricious with an inconceivable disastrous environmental situation. The administration has to take a full assessment of its current topographic, geographic sensitivity, social and economic impacts, providing remedies to the basic needs of its eco-friendly development.

Meanwhile, the authority in place should use resources according to the possibilities of its future-economic and socio-cultural permanence.

Some suggestions may be taken into consideration for the sustainable development of Bungus as an Eco-friendly Tourist spot.

For instance, less fuel-based automobile intrusion and development of Electric Transportation infrastructure. As roads leading to the main area are available for automobile movement, the carbon emission in the area will be prodigious and indomitable. A buffer zone or hostile parking area should be created far from the actual tourist spot, wherefrom e-transport can be used for transition or a shorter-term solution: light carriage (Tonga) will be beneficial for both environment and a source for local labor opportunity. It will not only restrict carbon footprint but also develop a chance for experiencing nature immensely with your companion. The vehicles of tourists should be charged a fair amount for the green development fund.

Another feasible suggestion would be eco-friendly night-stay infrastructure and a blanket ban on plastic. The development of infrastructure for Night Stays must be customized under the SOPs of Eco-friendly development. Solar energy must be made as the lone source of energy and programs for recycling should be established also for waste disposal management. The tourists should be strictly



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prohibited from using plastic disposables or poly-related packing, instead reusable bags or paper bags shall be made available and encouraged to use. People must be motivated to opt for locally purified water in recyclable glass bottles and the usage of paper or jute bags can cut back on plastic waste and reduce carbon footprints.

Yet another way step in the direction would be to buoy up the local economy. If locals are provided better economic possibilities with basic conceivability, the community will not only participate in saving the environment but also act as gatekeepers. The engagement of the local population will be a pivotal factor in developing a better community for residents and money that tourists will spend in this area can be a source of reinvestment in local economic corridors. It will mature the local lifestyle and advance household income so that the community will accordingly provide better shelter, quality education, and nutritious food to their children. This economic sector is job-driven and has the possibility to float jobs from urban areas to suburban communities. According to the World travel council, in 2019 the sector employed 1 in 10 people on the planet and it created 1 in 4 of all new jobs globally in the last 5 years. A localized

tourism approach will not only support businesses but foster entrepreneurs and ideal business establishments with equal opportunities for all.

Tourism has immense capability to engage people related to all walks of life, it will especially support vulnerable sections of the community, women, and youth. The small Tourist Night Stay Cabin attached to local households can establish a mechanism for a sustainable financial system. It will help families become familiar with innovative solutions for ideas related to tourism and accelerate the integration of different communities.

It is now the responsibility of the Government to create a sustainable tourist place or let the place be vulnerable to a catastrophic disaster. As Winston Churchill rightly said: "Where there is great power there is great responsibility."

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Learning Machines

Edutech is the white flour and refined sugar of learning

Sukanta Chaudhuri

But might not the new technology truly be superior? The digital revolution has transformed our lives. In intellectual and cultural matters, however, it has generally modified older practices instead of dislodging them altogether. More books are printed today than ever before, alongside the electronic text and the internet. Live performances flourish despite staggering advances in audio-visual recording. The equation between ageless human practice and digital innovation is subtle and complex. With education, the pandemic drastically short-circuited this adjustment.

Throughout history, teaching has implied an interaction between teacher and student. A child learns letters and numbers under a teacher's care among a group of peers. Every primary-school teacher I have asked agrees that small children cannot be taught online to read, write and count. If some learn to do so, it is because an adult is present to guide the process.

With older children, the challenge is subtler. Edutech planners will tell you that they allow for individual attention and interaction. Learners can follow their own pace, assess themselves by self-testing, and even ask questions. The interaction is largely through pre-coded exercises and bots, but the best (and costliest) courses find slots for human mentors. Yet all these features are worked into a pre-set, one-way system: an extended IT program, 'remote' in every sense.

To be sure, there are physical schools so ill-run that online instruction is a better alternative.

But even a halfway decent institution offers the imperative human exchange. A lecturer in a classroom subconsciously attunes herself to the faces in front of her. Students' queries cover a range that artificial intelligence cannot tackle -- above all because it ignores individual psychology, the personal factors impacting a student's development. A packaged online program can never overstep its boundaries, never warm to a bold question or an out-of-the-box suggestion. At most, it fosters a competent mediocrity. Hence the best students benefit the least from online courses, which stunt their potential.

Edutech is the white flour and refined sugar of learning. To consume it is better than to starve, but it is no substitute for a wholesome home diet, even if indifferently cooked. (That is no excuse not to improve the cooking.) To vary the image, the stuff of digital learning is both literally and metaphorically behind a screen: you see it, but you can't reach through and grasp it.

Such charges are customarily made against private coaching. Coaching centres are reviled on principle but rife in practice. Edutech providers profess the same adjunct role. But given their reach, glamour and opulence, they play a much more visible and increasingly central role in India's education system.

This is because they blend with the current ecology of public services, cutting down State forests and planting corporate groves. Online teaching is vastly cheaper to provide: it does not need a standing army of teachers. The high demand

is fanned by both commercial and official publicity. The Union government has perfected a new rhetoric extolling online teaching, never mind the digital divide. PM eVidya, the grandest of many schemes, aims to provide online education to every student in India. This may or may not be the same as the 'digital university' promised in this year's budget, while actual universities languish for want of funds.

Education is following the path of our healthcare services, with an endlessly expanding role for the private sector. The economics drives the technology. State agencies have their own e-learning platforms: Diksha, ePathshala and Swayam, among others. Yet our rulers are warming more and more to private operators. Universities can outsource 40 per cent of course content for online degrees (themselves a recent innovation) and engage edutech companies to 'assist' even with the rest. There is even talk of such companies carrying out evaluation.

In today's India, practices once thought harmful or illicit are routinely legitimised and then made standard. Not so long ago, we explored the possibility of commercial coaching empires influencing exam results and curricula. This might soon become normative and organic to the system.

No academically respectable country has surrendered its education sector to profit-seeking interests in this way. When all is said, Indian education has an honourable place in the world's eyes. We denigrate our public education system, but its alumni win success and acclaim everywhere. Let us not sell out on that legacy.

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# Happiness Isn't Found But Created

Sarah Koul

Contrary to the original belief that happiness is 'found', happiness is a skill we all can work and train for. One important thing to remember is that happiness isn't a state of constant glee. Instead, happiness is an overall sense of experiencing more positive emotions than negative ones. Our thoughts are involuntary, they have a life of their own and cannot be controlled, thus the notion of 'positive thinking', is quite unachievable if not impossible. We have a better chance at controlling our actions and behavior, than controlling our thoughts.

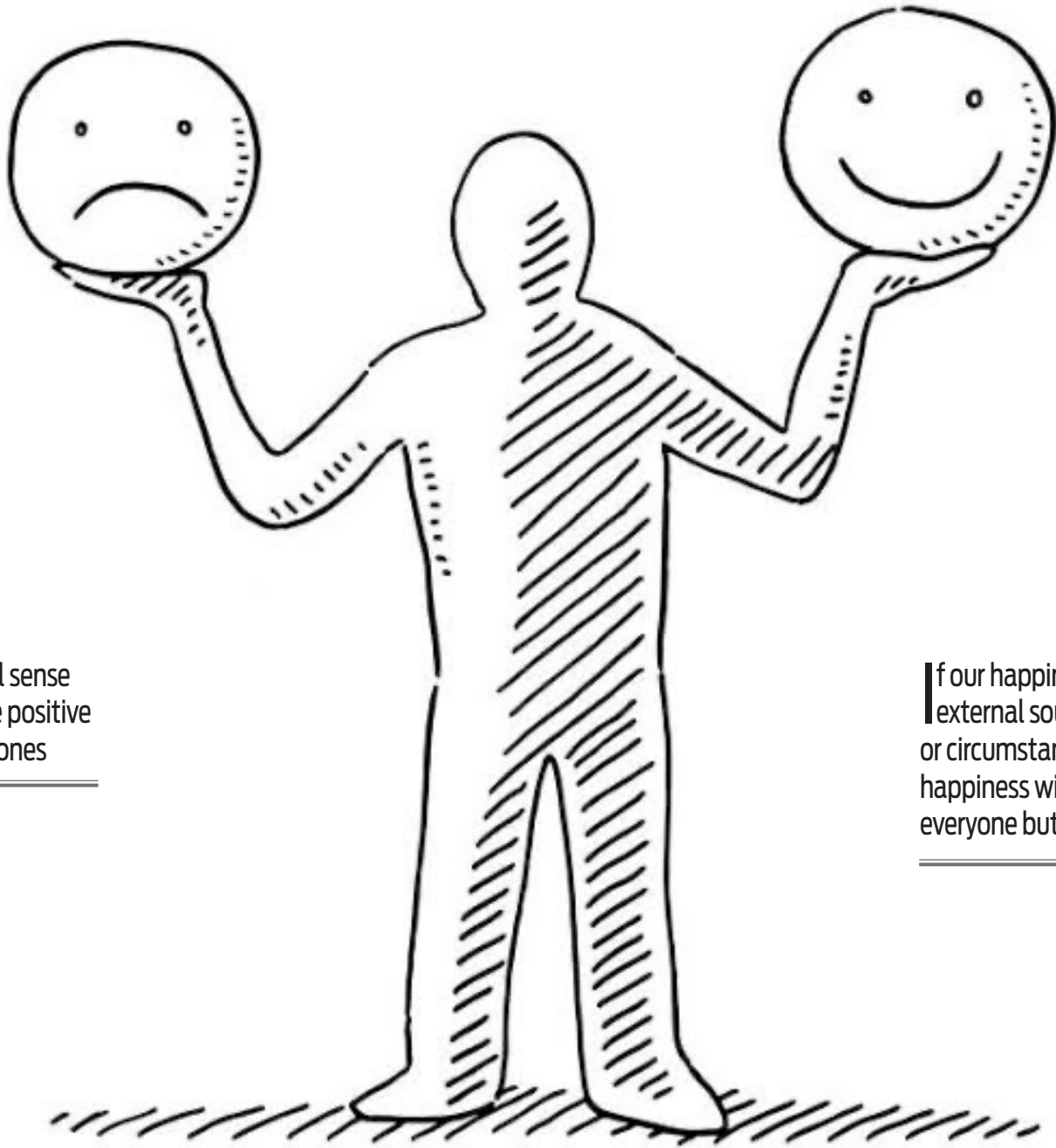
Emotional and mental wellbeing cannot be based on positive thinking but on positive action, practices that induce a sense of happiness and satisfaction. If someone asks us why we had a good day, we would generally list things like, xyz gave me a bunch of flowers or I heard this amazing singer on the road. However, as long as our reasons for why we had a good day are a list of external conditions, we are not going to have a stable sense of happiness. If our happiness depends upon external sources such as people or circumstances, then our happiness will be in the hands of everyone but us.

We need to stop outsourcing our happiness, to stop attributing it to certain people and circumstances- to center ourselves as the authority of our happiness. As long as we are making it the job of people and circumstances to make us happy, or as long as we're blaming others for our unhappiness, our state of happiness will be very unstable and illusive.

Our job is to actively cultivate a source of peace and happiness that comes from within our mind. If happiness is a state of mind, how do we expect to derive it from outside our mind?

If we have a peaceful state of mind, we will be happy regardless of the situation but if we have a disturbed or agitated state of mind, we will not find peace regardless of how desirable the circumstances will be.

To be able to have a peaceful and satisfied state of mind, one needs to take control of how he views everything around them. We can choose to be happy in every



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second, by looking around us and letting gratitude seep through our nerves, by being thankful for our health, and for every working muscle and limb in our very own body. We choose to be happy by being grateful for all that is going right rather than wrong- to be grateful about having a

car and not dissatisfied about not having a top end model, to be able to observe that there are more people in the world who don't even get to have a car rather than people who get to buy high end cars. It's seemingly cliché to say, "one should be content in what he has" but the more we

hear it the more we realize that clichés are only clichés because they have been proven to be true time after time. Acknowledging that happiness is in our own hands, to a large extent, is hard because by admitting so we're holding ourselves accountable for it. Humans feel and encounter a

spectrum of emotions- anger, frustration, boredom, loneliness, and even sadness- from time to time and so do happy people. But people who are content and happy, when faced with discomfort, have an underlying sense of optimism that things will get better, that they can deal with what is happening. Therefore a constant state of happiness cannot be possible to achieve, but happiness roots in optimism and thus the key is to stay optimistic. To be optimistic is to have hope, and as the famous poet Emily Dickinson penned;

“Hope is the thing with feathers –  
That perches in the soul –  
And sings the tune without the words –  
And never stops – at all.”

Emily Dickinson takes an abstract feeling or idea and likens it to something physical, visible, and tactile. So hope becomes a singing bird, the thing with feathers that is supposed to be high in the sky, singing to us that no matter what, even in the darkest days, light always finds a tiny crack to sweep in through. Similarly, to have hope and optimism that there is

happiness in everything around us, even in the hardest times, is the key to attain a happy state of mind. What needs to be incorporated into our lives is the practice of finding happiness and associating it to what we do on a daily basis- having a cup of beautifully decorated coffee which someone crafted with utmost careful-

ness or to look at the sky and hope it rains if that makes us happy- to be able to find happiness in minuscule things and doing things that induce a sense of joy in us. We deserve to create joy for ourselves, because the more we associate our happiness with others the more is the chance of facing disappointment, but when we take responsibility for our own happiness, we tend to work for it because we can disappoint anyone but ourselves.

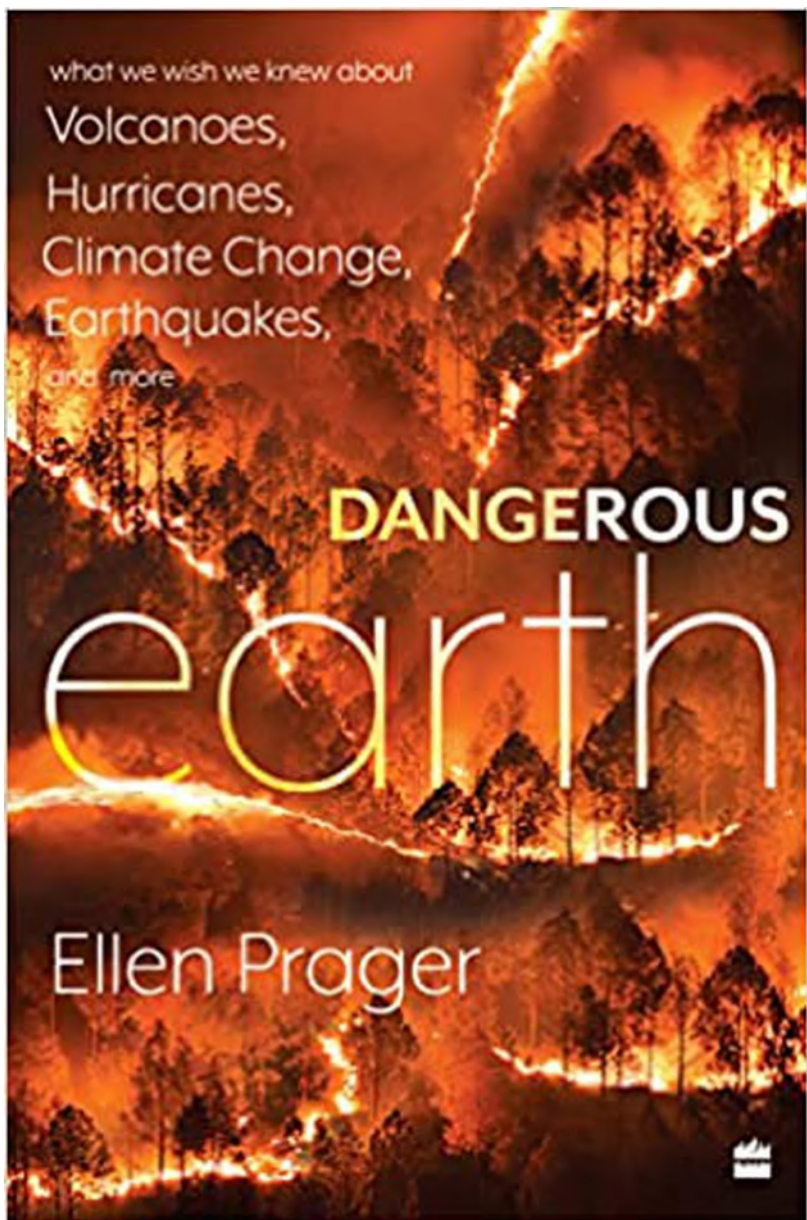
Happiness is right now, in the sky, in the sand, during that phone call with your mother, it's in the iced tea, and the sunshine. Heck, it can even be in the trees while you rush to your last final. Happiness can be wherever we choose for it to be.

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## BOOK REVIEW

# Dangerous Earth

The book makes absorbing reading on the unexpected, and acts as an alert on knowing how to protect lives, property and economic stability



Sudhiredar Sharma

Is the earth becoming a dangerous place for human habitation or are recent extreme events a pointer towards the dreadful inevitability? Either way, it is a dangerous world out there about which not much is known with scientific certainty.

The history of human existence has been fraught with such exigent calamities that led societies from pre-historic times to offer prayers for 'peace to be in the universe'. Explained through religion or myth, such prayers have been a way of dealing with the dangers of living on earth. While the earth remains a wondrous planet, its frustratingly complex existence had a violent past to which it seems to be returning.

Marine biologist Ellen Prager examines the awesome forces of creation which are equally devastating, and remain perplexing. Through an illuminating look at the range of natural events, from earthquakes to volcanoes and from tsunamis to hurricanes, Prager lists the wish-we-knew about the dynamic phenomena that continue to remain unknown while frustrating and fascinating the scientific community.

Her book, *Dangerous Earth: What we wish we knew about volcanoes, hurricanes, climate change, earthquakes and more*, seeks to respond to the most compelling question: Why can't we better predict the natural disasters? Part of the answer to this question is that the Earth's processes are dynamic, ephemeral, and their origin are hidden from view.

Furthermore, our historical record of events is a blip in the planet's billions of years of existence. Does that reflect upon human inability to pre-

dict the future? By studying some of the devastating events in recent times, Prager concludes that preparation and not prediction holds the key to prepare for what lies ahead. This could be disturbing news but she has valid reasons to extend her argument.

Take the case of Miami where since 2006 the average rate of sea level rise is three times the global average of about 3 mm rise per year. The sunny days flooding in Miami has forced the local government to spend hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure without being aware about how long the situation will continue to worsen. Given that there are more than 700 million people living in low-lying coastal areas across the world, the science of sea-level rise has yet to deliver a credible forecast about the impending threat. Consequently, how far and how fast will the sea rise remain open to speculation.

Prager writes with all the imaginative sympathy of a storyteller, with an overarching concern on the gaps in research to understand the nature of change better. Picking detailed stories of some of the game changing major events – Mount Pinatubo volcano of Philippines, Indian Ocean tsunami of Sumatra, Hurricane Harvey in Texas – the author highlights what remains unknown about these dynamic phenomena. In addition to giving insights on each of the events, one gets to know recent attempts at advancing scientific quest towards understanding earth's warning signals.

*Dangerous Earth* makes absorbing reading on the unexpected, and acts as an alert on knowing how to protect lives, property and economic stability.

Much has been written in recent times on climatic events, but it is the well-reasoned and engaging expla-

nation offered by Prager that makes it a riveting read. Given the recent spurt in extreme weather events, scientists now consider this a whole new field of science which may be with or without the influence of climate change. The list of climatic unknowns is only beginning to expand, throwing new challenges to understand dangers and the risks involved. No wonder, the recent thunderous development that caused widespread damage in some parts of Delhi during May this year had caught the India Meteorological Department (IMD) off guard. Prediction is indeed crucial, but preparedness is no less important.

While highlighting the need for focused research on climatic events and capturing the new areas of scientific enquiry, Prager points out towards the inevitability of dramatic change that is upon us – turning the beautiful planet against its own inhabitants. There can be no denying that there have been similar periods of warming in Earth's past, it is not the actual temperature that is the issue but the rapid pace at which the global thermometer is rising that is unusual and problematic. It is the comprehensive undertaking on the extreme events that will open new avenues of research in reducing the impacts of extreme events. Loaded with in depth narratives on recent catastrophic events, *Dangerous Earth* is an eye opener and a call to devise and develop ways and means of reducing the impacts of a violent planet on its inhabitants and infrastructure.

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## J&K First UT To Integrate Its Service Portal e-UNNAT with My Scheme and PSGA Dashboards



Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Recently J&K became the first Union Territory to launch its own Unified Citizen Services Portal (<https://eUnnat.jk.gov.in>) incorporating "Meri Pehchaan" (National Single Sign-on) to make available Citizen Centric Services to the common man under a single portal.

Furthering this mission the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today inaugurated integration of e-UNNAT with the national TEJAS Dashboard and the 'My Scheme' Portal.

Chief Secretary J&K directed the IT Department to take necessary steps for integrating the auto appeal and auto escalation mechanism with online services in accordance with amended PSGA rules.

In this direction the Government here had even amended the PSGA (J&K Public Service Guarantee Act, 2011) with the aim to reach out to the common public and make available the G2C services in a timely manner. It is the endeavour of the Government to facilitate dissemination of e-Services to the public on one hand and to monitor, analyse and - if necessary - penalize the defaulters in service delivery, as per the service delivery timelines defined in this Act.

The TEJAS Dashboard on e-UNNAT Portal would show, at a glance, the online e-service applications received, services delivered, applications pending, applications rejected et al, with the delayed services delivery break-up further displayed on the basis of time delay periods, i.e., less than one

week, one to two weeks, more than two weeks and so on.

At the same time, eUNNAT Portal now also provides a glimpse into the My Scheme Portal of the Government of India by mapping, initially, six schemes of the Government of J&K and providing access to information on those by re-directing through a single URL. These six schemes are State Marriage Assistance Scheme for Poor Girls, Credit Card Scheme for Artisans, Revised Educations Scheme for Children of Weavers, Karkhadar Scheme and Grid Connecting Rooftop Solar Plant, Pradhan Mantri Kissan Urja Suraksha evan Utthaan Mahabhiyaan(PM-KUSUM).

MyScheme is a repository for Government schemes and services. Using MyScheme the citizens of J&K can find various government schemes by checking his/her eligibility to apply for the schemes of his/her interest.

It offers a convenient three - step process for the citizens to discover the government schemes for which they are eligible. In three steps a user enters his / her attributes such as demographic, income, social details, etc. In next step his/her eligibility is determined in My Scheme and lastly the user can select from the list of eligible schemes and get more information from the dedicated scheme page with detailed knowledge, FAQs, and application process and traverse to the application URL to apply.

With this J&K has become the first State and UT in the country to on-board on My Scheme platform.

# Salman Rushdie, Author Of The Satanic Verses, Attacked On Stage In New York

Rushdie Was Taken By Helicopter To A Hospital, State Police Said. His Condition Was Not Immediately Known.



Agencies

**New York:** Salman Rushdie, the author of 'Satanic Verses' considered blasphemous anti-Islam book, was attacked on stage during an event in New York on Friday.

Rushdie's condition was not immediately known, but video footage from the incident showed people rushing to his aid after he was attacked at the event in Chautauqua County.

A man rushed to the stage at the Chautauqua Institution and attacked Rushdie as he was being introduced, a witness told Reuters, adding the attacker was subsequently restrained.

Police said Rushdie suffered an apparent stab wound to his neck and was transported by helicopter to the hospital.

The person interviewing Rushdie also suffered a minor head injury, the state police said.

Rita Landman, an endocrinologist who was in the audience, said that Rushdie had multiple stab wounds, including one to the right side of his neck, and that there was a pool of blood under his body, the New York Times reported.

"People were saying, 'He has a pulse, he has a pulse he has a pulse,'" Landman said.

Bill Vasu, 72, who attended the event, said he had seen the man rush over to Rushdie and start attacking him. "I could just see his fists sort of pounding on Salman," he said.

"There was just one attacker," said Elisabeth Healey, 75, who was in the audience. "He was dressed in black. He had a loose black garment on. He ran with lightning speed over to him."

Multiple witnesses said the attacker was able to reach Rushdie easily, running onstage and approaching him from

behind.

Roger Warner, who was sitting on the front row at the amphitheater, said he saw a tall, slender man leap onto the stage from the left side and begin attacking Salman Rushdie.

He thought the man had punched Rushdie three or four times in the face. Then he saw the blood. "He was covered with blood and there was blood running down onto the floor," Warner said. "I just saw blood all around his eyes and running down his cheek."

Rushdie wrote "The Satanic Verses" in 1988 which sparked Muslims' outrage across the globe.

Following the publication of the book, Ayatollah Ruhullah Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, issued a fatwa (religious decree) calling for Rushdie's death. Rushdie has lived life of a fugitive ever since.

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## CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

### NITI Aayog Praises

implementation, and monitoring structures pertaining to the 2030 Agenda.

As per report, under the communication, awareness generation and advocacy on the SDGs, the UT realizes that capacity development is required at every level and sensitisation is very vital to integrate SDGs in all governance processes. In order to facilitate formulation of a localized indicator framework and capacity development at all levels, the UT government has partnered NITI Aayog and UNDP for conducting training programmes to help build capacity

on various aspects of monitoring the SDGs including methodology, identifying data sources, preparing metadata sheets etc.

"For sensitisation of officials, workshops are also organized by the UT government. Back to village programmes were organized by the government as a part of which the officers of the J&K Government at the highest levels visited villages and spent two-days in assessing the ground level development," the report observed.

Also, the Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES) has been designated as the nodal agency for compilation, coordination and formulation of SDGs Action Plan.

"A Nodal Officer has also been nominated in the Secretariat for co-ordination on SDGs. Administrative Departments and District Development Commissioners have been directed to device strategies/action plans for implementation, monitoring & achievement of SDGs at their respective level," the report said.

As per Niti Aayog, The government is planning to establish a Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Center (SDGCC) to fast track the progress on achieving the SDGs in the UT. Aligning plans with the SDGs: A separate chapter on SDGs, linking department priorities to various Goals and targets, is included in the Plan Document from 2018-19. SDG monitoring: Jammu and Kashmir has shortlisted 206 monitoring indicators covering 81 targets for UT level monitoring. This includes 23 UT-specific localized indicators.

The UT has also prepared the District Indicator Framework (DIF) for further localisation of the SDGs, the report noted.

The UT government is planning to develop an SDG dashboard, SDG Index

for the UT and its districts for monitoring the implementation. Detailed metadata sheets are being prepared to get a clear picture of the various indicators.

SDG based budgeting: The budget has been aligned with SDGs since 2016-17.

Pertinently, J&K's in place mechanism for attaining 2030 SDG goal is among the systems developed by top states in India to achieve the laid down agenda.

All the targets set in the SDGs are being addressed through annual budget and annual plans. The report has also noted that all the departments/sectoral heads at the UT and district levels prepare the annual budget and annual plans which are targeted to achieve the desired objective under that particular sector.

"Strategies for Leaving No One Behind: Studies have been planned under Strengthening Statistical Systems (SSS) programme for upgrading the UT data and statistical system for a more robust SDG monitoring system, which will offer insights into the situation of at-risk and groups in situations of vulnerability," the report noted.

Highlighting the success of the Indian model of localisation of Sustainable Development Goals, NITI Aayog Vice Chairperson Suman Bery has said that nations must identify models that have produced results as "we do not have the luxury of time."

"In this Decade of Action, we must identify models which have produced results. We do not have the luxury of time to develop solutions from scratch and perhaps the Indian model of SDG localisation is relevant. The path of attaining SDGs is long and challenging, but exciting and engaging," Bery said.

### Migrant Worker

A policeman was injured in a militant attack in Bijbehara area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district, officials said.

Around 3:15, militants fired indiscriminately upon police personnel near Padshahi Bagh area of Bijbehara in District Anantnag, a police spokesperson said.

"In this terror crime incident, the said police personnel had received gunshot injuries and was immediately evacuated to hospital for the treatment to his injuries where his condition is stated to be stable," he said.

The spokesperson said that senior

officers reached the spot along with reinforcement.

"The whole area was cordoned off and search in the area was going on," he added. (With PTI inputs)

### Security Beefed

while speaking to Kashmir Observer said that all necessary security arrangements have been put in place across the valley and the forces are on alert.

"There is checking, frisking, and drone surveillance. We are also using technical surveillance. Like every year, this year too, we will ensure an incident-free function," the official said, while urging people to participate in the August 15 functions.

As per the official, there won't be any additional deployment of paramilitary troops and bunkers, as the number of forces currently stationed in the city is enough to maintain the law & order situation.

Forces have also started anti-sabotage checking to thwart any attempt of militants to bring in arms and explosives ahead of the Independence Day. Special nakas, drones, CCTV mounted on security vehicles and buildings, human intelligence, special weapons, security personnel atop high rise buildings and sniffer dogs have been placed to maintain peace in the region especially in the capital city.

As per the official, the route leading to Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium—where I-Day celebrations are scheduled—will be sealed on Saturday evening. The venue has been fortified with the deployment of paramilitary troops, new bunkers and barricades. The stadium is also being monitored with drones.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, JKBJP spokesman, Altaf Thakur said that this year's Independence Day preparations have shown that Kashmiris are fed up with militancy and Pakistan.

"Whole of Kashmir is draped in the color of India. Even the areas which were once militancy dominated, are today flooded with Indian flags. In Kulgam, 15000 people marched with flags and the same was seen in other parts of the valley," Thakur said, adding that it's a big slap on the faces of National Conference and PDP.

"This is Naya Kashmir which is an integral part of India. During NC and PDP rule, only Pakistan's flags were seen in Kashmir but today, you can see Kashmir flooded with Indian flags," Thakur told Kashmir Observer.

### It's Turning Out

of freedom fighters and unsung heroes of the freedom struggle. It is turning out to be the biggest Jan Mahotsav on the earth. The journey of our future will now be defined by self-reliance and self-respect," the LG said.

Observing that 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign in J&K is receiving overwhelming response from all quarters, Sinha, as per the spokesperson, exhorted officials to encourage the PRI members, prominent citizens, political parties, Youth clubs, government officials and common people to come forward and imbibe the true spirit of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav.

"Amrit Kal Khand is a golden opportunity for retrospection and preparation for a leap into the glorious future," the LG said.

Sinha, according to the spokesperson asked the Administrative Secretaries, DCs, SSPs, HoDs to lead the campaign and directed for organizing programmes of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign at prominent and iconic places, tourist spots, border villages, besides illuminating the most conspicuous buildings and spots all over the UT in tricolor.

The LG, he said, also instructed for identifying houses and families of freedom fighters, and conducting Prabhat Pheris involving students, NCC cadets and NSS volunteers, besides integrating Covid precautionary dose with the campaign.

The spokesperson said that the Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs shared the programmes being conducted in their respective departments and districts.

### Tricolour To Be

upon all the Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Heads of the Departments and Deputy Commissioners to strictly adhere to the instructions in letter and spirit.

### Medicos Warned

that certain Doctors borne on the establishment of Health and Medical Education Department are indulging into private practices during official hours as well as while they are on duty rosters in the Government Health Institutions," reads a government order.

"This is in violation of Civil Services Conduct Rules as well as various guidelines issued from time to time and also goes against the ethics of

## China As A Superpower; India Has To Prepare For "Unsettling" Changes: EAM

Press Trust of India

**Bengaluru:** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday said there could be "very unsettling changes" and India will have to prepare for it, when a regional power like China is on its way to become a superpower.

The Minister was interacting with students at PES University here.

Responding to a question on the repercussions of the current situation with respect to China and Taiwan, he said, "if you are talking about a larger Chinese presence offshore including in the Indian Ocean, I think it is something that India has to evaluate and assess including the implications that it has for our own security, because historically we have always thought of China as a country to the north of us...it is the situation we keep evaluating and monitoring."

"When you have a power which is beyond a regional power and on its way to become a superpower, then there could be very unsettling changes and these are changes which our country will have to prepare for. Wherever our interests are involved, I think it is very important that we are very clear and firm on defending our interests," he said.

Responding to a question, he said becoming permanent member of the UN Security Council is a "very big deal". Jaishankar said it is not going to happen easily because the world is not a generous place, and countries have to struggle for what they get.

"The current structure was formed in 1945, it kind of reflected the outcome of the second world war... in 77 years that have passed the world has changed dramatically...very soon you will have a situation where the most populous country and third largest economy of the world is not in the security council, I then ask you how credible does it make the security council," he asked.



Noting that India's case for UNSC is widely acceptable, he said if there is a free and fair vote for membership it is assured that we will get a very high degree of support, but there are very deep vested interests.

"...but because it is hard is no reason to give up."

The foreign policy today is very focused on "how do I use the world to drive my national development faster", Jaishankar said. It is about knowing the world and in a sense doing a risk assessment.

He said one of the areas where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is pushing very hard is to make sure the world opens up for India as a work place, so that Indian talent, skills and corporates are able to go out and work on equal terms with citizens of those countries, the minister said.

"One of our big focuses today is on mobility agreements and work opportunities for our students and interns abroad," he said.

Stating that the vision, leadership and ambitions that India has today are very different, Jaishankar said, "I'm not suggesting that the world is without challenges, it is a tough place, but it is a tough place that we in India face with confidence, because we have that leadership and experience today."

The decisions that this country is making are the right ones and that of experience, he said. They are decisions of prudence, but still decisions of ambitions, Jaishankar added.

across J&K.

Srinagar, he said, recorded a low of 19.5°C against 22.4°C on the previous night. However, he said, the temperature was 1.2°C above normal during this time of the year for the summer capital.

Qazigund recorded a low of 19.2°C same as on the previous night. The temperature was 2.7°C above normal there, he said.

In Pahalgam, the mercury settled at 16.7°C against 17.1°C on the previous night and it was 3.7°C above normal for the south Kashmir resort.

Kokernag recorded a low of 17.5°C against 19.2°C on the previous night and it was 1.7°C above normal for the place, he said.

World famous Gulmarg resort recorded a low of 12.0°C against 14.0°C on the previous night. It was 0.1°C below normal for the north Kashmir place.

Kupwara town saw a low of 16.6°C against 18.8°C on previous night and it was 0.7°C below normal for the place during this time of the season, the official said.

Jammu recorded a low of 24.1°C same on the previous night. It was 1.0°C 'below' normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 17.9°C, Batote 16.7°C, Katra 21.4°C, Bhadarwah 18.5°C and Kathua 21.8°C.

### CS Unveils

registered mail id," the spokesperson added.

### Flags Off 'Har

shikaras under District Administration's Tiranga Utsav, carrying the Tricolour rowed together in the Dal Lake instilling the spirit of nationalism and peace, as part of the celebrations commemorating the 75 years of Independence.

The rally, he said, commenced with the Police Pipe Band playing the National Anthem.

"Pertinently, 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is witnessing huge participation of the people," the spokesperson said.

Aftab Malik, DDC Chairperson Srinagar; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and other senior officers were present on the occasion.



## Rajouri Attack Army's Northern Commander Pays Tributes To Fallen Soldiers

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** The Army on Friday paid rich tributes to its four personnel killed in a 'Fidayeen' attack on its camp in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, after which their mortal remains were taken to their respective native places.

"In a solemn wreath-laying ceremony held at Air Force Station in Jammu, the Army paid rich tributes to four gallant soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during the counter-terrorist operation in Parghal in Rajouri," a defence PRO said.

The Army's northern commander, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, and senior military and civil officials paid tributes to the slain personnel by laying wreaths.

The four soldiers were killed on Thursday in pre-dawn strike by two militants on the Army camp in Rajouri district, which marked the return of 'fidayeens' (suicide attackers) to Jammu and Kashmir after more than three years.

The two attackers, believed to be from the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), were gunned down by security forces personnel.

After the wreath-laying ceremony, the mortal remains were taken to Delhi in a military aircraft. From there, these will be taken to their respective hometowns for performing the last rites, the defence PRO said.

The nation will always remain indebted to the gallant soldiers for their supreme sacrifice in the service of the motherland, the PRO said.

## CBC, Rajouri Organizes 'Mini ICOP' At Nowshera

Observer News Service

**NOWSHERA:** Under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Field Office Rajouri today organized a Mini Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme (ICOP) on 'Har Ghar Tiranga'.

The Outreach Programme was organised at Government Degree College Nowshera with the aim to generate mass awareness regarding the ongoing campaign of Har Ghar Tiranga.

In his address, Ghulam Abbas, Joint Director, Central Bureau of Communication, J&K and Ladakh region said that Har Ghar Tiranga campaign is an opportunity to celebrate achievements and identify the unaccomplished dreams.

Abass further added that "Every person can serve the nation at its own level by performing his duties with honesty and dedication. He further said that the real patriotism in the message of Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign is to realize our responsibilities for the development of society at large.

Khurshheed Yousuf, Field Publicity Officer, Field Office, Udhampur presented an overview, structure and working of the CBC, J&K during the event. He said that, CBC is engaged in generating awareness in rural, far flung and Media Shadow zones

regarding the Welfare Schemes of Government of India.

Speaking on the Occasion, Kartar Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Nowshera said that we all must feel proud to be part of celebrations of 75 Years of Independence and Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

He further added that the campaign is an opportunity to pay tributes to the heroes of our freedom struggle.

Poetry sessions for the students and Seminar for faculty members on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Har Ghar Tiranga was also organised to generate awareness of these components and to motivate masses to become part of these campaigns.

CBC, Field Office, installed informative standees on Har Ghar Tiranga for the awareness of the people. Cultural Programmes showcasing the importance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations and Har Ghar Tringa Campaign enthralled the audience.

Dr. K. K. Sharma, Principal GDC, Nowshera thanked the CBC, Field Office Rajouri for organising the outreach programme in the college premises and appreciated the role of CBC, Rajouri in generating the mass awareness regarding various Welfare Schemes and Campaigns of Govt. of India in district Rajouri.

Har Ghar Tiranga- Bike Rally was another attraction of the day long programme.

## LG Performs 'Samapan Pooja' Of Amarnath Yatra

'3.65 Lakh Devotees Paid Obeisance At Cave Shrine, Highest In Five Years'



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday performed the 'Samapan Pooja' marking the end of annual pilgrimage to Amarnath cave shrine in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Sinha also prayed for peace, progress and prosperity of the people, an official spokesperson said Friday.

"I truly admire and appreciate the selfless contribution of all stakeholders and citizens for making this difficult Yatra hassle-free for the pilgrims," the LG said.

"Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board and the UT Administration had made all the arrangements for carrying out traditional religious rituals at the holy cave," the spokesperson said..

The board also facilitated the carriage of Holy Mace (Pavitra Chhari) to the Cave Shrine of Shri Amarnathji.

Deependra Giri, Mahant Chhari-Mubarak Amarnathji led the Chhari Yatra accompanied by saints of Dashnami Akhada, and held the Chhari Poojan to mark the conclusion of Yatra 2022.

Meanwhile, addressing a presser at the Raj Bhawan Auditorium, the LG informed that 3.65 lakh RFID registered persons performed darshan at the holy cave, which is highest in the last 5 years.

In 2016, 220490 performed darshan. In 2017, the number was 260003, while in 2018 & 2019, 285006 and 343587 persons performed darshan at the holy cave.

The LG said that despite inclement weather conditions for 20 days out of 44 days, the overall Yatra remained satisfactory.

RAS survey by yatris shows 93% satisfaction rating on various parameters, while 73 % of the Darshans performed in the first 20 days of Yatra.

"The feedback received from the yatris about the facilities has been overwhelming for the administration," the LG said.

Sinha also expressed gratitude to the Central government and the media persons for their support in the successful conduct of the yatra.

The LG enlisted various new initiatives taken for Shri Amarnathji Yatra which was resumed after two years due to Covid pandemic.

"The carrying capacity of yatris was increased by 80 % as compared to previous years. Special arrangements were made across J&K to accommodate 1,25,000 Yatris in comparison to 70,000 Yatris earlier. A new Yatri Niwas at Chanderkote with 3600 capacity was opened for Yatris this year which proved to be a key facility in accommodating more yatris, even during inclement weather," he said.

For the first time, Sinha said, the RFID tracking of yatris was introduced which proved very helpful in tracking of the yatris, especially during the time of disaster on 8th July, many yatris could be traced using RFID technology.

"240 % increase in the number of Toilets and unprecedented Sanitation arrangements ensured litter free and Open Defecation free yatra. Moreover, 190% increase in number of Beds in Hospitals, additional 100 bedded medical facility developed at each of the Base Camps and 50 beds installed additionally on each axis, 85 % increase in number of Oxygen Booths, besides two DRDO hospitals one each

at Baltal and Chandanwari had aptly catered to the health needs of the yatris as well as locals and other stakeholders and saved many precious lives," he added.

This year, the LG said, helicopter service was availed by the yatris from 4 sectors instead of 2 sectors. He said that two new heli sectors from Srinagar to Neelgrath and Srinagar to Pahalgam opened for Yatris.

"Free of cost Battery car service to yatris between Baltal and Domel; 200 % increase in number RO water purifier in each camp and on the tracks; underground cabling on Baltal axis provided 3-phase 24x7 Power supply, back up Gen sets helped in providing enhanced facilities to the yatris," Sinha said.

"PTZ cameras installed on yatra tracks for surveillance resolved many issues and helped in minute-to-minute monitoring of yatra. Prepaid system introduced for hiring of Pony, Pithos and Palkis also prevented overcharging of yatris. Three times the number of Camp Officers deployed to effectively manage the Yatra. Daily Coordination meetings by CEO SASB with Divisional Commissioners, DCs, Camp Officers and other stakeholders yielded better results," he added.

The LG further said that integrated command & control center (IIIC) for quick monitoring and immediate response established at Srinagar with Nodal officers from all concerned Departments.

He said that volunteer students from Indian Institute of Technology- IIT Jammu rendered their service in yatra in Technological assistance. One Senior IAS officer deployed as Nodal officer for each Axis of the yatra.

## J&K Legislative Assembly To "Go-Green"

Renu Mahajan Holds Introductory Meeting With Members To Implement National E-Vidhan In J&K

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** To introduce paperless functioning in J&K Legislative Assembly and discuss the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by NIC J&K for implementation of National e-Vidhan in J&K, Secretary Legislative Assembly, Renu Mahajan presided over the meeting in this connection with Members of State Project Monitoring Unit-Cum-NeVA (SPMU-NeVA) here Friday.

The meeting was attended by Manoj Pandita, Special Secretary Law & Parliamentary Affairs, Dr. Rajinder Kr. Khajuria, Addl. Secy. Information Technology Deptt, Mohammad Saleem Khan, SIO NIC, J&K, Rajesh Tandon Director Finance members SPMU-NeVA and other concerned officers, while the Abhay Kumar ex-SIO NIC and other

officers from Kashmir Division participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Mahajan apprised the Members that National e-Vidhan (NeVA) is a Mission Mode Project (MMP) under the Digital India Programme. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MoPA) is the Nodal Ministry for its implementation in all 31 states/UTs with Legislatures "The funding for e-Vidhan is provided by the MoPA and technical Support by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MieTY).

The funding of Neva is through Central Sponsored Scheme and for UTs 100% funding from Union Government. It is golden chance for J&K to realize the objective of digitization as envisioned by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi" she maintained.

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
E-AUCTION NOTICE	
The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Auction for leasing of SLR space in various trains originating from various stations over Firozpur Division having carrying capacity of 3.9/4 tonnes for a period of two years. The details are as under:	
Admin Unit/Zone	FEROZPUR DIVISION-COMMERCIAL /NORTHERN RLY
Catalogue Published on	10.08.2022
Auction Catalogue No.	FZRP/ARCEL 14
Auction Start (All Lots)	26.08.2022 10:00 hrs
Auction close Date/Time	26.08.2022 15:20 hrs
Auction Type	Close Ended
Website particulars where complete details of auction can be seen by registered bidders	E-Auction Module of <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>
Lot No. / Category	12242-SLR-F1-ASR-CDG-22-1
	14632-SLR-R1-ASR-DDN-22-1
	14674-SLR-F1-ASR-JYG-22-1
	14624-SLR-R1-FZR-CWA-22-1
	14614-SLR-F1-FZR-SASN-22-1
	12460-SLR-F1-ASR-NDLS-22-1
	14036-SLR-F1-PTK-DEE-22-1
	14624-SLR-F2-FZR-CWA-22-1
	13308-SLR-F1-FZR-DHN-22-1
	14505-SLR-R1-ASR-NLDM-22-1
	14505-SLR-F2-ASR-NLDM-22-1
	15532-SLR-F1-ASR-SHC-22-1
	14674-SLR-R1-ASR-JYG-22-1
	12030-SLR-F1-ASR-NDLS-22-1
	14012-SLR-R1-HSX-DLI-22-1
	14682-SLR-F1-JUC-NDLS-22-1
	12014-SLR-F1-ASR-NDLS-22-1
	15212-SLR-R1-ASR-DBG-22-1
	12498-SLR-F1-ASR-NDLS-22-1
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## 'HAR GHAR TIRANGA' CAMPAIGN

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Continuing its Har Ghar Tiranga campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Jammu and Kashmir Police organized various programmes across J&K in which students, youth and locals participated in big numbers.

Har Ghar Tiranga programmes were organized today by District Police Kulgam, Ganderbal, Kishtwar, Sopore, Budgam, Baramulla, Reasi, Pulwama, Poonch, Doda and other parts of the Union Territory, a

## JKP Organises Various Functions Across UT

police spokesperson said.

In Pulwama, he said, Tiranga rallies were organized across the district.

"The main rally started from district Jail Pulwama and culminated at Murrn chowk. Besides officers/officials of Police/CRPF and civil Administration, students of different schools, teachers, employees, youths, respectable, traders association, transport association, also participated in Tiranga rally," he added.

As a part of the campaign, the spokesperson said, Police and civil administration Kulgam organised

the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign to encourage the Students and respectable citizens to hoist the National Flag at their respective homes & offices to promote the spirit of nationalism.

Besides civil and police officers, he said, hundreds of students both from Govt/private educational institutions participated in the rally. He said that the Students also sang patriotic songs on the occasion.

DC Kulgam Dr Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat along with SSP Kulgam Dr.G.V Sundeeep Chakravarty participated

in the campaign.

In Ganderbal, he said, a special Tiranga Rally was taken out from DPL Ganderbal to Beehama Chowk. The rally was flagged off by SSP Ganderbal Nikhil Borkar in which the students and the youth of District Ganderbal participated enthusiastically.

"The participants in the rally sang the National Anthem, patriotic songs & waved the tricolor. DDCs, BDCs, Sarpanchs and civil society members of District Ganderbal also participated in the programme," he added.

## SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RIGHT RIVER WORKS DIVISION

Mr. Showket Ahmad Bagwan,  
S/o: Ghulam Hassan Bagwan,  
R/o: Babedemb Khanyar Srinagar,  
No: - SMC/EERRWD/1338-43

Dated:10.08.2022

Subject: Non-Execution of allotted work namely "Re-construction of Lane/Drain from H/o Gh Hassan to H/o Nazir Ahmad Rangrez at Mohalla Haji Muhammad Sahib Malarata Jamia Masjid Ward No. 40".  
Allotment No: SMC/EERRWD/1661-1665 dated:23-07-2022.  
Reference: - AEE Nowpora Notice No: SMC/AEE/SD/Nowpora/226-27 dated:06-08-2022.

### FINAL NOTICE

Whereas you have been authorized / allotted the work cited above under subject and reference.

Whereas, despite lapse of considerable period of time you have not started any execution of the work at respective site. Whereas, you have been asked various times to start the execution of the work through telephonic message and social media by this office and as well as by the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer but nothing has been done with regard to the execution of the work.

Whereas through this notice you are given final opportunity to start the work within three days positively failing which the work shall be taken up for execution and completed through some other source at your risk and cost and requisite recovery shall be made through proper medium on account of work done for the completion of the work. Moreover, you shall be debarred from tendering process in future in this Division.

This notice may be treated as final chance and no excuses/ justifications and reasons shall be accepted for not starting the works.

Sd/-

Executive Engineer  
Right River Works Division  
Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

DIPK-NB-3153-22

## GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SRINAGAR

10-KARAN NAGAR, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR, 190010.

PHONE NO. 0194 -2504114, FAX. 0194-2503115

SUBJECT: DEFICIENCIES OF DOCUMENTS.

### NOTIFICATION

Whereas; vide this Office Notification No. 27-GS of 2022 Dated. Applications were invited from the candidates of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for engagement of the following positions on contract basis for Child Nodal Centre for Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences Kashmir (IMHANS) being run under Psy-Social program of UNICEF:-

S. No.	Name of Positions	No. of Applications received
01.	Clinical Psychologist	06
02.	Counsellor	22
03.	Advocacy Coordinator	10

Whereas; upon scrutiny of the application forms some deficiencies have been noticed.

In view of the above, the candidates whose names are indicated in annexure "A" are informed to fulfill their deficiencies as mentioned against each by or before 16-08-2022 from the date of publication of this Notice in the Office of the undersigned, failing which their candidature shall be rejected without any further notice.

No: GS-MC/UNICEF/PSY/ 1801-04

Dated. 12-08-2022.

(Prof) Dr. Samia Rashid  
Principal/Dean

### Annexure A

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST		
S.NO	Name	Deficiencies
1.	Jaagmeet Singh S/o S Daljeet R/o Baramulla	Two years experience not available
2.	Nasira Hamid D/O Abdul Hamid R/o Natipora, Srinagar	Two years experience not available
3.	Soliha Shabir D/O Shabir Ahmaed Malik R/O Tehsil Road Baramulla	Two years experience not available
4.	Qurat Ul Ann D/o Mohd Yaseen Seh R/o Landoora, Shopian	Two years experience not available
5.	Gosia Nasir Khan D/O Nasrullah Khan R/O Dewer Anderbugh Kupwara	Two years experience not available
COUNSELLOR		
01.	Adil Nazir S/O Nazir Ahmad Wani R/O Pahroo Budgam	One year experience in Counselling not available
02.	Shabana Riyaz D/O Rlyaz Ahmad Bhat R/O Shahabad Rainawari	One year experience in Counselling not available
03.	Gosia Nasir Khan D/O Nasrullah Khan R/O Dewer Anderbugh Kupwara	One year experience in Counselling not available
04.	Zahoor Ahmad Waza S/O Gh. Mohi Ud Din Waza R/O Palhallan Pattan	One year experience in Counselling not available
05.	Soliha Shabir D/O Shabir Ahmaed Malik R/O Tehsil Road Baramulla	One year experience in Counselling not available
06.	Umar Hussain S/O Mohd. Maqbool Lone R/O Lonhama Rafiabad	One year experience in Counselling not available
07.	Afroza Bano D/o Mohd Hussain Hajam R/o Saloora Ganderbal	One year experience in Counselling not available
08.	Insha Ashraf D/o Mir Mohd Ashraf R/o Gasiyar, Hawal	One year experience in Counselling not available
09.	Areej Khalid D/O Hakim Khalid Ahmed R/O Shah Anwar Colony Hyderpora	One year experience in Counselling not available
10.	Shayista Rashid D/O Abdul Rashid Mir R/O Malla Bagh Naseem Bagh, Sgr.	One year experience in Counselling not available
11.	Razia Farooq D/O Farooq Ahmad Baba R/O Loragam Tral	One year experience in Counselling not available
12.	Misbah Gillani D/O Syed Riyaz Dastgeer Gillani R/O Fitratbad Shelkhpura Budgam	One year experience in Counselling not available
13.	Mohd Jeelani Reshi S/O Nazir Ahmad Reshi R/O Muthalhma Qaimoh Kulgam	One year experience in Counselling not available
14.	Mariya Bashir Lone D/O Bashir Ahmad Lone R/O Jamia Bazar Channapora	One year experience in Counselling not available
15.	Sabreena Qayoom D/O Abdul Qayoom Mir R/O Lai Nagar Channapora, Sgr	One year experience in Counselling not available
16.	Ishfaq Ahmad Lone S/O Abdul Hamid Lone R/O Safa Pora Ganderbal	One year experience in Counselling not available
17.	Aabid Bashir Sofi S/O Bashir Ahmad Sofi R/O Safa Pora Ganderbal	One year experience in Counselling not available
ADVOCACY COORDINATOR		
01.	Duha Majeed D/O Abdul Majeed Salroo R/o Rawalpota, Alamdar Colony	Degree not relevant
DIPK-7921-22		



## Youth Day: IUST Holds Sports Events



Observer News Service

**AWANTIPORA:** A series of events were organized at the Islamic University of Science and Technology on Friday to observe 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The events included Sports and Recreational activities for employees, celebration of International Youth Day and Film Screening Session.

The sports and recreational program was organised by the Directorate of Physical Education & Sports in collaboration with Srinagar Unit of Reliance Group, wherein multiple events were organized that included cricket, football, athletics, and other recreational activities.

The program organized under the University outreach initia-

tive was inaugurated by Prof. Nasser

Iqbal, Registrar IUST.

Appreciating the relevance of such activities, Prof. Iqbal said, "The burden of maintaining a work-life balance in the modern world is becoming increasingly more challenging. So, conducting such events for our employees becomes mandatory."

The team of employees from Reliance Group led by Khalid Mehraj enthusiastically participated in the program.

"With its world-class sports infrastructure, the University is dedicated to making a significant contribution in improving health standards of the youth," said Dr. Hilal Ahmed Rather, Assistant Director, Physical Education and Sports at IUST.

## Legends League Cricket To Kick-Off At Eden Gardens



Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** The iconic Eden Gardens in Kolkata will be hosting the first game of the second edition of the Legends League Cricket (LLC) on September 16, the organisers said on Friday.

The match between the India Maharajas vs World Giants will be dedicated to the 75th year celebration of Indian Independence.

"This is a proud moment for us that we are celebrating 75th year of our independence. As a proud Indian, it gives me immense satisfaction to share that we have decided to dedicate this year league to the 75th year of

Independence celebration," said Ravi Shastri, Commissioner, LLC, said in a release.

The Indian Maharajas will be led by former Indian captain and BCCI President Sourav Ganguly, while the World Giants will be captained by England's 2019 World Cup winning captain, Eoin Morgan.

The second edition of the LLC will commence a day after the special match, i.e. from September 17 till October 8, which will feature four teams taking part in a franchise-based format.

Overall, 15 matches will be played this season over a period of 22 days.

## Ireland Beat Afghanistan To Take 2-0 Lead In T20 Series

Agencies

**BELFAST:** Ireland beat Afghanistan by five wickets on Thursday to take a 2-0 lead in their five-match Twenty20 series.

Afghanistan won the toss and struggled with the bat as Ireland bowlers Josh Little, Mark Adair, Curtis Campher and Gareth Delany took two wickets apiece.

The tourists reached 122 for eight from their 20 overs. Hashmatullah Shahidi top-scored

with 36 from 42 balls.

Ireland lost opener Paul Stirling (4) in the third over with only seven runs on the board, but captain Andy Balbirnie and Lorcan Tucker shared 65 for the second wicket, with Balbirnie making 46 from 36 balls and Tucker 27 from 28.

Mohammad Nabi took two for 15 for Afghanistan, but George Dockrell's unbeaten 25 helped Ireland reach its target with an over to spare.

## FIFA Moves World Cup Start In Qatar To Nov. 20

Agencies

**ZURICH:** FIFA has formally moved the World Cup start up by one day to give host nation Qatar an exclusive Sunday evening slot with a global audience.

Qatar will now play Ecuador in Doha on Nov. 20 just 101 days after FIFA's decision stretching the World Cup to 29 days from the 28 agreed seven years ago when a June-July tournament was pushed back to avoid the searing desert heat in midsummer. The surprise late switch

was signed off by a FIFA committee comprising its president Gianni Infantino and presidents of the six continental soccer bodies. FIFA said the vote was unanimous.

The plan was revealed Wednesday after several rounds of ticket sales to fans worldwide since last year.

Qatar will now make its World Cup debut kicking off against Ecuador at 7 p.m. local time on Nov. 20 after an opening ceremony on the field at the 60,000-capacity Al Bayt Stadium.



The meeting of the world's No. 49 and No. 44-ranked men's national teams was originally scheduled 24 hours later on Nov. 21 after the finals tournament draw was made April 1 in Doha. In the original schedule, the opening ceremony was

still planned to take place before Qatar-Ecuador despite it being the third game of the tournament, and with just an hour of free time after the final whistle of the second game on the schedule, England vs. Iran.

The first game until Thursday's decision was Netherlands-Senegal in Qatar's Group A, starting at 1 p.m. local time on Nov. 21. That now moves back to the cooler hours of the 7 p.m. Monday slot vacated by Qatar-Ecuador.

## Ponting Predicts Winner Of India Vs Pakistan Clash

Agencies

**L**egendary Australian batter Ricky Ponting said on Friday that the Indian team has the depth to prevail over Pakistan in their upcoming high-voltage Asia Cup 2022 match and also take away the prestigious trophy.

India named a 15-member squad for the Asia Cup earlier this week. The tournament will start from August 27 onwards, with India starting its campaign with a high-octane clash against Pakistan on August 28.

"It is always hard to go past India in any tournament, not just an Asia Cup, but I think every time we talk about the T20 World Cup which is coming up, I think that India will be right in the thick of it there. Their depth is definitely better than the other teams and I think India will win the Asia Cup," said Ponting on the latest episode of



ICC Review.

Pakistan holds an edge over India in head-to-head meetings overall, but in Asia Cup, India has a slight advantage of 7-5 in their 13 matches. One produced no result. He expects a tight match between both sides but feels India have the depth to go

across the line in the match.

"I will stick with India to win that clash against Pakistan. That is taking nothing away from Pakistan because they are an incredible cricket nation that continues to present out-and-out superstar players," he said. (ANI)

## Laxman Will Be Head Coach In Zimbabwe: BCCI Secy Jay Shah

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** National Cricket Academy head VVS Laxman will be India's acting head coach for the upcoming tour of Zimbabwe as there is only a short turnaround time between the series and the Asia Cup starting on August 27 in the UAE, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on Friday.

"Yes, VVS Laxman will be in charge of the Indian team in Zimbabwe for the three-match ODI series. It's not like Rahul Dravid is taking a break. The ODI series in Zimbabwe finishes on August 22 and Dravid along with Indian team will reach the UAE on August 23. Since there is little gap between



the two events, Laxman will be in charge of the Indian squad in Zimbabwe," BCCI secretary Shah told PTI on Friday.

"Since only KL and Hooda are there with the ODI squad in Zimbabwe, it was only logical that the head coach would be with

the T20 squad." The three ODIs in Zimbabwe will be played in Harare on August 18, 20 and 22.

Shah also informed that KL Rahul and Deepak Hooda will directly fly from Dubai to Harare as they are part of the Asia Cup squad.

## After Logjam, Star Pakistan Cricketers Sign Contracts



Press Trust of India

**KARACHI:** Top cricketers, including captain Babar Azam, pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi, and Mohammad Rizwan, have agreed to sign the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) amended central contracts after a week of stand-off between them and the board.

According to a report by ESPNcricinfo, the group of players signed the dotted lines before departing for the Netherlands tour on the condition that they will once again hold discussions over a couple of other clauses in the contract with the board post the Asia Cup in September.

The senior players have expressed reservations about few aspects of the contracts.

"These range from questions around the NOC process for participation in foreign leagues, to seeking more information about image rights in ICC events and shares from participation fees at ICC events and clauses around signing individual endorsements," the report said.

The PCB announced 33 central contracts this season, split-

ting between white and red-ball players for the first time 2022-23.

Apart from Babar, Afridi, and Rizwan, the group also included Shadab Khan, Fakhar Zaman and Hasan Ali. The players sought more time as they wanted to discuss the nitty-gritty of the contracts with their advisers and lawyers, given there is no players body in the country.

In the past, Pakistan cricketers rarely disputed any aspect of their central contracts as they signed and returned them straightaway.

According to the central contracts, the monthly retainer amounts and match fees were not among the points of contention. All players will receive match fees of PKR 8,38,530 (approx. \$3800) for a Test, PKR5 15,696 for an ODI (approx. \$2300) and PKR 3,72,075 (approx. \$1700) for a T20I.

On the other hand, the retainer for a top Pakistan red-ball contract is PKR 1,050,000 per month (approx. \$4700) and PKR 9,50,000 (approx. \$4300) for a corresponding white-ball contract.

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