



## Kashmir's Wild Encounters Leaving Nomads Maimed For Life

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In the walnut harvesting season, Shameena has freshly arrived on horseback in Ganderbal's alpine hills for a fleeting stay. Her nomadic tribe has already begun their winter migration towards Jammu plains. But unlike her clear-minded caravan, she gropes in darkness after facing the least reported wild encounter of Kashmir.

Snaking through a small hamlet in the heart of Kangan displays an image where all life seemed to be in harmony with its surroundings.

The hamlet lies in the midst of a checkerboard of prosperous trees, with fields of walnut trees and hillsides of orchards, where the cloudy sky of bloom drifted above the green land.

The blaze of colored tents—flamed across a backdrop of pine trees—enhances the settings. Everything is wrapped under an unexplained calmness, except Shameena, who looks modestly contagious with that dreadful sight of 18 long-gone years.

Shameena belongs to J&K's Bakarwal community that has battled uncertainty for a fairly good time.



In 2004, like for the past several years, Shameena's family was once again in Kashmir to

evade Jammu's blistering heat and to get grazing grounds for their livestock.

One day, while camping in the high pastures of the valley, she was brutally attacked by a wild bear that gouged around her head, trying to scratch her face. And it did.

Shameena's face was left disfigured, one eye plucked out, and her vision gone, forever.

Almost two decades later, when the men step out to graze their livestock and the women of her clan try to find firewood in forests, the wounds of her past are revealed, forcing her into believing that she'll be attacked again.

Shameena is one of the

examples of the highly unreported case of how nomads are living a perilous life despite following an age-old tradition of the gypsy culture. It comes at a huge cost and for her it came at the cost of her sight.

"Since that day," says jet-lagged Shameena, overwhelmed by her perilous past, "I've had anxiety issues."

It's more like separation anxiety, she continues with an expressionless face. "We're a five-member family and let's say, all are busy with something, I'll be left all alone in my tent with my anxiety." Sometimes, she **More on P6**

## Kashmiri MBBS Student Falls To Death In B'desh

Family Seeks Govt's Help To Bring Her Body Back

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** A girl student from Bijbehara in Anantnag has died after purportedly falling from a building in Bangladesh – where she was pursuing her MBBS degree.

Khushboo Manzoor daughter of Manzoor Ahmad, resident of Katoo Bijbehara, as per her family fell from her hostel building at Khwaja Yunus Ali Medical College on Tuesday last and was subsequently moved to a hospital. After remaining in ICU for several hours, she eventually succumbed to her injuries this morning," they said as per news agency GNS.

The family has in the meantime appealed to authorities to help them bring back the body for last rites.

When contacted, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Qayoom said that he is in constant touch with all relevant offices to ensure the mortal remains are brought back as soon as possible.

"I have talked to the offices of the Ministry of External Affairs, High Commission in Bangladesh besides Resident Commissioner Delhi pertaining to the matter", he said adding one brother of the deceased girl – Adil Manzoor, is already at Dhaka and has been in touch with the concerned offices'.

"We are hopeful that by conducting necessary formalities the body will reach back at an earliest", he further said.

Meanwhile, a senior government official said that Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta is personally monitoring the process on behalf of J&K administration.

## Crimes By Juveniles Doubled In 2021: Report



Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** Incidents of cognisable crimes by juveniles in Jammu and Kashmir almost doubled in 2021 over the previous year, while crimes against children continued an upward trend with over 800 such cases being registered last year, official data showed.

As many as 323 cognisable criminal cases involving juveniles in conflict with law were registered in 2021, against 171 in the previous year, the National Crime Records Bureau said in its latest report.

Cases of crimes committed by juveniles registered in 2019 was 299. Six cases of murder, two of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, three cases of causing death by negligence, nine rape cases and one unnatural offence were among the cases registered against juveniles in Jammu and Kashmir in 2021.

Other cases lodged against juveniles include six cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, and nine under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, the report said.

While 288 cognisable crimes were registered in 2021 against juveniles under Indian Penal Code sections, the remaining 35 were under Special and Local Laws (SSL).

The report said 408 juveniles were apprehended in 2021, while 433 cases involving juveniles were pending disposal.

A total of 118 juveniles were

**A TOTAL OF 622 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 20 WOMEN, WERE ARRESTED FOR CRIMES against children, and 601 of them were charge-sheeted, the report said, adding that 10 accused were convicted, one discharged, and 63 acquitted.**

sent to their homes after advice, 12 imprisoned, 108 acquitted or discharged, 27 others to special homes and three dealt with fine, while 156 cases were quashed by the court, the report said, adding that 61 percent of juveniles were held guilty pending disposal while the rest of the 408 cases are pending disposal.

Thirty-three of the apprehended juveniles were illiterates, 83 had studied up to primary and 162 below-matric (class 10), the report said, adding that 389 of them were living with their parents and 18 were homeless.

On crimes against children, the report said 470 cases were registered in 2019, 606 in 2020 and 845 in 2021.

The crimes registered against children in 2021 include seven cases of murder, a murder with rape, six other cases of murder, four cases of infanticide and three cases of foeticide. A total of 294 cases were registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act in 2021, the report said. **More on P6**



Students pass through a forest area after attending school in Khag area of the Budgam district on a hot summer day Wednesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## Those Who Misguided Downtown Youth, Sent Their Children Outside For Studies: J&K LG

'We Have To Restore Reputation Of Shahr-e-Khas, Once Called The Heartbeat Of Kashmir'

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Launching a veiled attack against separatists, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday that some people with vested interest are rattled by the all-round development taking place in Jammu and Kashmir and the families of those who misled our children, are living a comfortable life in the big cities of the country and abroad, while our children have suffered.

Sinha made these remarks during the inauguration of the



Ellahi Bagh Indoor Sports Stadium, constructed at a cost of Rs 4 cr under PMDP, an official spokesperson said. **More on P6**

## 'Complete Projects Within Set Timelines'

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday directed officers to ensure that there are no inordinate delays in execution of mega road projects in the Union Territory and emphasized on dedicated focus to complete the projects within set timelines. Sinha passed these directions while **More on P6**

## JKAS Officer Suspended For Hurting Religious Sentiments

Officer Reportedly Made Remarks While Having Lunch With His Subordinates At A Restaurant

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The district authorities in Rajouri placed an assistant commissioner-rank officer under suspension for making 'objectionable' remarks against a particular religion having potential of creating law and order problems, officials said Wednesday. **More on P6**

## Govt Transfers 8 JKAS Officers

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday ordered transfer of eight JKAS officers in the interest of administration with **More on P6**

## J&K Logs 80 New Corona Cases

Jammu and Kashmir reported 80 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus on Wednesday, taking the number of people infected since the onset of pandemic in the Union Territory to 478495. According to officials, 70 new cases of Covid-19 were detected in Kashmir Valley and the remaining 10 from Jammu division. In the Valley, they said, Budgam registered the highest 25 new cases of virus, Srinagar 21, Pulwama 8, Baramulla 6, Kupwara 5, Anantnag 3 and Bandipora 2. The three districts of Ganderbal, **More on P6**

## Charges Filed Against 8 In Conspiracy Case

The NIA on Wednesday filed a charge sheet against eight people allegedly involved in a conspiracy hatched by Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed to carry out attacks against security forces in the Valley, an official spokesperson said. The charge sheet was filed before the NIA special court here against Naseer Ahmad Malik alias "Moulvi", Imtiyaz Ahmad Rather, Rayees Ahmad Sheikh alias "Jugpeer", Yawer Rashid Ganaie, Suhail Ahmad Khan alias "Sahil", Sahid Ahmed Shergojri, **More on P6**

## Former Legislators Call On LG

Former legislators Daleep Singh Parihar and Ramesh Arora on Wednesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan here, an official spokesperson said. Parihar, who is ex-MLA from Bhaderwah, held discussion with the LG on the development of tourism and strengthening of road network in Bhaderwah, among other issues, the spokesperson said. While interacting with the former legislator, he said that the LG assured that actionable steps will be taken on the **More on P6**

## Two Terrorists Arrested In Shopian: Police

Two 'hybrid' militants of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were arrested in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Wednesday. A police spokesman identified them as Faizan Fayaz Bhat, a resident of Budden Rafiabab Sopore, and Yawar Nizam Mir from Konsoo, Shopian. A 'hybrid' militant is not listed as an ultra but is radicalised enough to carry out a terror strike and then slip back into routine life. "Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition **More on P6**

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# High Cholesterol And Weight, Reduced Physical Stamina May Signal Long Covid: Lancet

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Young people infected with Covid-19 are likely to have increased cholesterol, a high body mass index (BMI), and reduced physical stamina after the viral infection, according to a study published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases journal. Some people with Covid-19 have lingering symptoms for weeks or months after they begin to recover, a condition termed as long Covid. The researchers from the University of Zurich, Switzerland, found that these people may be more likely to develop metabolic disorders and cardiovascu-

lar complications in the long term. "Increased BMI, high cholesterol and lower physical stamina is suggestive of a higher risk of developing metabolic disorders and possible cardiovascular complications," said study principal investigator Patricia Schlagenhauf. "These results have societal and public-health effects and can be used to guide strategies for broad interdisciplinary evaluation of Covid-19 sequelae (long Covid), their management, curative treatments, and provision of support in young adult populations," Schlagenhauf said. The study evaluated possible long Covid implications in young Swiss military personnel. It was conducted between



May and November 2021 with 29 female and 464 male participants with a median age of 21. As many as 177 participants had confirmed Covid-19 more than 180 days prior to the testing day, and the control group was made up of 251 SARS-CoV-2 individuals who tested negative for Covid-19. Unlike other studies, the new research also evaluated cardiovascular, pulmonary, neurological, ophthalmological, male fertility, psychological and general system. The findings show that young, previously healthy, non-hospitalised individuals largely recover from mild infection and that the impact of the

SARS-CoV-2 virus on several systems of the body is less than that seen in older, multi-morbid or hospitalised patients. However, the study also found that recent infections -- even mild ones -- can lead to symptoms such as fatigue, reduced sense of smell and psychological problems for up to 180 days, as well as having a short-term negative impact on male fertility. For non-recent infections -- more than 180 days back -- these effects were no longer significant, the researchers said. For those with non-recent infections, however, the study -- which had a long follow-up -- provided evidence of a potential risk.

# Researchers Discover Biochemical Link Between Fatty Liver Disease And Type 2 Diabetes

Press Trust Of India

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mandi, have discovered a biochemical link between non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and type 2 diabetes.

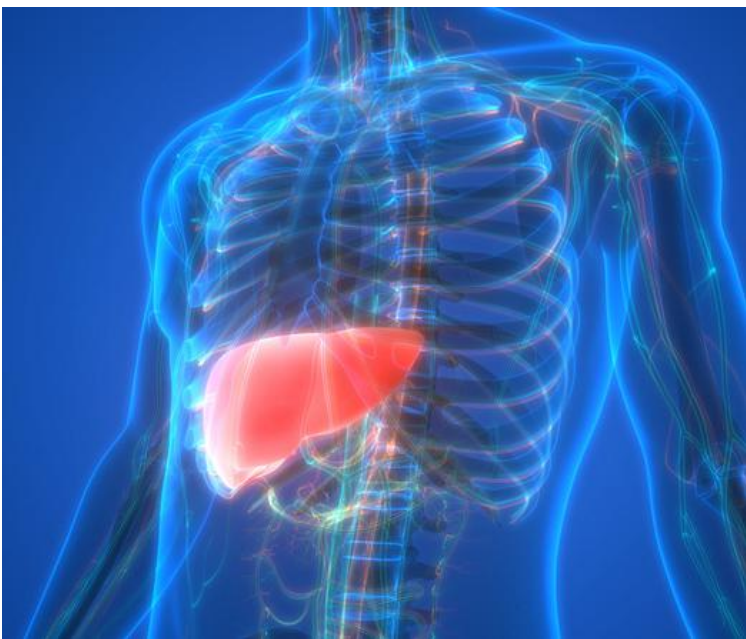
According to officials, the findings of the research published in the "Journal Diabetes" also offer new therapeutic pathways to control or even reverse fatty liver-induced diabetes.

NAFLD is often associated with type 2 diabetes, with nearly five crore Indian adults suffering from both diseases.

"NAFLD is an independent predictor of insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM). However, how NAFLD affects the insulin-releasing pancreatic beta cell function was not fully understood. We aimed at finding the relationship between beta-cells failure and the accumulation of liver fat produced from carbohydrates in a process called de novo lipogenesis," said Prosenjit Mondal, Associate Professor, IIT-Mandi.

The research team analysed blood samples extracted from fat-fed mice and human NAFLD patients.

"Both samples had high amounts of a calcium-binding protein termed S100A6. This protein is released by the fatty liver and serves as a communication link between the liver and the pancreas. S100A6 adversely affects



the insulin secretion ability of the beta cells, thereby resulting in or exacerbating the existing T2DM. At a biochemical level, S100A6 was found to inhibit insulin secretion by activating the Receptor for Advanced Glycation End (RAGE) product on pancreatic beta cells," Mondal said. Surbhi Dogra, a research scholar at IIT-Mandi, explained that another observation from the research was that the depletion of S100A6 improves insulin secretion and the regulation of blood glucose in mice, which suggests that S100A6 contributes to the pathophysiology of diabetes in NAFLD. "At a scientific level, the research presents the molecular and cel-

lular events associated with S100A6 secretion in fatty liver, and its adverse impact on beta-cell insulin release. From a practical, diagnostic angle, it shows that elevated levels of S100A6 in the blood may serve as a biomarker to identify risks of T2DM among NAFLD patients. "At a therapeutic level, this study shows that removing the circulating S100A6 from blood can help in preserving beta-cell function. Furthermore, since the biochemical pathway by which S100A6 acts is now understood, the use of RAGE antagonistic molecules can restore the functions of beta cells in NAFLD patients," Dogra said.

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION CHADOORA NOTICE INVITING FRESH E-TENDER E-NIT No. 138 of 2022-23/6040-49 dated 06/09/2022/CHADOORA

Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Division Chadoora on behalf of LT. Governor of J&K UT invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for the following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest money CDR/FDR/BG (Rs)	Time of Completion (days)	AA STATUS	TS STATUS	Class of Contractor
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1	Restoration of Nagam Maqadam Mohalla Road. Machine mix to be laid with paver	8.17	600.00	16,340.00	05	Accorded	Sanctioned	C/D

Note: - Civil contractors A/B/C/D shall mandatorily upload an undertaking as per Clause 13 (vi) of this NIT.

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06/09/2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	06/09/2022
3	Bid submission Start Date	06/09/2022
4	Bid Submission End Date	12/09/2022 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	12/09/2022 4.10 PM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora

1. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

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

Note: The Bidders shall mention the name of the advertised work/ reference to NIT & S. No. on the EMD / Bid security (CDR/FDR/BG) while submitting the bidding documents, in order to avoid using the same multiple times for multiple works.

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

5. Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

1.2 In order to participate in the bidding process, bidders must obtain a "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" under the Information Technology Act of 2000. Any approved Vendor can provide bidders with a digital certificate.

1.3 Bidders must submit their bids in electronic format with a digital signature online. No physical bids will be accepted.

1.4 Bids will be opened online in accordance with the time schedule specified in Para-1.

1.5 Bidders must upload online scanned copy of all required documents (within the document upload limits) with their technical bid.

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

6 The department will not be held responsible for any delays in online submission due to unanticipated circumstances.

7 The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other Uploaded bid documents shall have to be produced on demand by the successful bidder at the time of contract signing, and in the case of unsuccessful bidders, 2 percent EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora, will be released only after production of Original Treasury Challan of uploaded/Scanned copy (Cost of tender document).

8 Bidders are advised not to change the contents of the BOQ (Bill of Quantities). They should never attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

9 Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/ not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.

10 Price escalation and Taxes: -The bidder's percentage shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to the completion of the work. Taxes shall be deducted from the contractor's bills on the gross amount of the bill at the time of recovery at the rates in effect at the time of recovery.

11 Bidders are advised to use the "My Documents" area in their R&B e-Tendering portal user account to store any required documents.

12 All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All documents pertaining to the bid must be in English):

13 All bidders must submit copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number and e-mail address.

14 A valid Contractor/ Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor Registration Act.

15 Treasury Challan and Earnest money Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card

16 All bidders shall mandatorily upload Verification Certificate from Non-Consent Chief Engineer/ Superintending Engineer of Enlistment registration card. Non-submission of the same shall render the bid Non-Responsive.

17 All civil class contractors shall mandatorily furnish an undertaking stating therein the e-NIT No, Name of the Work and Source of procurement of macadamization material (within 40 Kms from the work site), failing which the bid of such contractors shall be considered as non-responsive

18 Scanned copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of the latest quarter/ latest Month to the Issue of NIT.

19 For the NIT issued after 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022 the bidder has to upload the latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of the latest quarter i.e. April-June /Latest month i.e. 2022.

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

21 Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Bitumen Macadam Works executed by the agency during the year 2021-22.

22 Bidders are expected to submit technical bids along with scanned copies of all required documents. No document (s) that have not been uploaded will be accepted in hard copy for evaluation consideration. However, if need arises, Hard copies of any specific supporting documents, on the other hand, may be required on demand in support of documents submitted online for clarification during technical evaluation.

23 The bidder should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submitting a bid, and no claim based on constrained site conditions will be entertained after the bid is accepted.

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## Foundation Stone Of Cancer Hospital To Be Laid Soon: Waqf Chairperson

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Srinagar: Waqf Chairperson, Darakshan Andrabi on Wednesday said that the foundation stone of cancer hospital will be laid soon and that the Waqf land available around Eidgah will be dedicated to the young sportsperson.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the inaugural function of Ellahi Bagh Indoor Sports Stadium, Andrabi, said that Eidgah is only meant for the prayers and the Waqf is looking for the land grabbed by people around Eidgah, which will be retrieved and dedicated to young sportspersons.

Referring to a query, she said that the stone of the cancer hospital will be laid shortly. (KNO)

## Innovation Exhibition Cum-Innovators Meet Held At KU

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) at the Kashmir University's Institute of Technology on Wednesday organized an Innovation Exhibition-Cum-Innovators Meet, a mega event that brought young and experienced innovators on a single platform.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan inaugurated the day-long programme, organized in collaboration with National Innovation Foundation (NIF) India.

Addressing students and officers on the occasion, Prof Nilofer said the University of Kashmir has set itself on the path of creating a robust innovation ecosystem that actively contributes to J&K's economic growth trajectory.

She said young students who exhibited their innovations need further hand-holding and mentoring by experts to lead them towards initiating their start-ups.

"We want to create an enabling environment to develop the innovation and incubation culture in the University that benefits our young students to transform their ideas into innovations and start-ups," the Vice-Chancellor said.

The number of awards secured for innovations, startups incubated and patents secured form an important aspect of the University's NAAC assessment and NIRF ranking for which the entire university fraternity will have to work with greater zeal to further boost the varsity's ranking and visibility, she said.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor inspected each innovation undertaken by CIE as well as the NIF Cell.

Chairman CIE and Director IOT Zakura Prof Gowhar Bashir Vakil delivered the welcome address highlighting the importance of the event.

## Lab Technicians Working With GMC Associated Hospitals Denied Covid Incentives

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The lab technicians working with hospitals associated with Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar on Wednesday said that the government has failed to provide them with incentives for working during covid times.

The lab technicians working in Government Medical College and associated hospitals Lal Ded Hospital, C D Hospital, G B Pant and Bones & Joints Hospital said after the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic they were engaged by the government in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

Pertinently, the Government of India had decided to provide incentives to health workers associated with dealing with the deadly pandemic.

"We used to work and all the collection of samples was done by us but we were given no benefits" said a



Lab technician working at LD Hospital.

"We helped in defeating the pandemic but we were denied incentives"

"Authorities say they had incentives for only 1900 employees, how is it justified" he questioned.

Speaking on anonymity lab technicians allege that the authorities have been choosy while disbursing the incentives and some of

the deserving lab technicians have been left to fend for themselves.

However, authorities say the day incentives were announced, only a selected group of hospitals were involved in the fight against coronavirus. Other hospitals were engaged at the later stage.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, Principal Government Medical College

(GMC) Srinagar Dr Samia Rashid said at the time the Incentives were announced only C D hospital, Kashmir Nursing Home and some sections of SMHS Hospitals were engaged in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic.

"At that time, the names of 1900 employees were sanctioned for incentives. Over a period of time other hospitals had to be taken on board to help fight the pandemic, which increased the number of employees" Dr Samia said.

She further said that health workers have helped in the fight against covid-19 in CD Hospital and some sections of SMHS have been given the incentives.

However, she did agree that other employees are still awaiting the perks.

"The government has allocated the funds, but they aren't sufficient. We are awaiting clarification from the government as long as that comes, we will do the needful".

## NIT Selected As TIFAC Academic Partner For J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar has been selected as TIFAC Academic Partner (TAP) for J&K region with a financial support of Rs 40 lakhs under TIFAC MSME Program by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

The Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Development (IIED) Centre will get Rs 40 lakhs from TIFAC for assessing technology needs of MSMEs, especially in context of local requirements with respect to becoming "AtmaNirbhar". The duration of support will be for a period of up to 2 years.

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Sehgal said the IIED Centre, NIT Srinagar has been selected for a financial grant under the TIFAC MSME Program calling it a proud movement for the institute. The IIED Centre has been actively involved in various innovation and entrepreneurship-related activities for the last couple of years.

The director extended greetings to Dr Saad Parvez and Dr Noor Zaman Khan for their hard work for the proposals. Prof. Sehgal said Dr Saad (PI) and Dr Noor (Co-PI) submitted the project and they are the investigators for the TIFAC MSME project.

The director said that the grant will

be utilized to strengthen the interaction between academia and MSME industries towards identifying the technological gap areas. He said NIT Srinagar is the only institute selected as TIFAC Academic Partner by DST for Jammu and Kashmir.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari congratulated IIED Centre team for being selected under the TIFAC MSME project by DST.

He said the TIFAC MSME project will boost industry-academia collaboration in the valley and will also provide opportunities for the students related to industry exposure.

Prof. Bukhari also congratulated Dr Saad and Dr Noor for their marvelous achievements in making NIT Srinagar administration proud.

He said this grant support is recommended by DST, New Delhi-based on the incredible innovation and incubation capabilities of the IIED centre of the Institute. Prof. Bukhari said the grant will benefit the institute and local MSME's in terms of technology development in various clusters including Bat cluster, Pashmina weaving cluster etc. and will encourage initiating start-ups.

Dr Saad, Head IIED congratulated the IIED Centre team and the whole institute. He said the grant will boost the Industry-Academia relationship.

## Hajin Woman Dies At In-Laws Home In City; Family Alleges Murder

Agencies

Srinagar: Family members of woman from Markundal area of Hajin in Bandipora district, who died at her in-laws home in Panzinara area of Srinagar, on Wednesday held a protest demonstration, alleging deceased's in-laws of murdering her.

One of the family members said that late last night they were informed that Mehvish Bano (24) wife of Farooq Ahmad Hajam was shifted to SMHS hospital, where she eventually died.

He alleged that she has been murdered by her in-laws, as she was being continuously harassed by them.

The family members of Mehvish held a protest demonstration and blocked Hajin-Sumbal road, demanding action against her in-laws.

They appealed to the police and the concerned authorities to probe the matter thoroughly, so that culprits are brought to book.

Meanwhile, a police official said that the circumstances under which the women has died are being technically and scientifically investigated, while the medico-legal formalities of the body were underway. (KNO)

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## This Day In History

- 1689- China & Russia signs Treaty of Nerstjinsk (Nierchul)
- 1855- British and French troops capture Sevastopol from the Russians, effectively ending the Crimean War.
- 1870- Netherlands & Britain sign "Koelietraktaat" Br-Indian contract work in Suriname
- 1926- League of Nations Assembly voted unanimously to admit Germany
- 1944- 1st V-2 rockets land in London & Antwerp
- 1944- Russians march into Bulgaria; Bulgaria declares war on Germany
- 1945- US invades Japanese-held Korea
- 1945- Hideki Tojo, Japanese PM during most of WW II, attempts suicide rather than face war crimes tribunal attempt fails, later he is hanged
- 1946- Bulgaria ends monarchy
- 1951- Japan signs peace treaty with 48 countries (SF)
- 1958- Oman turns over Gwadar (on Baluchistan coast) to Pakistan
- 1959- The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) is established.
- 1962- Chinese troops exceed Mac-Mahon-line (Tibet-India boundary)
- 1967- Surveyor 5 launched; makes soft landing on Moon Sept 10
- 1969 - Suleiman Maghrabi appointed premier of Libya
- 1975- Guinea-Bissau declares independence from Portugal
- 1978- Iranian army fires on Khomeini followers in Teheran, 100s killed
- 1983- NASA launches RCA-6
- 1985- Shuttle Discovery flies back to Kennedy Space Center via Kelly AFB
- 1989- Mausoleum of Beatrice of Brabant (1288) discovered

From KO Archives

## Govt To Set Up VDCs In Valley

Observer News Service

Srinagar- More than 900 Village Defence Committee's (VDC's) will be set, up in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir to check infiltration of militants, Director General of JK Police, Gurbachan Singh Jagat, told a visiting group of reporters here today.

Members of these VDCs were being armed, trained and provided with single-band communication equipment to tackle militants, who were now aiming soft targets in far-flung and scattered regions, the Police Chief said.

He said about 10 to 15 villagers were being identified for each of these VDCs for imparting arms training by army or paramilitary forces stationed nearby. This was being done in order to reduce dependence on the regular paramilitary forces, he added.

Areas like Doda, Baramulla, Poonch and Rajouri had been identified for creation of these VDCs and 651 such committees have already been set up in Doda district, he said.

Describing the perceived Taliban threat as being over-rated and exaggerated, Jagat said most of the foreign militants were Pakistani Nationals with a majority being Punjabis. He said the victory of Taliban in Afghanistan was mainly due to regular Pakistani army men who took part in operations there.

Afghan militants have been infiltrating here as part of Hizbul Mujahideen or Harkat-ul-Ansar, Jagat said.

He said the biggest difficulty they face was that of infiltration. Even though more than 30 groups were intercepted in the last two months, a large number of them mostly comprising foreigners had still crossed over, he added.

He said army and other forces have taken steps, including redeployment of forces and introduction of new technologies, to counter this menace.

Stating that Rs 200 crore had been given to strengthen J&K Police, he said future plans included creating three more battalions of Indian Reserve Police along with setting up of 114 additional Border Posts of Police, behind BSF or Army lines. Such rings, he said, had been set up in Kupwara, Baramulla and some other places and had started achieving good results. Implementation of all these plans would be over within the end of next year, he said.

(Kashmir Observer, September 08, 1998)

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The Premises have a 2 floor Heritage Main Gate Building with a huge space to offer any other services to the visitors. The Corporation intends to utilize the space for a "CRAFT CAFÉ /Art Café" where connoisseurs can enjoy art over Coffee or Snacks alongwith enlivening the dining space to art & craft related activities. The idea is Emporium being a paradise for those who love J&K art and wish to enjoy it with a Cuppa, they can not only enjoy, but even buy the products on display in the place.

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Ukraine’s long shadow

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the Covid-19 pandemic have had a major impact on global supply chains, while reiterating India’s call to adopt the path of "diplomacy and dialogue" to end the conflict. Virtually addressing the plenary session of the 7th Eastern Economic Forum being held in Vladivostok, Russia, the PM said that in today’s globalized world, events in one part of the world trigger far-reaching fallout in other parts. He also highlighted that foodgrain, fertilizer, and fuel shortages are a matter of great concern for developing countries. But as things stand, the war in Ukraine seems set to continue. More so, in the absence of any global effort to negotiate a solution to the crisis.

Meanwhile, Russia has only further hardened its stand with Putin saying it is “impossible” to isolate Russia through western sanctions. Building on its long-standing Pivot to Asia policy, Russia is looking toward the East to make up for the economic loss inflicted by the western sanctions. The rise in global fuel prices has also benefited Russia’s economy. Also, despite western sanctions, countries like India have continued to import cheaper fuel from Russia. On the other hand, the higher oil prices have begun to bite the European countries. There have already been protests in some western countries against the rising inflation.

But the situation is unlikely to change for the better unless the war draws to an end. And this looks unlikely to happen anytime soon. The US-led western military alliance NATO has so far ensured that Ukraine forces put up tough resistance to the advancing Russian army. The US and major European countries have supplied Ukraine with generous military aid to better defend itself against Russian aggression. The West has also got Russia’s neighbours like Finland and Sweden to join NATO. The development has further riled Russia which opposes the expansion of NATO right up to its borders, a position that became the trigger for its invasion of Ukraine.

The situation, meanwhile, is becoming fraught. Russian troops already control swathes of Ukrainian territory to the east. One of its aims seems to be to dislodge the current Ukrainian government and install a Russia-friendly dispensation. Russia’s objectives are unlikely to stop there. It also wants guarantees from NATO to stop its eastward expansion and the latter is loathe to do so for reasons that this could jeopardize its global military dominance. This makes the situation very complicated and not amenable to an early solution. More so, when the west has already put economic sanctions on Russia and is contemplating more of them.

OTHER OPINON

New boss

The United Kingdom has a new prime minister. The ruling Conservative Party announced Liz Truss, the former foreign secretary, as its leader yesterday, anointing her as the country’s next chief executive. Ms Truss will be Britain’s third female prime minister — all from the Conservative Party — having defeated Rishi Sunak, the Indian-origin former chancellor of the exchequer, in the leadership stakes to win the top job. Many in Britain will be hoping that the announcement helps put a lid on a series of controversies that have dogged their government almost continuously, and that brought about the eventual downfall of the outgoing prime minister, Boris Johnson. Ms Truss, who — unlike Mr Sunak — stood by Mr Johnson has promised to pursue many of the policies of the man she is replacing but has indicated a desire to take even more contentious positions on tricky foreign policy debates. She has suggested that she might seek to pass legislation that would effectively rip apart sections of the Brexit deal between Britain and the European Union. Asked during the campaign if the French president, Emmanuel Macron, was a “friend or a foe” of the United Kingdom, she replied: “The jury’s out.” She also said that she will formally designate China a “threat” to national security.

While it is unclear whether she will deliver on all of her rhetoric, her arrival at 10 Downing Street is likely to complicate India’s already difficult geopolitical balancing act between the West and Russia. Ms Truss has been among the world’s most outspoken critics of the Russian president, Vladimir Putin. During a visit to India earlier this year, she made it clear that she saw Moscow’s defeat as a mission to be fulfilled. Meanwhile, for most British voters, the biggest question that hangs over Ms Truss involves her stewardship of a faltering economy, whose size India has officially bypassed. Energy prices are skyrocketing, bleeding family budgets and leading to a growing movement of people who are refusing to pay their electricity bills. Trade unions have led massive strikes this year. The country is expected to slip into recession in the coming months. As winter approaches and energy shortages because of Russian curbs on oil and gas exports tighten, Britain’s economic crisis is likely to intensify. So too will the pressure on Ms Truss, Britain’s fifth prime minister in the past 15 years. How she responds could define her legacy.

Telegraph India

Democratically Undemocratic

The democratic government is based on core values of representation of political parties which is instrumental in strengthening the republic. The political parties in Jammu and Kashmir have a history of undemocratic culture within the party structure and usually, these issues are visible in ticket distribution and appointing party officials

Kamran Ashraf Bhat

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The foundation of a good democracy is a composition of political parties which are essential in flourishing the values of freedom. The idea of giving a platform for common citizens through political parties to be part of the government or to criticize regimes in opposition, keeps alive faith in the idea of a republic nation. The citizens while engaging with a political party exercise their democratic right while volunteering for an ideology and supporting their leaders through monetary donations and campaigns. Participation of citizens in political parties offers unique benefits, including opportunities to influence policy choices, choose and engage political leaders, and run for office. However, in some countries, political parties do not respect the rights of citizens to participate and are not accountable to voters.

A voluntary contribution of a common citizen to political parties holds immense opportunities for allowing extraordinary opinions to influence party ideology which is directly improving public policies. Political parties in a democratic republic become an opportunity for the public to judge their leaders and accordingly express their leadership support. However from national political parties to regional, in India, the political parties have engendered a parallel system to democracy due to dictatorial modalities of work.

Benjamin R. Barber, one of the extraordinary American Political theorists, in his book Strong Democracy: Participatory Politics for New Age argues that "representative or "thin" democracy is rooted in an individualistic "rights" perspective that diminishes the role of citizens in democratic governance.

Herman Daly, Thomas Prugh, and Robert Costanza explain 'Strong Democracy' in their book The Local Politics of Global Sustainability as it is not a professional political system or game, an all-consuming job, and avocation. But it reflects a standard of living and the expected outcome of civilization. Its role is that of guardian and prominent.

It needs to be understood that the growth of a democratic republic comes from the participation of citizens at the grassroots level and it is vital for political parties to establish in-house democracy so that regimes will reflect transparency accordingly.

In my understanding, the actions of a government or regime are consequences of a political party. The more a political party is methodical under the democratic apparatus, the more transparent regimes will be, and if political parties are undemocratic; the regimes will follow the same footprint. Therefore, no government can protect democracy from plunging into fascism if political parties do not demonstrate a platform of democratic behavior and hold intra-party elections. Only in a dictatorship, one can understand that a nation is compromising on meritocracy but in a democracy; political parties are supposed to encourage merit within its ranks.

The democratic government is based on core values of representation of political parties which is instrumental in strengthening the republic. As an outsider, when I take a look at the political parties

in Jammu and Kashmir, they have a history of undemocratic culture within the party structure and usually these issues are visible in ticket distribution and appointing party officials.

The lack of internal democracy within political parties is evident at a national level and in Jammu and Kashmir, the regional parties are also severely plagued with such issues. From prominent parties like JK National Conference to JK People's Democratic Party, JKPC, and JKPC: the meagreness of intra-party democracy has engulfed every department of these parties. There is a concentration of power in a few in the party while the rest are powerless and forced to follow the powerful ones. The general members of the party are neatly managed by leadership.

is being propagated in front of the public when the same leader is elected as president without any contest. There is no internal election held at a massive scale; rather few key party leaders propose a name for formality's sake and on the same day, a presser is circulated announcing the election of the president. The top-tier leadership routinely takes all the salient decisions and keeps all advantages, and

party procedures, how is evaluation held or internal assessment of a member, and what is the criteria for promotion to top ranks, all these queries are unanswered.

The democracy of a country functions on the core values of freedom and meritocracy, therefore a political party is a sufficient platform for members to be actively part of the electoral system in the democracy. The possibility of holding a free and fair election becomes reality according to how political parties provide their impression and it can't be settled on an undemocratic system.

Is it impossible to have a democratic environment in political parties in Jammu and Kashmir? The answer is no. It is possible if the leadership is honest, open to change and ready to give up dictatorial behavior. The structural reforms, regular intra-party elections, recruitment of party members, and giving them training under the party policy and ideology; a party can take a step to institutionalize itself.

We have witnessed in recent times how political parties in western democracies have transformed into institutions and have responded by proactively increasing the

“This is why people are witnessing a huge number of turncoats in politics because the parties lack the ability to institutionalize themselves. Hence they seek another shelter for power

information to themselves while the 2nd and 3rd tier leadership are left unaware.

The top layer of leadership is given a prerogative of taking all decisions without deliberating with other party members; often personal loyalty and nepotism are held more important than loyalty to the organizational structure or ideology. Until and unless a member does not have access to top leadership, he/she will never earn a party position by the sweat of brow. These parties lack a structure of evaluation of members on their merits rather he/she has to establish a personal loyalty with top leadership to get noticed.

Take the example of the National Conference: despite there being able leaders who could have been effective as party president but the conventional pattern of keeping power in corridors of their own house, the house of Abdullah's managed to pave the way for Omer Abdullah as acting president. And, in JKPD, it was Mehbooba Mufti who took 'Staff' from her father after he died and the same goes with Sajad Lone of JKPC. No matter how skilled and competent you are, if you are not from the same house that runs the party; you will never get the position of directing the party ranks. This is why people are witnessing a huge number of turncoats in politics because the party lacks the ability to institutionalize itself, hence they seek another shelter for power.

Hoping for having intra-party democracy in political parties in Jammu and Kashmir has become unrealistic now. There is a single-man stranglehold or a single-family ascendancy in parties. There is no transparency and openness for general members to know how their party functions, what are the

role of basic members and party activists in participating in intra-party elections. These members are given an opportunity to recruit candidates for elections and in policy making.

Instead of one man party, the political party holds a process of decentralization of power to the lower tier of leadership and allows any party or non-party volunteer to get free information at any time. The political activists are provided with ample possibilities and opportunities to take part in policy-making and electing party officials from the top tier to the last layer. These parties are now self-reliant to keep internal democratic values alive and stop dynastic interference once and for all. Like Republican and democratic parties in the USA elect their party heads for presidential election through a delegate voting within the party.

Therefore, there is a critical exigency to allow political parties to democratize themselves which will reflect the way regimes will respond in a republic. If parties get internal democracy, the process of distributing party tickets will become corruption-free and transparent, therefore competent candidates will get a chance to fight elections as a representative of an ideology.

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Teaching Practices in Kashmir

In a recent meeting with senior administrators of the Union Territory, Dr Arun Mehta, the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, emphasized updating the school curriculum by August 31. It is good to update books and keep track of the emerging facts, but in Kashmir, the use of obsolete books is not the only factor that hinders the education of school-going children. In essence, in most schools of the valley, teaching methods are a problem in itself.

Unfortunately, Kashmiri students are not motivated to think critically; they are expected to remember

things. Yes, to remember things for exams and getting grades. Rarely are they encouraged to question the validity and production of facts that books carry. And sadly enough, a cross-question to a teacher is taken as an insult to him or her. There's a cliché that teachers in Kashmir use "Don't argue." What is the problem with argumentation? If a student disagrees with a view that a teacher proposes, then (s)he has every right to contest the idea of his/her teacher. In other words, every student should be able to argue. Argumentation on literary issues is a step towards criti-

cal thinking. And that's what school-going children should be trained in from a certain point, to think critically.

Now, here's another example to understand methods of teaching in schools of Kashmir. Most students in Kashmir learn about the "grammar" of the English language. Students most commonly learn about nouns, pronouns, articles, verbs, adjectives, tenses, and forms of sentences. What they grasp through grammar training is how to remember different parts of speech than how to use them during communication. The true essence of

learning grammar is to improve communication skills, but here in Kashmir, it is taught to pass exams.

Until reflective thinking is not encouraged in schools of Kashmir and students are not allowed to argue on literary issues with their teachers, updating books will not have much of an impact. Thus, steps should be taken to improve teaching practices in the valley.

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# What Does Too Much Screen Time Do Children?

Jennifer F. Cross, M.D.

Consider this: Nearly half of all children 8 and under have their own tablet device and spend an average of about 2.25 hours a day on digital screens, according to Common Sense Media.

## WHAT IS ALL THIS SCREEN TIME DOING TO KIDS' BRAINS?

Early data from a landmark National Institutes of Health (NIH) study that began in 2018 indicates that children who spent more than two hours a day on screen-time activities scored lower on language and thinking tests, and some children with more than seven hours a day of screen time experienced thinning of the brain's cortex, the area of the brain related to critical thinking and reasoning.

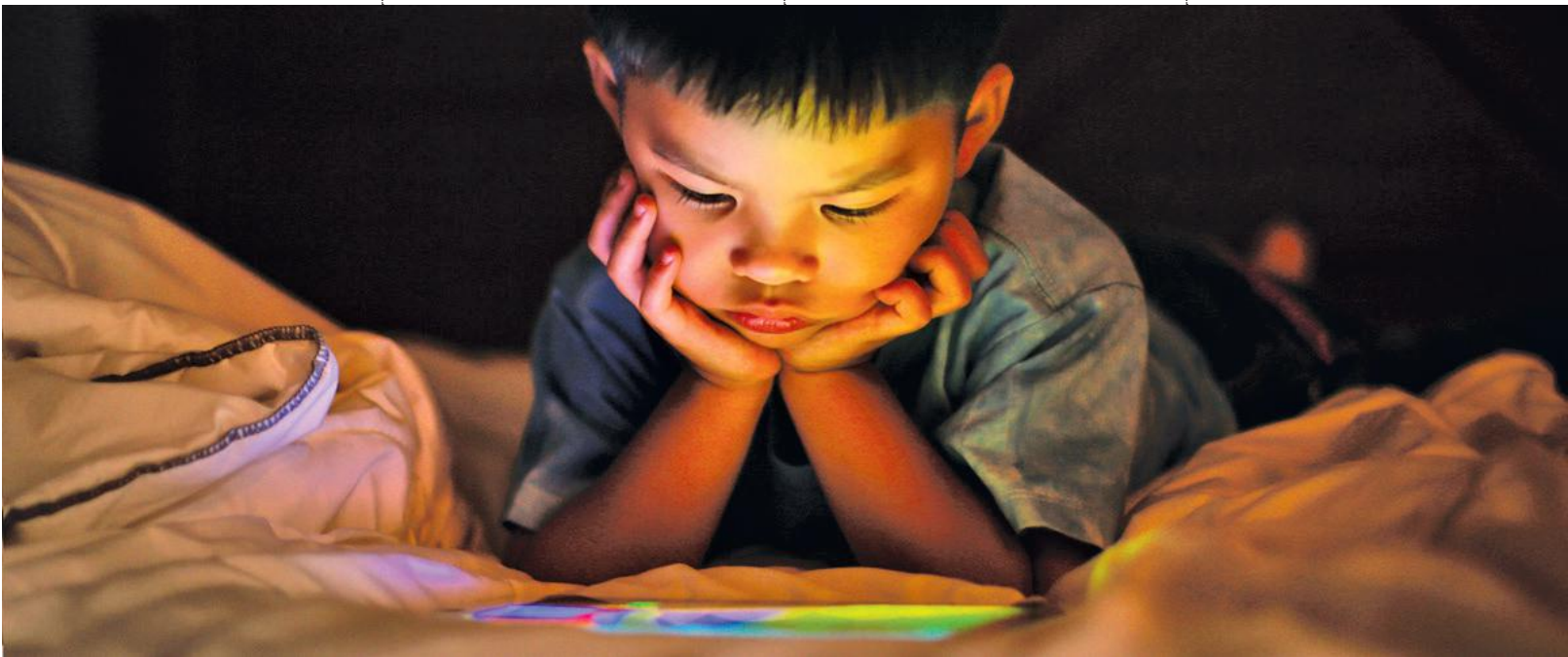
"We're not sure what this data means yet, but what we can hypothesize is that screens could inhibit certain aspects of a child's development by narrowing their focus of interest and limiting their other means of exploration and learning," says Dr. Jennifer F. Cross, attending pediatrician and a developmental and behavioral pediatrics expert at NewYork-Presbyterian Komansky Children's Hospital. "If young children spend most of their time engaging with an iPad, smartphone, or the television, all of which are highly entertaining, it can be hard to get them engaged in non-electronic activities, such as playing with toys to foster imagination and creativity, exploring outdoors, and playing with other children to develop appropriate social skills. Interacting almost exclusively with screens would be like working out only your arm muscles and nothing else. You would have really strong arm muscles, but at the expense of overall fitness."

Health Matters spoke with Dr. Cross, also an assistant professor of clinical pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medicine, about the impact of screen time on kids' developing brains and what parents and caregivers can do.

## WE KNOW THAT KIDS HAVE EASY ACCESS TO SCREENS, NOW MORE THAN EVER. BUT HOW DO SCREENS AFFECT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT?

For young children, especially those under the age of 3, development is happening rapidly. Young children learn by exploring their environment and watching the adults in their lives and then imitating them. Excessive screen time may inhibit a child's ability to observe and experience the typical everyday activities they need to engage with in order to learn about the world, leading to a kind of "tunnel vision," which can be detrimental to overall development.

When I see children walking with a parent or being pushed in a stroller,



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they are often playing on a smartphone or a tablet and not paying attention to anything else around them. They will not learn about the world around them if all they're doing is looking at a smartphone. This will not just affect their ability to learn new things, but also how they interact with others and how language develops.

## HOW DOES SCREEN TIME IMPACT A CHILD'S ABILITY TO LEARN?

Studies have shown that children under 2 learn less from a video than when learning from another person, and it appears that although children will watch the TV screen by 6 months, understanding the content does not generally occur until after age 2. It's not that they won't be captivated by what's on the screen, but they're not learning from it.

Language development expands rapidly between 1½ to 3 years of age, and studies have shown that children learn language best when engaging and interacting with adults who are talking and playing with them. There is also some evidence that children who watch a lot of television during the early elementary school years perform less well on reading tests and may show

deficits in attention.

## TELL US MORE ABOUT HOW SCREEN TIME AFFECTS LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION.

Research shows that talking with children in a reciprocal dialogue is extremely important for language development and social interaction. It's that back-and-forth "conversation," sharing facial expressions and reacting to the other person — in real life, rather than "passive" listening or one-way interaction with a screen — that improves language and communication skills in young children.

## WHAT AGE IS APPROPRIATE TO INTRODUCE SCREENS?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends avoiding screens for children younger than 18 to 24 months, except when video chatting with family. The AAP also recommends limiting screen use for preschool children, ages 2 to 5, to just one hour a day of high-quality programming (think Sesame Street or PBS).

When something needs to get done around the house, it can be helpful to have a young child otherwise engaged and entertained. My advice then to parents is to turn on a short

TV show like Sesame Street or Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood — something educational and fun that shows characters interacting and playing cooperatively to model good social skills — rather than giving their child a tablet or a phone. And, if possible, it's best to watch the educational programming with the child so you can actively engage with them about what they're watching and learning.

## HOW MIGHT SCREENS IMPACT A CHILD'S SLEEP?

As humans, our circadian rhythms and our production of melatonin — the sleep hormone — kicks in when the sun sets. But the blue light from screens inhibits melatonin, which can delay sleep. And watching TV or playing games also keeps our brains and bodies more alert and activated and less ready for sleep. (Tablets and smartphones will suppress the melatonin more than TVs because the screen, and that blue light, is closer to the face.)

According to one study, infants 6 to 12 months old who were exposed to screens in the evening showed significantly shorter nighttime sleep than those who had no evening screen exposure.

For preteens and teenagers, excessive use of screens late at night will affect their sleep, and keeping screens out of the bedroom is advised. Too much time spent on social media as well as lack of sleep can affect behavior and cognitive performance in school and interfere with learning. It has also been shown that excessive screen time and sleep deprivation are linked to obesity, which in turn can affect self-esteem and lead to social isolation and more screen time.

## HOW ADDICTIVE CAN DIGITAL SCREENS BE FOR YOUNG KIDS?

The problem with mobile devices is that they draw you in, and as we all know it's easy to waste time surfing the internet. They are also so portable and ubiquitous that we cannot manage without them. As adults, we understand some of the drawbacks and make a conscious decision to put the phone down, but for 2- or 3-year-olds, who don't have any understanding of these concerns, if they have been exposed to the phone/tablet since infancy, it becomes their norm and they want to do more of it.

We should also be careful of relying on using screens to distract a child from a problem rather than having them figure it out and learn to resolve it themselves. Using a favorite song to distract a young child who has just fallen and scraped their knee might be OK, but having the parent comfort and cuddle with the child and talk to them is better. Using screen time to distract young children who are having trouble sharing a toy will not help them learn how to share and take turns in the future, although it may be a quick fix in the short term.

## ARE SOME SCREENS WORSE THAN OTHERS?

Television isn't as bad as it was once perceived to be as it can be controlled more easily and stays in one place. Tablets and smartphones are much more accessible because they're portable. You can take them anywhere and use them at any time.

I believe YouTube is generally bad for young children. If left to their own devices, children are often better than their parents at finding their favorite videos that link to other videos and can lead to hours of watching endless

clips. The largely unregulated nature of the site allows children to watch almost anything; at best there is little educational value, and at worst it can be violent or inappropriate content. Again, the best course of action is to watch with the child so the parent is engaged in finding content that is appropriate and educational.

## WHAT TIPS DO YOU HAVE FOR PARENTS TO LIMIT SCREEN TIME FOR KIDS?

1. Co-watch whenever possible. If children are going to have screen time, the best thing you can do is to watch the show or game with them to help them understand what they're seeing. Comment on things you notice, ask questions about what is happening, if someone on a show is singing a song, sing along with your child. Engage with them and repeat concepts after the show is over so they're more likely to retain that information.
2. Choose media wisely. Look to organizations like Common Sense Media for reviews about age-appropriate apps, games, and programs to guide you in making the best choices for your children.
3. Keep bedtime, mealtime, and family time screen-free. Don't use screens in the car except for long trips, and consider setting a curfew or an agreed-upon time when your family shuts off all screens. Balancing online and offline time is extremely important.
4. Limit your own phone use. Kids will do what they see their parents doing. At a young age, their parent(s) is the most important person in their life, so they will model whatever behavior they are seeing. If they see that you're behind a screen all day every day, then they'll see that it's acceptable and will want to do the same.
5. Emphasize the big three: sleep, healthy nutrition, and exercise. All three are essential to optimal brain growth and development and health and wellness for children and adults alike. And excessive screen time can impact all three. Children who spend more time in front of screens have been shown to eat more fast food and less fruits and vegetables and get less sleep and exercise. Therefore, it is very important to incorporate healthy lifestyle choices as part of the daily routine, as well as limiting screen time.

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# The Top 10 Most In-Demand Skills For The Next 10 Years

Bernard Marr

Want to make yourself indispensable to future employers?

It's not just technical skills you need to cultivate. As we move into the new industrial revolution and the pace of change continues to accelerate, the skills you need to thrive in the workplace are shifting, as well.

In my new book, Future Skills: The 20 Skills and Competencies Everyone Needs to Succeed in a Digital World, I talk about how succeeding in the digital world also requires us to understand how technology will impact our world. We will also need to cultivate critical soft skills so we can do the things machines can't.

Let's take a look at some of the skills that will be in demand by employers in the next ten years.

## 1. DIGITAL LITERACY

Digital literacy encompasses the skills to learn, work and navigate everyday life in our digital world. These skills involve the ability to use devices, software, and apps safely and with confidence. People with strong digital literacy skills can communicate and collaborate easily using digital tools, and they keep on top of new technologies and understand how they might impact their job and their business.

## 2. DATA LITERACY

For most companies, data is now one of their most important and valuable business assets, which means organizations will want to employ people that are able to take data and use it effectively. In the average business context, data literacy means being able to access appropriate data and work with it confidently. To cultivate data literacy, working on extracting meaning from data and communicating data-based insights to others. With data literacy, you'll also be able to question the integrity and validity of any data you are working with rather than just blindly following the information you are given.

## 3. CRITICAL THINKING

In this era of fake news, social media bubbles, and information overload, critical



thinking is at the top of the list of the most vital skills to cultivate for success. Thinking critically means analyzing issues and situations based on evidence rather than hearsay, personal opinions, or biases. When you are practicing critical thinking, you can question the validity of evidence and figure out what's true and what's not in a variety of situations.

## 4. EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Emotional intelligence is the ability to express and control our emotions. An emotionally intelligent person is aware of how their emotions influence their own behaviors and impact others around them and can manage those emotions accordingly. I believe empathy — the ability to see the world from someone else's perspective — is a key component

of emotional intelligence.

## 5. CREATIVITY

Have you ever wondered what creativity really is? One way to define it is "the act of turning imaginative ideas into reality." Creativity will be one of the most desirable skills in the future workplace, especially as we hand more and more routine tasks over to machines. Creative thinking, like coming up with new ideas, problem-solving, imagining beyond the status quo, and implementing ideas to fix issues and make things better, will be critical in the workplace of the future.

## 6. COLLABORATION

The nature of collaboration and teamwork is changing as teams evolve to include hybrid

workers, fully remote workers, contractors, and other employees who flow between projects and teams. In this changing workplace, you will need to be able to effectively collaborate and communicate with a variety of colleagues and coworkers.

## 7. FLEXIBILITY

Are you open to change? In the workplace of the future, change is going to be even more of a driving factor than it is today. We'll have to continually contend with new technologies, rising automation, the rapidly evolving pace of work, and vast business disruptions. We must all develop the mental resilience to thrive in times of constant change. Adaptability — the ability to adjust to new conditions — is key to developing flexibility. Adaptable

people are open-minded, curious, and willing to learn new things because they focus on opportunities, not obstacles.

## 8. LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Good leadership is about bringing the best out of other people and making sure they can thrive. And if you think leadership skills are only necessary for those at the top of the ladder, think again. Factors like distributed teams, increasing diversity, the gig economy, and more fluid organizational structures mean that leadership skills will be important for every individual throughout the company — whether they are leading a project, a team, or an entire department.

## 9. TIME MANAGEMENT

Whether you work from home, work full-time in an office, run your own business, or work for an organization, the ability to manage your time effectively is essential for your workplace performance. Remember that time management is about working smarter rather than harder. Putting in extra hours isn't necessary for people who are great at managing their time. They know when they are most productive and use this time wisely, reserving their less productive hours for other tasks.

Cultivating effective time management skills is also important for your mental health. When you can manage your time effectively, you create a better work/life balance to ensure you have room in your life for the things that are most important to you.

## 10. CURIOSITY AND CONTINUOUS LEARNING

If I were to pick just one skill that I think everyone must cultivate, it would be curiosity. Whatever your age or industry, adopting a mindset of continuous learning is critical to thriving in tomorrow's workplace. Curiosity and continual learning will help you stay flexible and embrace change, as well as help you keep your skills sharp so you can keep up with the major changes taking place today. Want to stay relevant to employers and give yourself the best chance at building a successful, fulfilling life? Adopt a growth mindset and spark your desire to learn.

— Forbes



## ED Chief's Tenure Extended In Public Interest: Centre To SC

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The tenure of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) chief has been extended in public interest as various cases are at a crucial juncture and continuity of officers is required for their proper and expeditious disposal, the Centre has told the Supreme Court.

The finance ministry has informed the top court in an affidavit that a freshly appointed person may take time to take stock and acclimatise to the working of the new organisation.

"Extension in the term of the director of ED beyond two years and up to a maximum of five years was necessitated from the administrative standpoint wherein continuity of the head of the organisation is required for several cases which are at a crucial juncture and require historical knowledge and background for supervision of such cases.

"Continuity of officers at the helm of the agency is required for proper and expeditious disposal of cases," it has said in the affidavit.

The affidavit was submitted in response to PILs filed by political leaders challenging the extension of tenure of the ED chief and the amended law allowing such extensions up to five years.

The ministry said the amendment to extend the tenure of the director was made as the specialised work required to be administered by the premier agency is a continuous process and the person leading the organisation should have a tenure of two to five years.

The government had earlier questioned the bonafide of the PILs filed by political leaders challenging the measure and termed it "pressure tactics".

The top court, which fixed as many as eight PILs, including those filed by politicians Randeep Singh Surjewala and Mahua Moitra, for final disposal on September 19, had also appointed senior advocate K V Viswanathan as amicus curiae (friend of the court) to assist it

in dealing with the pleas.

The court had issued notices on the PILs filed by Surjewala and Jaya Thakur, both Congress leaders, TMC MP Moitra, Saket Gokhale, Krishan Chander Singh, Vineet Narain and Manohar Lal Sharma on August 2.

Advocate M L Sharma, who has filed the plea in his personal capacity, said the impugned ordinance was passed in violation of the constitutional scheme.

The PILs have mostly challenged the Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Act, 2021 which provides for extension of the term of the ED director up to five years.



The Centre had on November 17, 2021 extended the tenure of ED chief Sanjay Mishra by a year till November 18, 2022, days after the Centre brought ordinances to allow the ED and CBI directors to occupy the office up to five years.

Mishra is a 1984-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of the Income Tax (IT) cadre.

The apex court had, in its September 8 judgement on a petition of NGO Common Cause, said a reasonable period of extension can be granted to facilitate the completion of ongoing investigations only after reasons are recorded by the Committee constituted under Section 25 (a) of the CVC Act.

It had also made it clear that no further extension can be granted to Mishra

## "Will Right To Dress Also Mean Right To Undress?" Asks SC In Hijab Case After Lawyer Says Article 19 Includes Right To Dress

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked whether right to dress will also mean right to undress after a submission was made in the Karnataka Hijab case that right to freedom of expression under Article 19 of the Constitution includes choice of dress.

The poser by the apex court came during the hearing of arguments by the lawyer for one of the petitioners challenging the Karnataka High Court verdict declining to lift the state government's ban on Hijab in educational institutions of the state.

"You cannot take it to an illogical end," a bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia said when a previous judgement of the apex court was cited by senior advocate Devadatt Kamat and an argument raised regarding Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution and the freedom to dress.

When the bench asked "Will right to dress mean right to undress also?", Kamat responded to say "nobody is undressing in school.

Kamat referred to the Karnataka government's order of February 5, 2022, by which it had banned wearing clothes that disturb equality, integrity, and public order in schools and colleges and claimed it is targeting only one community. The order was challenged in the high court by some Muslim girl students.

"It may not be right. Because one community wants to come with a headscarf, another community is following the dress code," the bench observed.

Kamat, who also referred to "positive secularism", said the state must exercise reasonable accommodation.

"Your lordships have accepted the concept of positive secularism."

Referring to a previous judgement of the apex court, Kamat argued that secularism does not mean that students of only one faith will not display their religious identity.

The court also made it clear that the question in the Karnataka



Hijab ban matter is only about the restriction in schools as nobody is prohibited from wearing it anywhere else they want.

The bench was told that the matter be referred to a five-judge constitution bench.

Kamat argued that if a girl, in the exercise of her rights under Articles 19, 21, or 25 of the Constitution, decides to wear a Hijab, then can the State put a prohibition that will violate her rights.

The bench orally observed, "The question is nobody is prohibiting you from wearing Hijab. You can wear it wherever you want. The only restriction is in the school. We are only concerned with that question."

At the outset, Kamat said his endeavour is to persuade the bench to consider reference of this matter under Article 145 (3) of the Constitution.

Article 145 (3) says the minimum number of judges, who are to sit for the purpose of deciding any case involving a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution or for the purpose of hearing any reference under Article 143, shall be five.

The senior advocate argued that the bench has to be satisfied that this is a case that requires a reference under Article 145 (3).

"I endeavour to persuade your lordships to take this course of action," he said, adding this is not a matter which is simply related to a violation of a statute, or a rule.

"This case involves primarily a basic question as to whether the State has failed in its obligation to provide for reasonable accommodation, which is a

Constitutional principle adopted by your lordships, for the exercise of a citizens' rights under Articles 19, 21, and 25," Kamat said, adding that the petitioner is not challenging the prescription of uniform in the school.

While Article 19 deals with the protection of certain rights regarding freedom of speech etc, Article 21 pertains to the protection of life and personal liberty. Article 25 of the Constitution deals with freedom of conscience and free profession, practice, and propagation of religion.

During the arguments, Kamat referred to a circular of the Kendriya Vidyalaya and said it prescribes a uniform and makes a reasonable accommodation for Muslim girls to wear a headscarf.

He also referred to a judgement of the constitutional court of South Africa in the case of a girl who wanted to wear a nose ring in school.

"Whatever little I know, nose pin is not part of any religious practice," Justice Gupta said, adding, "Mangalsutra is, but not the nose ring".

The bench observed that all over the world, women wear earrings and it is not a case of religious practice.

"My impression is, no other country has this kind of a diversification as in our country," Justice Gupta said.

When Kamat referred to judgements from the US, the bench asked, "How could we compare USA and Canada with our country?"

"We are very conservative..." said the bench, adding these judgements are given in the context of their society.

## Govt Extends Ceasefire Pact With NSCN-K Niki Group For A Year

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The Centre on Wednesday extended the ceasefire agreement with a break-away faction of the Naga insurgency group NSCN for another year.

The NSCN (K) Niki group is led by Niki Sumi against whom the National Investigation Agency (NIA) had announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh for allegedly killing 18 Indian Army soldiers in Manipur in 2015.

The ceasefire agreement with the NSCN (K) Niki has been in operation for a year since September 2021.

"The ceasefire agreement is in operation between government of India and the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (K) Niki group and it was decided to extend the pact with the group for a period of one year with effect from September 8, 2022 to September 7, 2023," a Home Ministry statement said.

The government of India had signed a framework

agreement with the major Naga group NSCN-IM on August 3, 2015 in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to find a permanent solution.

The framework agreement came after over 80 rounds of negotiations spanning 18 years, with the first breakthrough made in 1997 when the ceasefire agreement was sealed after decades of insurgency in Nagaland which started soon after India's independence in 1947.

However, the talks with the NSCN-IM have been inconclusive as the group has been insisting on a separate Naga flag and constitution, a demand rejected by the central government.

Separately, the government is also holding peace parleys with splinter groups of the NSCN after entering into ceasefire agreements.

The groups which have entered into ceasefire agreements are: NSCN-NK, NSCN-R, NSCN K-Khango and NSCN (K) Niki.

## DD, AIR Most Trusted Media As They Are Not In TRP Race: Prasar Bharati CEO

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Prasar Bharati CEO Mayank Agrawal on Wednesday asserted that Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR) are the most credible media in the country as their focus is on contributing to the country's progress and not on securing high viewership rating.

He cited a recent report from the Reuters Institute to back his claim and attributed the DD and the AIR's success in remaining the number one choice of people to their impartiality, style of functioning, and dedicated workforce.

Agrawal, who is the DD's director general also, was addressing an event organised by the Association of

Akashvani and Doordarshan Engineering Employees.

Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting I Murugan and Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan along with other dignitaries attended the event.

We are the voice of the country. Wherever we reach, nobody else is able to. We are compared with the private channels but when we go before people and when it comes to credibility, we are always kept at the number one position, the Prasar Bharati CEO said.

We are not in the race of the TRP. We are in the race of taking the country forward, he stressed.

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#### Kashmir's Wild

says, "I wish that bear would've killed me once for all. This life is a misery with no remedy."

In the deep jungles of Dard-widder—a high alpine jungle in Ganderbal district—Muneer is stalking around checking the undesired and wild movements in the forest. He's positioned closer to Shameena's tent. Looking at her condition, he says such cases are not uncommon.

"Every year when these gypsies come to the jungles, they end up losing their legs, sometimes their arms and at times, their lives," says Muneer, a field staffer of the forest department.

For this skinny wildlife watcher, the dangerous animal remains the leopard—the man-eater already creating a massive havoc in major parts of the valley and escalating the man-wild conflict.

"If a bear attacks you," Muneer continues, "it'll disfigure your face, but if a leopard attacks you, it'll kill you instantly."

Such are the deadly instincts of different wild animals, he says. "These nomads have to battle them almost everyday. Sometimes, the shepherd dog keeps such wild animals at bay."

Back to her tent, Shameena is blankly staring at the jungle that snatched her sight. Her world now revolves around the familiar sounds of her younger sister, Zulfi.

The girl in her early twenties is a sprinted soul—acting as Shameena's eyes to the world confined to woods.

Zulfi is someone who takes Shameena to places, takes care of her daily needs, washes and feeds her. But Shameena says such life is extremely complicated because her daily activities are very cumbersome.

"Life is already challenging for us," Shameena says. "And these wild assaults have further dented it beyond the repair."

It's twilight and the fear of man-eaters has increased in the deep jungles of Kashmir. And the perilous past, perhaps, is once again knocking doors and haunting Shameena's peace of mind.

"But such is our life," says Zulfi, before guiding her sightless sibling back to her tent. "Be it wild animals or any other creature, we always remain at the receiving end."

#### Crimes By Juveniles

As many as 478 cases were registered related to abduction of children, while 70 missing children were deemed as kidnapped besides one case of human trafficking was also

logged, the report said.

About the police disposal of crimes against children in 2021, the report said, a total of 1,212 cases were investigated by police.

A total of 805 cases were disposed of during the year, while 407 cases remained pending, the report said.

A total of 622 people, including 20 women, were arrested for crimes against children, and 601 of them were charge-sheeted, the report said, adding that 10 accused were convicted, one discharged, and 63 acquitted.

#### Those Who Misguided

"I was told by local people that first time in 75 years any head of the state visited Downtown Srinagar. They said many areas were known for wrong reasons. But, I believe downtown, Srinagar has shed its past and it is now a new address of Indian Sporting Heroes," the LG said.

Observing that J&K is moving ahead on the path of progress, the spokesperson said that the LG called upon the elders, parents and the community members to join the efforts to completely eradicate the menace of drug addiction to give a secure and prosperous future to the new generation.

"We have to restore the reputation of Shahr-e-Khas, once called the heart-beat of Kashmir. Some people with vested interest are rattled by the all-round development taking place in J&K UT. Efforts were also made to mislead many of our youth. The entire families of those who misled our children, are living a comfortable life in the big cities of the country and abroad while our children have suffered. There is no place for such elements in civilized society," the LG said.

Congratulating the locals, especially the youth of downtown area for the new sports facility, the LG, as per the spokesperson said that Shahr-e-Khas area has evolved as a hub of sporting activities, with youngsters determined to achieve the glory in sports.

"In the last two years, downtown has witnessed a massive rise in the number of sports being played and a large number of youth pursuing sports professionally," he said.

Amid the cheers of thousands of locals present at the venue, the spokesperson said, the LG recounted names of top-class players who recently went to represent the country at the International sporting events.

"Several youngsters from downtown, Srinagar have proved their mettle in International Championships. The day is not far when we will see the

youth of Shahr-e-Khas representing the country in Olympics and earning a new identity of heroes and the respect for J&K and the country," the LG said.

Sinha also said that determination of downtown youth to see the tricolor fly high has revived the legacy of football & other games,

The growing sports culture in J&K is reflected in the remarkable revolution in different sports disciplines. In the last three years, we have ensured unprecedented progress with regard to infrastructure, career progression, & future of the players. An enabling environment through new policies has been created which fills the gap of the last 70 years," the LG added.

#### JKAS Officer

Assistant Commissioner (Panchayat) Abdul Rashid Kohli (JKAS) was suspended and a time-bound enquiry was ordered against him for allegedly hurting sentiments of a particular community.

The action against Kohli was ordered by the District Magistrate Rajouri, Vikas Kundal after receiving a complaint from one of his subordinates, officials said.

"This office has received a complaint that AC Panchayat has made some objectionable remarks about a particular religion," Kundal said in an order issued on Tuesday.

According to the order, Kohli reportedly made the remarks while having lunch at Blue Moon Restaurant with four of his subordinates during office hours.

The senior officer allegedly made objectionable comments when one of his subordinates ordered vegetarian food.

"The conduct of the officer is not only a violation of service conduct rules, but also an issue of hurting religious sentiments of other community and has the potential of creating a law and order problem in the district," reads the order.

Therefore, the District Magistrate says, keeping in view the above facts, Abdul Rashid Kohli AC Panchayat is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect.

The order also adds that a committee headed by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Pawan Parihar would probe the matter and submit a report within 15 days.

#### Govt Transfers

immediate effect. According to separate government orders, Sandesh Kumar Sharma (JKAS), Additional

Deputy Commissioner Billawar, holding additional charge of Sub Registrar, Billawar, has been transferred and posted as Special Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department.

Tilak Raj (JKAS), Additional Deputy Commissioner, Basholi, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Basholi, has been transferred and posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Udhampur, against an available vacancy.

Ravi Mohan Khajuria (JKAS), Additional Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department, has been transferred and posted as Registrar, District Udhampur, against an available vacancy.

Ajeet Singh (JKAS), Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Bani-Basholi with headquarters at Basholi, has been transferred and posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Basholi. "He shall also hold the charge of the posts of Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Bani-Basholi and Sub-Registrar Basholi, in addition to his own duties, till further orders," reads the order.

Vinay Khosla (JKAS), Additional Secretary in the J&K Services Selection Board, has been transferred and posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Billawar. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Billawar, in addition to his own duties, till further orders, it added.

As per a separate order, Anshuman Singh (JKAS), Deputy District Election Officer, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Director, District Employment and Counseling Centre, Udhampur, against an available vacancy.

Hakim Riyaz-ul-Haq (JKAS), Deputy Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Director (Administration) in the Directorate of Handicrafts, J&K against an available vacancy.

Rameshwar Kumar (JKAS), Deputy Secretary to the Government, GAD, has been transferred and posted as Deputy District Election Officer, Jammu.

#### 'Complete Projects

chairing a high level meeting, at Civil Secretariat, to review the implementation and progress of mega road projects in Jammu & Kashmir, an official spokesperson said.

During the meeting, he said, the LG took stock of the status of various roads, tunnels, bridges projects under Central sector, Centrally Sponsored

and UT Sector schemes including Prime Minister's Development Package, Parvatmala, PMGSY, CRIF, NABARD, C&T Macadamization, Pothole-free Road programme, Bridge programme and Road Sector.

According to the spokesperson, the LG emphasized on dedicated focus to complete the projects within set timelines and passed explicit directions to streamline the planning, tendering and execution process.

"It should be ensured that there are no inordinate delays in execution of projects," Sinha said.

The LG, as per the spokesperson directed to develop a robust system for reporting of the damages and potholes on the roads so that corrective measures can be taken at the earliest.

Sinha, he said, further asked the officials to assess the area specific requirements and prepare projects' plans accordingly.

On being informed that 132 bridges are being targeted to be completed this year, the spokesperson said that the LG advised for exploring feasibility of pre-fabricated short span bridges in areas where immediate action is required.

"Taking serious note of the various vulnerable spots along the roads, the Lt Governor instructed for installing crash barriers at such places to prevent accidents," he added.

While reviewing the work on Z-Morh tunnel, the spokesperson said that the LG directed the concerned officials to complete the work on the escape tunnel at the earliest.

"Referring to various complaints received from different quarters regarding maintenance and repair work of the government infrastructure, the Lt Governor directed the officials to take necessary measures in this regard," he added.

#### J&K Logs 80 New

Kulgam and Shopian detected no new cases of Coronavirus.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu reported a maximum of 5 new cases of infection, Udhampur 3 and one each in Doda and Samba. No new cases were reported from six other districts of Rajouri, Kathua, Kishtwar, Poonch, Ramban and Reasi.

Also, the officials said that the death toll in the pandemic remained unchanged at 4783, as no fresh fatality was reported during the last 24 hours.

"Moreover, 121 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 22fromJammu division and

99from Kashmir division," they added.

#### Charges Filed

Anayat Gulzar Bhat and Jahangir Ahmad Dar all residents of south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

"The case (in which the eight accused were charge-sheeted) pertains to the conspiracy hatched by local/Pakistani terrorists of JeM, along with Over Ground Workers, to execute terrorist acts against security forces in south Kashmir," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said the case was initially registered on March 11 at Pulwama police station and re-registered by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on April 8.

"Investigations have revealed that the accused persons had provided safe shelter, transportation and other logistics support to JeM terrorists Aquib Mushtaq Bhat (local) and Kamaal Bhai alias 'Jatt' (Pakistani) who were planning to carry out terrorist acts against the security forces," the official said.

Both Kamaal Bhat and his Pakistani associate Jatt were killed in an encounter with security forces in the Chewa Kalan area of Pulwama on March 12.

While Naseer Ahmad Malik is facing charges under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Arms Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the rest of the accused have been booked under the IPC and the UAPA, the NIA said.

#### Former Legislators

issues and demands based on merit. Sinha, he said, asked the former legislator to continue his endeavours of bringing forth the issues of public welfare.

Earlier, ex-MLC and senior leader BJP met the LG.

Arora, as per the spokesperson discussed various ongoing projects of the Government and expressed gratitude to the LG-led UT administration for bringing huge investments into J&K.

"Arora appreciated the inauguration of Ellahi Bagh Indoor Sports Stadium by the Lt Governor in Downtown Srinagar, which was attended by thousands of youth from Kashmir," he said, adding that the former MLC also presented his new book titled "Meri Shayari Teri Ibadat" to the LG.

#### Two Terrorists

including two pistols, two pistol magazines, two grenades, 20 pistol rounds, an AK-47 magazine and 50 AK live rounds were seized from their possession," the spokesman said.



## Mainly Dry Weather With Isolated Rain In J&K: MeT

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Weather department on Wednesday forecast mainly dry weather with possibility of isolated very light rain and thundershowers over higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir in next 24 hours.

A meteorological department official said that no large change was expected during the next two days.

About the minimum temperature, the official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 15.9°C against 15.6°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.9°C above normal for the summer capital during this time of the year, he said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 13.8°C against 14.0°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.6°C below normal there, he said.

In Pahalgam, he said, the

mercury settled at 9.1°C against 8.8°C on the previous night and it was 1.4°C below normal for the south Kashmir resort.

Kokernag recorded a low of 13.0°C against 12.0°C the previous night and it was 0.4°C below normal for the place, he said.

World famous Gulmarg resort recorded a low of 9.4°C against 7.5°C on the previous night. It was 0.6°C below normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at 13.6°C against 15.1°C the previous night, the official said. It was 0.1°C above normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 23.4°C against 22.1°C on the previous night. It was 0.5°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 14.0°C, Batote 15.8°C, Katra 21.4°C and Bhadarwah 15.3°C. (GNS)

## 2 Terrorists Killed In Chance Encounter: Police

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Two AGuH terrorists were killed in a "brief chance encounter" at Thajiwara Bijbehara area of Anantnag on Wednesday, police said.

Police identified them as Fayaz Ahmad Kumar alias Faheem Kumar son of Mohammad Ramzan Kumar and Owais Ahmad Khan son of Ghulam Mohammad Khan, both residents of Waghama Bijbehara.

"As per police records, both were involved in several cases and civilian atrocities including attack on police personnel at Cheeniwooder Srigufwara on 03/07/2022 in which one police personnel Firdous Ahmad Dar got seriously injured," a police spokesperson said in a statement.

They were also involved in an attack on Police personnel Ghulam Qadir at Darashikon Park Bijbehara on 12 August this year in which he received grievous gunshot injuries, he said. "Besides, they were also involved in grenade lobbing incidents at Padshahibagh on 15 June 2022 and Sangam Chowk on 22 August 2022."

The spokesperson said that arms, ammunition and other "incriminating" materials were recovered from the site of encounter.

In this connection, he said, police have registered a case under relevant sections of law and investigation has been initiated.

"ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar congratulated Anantnag Police for carrying out a successful and swift encounter without any collateral damage," he said.

## All New Hyundai TUCSON, Hyundai Venue N Line Launched At HK Hyundai Srinagar



### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** HK Hyundai, Signature club dealership of Kashmir today launched the all new Hyundai Tucson and Hyundai Venue N Line at their dealership located at Athwajan bypass here.

Managing Director of HK Hyundai, Umar Yaqoob Mir launched the new Hyundai TUCSON and Hyundai Venue N Line in presence of Riyaz Ahmad Wani (Cluster Head, J&K Bank), Zahoor Ahmad (Branch Manager, J&K Bank Pantha Chowk) other valuable directors of HK Group & various Media Groups, Radio Partners, Business Personals, Bankers & financiers joined the launching event.

During the launch, Umar Yaqoob Mir, Managing Director of HK Hyundai Said, "The all-new Hyundai TUCSON is a revolution in design. Sophisticated and progressive, it's the SUV taking modern aesthetics to the next level. Truly, the cutting-edge SUV design with futuristic technology. The all-new Hyundai TUCSON is crafted to meet and exceed the aspirations of new age luxury seekers and those who actively embrace the integration of most advanced global technologies, stunning modern design and enthralling performance in their lifestyles. The all-new Hyundai TUCSON is loaded with advanced tech (60+ safety features) that ensures a better driving experience and a range of features to ensure your safety. The Ex-showroom price of Hyundai Tucson starts from Rs.27.70 lacs"

Qamar Ul Zaman (Marketing Manager)," Talking about Hyundai Venue N Line, Venue is Built to take your driving experience to the next level every time you're on the road, the Hyundai VENUE N Line brings together the perfect balance of motorsport inspired styling and technology that adds thrill to

every drive. Built for play. Built for safety. Prioritizing safety, the Hyundai VENUE N Line is built to add thrill to your ride while ensuring complete safety with features like 6 airbags, electronic stability control (ESC), brake assist system (BAS) and more. The Ex-showroom price of Hyundai Venue N Line starts from Rs.12.16 lacs. Bookings are already open for both Hyundai Tucson and Hyundai Venue N Line.

During the launch Tahmid Qureshi, General Manager (Services) said "Our primary motive is to save time consumption during services and provide services at the door step of customers by our Mobile Service Van (MSV) which is being introduced first time in Kashmir in which customer can avail Hyundai services at door step especially in remote areas - services include washing, wheel alignment, mechanical service etc. We have enabled HK Hyundai with all new upgraded equipment (with latest technology) which will benefit customers with quick services. Our workshop is equipped with Live streaming cameras, customers can check live working on his/her vehicle, for more transparency and satisfaction.

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## Mehta Asks PDD To Reduce AT&D Losses By 10% Each Year

### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday chaired the meeting of Power Development Department (PDD) to discuss the prospective reforms to be taken up in the distribution sector here in J&K.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Finance; Principal Secretary, PDD; DG Budget; Chief Engineers of the department and many other officers of the department.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the officers to work on reduction of Actual Transmission & Distribution (AT&D) losses and take them down at least by 10% in each year to bring them within the permissible limits. He urged them to ensure quality power supply to consumers besides realization of pending liabilities from the consumers.

Dr Mehta also stressed on running a campaign to assure consumers that the department is committed to provide the quality power if they re-



imburse their dues on time. He suggested to install only smart in future and install the conventional meters from these areas in unmetered areas.

The Chief Secretary stressed on completion of all the works regarding installation of Smart metres and loss reduction in a time bound manner. He maintained that the endeavor of the department should be to provide round the clock electricity to all the consumers in next few years.

The meeting was informed that the department is to carry out Smart Metering works at the cost of Rs 1046.71 crores

and loss reduction works at the cost of Rs 4595.20 crores under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

It was also revealed that under phase-I 115000 smart meters had been installed and in phase-II some 600000 more such meters would be installed till July, 2023.

The meeting also discussed that a total of more than 21 lakh Smart Metres would be installed in the UT for bringing a substantial change in the power sector here besides providing 24x7 power supply to consumers here in next few years.

## 6702 Militancy Affected Children Given Financial Assistance

### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), Autonomous organization under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Manoj Pant, on Wednesday reviewed implementation of rehabilitation programme for child victims of militancy in Kashmir division.

The meeting was attended by Director Social Welfare Department, Kashmir, Additional Deputy Commissioners, District Social Welfare Officers, DDO, NFCH and other concerned officers.

It was informed that 6702 children have been assisted in twenty districts of Jammu and Kashmir by NFCH with financial assistance of rupees 50.39 crore. Besides, Rs 1.94 crore have been released in favour of 1071 affected victims during 2021-22 while Rs 63.12 lakh have been released for 392 victims in 2022-23.



Union Secretary stressed on the officers to trace the left out children in their respective districts so they shall be provided financial assistance for rehabilitation.

Pant said that NFCH has not received renewal or fresh cases of large number of eligible children from J&K so far. He asked the concerned officers to expedite the process of tracing eligible children and register them under the project.

He informed that a victim child, qualifying the requisite criteria, once registered is eligible for assistance till 25 years of age. He said the focus is to help them to obtain education and achieve their goals.

Union Secretary further informed that these children are being provided opportunity to visit various cities of the country including Delhi, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Mumbai for vast exposure.

## Govt Approves Modernisation Of 120 Schools In Tribal Areas



### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Tribal Affairs Department has approved modernisation of 120 schools in tribal areas to provide modern educational facilities in these remotely located schools in an endeavour to promote quality education.

In Phase-I of the plan more than 100 schools have already been modernised at a cost of Rs 20.00 Crore, an official spokesperson said Wednesday.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, in November 2021, launched the initiative of Tribal Affairs Department to modernise more than 200 schools in two phases at an estimated cost of Rs 40.00 Cr. Phase-I of the initiative covering more than 100 schools was completed in April 2022.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department informed that education of tribal students has been emphasised as a top priority and a special budget has been earmarked under the Tribal Education Plan (TEP) first time introduced by the department last year which included enhancement in scholarship, establishment of new hostels, resumption of work on languishing hostels which lacked funding and administrative approval, coaching for UPSC Civil Services Examination, NEET & JEE, modern infrastructure, IT equipment and other measures.

Department has approved modernisation of 120 schools in tribal areas on two different categories. In 48 schools a budget of Rs 20.00 Lakh each has been approved for providing required infrastructure including Teaching-Learning Material (TLM), Furniture, Uniform, Sports equipment, repairs and other basic facilities

including toilets etc while in another 72 schools one Smart Classroom each has been approved which includes smart boards, furniture, books and other required material.

Dr Shahid appreciated the role played by Chief Education Officers, Zonal Education Officers, Heads of Institutions and staff of schools selected for modernisation tribal areas, which has yielded visible results in a very short span of time and thousands of tribal students have benefited under the initiative.

The 48 schools approved for modernisation include 4 in Udhampur, 3 in Reasi, 1 in Anantnag, 3 Ganderbal, 2 in Jammu, 3 in Budgam, 9 in Poonch, 3 in Kishtwar, 4 in Kupwara, 3 in Doda, 4 in Bandipora, 1 in Baramulla, 1 in Kathua, 1 in Samba, 2 in Srinagar and 3 in Rajouri.

The Smart Classrooms approved under the initiative for 72 schools include 10 in Poonch, 15 in Rajouri, 5 in Kupwara, 5 in Bandipora, 3 in Ramban, 3 in Reasi, 3 in Kathua, 2 in Samba, 5 in Ganderbal, 2 in Budgam, 5 Anantnag, 3 in Baramulla, 2 in Shopian, 2 in Pulwama and 2 in Kulgam, 4 in Udhampur. Proposals have also been sought from Districts Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban and Anantnag for coverage of schools in tribal areas. An amount of Rs 12.00 Cr has been released for the purpose.

Tribal Research Institute (TRI) established in August 2021 as a pioneer in Research and Development for tribal welfare has been entrusted with capacity building programmes for teachers of model tribal schools in coordination with the School Education department at district level.

## 7 PRI Representatives Fall In ACB Net Since 2021

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** In a matter of concern, at least seven elected representatives of urban local bodies and panchayats have been arrested by the sleuths of the Jammu & Kashmir's premier anti-graft body, Anti-Corruption Bureau, in corruption cases.

According to details, four corporators and three Sarpanchs have been arrested by the ACB while accepting bribe from different parties.

The data available with ACB reveals that on April 23, 2021, Shameema Bano, chairperson of Municipal Committee (MC) Qazigund was caught while accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 from the complainant, a video of which also went viral on the social media platform. Subsequently, an FIR number 02/2021 was registered her by the ACB.

On October 21, 2021, ACB caught red-handed Owais Ahmad, President, Municipal Committee, Pahalgam while demanding and accepting a bribe amount of Rs 80,000 from the complainant. He was arrested and taken into custody by ACB team and a case FIR number 31/2021 under section 7 PC Act 1988 stands registered against him.

As per the details, On December 19, 2021, ACB arrested Nasir Sheikh, Sarpanch, Halqa Zainpora, Baramulla along with Farooq Joo, village level worker, Norkhah, Baramulla for accepting bribe of Rs 10,000. The duo was demanding a bribe of Rs 40,000 from the complainant for releasing the labour payments. A case under

number 13/2021 was registered by the ACB against him.

The details further reveal that Bilal Ahmad Bhat, President Municipal Committee (MC), Awantipora was also arrested by ACB on May 13, 2022 for demanding and accepting the bribe of Rs 1000 for processing the bills. A case under FIR number 09/2022 was registered against him in ACB Anantnag.

On February 15, 2022, a Sarpanch from Khulchohar in Anantnag district, namely Hafiza Begum was caught while accepting the bribe of Rs 6,500 on account of approving work files related to works executed under MGN-REGA, 14 FC and SBM through the office of Shangus Block development Officer. A case under FIR number 03/2022 was registered at P/S ACB Anantnag.

On March 31, 2022, ACB trapped Hassan Jan, Sarpanch Halqa Anderwan, Kangan, Ganderbal and her husband Liyakat Ali while accepting a bribe of Rs 9,000 for release of payment under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana.

"In this regard, a case under FIR number 13/2022 under section 7 PC Act 1988 was registered in PS ACB Srinagar," the ACB said.

On June 17, ACB trapped Jyoti Devi, Corporator, ward number 53 (Trikuta Nagar) of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) and her husband Sham Lal while accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 for issuance of mulba clearance certificate.

A case number 10/2022 P/S ACB-J under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 and 120-B IPC at Police Station ACB-Jammu was registered against them—(KNO)

## DC Shopian chairs Block Diwas at Chitragam, Zainpora

### Observer News Service

**SHOPIAN:** The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Wednesday chaired a weekly Public Outreach programme as part of Block Diwas at Chitragam, Zainpora.

Public representatives, delegations and locals of Chitragam, Gundervesh, Wadipora and other villages put forth their grievances and demands regarding establishment of different public institutions and execution of developmental works.

The DC listened to the grievances, issues of the people of the area and assured favourable action.

District heads besides other officials of various departments were on-spot instructed to resolve grievances as demanded by Public delegations and citizens expeditiously, besides they were also directed for making favourable action for improving the provision of different services.

Later, the DC inspected Govt. High School Chitragam and interacted with students and reviewed the functioning of the school. He also visited classrooms of the school and took stock of the learning-teaching outcomes and emphasised upon the teachers to give their best in improving the teaching learning outcomes.

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1st J&amp;K Chancellor's Athletic Meet

## NIT Srinagar Secures 3rd Position At IUST



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar secured third position in 1st J&K Chancellor's Athletic Meet Men and Women 2022 organised by the Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora.

The event was inaugurated by LG Manoj Sinha on Monday in which 80 athletes from 8 Universities from J&K participated.

During the event, Saswati Priyadarshini (MSc Chemistry) NIT Srinagar bagged a gold medal in the 100m women's short distance race. Versha Chauhan (MSc Chemistry) bagged a gold medal in 200 meters women's short distance race.

Similarly, in 400m short distance race Jangra from Mechanical Department bagged the silver medal for NIT Srinagar. In Discus Throw men, Aman Singh Bisht (Electronics) bagged the silver medal.

In 800 meters Middle Distance Race Swasti from MSCHM bagged a Silver medal, and in Relay 4/100meters women, Varsha, Tanaya Doley (Metallurgy), Hamlata, Swasti from NIT Srinagar bagged the silver medal. Varsha bagged silver medal in Long Jump in the women's category.

In 1500 meters Middle Distance Race women's category, Hamlata from (ECE) department bagged the Bronze medal, and in Discus Throw women category Julma Devi (MSc Chemistry) bagged also Bronze medal for the NIT Srinagar.

The closing ceremony was attended by Vice Chancellor Prof. Shakil Ramshoo, ADC Awantipora, and other dignitaries.

Congratulating the athletes for bagging medals in different sports categories, Director NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal extended his greetings to the winning participants and stated that it is a proud moment for the entire institute.

## Ist Corporate Cricket Tournament Held At Baramulla



Observer News Service

**BARAMULLA:** To provide a platform to the youth and channelise their energy in a positive manner, 'First Corporate Cup cricket tournament' was on Wednesday inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Syed Sehri Ashgar in presence of various senior officers at Jhelum Sports Stadium here.

The inaugural match was played between DC 11 and R&B 11. Various cricket teams are being introduced from District Administration Baramulla for participation in the tournament.

After inaugurating the tournament, the DC interacted with the participating teams and emphasised upon them to take part in sports activities besides encouraging other youth to follow the same.

She also said that the objectives of organising this tournament is to explore the hidden talent of budding youth besides giving them opportunity to improve and hone up their skills.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC informed that in order to upgrade and maintain this Jhelum Sports Stadium, an amount of Rs. 90 lakh has been allotted under Aspirational District programme so that the sports activities are carried out without any hassle.

The DC added that youth engagement in sports activities will also play a significant role in distancing youth from drug addiction which at present has evolved as a big menace.

Elaborating further, the DC said that all the facilities will be made available in the Stadium like installation of lights and nets for the convenience of the youth.

## Inter School Tug of War Competitions Begin At Budgam



Observer News Service

**BUDGAM:** The Department of Youth Services and Sports Budgam on Wednesday organised Inter School District Level competitions of Tug of War Boys/Girls AAG at Sports Stadium Budgam.

The said event was inaugurated by Gurmukh Singh Dutta, DYSSO Budgam.

In these competitions the selected teams from the different twelve zones of the district com-

prising 132 participants including 66 Boys and 66 Girls took part with great zeal and zest.

Speaking on the occasion, Dutta said that the strength of the team is each individual member and the strength of each member is the team.

He said all the participants played the game and played it well. He encouraged the participants and congratulated all the field staff for organising such a wonderful event in an organised manner.

## LG Inaugurates Ellahi Bagh Indoor Sports Stadium

- ▶ 'Upgraded 12 sports fields, mini-stadiums in Downtown'
- ▶ 'Downtown youth proved their mettle in International C'ships'
- ▶ 'Downtown is a new address of Indian Sporting Heroes'



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** LG Manoj Sinha on Wednesday inaugurated the Ellahi Bagh Indoor Sports Stadium, constructed at a cost of Rs 4 crore under PMDP.

Congratulating the locals, especially the youth of Downtown area for the new sports facility, the LG said the Shahr-e-Khas area has evolved as a hub of sporting activities, with youngsters determined to achieve the glory in sports.

The LG further said, "In the last two years, Downtown has witnessed a massive rise in the number of sports being played and a large number of youth pursuing sports professionally."

Amid the cheers of thousands of locals present at the venue, the LG recounted names of top-class players who recently went to represent the country at the

International sporting events.

The LG also appreciated the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) for preparing and handing over the Ellahi Bagh Indoor Sports Stadium in record time.

The LG said JKSC is looking for sporting talent so that training and other facilities can be provided to them. All sportspersons have the potential to become like Saqib Farooq, Rabia Farooq, Toria Gulzar, Tajim Fayaz, Soiliha Yusuf and Farhan Ganai and bring laurels to the nation.

The LG asked the youth to take the inspirations from champions like Sadia Tariq, Shaikat Ahmed and Danish Farooq and dedicate themselves in their respective sports discipline.

On his arrival, the LG took a round of the newly constructed Indoor Stadium, interacted with

the young sportspersons and inspected the facilities there.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC, Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K Waqf Board, Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Youth Services & Sports, Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council also spoke on the occasion.

Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary to the Government, H&UDD; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Mohd Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Athar Aamir Khan, Commissioner SMC; PRI & ULB members; members of Downtown community, Sikh community and religious leaders; prominent sports personalities, large number of people and youth were present on the occasion.

## ICC T20I Rankings: Rohit Climbs To 14th



Press Trust of India

**DUBAI:** India captain Rohit Sharma gained three slots to be at 14th while Suryakumar Yadav dropped a place to fourth among batters in the ICC T20I rankings issued on Wednesday. Rohit (612 rating points) climbed three spots after scoring a 41-ball 72 against Sri Lanka in an Asia Cup Super 4 match at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Tuesday.

Star batter Virat Kohli gained four places and is ranked 29th after scoring 60 against Pakistan.

Topping the batting chart is Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan (815 rating points), who has displaced his teammate and captain Babar Azam (794 rating points).

Rizwan has scored 192 runs in three matches in the Asia Cup and is the leading run getter in the tournament so far. Australia pacer Josh Hazlewood (792 rating points) and Afghanistan's Mohammad Nabi (256 rating points) top the bowling and all-rounder charts respectively.

## Naseem Shah Takes Pakistan To Asia Cup Final, India Knocked Out



Press Trust of India

**SHARJAH:** Pakistan beat Afghanistan by one wicket in their Super 4 match of the Asia Cup here on Wednesday.

The result meant that India and Afghanistan are out of the reckoning for the final to be played on Sunday as they are winless from two matches. With four points each, Pakistan and Sri Lanka qualified for the title clash.

Invited to bat, Afghanistan posted 129 for six with Ibrahīm Zadrān top-scoring with a 37-ball 35.

Pakistan chased down the target with four balls to spare, reaching 131 for 9 in 19.2 overs.

Shadab Khan top-scored for Pakistan with 36 while Iftikhar Ahmed made 30.

For Afghanistan, Fareed Ahmad and Fazalhaq Farooqi took three wickets apiece while Rashid Khan got two to leave Pakistan reeling at 118/9. With 11 needed in the final over, Naseem Shah dashed all hopes with back-to-back sixes in the first two balls of the last over off Fazalhaq Farooqi to cap in a memorable win.

## Chelsea Sack Coach Tuchel

Agencies

**LONDON:** Thomas Tuchel was fired by the Premier League club on Wednesday, only one month into the season and just days after Chelsea's recently installed ownership — fronted by Los Angeles Dodgers part-owner Todd Boehly — concluded a Europe-high spending spree of nearly \$300 million in the transfer window.

The decision to fire Tuchel, who was manager for 20 months, came a day after Chelsea surprisingly lost to Dinamo Zagreb 1-0 in its first group match of the Champions League. Chelsea has also lost two of its first six games — to Leeds and Southampton — in an underwhelming start to the Premier League that has seen the team's new signings fail to gel.

The 49-year-old German guid-



ed Chelsea to the Champions League title less than six months after taking over as manager in January 2021, as the replacement for Frank Lampard.

British media has already linked Graham Potter, currently manager of in-form Premier League club Brighton, and Mauricio Pochettino, with the vacancy. (AP)

## Iran Rehires Queiroz For 3rd World Cup Together

Agencies

**TEHRAN:** Carlos Queiroz was rehired as Iran coach on Wednesday

second day of the tournament — against England, where Queiroz worked for several years. He had two spells at Manchester United



to take the national football team to its third straight World Cup, where the squad will face the United States, England and Wales.

Queiroz was hired to replace Dragan Skocic, and he will be reunited with Iranian football federation president Mehdi Taj, who was re-elected last month.

Queiroz will now go to his fourth World Cup — he coached his native Portugal in 2010, then Iran in 2014 and 2018 — after failing to lead Egypt to this year's tournament.

Iran has never advanced to the knockout stage of the World Cup. The team's first match this year will be on Nov. 21 — the

as assistant to Alex Ferguson, and between those coached Real Madrid in the 2003-4 season.

Queiroz's first preparation games with Iran will be friendlies against Uruguay on Sept. 23 in Austria and Senegal four days later. The federation is also reportedly in talks with playing Russia in a warm-up game in November. (AP)

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