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People From Any Part Of India Living In J&K Can Now Vote In Polls: CEO

20-25 Lakh New **Voters Expected** To Be Enrolled In **Final Voter List**

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar on Wednesday said that citizens from other parts of the country, who are either studying or doing business in the Union Territory, can register as voters and exercise their franchise in the next elections in the erstwhile

Sidhra Shocker!



state, likely to be held next year. The CEO also said that around 25 lakh new voters are expected to be enrolled in the Union Territory as the special summary

the voting list."

as a "challenging task".

The massive exercise to complete the process in time is going on to ensure that all the eligible voters including those who have attained the age of 18 years on October 1, 2022, or earlier are enrolled to provide an "errorfree" final list, Kumar said.

According to the rescheduled timeline issued by the election commission recently, an integrated draft electoral roll will be published on September 15, while the period for filing claims and objections was set between September 15 to October 25 followed by disposal of claims and objections on November 10. More on P6

launched in Arnia sector. He said that during the operation, a police constable and the Pakistani militant identified as Mohd Ali Hussain alias Qasim alias Jehangir was injured in the firing incident.

Pakistani Militant Killed During 'Rifle

JAMMU: A jailed Pakistani mili-

tant was killed when he snatched

a rifle and opened fire upon police

during a weapon recovery op-

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A senior police official told a lo-

cal news agency KNO that during

investigation of a case, it came to

fore that a militant from Pakistan,

who was presently in jail in

Jammu, was involved in some

militancy networks after which a

weapon recovery operation was

International Border in Jammu.

Snatching Bid'

Agencies

He said that the More on P6

CHANDANWARI ACCIDENT

LG Lauds Courage, Valour Of Slain ITBP Men

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday paid tributes to the paramilitary ITBP personnel, who lost their lives in a bus accident near Chandanwari in the tourist resort of Pahalgam on Tuesday.

Attending the ceremonial honours for the slain ITBP personnel at the District Police Lines (DPL) Srinagar, the LG said "the nation will never forget their courage, valour and supreme sacrifice".

The mortal remains of the deceased were sent to their respective native places for their last rites with full military honours

Meanwhile, the LG discussed the treatment and medical support being provided More on P6



Police Arrest Militant's Kin, House To Be Attached

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday initiated the process of attaching the house of a militant who they said killed a Kashmiri Pandit in Shopian, while his father and three brothers were arrested for sheltering him. Adil

Police said Wani killed Sunil Kumar Bhat in an orchard in a Shopian village on Tuesday and later took shelter at his home in Kutpora. The government forces

launched a cordon and search operation but Wani, a categorised militant of the banned Al-Badr outfit, fled in the cover of darkness after hurling grenades at the approaching police party, they said.

During the search operation, also recovered arms ammunition from Wani's house, prompting the authorities to place his father and three brothers under arrest besides initiating the process of attaching their house.

Wani was More on P6

Sunil Bhat's Killers Identified: DGP

he killers of Sunil Kumar Bhat, a Kashmiri Pandit who was shot dead by militants in Shopian, have been identified and they will be given stringent punishment, Jammu and Kashmir DGP Dilbagh Singh said on Wednesday. "We have identified the two suspects who had killed him (Bhat). Follow up action is underway and we are working on it, "the DGP told reporters on the More on P6

WAQF BOARD CRACKS WHIP

Khadims Banned From Collecting Donations At Shrines

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board on Wednesday cracked whip on unauthorised caretakers (khadims) of shrines spread across the Union Territory, banning them from collecting donations through "force or exploitative means" from the devotees.

The move to impose a blanket ban on all such unethical practices across the shrines in J&K with immediate effect, comes in the backdrop of a large number of complaints against some people receiving donations forcibly and through exploitative means at the 'Ziyarats', an official spokesperson said Wednesday. In this regard, he said, an

order was issued by the Waqf board on Tuesday.

As per the order, the spokesperson said, it was given out that despite coming from reasonably sound economic background, such people are permanently occupying particular spots within the shrines for their activities, and there are instances when such spots are being outsourced or contracted out against receipt of large sums of money that violates the

sacro-sanctity of the Ziyarats. He added that it was further given out that such unethical practices damage the sanctity of such sacred places, and is detrimental to the already strained finances of the J&K Waqf Board.

"Such pilferages More on P6

revision of electoral rolls is being

held for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019. also described the

CERTIFICATE OF J&K

to become a voter. An

employee, a student, a

laborer, or anyone from

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Chief Electoral Officer

Hirdesh Kumar

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ordinarily in J&K, can

ongoing exercise to complete the special summary revision of electoral rolls by November 25

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BJP Of Tilting Balance

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assembly election here.

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accusing the BJP of tilting

in Jammu and Kashmir

Kashmir have sharply

reacted to reports that

5 Of family Among 6 Found Dead In Police Forms SIT To Probe Mystery Incident

her daughter Naseema Akhter and grandson Sajad Ahmad

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Six people, including five members of a family, were found dead under mysterious circumstances here on Wednesday, prompting police to set up a special investigation

Jammu Houses

team to probe the turn of events. The bodies of the victims, including three women, were recovered from two adjoining houses in the posh Tawi Vihar in Sidhra area around 1 AM, police said, adding that prima facie, it appears that they were poisoned.

Magrey were found dead inside Habib's house. The bodies of Sakina's other daughter Rubina Bano and son Zafar Salim were recovered from the nearby house, the official said.

four-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by Superintendent of Police (Rural) Sanjay Sharma has been formed to investigate the incident," Senior Superintendent of Police (Jammu) Chandan Kohli said.

A police spokesperson said a call was received More on P6



Kashmiri Family Cries Foul, Demands Probe

Augib Javeed

he family members of the Barzulla resident, who was found dead with five others in Sidhra locality of Jammu, ruled out speculations of suicide and sought a thorough investigation into the case. The Jammu police on Wednesday found bodies of six persons, including a woman from two houses in Sidhra, Jammu. Five of the deceased are from Marmat in Doda district More on P6

A FOUR-MEMBER SPECIAL **INVESTIGATION TEAM (SIT)** headed by Superintendent of Police (Rural) Sanjay Sharma has been formed to investigate the incident."

Militants Flee Rajouri Cordon, **Jammu On Alert**

overnment forces have intensified operation to track down militants, who managed to escape from the cordon after a brief gunfire encounter in Rajouri district, sources said. Government forces had on Sunday located a group of 2-3 militants in Sojan forest area of Samote in Rajouri and laid a siege to neutralise them, they said. Militants fired on the government forces during cordon and search operation (CASO) but managed to escape using heavy rains and bad weather conditions as cover, they said. Forces have now More on P6

Ex-MP Presents 'Aasar-E-Qadam' To LG

ormer Member Parliament, Talib Hussain on Wednesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan here, an official spokesperson said.

The former MP, he said, discussed with the LG various matters pertaining to the development of Jammu Kashmir. Hussain, he said, appreciated the various development works being done at an accelerated pace in the present LG led UT administration. On the occasion, the spokesperson said, the former MP presented his travelogue book "Aasar-e-Oadam" describing the age-old values of harmony and brotherhood More on P6

J&K Reports 418 New Covid Cases

ammu and Kashmir recorded 418 fresh Covid cases on Wednesday that took the infection tally to 4,74,690, officials said. Of the new cases, 90 were reported

SHORT

from Jammu division and 328 from the Kashmir valley, they said. The death toll stands at 4,779 as no fresh fatality was reported, officials said. There are 3,466 active cases while the overall

4,66,445, they said. There were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus), they added. (PTI)

recoveries has reached

TAKES **Kashmiri Woman Robbed In New Delhi**

KO Photojournalist Abid Bhat captures the shadow of a tree in the waters of Nigeen Lake, as a vegetable yendor rows his boat through to return home.

wo bike-borne men snatched a bag from a Kashmiri woman, who was staying in the national capital for her medical treatment at hospitals in adjoining Gurugram, police said on Wednesday. The incident took place in south Delhi's Greater Kailash 1, they said. **Deputy Commissioner of Police** (south) Benita Mary Jaiker said that on July 30 at about 9.50 pm, a PCR call was received at Greater Kailash-1 police station regarding a snatching incident near M Block market. The 45-year-old woman, a resident of Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir, was staying at S Block, GK-1, for her knee treatment at Fortis More on P6

Mortar Shell Defused In Samba



live mortar shell, weighing about 44 kg, was recovered Wednesday from an open field in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. The shell was noticed by a police party during a cleanliness drive at Kikri Morh in Parmandal area, an official said. He said a bomb disposal squad of the army was called and the shell was safely defused. (PTI)

Landslide Kills 80 Sheep And Goats

round 80 sheep and goats were killed and 15 injured when a landslide triggered by a cloudburst damaged the house of a shepherd in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Wednesday, officials said. The family members of the shepherd, Manzoor Ahmed, had a narrow escape when the landslide damaged his mud house in the Banihal area below the Jawahir tunnel in the early hours of Wednesday. Nearly 80 sheep and goats, owned by Ahmed, died while 15 others were injured, they said. Station House Officer Munir Khan said he, along with Sub Divisional Police Officer of Banihal More on P6

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4 Skills That Are **Essential At Every Point In Your Career**

Diana Shi | Fast Company

Part of being a young professional is responding to new challenges. To do this, you must rely on different problem-solving abilities. But there are certain soft skills that can help you succeed at just about every step of your career.

Since the start of the pandemic, there has been a greater emphasis on these soft skills, which include curiosity and team workabilities that can't necessarily be clearly defined as

Julie Lee, a clinical psychologist and a dean at Brown University, says these sorts of soft skills are becoming increasingly relevant due to the changing workplace. She says that some experts have theorized that the pandemic sped up automation and more technical abilities, which are causing companies to reevaluate what skills are necessary for future work.

Further, "interpersonal and psychosocial skills," are more in demand because they're needed to operate remote businesses, Lee says. Distributed teams must collaborate digitally, which has increased the importance of such skills as communication and emotional intelligence.

"Companies may be realizing that those soft skills, once considered optional, have become necessary to sustain the workforce's collaboration and creativity when workers are not physically working sideby-side full time," Lee says. Recent research from the CFA Institute, a nonprofit offering education to the investment industry, points to how technical skills can serve employers well, early in their careerbut to progress and grow beyond an entry-level job, workers must tap into soft skills, leadership skills, and a combination of deep and generalist knowledge. Here are four skills and

WILLINGNESS TO LEARN Lee says maintaining a sense of curiosity early in your professional journey is key. Young profession-als who exhibit a desire to learn new specialities can broaden their mindset and stoke passions and creativity. "Every opportunity can be an opportunity for insight and learning," she says. "Even a search that does not lead to a job offer can be seen . . . as an oppor-

traits that can serve you at

every step of your career:

tunity to learn about a new company, role, and one's ability and interest in the work

In a recent article for Fast Company, contributors To-Chamorro-Premuzic and Becky Frankiewicz wrote that when people with high levels of emotional intelligence encounter others with different views, they look for opportunity to learn versus getting defensive.

People with a curiosity to learn about new topics—as well as about new people-make an effort to listen and stay present in an exchange. "Wanting to be heard is a value we all desire, yet it requires working on the reciprocal behavior of listening and staying engaged," woite Chamorro-Premuzic and Frankiewicz. Seeking out an opportunity to understand another person (even if your perspectives do not align) almost always leads to a better end. This approach invites collaboration and harmony in the workplace, attributes that allow emotionally intelligent and curious people to thrive, no matter their role.

THE ABILITY TO LEVERAGE **CONNECTIONS**

In the workplace of tomorrow, noticing and leveraging connections in your network will be a special skill. People with this ability are good at observing the strengths of others. They might notice that a certain person in their network would suit a particular position perfectly and possesses the skills necessary to build a super team of collaborators.

People who are adept at leveraging connections may show a strength in motivating and influencing others. For workers aspiring to leadership roles, the ability to recognize others' strengths, find them a role in your team, and then build a dynamic and collaborative unit will be a significant strength. This is also an especially important skill in today's economy, given how hard hiring and retention has been lately for many managers.

STRONG COMMUNICATION **SKILLS**

No matter how the workplace evolves, the ability to communicate effectively will always be critical. Strong communication is only becoming more important as remote work requires additional written communication.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

Office of the Executive Engineer Quality Control & Procurement Division,

HMT, Srinagar

CORRIGENDUM-I

Extension of dates for Various mechanical repairs to the Departmental Subject: trucks (Eicher Goods Truck HCV) bearing Registration No: JK01P-1705 &

1. This office NI eT No: PHE/QC&PD/17 of 2022-23/e-Tender Dated: 05-08-2022

Due to poor response, the above referred e-tender is hereby re-scheduled as

	J	jouows:			
	1	Clarification End Date	18-08-20223.00PM		
	2	Document Downloading End Date	21-08-20223.30PM		
	3	On Line Document Submission End	22-08-202211.00AM		
	3	Date			
	4	Date of opening of Cover 1st.	22-08-20222.30PM		

No: PHE/QC&PD/1529-32 Dated: 16-8-22

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-sd/= Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE (QC&PD), HMT Srinagai

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER Awantipora Forest Division Awantipora

e-NIT NO: - 07 of 2022-23DATED:- 11-08-2022

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu &Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following works: - Name of Work: - Beating Up of Casualties (BUC) by carrying out afforestation by means of Planting of Conifer Plants, Broad Leaved Plants, Fruit Plants and Medicinal Plants

Particulars of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) (Rs.in Lakh)	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Docu- ment (Rs.)	Time of completion
Planting of saplings in pits of size 45cmx45cmx45cm within the available blanks of					
dentified site including extraction//lifting /carriage of plants from different nurseries	5				
of Forest Department by mechanical transport within a maximum lead of 100 Kms	19.01 lacs	0.3802	"B&C" Class PWD	800	One calenda
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. Comptt. 17/L Lam Tral Range			Contractor		
i)Conifer Plants=6388 No.'s,					
ii) Broadleaved Plants=4538 No.'s					
iii) Medicinal Plants= 413 No's					
. Comptt. 20/N Naristan Tral Range					
i)Conifer Plants= 6588 No.'s,					
ii) Broadleaved Plants=4950 No.'s					
(iii) Medicinal Plants= 825 No's					
3. Comptt. 6/P Panzova Tral Range					
i)Conifer Plants=6588 No.'s,					
ii) Broadleaved Plants=4950 No.'s					
iii) Medicinal Plants= 825 No's					
. Comptt. 1c/Karamulla Tral Range					
i)Conifer Plants=8550 No.'s,					
ii) Broadleaved Plants=5500 No.'s					
i. Comptt. 31/WLSC/Gosannard Pampore Range					
i)Conifer Plants=4380 No.'s,					
ii) Broadleaved Plants=2722 No.'s					
iii) Medicinal Plants= 495 No's					
5. Comptt. 29/P Pastuna Tral Range					
i)Conifer Plants=7350 No.'s,					
ii) Broadleaved Plants= 2970 No.'s					
iii) Medicinal Plants= 1238 No's					
7. Comptt. 5/K Kehlil Tral Range					
(i)Conifer Plants= 1223 No.'s, (ii) Broadleaved Plants=1619 No.'s					

(ii) Broadleaved Plants=1619 No.'s (iii) Medicinal Plants= 413 No's Note: Plant material shall be supplied departmentally The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.O), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen downloaded from the Websit Position of Funds: Budgeted Position of AA:Accorded

Position of TS: Accorded **Publishing Date:** 11-08-2022 12-08-2022 from 07:00 PM Download Start Date:

12-08-2022 from 07:00 PM 16-08-2022 Working hours Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Awantipora Forest Division Bid submission Start Date: Bid submission End Date: 25-08-2022 Up to 06:00 PM 26-08-2022 at 02:00 PM in the office of the office of Conservator of Forests Kashmir South Circle Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online: Biibehara Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online: To be opened (Online) after technical evaluation is completed. Date will be notified separately. **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website: https://jktenders.gov.in. Bidders are advised to download bid submission man ual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act. Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.

2. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work

scribed and addressed to Divisional Forest Officer. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.

The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form.Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

4. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e BSD Form, Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2021-22, PAN, Valid GSTRegistration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document).affidavitnotarised, undertaking, Tender application form.

The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).

The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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Sd/-Regional Director, RCFC North II, SKUAST-Kashmir No. Au/FoA/RCFC/2022/Camp-304 Dated. August 17, 2022



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In a First, Gaming Store **Inaugurated In City**

Observer News Service

Service: In a first, the city's first gaming store was inaugurated at Regal Chowk on Wednesday.

The "ASUS GAMING GADGETS STORE" offers a wide range of Gaming Laptops, hardware consoles and accessories.

the city and help grow digital gaming in Srinagar.

Owner of the store said that their focus is going to be gaming customers, innovators and vloggers.

The store in addition to offering gaming laptops, it offers ROG, Zenbooks and a wide range of accessories as well.

With the number of youtubers and gamers increas-



The opening of the ASUS store is expected to boost sales of gaming gadgets in ing by the day, the demand for gaming laptops and cameras has also increased.

Conference On Reproductive Health And **Disease Begins At KU**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan on Wednesday inaugurated a national-level conference on 'Reproductive Health and Disease'.

The day-long conference was organised by the varsity's Department of Biotechnology under the aegis of the ICMR-Centre for Advanced Research.

Addressing a galaxy of academics and scientists. Prof Nilofer said such important conferences would offer newer insights to young researchers and students about the advancements made in the fields of reproductive health and disease which concern the wellbeing of the society at large.

She said undertaking societal research is one of the focus areas of the University of Kashmir to create a robust 'research culture' interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary re-

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search offers solutions to some of the pressing social and environmental issues that J&K is faced with.

We look forward to this department, which is very important in our University, to undertake more national and international collaborative works," she said.

Two world-renowned scientists, Padma Shree awardees Prof R.N.K Bamzai and Prof M.L. Madhan were the guests of honour at the inaugural session.

In his special address, Prof Bamezai called upon academic institutions to pool resources and expertise to do 'good science'.

"The responsibility of any society towards its future is to ensure physical, emotional, behavioural and social wellbeing of its citizens. Building a nation and its future therefore requires a reproductively-healthy society so that future progeny is a dividend, not a burden,' Prof Bamezai said



Police Warns Of 'Legal Action' If HSNP Not Affixed In Vehicles

Observer News Service

Srinagar- In the backdrop of a 'chance encounter' at Nowhatta here recently, Police on Wednesday warned of "legal action" against those motorists who fail to ensure both front and rear High Security Number Plates (HSNP) in their vehicles.

The police also asked people to check from the nearest police station credentials of person(s) with whom they enter into any deal regarding sale or purchase of the vehicles including two-

"In light of investigations into usage of vehicles for transport by (militants), all owners are requested to install HSNP on both front and rear of vehicles (in all the two wheelers also) as mandated by Motor Vehicles Act," police said in a statement. Non-compliance will lead to legal action including seizure of such vehicle, it said.

"Further all persons selling, renting or providing vehicles (two wheelers included) are also requested to verify credentials of such buyer/user from near-

est police station before handing over vehicle," the police said, adding, "Ignorance of procedures will not be an excuse if such vehicle(s) is/are found with subversive element."

A police officer said that in the "chance encounter" at Nowhatta Srinagar it was seen that HSNP was not present on front side and rear was smeared with mud. He said the scooty used in Nowhatta incident was sold by Umar motors to one active militant Momin Gulzar for

Venomous Viper Found Inside A Home In Balhama, Rescued

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a rare incident, a nearly 4-foot-long Levantine viper was found inside a home in Balhama, which left the family members in a state of shock.

Later, the Wildlife SOS Rapid Response Unit rescued the highly venomous snake and it is currently under observation.

Officials said that on Tuesday night residents of a household in Balhama, were shocked to find a 4-foot-long Levantine viper in the verandah of their home. On spotting the snake, the family

immediately alerted the Wildlife SOS Rapid Response Unit, which works round-the-clock to save wild animals in distress.

The Wildlife SOS team travelled nearly 35 km with the requisite equipment and protective gear to conduct the rescue. By the time they had reached the location, the snake had slithered behind a shoe rack and a crowd had gathered.

After quelling the crowd, the team extricated the snake with the necessary precautions and put it into a safety box.

The reptile is currently under observation and will soon be released back into its natural habitat, Wildlife Team officials said.

Aaliya Mir, Education Officer and Programme Head- J&K, Wildlife SOS informed, "Levantine vipers are known to be aggressive in nature. They are capable of lightning fast strikes when provoked and will give out a warning hiss before striking. In this case, the rescue went smoothly since we exercised extreme caution and had informed the members of the household to not panic and keep their distance. As a result, the viper was calm and we were able to safely extricate the snake.



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This Day In History

- 293 BC The oldest known Roman temple to Venus is founded, starting the institution of Vinalia Rustica (grape harvest festival)
- 1217 First historical record of Scottish scholar Michael Scot, signs and dates his translation of al-Bitruji's "On the Sphere" in Toledo, Spain
- 1564 Spanish King Philip II joins Council of Trente
- 1587 Saul Wahl is elected King of Poland, according to legend.
- 1605 Spanish army under of general Spinola conquers Lingen
- 1769 A lightning strike on the Bastion of San Nazaro in Brescia, Italy, ignites 90 tonnes of gunpowder, killing 3,000 people
- 1864 Battle of Petersburg: Battle of Weldon Railroad day 1 of a 3 day battle
- 1868 French Astronomer Pierre Janssen dis-
- covers helium in solar spectrum during eclipse 1914 - French troops under general Dubail occupy Sarrebourg
- 1924 France begins withdrawing troops from
- 1925 Belgium & US sign treaty about war debts 1940 - Battle of Britain: The air battle known as "The Hardest Day" occurs; Luftwaffe lose approximately 69 aircraft and the RAF lose 68 in one of the largest ever air battles
- 1945 Sukarno elected 1st President of Indonesia by the Preparatory Committee for Indonesian Independence (PPKI) 1964 - Charles Helu elected president of Leba-
- 1964 South Africa banned from Olympic Games because of apartheid policies
- 1964 USSR launch 3 Kosmos satellites
- 1971 New Zealand Prime Minister Keith Holyoake announces in Parliament that New Zealand's combat force would be withdrawn from Vietnam before the end of the year, coinciding with a similar announcement by the Australian government
- 1976 USSR's Luna 24 soft-lands on Moon
- 1979 Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini demands Saint War against Kurds
- 1979 USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinsk USSR
- 1985 Suisei Launch (Halley's Comet Flyby)
- 2008 President Of Pakistan Pervez Musharaf resigned due to pressure from opposition.
- 2013 6 people are killed by a bomb blast on a bus in West Bengal, India

From KO Archives

Israel Rushed Arms To India During Kargil Crisis

Agence France Presse

EL AVIV- Israel agreed to speed up shipments of arms and military equipment to India during the recent crisis with Pakistan over Kashmir, the influential Hebrew daily Haaretz reported Thursday. The Israeli move came in response to a request from

New Delhi and the Indian government expressed its appreciation, the daily said without elaborating on the equipment

All the orders had been placed before the May clashes in Kashmir between Indian troops and Muslim guerrillas. New Delhi charged were backed by Pakistani troops, the paper

Israel and India have maintained close military ties in recent years- the commander of Indian ground forces, Prakash Malik, visited Israel in May 1998 after the two governments named military attaches to their respective embassies the previ-

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KO VIEW

Travel Boom

etween January and June, Jammu and Kashmir witnessed arrivals of around 10.6 million tourists. Up to 10,000 people mostly from other parts of India — are arriving on some 100 flights a day to the airport in Srinagar. But the tourist number is not only disproportionately higher than the last year but a record in the last decade. Official figures show that just over 41,000 people visited Kashmir in all of 2020. Most hotels are booked through the summer with tourist resorts like Gulmarg, Pahalgam, and Dal lake attracting the most tourists. However, the UT government has now increased the options for tourists by developing more resorts. For example, Aharbal, Yusmarg, Tosamaidan, Gurez, historic old city in Srinagar are finding a prominent place on the tourist map of Kashmir. These places need further development of tourist infrastructure and also wider publicity for people to visit.

A combination of factors has made the tourism boom possible: One, there is this perception across the country that after the revocation of Article 370 J&K has been fully integrated into India. Second, Covid-19 fallout which severely reduced the options to go abroad and third the ongoing sweltering summer in mainland India which has forced people to escape to colder places like Kashmir. The Tourism department has said that an advertising campaign across major Indian cities and the opening of new destinations were also attracting more tourists.

Tourism, one of the mainstays of the Kashmir economy, is one of the sectors that has been hit the hardest over the two years following the abrogation of Article 370 with successive Covid -19 lockdowns also crushing the sector. As a result, a large section of people was largely without employment. Their savings have already been depleted. This includes also the people associated with tourism. In 2021, many cases of suicides and suicide attempts took place as a result. The major cause of suicide attempts was financial distress in the families caused by the turmoil of the preceding two years and also by the extended successive lockdowns.

The tourism sector forms 6.8 percent of Kashmir's GDP and employs two million people. The sector has the potential to shore up our beleaguered economy. Here's hoping that things improve from hereon. The waning pandemic has created conditions for unhindered tourism in the Valley. This is also the hope of the people associated with the tourist sector. There is reason to believe that there are no more Covid waves. Tourists could thus continue visiting Kashmir and help resuscitate the economy and generate jobs.

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On Unabated Caste Violence

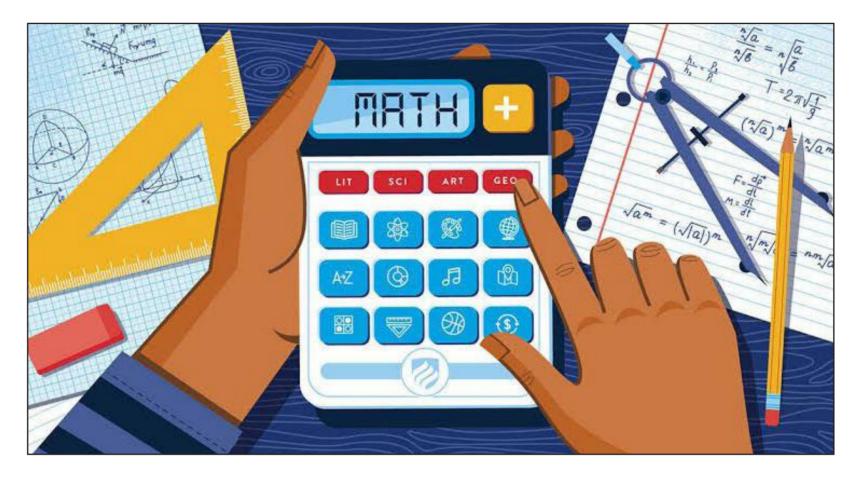
he FIR in the case should be read as a sobering reality check on the terrible inequalities that continue to afflict and debilitate the nation as it aims to become the "destination," where as Prime Minister Narendra Modi said from the ramparts of Red Fort, "aspirations are met". "Indra was a child. He didn't know that the matki (earthen pot) that he drank from had been kept separately for the savarna jati (upper caste) teacher"... "the teacher abused him with casteist slurs and beat him up, resulting in internal injuries", the FIR says. These words should prick the nation's conscience, and remind policymakers of unmet promises and unfinished tasks, as India begins the "Amrit Kaal" to the centenary of its Independence. The Ashok Gehlot government must ensure that due processes are

rolled out swiftly and surely to provide justice in this case. That casteist violence is a grim lived reality — at odds with $India \hbox{'s constitutional principles} - \hbox{for a large section of the coun-}$ try's Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities is borne out by numerous reports and surveys. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data show that a crime was committed every 10 minutes against a person from an SC community in 2020. Rajasthan along with Bihar, UP and Madhya Pradesh accounts for two-thirds of such crimes though these four states constitute about 40 per cent of the country's population. Cases registered in Rajasthan under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act went up from around 6,000 in 2018 to more than 8,500 in 2020. Worryingly, the conviction rate in the state in such cases has gone down in these four

years — from 11 per cent in 2016 to less than 8 per cent in 2020. From the lack of enabling measures that force thousands of SC &ST students to drop out of institutions of learning every year to the persecution that can drive a young scholar like Rohith Vemula to take his own life, the discrimination faced by Dalit youth is endemic and deeply ingrained. Swift action in the case of the atrocity at Jalore will signal the state's resolve to stamp out the oppression that bedevils the aspirations of its young. That should also be an urgent imperative for a nation aspiring to be a knowledge hub.

The Indian Express

Find Mathematics Education in Mathematics Curriculum



Firdous Ahmad Mala

Over a course of more than a decade of mathematics teaching at elementary, school and higher levels, it has dawned upon me that merely perfecting mastery over the content we teach is not going to make our teaching desirably better. We need to embrace Mathematics education and learn the tricks of the trade before we torrent theorems and exercises at our students

athematics among several other endeavours that have shaped the current state-of-the-art in science and technology. While, on the one hand, mathematics holds a key position in any curriculum, on the other hand, imparting mathematics instruction has remained a headache for almost all institutions, even at the university level

It is not uncommon to find mathematicians not adept at the science of imparting instruction in mathematics. Charles Dodgson, aka Lewis Carroll, the author of Alice in Wonderland and Looking Through the Glass is reported to have found teaching extremely daunting. The prince of mathematics, Carl Friedrich Gauss is reported to have hated teaching for he believed that this way students robbed him of his precious time. He is later reported to have started enjoying it when the quality of students improved.

One of the finest mathematical brains of our time, Grigori Perelman who declined to accept the Fields Prize after cracking one of the hardest problems in mathematics, the Poincaré Conjecture has been reported to have quit his position at the Steklov Institute in 2005 because he finds mathematics a painful topic to discuss.

This situation is grim and disheartening. Those who have had the chance to watch the movie, The Beautiful Mind might remember how awful a teacher John Nash was depicted to have been at Princeton. The fact remains that all good scholars are not good teachers. In fact, some excellent scholars and researchers, such as those mentioned above have proved to be pathetic at instruction and dissemination of information.

Is there a cure? A remedy? Perhaps, yes.

Calculus, Analysis, Combinatorics and Geometry are not all there is to mathematics. In the

words of Ian Stewart, one of the finest popularizers of mathematics of the time, "During the past fifty years, more mathematics has been created than in all previous ages put together". Given the quantum of research articles produced every year and the dismal situation of instruction in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), the question of didactics becomes a highly serious issue and concern in mathematics. We are in dire need of exceptional teachers. For that, we need to introduce or embrace Mathematics Education and find a respectable place for it in our already-vague-andconfusing curriculum of mathematics. Mathematics Education is the practice of teaching and learning mathematics, alongside the associated research. It is the knowledge of how, what, when, where and why of teaching math-

In 2015, a project called the INDRUM (International Network for Didactic Research in University Mathematics) was established the primary aim of which is to contribute to the development of research in mathematical didactics at all levels of university education. In the three INDRUM conferences held thus far in 2016, 2018 and 2020, a decent exchange of ideas has taken place and a lot of good quality research has been shared in this regard. In a recent 2021 Springer publication titled "Research and Development in University Mathematics Education," several key points of these INDRUM conferences have been put in understandable words that may help us distinguish mathematicians from mathematics educationists.

One particular research discussed in this book is regarding the current status of didactics in mathematics in some countries including Australia, and the USA. In Australia, there is a clear divide between mathematicians and mathematics educators. This divide, however, does not exist in

the USA. As a matter of fact, in the United States, mathematics education positions and one-third of the doctoral programmes are offered in Mathematics Education. The Aussies, however, are now beginning to understand the way forward. They are rectifying the mistakes and acknowledging that Mathematics Education is becoming indispensable and urgent.

The condition of our HEIs is disappointing. Each academic year, hundreds if not thousands of postgrads are handed degrees with which they hardly know what to do. They are hardly acquainted enough with the subject to become good instructors given that the forerunners are themselves not deep-rooted in the ins and outs of instruction.

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Unfortunately, teaching positions are decided based on how well someone has done in academics and research and not on an assessment of how much the candidate is in love with the subject. In the words of M. E. Sangster, "No one should teach who is not in love with teaching".

The art of instruction is holier and harder to master than reaching a scholarly position bereft of skills and compassion. It takes a big heart to shape little minds.

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Capacity Building And Training For Women's Safety

HE advancement of women and the achievement of equality between women and men is a matter of human rights and should not be viewed in isolation as a women's issue for social justice. They are the only way to create a sustainable, just, and developed society. However, persistent patriarchal mentality and prejudice against gender equality will lead to poor recognition of women's rights; As it has been behind.

Regarding the deep-seated bias and poor recognition of women's rights in India, the Economic Survev 2018 noted that the desire for a male child has given birth to 21 million "unwanted" girls between 0 and 25 years old in India. According to the latest health index released by

the NITI Aayog, India's sex ratio at birth has declined in 17 of the 21 large states. This indicates a failure in the country's ability to curb female selective abortions after illegal sex disclo-

As recently as March 2020, there were cases of infanticide in Usilampatti, Tamil Nadu.The deeply ingrained bias ironically suggests that it exists against genuine equality between both men and women. According to PISA test data, the notion that "boys are better at math" is unfounded. Yet this belief still exists. Crimes against women increased from 3,793 per million in 2016 to 3,886 per million in 2017, according to the NCRB report. Uttar Pradesh topped the list with 56,011 cases followed by Maharashtra.

In the corporate world, women still earn an average of 79 percent of men, who hold only 5 percent of the Fortune 500 CEO positions and represent an average of 17 percent of global board positions. Women lack access to informal networks that provide opportunities to work in high-profile projects, including attending conferences abroad or job opportunities. Early marriage, with or without the consent of the girl, is a form of violence, as it impairs the health and autonomy of millions of girls.

It is important to develop and implement policies that promote gender equality by creating and enforcing laws to protect women, as well as marriage, divorce and custody laws, inheritance laws, and the elimination of discrimination against women

in property ownership. For financial freedom, improving access to paid employment to women and ensuring equal pay for equal work is extremely important.

However, women-centric development plans have been made due to gender-based budgets. The plan for safe cities to improve crime monitoring data collection system on violence against women and use of Nirbhaya Fund for better protection of women. Capacity building and training of service providers and law enforcement officers to handle cases of violence against women is of utmost importance at the nationwide level for women's safety.

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THESMARTSPY

YOUR SMART DEVICE IS SPYING ON YOU



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Jake Peterson

t this point, it's obvious that our smartphones and computers are data-leakers. Plenty of us now cover our laptops' webcams (although we always forget about the mics), while our smartphones track our locations with us wherever we go. Unfortunately, these tools are so indispensable in modern life, we accept the privacy hit in order to function with the rest of society, and do what we can to keep our data secure.

However, it isn't solely these infamous devices that intrude on our lives. Just about any device that connects to the internet poses some privacy and security risk to your life. Smart TVs, lights, refrigerators, vacuums, locks, thermostats, maps services, air conditioners, switches, even faucets: If it has "smart" in the title, it likely has a spying problem.

Not all risks are created equal, mind

Not all risks are created equal, mind you, but it's impossible to use a device designed by a third-party to reach out to another network without exposing yourself to some degree. What determines the degree, however, is both the intent of the maker of the smart device, as well as the unintended consequences of their work. I'll explain.

Let's start with the former: Any company that makes a device that connects to the internet, or that connects to a second internet-ready device, makes a decision on how to respect your privacy. Usually, the respect is minimal to none: It's not surprising to discover that a smart device by default is tracking at least some data and sending it back to the developer, or sharing with third-parties for ad purposes.

Sometimes, we don't know about these data leaks until they're reported by whistleblowers, such as when we learned Apple contractors were listening in on people's lives through snippets of Siri recordings. However, you can take a peek into at least some of the data devices and companies are stealing from you through the device's settings.

Dive into the smart device's settings

Most smart devices work by connecting to your smartphone, or more specifically, an app on your smartphone. That might be your smartphone's built-in home app, like the Home app on iPhone or Google Home on Android, or a third-party app, such as Smart Life. Not only do these apps allow you to customize and control the many smart devices powering your smart home, they also contain the privacy and security settings your smart device's developer shipped it with. And, boy, can these settings be telling.

I'll offer myself up as an example for this piece. I don't have too many smart devices in my home, but I do enjoy a series of smart lights. While I've had these lights and their connected third-party app for years now, I somehow never dove into the privacy settings to see what options I could adjust. The first option? "Data Analysis: Allow us to collect data related to product usage."

Oh, sure. Fine. "Data." Whatever that means. When the description is as vague as this statement, my lights could really be handing over anything: The developer could simply be tracking when the lights turn off and on, or they could be recording anytime my phone connects to their network, letting them know when I enter my home and when I leave. Really, the scope is endless, and I don't like it. It goes without saying, but this setting is now disabled.

Another setting I now make sure is turned off is, "Personalization: Allow us to recommend content to you through ads and notifications." I have absolutely no need for this smart home app to take in my data and attempt to sell me ads based on my light usage. Bye.

From a privacy perspective, these settings pages are essential to comb through if you want to limit the amount of data you're feeding your smart home. Don't forget to check the systems setting for the app as well: On iPhone, for example, you need to go to the app's name in Settings to find additional privacy settings, including network connections like Bluetooth, Local Network, and Cellular Data. If I could, I would disable all these connections for my smart lights,

but then, unfortunately, I wouldn't be able to adjust my lights from my phone, defeating the purpose. (Although I don't give them my location, so that's something, right?)

That brings up an important point, though: In order for many of these devices to work properly, you have to give up some privacy. It's a feature, not a bug: Your smart thermostat, for example, won't let you adjust the temperature on your way home from work if you can't communicate with it from your phone. The same principle applies to any IoT device that needs a connection to another device to function.

If you don't want to sacrifice that privacy, that's totally valid, but a smart home likely isn't the way to go for you.

Smart TVs are an exception, here, of course: They are the device, and don't rely on a smartphone or an app to function. In that case, you'll scroll through the settings on the TV itself to make sure your security it as tight-knit as possible. Pay close attention to settings that track everything you watch, known generally as ACR. You can follow our guide here to learn more.

Of course, these settings pages aren't tell-alls: Many devices likely leak data we don't know about, and companies are more than happy to offer us no way to control it. However, if we're going to commit to a smart home, the less data we hand over, the better.

Smart devices are targets for hacking

It's not just privacy that's a concern here, though: Smart devices also pose a risk to your security. Any device connected to the internet offers a gateway to hackers into your life. Consider how hackers were able to break into Target's systems using the company's smart thermostats as an entry point. Now think about the smart thermostat sitting in your living room: Even if the developer doesn't mean to create a device that's easily hackable, unpatched vulnerabilities in their code make it a possibility.

Even worse, consider the data hackers could snag depending on the device. Hacking your smart lights is one thing, but breaking into a smart speaker to listen in on all your conversations, or a smart camera to watch all your conversations is another matter entirely. Even something as innocuous as a smart light shouldn't be ignored, since sophisticated attacks can use the smart light's connections to break into your network as a whole.

If possible, keep your devices disconnected from your main network. If you can keep them only communicating with your phone, rather than the general wifi, that can help prevent these attacks (on an iPhone, that means keeping Bluetooth and Local Networks enabled and disabling wifi). However, since many of these devices require an internet connection to function, the best thing to do is go for reputable brands with a history of good security. That said, consumers aren't often the targets of such hacks, but since it's at least possible, it's something to consider.

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MICHAEL GROTHAUS

have a love-hate relationship with food. I love it; it generally hates me. Matter of fact, I love food so much that until a few years ago, I was extremely overweight. So overweight that I invented a piece of health tech to help me lose 80 pounds. It worked, and since then I've remained a healthy weight primarily by making sure I count my calories, don't overeat, and get regular exercise.

And for the most part, it's been smooth sailing, and I even eat whatever I want most of the time: fish, chicken, pasta, diet soda, fruity yogurts, and a sweet snack once a day like a bag of M&M's or a brownie. I also love my daily coffee with a few packets of sugar. A calorie is a calorie, right? As long as I don't go above 2,000 calories a day, I know I won't gain weight and I'll remain a generally healthy person.

When I recently mentioned my weight loss and current daily dietary intake to a doctor friend of mine, I expected her to congratulate me on my success. And though she did, she also cautioned me that while my daily calorie levels were something to continue, she was worried I was getting too much refined sugar in my diet. As she knows I have an interest in not only maintaining a healthy weight but in mental fitness as well, she pointed out that study after study shows how bad refined sugar is for both our waistlines and our brains.

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She explained that eating too much refined sugar-which is found in most sweets, sodas, white breads, and pastas, virtually all "fat free" and "low fat" snacks, fruit juices, yogurts, energy drinks, most Starbucks drinks (including many coffees), sauces (ketchup, BBQ

sauces, mayo, pasta sauces), and countless other packaged foods-has now been shown to make us cranky, make us make rash decisions, and make us stupid. My friend's point was clear: Just because I'm thin and my blood tests show no sign of diabetes, it doesn't meant the amount of refined sugar I'm eating isn't negatively effecting my health.

Refined sugar's addictive effect on the

brain is more powerful than cocaine.

Still, I found it hard to believe the refined sugar I was eating at every meal could really effect my cognitive abilities so much, so my friend said there was only one way to find out for sure: give up all refined sugar for two weeks to see if I noticed any changes.

And that's exactly what I did. The day I began my two-week refined-sugar-free diet, I thought it was mostly a pointless exercise, and that I would notice little, if any, differences. How wrong I was. By the time I finished, it was nothing short of a revelation.

revelation. THE REFINED-SUGAR-FREE DIET

Giving up refined sugar isn't easy from a practical standpoint. It's found in virtually all packaged foods and drinks and most food at fast food restaurants (a large Big Mac meal deal has 85 grams of sugar-236% of your daily allowance). That means if I were to escape refined sugar, I was going to have to spend more time at home cooking fresh foods than I was used to. Further, not only would I have to cut out my once-a-day sweet treat, but also all canned drinks (soda, energy drinks, and fruit juices), white breads and pastas, and those deceptively "healthy" yogurts with fake fruity sauces added for taste. I also gave up sugar and milk in my coffee.

nstead of all of the above, my refinedsugar-free diet for two weeks consisted of only fresh foods: fruits and vegetables, fish, chicken, and meat, and whole-grain pasta and rice. Most of these I already ate regularly-only side by side with foods

containing refined sugar.
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It's also important to note that for these two weeks I did not give up sugar entirely, only refined sugar. I ate plenty of natural sugar–those found primarily in fruits, and the ones that the body turns into glucose from the meats, fats, and carbohydrates we eat, which are a very important source of fuel for the body and, more importantly, the brain. Without the consumption of natural sugars, the body would not have enough fuel to survive for long

One last critical point: I didn't change my daily calorie intake during my twoweek journey. I stuck to eating between 1,900 and 2,100 calories a day, just as I do when I eat a diet with refined-sugar foods. I also kept to my normal exercise regimen. With everything set, I began a refined-sugar-free diet. Here's what I experienced.

MY MOODS AND FOCUS WENT ON A ROLLER COASTER RIDE

The first day I eliminated refined sugars from my diet, I thought it was going to be a cakewalk. I ate plenty of fruits, had fish for lunch, and a steak with a side of vegetables for dinner. I missed the sugar and milk in my coffee and I did miss my daily sugary treat—but it wasn't such a challenge giving them up.

Things changed radically on the second day. Even though I had had a filling

breakfast and lunch (two oranges, eggs, and whole-grain rice with vegetables), around 2 p.m. I suddenly felt like I had been hit by a truck. I felt foggy and had a headache, which never happens on my normal diet. This fogginess and the headaches continued intermittently for the next two to three days. During that time, I had intense cravings for both soda and sugary treats. On the third day, I actually got the shakes for a period of time. It was very, very hard not to have something

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"As you were not feeding your addiction, your brain was shouting out to have

sugar to satisfy its cravings," says Rebecca Boulton, a nutritional therapist who specializes in hormonal health and sugar cravings, whom I contacted to help me make sense of what was happening in my body. "This is a period of adjustment, and starts with the cravings being more

intense before they start to get better."

Intense? By the end of Day 4, I would have sold my dog for a brownie. The fogginess and lack of focus at one point got so bad, I was worried I wouldn't be able to concentrate on the stories I needed to file that week. I seriously considered having an energy drink "for the good of my health" (I resisted). Needless to say, the continuing brain fog and resulting lack of focus made me very irritable and even depressed. I became cranky and impatient, and was unable to concentrate on things for significant lengths of time.

"Your body was still having a hard time adjusting to the new foods and reduction in sugar," explains Boulton. "It is programmed to get energy from sugar, and it takes time to get used to getting it from a different source. It almost feels like a hangover as your body is getting used to the withdrawal of sugar."

But then on Day 6, something happened. The fogginess began to disappear along with the lingering headaches. The fruits I were now eating on a daily basis began tasting sweeter. By Day 8 or 9, I felt more focused and clear-headed than I had at any time in recent memory. This translated into greater productivity-for example, I was more engaged when interviewing sources for stories. I was better able to focus on what they were saying and could rapidly respond to their answers with new queries and reformulated ideas with a speed and clarity I've never possessed before. While reading a book or article, I felt like I absorbed more detail and information. In short, I felt smarter.

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MBS's Crackdown: A Saudi Mother **Sentenced For 34 Years For Tweeting**

MENA: A Saudi university student who had returned home for a vacation was sentenced to 34 years in prison for following and retweeting dissidents and activists on her personal Twitter account.

The sentence was handed down by Saudi Arabia's socalled "special terrorist court" just weeks after US President Joe Biden's visit to the Kingdom, which human rights activists warned could give Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) a green light to intensify his crackdown on dissidents and other pro-democracy activists.

The case poses evidence of how MBS has targeted Twitter users in his repression campaign, while also controlling a significant indirect stake in the US social media company through Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, the Public Investment Fund (PIF).

In MBS' playbook, Tweeting

Salma Al-Shehab, a 34-yearold mother of two, aged four and six, was initially sentenced to three years in prison for the "crime" of using an internet website to "cause public unrest and destabilize civil and national security."

However, an appeals court handed down the new sentence on Monday - 34 years in prison followed by a 34-year travel ban

- after a public prosecutor requested that the court consider other alleged crimes.

Shehab was not a prominent or particularly vocal Saudi activist, neither in Saudi Arabia nor in the United Kingdom.

On Instagram, where she had only 159 followers, she described herself as a dental hygienist, medical educator, PhD student at Leeds University, lecturer at Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, wife, and mother to her sons, Noah and Adam.

Her Twitter profile listed 2,597 followers. She regularly shared pictures of her young children and tweets about Covid burnout.

Shehab rarely retweeted posts from Saudi dissidents in exile calling for the release of political prisoners in the Kingdom.

The PhD student appeared to support the case of Loujain Al-Hathloul, a prominent Saudi feminist activist who was previously imprisoned and tortured for advocating for women's driving rights, and is now subject to a travel ban.

Someone who knew Shehab said she couldn't stand injustice. She was described as welleducated and a voracious reader who had moved to the UK in 2018 or 2019 to pursue her PhD at the University of Leeds.

She had returned to Saudi Arabia for a vacation in December 2020, intending to bring her two children and husband with her. moned her for questioning, and she was eventually arrested and tried for her tweets.

Of secret torture and oppressed revelations

In further detail, a person who followed her case revealed that Shehab had been held in solitary confinement at times and had sought to privately tell the judge details about how she had been treated that she did not want to reveal in front of her father during the trial.

She was not permitted to communicate the message to the judge, as per the source. Three judges signed the appeals verdict, but their signatures were illegible.

On its account, Twitter declined to comment on the case and did not respond to specific questions about Saudi Arabia's influence over the company, according to the Guardian.

It is worth noting that Twitter previously did not respond to questions about why a senior aide to MBS, Bader Al-Asaker, was allowed to keep a verified Twitter account with more than 2 million followers, despite US government allegations that he orchestrated an illegal infiltration of the company, leading to the identification and imprisonment of anonymous Twitter users by the Saudi government. A former Twitter employee has been convicted in the case by a

The Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, who owns more than 5% of Twitter through his investment company, Kingdom Holdings, is one of Twitter's most significant investors.

While bin Talal remains the company's chairman, his authority over the company was called into question by the US media, including the Wall Street Journal, after it was revealed that the Saudi royal - a cousin of the crown prince - had been held captive at the Ritz Carlton in Riyadh for 83 days.

The incident was part of a larger purge led by MBS against other members of the royal family and businessmen, which involved allegations of torture, coercion, and the expropriation of billions of dollars from Saudi Arabian coffers.

In May, Kingdom Holding announced that it had sold approximately 17% of its company to the PIF, of which bin Salman is chairman, for \$1.5 billion. As a result, the Saudi government is a significant indirect investor in Twitter. According to Twitter, investors have no influence over the company's day-to-day

"MBS's ruthless repression machine'

European Organization for Human Rights condemned Shehab's sentence, which it said was the longest was noted that many female activists had been subjected to unfair trials that resulted in arbitrary sentences, as well as "severe torture," including sexual harassment.

Khalid Aljabri, a Saudi living in exile whose sister and brother are detained in Saudi Arabia. said the Shehab case demonstrated Saudi Arabia's view that dissent equals terrorism.

"Salman's draconian sentencing in a terrorism court over peaceful tweets is the latest manifestation of MBS's ruthless repression machine," he said.

"Just like [journalist Jamal] Khashoggi's assassination, her sentencing is intended to send shock waves inside and outside the kingdom - dare to criticize MBS and you will end up dismembered or in Saudi dungeons."

While the case has received little attention, the Washington Post published a sarcastic editorial about Saudi Arabia's treatment of the Leeds student on Tuesday, stressing that her case demonstrated that the "commitments" the US President received on reforms were "a

"At the very least, Mr. Biden must now speak out forcefully and demand that Ms. Shehab be released and allowed to return to her sons, 4 and 6 years old. in the United Kingdom, and to resume her studies there," it read.

Israel, Turkey Restore Full Diplomatic Ties

Agencies

Prime Minister Yair Lapid and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan spoke on Wednesday and agreed on reinstating their respective ambassadors and general consuls, thus restoring full diplomatic ties.

Lapid said in a statement that "restoring ties with Turkey is an important asset to the stability of the region and bears great economic significance to Israel's citizens. "We'll continue working

and strengthening Israel's international standing in the world," Lapid said.

President Isaac Herzog also welcomed the renewal of diplomatic ties with Turkey, calling it an "important development."

Turkish foreign minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said the appointment of new ambassadors will begin in the next few days, and that it is a "positive step" in the relationship between the two countries. He added that Turkey will continue to protect the rights of Palestinians through its renewed relations with Israel.

Ankara and Jerusalem both withdrew their respective ambassadors following the U.S. recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital in 2018, following more than a decade of tensions between the two capitals, including over such incidents as the 2010 Mavi Marmara incident in which nine people were killed by Israeli troops on a Turkish

ship attempting to break the blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Yet despite the lack of highlevel diplomatic relations, Israel has retained several back-channel communication methods with Ankara, which was previously a close regional ally, and Erdogan had told Jewish leaders that his country's relationship with Israel is "vital for the stability of our region" and that "we must all work together to strengthen peace and stability in the Middle East."

Despite this, he and his associates kept up a steady stream of critical (and sometimes antisemitic) remarks, with Erdogan accusing Israel of "killing children and babies" as recently as last week. During his remarks, he stated that his administration's regional diplomacy and said ties with Israel "are back on track," and serve to "defend the rights of our Palestinian brothers and sisters."

Erdogan made efforts to renew diplomatic relations with Israel in the last two years, but was met with suspicion from Israeli officials. "A change of leadership in Israel was a needed in order to rehabilitate relations between Israel and Turkey," says Dr. Nimrod Goren, President of the Mitvim research institute for regional foreign policy. "Since June the two countries have engaged in a slow and careful process of improving their diplomatic relations," he added.

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People From Any

Checking of health parameters and obtaining the commission's permission for final publication and updating the database and printing of supplements was fixed for November 19 before the publication of final electoral rolls on November 25.

"The special summary revision of electoral rolls is taking place for the first time after January 1, 2019, and so we are expecting massive changes in the voter list given the fact that a large number of youngsters have attained the age of 18 or 18 plus over the past three years.

"After the abrogation of Article 370, many people who were not enlisted as voters in the erstwhile state of I&K are now eligible to vote and in addition, anyone who is living ordinarily can also avail the opportunity to get enlisted as a voter in J&K by the provisions of representation of the Peoples

Act," Kumar told reporters here. He said the projected population of J&K who are 18 plus are around 98 lakhs, while the number of enlisted voters is 76 lakh according to the last voter

"We are expecting an addition of 20 to 25 lakh new voters in the final list," Kumar said, adding the Booth Level Officers, Electoral Registration Officers, Assistant Electoral Registration officers, and District Election Officers have been sensitized to ensure that the final list will be "error-free" and will also cover all the eligible voters.

Kumar said there is no need for a person to have a domicile certificate of I&K to become a voter. "An employee, a student, a laborer, or anyone from outside who is living ordinarily in J&K, can enlist his or her name in the voting list. The documents will be scrutinized by the government officials concerned who will decide between being satisfied with the claim." He said like in the past, many residents of J&K who are working in armed forces and paramilitary forces and are posted outside the Union Territory have an option to get themselves registered as service voters and can avail of the facility of a postal ballot to register their choice at the time of the elections.

"Likewise, those from different parts of the country who are posted here have the option that if they are posted in a peace station they can enlist themselves as voters. Jammu is a peace station and anyone from outside posted in armed forces in the city can avail the option to enlist as a voter," he

He said after the delimitation commission submitted its report on May 5 and the union law ministry implemented the report on May 20, the number of assembly seats in J&K increased to 90.

"All the 90 constituencies have witnessed some sort of change... We are presently undertaking to map of old constituencies with new constituencies and it will be followed by the special summary revision (SSR)," Kumar said, expressing satisfaction over the

ongoing pre-SSR activities. He said 600 polling stations have been added and now the total number of polling stations across Jammu and Kashmir has gone up to 11,370.

Kumar said the commission is planning to undertake door-to-door campaigning and also organize special camps in educational institutions for the awareness of the eligible voters.

The chief electoral officer said provision has been made in the modified registration forms for linking Aadhaar numbers with electoral roll data, the objective of which is to establish the identity of electors and authentication of entries in the electoral roll.

He said the commission will issue new voter Identity cards which will have new security features.

About Kashmiri migrants residing outside the valley, he said there is already a special provision for the such displaced population to enable them to exercise their franchise.

"They (Kashmiri Pandit migrants) are registered as voters in their home constituencies Special camps are being organized for them at different places including Delhi, Jammu, and Udhampur for registration of new voters and all of them will be given the voter ID cards," he said.

He dismissed the notion that Rohingya Muslims, who have taken shelter in Jammu and other parts, can get themselves registered as voters. 'We have officers in place and they know their duty".

On the holding of assembly elections, he said the Election Commission of India is the authority that can decide on the timing of the polls.

Parties Fume

in its favour.

"Is the BJP so insecure about support from genuine voters of J&K that it needs to import temporary voters to win seats? None of these things will help the BJP when the people of J&K are given a chance to exercise their franchise," National Conference leader Omar Abdullah tweeted.

He was reacting to media reports which claimed that people who are ordinarily residing in Jammu and Kashmir -- for work, business or education -- can vote in the next assembly elections.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said the real aim of the process was to disempower the local population.

"GOIs decision to defer polls in J&K preceded by egregious gerrymandering tilting the balance in BJPs favour & now allowing non locals to vote is obviously to influence election results. Real aim is to continue ruling J&K with an iron fist to disempower locals, Mufti said.

People's Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone termed the move as "dangerous" and said it will be "disastrous".

"This is dangerous. I don't know what they want to achieve. This is much more than a mischief. Democracy is a relic especially in the context of Kashmir. Please remember 1987. We r yet to come out of that. Don't replay 1987. It will be as disas-

trous," Lone tweeted. There are allegations of mass rigging in the 1987 Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election that is believed to be one of the causes behind the rise of militancy in the erstwhile state in the 1980s.

Pakistani Militant

duo was shifted to a hospital for treatment, however, the injured militant succumbed to his injuries.

Meanwhile, police a statement said that an accused of Jammu had made revelations that a Pakistani prisoner Mohd Ali Hussain has been instrumental in drone droppings and is the main operative of LeT and Al Badr.

The statement reads that he was produced before court on production from jail and subsequently police remand

It reads that during sustained questioning the accused admitted his role in the Arnia weapon drop case and also disclosed two locations where the arms and ammunition dropped by drone had "In order to recover the weapons,

police team along with concerned magistrate went to the spot one after another. Though no recovery was made at the first place but at the second place namely Toph village, a packet of arms, ammunitions and explosives were recovered," it added.

It reads that when the packet was being opened, the accused attacked one of the police officials and snatched his service rifle and fired at the police party, while making an attempt to flee from the spot.

"In retaliation the accused got injured and was shifted to GMC Jammu along with the injured police official. The injured militant later succumbed to his injuries, while the dropped packet is being scrutinised with the help of bomb disposal squad," it reads—(KNO)

LG Lauds Courage

to the ITBP personnel with the DG of the force Dr Sujoy Lal Thaosen at Raj Bhavan here, an official spokesperson

He said that the critically injured will be airlifted to AIIMS trauma centre for advanced treatment. Pertinently, the spokesperson said,

the LG had visited the Army Hospital Srinagar on Tuesday to inquire about the well-being of ITBP personnel injured in the tragic road accident.

5 Of family

from Habib's sister Shahzada, a resident of Srinagar's Barzulla locality, wherein she expressed apprehension that her brother might have committed suicide as he was not answering her calls.

After reaching Habib's house, police found it bolted from inside and noticed a foul smell emanating from it. The doors of the house were broken down and four semi-decomposed bodies were found inside.

Local people informed police that the nearby house belonged to Sakina, a widow who originally hailed from Doda district and was living with her family. When the police reached the other

house, they found two more bodies there, the spokesman said, adding Prima facie, it appears to be a case of poisoning. It is being ascertained whether it is a case of forced poisoning or the victims committed suicide.

SSP Kohli also rushed to the spot and ordered a thorough probe into the incident. The bodies have been shifted to

Government Medical College and Hospital here for post-mortem examination. Kohli said. Relatives of the deceased reached

the hospital to identify the bodies. Habib was living in Jammu for the

past nearly 10 years. He was helping Sakina who was trapped in several court cases related to family disputes, Habib's uncle said.

However, Sakina's relatives accused Habib of not allowing them to meet her over the past four years.

He (Habib) had completely controlled my mother and other siblings, 17-year-old Magray's mother, who was waiting outside the mortuary of Government Medical College, said.

She said Habib had also once atcked her when she had gone to meet her son, and accordingly she had registered a case against him.

Demanding a prompt investigation into the incident, she said there was no reason for all of them to take the extreme step.

Kashmiri Family Cries

and one from Barzulla area of Srinagar. Fayaz Bhat, uncle of Noorul-Habib from Barzulla told Kashmir Observer that on Tuesday evening, Habib wasn't receiving their phone calls and they became apprehensive about his well-being.

"We reached out to neighbours and other relatives on the phone but there was no positive response. With no option left, we then approached the Sidhra police," Bhat said

He further added that after reaching the spot, the Sidhra police informed them about the death of Habib and other relatives. The family members of Habib then rushed towards Sidhra in the midnight.

Alleging some foul play, Bhat said that he knew Habib very well and was sure that he would not go to the extreme of killing himself. "We believe this is a clear case of

murder. The police is investigating the case and we have full faith on them (police)," Bhat added. Bhat recalled that Habib spoke to

his mother a few days ago and promised her that he would return home after a few days. "He didn't visit Kashmir for many

years and used to stay in Jammu. He told his mother that he was missing his relatives," Bhat added. According to him, Habib was working with an online banking firm in the United

States and used to work from home. Meanwhile, the police have formed a Special Investigation Team to unravel the mystery surrounding these deaths.

Police Arrest

identified by eyewitnesses and Sunil Kumar's cousin as the person who fired indiscriminately at him and his brother while they were working in the apple orchard on Tuesday.

Earlier this year, the Jammu and Kashmir Police had announced that it would start the process of "attachment of some immovable properties which have been used for purpose of terrorism as per section 2(g) and 25 of ULP Act (Unlawful Activities Prevention Act)" and asked people not to shelter or harbour militants/militant associates.'

Under this provision, all kinds of properties that have been derived or obtained from the commission of any militant act or intended to be used for a terrorist act can be seized.

Sunil Bhat's

sidelines of a function here.

He said stringent punishment will be handed out to those involved in the killing of Sunil Kumar. Militants shot dead the Kashmiri

Pandit and injured his cousin on Tuesday at an apple orchard in south Kashmir's Shopian district. According to police of militants belonging to the banned Al-Badar organisation, came to the

orchard in the morning and lined up everyone. After identification, they segregated Sunil Kumar Bhat and his cousin Pitambar Kumar Bhat aka Pintu Kumar

and shot indiscriminately on them

with their AK-47 rifles. According to eyewitnesses and Pitambar Bhat's statement, while one terrorist was firing indiscriminately, the other was capturing the horrific

incident on his smartphone. **Khadims Banned**

are severely limiting the ability of the Waqf Board to perform basic duties of charity and carry out activities for the upliftment of the poor and disadvantaged groups of the society, and also limit the ability of Waqf to provide different facilities to the Zaireen and carry out infrastructural improve-

ments at the Shrines" read the order. The order also mentions that such people were repeatedly warned to desist from these activities, as it also sends a very wrong signal to the Zaireen, who are repeatedly requesting J&K Waqf Board to take stern ac-

tion against such elements. Now therefore, "a complete ban is hereby ordered on all such unethical practices across the Shrines of J&K UT with immediate effect. Central Waqf Office shall also be verifying the claims of all those performing different religious activities within the Ziyarats of &K UT" reads the order.

The order directs executive officers, administrators and staff posted at shrines and mosques to impose the ban strictly.

"Any non-compliance of the order is immediately referred to the Central Office, so that a complete ban is ordered on the entry of such elements into pious and sacred places like Ziyarats," reads the order.

Meanwhile, the staff posted at shrines and mosques were also directed to paste notices along with helpline numbers at conspicuous places within Zivarats requesting the general public to inform them about such elements.

"Any dereliction or laxity shown by any employee in this regard shall be viewed seriously and shall invite immediate disciplinary action," the order adds.'

Militants Flee intensified the operation to track down the terrorists, who may be trying to find new targets in the area,

they said. Government forces and police have been put on high alert in view of movement of two suspected persons around Rajouri city, particularly around government forces area on

Tuesday, they said. Agencies also spotted two suspected persons, including one carrying a

bag, in CCTV footage, they said. On August 11, two militants had attacked an Army camp in Rajouri, killing four soldiers in a pre-dawn suicide strike that marked the return of fidayeen' to Jammu and Kashmir after

more than three years. Both the militants, believed to be from the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), were shot dead af-

ter an over four-hour gun battle. On May 8, a militant was killed as the Army foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Laam area of Rajouri district. There were several blasts in Rajouri district in April and May.

Police had busted two modules of the LeT instrumental in carrying out militant acts and ferrying dronedropped weapons from Pakistan to the Kashmir valley. They arrested five members of two militant modules.

Ex-MP Presents

prevalent in Jammu and Kashmir. The Lt Governor praised the work of the former MP in promoting the traditional values and culture of Jammu Kashmir and urged him to continue his endeavour of promoting the rich culture, and welfare of the people of the UT," he added.

Kashmiri Woman

and Medanta hospitals, Gurugram, Haryana, she said.

The woman, along with her husband and daughter, was coming from M-Block Market on foot when two bike-borne men wearing helmets came from behind and snatched her bag after which she stumbled and fell on the road, police said.

The bag contained a mobile phone, some IDs and an ATM card, they said. A purported video of the incident

also surfaced on social media. A case was registered under sections 379 (punishment for theft), 356 (assault or criminal force in attempt to commit theft of property carried by a person) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code and further investigation was taken up, a police official said.

CCTV footages in and around the area are being scanned and the stolen phone has been kept under surveillance, the DCP said.

Efforts are on to identify and nab the accused, she said. (PTI)

Landslide Kills 80

Nisar Khawaja, visited the spot. A police team and volunteers were assessing the situation, he added. (PTI)

Cong Leaders In Revamped J&K Unit Finalised After Consultations With Azad

Press Trust Of India

leader Ghulam Nabi Azad was finalising the names in the revamped Jammu and Kashmir ports that the former union minister was not on board.

The assertion came a day after Azad declined to head the Campaign Committee for Jammu and Kashmir after he was appointed to the post by party chief Sonia Gandhi.

Azad is a prominent member of the so-called 'G23' group within the Congress which has been critical of the leadership and has been seeking an organisational overhaul. He retired from the Rajya Sabha last year and was not renominated to the upper house by the Congress.

Sources in the party said there were four rounds of consultations held with Azad before finalising the revamped panels of the Jammu and Kashmir unit of the party and the last such consultation with party leaders was held on July 14.

They said that the names of party leaders in the revamped unit were decided from the list provided by Azad himself.

The sources also said that Azad was the chairman of the campaign committee when Saifuddin Soz was the president of the party's J&K unit.

Azad, the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir who **NEW DELHI:** The Congress on was also the leader of opposi-Wednesday said senior party tion in Rajya Sabha before he retired from the upper house, consulted several times before has declined to head the state campaign panel on grounds that he is a member of the party's unit of the party, rejecting re- all-powerful working committee and thus cannot a post at the

> state level now. Congress president Sonia Gandhi had on Tuesday appointed Azad as the party's campaign committee chief in the union territory

As part of a comprehensive revamp of the organisation in Jammu and Kashmir, Gandhi also appointed Vikar Rasool Wani, considered close to Azad, as the new IK unit chief.

Raman Bhalla was named as the working president of J&K Congress and Azad as champaign committee chief, with former PDP leader Tariq Hamid Karra as vice chief of the campaign panel.

Hours after the appointments were made public, sources said Azad declined to accept the offer.

The Centre is wanting to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir soon and the process of finalisation of electoral rolls is underway after the completion of the delimitation exercise.

Wani replaces Ghulam Ahmad Mir who had tendered his resignation in July after holding the

Cabinet Okays Widening Access Of TKDL Database To Users

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the "Widening access of the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) database to users, besides patent offices".

The opening up of the TKDL database to users is an ambitious and forward-looking action by the Government of India.

This will be a new dawn for Indian traditional knowledge, as the TKDL will drive research & development, and innovation based on India's valued heritage across diverse fields.

is also envisaged to inculcate and innovators to gainfully build thought and knowledge leader- enterprises based on our valuship through Bharatiya Gnana able knowledge heritage. Parampara, under the New Edu-

(TK) offers immense potential to healthcare (AYUSH, pharmaceutherewith providing societal and nutraceuticals), personal benefits as well as economic care, and other growth. For example, the tra- FMCG}, ditional systems of medicine search instituand wellness from our coun-tions: public try, namely Ayurveda. Siddha, and Unani, Sowa Rigpa, and Yoga are educational serving the needs of people from India and abroad even today. The educators recent COVID- 19 pandemic has also been witnessing extensive use of Indian traditional medicines whose benefits range from immune-boosting to symptomsrelief to anti-viral activity. Earlier this year in April, the World Health Organization (WHO) established its first off-shore Global Centre for Traditional Medi- among several cines (GCTM) in India.

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These demonstrate the continued relevance of traditional knowledge in address the current and emerging needs of the

The approval of the Cabinet to widen the access of the database beyond patent offices lays emphasis on integrating and co-opting traditional knowledge with current practices towards enhancing innovation and trade.

The TKDL will act as an important source of TK information for advancing knowledge and technology frontiers. The current contents of TKDL shall facilitate wider adoption of Indian traditional medicines, while also The opening up of the TKDL propelling new manufacturers

The TKDL can cater to a vast user base that would include Indian traditional knowledge businesses/companies {herbal serve national and global needs, ticals, phytopharmaceuticals,

> private; institutions: students; and others: practitioners, knowledge holders, patentees and their legal repregovernment, others.

Another Killing Rekindles Demand By KP Employees For Relocation



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JAMMU: Kashmiri Pandits servheld a massive protest against the killing of their community member in Shopian and demanded that the employees in Kashmir under the prime minister's package be relocated to Iammu in view of selective and targeted killings.

Militants belonging to the Albadr outfit shot dead a Kashmiri Pandit, Sunil Kumar Bhat, and injured his cousin Pitambar Kumar Bhat on Tuesday at an apple orchard in south Kashmir's Shopian district, which had seen similar attacks on the minority community in April. This casualty raised the number of targeted killings to 21 this year.

This is the second such attack on a minority community in the last 24 hours in the Valley. On Monday evening, suspected militants exploded a hand grenade at Gopalpora in Chadoora area of central district of Budgam, injuring one Karan Kumar Singh.

Tuesday's incident was a chilling reminder of the barbaric gunning down of a school principal Supinder Kaur last October. Hundreds of Kashmir-posted KP employees, who are on strike

and have been protesting for

past three months here in sup-

Relief Commissioner's office ing in the Valley on Wednesday and took out a rally to protest the fresh killing in the Valley. They were also joined by activists of various Kashmiri Pan-

dit organisations. Raising 'Bharat Mata Ki jai'

and 'Justice for KPs-relocation' slogans, they took out the protest rally and jammed the Tawi bridge on highway for hours. They sat on a dharna for two hours on the bridge. Police had to face a tough time to remove them from bridge and make the highway trafficable.

The protesters also briefly clashed with police who were forcibly evicting them from the bridge to restore the traffic.

"We have only one demand of relocation of our postings from Kashmir to Jammu as selective killings of Kashmiri Pandits continue unabated. We have been made sitting ducks for target practice of militants", a protesting employee, Sunil, told reporters here.

KP employees have rejected government's steps of grant of much delayed promotions, residential accommodations and postings in urban areas, reason-

ing that "security of life is prime".

port of their relocation to safer cannot commit deliberate suiareas in Jammu, assembled at cide by offering ourselves to terrorists to target and kill us. The government is forcing our genocide in the Valley", another person, Deepak Kumar, said.

Rajni, who was also among the protesting employees, said it is "better to die of hunger in Jammu than get killed by bullets of militants".

"Transfer us anywhere outside Kashmir. It is unsafe for us", she added.

Nearly 4,000 Kashmiri Pandits are working in different departments in the Valley after their selection under the prime minister's employment package.

They have been on an indefinite strike in support of their demand for their relocation outside the Valley since the killing of their colleague Rahul Bhat. Bhat was shot dead by militants inside his office in Budgam district of central Kashmir on May 12.

Hundreds of the employees have already returned to Jammu and are holding regular protests at the office of the relief commissioner, while their colleagues in the Valley are on protest at their camps, despite repeated attempts by the government to end the impasse "It is important for us to live by assuring their relocation to for children and parents. We safer zones within the Valley.

Lawyers' Strike Hits Work In Jammu Courts

Press Trust Of India

and its subordinate courts here in support of their demand. was affected Wednesday as protest in support of their dework within the court premises. for the association said.

The lawyers led by president of Jammu-chapter of J&K High their long-pending demand of grievances, the spokesman said.

Extension for the submission of Tenders

The last date for the submission of the tenders for the

Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for RO Water

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

AWANTIPORA, KASHMIR.

IAMMU: Work in the High Court in the district court complex here

most of the lawyers remained from work in all the courts includ- Tribunals (DRT), Armed Forces absent as part of their ongoing ing the High Court, district courts, Tribunal (AFT) and other tributribunals and commissions on acmand for shifting of all judicial count of the protest, a spokesman

Court Bar Association M K Bhard- construction of a multi-storey waj also staged a peaceful protest building for housing all the judicial work including registration work, Central Administrative "The Bar members abstained Tribunal (CAT), Debts Recovery

The lawyers' community has resolved to keep their protest go-The lawyers are protesting for ing on till the redressal of their 'AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV'

CBC Jammu Organizes 2 Day Multimedia Exhibition

Observer News Service

BASOHLI: The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Kathua, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India on Wednesday organized a two-day Multimedia Exhibition under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Block Development Council, Basohli, District Kathua at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Basohli. Besides teachers and officials of CBC, Jammu, the ex- is an initiative of Government hibition was attended by Gh- of India to transfer the dreams, ulam Abbas, Joint Director, CBC, hopes and expectations among J&K, J.S. Jamwal, Principal, JNV, Basohli, Shashi Gupta, Planning may know the struggle of free-Officer, ZEO Office and Bhushan dom fighters and boost their Shastri, Sr. Lect. GHSS Basohli.

two-day exhibition is to transfer free from economic and social the stories, events, highlights inequality. She urged the gathand struggle of unsung heroes ering to keep National Integraof independence struggle to the tion and Patriotism above all present generation especially other emotions. youth and children.

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, Kh- sage of visiting the exhibition.

ilafat Movement, Chauri-Chaura Incident, Dandi March or Namak Satyagraha, Azad Hind Fauj, Quit India Movement and partition of India

A special facet has also been put up to highlight the contribution of freedom fighters belonging to Jammu. Selfie corner, cut outs of national heroes and The exhibition was inaugu- 'New India Samachar' magazine rated by Sushma Jamwal, Chair- of Govt. of India are the main at-'New India Samachar' magazine traction for the youth.

Sushma Jamwal, BDC Chairman, Basohli, in her address said that 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' common masses so that they enthusiasm for building a new The aim of organizing this self-reliant (Atmanirbhar) India

J.S. Jamwal, Principal, JNV, The exhibition showcases Basohli appreciated the efforts India's struggle for freedom of CBC Jammu for organizing the through display panels. Major exhibition at JNV Basohli. It is an events of freedom struggle in- initiative through which present clude Revolt of 1857, Non- Co- day youth will find a connection operation Movement, Establish- with their freedom heroes, he ment of Home rule, Champaran said. He also appealed the visi-Satyagraha, Kheda Satyagraha, tors and locals to spread the mes-

Tribal Education Getting Prime Focus Under LG Led Admin

Govt Formulates Comprehensive Education Plan To Address Specific Needs Of Tribals

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The present LG led Administration is giving prime focus on the education which can be gauged from the fact that the department of tribal affairs, for the first time, initiated an exercise to assess the state of education viz a viz tribal education years. and literacy levels prevalent among the tribal population, an official spokesperson said Wednesday.

Based on such surveys, he said, a comprehensive education plan was formulated to ad- dren. Smart schools in tribal and dress specific educational needs remote areas being equipped of tribals besides efforts are being made by the Education can develop scientific temper in department to upgrade the edu- children and make them futurecational institutions across J&K. ready, besides arresting the

The Lieutenant Governor of dropout rate. J&K, Manoj Sinha, on November 25, launched the UT gov- partment under the guidance ernment's ambitious project of of Lieutenant Governor has laid transforming 200 schools into a strong foundation for tribal smart schools for tribal commu- education to address the gaps nities in Jammu and Kashmir at particularly in planning, inclua cost of Rs 40 crore.

The modernisation of schools erment viz a viz education.

started in two phases - the first 100 schools were transformed by March 2022 and the remaining are being done by December 2022. The LG also announced scholarships for 21,000 children from Gaddi, Sippi, Dard and Sheena communities who were deprived of the same for several

This was the historic beginning of a new era of educational empowerment of tribals in Jammu and Kashmir. The priority of present Government is to secure the future of tribal chilwith modern facilities which

Over last two years the desive development and empow-

sentatives, and

Science and Technology, Awantipora invited vide tender Notice No. IUST/Reg/P&S/AMC/22/319 dated 04-08-2022 is hereby extended up to 22-08-2022 (2.00 p.m). The other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain same. No. IUST/Reg_P&S/Ext_Tender/22/356 Dated: 16 -08-2022 Dy. Registrar (Procurement & Stores) DIPK-NB-3260-22

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

MECHANICAL HOSPITAL & CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR

CORRIGENDUM FOR EXTENSION

Subject:-

Comprehensive Maintenance contract for VRV/VRF System at Govt. PD Hospital, Srinagar from 10th August 2022 to 31st March 2023.

References:

This office e- NIT no: MHCHD/TS /2022-23/76/ e-tendering Dated 04.08.2022.

In view of poor response, the critical dates of above referred e-NIT are extended as follows

	S.No	Description	Date and Time		
	1. Last Date of Bid Submission		20.08.2022 (14:00 hrs)		
2. Date of Bid Opening		Date of Bid Opening	20.08.2022 (16:00 hrs)		

All the other terms and conditions will remain the same.

MHCHD/TS/4379-82 Dt:-16-08-2022 DIPK-8189-22

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** MHCH Division Srinagar.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER



NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

FRESH TENDER NOTICE: E-NIT NO: 52 OF 2022-23 DAT ED: 16.08.2022

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible bidders registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work:-

S. No	Name of work	Adv cost (Rs. in lacs)	Class of Contract	Earnest Money deposit	Cost of Tender documents	Administrative Approval No. & date	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4		5	7	8
1	Construction of Pavilion Block at TulibalSopore. (Balance Work) under Languishing.		DEE Class	Rs. 5,800/-	Rs. 200/-	Sports Council Order No: 602 of 2018 Dated: 17.10.2018	20 days

Position of Funds = (Committed Under Languishing) Position of TS Accorded.

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria, specification, Drawings, bill of quantities(B.O.Q) Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

2. Critical Dates Table

	1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice.	16.08.2022
2.		Period of downloading of bidding documents	16.08.2022 from 12.00 PM to 22.08.2022 upto 4.00 PM.
	3.	Bid Submission Start Date.	17.08.2022 from 10.00 AM
4. Bid submission End Date.		Bid submission End Date.	22.08.2022 upto 4.00 PM
	5.	Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)	23.08.2022 at 11.00 AM in the office of Ex. Engineer, Const. Division Kashmir, J&K Sports Council at Administrative Block. Bakhshi Stadium. Srinagar. (or any convenient date)

The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into the bank account by the bidder for which the following in

i can be used by the bidder. (No Demand Draft shall be entertained).					
1)Name of Bank	=	J&KBankLtd.			
2)Account Title =		Executive Engineer, Construction Div.Kmr,JKSC			
3)Account No =		CDG-0365010200000842			
4)Branch =		Lal Mandi			
E)IESC Codo	_	IVKVUCBUVDD			

The bidders must upload the scanned copy of bank payment acknowledgment slip. Hard Copy shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as Lowest Bidder (L1) after opening of Financial Bids.

Ex. Engineer, CDK

DIPK-NB-3268-22 J&K Sports Council Srinagar

Men's FTP '23-'27: India To Play 38 Tests, 42 **ODIs, 61 T20Is**



Press Trust of India

team will be playing a whopping 141 bilateral international matches during the next fiveyear Future Tours & Programme (FTP) Cycle between May, 2023 to April, 2027, the ICC said on Wednesday.

Most sought-after team com-mercially, the 'Men In Blue' will play 38 Tests, 42 ODIs and 61 T20Is in the five-year period and focus on shortest format is an indicator how priorities across

formats will be changing. The ODI bilaterals will remain but mostly be three-match series. India expectedly has a choc-abloc calender but as usual there won't be any bilateral cricket series with Pakistan due to obvious political reasons.

The 12 members will play a total of 777 international matches - 173 Tests, 281 ODIs and 323 T20Is - in the 2023-2027 FTP cycle compared to the 694 in the current one.

This includes the next two cycles of the ICC Men's World Test Championship, multiple ICC events and a host of bilateral as well as tri-series action.

As far as India's schedule is in September 2024.

concerned, the traditional India versus Australia Test series **NEW DELHI:** The Indian men's for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, that used to be a four-match affair for a long time will become five-Test series.

> India will be playing five-Test series against both England and Australia and also on the T20 front, there are a lot of fivematch series which is on expected lines with the broadcasters demand with premium advertisement rates for short-form matches.

> During the next FTP cycle, India would be travelling to West Indies (July-Aug 2023) for a full tri-format series including 2 Tests, ODIs and 3 T20Is.

> The marquee five-Test home series against England will be tentatively held between Jan-March in 2024.

While Australia is visiting India early next year to regain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in a four-Test series as a part of pre-vious cycle, India's next big trip Down Under is in December-January, 2024-25 when they play Australia in a five-Test series for the first time since 1991.

In this cycle, India will host Bangladesh for a two-Test series

LG Chairs High Level Meeting To Review Sports Activities In J&K

- 'Use the power of sports to prevent crime and drug use among youth'
- 'Accelerate efforts to promote women athletes'



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Goverchaired a high level meeting at Civil Secretariat, to review the sports activities across Jammu & Kashmir.

The LG took a detailed assessment of the efforts for engagement of 35 lakh youth in sports added. activities targeted for this year.

J&K Sports Council and Department of Youth Services & Sports were directed to use the power of sports to prevent of the programme has witcrime and drug use among

The LG further called for ensuring maximum participation

"Make more inclusive; accelerate efforts to promote women athletes. We must promote equal participation of girls and it should be ensured they have ample opportunities," the LG

Sinha also directed the of-

modalities to organize rallies in partment to encourage the the districts to promote sports nor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday culture among the younger generation at grassroot level.

"Analytic view must be taken to identify the employees engaged under sports quota who can contribute towards the development of sports in J&K," he

While taking stock of the calendar of activities under 'My Youth My Pride', the Lt Governor was informed that Phase-I nessed the participation of 8.76 lakh youth from across the UT, while 13.75 lakh youth will be engaged in Phase-II.

The meeting also discussed sporting activities the progress made in formulation of merit list for the appointment of outstanding sportspersons, the rewards as per the Sports Policy being extended to the sports persons who have brought laurels to the country and the J&K.

yoga centers and explore the ment, Higher Education Deyouth at Higher Education level to participate in different sports disciplines.

On being informed about the ongoing projects under PMDP, JKIDFC, Capex and Khelo India, the Lt Governor asked the officials to identify the projects facing land or other issues so that appropriate action can be taken to resolve the same.

The Lt Governor instructed the Department of Youth Services & Sports to organise sports tournaments in multiple disciplines under LG's Rolling Trophy including Cricket, Football, Volleyball and Hockey, and reward the outstanding players at UT level and District level.

Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sarmad Hafeez, holding the charge of Secretary, Youth Services & Sports; Subash Chander Chhibber, Director Youth Services & Sports; Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports The LG asked Rohit Kansal, Council and other senior offificials to develop facilities for Principal Secretary to Govern- cials attended the meeting.

Musk's Joke About Buying Manchester United Causes Stir



Agencies

LONDON: Elon Musk caused a stir by tweeting that he was buying the English soccer team Manchester United – whose current owners are opposed by many fans — then saying several hours later that it was a joke.

It comes as the billionaire Tesla CEO faces a legal battle in the Manchester City – the club's lo-U.S. after backing out of a deal to buy Twitter for \$44 billion. He is a prolific user of the platform, often musing about social issues or joking with his 103 million followers and occasionally getting into trouble with U.S. regulators.

Early Wednesday, Musk sent a tweet about his political affiliations and then added in a second tweet: "Also, I'm buying Manchester United ur welcome."

That came as shocking news in the Manchester United world — albeit welcome to many – after nearly a decade of sub-par performances.

Asked by a follower whether he was serious, Musk later tweeted, "No, this is a longrunning joke on Twitter. I'm not buying any sports teams."

It wasn't Musk's first joke about buying a popular franchise. In April, he tweeted, "Next I'm buying Coca-Cola to put the cocaine back in." He noted in the thread about Manchester United that the Coca-Cola tweet had also been in jest.

Musk, with his seemingly unlimited potential to buy the best soccer players in the world, would have been a welcome prospect for many Man United fans who want to see the club back at the top of the game.



Man United was arguably the biggest team in world soccer under manager Alex Ferguson, winning 13 Premier League titles and two Champions League trophies. But since Ferguson's retirement in 2013, the team has struggled to win trophies.

Last season, United finished 35 points behind champion cal rival - and there were protests against the Glazer family, the team's American owners.

Many supporters in the club's huge international fanbase have opposed the Glazers since they took control in 2005, in part because they financed the takeover by putting the club in debt for the first time in decades.

The latest low came Saturday when United lost 4-0 to Brentford, a small team from west London that was promoted to the Premier League in 2021. It was United's second straight loss to open the season, leaving it in last place in the 20-team Premier League. The Manchester United Supporters' Trust fan group, known as MUST, condemned the owners following last weekend's match.

"What we have witnessed tonight is an embarrassment — no, a humiliation — for Manchester United fans. And yet in many ways it was not a surprise. It feels like the culmination of a long-term direction of travel," the fan club said in a statement. "MUST hold the owners of the Club primarily responsible for this new low in our decade of decline." (AP)

India Ready To Steamroll Zimbabwe In 1st ODI



PSL To Clash With IPL In 2025

Press Trust of India

HARARE: Skipper KL Rahul's ting belters where Zimbabwe form and fitness will be ob- chased down Bangladesh's 300 served keenly when India take on Zimbabwe in a three-match series, starting Thursday, in 50over format, which is fast losing popularity and struggling to retain its identity.

Supposed to be one of the certainly prove to be more than most vital cogs in India's T20 World Cup top-order, Rahul would like to make full use of the game time he gets as an opener during the three games against Regis Chakabva's side.

It won't just be about runs that skipper Rohit Sharma or coach Rahul Dravid would be looking at when they monitor Rahul's performance in Zimbabwe.

Rather they would like to check in which he is scoring runs, some-

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Pakistan Super League is set to clash with the mighty Indian Premier League in the summer of 2025 due to

Pakistan's packed home season,

which sees them host the ICC

The IPL's two and half month

window starts from March and

goes on till the beginning of June.

et Board has been forced to

push back the 10th season of

its T20 league from its regular

Jaunuary-February window to

between March and May as the

country is set to host the Cham-

T20 League will go head-to-head

with the cash-rich IPL. It will be

interesting to see which tourna-

ment the players, plying their trade in both leagues, pick.

It will be the first time that a

pions Trophy in February 2025.

However, the Pakistan Crick-

Champions Trophy.

against Pakistan on August 28. On the Harare Sports Club bat-

plus and 290-odd targets in successive games in the recentlyconcluded series, India's batting line-up with Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan, Shubman Gill, Deepak Hooda and Sanju Samson will a handful for hosts.

And unlike Bangladesh, a bowling attack comprising Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Deepak Chahar, Kuldeep Yadav along with all-rounders Shardul Thakur and Axar Patel has more potency in any conditions against this Zimbabwe line-up.

For Zimbabwe, the aim would be to become the proverbial banana peel on which Rahul and his out his approach and the manner men can slip as a series win for 'Men in Blue' would hardly win thing he would need to tweak them any accolades but a defeat before that first Asia Cup game would invite sharp criticism.

VIPL VS PSL

The 2025 Champions Trophy

Due to security-related issues,

Pakistan had missed out on host-

ing top teams in the previous three

Future Tours and Programmes

Cycles (FTP). However, that has

changed in the latest cycle, which

will see Pakistan play 13 Tests, 26

ODIs and 27 T20Is at home in ad-

dition to the Champions Trophy,

"While finalising our Future Tours Programme 2023-2027 in a

tight and densely-packed cricket

calendar, we have given priority to

context, quality and player work-

load, PCB Chief Executive Faisal

Hasnain said in a statement.

leading to a packed calendar.

will be the first ICC event to be held

in Pakistan in almost 30 years.

To Play West Ham



Entry visas were not processed in time for

Nigerian player Ibrahim Said and Gambian forward Alassana Jatta to play in London on Thursday in the playoff round of the third-tier

despite working with embassies from Denmark

several weeks to process, the club said, and the scheduled game was confirmed only last week. Although the draw for the playoff round was

made on Aug. 2, it was on Aug. 9 that Viborg advanced by completing a 5-1 aggregate victory over Faeroese club B36 Tórshavn. Jatta scored in the 2-1 second-leg win.

Government Met FIFA, SC Told





Agencies

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday was informed that the Government held a meeting with FIFA officials over holding the U-17 Women's World Cup and lifting suspension on the country's top administrative organisation, the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta informed the apex court that talks between the two parties were constructive. He also said that the Government will request FIFA/AFC to allow Gokulam Kerala to participate in the AFC Women's Championship and ATK Mohun Bagan in AFC Cup.

The matter will be heard again next week.

African Players Denied British Entry



LONDON: Two African soccer players have been unable to enter Britain to face English team West Ham in a Europa Conference League game, Danish club Viborg said Tuesday.

European competition. Viborg said the problem could not be solved

and Britain, along with UEFA and the Danish soccer federation. Visas for the players to enter Britain take

