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## Wasted Food, Dogs Driving Wild Animals Towards City: Experts

Zaid Bin Shabir

Srinagar: Hours after another wild intrusion in the urban pocket of Kashmir created panic and raised alarm bells, the experts on Monday called for an immediate defense mechanism and shifting strategies to restore order in the jungle.

Regional wildlife warden Kashmir region, Rashid Naqash told Kashmir Observer that unless an ecologically viable number of natural habitats isn't maintained, such wild intrusions are impossible to end.

"Our city has adopted an unnatural way of waste

management. There are heaps of Solid and kitchen waste lying on roads. Even the wazwan left-over is thrown on these roads and ironically, black-bear is known to have a high smelling power. So, don't you think it's quite obvious that these wild beasts will be attracted to a space that has an easy availability of food," said Naqash, adding that a western way of disposing waste needs to be strictly adopted in Kashmir.

The wildlife warden quickly added that the steps taken by his department are immediate measures and not a longtime strategy. He said that Kashmir's



landscape is a landlocked area and a superficial look at the valley's land structure reveals that

a substantial portion of the agricultural land has been turned into horticultural land.

"The spaces near jungles are now settlements, that itself, has put a huge pressure on wildlife. These animals have come out of their natural habitat. They have now adapted to live in a human-dominated landscape because of the easy food availability in these places. And when the boundaries between humans and wild animals are reduced, such incidents are bound to happen," Naqash said.

On Monday, the wildlife department's team successfully injected tranquilizer to the Himalayan black bear and its cub who were seen roaming in Srinagar's Rajbagh area since

Sunday after injuring a man in the neighbouring Lal-Mandi area of the city.

Echoing similar views as Naqash, Aliya Mir, a prominent wildlife expert and Wildlife SOS Jammu & Kashmir's head for conservation program said that the primary factor behind these rapid wild sightings is the shrinking habitat of wild animals.

"In recent years, there has been a substantial decrease in Kashmir's landscape, even the official figures suggest the same. I'd say, the most practical way of containing wild intrusion in urban spaces is to stop meddling with **More on P10**

## Army Commander Reviews Preparedness In Ladakh

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday visited forward areas in western Ladakh and reviewed the operational preparedness of the troops, officials said.

Lt Gen Dwivedi was received by top Army officials of 14 Corps and he was briefed about the security situation in the area, they said.

He later visited forward areas along the Batalik sub-sector and reviewed operational preparedness in the belt, the officials said.

Lt Gen Dwivedi exhorted troops of the Tiger Hill bridge to remain alert and excel and emerge victorious in all scenarios, they said.

Pertinently, Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande on Saturday had carried out a comprehensive review of the overall security situation in eastern Ladakh, two days after Indian and Chinese militaries began disengaging from Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area in the region.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas. Both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

The ministry's comment on September 9 had come a day after the Indian and Chinese armies had announced that they had begun to disengage from the Gogra-Hotsprings Patrolling Point 15.

External Affairs Ministry spokesman Arindam Bagchi had said that according to the agreement, "the disengagement process in this area started on September 8 at 8:30 am and will be completed by September 12".

## J&K Situation Improved In Last 3-4 Years: DGP

### 'Pakistan Continuously Supplying Drugs To Ruin Future Of Youth'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has improved a lot during the past three to four years, the Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said on Monday that people have appreciated the working of police and other forces and there exists a mutual respect between the two.

Singh made these remarks after laying foundation stone of multi storeyed buildings at Bhagwanpora, Sangam in Srinagar on Monday, a police spokesperson said.

Addressing the locals of the area, Singh, he said, directed the jurisdictional officers to take necessary steps to solve the grievances of the people on priority.

The DGP, according to the spokesperson, said that the J&K Police is also expecting and getting full support and cooperation from people in maintaining peace and order.

"To secure the bright future of our youth, Police and people have to work together. Past which has given pain has to be left behind so as to provide a peaceful environment to our coming generations," the DGP said.

Complimenting police & forces for showing patience and restraint during tough times while maintaining peace & order, the DGP, as per the spokesperson said that we have to continue our work together for the peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.



Singh, he said, also maintained that police personnel come from the same society and work for the betterment of his own society.

The DGP also said that the impressions about some areas are also changing now.

Speaking of the new challenge of narcotic terrorism, the spokesperson said that the DGP termed it a high time to take action against the menace. Singh, he said, stated that JKP's Drug-de-addiction Center which is functional in the downtown area is providing all necessary facilities and services to the drug addicted youth.

"He said that those youth who were trapped unknowingly in the drug abuse and have acknowledged that the path of drug addiction as a path of destruction should work as role models to other youth and advise them about the ill effects of the addiction," the spokesperson said.

He further said **More on P10**

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A man spreads freshly harvested walnuts for drying at his orchard in Tral area of Pulwama district. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## Wular Lake Conservation Solid Waste Management In Fringe Villages Recommended

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: There is an immediate need for proper sustainable management of solid wastes in the "fringe villages" of Wular Lake, as most of the garbage from households and eventually from these villages go directly to the lake, Advocate Nadeem Qadri, amicus curiae of the Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh court has said.

On August 20, the court asked Advocate Qadri to visit the Wular lake in north Kashmir's Bandipora district and submit the recommendations and suggestions for the protection and conservation of the Lake.

It may be noted, the court was hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL), filed by Kashmir Environmental



Protection, regarding the conservation, protection and preservation of the lake.

The court had directed the government to file an Action Taken Report (ATR) regarding detailed status about utilisation of funds, encroachment status of Wular lake, staff

strength of authority and latest position of lake conservation manners taken by said Authority to conserve the lake.

The amicus curiae took a detailed visit to Lake to have first hand ground level information from the stakeholders and all **More on P10**

## Hyderpora 'Encounter' SC Dismisses Man's Plea Seeking To Exhume Son's Body

Agencies

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea of a father to hand over the body of his son, who was killed in an 'encounter' in Hyderpora area of Srinagar in November last year.

A bench comprising Justices Surya Kant and J.B. Pardiwala said once buried the body should not be disturbed and the Jammu and Kashmir has submitted that the deceased was buried with all honour, and nothing to indicate that the body was not given a decent burial, reported news agency IANS.

The bench said it respects the sentiments of the father, but the court cannot decide

matters on sentiments and the relief granted by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court was just and equitable and dismissed the appeal filed by Mohammad Latief Magrey.

The top court directed the state government to comply with the high court direction in connection with the compensation to the family and also allow them to offer prayers at the grave.

During the hearing, the advocate representing the Jammu and Kashmir administration had submitted that it was not in dispute that the deceased was a terrorist and the CD submitted to the high court showed that all Islamic last rites were performed as per the book. **More on P10**



### SHORT TAKES

#### Lawyer Found Hanging From Tree

The body of an advocate was found hanging from a tree in an orchard at Arath area of central Kashmir's Budgam district on Monday, police said. The deceased has been identified as Advocate Tariq Ahmad Mir son of Abdul Gani Mir of Wadwan Budgam. A police spokesperson in a statement said that the body was spotted by locals and they informed police. Accordingly, he said, a police team headed by SHO police station Budgam and Chowki **More on P10**

#### IGNOU Extends Last Date For Admission

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) on Monday announced to extend the last date for admission to September 22, and for re-registration to September 17, keeping in view the demand of the public. It is pertinent to mention for information of all the prospective students of IGNOU that 37 new programmes have been launched during this admission cycle which includes, Masters, Bachelors, PG Diplomas, Diploma and Certificate programmes, **More on P10**

#### Siblings Injured In Bear Attack

Two brothers were injured by a black bear in Sutharan area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district, reports said Monday. Imran Ahmed Sheikh and Showkat Ahmed Sheikh, sons of Abdul Qadir Sheikh were passing through a narrow road in their native village of Sutharan in Khag when a bear appeared there and attacked them, reports said. Both of them received injuries in the surprise attack by the beast. They were removed to a **More on P10**

#### 2 Dead As Car Falls Into Doda Gorge

Two persons were killed when their car skidded off the road and rolled down into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Monday, officials said. Ajay Kumar (27) of Cheera and Ranjeet Singh (31) of Jagote died on the spot, they said. The victims were on their way to Cheera area from Thathri when the incident happened near **More on P10**



#### Ayodhya's Ram Temple To Cost Rs 1800 Cr

An estimated cost of Rs 1,800 crore will be incurred to build the Ram temple in Ayodhya, officials of the trust responsible for the construction of the structure have said. The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, formed on the Supreme Court's orders for the construction of the temple, approved its rules and manual after a marathon meeting here on Sunday. At the meeting held at the Faizabad **More on P10**

#### J&K Adds 22 New Corona Cases

Jammu and Kashmir reported 22 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus on Monday, taking the number of people infected since the onset of pandemic in the Union Territory to 478759. According to officials, 13 new cases of Covid-19 were detected in Kashmir Valley and the remaining nine from Jammu division. In the Valley, they said, Srinagar reported the highest 7 new cases of virus, Pulwama 3, Kulgam 2 and Baramulla 1. The remaining six districts of Budgam, **More on P10**



# Early Life Changes In Diet, Lifestyle, Environment Triggering Several Cancers: Study

IANS

The drastic early-life changes in teens and young adults regarding diet, lifestyle, obesity, environment and the microbiome have led to a "genuine increase" in the incidence of early-onset forms of several cancers globally, a new Nature research has warned.

Over the past several decades, the incidence of early-onset cancers, often defined as cancers diagnosed in adults less than 50 years of age, in the breast,

colorectum, endometrium, oesophagus, extra-hepatic bile duct, gallbladder, head and neck, kidney, liver, bone marrow, pancreas, prostate, stomach and thyroid has increased in multiple countries. Evidence suggests an aetiological role of risk factor exposures in early life and young adulthood," said the global study published in the journal Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology, led by researchers at Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Boston.

Since the mid-20th century, substantial multi-generational changes in the expo-

some have occurred (including changes in diet, lifestyle, obesity, environment and the microbiome, all of which might interact with genomic and/or genetic susceptibilities). The incidence of cancers of various organs diagnosed in adults less than 50 years of age has been rising in many parts of the world since the 1990s. "The early-onset cancer epidemic might be one manifestation of increasing trends in the development of many chronic diseases in young and future generations," the researchers wrote.

They emphasised that raising awareness of the early-onset cancer epidemic and improving the early-life environment should be our immediate goals. "These are likely to reduce the burden of both early-onset and later-onset cancers," they added.

To study early-life exposures and their implications for multiple cancer types will require prospective cohort studies with dedicated bio-banking and data collection technologies, the research noted



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باغبان پورہ سرینگر

**چہلم شہدائے کربلا**

جگر گوشہ رسول ﷺ، ابن بتول حضرت امام حسینؑ اور دیگر شہدائے کربلا کے چہلم کی یاد میں 16 ستمبر 2022 بروز جمعہ امام بارگاہ حضرت ابوالفضل العباس باغبان پورہ لال بازار میں حسب عمل قدیم صبح 9 بجے سے دن کے 12:30 بجے تک اپنی وادی گپوش کے نامور زاکرین کرام مرثیہ خوانی کر کے عاشقان امام عالی مقام کے تئیں جذبہ عقیدت کو جلا بخشیں گے۔ ٹھیک دن کے 1:30 بجے نماز جمعہ ادا کی جائے گی۔ نماز جمعہ کے فوراً بعد مرثیہ خوانی کی دوسری نشست شروع ہوگی۔ اس میں بھی زاکرین کرام دن کے 5 بجے تک پیارے نبی ﷺ کے نواسے کو اپنا گلہائے عقیدت پیش کرے گی۔ 5 بجے مرحوم حکیم علی محمد صاحب کے دولت خانہ سے عزاداران امام عالی مقام کا جلوس و ذوالجناح شریف نکلے گا جو عداقت کی مختلف سڑکوں سے گزر کر نماز مغرب سے قبل امام بارگاہ ابوالفضل العباس میں اختتام پذیر ہوگا۔

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# Authorities Shut Operation Theatre At Ramzaan Hospital, Probe Underway

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: After allegations of medical negligence came to forth at Ramzaan Hospital, the authorities on Monday sealed Operation Theatre of the private Healthcare facility at Gogji Bagh.

The Authorities have also constituted a committee to probe the alleged medical negligence, sealed the Operation Theatre and all the surgical procedures have also been suspended.

Spokesperson of Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHSK), Dr Mir Mushtaq said the move has been made after taking note of the allegations of the family members of deceased ladies, who allegedly died due to medical negligence.



"The DHSK has constituted a committee and it has been asked to file a report within a week and strict action will be taken if allegations are found true" Dr Mushtaq said.

He further said that CMO

Srinagar has constituted a panel to probe the matter and ascertain facts about the allegations, which has been levelled against the doctors.

He said that patients admitted there will be taken care

of, however, no new surgery procedures are allowed till the probe is completed.

Despite repeated attempts CMO Srinagar did not respond to phone calls.

An official from the Ramzaan Hospital confirmed to Kashmir Observer that Operation Theatre has been sealed and a probe is underway.

"Once the probe is completed, all the facts will come to the forth"

He however clarified that OPD is functioning normally.

guilty, strict action must be initiated against them and the hospital should be shut" wrote Andleeb Bashir on social networking site Facebook.

Another Facebook user voiced similar views saying private healthcare facilities have taken people's lives for granted.

"The authorities should suspend the license of the Hospital if allegations of medical negligence are proven" Zahid Qureshi wrote.

It is pertinent to mention, on August 25 family members of a lady from Theed Harwan alleged medical negligence by the doctors after she died at the hospital, while on September 9 another lady from Nowgam Srinagar also died due to alleged medical negligence.

## "Netizens Hail Move"

After the news of the seizure of Operation Theatre at Ramzaan Hospital went viral on social media, the move was widely hailed by netizens.

"If the doctors are found

## Public Parks Transferred To SMC 2 Years Back In Shambles

Agencies

Srinagar: Most of the public parks transferred from floriculture department to Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) nearly two years ago, are in shambles as the corporation faces dearth of gardeners, leaving the local populace to lurch at large.

Sources privy to the development said that 12 gardeners were sent on deputation from the floriculture department to SMC soon after the government ordered transfer of nearly 140 public parks in Srinagar to the corporation.

"The gardeners were sent on deputation in a bid to train the gardeners from SMC. However, all the gardeners of SMC have got superannuation and since then no recruitment has been done in this regard to fill va-

cancies," sources said.

They said that the 12 gardeners on deputation are presently taking care of some of the gardens as it is impossible for them to manage the work at nearly 140 parks.

The local populace, however, said that the beautification of the public parks have gone for a toss as there is hardly any public park which has been beautified in the past two years.

Deputy Mayor, SMC, Parvaiz Qadri when contacted, said that there is dearth of gardeners as the vacancies after the superannuation of previous caretakers. "There is a need to utilize the funds meant for the gardens. The funds are not being used. Besides, the meagre number of gardeners is not able to beautify the gardens properly," he said. (KNO)

## NIT Organizes Cleanliness Drive Under Swachhata Pakhwada

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Under the Swachhata Pakhwada 2022, the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar Monday organized a mega cleanliness drive on the campus and vowed to protect the environment from pollution.

The two-week-long Swachhata Pakhwada is being organized by the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Committee of NIT Srinagar from 1st September 2022 to 15th September 2022 under which many activities were carried away by the organizers.

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal along with Registrar Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari and Prof. M.F. Wani initiated the mega drive on the campus.

In his key speech, Prof. Sehgal highlighted the importance of Swachhata Pakhwada and stated that such programs are

need of the hour.

"Our planet is facing multiple crises from climate change to loss of biodiversity and an increase in carbon emissions. We are committed to supporting all pro-environment initiatives on campus," he said.

Prof. Sehgal discussed various initiatives with the students to make NIT Srinagar a green campus. He also urged students to protect and conserve the environment at the individualistic level.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said that engineers have an important role in society and are called builders of any nation. He laid emphasis on the importance of forests and their role in the environment.

"Both engineers and environmentalists can work jointly for a sustainable government. We need joint efforts to preserve the environment," he said.

He stated that "Charity begins at home" the effect of the Swachh Bharat Mission should be initiated within our campus itself and should be taken along to the next levels.

On the occasion, Prof. MF Wani said there is a need for joint efforts to preserve the environment from every end.

"From climate change and marine pollution to the depletion of flora and fauna, environmental issues have only increased with each passing decade. The future generation has to play a leading role to save the environment," he said.

EBSB Committee members Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Rout, Dr. Vijay Kumar, Dr. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Shakeel Wasim, Dr. Mukund Dutt Sharma, Dr. Mohsin Khan, Dr. Omkar Singh, and Dr. Jaya Srivastava are jointly organizing Swachhata Pakhwada to motivate the students towards a clean and green initiative.

## Bear, Cub Tranquilized In City

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Wildlife authorities on Monday caught a Bear and Cub alive in Rajbagh area of the city.

An official said that an eminent threat to life and property at Jawaharnagar, Rajbagh and Lal Mandi areas of Srinagar successfully averted at 2:00 midnight by the dedicated team of the Wildlife Department by capturing mother bear with Cub live.

"Operation though challenging clean and complete and the area is declared safe for the public," he said

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Aijaz Asad said that after 21 hours nonstop operation, Black Bear spotted yesterday in Rajbagh area has been tranquillised.

"Great job by the Team led by Wildlife Department. Area has been scanned and sanitized. All Educational institutions in the area shall open normally as per daily routine," he said.

## SKUAST Signs MoU With Himachal Agri University For Student Exchange

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir and Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Palampur (HP) Monday entered a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to foster academics and research collaboration between the two institutions for student exchange through joint sandwich and twinning postgraduate degree programmes, faculty exchange, joint conferences, seminars and workshops in areas of common interest.

The MoU was signed by the SKUAST-K Vice Chan-

cellor Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai and CSKHPKV Vice Chancellor Prof HK Chaudhary at a brief signing-in ceremony held at Vice Chancellors' Secretariat. The signing-in was witnessed by Director Research Prof Sarfaraz Ahmad Wani and Director Education Prof MN Khan from SKUAST-K, and Director Research Dr SP Dixit and Dean College of Veterinary Sciences Dr Desh Raj from CSKHPKV. The Director Extension, HoD Fisheries from CSKHPKV, Registrar, Controller Exams, Dean Horticulture, Director Extension and Director Planning and OSD to Vice Chancellor from SKUAST-K were also present at the signing ceremony.

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## This Day In History

- 1973 - Syrian/Israeli dogfight over Mediterranean Sea
- 1974 - OPEC instructs its Secretary General to "carry out a study of supply and demand in relation to possible production controls"
- 1984 - STS 41-G launch vehicle moves to launch pad
- 1984 - Shimon Peres forms Israeli government with Likud
- 1988 - 9 hard/software manufacturers announce EISA computer bus in NY
- 1988 - Gilbert is strongest (26.13 barometer) hurricane in Western Hemisphere
- 1990 - Iraqi troops storm residence of French ambassador in Kuwait
- 1993 - Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs Shimon Peres and PLO official Mahmoud Abbas sign the Oslo I peace accord
- 1993 - Public unveiling of the Oslo Accords, an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement initiated by Norway
- 1994 - Space probe Ulysses passes south pole of Sun
- 1995 - The Kuwaiti Oil Ministry states its intention to seek a 200-million-barrels-per-day increase to its current 2-million-barrels-per-day crude oil production quota at OPEC meeting in Vienna
- 1997 - Mother Teresa's State Funeral held in India
- 1999 - Bomb explodes in Moscow, Russia. At least 119 people are killed.

## From KO Archives

### NC Activist Among 11 Killed

Observer News Service

Srinagar - Six civilians, a National Conference Block President and an Ikhwan are among nine persons killed in militancy-related incidents across the state of Jammu and Kashmir since last evening.

Armed men with their faces covered, stormed into the house of a ruling National Conference activist at Sumbal and fired at him from close range. He sustained injuries and later died in hospital. Police blamed the separatist militants for the killing.

As per the details available, gunmen, who are yet to be identified, forced their entry into the residence of Ghulam Mohammad Dar at Rakh-e-Shilwat, near Sumbhal town late last evening and fired upon him. He was shifted to hospital in critical condition, where he succumbed to his injuries. Police said Dar was Block President of ruling National Conference in Sumbal area of Baramulla district.

During the same night suspected separatist militants barged into a residential house and fired at two persons, Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Dar and Ghulam Mohammad Dar. Later Mohi-ud-Din Dar succumbed to his wounds, while another person's condition is said to be serious. The deceased was an activist of JK Ikhwan, sources said.

Dead body of Abdul Rehman Mir of Sangam, Eidgah, on the outskirts of Srinagar was recovered from river Jehlum at Panzina, Sumbal. The deceased, police said, had been kidnapped by suspected militants from his house on September 9.

Militants attacked the house of former State legislator at Kralaweth, Baramulla with AK rifles and grenades, reports said. Police guard, posted at the house returned the fire. No one from both the sides suffered any harm.

One person, whose identity has not been disclosed, was fired at by the security forces at Khiram, in southern Anantnag district last evening, when he ignored the signal of the security forces to stop. He has been shifted to hospital as per the police. Four persons were done to death by unidentified gunmen in Jammu division's Poonch district overnight.

Three persons Mohammad Bashir, Gulzar Hussain and Mohammad Hussain all residents of Marhot, Surankote were shot dead by unknown gunmen during the last night in village Sallian Dhoke. Police blamed the militants for the killings. No militant group has owned the same so far.

Altaf Hussain, an employee of State's Sericulture Department was shot dead by unidentified gunmen at Kalota, Mendhar in Poonch district over-night. Police has taken cognizance. During the night intervening September 10 and 11, an explosion took place in the house of one Mohammad Hussain at Tamoli, Reasi, in Udhampur district, resulting in death of his wife, Gulzar Bibi, a police press release said.

A militant of pro-Pakistan Hizbul Mujahideen was killed in an encounter with the security forces at Nildora, in northern Kupwara district last night.

Police claimed that three militants injured during an encounter with the security forces at Hangni-Kote, Vilgam in Kupwara district overnight, managed to escape from the encounter site.

(Kashmir Observer, September 13, 1998)

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## New Monarch Gives Fresh Impetus To Scotland's Independence Debate

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Scotland: Queen Elizabeth II's death in Scotland indelibly associates the nation with the handover to a new monarch, but her passing also reignites the debate over Scottish independence from the UK.

Thousands of people stood for hours on Sunday to see the 96-year-old's coffin arrive from her Balmoral estate to Edinburgh's Palace of Holyroodhouse, and the formal proclamation of Charles as king.

But there is a strong vein of republicanism in Scotland, and a few heckles could be heard amid the crowds massed along The Royal Mile.

One 22-year-old woman was detained for a breach of the peace for holding a placard with an obscene anti-monarchy slogan just before the proclamation, while there was also some booing.

For some in the crowd, Elizabeth — and her son King Charles III — represent the strength of the United Kingdom of Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

She was "one of the things that held (the UK) together", noted Archie Nicol, 67, who had earlier paid his respects at the royal Balmoral estate where the queen died Thursday.

Yet many others who expressed their admiration for the late monarch saw it as separate from their desire to be an independent nation.

"The queen clearly had a respect for Scotland," said Nicola Sandilands, 46, a primary teacher.

"The royal family is as much Scottish as they are anything else," she told AFP, while urging them to become "more relevant and current".

However, she acknowledged that the monarch's death "will maybe make it easier to become a republic".

"Some Scots will consider this end of an era a natural moment for a fresh start," Scottish journalist Alex Massie wrote in The Times.

- Queen of Scots -  
The governing Scottish National Party (SNP), which wants another independence referendum following the 2014 "no" vote, is not calling for a republic.

Its founder Alex Salmond coined the term "Queen of Scots" and built close ties with Charles.

And SNP First Minister Nicola Sturgeon was quick to express her "deepest condolences" when the

queen died, praising her "extraordinary dedication and service".

But the transition to another monarch based in England — albeit one educated at a Scottish boarding school, with several Scottish residences and a penchant for kilts — risks fraying ties.

"The Union is probably in more jeopardy now she is gone," noted veteran journalist Andrew Neil in the Daily Mail newspaper.

"King Charles will love Scotland just as much as the queen. But he simply doesn't have her authority."

A poll by the British Future think tank in June suggested that 45 percent of Scots supported the monarchy while 36 percent wanted a republic.

Meanwhile, 51 percent wanted to stay as part of the United Kingdom.

- Discretion -

Before becoming king, Charles was known for speaking out on a range of issues, including climate change — a stance praised by Scotland's Daily Record tabloid, which urged him to make the environment his "defining mission" as king.

But as constitutional monarch, he will have to steer clear of anything remotely political, particularly independence.

"The passing of the Crown is a moment of frailty, perhaps even fragility," Adam Tomkins, a constitutional lawyer and professor at the University of Glasgow, noted in The Herald newspaper.

The "burning question", he said, was whether Charles could "emulate his mother in maintaining the discretion by which the monarchy stands or falls".

Queen Elizabeth II never spoke out about independence, although before the 2014 referendum, she told a member of the public she hoped Scots would "think very carefully about the future".

Then-prime minister David Cameron was caught saying that she "purred down the phone" when he reported victory for the anti-independence campaign — an indiscretion for which he subsequently apologised.

- Scottish audience -

Charles will have his first audience with Sturgeon on Monday when he returns to Scotland to lead a procession of his mother's coffin to St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh, and then hold a vigil.

## Supreme Court Adjourns Hearing Pleas Against Citizenship Law Till Sept 19

Agenceis

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday adjourned the hearing of a batch of petitions challenging the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 and posted the matter for further hearing on September 19.

A bench of Chief Justice of India UU Lalit and Justice S Ravindra Bhat was hearing at least 220 petitions challenging the CAA. The pleas against the CAA first came up for hearing in the Supreme Court on December 18, 2019.

The bill was passed by the Parliament on December 11, 2019, after which it met with protests across the country. The CAA came into effect on January 10, 2020.

Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), Trinamool MP Mahua

Moitra, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi, Congress leader Debabrata Saikia, and several NGOs and law students are among those who had filed the pleas before the Supreme Court challenging the law.

In 2020, the Kerala government filed a case in the Supreme Court, becoming the first state to challenge the CAA. The law fast-tracks the process of granting citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians who fled religious persecution in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, and took refuge in India on or before December 31, 2014. The Supreme Court had earlier issued notice to the Centre and refused to pass an interim order staying the law without hearing the Centre.

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GYANVAPI CASE

## Big Win For Hindu Side as Court Dismisses Muslim Plea



Agenceis

Varanasi: The Varanasi district court on Monday rejected the plea questioning the maintainability of a petition seeking permission for daily worship of Hindu deities whose idols are located on an outer wall of the Gyanvapi mosque.

District Judge AK Vishvesh

ordered that it would continue to hear the petition seeking the right to worship in the temple.

Five women had filed the petition seeking permission for daily worship of Hindu deities whose idols are claimed to be located on an outer wall of the Gyanvapi mosque.

The Anjuman Intezamia

Masjid Committee has said the Gyanvapi mosque is a Waqf property and has questioned the maintainability of the plea. The district judge had last month reserved the order till September 12 in the communally sensitive matter. The court fixed September 22 as the next date of hearing in the case.

## 50 Million People Trapped In "Modern Slavery", Says UN

Agenceis

Geneva, Switzerland: Fifty million people around the world are trapped in forced labour or forced marriage, the UN said today, warning that their ranks had swelled dramatically in recent years.

The United Nations had set a goal to eradicate all forms of modern slavery by 2030, but instead the number of people caught up in forced labour or forced marriage ballooned by 10 million between 2016 and 2021, according to a new report.

The study, by the UN's agencies for labour and migration along with the Walk Free Foundation, found that at the end of last year, 28 million people were in forced labour, while 22 million were living in a marriage they had been forced into. That means nearly one out of every 150 people in the world are caught up in modern forms of slavery, the report said.

"It is shocking that the situation of modern slavery is not improving," Guy Ryder, head of the International Labour Organization (ILO), said in a statement.

"Nothing can justify the persistence of this fundamental abuse of human rights."

'Life sentence'

The Covid-19 pandemic, which worsened conditions and swelled debt levels for many workers, has heightened the risk, the report found.

Coupled with the effects of climate change and armed conflicts, it has contributed to "unprecedented disruption to employment and education, increases in extreme poverty and forced and unsafe migration",



compounding the threat, it said. It is a long-term problem, the report cautioned, with estimates indicating entrapment in forced labour can last years and forced marriage is often "a life sentence".

Women and children are by far the most vulnerable. Children account for one out of five people in forced labour, with more than half of them stuck in commercial sexual exploitation, the report said.

Migrant workers are meanwhile more than three times more likely to be in forced labour than non-migrant adult workers, it showed.

"This report underscores the urgency of ensuring that all migration is safe, orderly, and regular," Antonio Vitorino, head of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), said in the statement.

Modern slavery is present in basically every country in the world, with more than half of cases of forced labour and a quarter of forced marriages in upper-middle income or high-income countries. The report found that the number of people -- mainly women and girls -- stuck in forced marriages had risen by a full 6.6 million since

the last global estimates in 2016.

China in focus

The number of people in forced labour swelled by 2.7 million over the same period. The increase was driven entirely by more forced labour in the private economy, including in forced commercial sexual exploitation.

But the report also said that 14 percent of those in forced labour were doing jobs imposed by state authorities, voicing concern about abuse of compulsory prison labour in a number of countries, including the United States.

It also pointed to grave concerns raised by the UN rights office about "credible accounts of forced labour under exceptionally harsh conditions" in North Korea.

And it highlighted the situation in China, where several UN agencies have warned of possible forced labour, including in the Xinjiang region, where Beijing stands accused of detaining more than one million Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities.

Beijing has vehemently rejected such charges, claiming it is running vocational training centres to help root out extremism.

## Iran Develops UAV "Designed To Hit Israel's Tel Aviv, Haifa": Mehr

AGENCEIS

Iran has developed an advanced long-range suicide drone "designed to hit Israel's Tel Aviv, Haifa," Iranian news agency Mehr reported, citing Iran's ground forces chief as saying.

Brigadier General Kiomars Heidari said the drone, named Arash-2, is a newer version of Arash-1, and it is designed to target the cities of Iran's enemy "Israel".

"We have considered this drone specifically for the attack on Haifa and Tel Aviv," Heidari said, adding that the drone has "unique capabilities and can recover multiple times until it hits the target".

Heidari confirmed that the drone has been implemented into the army's arsenal and its capabilities will be unveiled soon.

On September 8, the commander of Iran's air forces, Brig. Gen. Hamid Vahedi said Iran has achieved full self-sufficiency in supplying its air forces with combat unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

"We have achieved 100% self-sufficiency in the field of unmanned aircraft, but we must not stop in these efforts," IRNA quoted Vahedi as saying.

The commander noted that Iran has become the leading state in the Middle East in the field of combat drones.

Iran unveils new missile systems, surface & subsurface vessels in future

Earlier, the Chief Commander of Iran's Army Navy Force, Rear Admiral Shahram Irani, announced that new Iranian missile systems and surface and subsurface vessels will be unveiled in the near future.

On the occasion of the Sacred Defense Week, Irani indicated that the Iranian Navy will be equipped with surface and subsurface vessels, in addition to some other equipment.

The Rear Admiral mentioned

that some new missile systems will be unveiled during Sacred Defense Week.

It is noteworthy that on September 5, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy added three new military vessels to its fleet, among them a patrol combat warship fitted with air defense missiles with a vertical launching system.

A ceremony was held in the southern port city of Bandar Abbas to officially hand over the new vessels to the IRGC Navy.

Two missile-launching speedboats with the names of IRGC Navy martyrs Roushi and Dara are among the homegrown ships, along with an advanced patrol combat warship bearing the name of Lt. General Qassem Soleimani.

The multi-hulled Martyr Soleimani warship is equipped to transport helicopters. It can also discharge VTOL drones and many types of strike speedboats into the water.

The patrol combat warship is the first Iranian military vessel to be fully equipped with air defense missiles with a vertical launching system that can fire mid- and short-range missiles, according to remarks made at the event by Major General Mohammad Hossein Baqeri, Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces.

Iranian General stressed importance of non-stop expansion defense capabilities

This comes as Brigadier General Amir Hatami, an advisor to the Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces, stressed Sunday the importance of the non-stop expansion of Iran's defense capabilities.

During a military conference in Tehran, Hatami stated that Iran's strategic, geopolitical, and geostrategic position necessitates the constant promotion of its defense power.

According to Hatami, defense power is the best factor in safeguarding national security and protecting Iran's territorial integrity.

## Indian-Americans Protest Against Hate Crimes, Vandalism Of Gandhi Statue

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Washington: Indian-Americans held a peaceful protest at the Time Square against the recent spurt in hate crimes and instances of vandalism of Gandhi statue in the city.

The protest was organised in association with the influential Federation of Indian Americans (FIA) along with other community outfits. The participants urged the Biden administration and other state governments to take steps against such instances.

Community representatives also expressed concern over the recent and multiple brazen attacks on Mahatma Gandhi's statue in New York and other US cities.

A moment of silence and prayers were held to pay tributes to the victims and to the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep them all safe.

Addressing the gathering, India's Consul General in New York Randhir Jaiswal emphasized the need to renew commitment and resolve to be vigilant against hate crimes and

terrorism, and to embrace peace-filled harmony and non-violence which are the preaching of father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi. Mr Jaiswal also paid his tribute to the victims of 9/11.

In his remarks, FIA president Kenny Desai said nothing is better than a peaceful march to bring the issue to the attention of the authorities concerned.

"As we remember and honour those who lost their lives on this day, we should work peacefully with a committed resolve to abolish extremism and hate-crime," he said.

Asserting that there is a lot to learn from the values that Mahatma Gandhi embodies, community leader and Rajasthan Association of North America chief Prem Bhandari strongly condemned the recent incidents of vandalism where the statue of the great global leader was desecrated and destroyed.

He demanded strict action by the US government to punish those responsible, FIA said. FIA chairman Ankur Vaidya and chairman of Bihar Foundation of North America Alok Kumar also spoke on the occasion.

### NEWS MAKERS

## "Not Something You Can Just Make In A Day": The Queen's Coffin

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London: Queen Elizabeth II's coffin, which will lie in state in London for four days later this week before her funeral next Monday, was reportedly crafted more than three decades ago.

The casket will rest closed on a raised platform known as a catafalque inside Westminster Hall -- the oldest part of the centuries-old parliamentary estate -- from Wednesday, after lying at rest in Edinburgh for a day from later Monday.

Here are more details about the coffin of Britain's longest-serving monarch:

English oak and lead

The queen's coffin was made at least 32 years ago of English oak, which is increasingly rare these

days with most wooden caskets now made from American oak, The Times reported Monday.

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designed for royal caskets, with a company in the central English city of Birmingham responsible for them, according to The Times.

"It is not something you can just make in a day," noted Leverton.

Final journey  
Queen Elizabeth II's coffin first emerged on Sunday, covered with the Scottish royal standard and a wreath of white heather, dahlias and sweet peas from the gardens of the Balmoral estate where she died Thursday.

It rested overnight Sunday in the Palace of Holyroodhouse in the Scottish capital Edinburgh.

On Monday, it travels by hearse -- followed by a procession including King Charles III and other senior royals -- to St Giles' Cathedral on the Royal Mile, where it will remain for 24 hours.

## 6-Year Jail Term For Income Tax Officer For Rs 15,000 Bribe 23 Years Ago

Agenceis

A 1989 batch IRS (Indian Revenue Services) officer was sentenced to six years' imprisonment by a trial court in Uttar Pradesh's Lucknow for taking a bribe of Rs 15,000 23 years ago. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 1.5 lakh on the officer.

On November 29, 1999, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had filed a case against Arvind Mishra, who was then the deputy commissioner of the Income Tax department in Lucknow, after a man alleged Mishra demanded a bribe of Rs 20,000 for issuing a 'no dues certificate' to him in the prescribed format 34 (A).

The next day, the CBI laid a trap and caught Mishra red-handed when he was accepting a bribe of Rs 15,000 from the complainant.



After investigation, a charge-sheet was filed against Mishra in the Court of Special Judge, CBI Cases, Lucknow.

"In this case, the trial was stayed for most of the time as different petitions were pending in the matter before the High Court. The petitions filed by the accused were adequately countered by

the CBI prosecutors. The CBI was successful in convincing both the trial court and the High Court about the merits of the prosecution's case...following which the petitions of the accused were rejected and the interim relief in favour of the accused was also waived," said R C Joshi, a spokesperson of the CBI.

## TAD Establishes 100-Bedded Hostel For Girl Students In Jammu

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** A 100-bedded hostels for girl students has been operationalised by the Tribal Affairs Department (TAD) at Jammu which was dedicated to the students by Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, an official spokesperson said Monday.

He said that the new hostel has been provided for Post-Graduate students by the department.

Secretary in the department, Mohammad Harun Malik, Secretary GB Advisory Board, Mukhtar Ahmed, Director, Tribal Affairs Department, Mushir Ahmed Mirza, Dy Director TRI / TAD, Dr Abdul Khahir, Wardens Dr Naseeb Ali, Mushtaq Ahmed, Faculty members and others of officers attended the inaugural ceremony and interaction.

According to the spokesperson, the hostel has been provided to accommodate 100 girl students enrolled in Post-graduate courses in Universities and Colleges.

"The enrolled students are also being provided scholarship and enhanced diet rates have been made application. Modern furniture and other facilities have been made available to provide best quality accommodation and educational support system," he added.

Dr Shahid, in response to demands raised by the students at the new hostel, approved pro-

vision of one bus for the hostel students and also informed that WiFi facility, CCTV cameras, library facility will also be provided in the hostel shortly. The students were also provided computer tabs with Pre-loaded educational content. He also informed that a PG girls hostel on similar lines is also being established at Srinagar shortly.

Deptt is also providing sports facilities in the hostels, avenues for extracurricular activities, Skillings courses, exposure visits and other facilities for a holistic educational development of students.

It is pertinent to mention there that out of the 25 hostels recently initiated by the department one girls PG Hostel each has been approved for Jammu and Srinagar for which land has been earmarked and funds released to DCs for execution of project. In view of time required for completion of projects the department has initiated the hostels with immediate effect under outsourced of host-let space as per norms.

It was also informed that a set of skill development courses will shortly commence for girl students in both the hostels and regular career counselling sessions will be organised to aware the students about various opportunities available for higher education, including competitive scholarships and fellowships.

## CBC To Organize Multi-Faceted Programmes During Navratra

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** The Central Bureau of Communication, UT of J&K and Ladakh will organize multi-faceted cultural and patriotic programmes during the nine day long Navratra Festival-2022, beginning 26th September.

In this regard, Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai and the Joint Director Central Bureau of Communication, UT of J&K and Ladakh Ghulam Abbas held a meeting to review and finalize the arrangements and activities being undertaken by the Central Bureau of Communication during the festival.

Ghulam Abbas informed that CBC will put up a Mega Exhibition on different themes with a special focus on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and the freedom struggle of India, showcasing unsung heroes of the freedom struggle. The publicity activities will also include the awareness about 'Swaraj Serial' being telecast on Doordarshan, Azadi Quest- a series of online educational mobile games and other developmental schemes of the Central Government.

During the festival, the art-

ists of the department and other empaneled private troupes will present cultural programmes on religious themes and various other developmental themes announced by the Central Government. The Cultural Troupes from other States viz; Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Guwahati, Chennai, Kohima, Kolkata and Ladakhwill also enthrall the audiences.

He further informed that as part of Pre-publicity activity, the Field Offices of CBC will organize various programmes like; Quiz, Painting Competitions and Seminars to motivate the public to participate in the festival on a large scale.

The Director Tourism assured that the Tourism Department will provide every possible support to CBC during the festival to make it successful. Both the officers also discussed the strategy for pre publicity of the event in coordination with PIB and JKDIPR.

Among others, the meeting was also attended by Ravinder Vaishnavi, Durga Prakash from Central Bureau of Communication and Sheena Sahni, Assistant Director Tourism, Jammu and Mehak Gupta, Accounts Officer, Tourism Department, Jammu.

NEET UG-2022

## Haziq Of Aakash BYJU'S Scores 710, Obtains AIR 10

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Haziq Parveez Lone, a student of Aakash BYJU'S, has secured an AIR 10 by scoring 710 out of 720 in NEET UG 2022, and is all hopeful of entering the portals of AIIMS, New Delhi, a dream he has been nurturing since he was in Class 6. His future goal is to become a neurologist or neurosurgeon.

Haziq joined Aakash BYJU'S after passing Class X, but he had been preparing for NEET on his own for months. The thought of becoming a doctor first came to him when his cousin sister became one. Haziq derived inspiration also from the doctors who served the people in his vicinity. He liked biology and became deeply interested in the functions of the brain.

"Everyone is fascinated by the mysteries of the brain. I am no exception. I think I will remain in awe of it throughout my life," he says.

He started preparing for NEET formally under the guidance of Aakash BYJU'S teachers from Class XI. He loved the way he was taught Physics, and Chemistry, the two subjects that remained a little difficult for him for long.

Naturally a self-confident boy, Haziq realised that cracking NEET was not going to be a big challenge, within about two or three months at Aakash. His parents - father, a businessman, and mother, homemaker, and his younger sister, a class 6 student, were thrilled at the progress he made with his NEET preparation.

Haziq liked online classes very much. However, the access to Internet was never uninterrupted in Srinagar. There were times when he had to miss his online classes for two-three days at a stretch.

Taking these gaps into consideration, Aakash offered special classes for Haziq and other aspirants from the region to help them catch up with the preparation schedule.

"Studying online was a transformative experience. We had a proper schedule, and the interactions with teachers were objective and productive," he says and adds that the study materials from Aakash BYJU'S were fabulous, making his offline preparation a joy. "The frequent exams during the intensive phase of the training were the ultimate."

## Govt Forms Panels For Implementation Of JJ Act, Other Schemes For Children

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The government on Monday constituted various committee(s) for implementation, monitoring and review of the Mission Vatsalya and Juvenile Justice Care (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

One of the committees-- UT Level Monitoring and Review Committee--is headed by Chief Secretary has been tasked to monitor and review the implementation of the scheme and make special efforts for convergence so as to ensure benefits under all possible government welfare schemes for the children.

"The committee shall closely monitor and review working of structures, services and progress under various components of the Mission Vatsalya," reads a government order, a copy of which lies with GNS. The Committee, it said, shall ensure full and unimpeded implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and Rules thereof.

"The committee shall also review implementation of all other laws applicable for welfare of children such as Right to Education Act, 2009, Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 etc. and all schemes

being run by the departments for the benefit of children."

Two other committees-- UT Level Child Welfare and Protection Committee and District Level Child Welfare and Protection Committee--have been also constituted. The former is headed by Administrative Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and latter by respective District Magistrates.

Among others, UT Level Child Welfare and Protection Committee has been tasked to take needful measures for advocacy, awareness, generation, capacity building, of all stakeholders on child rights and child welfare and address road-blocks, issues, complaints received regarding care and protection of children in the J&K.

"The Committee shall make special efforts for convergence so as to ensure benefits under all possible government welfare schemes for the children. The Committee shall ensure that all institutions are set up under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and Rules thereof."

District Level Child Welfare and Protection Committee, it said, shall closely supervise and monitor the activities as well as the overall implementation of Mission Vatsalya at the District

## Govt Forms Information Security Steering Committee

**SRINAGAR:** The government on Monday constituted UT Level Information Security Steering Committee (ISSC) mandated as a part of the National Information Security Policy (2014) for enforcement of accepted standards of information security management and governance including cyber security.

Headed by Administrative Secretary, information Technology Department, the members of the committee include Chief Executive Officer, Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Additional Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department, Financial Advisor/CAO IT Department and Representative of National Critical Informa-

tion Infrastructure Protection (NCIIPC) besides special invitees-- Sanjay Gaden, IT Consultant, Head, SeMT, J&K, State Informatics Officer, NIC, J&K and Representative of CERT-In.

The terms of reference for the committee, among others, include approval of all the Information Security Policies of the "Protected System. It is also required to approve "significant changes" in network configuration impacting "Protected System".

"Each significant change in application(s) of the "Protected System" shall be approved by Information Security Steering Committee, the order reads, adding, "A mechanism shall be established for timely communication of cyber incident(s) related to "Pro-

ected System" to Information Security Steering Committee." A mechanism shall be established to share the results of all information security audits and compliance of "Protected System" to Information Security Steering Committee, the order reads.

It is also required to carry assessment for validation of "Protected System" after every two years.

"The Information Security Steering Committee (ISSC) shall meet preferably once in every quarter regarding continuous assessment of the Cyber Security needs of the UT of J&K and shall also be responsible to strengthen the IT Security Committees at the level of Organizations/ Departments to meet the requirement from time to time."

## MeT Predicts Dry Weather With Isolated Rain In J&K



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Weather department here on Monday forecast "mainly dry weather" with possibility of isolated light rain and thunder in Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours.

A meteorological department official here said that no 'major change' was expected for subsequent two days either and weather was likely to remain mainly dry.

Regarding the rain in the last 24 hours till 0830 a.m., he said, Srinagar recorded 0.5mm, Qazigund 15.2mm, Pahalgam 8.8mm, Kupwara 12.1mm, Kokernag 3.2mm, Gulmarg 8.8mm, Jammu 3.2mm, Banihal 1.2mm, Batote 9.2mm, and Katra 10.6mm and Bhaderwah 6.8mm.

As regards the minimum temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 14.2°C against 16.1°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.5°C above normal for the summer capital during this time of the year, he said. Qazigund recorded a low of 11.4°C

against 15.0°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.3°C below normal there, he said.

In Pahalgam, he said, the mercury settled at 9.1°C against 11.3°C on the previous night and it was 0.1°C below normal for the south Kashmir resort.

Kokernag recorded a low of 10.3°C against 14.0°C the previous night and it was 1.8°C below normal for the place, he said.

World famous Gulmarg resort recorded a low of 6.6°C against 9.4°C on the previous night. It was 2.6°C below normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at 14.4°C against 15.7°C the previous night, the official said. It was 2.3°C above normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 20.8°C against 25.0°C on the previous night. It was 2.6°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 11.8°C, Batote 13.0°C, Katra 18.7°C and Bhaderwah 13.7°C. (GNS)

## Dr. Aziz Hajini Remembered On His 1st Death Anniversary

'Hajini Infused A New Life To Kashmiri Language And Literature'

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for late Dr Hajini.

The famous literary figure, author of more than two dozen books, poet, critic and former secretary of Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Dr. Aziz Hajini was fondly remembered by scores of literary stalwarts, academicians and senior bureaucrats in a function which was organized in connection with his first death anniversary at Tagore Hall here.

The Aziz Hajini Day was jointly organized by Halqa e Adab Sonawari (HAS) and Wahab Cultural Society Hajin (WCS) under the patronage of Kashmiri's largest amalgam of literary bodies Adbee Markaz Kamraz (AMK)

Well-known Kashmiri poet and critic Prof. Shad Ramzan delivered the keynote speech on "Different Aspects of Aziz Hajini's Personality".

Four books which includes a special Aziz Hajini number of the annual magazine of Halqa e Adab Sonawari "Wolerek Mal-lar", "Aziz Hajini Aks Teh An-har" of Wahab Cultural Society, "Aziz Hajini-Wophh Teh Voo-dav" compiled by Abdul Khaliq Shams and "Wohmie Sadie Hond Kashmiri" compiled by Asmat Hajini were also released in the event.

The event started at 10:30 am with the recitation of Holly Quranic verses by Qari Muhammad Shafi. Bilal Ahmed presented a Naat e Rasool (SAW) written by the deceased poet. A Fateh Khwani was also offered

While calling Aziz Hajini mentor and guide of hundreds of youngsters and lovers of Kashmiri language and literature like him, Shaker Shafi, President HAS, in his welcome speech spoke about those initiatives of the literary organization which are being taken to preserve, promote and propagate the Kashmiri language and its literature.

While recalling how his father was concerned about the cause of Kashmiri language till his last breaths, Late Hajini's son Azhar Hajini thanked all the participants for their gracious presence in the programme and offered an unconditional support to all the Kashmir based literary bodies which are working for the promotion and propagation of Kashmiri language.

Others who were present in the event include Shafi Pandit (Rtd. IAS), Kifayat Rizvi (Rtd. IAS), Mohammad Younis (KAS), Assistant Director Sports Kashmir University Tauseef Ahmed, Prof Nasir Mirza, Prof Aijaz ul Haq, Prof Manzoor Ahmed Rather, Prof Neelofar Nehvi, Bashir Ahmed Bashir, Dr Sameena, Dr Asifa Gani, Dr Tariq Ahmed Bhat, President private schools Association and hundreds of poets, scholars, Journalists, students of Late Aziz Hajini and people from different walks of life.

## Newly Recruited Militant Killed in Shopian Encounter

Agencies

**SHOPIAN:** A newly recruited local militant affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba was killed while as a soldier was injured in a gunfight that broke out between militants and security forces in orchards of Shirmal village in Zainapora area in south Kashmir's Shopian district, officials said on Monday.

Reports reaching here said that on specific input about the presence of militants, a joint team of police, Army and CRPF launched a search operation in the area.

"As the joint team of forces advanced towards the suspect-

ed spot, the hiding militants opened fire, which was retaliated, triggering an encounter", officials said.

They said that during exchange of fire, a militant identified as Aqib Ahmad Paul, son of Mohammed Akram Paul of Drawani Imamsahib Shopian who was affiliated with LeT and active since 5th of this month was killed. One soldier of 44 RR was injured who has been shifted to 92 base hospital Srinagar for treatment, they said.

Reinforcement has been rushed to the area and search operation was going on when report was being filed.

## BEFORE CHAIRPERSON, J&K SPECIAL TRIBUNAL SRINAGAR

In the case of:

1. Ghulam Rasool Malik S/o Karim Malik R/o Kralpora Tehsil Chadoora Budgam (Petitioner)

Vs

1. Custodian General J&K State  
2. Custodian Evacuee Property Kashmir Division  
3. Mst Fazeelat Begum D/o Gaffer Rather R/o Kralpora Chadoora (Respondents)

In the matter of: Revision against the order dated 27.10.2008 passed by the respondent No 1 in favour of respondent No.3.

### NOTICE

Revision petition bearing No JKSTS/2463/2009 filed by the petitioner/revisionist against the order passed by the Custodian General J&K State dated 21.10.2008 in the above titled case is pending adjudication before the J&K Special Tribunal Srinagar since October, 2009. The proceedings of the case reveal that the petitioner is neither attending the case in person nor through his Counsel. The case is now listed before the Bench of Hon'ble Chairperson, J&K Special Tribunal Srinagar on 26.09.2022. Therefore, a last and final opportunity is given to the petitioner through this publication to cause his appearance before the Bench of Hon'ble Chairperson on the said date, failing which the case shall be decided on merits.

No STS/2022/1 /1428  
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K O V I E W

## Over To Shanghai

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel to Samarkand this week to attend the first in-person summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation countries since the COVID-19 pandemic began in February 2022. Modi will be face to face with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian president Vladimir Putin, Pakistani prime minister Shahbaz Sharif. Other leaders who will attend the summit will include the member Central Asian countries, and Iran, besides leaders from Turkey and Belarus.

The summit is important from India's point of view as the PM Modi will get to meet president Xi first time after Chinese incursions along the Line of Actual Control led to an over two year long stand-off. It is only recently that the two countries began disengaging from the Gogra-Hotsprings border area in Ladakh after reaching a consensus in the 16th round of India-China Corps Commander-level meeting. Last year, they had pulled back from Pangong Tso lake. Now only the last friction point Galwan Valley is left to be resolved. This has created a favourable climate for the meeting of the two leaders.

Similarly, the PM Modi would likely be holding a meeting with president Putin, their first after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Their meeting will be watched with interest in the west.

Since the summit will also be attended by Shahbaz Sharif, there is speculation about a meeting between the PM and him. But so far there has been no confirmation about any summit level meeting of the PM with the other world leaders.

The Shanghai summit is held every year at the level of the heads of state and deals mainly with the trade and economic agenda of the SCO. The event, however, allows a chance for the leaders to meet. Also, as happens in the multilateral meetings attended by India and Pakistan, they indirectly take potshots at each other. India always brings up terrorism sponsored from across the border, and Pakistan makes counter-accusations and also seeks to highlight the situation in Kashmir. This acrimonious exchange is a routine spectacle at the United Nations, where the mutually antagonistic positions are ritualistically rehearsed at various meetings.

The SCO meetings have witnessed the reiteration of this spectacle. If anything, it also underlines the lingering estrangement between the neighbours that has further deepened since New Delhi's withdrawal of Article 370 in August 2019. The situation can be expected to improve if the leaders of the two countries deem it in their core interest to engage.

The only hope for a redeeming difference lies in a summit meeting between the prime ministers of the two countries. They owe it to the peoples of their respective countries to resume a long-stalled dialogue to forge a way forward and renew hope for reconciliation and lasting peace in South Asia.

O T H E R O P I N I O N

## India-China Relations: A Far Cry

PLA's surprise incursions in April 2020 across the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh were in violation of a range of bilateral agreements negotiated by Delhi and Beijing over the last three decades to stabilise the disputed frontier. This shattered Delhi's political trust in China that was already weakened by the earlier military crises in the high Himalayas during 2013, 2014, and 2017. To make matters worse, the Galwan clashes between the two sides mid-June 2020 saw blood shedding for the first time on the China frontier in nearly five decades. Since then the bilateral relationship has been in a deep chill.

On its part, India imposed a series of economic measures against China and matched the PLA deployments on the border. India insisted that it is no longer business as usual with China and restoring the status quo ante on the border was precondition for the normalisation of the relationship. China, however, argued that India should not overstate the conflict on the border and focus on broadening the bilateral relationship. But Delhi repeatedly reaffirmed that the "state of the border" reflects the "state of the relationship". India combined this firm political position with a patient negotiation at the military level. Delhi also stepped up its security cooperation with Washington and revived the Quadrilateral forum with Australia, Japan, and the US.

The completion of disengagement has raised hopes for renewing high level political dialogue between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Chinese leader Xi Jinping on the margins of a regional summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan this week. Delhi would like to see the disengagement followed by de-escalation of the military confrontation by pulling the troops on both sides to their peace time locations. Delhi would also want the resolution of two other points of confrontation in Ladakh — in the Depsang plains in the north and the Demochok valley in the south — that preceded the 2020 crisis. Meanwhile, China is ramping up its military and logistical modernisation in Tibet and building new settlements right on the edge of the border. Put simply, India's challenges on the border are daunting, amidst the growing military power gap with China; there is no easy return to the border that was once peaceful. Yet, PM Modi should be open for a political engagement with Xi in Samarkand and lay out clearly India's terms for the normalisation of bilateral relations.

Indian Express

# Does Abadi Deh Land Require Municipality/ BOCA Permission?

Ashraf Ali Malik

Under the circumstances, the need of the hour is to assign more land to the village abadi/ abadi deh under the Common Land Development Act and to issue clear cut instructions that village abadi doesn't fall under the jurisdiction of Municipalities as is the case with other states. Or in the alternative abadi deh land should be taken out of the ambit of BOCA regulations and construction related matters be exclusively dealt by the local elected people of the Municipality without any interference by the Executive Officers deputed by the government

Prior to the influx of the Iranian/ Central Asian nomadic/ seminomadic pastorals/ herdsmen of Kashmir, people of the Burzhomid era lived in various tiny habitations without apparently any state structures. Agriculture was the main occupation and there seems to have been a lot of interaction among the differently located groups. Like elsewhere around the world, as soon as the elementary state structures appeared in different shapes and forms, agriculturists were rendered to serfdom. All along, for thousands of years, the peasants were condemned to an unending drudgery. Socially ostracized as a community/ class, these peasants were used as tilling machines, given only so much food to consume as would keep them able enough to work endlessly while the rest was snatched. All through half to three fourths of the produce was extracted by the state/ rulers and nothing changed with the change of regimes or the change of state/ rulers' religion or the people. There was no concept of private ownership for the villagers and the land belonged to the state/ ruler and its/his henchmen. It was only in 1889 that the First Settlement Commissioner Andrew Wingate recommended conferment of ownership rights to the peasants on the land they were tilling but Walter Lawrence held otherwise and peasants were given only tenancy rights.

Right now, however, I would restrict myself to the tiny portions of land where the villagers would erect some residential accommodation and cowsheds for their cattle. In the subcontinent including Kashmir since Mughal times some portion of the land was denoted as Village Abadi ( Abadi Deh/Lal Dora) for the purpose. It is land in collective possession and ownership of the villagers although by now has been distinctly apportioned and is inherited in succession. Villagers always enjoyed significant freedom over these areas without any interfer-

ence from the state even in metropolitan cities like Delhi where the Municipal Committees/ DDA rules don't/didn't apply. But with the establishment of the Municipal Committees in many villages in Jammu and Kashmir, construction over abadi deh land has been subjected to a set of complex Municipal and BOCA regulations. Again while the Common Regulations Act 1956 enjoined upon the state authorities to assign more lands for the village abadi, little seems to have been done on this count. And in the absence of such assignment of land to Abadi Deh, villagers are compelled to build on agricultural land for which another set of permissions in the shape of conversion is required from the revenue authorities. All this has made the life of the villagers miserable due to various reasons:

1. At least four to five permissions are required to be obtained from different departments and on an average it takes seven to ten days for getting one permission.
2. The villager has to submit a plan to the BOCA online but there is seldom someone available to guide him about the procedure.
3. There is no one around to counsel him about the set-backs, fire gaps and other building requirements at any of the Municipal Committee Offices.
4. With little Abadi Deh land available, the villager has to undergo hardships in getting the change of land use permission from the revenue authorities for constructing on agricultural land. State has done almost nothing in assigning more land in an organised manner for Village Abadi.
5. Farming in Jammu and Kashmir has always been and continues to be a difficult job due to the extreme unpredictable weather and the villagers hardly get a fortnight in the whole year when they can build a dwelling unit or a cowshed and it is impossible for them to get the chain of permissions as required.
6. Due to the cumbersome

procedures the villagers are compelled to begin construction due to the small window of time available to them but immediately the Municipality people pounce upon them without following the basic requirements of informing or sending written notices.

7. Newly formed Municipal Committees are not at all acquainted with the regulations and the basic procedure while doing their assigned work. The people who work there in the absence of basic knowhow act like street goons in view of the disproportionate powers vested with them.

8. The authorities at the Municipalities have engaged a disproportionate number of daily wagers and it is these daily wagers who have been assigned the job of harassing and humiliating villagers on verbal orders of the authorities.

9. There is hardly any coordination among the elected members of the Municipal Committees and the Executive Officers deputed by the government.

Under the circumstances, the need of the hour is to assign more land to the village abadi/ abadi deh under the Common Land Development Act and to issue clear cut instructions that village abadi doesn't fall under the jurisdiction of Municipalities as is the case with other states. Or in the alternative abadi deh land should be taken out of the ambit of BOCA regulations and construction related matters be exclusively dealt by the local elected people of the Municipality without any interference by the Executive Officers deputed by the government. The latter would be in the spirit of real/ local democracy.

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## Some Cures, Some Lingering Ailments

Sidharrth Shankar

Against the backdrop of the much-awaited 'Heal in India' announcement, the new draft Drugs, Medical Devices, and Cosmetics Bill 2022, is insignificant. Indian pharma, healthcare, and allied sectors have been beset by a plethora of problems in the legal and regulatory domain. So, meaningful reform is a dire need.

As early as 1988, the government brought a set of rules for Indian pharma, and established a systematic framework. This could have been a viable blueprint of the overall regulatory aspects had it not lost direction and decisive implementation. On the other hand, aggressive and forward-looking markets worldwide have changed their compliance gears towards good manufacturing practices (GMPs) rather than adhering to mere manufacturing. This has ensured that drugs go through a progressive scan of quality checks and tests. Secondly, transparency in the drug inspectors' publication of inspection reports in India is, sadly, lacking.

High variety gives more flexibility to produce goods and services to match a customer's requirements. Variety and volume correlate—the higher the variety, the lower the volume of products or services.

Understanding the four Vs of operations management — volume, variety, variation and visibility

Whereas meagre information in respect of tests conducted by the drug inspectors can be gleaned only via the Right to Information (RTI) in India, US law mandates the publication of all such inspection reports. Thirdly, the lack of criminal prosecution of companies that fail to comply

with the GMPs is yet another drawback for regulators to get a grip on the market overall. Unlike the US, India does not prescribe criminal penalties for defaulting companies. While there may be a cancellation of licences at the most, there are no metrics to determine the standards applied by the drug inspections. Without publicly available information, transparency in India is not up to par.

Himachal Pradesh is the pharma production hub. Regulatory fever here incentivises the 'ease of manufacturing drugs'. Tax holidays have been amplified by lenient enforcement of applicable laws, GMPs, etc. Furthermore, India's regulatory model allows drugs shipped out of hubs like Himachal Pradesh to be sold in states like Karnataka and Gujarat, where far more stringent and competent regulation is enforced. So, ultimately, a mixed bag hits the markets. This was precisely why the Mashelkar Committee in 2003 had strongly emphasized the need for centralised regulation and drug licensing, to enable uniform quality control for all drug companies in India. Merely vesting powers with the drug regulators only helps profiteering at the expense of the nation's public health. All critical information about an approved drug should be available to the public; all possible vital data that would benefit doctors, citizens, and companies, should be published. Such disclosure adds accountability to the authority of drug regulators. The new Bill, which should have been proactive on this, unfortunately, has no such provision. Robust transparency via public hearings where even doctors can access facts on why a particular clinical trial of a new drug could have failed or passed is needed.

The Bill demands the appointment of 219 new

officials, but this is limited to hiring more inspectors, not technical experts. Such negligence distorts the Indian market from public health.

The new Bill introduces rigorous discipline in case of non-compliance. In addition, penalties, including imprisonment, could be imposed if compensation for injury/death is not honoured when clinical trials for drugs are unsuccessful. Currently, these regulations are governed as per the Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules 2019. For the first time, these regulations would apply not only to drugs but also to medical devices, which is a huge positive.

On the e-commerce front, the online pharmacy players are likely to challenge the provision on the 'need for acquiring a license' to continue operations, as it would be a significant regulatory blow to the e-pharmacy space.

Until now, the medical device sector had no special mention, definition, or provision separately outlined. The new Bill acknowledges the medical devices sector as a separate legal entity instead of clubbing this with drugs. The revised provisions will also cover clinical trials of new medical devices etc with a more comprehensive understanding of the stakeholder perspective. This extends to setting up a separate Medical Device Advisory Board on the lines of a Drug Advisory Board. Separate Drugs Technical Advisory Board and Medical Devices Technical Advisory Board have also been proposed, comprising subject matter experts.

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## Horn Please!

TRAFFIC Jams have become a new reality of life in Srinagar. Day in and day out, hundreds of vehicles are stuck in jams and lurch forward to reach their destinations. Unfortunately, it takes hours before these jams are cleared and even essential service(s) vehicles, such as Ambulances, navigate with great difficulty through them. Therefore, steps must be taken to reduce the occurrence of jams in the city.

Before taking any steps, the authorities need to identify the potential causes of traffic jams in the city. It needs to be acknowledged that the number of vehicles entering the city is increasing as more and more people are purchasing them. However, the roads have not been widened or reconstructed to withhold such a volume of traffic. At several crossings, traffic lights are not functional, which leads to great chaos. In the city

centre, Lal Chowk, there are very few parking slots. On a busy day, people who are unable to find parking slots park their cars on roads running through Lal Chowk, thus, leading to jams. Nevertheless, the public should also be held accountable for these jams. People often drive vehicles on the wrong side of the road, overtake in a rush, which leads to traffic jams in the city.

To reduce traffic jams, both the

authorities and the public have a role to play. The authorities need to take into account the causes of jams, devise a plan and accordingly implement it. On the other hand, the public needs to understand that certain rules are necessary to follow while driving, and if they follow them, there may be fewer jams in the city.

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# Purpose And Gratitude Boost Academic Engagement

Mariya Yukhymenko

## THE BIG IDEA

When it comes to academic success for college students, having a sense of purpose and gratitude makes a significant difference. That's what I found in a peer-reviewed study published in June 2022 in the Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice.

For the study, I analyzed answers provided by 295 undergraduates to questions about whether they did better academically if they had a sense of purpose and gratitude during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I wondered if students were more likely to be academically engaged – and less likely to suffer academic burnout – if they had a strong sense of purpose. I specifically asked about three types of purpose: self-growth, others-growth and career-focused purpose orientations. I also wanted to know if being grateful for positive experiences made a difference.

I defined academic engagement as a motivational mindset that is characterized by students' enthusiasm for school-related activities. I also looked at three types of academic burnout: devaluation of schoolwork, reduced sense of accomplishment and mental exhaustion.

I found that only one type of purpose was directly relevant to engagement and burnout – career-focused purpose. When undergraduate students connect their life purpose with career aspirations, they tend to be engaged in their academic studies. They are also less likely to devalue their schoolwork or feel unaccomplished in their studies.

I also found that gratitude was just as important. These findings suggest that the more grateful undergraduate students feel, the more they are engaged in their academic work and the more they feel accomplished and value schoolwork.

## WHY IT MATTERS

This study adds to a growing body of research that suggests having a deep sense of life purpose is important for people's well-being, success and ability to cope with challenging life situations.



My study suggests that university advisers and faculty should recognize the role that sense of purpose plays for student success. They should also engage in practices that foster students' sense of life purpose. For example, faculty members can use assignments to encourage students to reflect on their life purpose and connect it with their future career aspirations.

Fostering gratitude is also important. This is because gratitude is also associated with greater academic engagement and less burnout among undergraduate students. My study also suggests that it benefits students if they are given opportunities to reflect on things in life for which they are grateful. Such opportunities can be incorporated into first-year

experience courses or incoming student orientations.

## WHAT STILL ISN'T KNOWN

Since this study was conducted when participants had few, if any, opportunities to help others due to COVID-19 restrictions, I wonder if others-growth and self-growth types of purpose will be more relevant to academic success once these restrictions are eased.

I also wonder whether classroom activities aimed at connecting life purpose with students' future careers will lead to higher graduation rates.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

As part of Graduation Initiative 2025 – an initiative is meant to in-

crease graduation rates and close gaps in the rates of graduation between different groups – my colleague Gitima Sharma and I created an undergraduate course, titled "Fostering Sense of Purpose." Our preliminary data showed that students who took this course in spring of 2022 reported a strengthened sense of life purpose. We plan to continue to examine how effective the course is at fostering sense of purpose in life. We also plan to look at whether the course leads to lasting positive effects for students' academic and career success, such as higher graduation rates.

By arrangements with The Conversation

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I found that only one type of purpose was directly relevant to engagement and burnout - career-focused purpose. When undergraduate students connect their life purpose with career aspirations, they tend to be engaged in their academic studies. They are also less likely to devalue their schoolwork or feel unaccomplished in their studies

# Ready for Nuptial Knots?

NAFISA BAKKAR

Most of the talk surrounding if we are ready for marriage or not, is covered by three bases that act as signifiers:

1. Finish your education
2. Be in your twenties
3. Get a stable job

Let's be real, in many cases just one of the three is enough. It's all very tick box, the bar is very low and once those are done or are on their way to – it's "right you're ready to get married".

Where are we going wrong? The conversations surrounding the time should be an internal one first. Questions we ask about something as deep seeded and sacred and personal as marriage should first be asked by ourselves. Before asking questions about our material/practical needs, a deeper more raw reflection must take place, which we are not used to doing when caught up in the rat race of our busy lives. As a start, sit down and ask yourself.

1. Do you know who you are as a person?
2. Have you nurtured your relationship with Allah?

Here are some things to consider when asking yourself if you're ready to start looking to meet someone:

## DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

Have you closed the gap between who you are and who you want to be?

There's a difference between chasing ideals because it improves who you are and then chasing ideals because it improves the PERCEPTION of who you are. In the digital age, it's very easy to build perception without any real depth.

We see perception building through association all the time and we all do it in some shape or form. We say "I love going to the theatre" – as it says something about your artistic side or "I love cute coffee shops" – which says you're quirky. But sometimes we need to question if we like these things or if we just like what associating ourselves with these things sounds like, and says about us. It is easy to become a walking shell, the person who you want to portray rather than who you REALLY are.

Closing the gap between who you are and who you think you are is hard,

but living a life 'for show' is harder and ironically even more exhausting.

There will ALWAYS be people out there who will accept you for you, the only way to find them, is if you accept and celebrate who you are. If you don't know the things that make you, you! Your values and, qualities, in times of hardship when you are in a relationship, it will become very easy to lose yourself.

## YOUR FAMILY TIES – WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

Do you operate in your home like it's a hotel? When you get married you're marrying into a new family.

Are you happy to be up until 3 am on the phone with the guy you're talking to, but short with your family if they ask you to do something?

## ARE YOU TRYING TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR YOUR FRIENDS, BUT FOR YOUR FAMILY BARELY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE?

For me, how a person treats and interacts with their family speaks volumes about who they are as a person. How do they deal with conflict in the family? How do they show affection and gratitude? And one of the most important things to think about is how do you communicate? Communica-

tion with family members for some may feel difficult or awkward, but I believe it's a huge marker of a person.

## ARE YOU FILING A VOID? PERHAPS YOU HAVE A BROKEN HEART?

Maybe you have a toxic past relationship that you want to get over? Maybe you're fed up of being let down and feel like marriage will sort you out. Maybe you see marriage as your path to the freedom, with no curfews, that life you've always wanted.

A relationship isn't something to look to in order to fix or heal yourself. And it definitely isn't fair to impart that on someone else.

## ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED BECAUSE OF EXTERNAL PRESSURES?

I get it. I really do. Your family keeps saying they want to introduce you to this guy your aunt mentioned. At weddings and events everyone asks when your turn will be. And it truly feels like no one will even care about your accomplishments until you've signed on the dotted line.

But ticking the box of marriage just to tick it isn't fair on any parties involved.

You need to reconcile with yourself that your relationship status does not in anyway determine your self-worth.

## HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT HOW TO BALANCE ALL ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE YET?

If your situation is living with your parents who cook, clean and pay the bills, and you still have a stressful life. You better get ready. If you're working full time and coming home to cooked meals and clean sheets don't think you will somehow magically transform into a domestic goddess in day one of marriage. While I'm not saying start paying the bills. Start taking ownership of your life, does your fridge magically restock with groceries? How about offering to do the grocery shop? Girl I hate to break it to ya but once you and boo move in together responsibility is real.

Another thing is once you get married you're then managing your personal life, your family, his family and your relationship along with work. If you're not used to managing the several components that make up your personal or professional life, it's time to start figuring it out.

## HAVE YOU TRIED TO ESTABLISH YOUR PRAYER?

Whether single, married, or never want to see another human. This is important. It's easy for everyone to have

these ideals that you will be learning about deen together, going on umrah together, and praying fajr together, but if you aren't doing the most by yourself, for you to nurture your relationship with Allah, for me it's selfish to put that expectation in a relationship. In fact, that reflects your entitlement.

## HOW'S YOUR SELF CONFIDENCE?

Self-confidence in your body image, your face, your personality and who you are, isn't the same as knowing where you want to be in life. This is about being content with this version of you, even if you have plans to become the best version of yourself in the near future.

Ultimately, we are all a work in progress, none of us will ever reach perfection. But, it's important to ensure that we have strong foundations before embarking on a union of that magnitude. It starts with being raw, authentic, and honest with ourselves. There is liberation in that!

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# India Needs To Train 10 Lakh People In Air Quality Management: Report

Press Trust Of India

India needs to train at least 10 lakh people in the next five years for air quality management, according to a new report, which also says around 50,000 jobs could be created in the sector.

The report has been prepared by the International Forum for Environment, Sustainability & Technology (iForest) with the support of the World Bank Group.

It highlights the need of a national-level programme to develop the capacity of all stakeholders cities, state and central government agencies, private sector, NGOs and media - to effectively tackle the problem of air pollution.

"Our report shows that we need to train at least 1 million (10 lakh) people over the next five years for air quality management. This will also create tens of thousands of new jobs in the public and private sector to plan, monitor, mitigate, and control air pollutants," said Chandra Bhushan, the CEO of iFOREST and the lead author of the report. He said the report is the first attempt of

its kind to map the environmental sector in the country.

The agencies, organisations and industries working in the air quality management sector include ministries and departments of the government, state pollution control boards, urban local bodies, air polluting industries, and air pollution control industries. The report said there are at least 2.8 lakh organisations and industries across the country which require personnel for air quality management.

It has identified 42 specific job roles that is required to control air pollution in the country - from municipal workers involved in dust control and construction and demolition waste management to specialists in transport planning, air quality modelling and forecasting.

The report says a total of 2.2 million jobs are required to manage air pollution in the country. A large number these jobs, about 1.6 million, already exist.

However, many of them have never been trained to manage air quality, such as the municipal workers and PUC (pollution



under check) operators, who can be at the frontline, it says.

There is a need to employ thousands of people to meet the requirements of growing

number of industries, ULBs, consultancy and government, it said.

The report estimates that air quality management sector requires at least 50,000

new jobs, ranging from researchers and analysts to air quality supervisors in ULBs (Urban Local Bodies) and regulators in pollution control boards.

The report found there is no structured capacity building programme in the air quality management sector and recommended a national programme to train about a million workers, operators and professionals over the next five years.

"A major challenge in the air quality management sector in India is that the people presently working in the sector have not been trained and a large number of jobs that are required do not exist," said Chandra Bhushan.

"Air pollution is an environmental issue, but we must also see its management as an opportunity to create new jobs and build a green economy. While a lot of the existing jobs lead to the destruction of the environment, we now have to start creating jobs to protect the environment. Our report shows the vast opportunity that exists in developing the environment sector as a vibrant economic sector," he stressed.

## New Intranasal Anti-Viral Treatment May Block Covid-19 Transmission

Press Trust Of India

Researchers have developed an intranasal anti-viral treatment for COVID-19 that decreases the amount of SARS-CoV-2 shed from infected animals and limits transmission of the virus.

By the time people test positive for COVID-19, the SARS-CoV-2 virus has already taken up residence in their respiratory system. With each breath, people expel invisible viral particles into the air - a process known as viral shedding.

Existing drugs aimed at treating COVID-19 address symptoms of the virus but do little to quell viral shedding.

Researchers at Gladstone Institutes in the US previously developed a novel approach for treating infectious diseases: a single-dose, intranasal treatment that protects against severe SARS-CoV-2 infection.

In a new study published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, they show that this treatment, called a therapeutic interfering particle (TIP), also decreases the amount of virus shed from infected animals and limits transmission of the virus.

"Historically, it has been exceptionally challenging for antivirals and vaccines to limit the transmission of respiratory viruses, including SARS-CoV-2," said Gladstone investigator Leor Weinberger, senior author of the new research.

"This study shows that a single, intranasal dose of TIPs reduces the amount of virus transmitted, and protects animals that came into contact with that treated animal," Weinberger said.

The researchers noted that it is the only single-dose antiviral that reduces not only symptoms and severity of COVID-19, but also shedding of the virus.

Weinberger and Sonali Chaturvedi, a

research investigator at Gladstone and first author of the research, treated hamsters infected with SARS-CoV-2 with the antiviral TIPs and then measured, daily, the amount of virus in the animals' noses.

Compared to hamsters that had not received the TIPs (called control animals), treated animals had less virus in their nasal passages at every time point.

By day 5, all control animals were still shedding high levels of virus, while the virus was undetectable in four out of five TIP-treated animals, the researchers said.

"We know that the amount of virus shed is proportional to how infectious someone is," said Weinberger.

"If viral shedding can be reduced, the number of secondary contacts likely to become infected will also very likely be reduced, which will in turn decrease overall virus dissemination and help keep vulnerable individuals safe," he said.

## Instagram To Soon Test New Repost Feature With Select Users

IASNS

Meta-owned photo and video-sharing platform Instagram has confirmed that it will soon give users the ability to repost other users' posts.

Although the company has not yet released the repost feature publicly, however, it plans to begin testing it with select users soon, reports TechCrunch.

"We're exploring the ability to reshare posts in Feed - similar to how you can reshare in Stories - so people can share what resonates with them, and so original creators are credited for their work," a Meta spokesperson was quoted as saying in an email.

"We plan to test this soon with a small number of people," the spokesperson added.

The new feature was first spotted by social media consultant Matt Navarra, who posted a screenshot that showcases a Reposts tab. The tab will likely be home to all the posts that users have reshared on their accounts.

As per the screenshot, the Repost tab will appear on users' profiles alongside the posts, reels and tagged photos tabs.

Instagram users who want to repost posts occasionally do so using third-party apps because there isn't a direct way to do so right now.

Last month, the platform announced that it will limit sensitive content for new teen users by default on the platform.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER SHOPIAN FOREST DIVISION SHOPIAN**  
e-NIT NO: - 18 of 2022-23 DATED: - 07-09-2022  
Retender of e-NIT NO: - 13 of 2022-23 DATED: - 24-08-2022

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following work:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Location	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) (Rs in lakh)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of Completion
1.	Providing and Fixing of Barbed Wire Fencing with Angle Iron Posts in Cement Concrete Blocks conforming to the departmental specifications and Providing & Fixing of Barbed Wire Fencing with Rubinia Wooden Fence Posts as per breakup: (i) No. of Vertical Angles (50x50x6mm) with length 6.5ft =75 Nos=669 kgs (ii) No. of Rubinia wooden Fence post & struts of min. mid girth 8" with length 7 ft =228 Nos (iii) Total Quantity of BABW (2.5 mm dia, point wire dia 2.00 mm having barbs at a distance of 75mm, plus - minus 12 mm conforming to IS:278 & 280) =722 kgs (iv) Total fence line to be covered= Angle Iron=602 rfts and wooden =1806 rfts Total=2408 rfts 2. Planting of saplings in pits of size 45cmx45cmx45cm within the available blanks of identified site including carriage/lifting of plants from different nurseries of Forest Department by mechanical transport within a maximum lead of 100 Kms and headload carriage including loading and unloading upto site of work with all operations as per breakup: (i) Polybag raised Plants= 520 No.'s (ii) Broadleaved Plants= 400No.'s (iii) Dribbling of HC Nut= 400 No.'s (iv) Patch Sowing= 299 No.'s (v) Grass Slips in Patches= 300 No.'s Note: Plant material shall be supplied departmentally exceptible, Patches & Seed. 3. Construction of Permanent Fireline 10 mtr in width with standard specification=0.65 kmr	Co. Ri-23 at Inderwali Sangerwali	3.048	0.06096	D	200=	50 Calendar days

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills of quantities, (B.O.Q) set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Website: - [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).

Position of AA: Accorded  
Position of TS: Accorded  
Position of Funds: Budgeted

Publishing Date:-	07-09-2022
Download Start Date:	07-09-2022 from 06:30 PM
Bid submission Start Date:	07-09-2022 from 06:30 PM
Bid submission End Date:	14-09-2022 Up to 06:30 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	15-09-2022 at 02:30 PM in the Office of the Conservator of Forests Kashmir South Circle Bijnbehara Anantnag.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened (Online) at any convenient date and time after complete Evaluation of Technical Bids Received.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
- Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security in the shape of EMD for requisite amount and pledged to Divisional Forest Officer Shopian.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e. Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2022-23, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document), Bid Security (EMD), Affidavit-cum-Undertaking.
- The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
- As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
- The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
- The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
- The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

No: DFO/SPN/2022-23/608-13  
Dated: 07-09-2022

DFO: Shopian Forest Division, Shopian

**DIPK-9774/22**

**BEFORE CHAIRPERSON,  
J&K SPECIAL TRIBUNAL SRINAGAR**

In the case of-

**1. Ghulam Rasool Malik S/o Karim Malik  
R/o Kralpora Tehsil Chadoora Budgam**

(Petitioner)

Vs

**1. Custodian General J&K State  
2. Custodian Evacuee Property Kashmir Division  
3. Mst Fazeelat Begum D/o Gaffer Rather R/o Kralpora Chadoora**

(Respondents)

**In the matter of: Revision against the order dated 27.10.2008 passed by the respondent No 1 in favour of respondent No.3.**

**NOTICE**

Revision petition bearing No JKSTS/2463/2009 filed by the petitioner/revisionist against the order passed by the Custodian General J&K State dated 27.10.2008 in the above titled case is pending adjudication before the J&K Special Tribunal Srinagar since October, 2009. The proceedings of the case reveal that the petitioner is neither attending the case in person nor through his Counsel. The case is now listed before the Bench of Hon'ble Chairperson, J&K Special Tribunal Srinagar on 26.09.2022. Therefore, a last and final opportunity is given to the petitioner brought this publication to cause his appearance before the Bench of Hon'ble Chairperson on the said date, failing which the case shall be decided on merits.

No STS/2022/1/1428

**DIPK-9835/22**  
dated 06.09.2022  
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**OFFICE ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED**

The Directorate of Census Operations, J&K, Srinagar requires suitable accommodation for its office in Srinagar City preferably in Karan Nagar/Bemina/Boulward Road/Dalgate Area/Gogjibagh/Raj Bagh/Indra Nagar/Sonwar/Badamibagh Cantonment area localities having carpet area of around 8000-10000 sqft with adequate number of toilets. The premises must include facility for parking of office Vehicle/Scooters of Staff members, storage of dead stock and other materials etc.

**Terms & Conditions:**

- The rent shall be got assessed by CPWD with two types of rent, one on the recognized principle of evaluation and the other on the basis of market value. The landlord shall have to undertake that he will accept the minimum of the two rents as assessed by the CPWD.
- An undertaking shall have to be furnished by the landlord that he is agreeable to enter into lease deed for a minimum period of five (5) years and shall be agreeable to all other conditions laid down in the Prescribed lease deed.

The interested parties shall send their rates/quotations in sealed cover to the Director, O/o the Directorate of Census Operations, J&K, Hotel Khayam Building Bishember Nagar, Srinagar-190001 by registers post or by hand only within fifteen days during office hours (9:30 AM to 6:00 PM) on working days from the date of advertisement.

The Competent authority has reserved the right to accept or reject any rates/quotations without any notice.

Signed by Ram  
Date: 24-08-2022  
(Ram Murti)  
Deputy Director & Ho

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## Centre, States Trying To Control Spread Of LSD In Cattle: PM

Press Trust Of India

**GREATER NOIDA (UP):** Stating that disease in livestock affects the farmers and their income, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the Centre and states are trying to control the spread of Lumpy Skin Disease, which has caused death of cattle in large numbers.

An indigenous vaccine has been developed for Lumpy Skin Disease, he said after inaugurating the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022, being organised at India Expo Centre & Mart here. Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) is a contagious viral infection that affects cattle and causes fever, nodules on the skin, and can also lead to death. Over 67,000 cattle have died since July due to LSD in more than eight states, including Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana. Currently, states are using 'goat pox' vaccine to control the spread of this disease.

"In the recent past, there has been loss of livestock in many states of India due to the disease named Lumpy. The central government along with various state governments is trying to control it," Modi said.

Modi informed that Indian scientists have also developed an indigenous vaccine for LSD.

The indigenous vaccine is called "Lumpi-ProVaInd" and has been developed by two institutes of agri research body ICAR. Its commercial launch is expected in next three-four months.

Addressing the summit, also being attended by a large number of foreign delegates, he said that disease of livestock is a major threat as it affects the farmers and their income. Since the disease in cattle also impacts milk production and its quality, the government is focusing on universal vaccination of livestock.

"We are committed for 100 per cent vaccination of livestock by 2025 for foot and mouth disease," he said.

He further said India is building the largest database of dairy animals and every animal associated with the dairy sector is being tagged. "We are doing biometric identification of animals. We have named it - Pashu Aadhaar," he said.

Under the Pashu Aadhaar, digital identification of livestock is being done to keep track of their health, which will also help in expanding the dairy sector, he said and added the government is also working on developing a balanced dairy ecosystem to address the challenges in the sector along with a focus on increasing production.

## Dulloo Reviews Measures For Controlling Lumpy Skin Disease In J&K



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR-** Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo Monday chaired a meeting to review the measures taken for controlling the spread of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) across Jammu and Kashmir.

Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, representatives of SKUAST Jammu/Kashmir, Chief Animal Husbandry officers of all districts and other concerned officials attended the meeting in person and through video conferencing.

At the outset, the meeting discussed the recommendations of Department Of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India wherein the States and UTs were asked to go for mass vaccination and to ramp up testing.

Several power point presentations were delivered wherein the status and controlling measures like vaccination, use of medicines, procurement of vaccines and sampling collections for testing were discussed in detail.

The meeting received feedback, inputs and recommendations from the Task Force teams, experts and scientists alike in

order to contain the spread of the disease.

On the occasion, Dulloo enquired about the status of the action taken with respect to vaccination, ban on movement of animals, fogging, rapid response teams, public awareness besides, sampling & testing, disposal of dead animals etc.

He called upon the concerned to implement all the guidelines of Government of India in letter and spirit to contain the disease.

He impressed upon the officers to focus on vaccination of animals and migratory cattle in Behaks.

Besides, Dulloo also enquired about the availability of medicines while directing both the directors to ensure availability of required medicines in all the affected areas so that the spread can be tackled timely and effectively.

He directed the concerned to run awareness campaign and door to door inspections and visits by field staff to make farmers aware about the LSD.

Earlier, during the meeting, it was informed that till date 33690 animals have been affected with LSD, out of which 22800 have recovered. It was also informed that 133450 doses have been administered to the cattle across J&K.

## Double Whammy: India's Inflation Rises To 7%, Factory Output Plunges

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** In a double whammy of sorts for the Indian economy, retail inflation accelerated to 7 per cent in August driven by high food and fuel costs, while factory output plunged to a four-month low of 2.4 per cent.

The reversal of a three-month declining trend in CPI inflation will put pressure on the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to again raise interest rates to tame prices, which have stayed above the comfort zone for the eighth month in a row.

CPI inflation climbed to 7 per cent from 6.71 per cent in July and 5.3 per cent in August 2021, official data released on Monday showed.

A sharp increase in cereals and vegetable prices owing to erratic monsoon impacting production was the main reason.

While the country was already facing double-digit wheat inflation due to unexpected heat wave pulling down the output, a lower area sown under paddy due to the shortfall in monsoon rainfall is expected to reduce the rice output. The twin effect of this means inflation in cereals will remain at elevated levels.

This is the second instance since RBI adopted the inflation targeting approach that the retail inflation has breached the upper tolerance limit of 6 per cent for eight consecutive months -- the earlier instance was from April 2020 to November 2020.

Separately, the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for July 2022 recorded a tepid year-on-year growth of 2.4 per cent, falling sharply from 12.7 per cent in June.

The manufacturing sector grew by 3.2 per cent (a four-month low) and the electricity sector by 2.3 per cent (a six-month low). Mining sector witnessed a contraction of 3.3 per



cent in July 2022 after a gap of 16 months despite the coal output increasing by 11.4 per cent in the same period.

Rumki Majumdar, economist, at Deloitte India said the CPI and IIP data show just how much work the RBI has to do. "The challenge is that the RBI is faced with a difficult balancing act, needing to raise interest rates aggressively to control inflation without impacting the recovery."

While Ica chief economist Aditi Nayar said the CPI inflation print is expected to rise slightly to 7.1 per cent in September, India Ratings said retail inflation will fall below 6 per cent only by January next year.

"We expect inflation to ease in 2023, with an improved supply side situation and global economic weakening leading to falling energy prices," Deloitte's Majumdar said.

The government has already announced restrictions on the export of wheat flour and more recently for rice which should stem domestic price pressures.

"The outlook continues to be uncertain due to cereal inflation, weakness in the currency, elevated global commodity prices, pick-up in services demand and revision of natural gas prices in 2H FY23 (due in October 2022)," India-Ratings said expecting a 25-50 basis

points increase in interest rates at the RBI's monetary policy review due later this month.

As per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Monday, inflation in food basket was 7.62 per cent in August, up from 6.69 per cent in July and 3.11 per cent in August 2021.

On an annual basis, the rate of price rise was in excess of 10 per cent in the case of vegetables, spices, footwear, and 'fuel and light'.

However, there was a contraction in inflation in eggs and almost flat in protein-rich 'meat and fish' in August.

Inflation had touched a high of 7.79 per cent in April before decelerating to 6.71 per cent in July.

The government has tasked RBI to ensure CPI inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on each side.

The RBI Governor-headed Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is scheduled to be held from September 28 to 30.

The key short-term lending rate (repo) has been raised by 140 basis points in three tranches since May this year. The last two hikes were 50 basis points each.

Former RBI Executive Director and MPC Member Mridul Sagar said inflation is continuing to be higher than comfortable but is expected to trend down from October.

## International Oil Prices At 7-Month Low, But No Change In Petrol, Diesel Prices In India



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** International oil prices have hit a seven-month low but there is no change in retail selling price of petrol and diesel in India as state-owned fuel retailers recoup losses incurred for holding rates for a record five months despite rising cost.

International benchmark Brent crude fell below USD 90 per barrel last week for the first time since early February as recession fears weigh on demand. It has since recovered and is trading at USD 92.84 per barrel, the lowest in six months.

Prices fell despite bullish developments, including Russia keeping the North Stream pipeline offline and producers cartel OPEC and its allies (OPEC+) cutting production.

But this has not led to any revision in retail petrol and diesel prices in India and they continue to be on freeze for a record-setting 158 days.

Responding to reporters' questions on no change in fuel prices, oil minister Hardeep Singh Puri had on Friday sought to link the no revision to losses state-owned fuel retailers incurred in keeping rates unchanged when international oil prices surged to multi-year high.

"When (international oil) prices were high, our (petrol and diesel) prices were already low," he had said. "Have we recouped all

our losses?" he went on to ask.

He however did not elaborate on the losses incurred on keeping rates steady since April 6.

The basket of crude oil that India imports averaged USD 88 per barrel last week for September 8. It had averaged USD 102.97 in April, before rising to USD 109.51 in the following month and USD 116.01 in June. Prices started to fall in July when the Indian basket averaged USD 105.49 a barrel. It averaged USD 97.40 in August and USD 92.87 in September so far.

State-owned fuel retailers Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) have not exercised their right to adjust the retail selling price of petrol and diesel in line with the international costs for over five months now to help the government manage runaway inflation.

At one point, they were losing Rs 20-25 per litre on diesel and Rs 14-18 a litre on petrol as international oil prices soared. These losses have been trimmed with the fall in oil prices.

"There are no under-recovery (losses) on petrol now. For diesel, it will take some time to reach that level," an official said.

But this is unlikely to translate into an immediate reduction in rates as oil companies will be allowed to recoup losses they had accumulated on selling fuel at below cost in the last five months, another official said.

## In Battle For Huge \$20 Billion Project, Gujarat Wins Over Maharashtra

Reuters



**NEW DELHI:** Vedanta Ltd has selected Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state of Gujarat for its semiconductor project, two sources told Reuters, the first major step in its \$20 billion joint venture with Taiwan's Foxconn.

Vedanta obtained financial and non-financial subsidies including on capital expenditure and cheap electricity from Gujarat to build the semiconductor plants, the first source with knowledge of the matter said.

The project will include display and semiconductor facilities near Ahmedabad, the source added, declining to be named ahead of an official announcement.

While lobbying for incentives, Vedanta had sought 1,000 acres (405 hectares) of land free of cost on a 99-year lease, and water and power at concessionary and fixed prices for 20 years, Reuters reported in April.

A spokesperson for Vedanta did not respond to a request for comment while Foxconn did not immediately respond.

A senior official in Gujarat's science and technology department, and another in Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel's office, declined to comment.

An announcement is expected this week with a formal signing of a memorandum of understanding between the two sides, which is likely to be attended by Mr Patel and Vedanta officials, the source added.

Other regions including Maharashtra in west and Telangana and Karnataka in the south had also been in the running to host Vedanta-Foxconn's mega project.

But in the last leg of negotiations in recent weeks, Gujarat tipped Maharashtra to the post. India's semiconductor market is estimated to reach \$63 billion by 2026 from \$15 billion in 2020, the government says.

## Progress Under CAPEX, CSSs, NABARD & Deliverables In Horti Sector Reviewed

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Agriculture Production Department (APD) Atal Dulloo Monday chaired a meeting to take a review of progress made under UT CAPEX, Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), NABARD and Deliverables 2022-23 in Horticulture Sector.

During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on physical and financial progress made by the Departments under Capex 2022-23 and CSSs during the current financial year.

The meeting was attended by Secretary in Agriculture Production Department (Horticulture), Director Horticulture Jammu/Kashmir, Managing Director Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation (JKHPMC)

Ltd, Director Horticulture, Panning & Marketing, Director Finance APD, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Technical Officers APD and other concerned. Jammu based officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

The meeting held threadbare deliberations over different components of each scheme and discussed activity wise capital expenditure of the Horticulture Department and other allied activities in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

The meeting also discussed the major targets of the financial year 2022-23 which include development of nurseries, support under development of high density plantation nurseries scheme, establishment of walnut nurseries, establishment of plant protection, soil laboratories,

post harvest management centres besides procurement of machinery and equipments etc.

While expressing his displeasure over the slow progress in the implementation of different schemes in the Horticulture Sector, Dulloo impressed upon the concerned to gear up themselves and focus on spending the released funds so that projects would be finished at the earliest.

While reviewing the progress made on the deliverables for the year 2022-23 in the Horticulture Sector, Dulloo asked the officers to put in their best efforts to achieve the targets under the head in set timelines.

Earlier, a detailed presentation was delivered wherein an overview of approved outlay and expenditure under various schemes.

## 'Modern Agri Tasked With Providing Quality Food To Growing Population'

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal Monday visited different areas of Qamarwari zone of district Srinagar to review different initiatives by the department in the area.

During the visit, the Director also interacted with the agri-entrepreneurs of the area and discussed different schemes with the local commercial farmers.

Talking to the farmers, the Director said that there is huge potential for vegetable cultivation in the area. He asked the farmers to go for diversification in terms of selection of different vegetables, exotic and high value vegetables which can fetch more returns to the farmers and result in socio-economic transformation of the community.

Modern Agriculture is tasked with providing more quality food to a growing population in a sustainable manner, while maintaining healthy

margins, therefore educated and well aware agri-entrepreneurs and farmers could play an important role in this movement, said the Director.

Iqbal said that the department has already introduced and implemented a number of initiatives viz-a-viz marketing of farmers' produce.

Later, the Director reviewed the implementation of PM-KISSAN in the area and asked the concerned officers to ensure that every single farm operating family is connected with the said scheme and the benefits reach every farmer well in time.

Earlier, Agriculture Extension Officer Qamarwari, Dr. Fayaz Illahi gave a detailed description of various initiatives by the department in the area. He also briefed the Director about the status of implementation of different centrally sponsored schemes in the area.

The Director was accompanied by Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer Srinagar and other senior officers of the department during the visit.

## Rupee Rises 2 Paise To Close At 79.55 Against US Dollar

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** The rupee pared its initial losses and settled 2 paise higher to close at 79.55 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, tracking positive domestic equities and foreign fund inflows.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 79.66 against the greenback. It witnessed an intra-day high of 79.47 and a low of 79.72 during the session. It finally ended at 79.55, up 2 paise from its previous close of 79.57.

The dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.89 per cent to 108.03.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 1.04 per cent to USD 93.81 per barrel.

"Rupee continued to appreciate as the dollar weakened against its major crosses. Market participants remained cautious also ahead of inflation and IIP numbers that will be released on the domestic front," said Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Somaiya further said the expectation is that inflation could remain unchanged compared to the previous month.

"Gains in the currency were led also by a rally in domestic equities. Euro did witness volatility but hawkish central bank statements kept the currency supported at lower levels. We expect the USDINR(Spot) to trade sideways and quote in the range of 79.40 and 80.05." Somaiya said. On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 321.99 points or 0.54 per cent higher at 60,115.13, while the broader NSE Nifty gained 103.00 points or 0.58 per cent to 17,936.35.

## SC Asks Centre To Pay Ex-Gratia To Man Claiming Arrest In Pakistan On Spying Charges

Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Centre to pay Rs 10 lakh ex-gratia to a man who lost his job in 1980 after he was allegedly arrested in December 1976 by the Pakistani authorities, purportedly for espionage activities.

A bench comprising Chief Justice U U Lalit and Justice S R Bhat observed that in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, ends of justice would be met if the authorities are directed to pay Rs 10 lakh ex-gratia to the Rajasthan-based man.

The apex court directed that the amount be handed over to the petitioner, who claimed he was terminated from service for continued absence from duty, within three weeks from September 12.

The petitioner claimed he was arrested and sentenced to 14 years' jail in Pakistan and he came back to India in 1989.

Initially, the bench said ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh be given to the petitioner.

The counsel appearing for the petitioner requested the bench to raise the amount, saying the 75-year-old petitioner is bed ridden and dependent on his daughter.

"He has worked for the nation," the counsel argued.

As the bench said it would raise the ex-gratia to Rs 10 lakh, the counsel for the Centre

noted it might mean there was some merit in the plea.

"We are not saying what you are saying is wrong. That could perhaps be standard response whenever such issues are raised before the court and perhaps correctly also," the bench observed.

"In the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case placed on record, in our view, ends of justice would be met if the respondents (Centre and others) herein are directed to pay Rs 10 lakh by way of ex-gratia payment to the petitioner," it said, while disposing of the plea arising out of a verdict of the Rajasthan High Court.

The apex court made clear the payment of ex-gratia shall not in any way reflect upon the liability of the respondents or the entitlement of the petitioner.

According to the petitioner, he was working in the Railway Mail service and his job was terminated due to long absence from work.

He had claimed before the high court he received an offer from the Special Bureau of Intelligence to render his services towards the nation and he gladly offered himself.

The petitioner had claimed before the high court that he was fortunate enough to complete the job assigned to him twice but on third occasion when he was sent to Pakistan he was intercepted by the Pakistani Rangers and arrested in December 1976 for espionage.



## 1.60 Lakh Tourists Visited Aharbal In 8 Months: DC Kulgam



Observer News Service

**Kulgam:** To promote Aharbal tourist destination meticulously, the District Administration Kulgam and Tourism Department in collaboration with Aharbal Development Authority, Rural Development, DYSSO, Forest, Education, Handicraft and Handloom and other Departments today organised a mega festival at the famed tourist destination of Aharbal, here, an official spokesperson said Monday.

During the festival, he said, multifarious activities and events were carried out which include Heritage walk with Fossil talk, bicycle rally, trekking expedition etc.

These events were flagged-off by the District Development

Chairperson, Mohammad Afzal Parray and Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bial Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat.

The festival witnessed huge hustle and bustle with visitors and tourists seen making purchases at the stalls set up by various departments, SHG members and Artisans associated with handicraft and handloom besides locals. The stall holders had put their attractions on display to woo the customers during the mela.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the event has been organised to promote Aharbal in a big way which possesses huge adventure tourism potential with beautiful and attractive scenic and adventure tourist sites.

He added that Aharbal and areas in proximity remained

abuzz this season and recorded an influx of 1.60 lac tourists, visitors in the last 08 months.

Dr Bilal stated that to provide a wide range of experience to tourists, emphasis is being laid to promote Adventure and pilgrimage tourism to attract more and more tourists especially adventure loving people to these tourist destinations.

Further, he added that near about 1000 homestays are being developed in already declared tourist villages which will give a push to rural economy besides giving tourists an exquisite experience of witnessing local lifestyle, cuisine and culture.

DDC Vice Chairperson Shazia Jan, DDC members, Mohd Abas, Jameela Chowdhary, Ruby Jan, Gheela ud Din and other PRI members were also present.

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## India To Become 3rd Largest Economy In A Few Years: HM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Greater Noida:** Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Monday said India will become the world's third-largest economy a few years from now and the cooperative sector will also play a crucial role in the country's economic growth.

Shah, who is also the Home Minister, announced that the government will help set up 2 lakh new dairy cooperatives at the village level before the 2024 general elections.

He asked the dairy industry to adopt professionalism, latest technology, computerization, and digital payment in a big way else it could face difficulties going forward.

The minister asked the dairy industry to boost milk production for meeting rising domestic demand and also for supplying to poor nations.

He also exhorted the industry to become self-sufficient in the manufacturing of machinery used for milk processing.

Shah was speaking at the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022, being organised at India Expo Centre & Mart here during September 12-15.

The minister said India was the 11th largest economy in the world in 2014 and now it has become the fifth largest.

"I am fully confident that in a few years from now, we will reach the third position," the minister said.

Shah expressed confidence that the contribution of the cooperative sector would also be discussed when the country would become the third largest economy in the world.

Stating that the summit is being organised after a gap of 48 years, Shah said the country has now become self-sufficient in milk production and also an exporter.

The minister sought

to distinguish between dairy cooperatives and corporates involved in this sector.

Shah said the dairy cooperatives have played a big role in women empowerment and also in fighting malnutrition.

"Cooperative sector and dairy cooperatives have worked a lot in rural development," he added.

Shah asked the dairy industry to make natural farming its lifeline as this would improve the health of people and also strengthen the economic system.

The Minister announced that three multi-cooperative societies are being set up to promote organic farming and exports.

By the end of this month, Shah said Amul will set up an export house to promote organic products.

The minister also shared the success story of Amul, whose annual turnover has reached about Rs 60,000 crore.

Shah highlighted that 77 per cent of retail prices of milk are passed on to farmers as against 40-45 per cent in the world.

The minister highlighted that the cooperative model is the best for all-around development.

In his address, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said there is a huge scope for growth of the cooperative sector in the state. For employment generation and rural prosperity, he emphasised that there is a need to promote cooperative and dairy sectors.

The dairy sector provides livelihood to farmers as well as nutrition, Adityanath said.

Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala urged the cooperatives to promote the use of cow dung and cow urine, which he said are sacred.

National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has already formed a company to do research on cow dung and urine, he added.



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### Wasted Food, Dogs

wildlife. Just look at Pampore, Budgam or even Srinagar.... all these places have witnessed a rapid urbanization in the wild pockets and that has somehow pushed wild animals into urban spaces," Aliya said.

She further said that wild animals are always in need of a hiding place and food.

"So, we've to fulfill their basic needs. That means, the human interference in their natural habitat has to be contained. And once these steps are taken, I'm pretty sure that a positive change will be seen," says Aliya.

Pertinently, until 2005, reports of man-animal conflict in urban spaces of Kashmir would rarely pour in. But over the past 15 years, as per the data prepared by the wildlife department of Kashmir and reported by Citizen Matter, wild animals have easily gained entry into residential areas of Kashmir's major towns that include Pulwama, Shopian, Budgam, Ganderbal and Srinagar.

Before, black bears, it was the leopard that had created havoc and fear in Srinagar pockets last year. A fortnight ago, Kashmir's prominent activist, Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat had shared a video wherein a leopard was spotted around Srinagar's Civil Lines area, Humhama.

"Their habits and habitat has changed. These wild animals, especially leopard and black bear would earlier feed on wild plants, fruits and animals but now, as the urbanisation has rapidly shrunked jungles, these beasts are migrating into residential areas. Another reason is the man-made jungle like Shankaracharya hill. Besides, Food waste, the growing population of dogs is also attracting these wild animals. Dogs are a soft target and easy food which pushes the wild population towards urban spaces. They've now adapted a new habitat, which obviously poses a threat to humans," Bhat told Kashmir Observer.

Pertinently, due to the rising climate change and temperature even snakes were actually seen crawling and pooling in Srinagar city. "Mainly, the intrusion of these animals into human habitation has to do with rising temperatures. Due to climate change, the venomous snakes, especially Levantine Viper commonly known as "Gunas", was

recently found in residential areas of the Dalgate and Buchwara, Srinagar." Says Aliya Mir

Since these areas come under the Dachigam-Zabarwan range, she said, they're the typical habitat of snakes. "But then these creatures would rarely come out," she said, "as they do now."

According to Ifshana Diwan, Wildlife Warden for Kashmir Wetlands, the easy availability of food, shelter in human spaces and rapid urbanization are the three main reasons behind increasing wild intrusion into urban areas and residential areas.

"Another reason behind wild animals migrating into urban spaces is the rising number of dogs. They're a soft target for wild beasts directly imposing a threat to human life and property," Ifshana told Kashmir Observer.

Notably, the experts have also requested people to participate in awareness programmes organised by wildlife departments and NGOs in order to tackle death tolls on both sides.

### J&K Situation

that the DGP urged the locals of the area to discuss and guide the youth through mosques & community meetings to stay away from the menace.

"He said that Pakistan is continuously supplying drugs with an aim to damage the mind and health of our youth and ruin their future. He said that all of us have to play a role to save our youth from destruction," the spokesperson added.

He further said that DGP asserted that it has always been an endeavour of the Police department to come closer to its people in order to secure their lives & property.

"He appreciated and expressed his gratitude to the people of the area for providing their support and also a piece of adjacent land for constructing a police building. He said that the Police officials posted in these areas are for people's security so that society at large is comfortable," he added.

### Solid Waste

involved officials and persons observed that the solid waste of the villages around the lake pollutes and deteriorates the quality and quantity of lake and its flora and fauna and suggested that these villages should be integrated and brought under various schemes of the Rural Development Department like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee

Act, Solid Waste Management Schemes of Municipal Councils or Committee, Swachh Bharat Mission or other platforms in terms of solid waste management.

"The streams or canals which take the solid waste or household wastes to the lake need to be appropriately maintained and cleaned by all concerned agencies," Qadri submitted in his report to the court, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer.

He further suggested that there is an immediate need for awareness, capacity-building programs etc. in these areas to address the waste generation problem at the source.

"It is thus proposed that a sustainable solid waste management model must be adopted, where collection and disposal of waste is done on a scientific basis," Qadri recommended the court.

He further recommended that Information, Education & Communication (IEC) must be carried out in these villages on priority basis and immediate need to start solid waste management practices in these villages.

He further recommended that the villages around the lake can be developed as Zero Waste climate-smart villages if all departments "pitch in" sincerely.

Advocate Qadri has proposed that the Management of solid, liquid waste and other household garbage from the rural areas of Bandipora, which ultimately finds its way towards Wular, must be treated scientifically.

"Immediate attention must be given to the 35 plus adjacent villages of lake, where Wular absorbs all the pollutants coming from households," Qadri recommended.

He further suggested that the scientific data related to the extent of solid waste from 33 villages needs to be submitted before this Court by Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA) which may be examined and its scientific treatment as per the solid waste Management Rules may be ensured.

Regarding the dumping of wastes near the lake by the Municipalities of Sopore and Bandipora town, the amicus curiae observer that even with the active intervention of the High Court one dumping site at Tarzoo (Sopore municipality) and Zalwan (Bandipora municipality) was closed for being in contravention of the rules and

within the boundary pillars of Wular. However, again the Municipal Council Sopore has identified a site for open dumping of solid waste falling within the forest compartment which can cause serious threat to the biodiversity of the lake and its surrounding areas.

"As such, it is suggested that the said dumping site may be directed to be closed immediately and relocated at some place far away from Wular lake," the report reads.

Advocate Qadri said that five villages would be taken up on a pilot basis for starting solid waste management activities.

"Out of these, three villages have already been adopted by the Municipal Council Bandipora, including Zalwan Park, for maintenance and development," the report reveals.

Qadri also observed that the encroachments in Lake were mainly found in the form of Plantations which are being removed. However, he said that there is an encroachment threat at the Ningsli Portion of the Lake, for which boundary consolidation and strengthening should be done with fencing to save encroachment in future, and other measures need to be taken into consideration.

Qadri further recommended that there is a need for immediate preparation of a Revised Conservation management action plan that should be done as recommended by the experts of Lake.

"As recommended, an integrated approach must be adopted to prepare CMAP, which is already in vogue with the Irrigation & Flood Control Department against an amount. 1623 cr," the report reads.

He further recommended that feeder channels of Wular Lake need a restoration on a similar pattern as has been done for Naaz Nallah by WUCMA.

"This will help in restoring the hydraulic connectivity of the lake with adjacent wetlands," the report said.

Qadri observed that the restoration of 4.35 sq. km of lake is complete of which 3:10 sq kms has been restored in the present contract. 63.93 lac cms of silt have been dredged out from the lake in addition, the bund consolidation and slope improvement has been made.

### SC Dismisses Man's

The J&K administration counsel added that eight months have passed, the body would have decomposed and

now exhuming the body will only lead to law-and-order problems, and he has lost his son but he was a terrorist. Jammu and Kashmir administration was represented by standing counsel Taruna Ardhendumauli Prasad.

Magrey moved the apex court challenging the Jammu and Kashmir high court order, which did not allow exhumation of his son's body. Four people were killed in the "encounter", including Aamir Magrey, on the outskirts of Srinagar on November 15 last year. The petition was filed through advocate Nupur Kumar.

### Lawyer Found

officer Soibug alongwith with the FSL team visited the spot immediately.

"The place of occurrence was examined and the body was taken into custody for post mortem and other legal formalities," he said, adding, "Proceedings under section 174 CrPC have been initiated by Police. (ONS)

### IGNOU Extends Last

an official spokesperson said.

The students, he said, are also informed that they can now get admission in the revised UGC & AICTE approved MBA and MCA programmes without appearing in the entrance test.

"The prospective students can refer to the IGNOU Admission prospectus for the complete details regarding all the programmes which is available on the website of IGNOU (www.ignou.ac.in) and of Regional Centre Srinagar (www.rcsrinagar.ignou.ac.in)," he said.

Meanwhile, the spokesperson said that IGNOU has issued a notification for pursuing dual degree under which a candidate can pursue two degrees at a time.

"More information regarding the provisions of the scheme can be obtained from the notice issued by the IGNOU or from the IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar," he added.

UGC has also issued a public notice regarding the 'equivalence of degree obtained through Open Distance Learning and Online mode with degree obtained through conventional mode', whereby a "degree at UG and PG level in conformity with UGC notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014 and PG diploma awarded through Open Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode by Higher Educational Institutions, recognised by the Commission under these regulations,

shall be treated as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the Degrees at UG and PG level and PG diplomas offered through conventional mode", informed the Regional Director, IGNOU RC Srinagar, Dr. Shah Nawaz Ahmad Dar. (ONS)

### Siblings Injured

hospital in Khag for treatment. However, one among them was referred to Srinagar's SMHS hospital for advanced treatment, reports added. (ONS)

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Nandna village, about 52 kilometres from Doda town, the officials said. (PTI)

### Ayodhya's Ram

Circuit House, the trust members also unanimously decided to make space for idols of prominent Hindu seers in the temple complex.

The trust has estimated an expenditure of Rs 1,800 crore for the construction of the Ram temple only, based on a report filed by experts.

The general secretary of the trust, Champat Rai, said after long contemplation and suggestions from everyone concerned, the rules and bye-laws of the trust were finalised at the meeting.

The trust has also decided to make space for idols of prominent Hindu seers and the main characters from the Ramayana period in the temple complex, he added.

Rai said 14 of the 15 trust members attended the meeting. (PTI)

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Kupwara, Anantnag, Bandipora, Ganderbal and Shopian reported no fresh cases of Covid-19.

In the winter capital, officials said Jammu reported 4 new cases of virus, Udhampur and Ramban 2 each and Reasi 1. No new cases were detected in the remaining six districts of Rajouri, Doda, Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar and Poonch.

Also, the officials said that the death toll in the pandemic remained unchanged at 4784 as no fresh fatality was reported from the union territory during the last 24 hours.

"Moreover, 106more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 16 from Jammu division and 90from Kashmir division," they added. (ONS)

Jammu's Chakshu Wins Srinagar Open Tennis C'ship



Press Trust of India

SRINAGAR: Chakshu Mahajan on Monday won the men's singles title while Moazzam Rashid and Haider Hussain retained their doubles title at this year's Srinagar Open Tennis Championship.

Mahajan defeated 20-year-old Chirag Dogra in straight sets 6-3, 7-6 in the final played at Gundun Sports Complex at Rajbagh.

Mahajan had registered an impressive win in the semifinals against local player and tournament favourite Rashid, coming back from a set down to romp home 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

In the doubles event, Moaz-

zam and Haider defeated the formidable pair of Nadeem Samdani and Jay Kumar in straight sets. They beat the men from CRPF 7-5, 7-6.

In the veteran's event (45 years and above), Nadeem Samdani won the title, beating Gurmeet Singh 6-0, 6-1.

In the boy's U-12 category final, Mohammad Qais prevailed over Mohammad Usman.

More than 40 players -- including six from Jammu -- participated in the three-day tournament, which is organised annually by District Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA) Srinagar in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Lawn Tennis Association.

India Announce Squad For T20 World Cup



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Fit-again pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah and death overs specialist Harshal Patel were back as the national selection committee didn't spring any surprise in the 15-man India squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia starting October 16.

India will play their first match against Pakistan at the MCG on October 23.

Bumrah, who was suffering from back injury and Harshal, who had a side strain, had done

an intense rehabilitation programme at the National Cricket Academy and the BCCI medical team has deemed them fit for the marquee series.

Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka (likely Qualifier in India's group) all have a couple of left-handers in top five and if Ashwin is played, he can exploit that advantage.

The batting unit, which hasn't performed up to expectations on big days more or less remained the same and in fact there aren't any new faces from the last T20 World Cup squad save Deepak

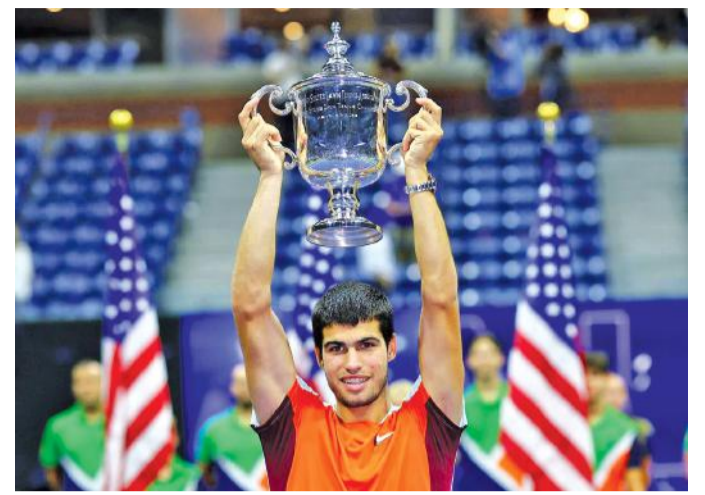
Hooda, who won't always be an automatic first XI player.

India Squad For T20 World Cup:

Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), Hardik Pandya, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh.

Standby players: Mohd. Shami, Shreyas Iyer, Ravi Bishnoi, Deepak Chahar.

Carlos Alcaraz Wins US Open For 1st Slam Title



Agencies

NEW YORK: Walking out for his first Grand Slam final at age 19, Carlos Alcaraz bumped fists with fans leaning over a railing along the path leading to the Arthur Ashe Stadium court. Moments later, after the coin toss, Alcaraz turned to sprint to the baseline for the warmup, until being beckoned back to the net by the chair umpire for the customary pre-match photos.

Alcaraz is imbued with boundless enthusiasm and energy, not to mention skill, speed, stamina and sangfroid. And now he's a U.S. Open champion and the No. 1 player in men's tennis.

Using his uncommon combination of moxie and maturity, Al-

caraz beat Casper Ruud 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (1), 6-3 on Sunday to both earn the trophy at Flushing Meadows and become the youngest man to lead the ATP rankings.

"Everything came so fast. For me it's unbelievable. It's something I dreamed since I was a kid, since I started playing tennis," said Alcaraz, whom folks of a certain age might still consider a kid.

"Of course," he said, "I'm hungry for more."

Alcaraz, who will move up three ranking spots from No. 4 on Monday, already has attracted plenty of attention as someone considered the Next Big Thing in a sport dominated for decades by the Big Three of Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer.

Bandipora District Indoor Rowing C'ship From Sep. 17



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The 2nd District Indoor Rowing Championship is set to be held at Government Higher Secondary School Aragam Bandipora on 17th and 18th of this month.

The championship is being organized by District Bandipora Rowing & Sculling Association in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora under SVEEP Action programme.

Around 250 boys and girls of all categories of the district are going to participate in the championship.

The championship is aimed to select a team for the upcoming UT level Championship to be held at Srinagar.

Indoor Rowing is a relatively new sport performed on a rowing machine (ergo), that has traditionally been used to simulate the action of watercraft rowing for the purpose of exercise or rowing training.

JKFA To Hold DFA Srinagar Elections Today

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Committee of Advisors (COA)-led Jammu & Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) on Monday announced that it will hold the District Football Association (DFA) Srinagar election on Tuesday, September 13.

"The Election of the Office Bearers of District Football Association Srinagar for the Posts of DFA President, Secretary & Treasurer will now be held at Hotel Asian Park, Munawarabad on 13th of Sept. 2022 at 4 PM," an official statement issued under the name of Hony. General Sec-

retary, Prof. B.A Shah read. "All the Eligible Associate Members of the DFA are requested to present at the Venue on the scheduled date and time," the statement concluded.



Hockey J&K Holds Annual Meet

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Hockey J&K was held on Monday at KK Haku Stadium, Jammu under the chairmanship of Rajeev Sharma, President Hockey J&K. Members from all over the J&K participated in this meeting.

Dr. Taran Singh, Secretary General, welcomed the members and point wise agenda was taken up with the permission of chair.

All the agenda points were discussed in details including Hockey India elections in which Rajinder Singh Kuku, Sr. Vice President, and Advocate Asima

Ali are authorised to participate and represent Hockey J&K. The Hockey India elections are scheduled to be held on 1st October 2022 at New Delhi.



Rajapaksa Dedicates Asia Cup Win To 'Crisis-Hit' Countrymen



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Sri Lanka's Asia Cup winning hero Bhanuka Rajapaksa, whose stellar show with the bat played a pivotal role in his side's sensational Asia Cup victory, has dedicated the title to his crisis-hit island nation.

Sri Lanka defeated Pakistan by 23 runs in the summit clash on Sunday night to clinch the

Asia Cup crown after 2014, their sixth overall.

"We always wanted to show the world - a couple of decades back, we had aggression in our side, and we wanted to create those moments (again) as a unit," a beaming Rajapaksa said at the post match press conference.

"Looking forward, we want to keep up this momentum ahead of the World Cup. With the crisis happening back home, this

is a tough time for all the Sri Lankans, but hope we brought some smiles on the faces of our people."

"This is to the whole nation; they were waiting for this for so long," a smiling Rajapaksa added.

Sri Lanka clinched the much-needed Asia Cup title in the backdrop of the country's worst economic crisis coupled with political unrest.

England Beat South Africa By 9-Wickets, Seal Test Series 2-1



Agencies

LONDON: England returned to the Oval on Monday to speedily knock off the 33 runs required to win the deciding third test against South Africa, completing a sweep of series victories this summer in a successful start to the new era under captain Ben Stokes and coach Brendon McCullum.

Resuming on 97-0 chasing 130 to win on Day 5, England took barely 25 minutes to seal a nine-wicket victory, finishing on 130-1. That clinched the series 2-1, to go with England's 3-0 win over world test champion New Zealand in June

and its victory in a one-off test against India in July.

Against the Proteas, the English had to come from behind in the series after losing the first test at Lord's and they moved into an almost insurmountable position on Sunday, when bat light stopped play with the hosts on the brink much to the annoyance of spectators who wanted to see the test wrapped up.

Alex Lees was the only wicket to fall, getting trapped lbw by Kagiso Rabada for 39 in a successful review by the South Africans. Lees has earlier been dropped by wicketkeeper Kyle Verreynne off Rabada.

Zak Crawley an opener who,

like Lees, is under pressure for his places after poor returns over the international summer helped carried England over the line and was unbeaten on a 57-ball 69.

Ollie Pope was also there at the finish on 11 not out, but only after paddle-sweeping fast bowler Marco Jansen into the grille of his helmet prompting laughter from Stokes on the balcony of the England dressing room.

It was essentially a third straight three-day match in this series. Day 1 was washed out and Day 2 was called off as a mark of respect following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday. (AP)

Queen's Death: Football Resumes In Britain After Pause



Agencies

LONDON: Football resumed in Britain on Monday after a pause over the weekend as a mark of respect following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, with lower-division games set to return to normal this week.

The Premier League, however, has yet to confirm when the it will be back playing again, with logistical issues likely arising ahead of the State Funeral in London on Sept. 19.

The English Football League - which runs the three divisions below the Premier League - said tributes will be paid to the queen at grounds across the country when games in the second-division Championship as well as League One and League Two resume from Tuesday.

A minute's silence will be held before matches, with black armbands to be worn by players, flags to be flown at half-staff and the national anthem - "God Save the King" - to be played in stadiums.

Most sports resumed in Britain over the weekend after a general shutdown on Friday, a day after the queen died at the age of 96.

Some Premier League teams will back in action in European competition between Tuesday and Thursday - Manchester City, Liverpool and Tottenham in the Champions League, plus Manchester United in the Europa League and West Ham in the Europa Conference League - ahead of scheduled league games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Quick CL Reunion With Former Teams For Lewa, Haaland



Agencies

BERLIN: Robert Lewandowski didn't expect to meet his former club so soon. Neither did Erling Haaland.

After switching sides this summer, Lewandowski returns to Bayern Munich with Barcelona in the Champions League group stage on Tuesday, while Manchester City striker Haaland is set for a quick reunion with his former Borussia Dortmund teammates on Wednesday.

Haaland scored twice in City's opening 4-0 win at Sevilla last week and has 25 goals in 20 Champions League appearances overall. He has 10 goals in six Premier League appearances already this season for City.

Lewandowski is also in top form, coming off the bench to score his sixth goal in five Span-

ish league games to help Barcelona win 4-0 at Cadiz on Saturday.

Bayern and Dortmund go into their matches after disappointing performances in the Bundesliga on Saturday. Dortmund slumped to a 3-0 loss at Leipzig and Bayern was held to its third consecutive league draw by Stuttgart.

Also this week, defending champion Real Madrid welcomes Leipzig on Wednesday, when Juventus hosts Benfica and Paris Saint-Germain visits Maccabi Haifa.

On Tuesday, Liverpool will hope to answer its crushing 4-1 opening loss at Napoli with a good result against Ajax; Bayer Leverkusen hosts Atletico Madrid; Tottenham visits Sporting Lisbon; and Eintracht Frankfurt travels to Marseille for what's considered a high-risk game between rival fans.

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