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## After Imported Apples, Now Chinese Walnuts Eating Kashmiri Crop Market

Augib Javeed

**Srinagar:** Amid the ongoing anguish over the duty free Iranian apples in Indian markets, the walnut growers of Kashmir now fear to lose their margins to the imported walnuts from the US, Chile and especially China.

The market flooding of these imported walnuts has created concerns at a time when the Kashmiri growers are harvesting the crop.

Bahadur Khan, President of the Dry Fruit Association of Kashmir told Kashmir Observer that even if the government of India has levied import duty on shipments from Chile and other

countries, it has still outclassed the Kashmiri walnuts.

"Five years ago we used to send over a thousand trucks of walnuts from the valley. However, this year we have sent only 500-600 trucks to different parts of the country," Khan said.

He cited the quality of walnuts from other countries as a major reason for low demand of Kashmiri walnuts in the markets.

"The growers are anxious as the government is not serious in addressing the issues," Khan alleged. Government figures suggest the production of these walnuts is decreasing every year.

In the year 2017-18, 2.75 lakh metric tons of walnuts



### Fruit Growers Protest Against Halting of Fruit-laden Trucks

Sopore: Fruit growers on Wednesday staged a peaceful protest demonstration inside fruit mandi Sopore in Baramulla district against halting of fruit laden trucks along Srinagar- Jammu national highway. Reports said that the fruit growers were demanding smooth [More on P6](#)

were exported from Kashmir. In 2018-19, 2.78 lakh were exported while 2.26 in 2019-2020, 2.58 in 2020-2021 and 2.67 in 2021-2022.

It may be noted, the walnuts from Kashmiri would be in good demand in both domestic and international markets, however Khan said they are now struggling to export the product in other parts of the world.

"Government has levied 5 percent of Goods and Services

Tax (GST) on our products which dented our export service," Khan told Kashmir Observer.

According to Jan Mohammad, another trader from North Kashmir's Baramulla district the production of the walnuts has considerably decreased this year due to "climate change"

"Unseasonal rainfall and a spike in temperature has hit the production. Even the walnuts we harvested are laying in Mandies as the demand is low," Jan Mohammad told Kashmir Observer.

The Horticulture sector plays an important role in the Union Territory and contributes significantly to the UT's economy. According to [More on P6](#)

## Navy Revives Training Centre At Manasbal After 33 Yrs

Press Trust Of India

**Manasbal:** The Indian Navy has revived its training area at the Manasbal lake in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district, 33 years after it was closed following the eruption of militancy in the erstwhile state.

The facility at the Manasbal lake in the central Kashmir district was excellent for the naval training of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in Jammu and Kashmir. However, due to the deterioration of the security situation, the site had to be abandoned in 1989 and the training areas were shifted to the Mansar Lake in Jammu, officials said.

With the improvement in the security situation in Kashmir, the naval training area has been successfully revived after a gap of 33 years, they said.

The officials said that a suitable camping site along with adequate infrastructure has been provided by the Manasbal Development Authority on the lakefront and two naval training boats have been shifted here from Mansar.

Speaking to reporters at the training centre, Group Commander NCC Group Srinagar Brigadier K S Kalsi said it is a momentous occasion and a red-letter day for the NCC in the Kashmir valley.

"It is after a gap of 33 years that NCC training activities of the naval wing are restarting in this beautiful location of Manasbal lake... 100 NCC cadets including girls from various colleges of Jammu and Kashmir are participating in the camp," Brigadier Kalsi said.

He said the NCC is a major organ of nation-building. It aims to train the youth of the country to inculcate discipline among them and [More on P6](#)

## Bus Crash Kills 11, Injures 29 In Poonch

President Murmu, PM Modi Express Grief Over Loss Of Lives

Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** Eleven people, including four women, died and 29 more were injured when an overcrowded mini-bus plunged into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Wednesday, officials said here.

The bus was on its way to Poonch from Gali Maidan when it met with the accident near Brari Nallah in the border belt of Sawjan around 8.30 am, they said.

The officials said a joint rescue

operation by the Army, police, and local villagers was immediately launched.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and several leaders from the Valley expressed grief over the loss of lives in the accident.

The officials said nine passengers were found dead on the spot, while two more succumbed to injuries at a hospital.

The condition of nine of the 29 injured is critical,



### LG Announces Rs 5L Ex-Gratia For Victims Kin

The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday announced an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh each for the kin of the people who lost their lives in a road accident here on Wednesday morning. Sinha also visited District Hospital, Poonch to enquire about [More on P6](#)

**THE LOSS OF LIVES DUE TO AN ACCIDENT IN POONCH IS SADDENING.** My thoughts are with all those who lost their loved ones. Wishing the injured a speedy recovery. Rs 2 lakh from PMNRF would be given to the next of kin of each deceased and Rs 50,000 would be given to the injured." [More on P6](#)

## LG Sinha Passes Veiled Warning To Pakistan From LoC

'India Will Give A Befitting Reply To Anyone Who Tries To Disturb Peace, Unity & Integrity Of The Country'

Observer News Service

**Poonch:** In a veiled attack at Pakistan from the Line of Control (LoC) here, the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday that India will give a befitting reply to anyone who tries to disturb peace, unity & integrity of the country.

"I salute the exemplary bravery of our Armed Forces. J&K UT is witnessing a new dawn of peace, progress and prosperity. Our armed forces, police, CAPFs are handling the challenges with full strength, valour & dedication. India will give a befitting reply to anyone



who tries to disturb peace, unity & integrity of the country," Sinha said.

The LG made these remarks while interacting with the officers and [More on P6](#)

### Lays Foundation Of Rs 56 Cr Projects In Kishtwar

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a District Development review meeting in Kishtwar today during which he also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth Rs.56.03 crore, an official spokesperson said Wednesday. [More on P6](#)

## Special Summary Revision Exercise Begins Today

### Regn As Voter At 2 Places An Offence: CEO

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** In a move aimed to pave way for the conduct of elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has ordered special revision of photo electoral rolls in all the parliamentary and assembly Constituencies in the Union Territory.

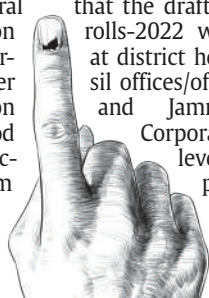
According to a public notice of the office of Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K, publication of the integrated draft electoral roll will be held on October 15, an official spokesperson said. He said that the period for filling claims and objections has been scheduled from October 15 till October 25.

Similarly, the spokesperson said, special campaign

dates have been scheduled on September 24-25, and October 1-2, and October 15-16.

"Likewise, disposal of claims and objections have been scheduled on 10-11-2022 (Thursday) while as final publication of Electoral Roll has been scheduled on 25-11-2022 (Friday)," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the public notice also reads that the draft photo electoral rolls-2022 will be available at district headquarters/tehsil offices/offices of Srinagar and Jammu Municipal Corporations, booth level officers at polling station level and on the website of the [More on P6](#)



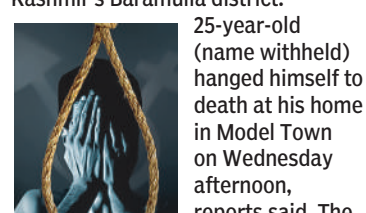
### Man Posing As SSP Shopian On Twitter Held

The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday said that a notorious criminal was arrested with the assistance of UP police from UP, who was operating a fake account in the name of IPS officer Tanu Shree.

"Notorious criminal involved in operating a fake Twitter handle in the name of Tanu Shree IPS SSP Shopian and demanding money and sharing objectionable updates on Twitter has been arrested from District Pratappgarh UP with the assistance of UP Police," police said in a tweet.

### MBA Student Allegedly Hangs Self

A student allegedly committed suicide on Wednesday in Sopore town of North Kashmir's Baramulla district.



25-year-old (name withheld) hanged himself to death at his home in Model Town on Wednesday afternoon, reports said. The youth was pursuing MBA from a college in Pune and had come to his home just two days ago. [More on P6](#)

### 35 More Test Covid Positive In J&K

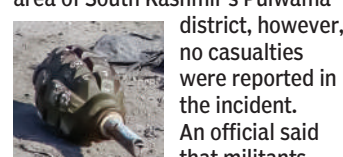
At least 35 more people tested positive for Coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, even as no fresh fatality due to the deadly infection was reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to officials, 22 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus were detected in Kashmir Valley and remaining 13 from Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected since the onset of pandemic in J&K to 478841. In the Valley, they said, [More on P6](#)

### ACB Nabbed 16 Revenue Officials In 2022

At least 16 top Revenue department officials including Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars and Patwaris have fallen in the net of Anti Corruption Bureau's (ACB) so far in 2022 while most of them have been trapped while accepting a bribe at different parts of Jammu and Kashmir. According to the data, the sleuths of Jammu & Kashmir's premier anti-graft body have registered 16 cases this year so far against Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars and Patwaris in corruption cases. Of total 16 cases, [More on P6](#)

### Grenade Attack On CRPF In Tral

Militants on Wednesday evening lobbed a grenade on security forces in Tral area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district, however,



no casualties were reported in the incident. An official said that militants attacked 180 BN of CRPF with a grenade in Tral area. He said that, however, no casualties have been reported in the incident so far. Meanwhile, area [More on P6](#)

### Girl Jumps Into Jhelum, Feared Dead

A 19-year-old girl jumped into the river Jhelum in Khadinyar area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday evening, reports said here. Reports said that soon after the incident, a rescue operation was launched to retrieve her body. They said that the rescue operation was jointly launched by SDRF, Police and locals. Meanwhile, an official said that police have taken cognisance of the matter and have started investigation as to why she took this extreme step—(KNO)



# How Fake Science Websites Hijack Our Trust In Experts To Misinform And Confuse

## The Conversation

The scientific method is rigorous. Claims and premises are supported with evidence. The peer review system is designed to ensure that research is scrutinised by experts before publication. And whenever researchers lack certainty, they'll emphasise that further research is necessary to land on the truth.

Unfortunately, fake science websites are learning to appear equally rigorous in order to trick their audiences into believing fringe, debunked and bogus theories. These websites seek to take advantage of our trust in experts, and the methods we use to verify information, to lend authority to anti-science positions.

Some even hyperlink to fake science published in what appear to be peer-reviewed journals but are in fact open access publishers who will accept anything submitted, provided their fees are paid.

Research shows that the anti-science movement is escalating and globalising. In a recent global survey, almost 50 per cent of respondents said they see false or misleading information online every day. Over half of those who shared such information did so because they thought it was true at the time.

Fake science that masquerades as trustworthy and authoritative information is harder to spot. But by understanding the methods fake science websites are using, we can adjust our verification techniques to ensure we don't fall for their deception.

Fake science websites use extensive hyperlinking to facilitate the appearance of trustworthiness. Hyperlinks



act as visual markers of credibility, appearing to connect content to a source. The mere presence of a link can provide readers with a sense that a particular claim is verified and that the author has done their research.

You'll know from your own browsing that checking every hyperlink to read and evaluate the information cited requires effort. For those who are not well-versed in scientific principles, methodology and analytical techniques, it is even more demanding. For convenience, we often trust the presence of a link or citation as proof that the information expressed is credible.

Repeated posts also add to the appearance of credibility. Research has found that virtually any claim uttered by a contrarian scientist, whether it challenges the consensus on anthropogenic climate change or calls into question individual scientists, immediately gets picked up and shared through the climate change blogosphere.

This content is copied from one site to another until dozens of websites feature the same information.

The aim is not only to increase the content's visibility, but also to ensure search engine results pages are populated with the same repeated content.

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that position more visible, hoping that web users won't have time to figure out that a single article has been copied dozens of times.

The manufacturing of doubt is another common strategy used across many anti-science positions. Research has shown that the tobacco industry engaged with this strategy to cast doubt on links between smoking and cancer. The same strategy is now used to downplay the climate crisis.

Due to the sheer weight of scientific evidence of anthropogenic global warming, fake science websites avoid outright climate denial and instead critique climate concerns as overblown and climate policies as extreme. The objective is not to invalidate the posi-

tion but to foster doubt about the reality of climate change.

To this end, articles again create the illusion of scientific rigour by referring to a selected body of evidence which is often misinterpreted or not peer-reviewed. Meanwhile, research that confirms the severity of the climate crisis is labelled climate alarmism and dismissed as doom mongering.

Fake science websites aggressively share their articles, encouraging web users to do the same, so it's likely that they will appear in your social media or search engine feed. They're easy to spot if you know what to look out for. First, check the hyperlinks used in the article. Fake science websites will direct you to websites that aren't reputable, to websites that aren't relevant, or to articles identical to the one you're reading.

can also copy and paste part of a suspect article into a search engine to check how often it has been reposted. Genuine science and research is reposted on reputable websites, but fake science will be copied among a series of websites you've never heard of.

If you're still in doubt about an article's legitimacy, visit a website that is dedicated to unpacking misinformation and bias, such as mediabiasfactcheck.com, where you can check if a website is known to feature fake science.

Ultimately, fake science websites can only assume the appearance of credibility. They're hoping that web users won't have the time or the skills to discover that what they're reading lacks scientific proof. With that in mind, digging a little deeper can help us expose sham science from legitimate, expert sources.

## SAD DEMISE

Spouse of Haji Mohd Sultan Shora is No More



With profound grief and sorrow it's to be informed that wife of Haji Mohd Sultan Shora of Darish Kadal Chowk, Srinagar has left for heavenly abode.

Ina lla hi Wa Ina Illahi Rajaoun

May Almighty Allah grant her highest place in Jannah. Ameen.

Mourning will be only for three days. However Ijtami Fateh Khwani will be held on 16 September 2022 at ancestral graveyard at Thakboon Malkah at 02:30.

Bereaved:  
Mohd Abdullah Shora  
Rafiq Ahmad Shora

## غلام حسن لون انتقال کر گئے



یہ خیر انہائی دکھ کیساتھ دی جاتی ہے کہ غلام حسن لون ولد غلام قادر لون ساکنہ سوہ وار سر بنگر تارن 13 ستمبر 2022 بروز منگلوار کو اچانک اس دنیا فانی سے رحلت کر گئے۔ مرحوم انتہائی شریف انشیں، ہمسار اور انسان دوست شخص ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ صوم و صلواۃ کے پابند تھے۔ مرحوم کے گھر تقریباً صرف 3 دنوں تک جاری رہے گی اور کوئی بھی رسم چہارم نہیں ہوگا۔

نوٹ: مستورات سے گزارش ہے کہ میوہ وغیرہ ساتھ نہ لائیں۔

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آج ہی کے دن یعنی 14 ستمبر 2021ء کو ہماری والدہ محترمہ سیدہ ابرارہ ایلطی محمد وائی ہم سے جدا ہوئیں۔ ہماری والدہ ایک عظیم شخصیت کی مالک تھیں۔ نیک سیرت صوم و صلواۃ کی پابند تھیں۔ اگرچہ آج وہ ہمارے درمیان نہیں تاجم ان کی یادیں ہمیشہ ہمارے ساتھ ہیں۔ ان کی وفات سے لے کر آج تک کوئی دن ایسا نہیں گزرا جس دن ان کی عمری کا احساس نہ ہوا ہو۔ آپ ہمیشہ ایک خوشبو کی طرح ہنس یاد رہی۔ اللہ تعالیٰ آپ کو جنت الفردوس میں اعلیٰ مقام عطا کریں۔ تیری عظمت کو سلام خجرا احمد وائی، شفاعت احمد وائی، جاوید احمد وائی، مدثر احمد وائی (فرزند ان) ساکنان پشاور ڈاکٹریٹ سرینگر

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## The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

### BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Masrat Jan  
D/o Sana Ullah Dar  
R/o Pinjora Karahama



**Details of Marks Certificate lost**  
Higher Secondary School Examination (class 12th )  
Roll No 221017279 Session /Year Annual / Reg. 2021

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before under signed with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary  
Sub Office Magam

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Name : Insha Fayaz  
D/o Fayaz Ahmad Dar  
R/o Badran Magam



**Details of Marks Certificate lost**  
Secondary School Examination (class 10th )  
Roll No 121014248 Session /Year Annual / Reg. 2021

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### ازنیات ہر وہ مشورہ اجلاس ارشاد احمد ملک

مضمون درخواست منجانب: اشفاق مقبول پرمحمد مقبول نیار ساکنہ ہر وہ مشورہ

بغرض حصول SC سرٹیفکیٹ تحت ایس آر آ 126

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02	مسماہ حسین بیگم	50 سال	دکانداری	
04	اشفاق مقبول	25 سال	تعلیم	
05	بلال مقبول	23 سال	تعلیم	
06	شاہستہ مقبول	20 سال	تعلیم	
07	دانش مقبول	16 سال	تعلیم	

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT.

## Office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Division Chadoora.

### Gist of Notice Inviting e-Tenders

Short Term e-NIT NO:-38/PHEDC of 09/2022 (2022-2023)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K, Executive Engineer PHE Division Chadoora invites tenders by e-tendering mode in single cover system from Contractors/firms of approved/registered with J&K UT PWD/MES/Railways for the works detailed below.

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Lacs)	Earnest money	Cost of document	Time of completion	Head of Account	Class of Contractor
01	Annual mechanical repairs/denting and painting including making insurance with relevant papers to departmental water tanker JK04B/7629 "Under Tanker Service"	2.39	4780.00	100	05Days	Tanker Service	DEE
02	Providing and fixing of rubber tyre of required size for departmental water tankers "Tanker Service"	2.32	4640.00	100	05Days	Tanker Service	DEE
03	Annual mechanical repairs/denting & painting including making insurance with relevant papers etc to departmental water tankers bearing No. 1453/JK01R for the year 2022-23 "Under Tanker Service"	2.03	4060	100	05Days	Tanker Service	DEE
04	Annual mechanical/repairs including making insurance with relevant papers to departmental water tanker JK01P/5683 "Under Tanker Service"	1.38	2760	90	05Days	Tanker Service	DEE
05	Annual mechanical repairs including making insurance with relevant papers to departmental water tanker JK04A/5168 "Under Tanker Service"	1.34	2680	90	05Days	Tanker Service	DEE
06	Annual mechanical repairs including making insurance with relevant papers to departmental water tanker JK01AB/5156 "Under Tanker Service"	1.14	2280	90	05Days	Tanker Service	DEE
07	Annual mechanical repairs/denting and painting including making insurance with relevant papers to departmental vehicle (Gypsy) JK02W/2468 "Under Tanker Service"	1.10	2200	80	05Days	Tanker Service	DEE
08	Annual mechanical repairs including making insurance with relevant papers to departmental water tanker bearing No. JK01S/6409 "Under Tanker Service"	0.96	1920	70	05Days	Tanker Service	DEE

Position of funds:- Available

The bidding document can be downloaded from the website jktenders.gov.in where in all the terms and conditions are highlighted in details.

Important Dates.

Date of Publishing	13-09-2022
Date of downloading the bidding documents.	13-09-2022 to 20-09-2021 up to 4:00 P.M
Date of submission of bid online	13-09-2022 to 20-09-2022 up to 2:00 P.M
Date of opening	21-09-2022 11:00 A.M

General terms and conditions:-

1.The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website jktenders.gov.in from:-13/09/2022 to 20/09/2022 up to 1400 hrs. The Bids will be opened on 21/09/2022 at 11:00Am. Online documents can be seen and downloaded from the website.

a)The complete bidding process will be online.

b)Technical bids of bidder shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Chadoora.

2. Bid document contains qualifying criteria for bidder, specification, conditions and other details.

3. The rates should be strictly quoted as per the unit advertised in the rate list.

4. The contractors shall inspect & examine the site, and shall satisfy himself about the location of the site, its approaches and nature of the ground and sub soil before uploading the bids/submission of tender.

5. If the contractor fails to complete the work within the stipulated time period, the penalty of RS.0.01% of the allotted cost of work shall be imposed upon the Contractor recurring on daily basis. In addition to penalty prescribed in agreement form 25/26 double.

6.During the execution of work, department reserves the right to vary the quantity provided in the contract.

7.Tender drawings furnished with the tender document shall not be deemed as working drawings. These may vary from the actual working drawing. 8. The contractors shall carry out the various mandatory tests as per specification (e.g. the crushing strength of concrete i.e cube tests, gradation test for aggregate, slump test etc) as directed by Engineer In-charge. All testing charges/expenses etc shall be borne by the contractor.

9.The concrete mix shall be designed as per revised BIS (IS: 10262 of 2009) and concreting shall be strictly done as per the mix design by the contractor. 10. In Case any Notified Date in the e-NIT happens to be a gazetted holiday, the next working day shall automatically be considered as the notified date.

02.Bidders must ensure to upload their bids in double cover:-

a) The experience, and other relevant information shall have to be provided/uploaded by the prospective bidders on line.

b)The intending tenderer must ensure to upload the following necessary documents/ certificates with the online tender otherwise on line tender will not be accepted / opened.

c) CDR / FDR pledged to the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Chadoora for the amount shown against work and copy of valid registration card, Pan and latest GST return with the bid.

d)The cost of tender document fee should be deposit in treasures under MH-0215 PHE in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division and the necessary treasury Chelan must be uploaded on line. ( Name of work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan/receipt).

e)The tenderer whose tender is declared first lowest after opening of the price bid, the hard copy, of all uploaded on line shall have to be produced in original in the divisional office within seven days. In case of no submission of the hard copy of requisite documents as mentioned, in the NIT the tender shall be reject and the offered rates of the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest tenderer shall be considered at the risk and cost of the lowest tenderer.

No:-PHEDC/4304-11

Dated:-13.09.2022

**DIPK-9931/22**

Sd/

(Er. Javid Iqbal Shah)

"Executive Engineer"

Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Chadoora.





## Man Arrested After Seen in Video Trying to Throw Infant into River: Police

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A man was arrested on Wednesday by police in Srinagar after a Video went viral in which he was allegedly seen trying throwing Infant into a river.

Police said that a video was uploaded on social media where a man is allegedly seen trying to throw an infant into a river.

According to the Police spokesman, Taking cognizance of the fact, Srinagar police acted swiftly and apprehended the person namely Mohd Abbas resident of Shar Shali Pulwama.

Who disclosed that his wife had delivered a male baby who was stillborn (dead at birth) and to save the inconvenience of carrying the dead baby back to his native village he tried to dispose off his body into the river. But then people interrupted him and he carried the baby back to his native village and performed his last rites there, he said.

The facts are being cross checked from the medical records and witnesses, reads the statement.

## 40 Corporators Call On Commissioner SMC

Agencies

Srinagar: At least 40 Municipal corporators of Srinagar city on Wednesday called upon Commissioner of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Athar Amir Khan and presented a charter of demands to streamline working of SMC.

Srinagar corporators front in a tweet said that 40 Corporators today called upon Commissioner SMC, Athar Amir Khan and presented a charter of demands to streamline working of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation. .

"Commissioner SMC assured that all issues brought into his notice will be resolved in a time bound manner," it said. (KNS)



# Exhibition On Arbaeen Kicks Off At Mahattas

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: A week long Exhibition on Arbaeen has kicked off at Mahatta Art Gallery near the city Centre. The Art, Photography and Calligraphy exhibition has attracted the attention of Art lovers who thronged the exhibition on Wednesday, the first day.

It is pertinent to mention, Arbadeen, is an Arabic word which translates to the "forty" day mourning period after Ashura (10th Muharram) when Imam Hussain (A.S) grandson of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was martyred after having refused to pledge allegiance to the corrupt and tyrannical ruler, Yazid.

The organizer of the event, Ilyas Rizvi said the exhibition has been named Mashq-e-Arbadeen as it coincides with Arbadeen.

"It has been organized to pay tributes to the martyrs of Karbala

and remember their sacrifices they made for the sake of humanity. Imam Hussain unites every race, community and tributes to work for the welfare of humanity", Ilyas said.

Ilyas says his journey with holding exhibitions started a decade back in 2012 when he was pursuing a French language learning course at the University of Kashmir.

"Back in 2012, I along with some people decided to start a creative exhibition on Muharram. The first exhibition we hosted was in the lawns of Iqbal Library in 2013.

"Since then we have been doing regular workshops and today we have almost around 15 Artists participating in the event" he said.

The Arbadeen exhibition hosts paintings, calligraphic works and a collection of archived photographs dating back decades.

"We have displayed a col-

lection of photographs which take us back to the 1950's and 1960's. Photographs of Muharram processions passing through Jamia Masjid, Malkhah and Hasnabad localities of the old city are also on display"

"These pictures take us back to the old times and us a glimpse of our past"

Another feature of the event are the Art and Calligraphic works which are on display at the Mahattas. Artists have blended fine Art with Calligraphy to pay tributes to the Karbala martyrs.

Mohammad Afzal, a pass out of Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages have been doing calligraphic works since years.

He developed interest towards calligraphy through an Urdu magazine. He says he could not miss the opportunity of showcasing his work at the Mahattas.

"Earlier, I was self-taught but later I pursued a three year calligraphic course and tried to get expertise from my mentors" Afzal said.

"My calligraphic work revolves around the saying the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and quotes of different poets". Through my calligraphic works, I want to present the Prophetic quotations in the best possible way"

Afzal hopes to find customers for his calligraphic works at the exhibition.

The event also hosts works of small children who have tried to depict their experiences about Ashura, Arbadeen and the Karbala massacre.

The exhibition is supported by Edraak, a movement that aims at educational revival through arts and aesthetics in Kashmir and Mahatta Studios. The exhibition will be held till 21st September, 2022.

## DC Holds Public Grievance Redressal Camp At Anchar, Soura

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Wednesday held the first ever Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Anchar Soura in Eidgah Tehsil of the District to listen to the public grievances and take appraisal of local demands at their door steps as part of Public Outreach Programme under weekly Block Diwas.

The Grievance Redressal Camp witnessed large participation of people from Anchar, Jenab Sahib Soura, Dulbagh, Bholochipora and other adjoining areas. SSP Hazratbal, General Manager, DIC, Chief Medical Officer, Deputy Director Employment, Executive Engineer,

PHE, Tehsildar Eidgah, Chief Agriculture Officer, Assistant Labour Commissioner, District Social Welfare Officer, Lead Bank Manager and other Zonal and Sectoral Officers of the District were present in the camp.

During the programme, Public delegations and scores of individuals projected various developmental issues and demands before the DC including augmentation of drinking water supply, construction of Community facilitation Centre (CFC), reopening of backside gate of SKIMS, Soura, deployment of full time Patwari, land for school, macadamization of internal link roads, road from Bholochipora to Ganderbal via Anchar and other developmental issues of the area.

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- 1966 - First British nuclear ballistic missile submarine HMS Resolution launched
- 1968 - Launch of Zond 5, 1st lunar fly-around with Earth re-entry
- 1968 - Probable Test flight for a manned fly-around (scooped by Apollo 8)
- 1970 - PLO leader Arafat threatens to make a cemetery of Jordan
- 1972 - An SAS domestic flight from Gothenburg to Stockholm was hijacked and flown to Malmö-Bulltofta Airport.
- 1973 - OPEC supports price hikes and designates six Gulf countries to negotiate collectively with companies over prices; other members to negotiate individually
- 1974 - Air Vietnam flight 727 is hijacked, then crashes while attempting to land with 75 on board.
- 1976 - Soyuz 22 carries 2 cosmonauts into Earth orbit for 8 days
- 1978 - Muhammad Ali beats Leon Spinks in 15 rounds for heavyweight boxing title
- 1981 - The John Bull becomes the oldest operable steam locomotive in the world when the Smithsonian Institution operates it under its own power outside Washington, D.C.
- 1981 - Vanuatu becomes a member of the United Nations.
- 1982 - Israeli forces began pouring into west Beirut
- 1982 - Pope John Paul II receives PLO leader Yasser Arafat
- 1988 - Test Cricket debut of Ian Healy, vs Pakistan at Karachi
- 1990 - France announce it will send 4,000 troops to Persian Gulf
- 1991 - US women's gymnastics team win 1st World Championships medal (silver)
- 1996 - Bangladesh beat UAE by 104 runs to win the ACC Trophy Final
- 1998 - With the landmark merger of WorldCom and MCI Communications completed the day prior, the new MCI WorldCom opens its doors for business.
- 1998 - Google.com is registered as a domain name
- 2011 - The St. Thomas Assembly plant is closed permanently after decades of providing employing to the region of St. Thomas, Ontario and resulting in the loss of roughly 1,400 well-paid jobs
- 2012 - Japan announces that it will phase out nuclear energy by the 2030s

From KO Archives

## Kupwara Villager Kills Wife, Absconds

Ghulam Jeelani

Kupwara: Police have launched a manhunt to nab a Kupwara villager accused of killing his wife.

Though he has not left behind any clue, his arrest was expected by this eve-ning, reports said. The gruesome murder has taken place at Surmarg, 15 km from Handwara in the border district.

According to the senior superintendent of police (SSP), Kupwara, J B Singh, Jawahira was married to one Nazir Ahmad Bhat of the village about six years ago from whom she has a child. But their relations became strained about six months ago. The dispute between the couple had even landed in a court of law, according to reports.

Singh said Bhat had apparently mended fences with his estranged wife about five days ago. However, during the night he allegedly killed her. After that, Bhat packed the body of his slain wife in a trunk and hid it in a room of his house. He is believed to have fled from his home immediately after commission of the crime.

It was only after some foul smell started emanating from the house that Bhat's neighbours became suspicious. Soon they informed the police who recovered the highly decomposed body of the woman from the house.

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K O V I E W

Time To Break The Ice

The meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Samarkand, is beginning today with expectations of a political breakthrough not only between India and China but also between India and Pakistan. The latter relationship is drawing more attention after India and China more or less resolved their stand-off along the Line of Actual Control. Is there a chance that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Pakistani counterpart Shabbaz Sharif will meet? There is no confirmation on this so far.

Earlier last month, Pakistan foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto said that there were no plans for any meeting between Indian and Pakistani Prime Ministers on the sidelines of the SCO summit. He, however, made it clear that Pakistan has no option but to get used to living with India as no one can change their neighbours, mouthing a line made famous earlier by the former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Bilawal, however, didn't make clear what living with India for Pakistan meant. For Vajpayee, this became a rationale for instituting one of the most durable dialogue processes with the then Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf that nearly pulled off a Kashmir solution.

However, there is a lot that has happened since then. The dynamics that had made the engagement possible then no longer obtain. After revocation of Article 370 in August 2019, the complexion of the Kashmir issue has changed beyond recognition. Several new factors are at play in the regional geo-politics and in the relations between the two countries that have made it increasingly difficult to go back to the formula. New Delhi has also taken Kashmir off the table in future discussions with Pakistan, considering the issue settled once and for all. The only issues that New Delhi wants to discuss now are terrorism and the return of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir. The refrain in India is that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Islamabad in an environment free of terror, hostility, and violence.

But Pakistan wants to only discuss Kashmir and also seeks a reversal of the withdrawal of Article 370 which is not going to happen. The positions of the two countries have thus become too irreconcilable to make it easy for them to re-engage. But it is still possible that PM Modi and Sharif meet and break ice. In the interest of regional peace, the two neighbours need to transcend their differences and talk to each other. This alone will change the situation in the region for the better.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra

The Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra has, unsurprisingly, led to much political sabre-rattling. The Bharatiya Janata Party has not lost an opportunity to needle its rivals on a number of irrelevant issues, ranging from Rahul Gandhi's sartorial tastes to describing the exercise as yet another endeavour to save the Congress's First Family. Curiously, there has been some heartburn over the yatra from within the Congress rank and file too. Some have wondered about the prudence of prioritising an ostensibly apolitical engagement at a time when crucial assembly elections are on the radar. This line of thinking argues that the party should have devoted its energy and resources in preparing for these polls next year.

The leitmotif of the Bharat Jodo Yatra is reform. The Congress is hoping that the march — the yatra is expected to cover 3,500 kilometres across 12 states in five months — would help the party resurrect some of the foundational values of the republic in the public consciousness. There is no doubt that this is the need of the hour. The political ascendancy of the Bharatiya Janata Party has coincided with unprecedented pressure on fraternity, federalism, pluralism, inclusion — the building bricks of Indian democracy. Mobilising collective support for these could change — reform? — the prevailing public mood that is enchanted with the divisive message of Hindutva. There could be a collateral gain in the process: the reformation of a moribund Congress. That the party has lost its mass appeal has been borne out by a series of electoral debacles. An enthusiastic public response to the yatra, especially in northern India where the Congress is now a marginal force, could breathe life into the party and its fractious leadership. There is a third aspect about the yatra that is not being discussed adequately. The campaign, if successful, could alter the way in which political parties perceive traditional modes of mobilisation. The increasing use of social media by politicians as a means of communication in the digital age has led to politicians and parties shunning the long march as an effective strategy to rally the people. Yet, yatras have had a long and illustrious history. M.K. Gandhi in subjugated India, or L.K. Advani, in liberated India, made capital use of journeys across the nation to build opinion. The Bharat Jodo Yatra could build bridges to close the communication gap.

Telegraph India

What's in Blue Denims  
Fakeness, Hybridity or Authenticity?



Wajahat Qazi

Is Westernization, broadly or narrowly defined, the 'end game' for non-Western cultures and societies? Can this be inferred from how people speak and dress? What would against the backdrop of conflicting ideas about culture, desire, ambition, outlook and so on authenticity mean? Would it be 'pure' Westernization or 'pure' nativism?

Two incidents with me, one today, and the other years ago in Australia illustrate truths, to some extent, that might define the contemporary cultural world. Today's incident first. The moment I stepped out of the interior of an uptown Srinagar café, a boy (or a young adult), one in a gaggle of boys and girls reflexively asked me for the bill. I was wearing a Shalwar Kameez. Startled, I politely told him I was not a waiter. He and his friend(s) apologized for the 'confusion'. Now back to the past: when I was in my intense wandering stage in Australia, and when I'd go for the Friday prayers to the Mosque, after a conversation with me, white Australian converts would say, 'he's like us'. (Now with respect to me, I would like to think that I am a bit of a hybrid who has imbibed reasonably well both elements of 'reason' and my cultural and even religious moorings and underpinnings- an enriching synthesis that allows me to negotiate different worlds).

But what explains today's experience of mine and the Oz converts assessment of me?

If an insight can be culled from today's experience, and from it (experience) can be abstracted the general tenor of cultural life among contemporary youth in the non-western world, it may be two-fold. One is that the West sets cultural (fashion, English as the lingua franca or a general way of being) standards across the world. The corollary here is that the young of non-western cultures against Western cultural standards suffer from an acute inferiority complex. Western standards- validated and reinforced by Instagram, Facebook etc- are the ones to follow or imitate for them and native ones bespeak and reflect something sub-par. What can be inferred from this? Some may state that this is Westernization or a modern outlook. But this would be an ironically superficial assessment? While the way one comports oneself, speaks and so on, and it might constitute a compliment for the culture that one is imitating, but abstracting an outlook from this would be wrong. Outlook and how one sees the world is a complex phenomenon

that emanates from intellectual development, growth and nuance emanating from one's given experience or 'habitus', among other things. Blue Denims- a western 'thing' — and wearing these cannot be a proxy for this. Outlook, of any kind or of any culture, is philosophical. Blue denims are 'what everyone wears' — or in other words superficial. The latter is a reflection of a sartorial code in a given context; it neither is determinative of behavior nor culture.

Now, let me turn to the Oz anecdote: Why would Oz converts think I was 'like them'? One reason may have been the way I spoke- non accented, clearly enunciated English, unlike other immigrants. The other could have been my tentative and putative knowledge of their culture and to some extent western philosophy. They could, in other words, relate to me. But was I necessarily 'like them'? No. I shared some similarities with them but I was not Australian in an organic sense. And, their premise in judging me to be like them was different, in the sense I was different from other immigrants.

Given these two anecdotes and experiences, what larger meaning(s) and conclusions can be drawn?

Is Westernization, broadly or narrowly defined, the 'end game' for non-Western cultures and societies? Can this be inferred from how people speak and dress? What would against the backdrop of conflicting ideas about culture, desire, ambition, outlook and so on authenticity mean? Would it be 'pure' Westernization or 'pure' nativism?

As complex human beings are- a compendium of rationality and emotion- no definitive answer can be arrived at. But tentatively, it may be that a synthesis of either

— reason, emotion, and culture- may be most prudent. This is not for purely or merely instrumental terms- career advancement, social or economic mobility, international experiences and so on- but for the general wellbeing of societies and cultures. Homogeneity where everyone eats burgers and Pizzas and drinks Coca Cola would be a boring, drab world. But I would dare say, there might not be anything wrong with drinking a Coca Cola while wearing a Shalwar Kameez (or whatever one's cultural, religious or literary texts are. From a larger canvas, there's no such thing as pure authenticity, 'pure' hybridity' or 'pure' fakeness. There is, in the human makeup elements of all. It's then either pick and choose one's preference (where the element of choice kicks in) or a deeper, profounder preference of who you want to be. Either is

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fine. But Caveat Emptor: Don't judge anyone for who they are. I wear blue denims. These are great for maneuverability, flexibility and can, if worn well, even look stylish. But I wear the shalwar Kameez too- great in summer, flow beautifully and look graceful. Am I western for wearing Denims? Or am I Eastern for wearing Shalwar Kameez? Both and Neither.

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Godard's Cinema

Legendary film director Jean-Luc Godard, who passed away a couple of days ago at the age of 91, ushered in a revolution in French cinema. It was Godard who unearthed the talent and brilliance of the renowned Hollywood directors, Alfred Hitchcock

and Howard Hawks. His use of long takes, jump-cuts and actors' asides to the camera - all changed the lexicon of film-making. Godard once famously said in a public debate: "Every film needs a beginning, a middle, and an end, but not necessarily in that order." No one did more to make

movies the art of youth than Jean-Luc Godard. His films on a variety of subjects - more than one per year - moved at the speed of his thoughts, and transformed familiar genres into intimate confessions, and changed film-making into an aesthetic delight. Godard leaves behind a legacy,

unparalleled in the history of French cinema. His work bridged the chasm between popular genre films and high art, and helped change ideas of what is possible for cinema. RIP Godard!

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# India Is Quietly Laying Claim To Economic Superpower Status

India Recently Overtook UK As The World's Fifth Biggest Economy – And It Could Be Third By 2030

Martin Farrer

The rise of China has been the biggest story in the global economy in recent decades. But amid concern about its stumbling property market and global fears about inflation, the emergence of its neighbour, India, as a potential new economic superpower may be going under the radar.

You won't find mention of it in Liz Truss's blueprint for a "modern brilliant Britain", but the UK has just been overtaken by India as the world's fifth biggest economy. The nation of 1.4 billion people is on track to move into third place behind the US and China by 2030, according to economists.

And while the world became familiar with Chinese business titans such as Alibaba founder Jack Ma, the staggering wealth accumulated in recent years by Indian billionaires Gautam Adani and Mukesh Ambani has been less well publicised.

Adani, in particular, has come to represent India's growing economic strength thanks to the rapid expansion of his Adani Group conglomerate, which covers everything from ports to airports, and solar power to television. Having entered the global Top 10 when he became Asia's richest person in February, he is now ranked third with a fortune of \$143bn (£123bn) and is closing fast on second-placed Amazon boss Jeff Bezos.

India was for many years seen as the poor relation to China, held back by a sclerotic, sprawling state sector and labyrinthine bureaucracy. It still has enormous problems of poverty and poor infrastructure, but it is beginning to emerge as a rival to its large neighbour with the kind of economic growth figures that were once the pride of Beijing.

Gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 13.8% in the second quarter of this year as pandemic controls were lifted and manufacturing and services boomed. Although double-digit growth is unlikely to be repeated in subsequent quarters, India is still on track to expand by 7% this year as it benefits from economic liberalisation in the private sector,



a rapidly growing working population, and the realignment of global supply chains away from China.

"India has overtaken the UK to become the world's fifth-largest economy," says Shilan Shah, senior India economist at the consultancy Capital Economics, citing recent updated figures from the International Monetary Fund. "Looking ahead, India looks set to continue its march up the global rankings. In all, we think India will overtake Germany and Japan to become the third-largest economy in the world within the next decade."

A key part of India's continued rise will be its ability to grow its manufacturing sector and challenge China as the world's No 1 exporter. India has already benefited from a large, well-educated, often English-speaking middle-class, helping the country to develop world-class IT and pharmaceutical sectors. It also has strong consumer demand, which accounts for about 55% of the economy compared with less than 40% in China.

Now the trick will be to benefit from its youthful working popula-

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tion to position itself as a manufacturing power to rival China, where an ageing labour force and rising pay levels are reducing its competitive edge. With a geopolitical wedge opening up between China and the west, India also has the opportunity to grow in reshaped international supply chains.

Nguyen Trinh, emerging markets economist at Natixis bank in Hong Kong, says the outlook is promising for India if it can keep investing.

"Indian demand is expected to be strong due to its demographics," she says, "which is rather favourable with rising working-age population that

will push for demand for essentials such as food and energy as well as infrastructure investment. The normalisation of activities post-Covid as well as an increase in government spending, particularly in infrastructure investment, is helping growth. Consumption rose in double digits and investment is accelerating."

As with many aspects of India's economic rise, Adani's story is instructive. Now 60, the billionaire dropped out of Gujarat University, moved to Mumbai, and began trading diamonds before expanding into ports, construction and – latterly, but very profitably – renewable energy.

These widespread industrial interests have dovetailed perfectly with the country's thirst for growth and seen his Adani Group holdings on the Indian stock market rocket in value. His main listed company, Adani Enterprises, has grown 50-fold in value in the past five years, while Adani Green Energy, which looks after its push into solar power, has doubled in value in the past year. The group is ploughing \$70bn into green energy projects by 2030 with the aim of becoming the world's largest renewable-energy producer – ironic given the controversy over its plans to expand coal mining in Australia.

Another important symmetry comes from Adani's origins in the western state of Gujarat, which is also the power base of the Indian prime minister, Narendra Modi. Modi's market reforms, which have included cutting corporation tax from 35% to 25% and opening up India to more foreign investment, have freed up entrepreneurs such as Adani and the man he overtook as the country's richest person, Mukesh Ambani, head of Reliance Industries, and another Gujarati. Adani is close to Modi

who has been known to use the tycoon's private jet for campaign trips.

Nowhere is the local and global ambition of Adani more clearly illustrated than in Mundra, the Arabian Sea port which he wants to become the world's largest by the end of the decade. With Modi's government rolling out a 100tn rupees (\$1.35tn, £1.1tn) infrastructure programme – it aims to build 25,000km of new roads in the current financial year alone – Adani is well placed to profit at every stage as the necessary raw materials are shipped in, turned into goods and services, and then sent back out around the world through Mundra.

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## How Living In A Pandemic Distorts Our Sense Of Time

Sujata Gupta

Time hasn't made much sense since spring 2020 for many people, myself included. In February 2020, during the Before Times, my family traveled to Barcelona, a relatively carefree trip that now feels like a lifetime ago. Other times, I feel like I blinked, and three years vanished. How can my son be starting fifth grade? He was a second grader just a minute ago.

Welcome to "blursday." Back when the pandemic started, the term hit the zeitgeist. The word captured that sense of time disintegrating as our worlds and routines turned upside down (SN: 9/14/20). Days melted together, then weeks, then years.

As people began wondering about why time felt so out of whack, Simon Grondin, a psychologist at Laval University in Quebec City, and colleagues penned a theory paper seeking to explain the phenomenon. Our time is typically punctuated by events, such as dinner dates or daily commutes, Grondin and his team wrote in October 2020 in Frontiers in Psychology. Such events provide temporal landmarks. When those landmarks disappear, days lose their identities. Time loses its definition.

Since the initial shutdowns, cognitive neuroscientists and psychologists have been scrambling to document people's changing relationship with the clock. Early findings from those efforts now confirm that the pandemic did lead many people worldwide to experience distortions in their perception of time.

For instance, two surveys of more than 5,600 people taken during the first six months of the pandemic in the United States showed that roughly two-thirds of respondents reported feeling strangely out of sync. Days felt as if they were blurring together, the present loomed overly large and the future felt uncertain, researchers reported in August in Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy.

"All of a sudden everything went on stop.... We could not be the people we were used to being in the world anymore," says health psychologist Alison Holman of the University of California, Irvine.

For some people, distortions in time may feel like a strange, somewhat unsettling phenomenon, but one they can shake off. For others, the trauma of the past few years combined with this weird perception of time is a worrisome mix: They could be at risk of lingering mental health problems, Holman says.

Those who reported greater feelings of time distortion, and thus may be at higher risk of developing mental health problems, included participants ages 18 to 29 and women. Previous life experience, including preexisting mental health challenges and high levels of lifetime stress or trauma, also heightened one's likelihood of feeling out of sync.

Holman first observed how a warped sense of time can hurt people's well-being as a graduate student in the 1990s. For her dissertation, she interviewed survivors of the southern California fires of 1993 within days of the fires' onset. She found that two years later, the individuals who had lost their sense of time during the fires still reported feeling greater distress than those who had largely kept their temporal bearings.



"People who experienced temporal disintegration ... got stuck in that past experience. They couldn't put together the flow from past to present to future," she says.

Now Holman hopes that measuring how much people feel like time is falling apart during the pandemic might provide an early indicator of who might need help with recovery.

Other recent research during the pandemic suggests that those experiencing time as moving more slowly seem to struggle with greater mental distress than those who experience time as moving fast. For instance, respondents who reported that time felt like it was going very slowly also reported higher levels of loneliness, researchers reported in August in Nature Human Behaviour.

In a similar line of work, experimental psychologist Ruth Ogden of Liverpool John Moores University in England and colleagues are seeking to understand how people might eventually remember the pandemic, and what that could mean for recovery. Ogden and her team asked almost 800 respondents in the United Kingdom to reflect on the start of the pandemic a year after it started.

Only 9 percent said the preceding 12 months felt precisely like a year, while 34 percent said that time felt shorter, the researchers wrote in July in PLOS One. Most respondents, 57 percent, said

that the preceding 12 months felt longer than a year.

When a traumatic event feels long in hindsight, people may feel that the trauma is much closer in the rearview mirror than it is in reality. Such negative emotions could lengthen people's recovery from the pandemic, Ogden and her team suspect. Remembering "a longer pandemic may feel more recent and thus more present," the team writes.

Mindfulness training that brings people back to the present is one promising way to overcome distortions in time perception, says Olivier Bourdon, a psychologist at the University of Quebec in Montreal (SN: 9/26/22).

But unlike more finite traumas, such as wildfires and mass shootings, the pandemic is not yet in the rearview mirror. Many people are stuck not in the past but a sort of liminal present. While the answers for how to treat people in this instance are far from clear, Bourdon says the key is helping people knit together their past, present and future selves. "If you're stuck in a specific time perspective, it's bad for health," he says.

Helping people rebuild a new vision for the future is especially crucial for well-being, research suggests. People must, Holman says, "have some sense of tomorrow."

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has been cordoned off to nab the attackers—(KNO)

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## On Hindi Divas, SCERT Conducts Multiple Programs

Languages should not be connected to any particular religion: Speakers

Farooq Shah

**SRINAGAR:** While arguing that it is incorrect to associate any language with a specific faith, multiple speakers at the Hindi Divas celebratory function organized by the State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT), Wednesday, emphasized the importance of learning more languages in order to communicate with a wider audience.

Hindi Divas is observed on September 14 every year to celebrate its popularity and mark its adoption in the Devanagari script as one of the official languages of India.

"Languages provide the strongest connection to other cultures and foster love for their customs, beliefs, arts, and history," Dr Shabnam, academic officer, who heads the "Education in Languages" wing of the SCERT said. "Learning multiple languages, especially those of the country, is something that people should do because it will help them communicate with

people from other States and travel more easily."

Associate Professor Fayaz Ahmad Fayaz echoed Dr. Shabnam's sentiments when he stated that learning the local language will make life easier.

He cited an instance in which he got lost on a Delhi road because he couldn't understand the bus's signboard to illustrate the vast increase in reach that comes with learning new languages.

"We should learn Hindi with a more honest and open mindset because we live in India, where the bulk of the population speaks Hindi," Fayaz said. "Students should be encouraged to study Hindi because it is the country of India's national language."

Later, some members of the SCERT faculty arranged a panel discussion and talked about the importance of learning Hindi without associating it with a particular faith. On this occasion, schoolchildren also displayed vibrant activities to encourage the study of the Hindi language.



## IASOWA J&K Undertakes Donation Drive In Delhi



Observer News Service

**NEW DELHI:** The President IASOWA J&K, Dr. Amita Mehta along with members Mrs. Sapna Agarwal and Mrs. Jyoti Chauhan on Wednesday organised a donation drive in New Delhi.

The delegation today donated blankets and cash money to 'The Earth Saviours Foundation' and also met its President who is following his father's footsteps on a journey of lifelong service, an official spokesperson said.

He said that the team discussed in detail the problems being faced by this foundation (NGO).

This foundation is working towards upliftment of the desti-

tute and abandoned individuals and help them live with dignity.

The delegation also met the Secretary General of the 'Red Cross Society' Mr. Rakesh Jain, retd. IAS, and discussed the requirements for mitigating disasters across the country.

The Indian Red Cross is a voluntary humanitarian organization having a network of over 700 branches throughout the country, providing relief in times of disasters/ emergencies and promote health & care of the vulnerable people and communities.

The President, Dr. Amita Mehta has been deeply involved with various charities and donations for providing relief to those who need it most.

## LG Reviews Progress Of Power Projects In Kishtwar



Observer News Service

**KISHTWAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday directed Hydroelectric Power Projects (HEP) authorities and executing agencies for completion of the projects having National importance within a given deadline.

Sinha passed these directions while chairing a meeting with the senior officials of Hydroelectric Power Projects (HEP) here, an official spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, stressed upon employment of locals in these projects and directed the authorities to enhance the skill of local youth through Skill Development/Enhancement Programme so they can be absorbed in the ongoing projects.

"During the meeting, the authorities also apprised the Lt Governor about various bottlenecks in the smooth functioning of projects," he added.

The LG, as per the spokesperson, directed the District Administration to ensure hassle-free working in ongoing power projects in the district.

The meeting was attended by Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Sunil Gupta DIG DKR range; Dr Devansh Yadav, DC Kishtwar; Shafqat Hussain Bhat SSP Kishtwar besides HOPs of HEPs.

Earlier, the spokesperson said that the LG interacted with various public delegations of Kishtwar.

"As many as 15 delegations of Kishtwar District including PRI representatives, socio-religious organisations, political parties,

and civil society members apprised the Lt Governor of various aspirational needs and other issues related to the development projects," he said.

The LG, he said, assured the delegations that all their concerns would be looked into meticulously for the early redressal.

"During his interaction with the delegation of PRI members, the Lt Governor urged them to act as a bridge between people and administration in the grievance redressal mechanism and ensuring 100% saturation of welfare schemes," the spokesperson said.

He further said that the delegations expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for visiting the district Kishtwar and inaugurating and launching various developmental works, besides giving a patient hearing to their issues and demands.

## Chhattisgarh Govt Probes Complaints Of Bonded Labour In J&K

Press Trust Of India

**RAIPUR:** The Chhattisgarh government on Wednesday sent a team of its officials, including an executive magistrate, to Jammu and Kashmir to examine the complaints about workers from the state being forced to work as "bonded" labourers at some brick kilns there, an official here said.

The three-member team comprises Nayab Tehsildar/Executive Magistrate Kishan Mishra, Labour Inspector L S Markam and Assistant Sub Inspector Lambodar Singh Banafar, he said.

There were complaints that people from Jangir-Champa and Sakti districts, who had gone for work at brick kilns in Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir, were working as bonded labourers, the state's public relations department official said in a statement.

Sakti was carved out from Jangir-Champa to form a new district last week.

Taking cognisance of the complaints, the Jangir-Champa district administration contacted its Budgam counterpart following which the latter swung into action, he said.

A joint team of Budgam administration officials on September 13 inspected a brick kiln in Dangarpura in the district, during which it came to light that it is not a case of bonded labour, but there was an issue of payments to workers which was resolved, he said.

"A total of 64 labourers from Chhattisgarh were working there, of whom 27 wanted to return home, following which the arrangements were made for their return," he said.

Acting over another complaint, a joint team of officials from Budgam inspected Mangepura brick kiln, during which a similar case of pay-

ment was unearthed, he said.

However, on the direction of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the three member team was sent to Jammu and Kashmir for examining the complaints and taking necessary action accordingly, he said.

Earlier, The National Campaign Committee for Eradication of Bonded Labour (NCEBL), an umbrella organisation of activists, had raised the issue and filed a complaint that 90 migrant and 'bonded' labourers from Chhattisgarh are stuck in the brick kiln at Mangepura in Budgam, said Nirmal Gorana, the convenor of the NCEBL said in a statement on Wednesday.

The stranded labourers include pregnant and lactating mothers who are refused with medical facilities by the contractors, he said.

Some purported videos of these labourers were also being shared on social media, in which they are heard seeking help for their release.

## Article 370 Did Not Obstruct J&K's Development: Azad

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday said Article 370 was not an obstacle in the development of Jammu and Kashmir, and claimed that the erstwhile state had performed better than

next year. If it has to happen by December (this year), only Modi Sahib can do it," he said.



national average on 30 indices.

The former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir also claimed that he never ruled out the possibility of the restoration of Article 370, but said it could be a time-consuming process, adding only Prime Minister Narendra Modi could do so immediately.

"It (Article 370) was not an obstacle. (As the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir), I introduced a three-shift work system, Assembly sittings were held six days a week, roads were built, a network of schools and colleges was created and environment clearances were given," Azad told reporters here.

The former Union minister, who recently quit the Congress, said he had even countered Modi in Parliament on Article 370.

"I have countered the prime minister and the home minister in Parliament on this issue. I have highlighted 30 indices where Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 outperformed the national average and 40 indices where it fared better than Gujarat.

"I had said in Parliament that since Jammu and Kashmir was better on most indices, Gujarat should instead be made a Union territory and a Lieutenant Governor be sent there," he added.

On the restoration of Article 370, Azad said he never ruled out its possibility but was of the opinion that it could consume time.

"I have not said Article 370 cannot be restored. Either it will be restored by Modi, like he did with the (repeal of) farm laws as he has the majority, or there should be a two-third majority in Parliament. I cannot convince him or his cabinet on this," he said.

Azad said according to the details he received from Parliament, 86 per cent members in the Lok Sabha -- the BJP and eight other parties -- were in favour of the abrogation while 14 per cent were against it.

"Can any party from here (Jammu and Kashmir) get 86 per cent? We can pray that some day we get the two-third majority but it cannot be today, it cannot be in March

The other route is the Supreme Court, he said.

"More than three years have passed since the case is in the Supreme Court. Many Chief Justices have changed since then, but not one has opened even the first page of the petition. No date has been given for hearing it. If proceedings start, how many years will it take and in whose favour will it be decided, we do not know.

"So, we will not come up with any slogan which is not fair, just and possible. I don't want to give any false hopes, whether people vote for us or not," he said.

Azad said while Article 370 deserves respect, there are other issues, too, which need to be corrected in terms of development and governance.

"We cannot sit idle till Article 370 is restored," he said.

On the allegation that he was playing second fiddle to the BJP in Jammu and Kashmir, Azad said it was not him but some leaders in the Congress who were helping the BJP in achieving a 'Congress-mukt Bharat'.

"I am accused of being a friend of the BJP. The real friends of the BJP are those who are helping in establishing a Congress-mukt Bharat. This is my counter allegation on them," he said.

Azad said the Congress leaders were levelling the allegation against him as Prime Minister Narendra Modi got emotional during his farewell in Rajya Sabha.

"I must have done some good work...because this prime minister does not shed tears for anyone just like that. Just run a search for my speeches in Parliament, and you will see the verbal exchnages I have had with the prime minister. Going by those speeches, Modi Sahib should have put me in jail, but he said he has seen all my documents during my tenure as the chief minister, he has seen my notes against corruption. That's (the corruption) what the BJP is tracking today," he said.

Azad said the Congress could have encashed the fact that the prime minister cried for him.

"But what did you do? You keep abusing the prime minister 24 hours a day. The result is that you lost even your own seat. When you keep abusing someone, that person gets sympathy from the people," he said, without naming Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

## 2 Terrorists Killed In Srinagar Encounter: Police

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Two terrorists of Ansar Gazwat-ul Hind, an al-Qaeda affiliate, were killed in an encounter with security forces here on Wednesday, police said.

The slain terrorists were identified as Aijaz Rasool Nazar and Shahid Ahmad alias Abu Hamza, they said.

Based on specific inputs, security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Dangerpora under the Nowgam police station area, a police official said.

During the operation, the terrorists opened fire at the security forces. The security forces retaliated, triggering an encounter in which two terrorists were killed, he said.

In a tweet, Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said, "Killed #terrorists were affiliated with #terror outfit AGuH & identified as Aijaz Rasool Nazar of Pulwama & Shahid Ahmad @ Abu Hamza. They were involved in recent #terror attack on an outside labourer namely Muneer ul Islam from West Bengal on 2/9/22 in Pulwama."

## OFFICE OF THE POLICE STATION PAHALGAM

No: 2028/5A/2022/PGM

Dated: 14/09/2022

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to General public through the medium of this notice that an unidentified decomposed male dead body was found in River Lidder near Mandlan Village. Medico legal formalities has been carried out. Dead body has been kept in Mortuary room of PHC Pahalgam for identification. Anybody having any kind of information with regard to the identification of the Said dead body may please contact on following Contact numbers.

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A/P SHO, P/S Pahalgam  
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## GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER BANDIPORA

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### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**Subject; - Notice to invite proposals for establishment of DDRC in District Bandipora under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Govt. of India.**

In light of the Directions of Div. Com Kashmir conveyed to District Development Commissioner Bandipora vide order No:- Divcom/PS/ Misc/2022-23/1334-44 dated:- 22-08-2022 and in view of decision of DMT Bandipora made during the meeting held 14/09/2022 in DC Office Bandipora, proposals are invited from registered reputed agencies/NGOs/Voluntary organizations for establishment of District Disability Rehabilitation centre in District Bandipora for providing all requisite services and comprehensive rehabilitation to the persons with disabilities. The proposals with all supporting documents shall reach to the Office of undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. The terms and conditions as per the guideline are given as under:-

01. The intending agency should be as registered Organization under relevant the act.
02. The agency shall possess sufficient experience and good track record in the disability sector and shall enclose the documents depicting the achievements/rehabilitation made till date in the disability sector.
03. The intending agency has to arrange a rent free barrier free accommodation located near hospital/medical facility centre with all basic facilities in place including water and electricity.
04. The staff for the centre shall be engaged on honorarium /contractual basis by implementing agency/DMT preferably from local sources having specified/technical qualification and registration under RCI.
05. The DMT shall be authorized to adopt any option as per requirement of staff including from existing professionals of hospitals on fixed honorarium.
06. The intending agency must possess PFMS mode of transaction with EAT module in place also.
07. The intending agency shall enclose the 3 years audited statement and details of fund resources.
08. The DMT shall conduct the physical inspection of intending agency after submission of proposal to check the location and feasibility.
09. The intending agency shall enclose a CDR worth Rs 10,000/=as security deposit drawn from JK Bank pledged to District Social Welfare Officer Bandipora.The CDR of unsuccessful agency shall be released instantly after scrutiny of proposals and CDR of selected agency shall be released afterwards.
10. The selected agency has to submit the proposal to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for release of funds/grant in aid after establishing the DDRC with all requisite equipments and facilities in place.
11. The selected agency has to provide services and rehabilitation to the persons with following disabilities.  
(i). Locomotor disability 2. Mental and intellectual disability 3. Cerebral palsy/autism 4. Leprosy cured persons 5. Neurological disorders 6. Blood disorders 7. Multiple disabilities,
12. All required equipments and appliances shall have to be arranged by the implementing agency to run DDRC smoothly. The guideline can be downloaded from website of Ministry of Social justice and empowerment, (www.disabilityaffairs@gmail.com)

The DMT reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reasons thereof.

### Documents to be submitted with the application/proposal

01. Self-Certified copy of the Society registration /Indian Trust Act/Companies Act Certificate.
02. Self-Certified copy of the last three annual reports (2018-19,2019-20 & 2020-21).
03. Self-Certified copy of balance sheet of last 3 years
04. Bye law and memorandum of the Agency (self-Certified copy)
05. Annual report of last three years.
06. Photo copies of the documents relating to experience in Social Sector especially in the field of disability. In the experience certificate the duration of the project shall be mentioned (Attach the proof documents with self-Certification)
07. Undertaking by the Agency that it has not been blacklisted or placed under funding restriction by any Government or Non-Government Agencies.
08. Undertaking that no office bearer on behalf of the organization has been convicted by any court of law in India or abroad for any criminal offence.
09. Human resource details (full time, Part time staffs etc)
10. Copy of PAN card.
11. Copy of Bank Pass Book.
12. Copy of Aadhar Card of all trustees/members.
13. Unique ID number allotted on NGO-Darpan Portal of NITI Aayog.
14. Any other documents in support of the Organization.

No: DSWO/Bpr/Estt/2022-23

Dated: 14-09-2022

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District Social Welfare Officer  
Bandipora  
(Member Secretary)



## Analysts See RBI Delivering Another 35-50 Bps Repo Hike On Sep 30

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** With the price index surprising on the upside in August, many analysts have pencilled in a higher inflation print in September as well and accordingly expect the central bank to frontload policy rate hikes, delivering another 35 bps later this month.

Confoundng the worries on the inflation front, retail inflation accelerated to 7 per cent on-year in August from 6.7 per cent in the previous month -- staying above the upper tolerance limit of the central bank for all the eight months of 2022.

The higher than expected August inflation print was driven by food prices primarily in rural areas which came in at 7.2 per cent as against 6.7 per cent in urban areas.

The rate-setting panel has increased the policy repo rate by 140 bps to 5.4 per cent since May with the last being a 50 bps increase in the August review. Yet real interest rates continue to be negative as inflation continues to stay above 6 per cent.

According to Tanvee Gupta-Jain, the India chief economist at the Swiss brokerage UBS Securities, considering the base effect, inflation print for September is also likely to remain elevated around the August levels before moderating meaningfully from October onwards.

This will have the RBI-led monetary policy committee front-loading the tightening cycle and deliver another 35 bps in the September 30 policy review. For the full year FY23, the brokerage continues to expect retail inflation to average at 6.7 per cent.

Accordingly, she says in their base case, they continue to expect the monetary policy committee to front-load the rate hike cycle and raise the repo rate by another 35 bps in the September review.



In a note, Rahul Bajoria, the chief economist at Barclays Securities India, said elevated inflation on both the retail and wholesale fronts suggests the need for the RBI's monetary policy committee to maintain vigilance over evolving price trends and accordingly he expects the MPC to front-load rate hikes, and deliver another 50 bps rate hike on September 30.

On the positive side he notes that the gap between WPI and CPI is closing, it remains wide enough to keep the MPC on its path of front-loaded rate hikes.

In a note, Morgan Stanley said they expect a 35-bps rate hike in the September 30 review as they expect CPI inflation to remain around 5.3 per cent in FY24 and thus believe that normalisation in real rates is warranted.

Even as the monsoon has been progressing well with cumulative rainfall 6 per cent above the long-term average up to September 12, the distribution of the rainfall has been rather uneven.

As a result the summer crop sowing declined by 1.3 per cent on-year up to September 2, largely led by paddy which declined by a negative 5.6 per cent and pulses (-4.4 per cent), UBS said.

To control the domestic prices, the government last week banned exports of broken rice and imposed a 20 per cent duty on exports of various grades of rice.

According to her, another worry is that core inflation continues to remain sticky at 5.8 per cent (CPI ex food and fuel) in August, while fuel inflation decelerated to 5.2 per cent from 5.6 per cent in July.

## WPI Inflation Eases To 11-Month Low At 12.41%



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The wholesale price-based inflation eased to 11-month low of 12.41 per cent in August, on softening in prices of manufactured and fuel products, even as food items remained expensive.

Although the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation declined for three consecutive months, it remained in double digit for 17th months beginning April last year.

The inflation was 13.93 per cent in July and 11.64 per cent in August last year. It had touched a record high of 15.88 per cent in May this year.

The inflation was lower than August print in September last year when it was 11.8 per cent.

Inflation in food articles in

August rose to 12.37 per cent, as against 10.77 per cent in July, on account of costlier cereals, fruits and vegetables.

The rate of price rise in vegetables was 22.29 per cent during the month under review, while in case of potato it was 43.56 per cent.

Inflation in cereals was 1.77 per cent, while in wheat and fruits it was 17.35 per cent and 31.75 per cent respectively.

In the fuel and power basket, inflation was 33.67 per cent in August, as against 43.75 per cent in July. In manufactured products and oil seeds, it was 7.51 per cent and (-) 13.48 per cent, respectively.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mainly looks at retail inflation to frame its monetary policy.

Retail inflation has remained above the Reserve Bank's upper tolerance threshold of 6 per cent for the eighth month in a row and was at 7 per cent in August.

To tame stubbornly high inflation, the RBI has hiked the key interest rate three times this year to 5.40 per cent.

According to the central bank's projections, retail inflation is likely to average 6.7 per cent in 2022-23.

Domestic rating agency Icria said WPI inflation likely to ease to 11-12 per cent in September 2022 and print in single digits thereafter.

"The downside surprise was led by a lower-than-anticipated rise in fuel and global commodity prices," Morgan Stanley said in a note.

## Exports Rise Marginally In August; Trade Deficit More Than Doubles

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** India's exports rose marginally by 1.62 per cent to USD 33.92 billion, while trade deficit more than doubled to USD 27.98 billion in August due to increased crude oil imports, commerce ministry data showed on Wednesday.

The revised data showed that imports rose by 37.28 per cent to USD 61.9 billion in August this year.

The preliminary data released by the ministry on September 3 had shown a 1.15 per cent decline in exports to USD 33 billion in August.

During April-August 2022-23, exports registered a growth of 17.68 per cent to USD 193.51 billion. Imports during the five-month period of this fiscal grew by 45.74 per cent to USD 318 billion.

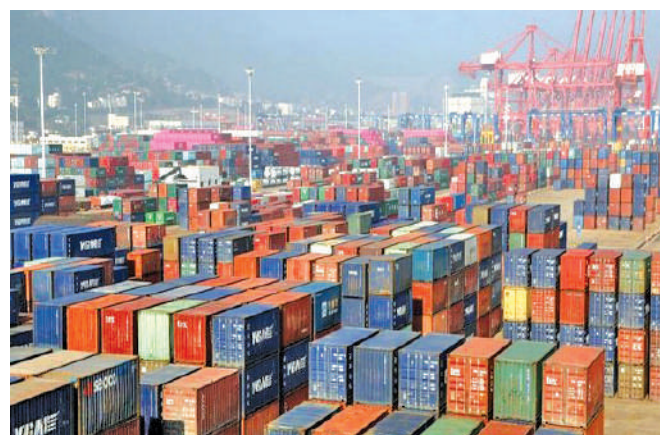
Trade deficit widened to USD 124.52 billion in April-August this fiscal as against USD 53.78 billion in the same period last year.

The deficit in August last year was USD 11.71 billion.

Crude oil imports in August this year increased by 87.44 per cent to USD 17.7 billion. However, gold imports dipped by about 47 per cent to USD 3.57 billion, the data showed.

On the other hand, silver imports jumped to USD 684.34 million during the month under review from USD 15.49 million in the same month last year.

Rise in import values in August has been witnessed in major commodity groups such as coal, coke & briquettes (133.64 per cent to USD 4.5 billion), chemicals (43 per cent to about USD 3



billion), and vegetable oil (41.55 per cent to about USD 2 billion).

Further, export products that recorded positive growth in August included electronic goods, rice, oil meals, tea, coffee and chemicals.

Export of petroleum products rose by 22.76 per cent to USD 5.71 billion. Similarly, chemicals and pharma shipments increased by 13.47 per cent and 6.76 per cent to USD 2.53 billion and USD 2.14 billion respectively.

Sectors which recorded negative growth in August included engineering (14.19 per cent to USD 8.3 billion), gems and jewellery (about 3 per cent to USD 3.33 billion), ready-made garments of all textiles (0.34 per cent to USD 1.23 billion), and plastic (1.10 per cent to USD 747.21 million).

Meanwhile briefing media here, Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) said they expect that exports would start picking up from October

onwards.

Reasons like rupee depreciation and moving away of buyers from China as manufacturing cost is going up in Beijing will help India's exports in the coming months, FIEO president A Sakthivel said.

It expects the country to clock USD 470 billion in goods exports this fiscal.

FIEO director general Ajay Sahai said that demand for low-value goods is increasing but volumes seem to remain intact.

The WTO has already revised its forecast for the global trade growth to 3 per cent from 4.7 per cent in April and FIEO expects a further downward revision in October.

"China is becoming costlier and less reliable with a zero Covid tolerance policy and anti-China sentiments are gaining ground day by day. A lot of orders for low-value products, which were a virtual monopoly of China, are now coming to India," the organisation said.

## Dulloo Bats For Full Utilization Of Rs 900 Cr Available For Interest Subvention Under AIF



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo Wednesday emphasised upon the officers of the departments to work for full utilization of Rs 900 crores available for interest subvention under the Centrally Sponsored Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) and Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) schemes.

The meeting was attended by Directors of Agriculture, Directors of Horticulture, Directors of Animal Husbandry, Directors of Sheep Husbandry from both the divisions of Jammu and Kashmir besides the Director Fisheries and several other concerned officers.

The Jammu based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The ACS impressed upon the officers that people should be assisted to take benefit under these schemes. He gave out that Agriculture based industry is the future of the UT as our economy is majorly dependent on it. He

favoured for creating awareness among the youth to establish their entrepreneurial units under the said schemes. He asked them to increase the number of applicants substantially in coming days.

Dulloo further impressed upon the officers to renew their efforts for reaping the maximum benefits and bearing tangible results on ground. He directed the Nodal Officer of the schemes to devise a common format for reflecting the weekly performance of each head of the department under these development programmes.

The ACS also directed the heads of each department to analyse each rejected application by the Committee so that the necessary rectifications are carried out and the same are not repeated in the new applications.

The meeting was informed that at the end of the previous month Director Agriculture Jammu had uploaded 85 cases, Director Agriculture Kashmir

19 cases, Director Horticulture Jammu 12 cases and Director Horticulture Kashmir 8 cases under this scheme.

## Maruti Suzuki Organizes 'S-Presso Grand Delivery Fest'

111 units of the Maruti Suzuki S-Presso delivered to customers in Srinagar, along with assured gifts



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Maruti Suzuki on Wednesday carried out a mega delivery of 111 S-Pressos on a single day at the 'S-Presso Grand Delivery Fest' in Srinagar, J&K.

"The Maruti Suzuki sales and service network in Srinagar made the occasion of the mega delivery campaign memorable for customers with assured gifts. 3 lucky customers were also declared winners of the Bumper Prize for the event and took home LED TVs," said a statement.

Maruti Suzuki's dealer partners Highland Auto, Jamkash Vehicleads, Kashmir Pvt. Ltd. and Peaks Auto Pvt. Ltd. were part of the S-Presso Grand Delivery Fest. The dealership network has been instrumental in establishing the presence and success of Maruti Suzuki in the region.

Launched in September of 2019, the Maruti Suzuki S-Presso has received great customer acceptance. Within a short span of nearly three years, Maruti Suzuki has sold over 2,02,500 units of the S-Presso. On the 18th of

July 2022, Maruti Suzuki introduced the new S-Presso. The car is equipped with a new 1.0-litre K-series Dual Jet, Dual VVT engine with Idle Start-Stop technology. The new engine ensures an excellent fuel-efficiency of up to 25.30 km/l in the AGS version. The new S-Presso features enhanced comfort and safety features. Built on the Heartect platform, the S-Presso features ESP with Hill Hold Assist across all AGS variants and electrically adjustable ORVMs (Outside Rear View Mirror) on the Vxi+/Vxi+(O) variants. These features are especially beneficial for S-Presso customers in navigating the hilly terrain of the region.

Maruti Suzuki's wide range of product offerings including hatchbacks, premium hatchbacks, sedans, SUVs and MUVs cater to the varied needs of different types of customers. Maruti Suzuki has a total of 58 sales outlets in J&K. Backing up the sales network is the company's service network in the region that comprises of 54 workshops and 27 body shops.

## SHORT TAKES

### NPS: Insurance Regulator Eases Rules For Pensioners

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Insurance regulator Irdai on Tuesday said it has done away with the requirement of submitting a separate form to buy annuity from NPS proceeds at the time of retirement.

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) said it is aimed at providing ease of doing business in insurance industry and for protection of interests of policyholders. "In this direction, to bring ease of living for senior citizens, Irdai has relaxed the requirement of submitting separate proposal form for taking the immediate annuity products from proceeds of National Pension System (NPS)," Irdai said in a circular.

At present, NPS retirees have to submit an exit form to PFRDA and a proposal form to insurers at the time of superannuation. Now, the exit form of NPS will be treated as proposal form for purchasing annuity, thereby reducing the time and efforts of senior citizens as well as insurers, Irdai said. The Annuity Service Providers (ASPs) are insurance companies regulated by Irdai and empanelled by the PFRDA to provide the annuity to the NPS subscribers from the bouquet of annuities offered by them.

### Implementation Of E-Nam In J&K Reviewed

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo Wednesday reviewed the implementation of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) here.

The meeting was attended by Director Horticulture (P&M); State Coordinator e-NAM; National Coordinator e-NAM; Presidents of local Fruit & Vegetable Mandis besides other officers of the department.

The ACS underscored the need of registering all the traders, growers on this electronic platform for better returns and making their business more profitable. He maintained that the step would give them access to a wide market with better bargaining options for their produce. He asked the department to assist all the eligible individuals and organizations to register themselves on the portal.

He also impressed upon them to register all the functional F&V markets of the UT with this pan-India portal forthwith. He expressed that the portal would help in discovering real time price on actual demand and supply position and thereby reduces the exploitation of producers at the hands of mid-

### Departmental Farms Becoming Centres Of Excellence: Dir Agri

Observer News Service

**BARAMULLA:** The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today visited Seed Multiplication Farm (SMF) Tapper, Kreeri and inspected different agriculture activities in the farm.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director said that for the last two years the department is working on a roadmap to transform departmental farms into the centres of excellence for the cultivation of different agricultural crops.

He said latest global agriculture interventions are being adopted and implemented in these departmental farms and therefore the desired results are there for all to see.

Iqbal said that he was pleased to see departmental farms performing well. He said the farms are moving towards the right direction in the journey of transformation and that they are optimistic that in the coming day these departmental assets will become the centres of excellence for different agriculture activities.

### Rupee Falls 30 Paise To 79.47 Against US Dollar

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** The rupee declined by 30 paise to close at 79.47 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday as higher-than-expected US CPI print resulted in risk-off sentiment among investors.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the domestic currency opened at 79.58 per dollar. It hovered in a range of 79.38 to 79.60 during the session.

The domestic unit finally settled at 79.47, down 30 paise over its previous close of 79.17.

"The Indian rupee remained under pressure amid a broad-based gain in the dollar after much-awaited US inflation data came higher than expected," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

The dollar bid well after the rate market started pricing a full percentage point hike in the next week's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting.

"However, recovery in domestic equities and corporate dollar supply gave support to the rupee after a weak opening," Parmar said, adding that in the near term, spot USDINR is expected to trade in the range of 79.65 to 78.70. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.35 per cent lower at 109.43.

### Gold Prices Fall Rs 265; Silver Price Slides Rs 786

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Gold price in the national capital declined Rs 265 to Rs 50,616 per 10 grams on Wednesday despite rupee depreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

The price of the yellow metal had touched Rs 50,881 per 10 grams on Tuesday.

However, the COMEX spot price of gold was marginally higher at USD 1,705 per ounce compared to USD 1,701 per ounce on Tuesday.

Silver price in the national capital fell Rs 786 to Rs 57,244 per kilogram. On Tuesday, the level was Rs 58,030 per kg.

On Wednesday, the COMEX spot price of silver was USD 19.45 per ounce compared to USD 19.31 per ounce on Tuesday.

"Spot gold prices for 24-carat gold at Delhi were down by Rs 265 per 10 gram reflecting overnight fall in COMEX gold prices despite of rupee depreciation," Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities) at HDFC Securities, said.

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