

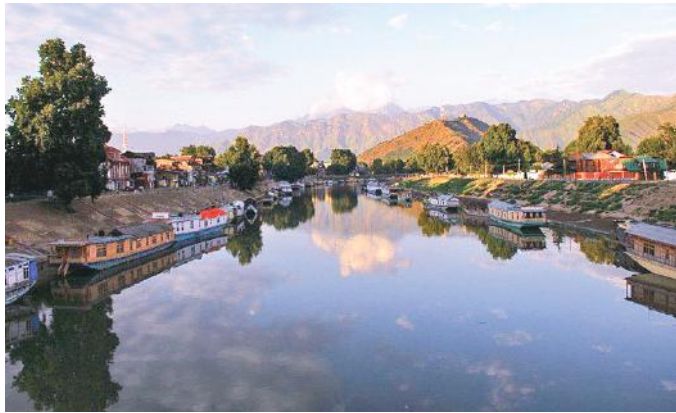
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Centre Gears Up To Rejuvenate River Jhelum

Prepares DPR, Proposes Forestry Interventions For Natural, Agricultural And Urban Landscapes



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Srinagar: In a significant move aimed to restore the pristine glory of river Jhelum, the Government of India has prepared a detailed project report (DPR) for its rejuvenation through forestry interventions.

The DPR, has been prepared by the Himalayan Forestry Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla, one of the regional institutes of the Indian Council for Forest Research and Education (ICFRE), after the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MOEF&CC) asked it to do so.

The draft was finalized after incorporating the feedback and

specific comments received from Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, line departments, ICFRE, and MOEF&CC.

According to the proposal, the first phase of the project has been planned for a duration of five years with UT's forest department acting as its nodal agency.

The DPR proposes forestry interventions for natural, agricultural and urban landscapes.

"The 'natural landscape' constituted the largest zone among the various categories of land use/ land cover of the natural environment and represented in a larger part of the riverscape. A total of 10 models/ treatment plans have been proposed focusing on forests, **More on P10**

21 Million Pilgrims Mark Arba'een In Karbala

Agencies

Karbala (Iraq): Dressed in black, 21 million pilgrims from around the world massed in the Karbala on Saturday for the Arba'een.

Arbaeen marks the end of the 40-day mourning period for the 7th-century massacre of Imam Hussain and his kith and kin by the forces of tyrant Yazid.

The annual commemoration of the event sees men and women from across Iraq and beyond travel to Karbala, where Imam Hussain and his brother Hazrat Abbas bin Ali are buried, for one of the world's largest religious gatherings.

After two years marked by the Covid pandemic and border restrictions, 21.2 million pilgrims have flocked to the city in central Iraq this week, said the organisation that manages Abol Fazal Abbas' mausoleum.

Among them are five million foreigners, including a record of more than three million from neighbouring Iran, according to authorities in the two countries.

On the esplanade linking the mausoleums of Imam Hussein and Abol Fazal Abbas, devout recited prayers on Saturday.

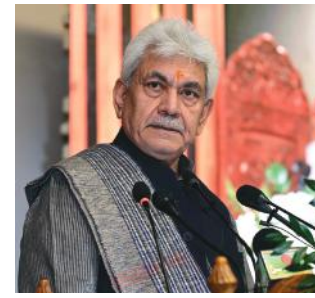
Groups of men beat their chests to the rhythm of chants and the din of war drums, some of them slowly making their **More on P10**

Our Aim Is To Increase Livestock Production In J&K: LG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Maintaining that 40% meat is imported from other states of the country to meet the consumption demand in Jammu and Kashmir, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that his administration's aim is to increase livestock productivity & focus on untapped potential for the export & value added products.

Sinha made these remarks during the inauguration of a workshop on 'New Horizons



in Sheep & Goat Husbandry among Tribal Community: Challenges & Opportunities' here at SKICC on Saturday, an

- 1000 Sheds For Livestock Of Tribal Community.
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- Common Facilitation Centre For Wool production In Jammu, Kashmir

official spokesperson said.

"Jammu & Kashmir holds the distinction of having the highest per capita consumption of sheep/goat meat **More on P10**

HIGH GENETIC POTENTIAL BREEDS OF SHEEP, exotic breeds for crossbreeding, marketing facilities and preventive mechanism of endemic disease problems will bring overall improvement in sheep rearing sector and improve socio-economic status of a vast majority of our livestock producers."

We Can Deal With Radicalisation In Jails: DGP Lohia

Says Shifting of Prisoners Outside J&K Purely An Administrative Exercise **Press Trust Of India**



DG PRISONS, H K LOHIA

Srinagar: Shifting of prisoners from Jammu and Kashmir to outside the Union Territory is a purely administrative exercise undertaken due to overcrowding of jails, Director General Prisons, H K Lohia, said here on Saturday.

Lohia was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function at Central Jail Srinagar.

It (shifting of prisoners) is an administrative matter. If the prisoners in a jail are more than its capacity, then some of them have to be shifted outside. For that process, all parameters are checked. **More on P10**

J&K Special Summary Revision



Migrant BLOs Trained For 100% Registration Of KPs

Press Trust Of India


Jammu: Migrant booth level officers have been trained by authorities here to ensure 100 per cent registration of Kashmiri pandits with the special summary revision of electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir underway, an official said on Saturday.

The Election Commission has already appointed three assistant electoral registration officers (Migrant) at Jammu,

Udhampur and Delhi for the special summary revision of Kashmiri migrant photo electoral rolls. The office of the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer organised a training programme for migrant BLOs at its headquarters here on Friday in view of the ongoing special summary revision of electoral rolls and better handling of various IT applications by the officers, the official said. He said the training was **More on P10**




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Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir



Scholarship Name 1: Ericsson Empowering Girl Scholarship Program 2022

Description: Ericsson invites applications from meritorious girl students currently studying in the 2nd year of Engineering (IT/CS) or MBA program from anywhere in India. The scholarship is meant to support meritorious girl students coming from underprivileged sections of society.

Eligibility: The applicants must be currently studying in the 2nd year of engineering (IT/CS) or MBA program at reputed colleges in India. Applicants must have scored at least 6.5 GPA or equivalent marks in the previous final examination. The annual family income of the applicant from all sources must not be more than INR 6,00,000.

Prizes & Rewards: INR 75,000 per year
Last Date to Apply: 07-11-2022
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/EEGS13

Scholarship Name 2: SBI Asha Scholarship Program 2022

Description: SBI Foundation launches SBI Asha Scholarship Program 2022, for students in classes 6 to 12, supporting them in continuing their education.

Eligibility: Open for Indian students studying in classes 6 to 12. Applicants must have scored a minimum of 75% marks in the previous academic year. Their annual family income must be less than INR 3,00,000. Applicants should be enrolled and continuing their education.

Prizes & Rewards: INR 15,000
Last Date to Apply: 15-10-2022
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/SBIFS1

Scholarship Name 3: LIC HFL Vidyadhan Scholarship 2022

Description: LIC HFL invites applications from Class 11, graduation and post-graduation students to support them in continuing their education. The scholarship is meant for those students who belong to low-income and crisis-ridden families.

Eligibility: Open for Indian students who are currently studying in Class 11 and first year of graduation and post-graduation programmes (in the academic year 2022-23). Applicants must have scored more than 60% marks in their previous qualifying examination. Annual family income of the applicant must not be more than INR 3,60,000 from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 20,000
Last Date to Apply: 30-09-2022
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/LHVT3

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION VAILOO

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Email:- executiveengineernbdiv.vailoo@gmail.com

NIT No. 117 /5887-96 of R&B/Vailoo /2022-2023/e-tendering/ DATED:- 15 / 09 / 2022

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory J&K e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of document (Rs in lacs.) in shape of Treasury Receipt/ Chelan	Time of completion	Earnest Money(2% of Adv. Cost (Rs in lacs.)	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1.	Restoration of Peertakiya Bamdoora Road by way of macadamization Sub Division Kokernag	29.35	1100	15 days	58700	Pot Holes	A/B Class , having valid MOU with Registered HMPQ/ A class with HMPQ
2.	Restoration of wani mohalla link, Khanpora link, peer mohalla link at Damhat by way of macadamization Sub Division Kokernag	14.64	600	15 days	29280	Pot Holes	A/B Class , having valid MOU with Registered HMPQ/ A class with HMPQ
3.	Macadamization of Nowgam Interior road Sub Division Achabal	40.00	1100	15 days	80000	Pot Holes	A/B Class , having valid MOU with Registered HMPQ/ A class with HMPQ
4.	Restoration of Akingam interior links by way of macadamization Sub Division Kokernag	14.66	600	15 days	29320	Pot Holes	A/B Class , having valid MOU with Registered HMPQ/ A class with HMPQ
5.	Restoration of Bulbul Nowgam interior by way of P/L of wet mix macadam, 50mm BM, 25mm Semi dense i/c 6mm seal coat and RCC Spun pipes Sub Division Achabal	23.00	1100	15 days	46000	Potholes	A/B Class , having valid MOU with Registered HMPQ/ A class with HMPQ

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	15 / 09 / 2022
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	15 / 09 / 2022 (04:00 PM)
3.	Bid submission Start Date	15 / 09 / 2022 (04:00 PM)
4.	Bid Submission End Date	26 / 09 / 2022 (04:00 PM)
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	27 / 09 / 2022 (11:00 AM)

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

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

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

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

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Treasury Challan/Earnest money

• Valid GSTIN Registration, PAN Card

• All Bidders shall upload Treasury Receipt /Challan and 2% of Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR only

a) All Bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN No. and PAN No and Latest GST Return .

b) Registration Card with current Renewal side. The registration card issued by this department should only be renewed by the issuing department.

c) Valid PAN card & GST Registration Certificate with latest return (GSTR-3B).

d) A Civil Contractor who does not own HMP and is bidding for Bitumen Macadam Works is required to upload an MoU with HMPQ, from whom the material/ machinery for the subject work will be procured. The Memorandum of Understanding must be registered and duly executed in the Hon'ble Court of 1st Class Magistrate, specifying clearly that failure on the part of the HMPQ shall be deemed failure on the part of the bidder, and vice versa

14 Scanned copy of GSTIN registration and most recent clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B from the previous quarter or month, (Latest GST Return)

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

16 Bidders are expected to submit technical bids along with scanned copies of all required documents. Any document (s) that have not been uploaded will not be accepted in hard copy for evaluation consideration. However, if need arises, Hard copies of any specific supporting documents, on the other hand, may be required on demand in support of documents posted online for clarification during technical evaluation.

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

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This is to inform for all relatives and friends that Mirza Sajad Hussain S/o Late Mirza Mohammad Qasim of Daulatabad khanyar passed away on 17 September, 2022. His Congregational Fatiha Khawani will be held on Monday the 19 September, 2022 in the premises of Imam Bargah Shalimar, (Gulshan Ali)

Condolence meet will continue for the whole day at the residence of Late Mirza Mahmood Ahmad.

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Bhatnagar Inaugurates Blood Donation Camp At GMC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Saturday maintained that Blood is a precious therapeutic modality as it is obtained from human source and cannot be manufactured.

The Advisor made these comments while inaugurating a Blood Donation Camp Government Medical College (GMC) here.

Principal, GMC, Srinagar Dr Samia Rashid; Director Health Services, Kashmir Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather; HoDs of different departments, medical officers, health workers, among others were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar said that Blood is a precious therapeutic modality since it is obtained from human source and cannot be manufactured and a human being can only donate blood for another human being. He added that besides being a commitment towards society, blood donation gives a feeling of immense satisfaction to the donor. The Advisor remarked that Voluntary blood donation motivated solely by humanitarian considerations is undoubtedly the safest and most

effective way of providing blood of assured quality.

The Advisor also said that the aim behind organising these camps is to overcome shortage of blood in all blood banks so that no one can face problems in getting blood whenever required.

The Blood Donation Camp was organised as part of the Rakhtdan Amrit Mahotsav, a Mega Blood Donation drive being organised across Jammu and Kashmir from today till 1st October, 2022.

Similarly, Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department, Bhupinder Kumar inaugurated blood donation camp at GMC Jammu in presence of MD, NHM Ayushi Sudan and Principal GMC, Jammu Dr Shahsi Sudan Sharma.

After inaugurating the camp, the Secretary emphasised that Voluntary blood donation is undoubtedly, the highest form of humanitarian service as it is done without expectation of even knowing who it will help. He added that one single blood donation actually helps many patients as blood is usually segregated into RBC's, Platelets, WBC's and Plasma and given accordingly for their requirement.

Under the drive, Direc-



Arbaeen Processions, Majalis Held In City

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A number of majalis were held across Srinagar on Saturday to mark the Arbaeen (Chehlum) of martyrs of Karbala.

It is pertinent to mention, Arbaeen, 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.

Processions were taken out following majalis where zakireen recited classical marsiya and Ulama delivered sermons highlighting the significance of Arbaeen and

the relevance of the message of Imam Hussain (AS) today.

At Sajjadabad Chattabal, Maulana Masroor Abbas dwelt in detail about the spirit behind the uprising of Imam Hussain and his small band of followers which he said infuses vigour among Muslims even after the passage of 1400 years.

Later a Zuljinah procession was taken out from the Astana Babul Hawajj where a copy of the holy Quran written by Imam Musa Kazim is preserved.

At Bemina a large procession was taken out following a grand majlis on the occasion. Agha Syed Hadi Moosavi, president of Anjuman Sharie Shiayan delivered a sermon at the Imambargah Agha Syed Yusuf.

At Zadibal, Srinagar, a large

number of mourners from Srinagar and adjacent areas attended the Majlis and listened to Moulvi Imran Raza Ansari, chief of Shia Association. He threw light on the life and teachings of Hazrat Imam Hussain and the incident of Karbala.

Later, a procession was taken out from Mohalla Syed Afzal to Imambargah Zadibal.

A large gathering was held at Zaildar Mohalla, Saida Kadal, where a procession was taken out from Zaildar Mohalla that passed through different areas before culminating at Imam Bargah Hasanabad.

Reports of Arbaeen gatherings were also received from across Kashmir.

Stray Dogs On Prowl In Old City Areas

Agencies

Srinagar: The menace of stray dogs has become a cause of major concern for the locals of old Srinagar city. A delegation from different areas of Srinagar city said that the dog population has increased tremendously in the areas including Syed Hamidpora, Dabtal, Chamandori, Dalal Mohalla, Habba kadal, Gurguri Mohalla and Rahbab Sahab areas.

The locals alleged that Srinagar Municipal Corporation instead of relieving them from dog menace have been releasing trapped dogs in vehicles during night hours.

"This is a major problem for all of us. Stray dogs bite people, chase them when they go to prayers early in the morning, and scare away children," they said.

They said that SMC's

ambitious dog sterilization programme is yet to take off while the increasing population of dogs is posing threat to human beings. "Dogs chase us even during the day. At least 30 to 40 dogs can be spotted in our street. We don't think authorities are serious in doing their job. The process of sterilization is confined to papers only" said Mushtaq Ahmad, a resident of Baba pora habba kadal. Stray dogs can be seen in large groups around garbage dumps in the residential areas. "These dogs have made life hell, particularly for women and old age persons," they said. "Dozens of stray dogs are present in our area. We are afraid to even venture out during evenings," said a group of residents of Babadamb locality. Meanwhile they appealed to authorities to take measures in this regard. (CNS)

Free Medical Camp Held At Khomeini Chowk Bemina

Observer News Service

Srinagar: On the Arbaeen of martyrs of Karbala, NGO Helping Hands Care Foundation Harwan J&K in collaboration with Asian Institute of medical sciences zakura organized a free

patients including Women and elderly people were among the beneficiaries who received the necessary treatment.

"We have been organizing these camps for the last many years and in these camps for the welfare of the people," said Nasir Hussain, an



medical camp at Khomeini Chowk Bemina.

The health check-up camp was conducted by the team from Asian institute of medical sciences, zakura and hundreds of

NGO member.

Local residents of the locality appreciated the efforts of the NGO and said that such camps should be held regularly.

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This Day In History

- 96 - Nerva is proclaimed Roman Emperor after Domitian is assassinated.
- 324 - Chrysopolis Emperor Constantine beats Emperor Licinius
- 1454 - In the Battle of Chojnice, the Polish army is defeated by the Teutonic army during the Thirteen Years' War.
- 1502 - Christopher Columbus lands at Costa Rica on his 4th & last voyage
- 1739 - Turkey & Austria sign peace treaty-Austria cedes Belgrade to Turks
- 1759 - Battle of Quebec ends, French surrender to British who capture Quebec City.
- 1864 - Battle of Martinsburg, Virginia
- 1914 - Battle of Aisne ends with Germans beating French during WWI
- 1914 - South African troops land in German South West Africa
- 1918 - Battle of Megiddo (Palestine) starts
- 1934 - USSR admitted to League of Nations
- 1943 - Adolf Hitler orders deportation of Danish Jews (unsuccessful)
- 1959 - Vanguard 3 launched into Earth orbit
- 1976 - Mao Zedong's funeral takes place in Beijing
- 1980 - Soyuz 38 carries 2 cosmonauts (1 Cuban) to Salyut 6 space station
- 1987 - US & USSR sign accord to remove mid range missiles
- 1987 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinsk USSR
- 1990 - Liechtenstein becomes a member of the United Nations.
- 1990 - Crude prices outpace increases in product prices and there is talk of cutting refinery runs.
- 1991 - Space shuttle STS-48 (Discovery 14) lands
- 1995 - Space shuttle STS-69 (Endeavour 9), lands
- 2007 - Pervez Musharraf announces that he will step down as army chief and restore civilian rule to Pakistan, but only after he is re-elected president.
- 2007 - Buddhist monks join anti-government protesters in Myanmar, starting what some called the Saffron Revolution.
- 2012 - World's first mother-to-daughter uterus transplant undertaken at the University of Gothenburg
- 2016 - Earliest known fishhooks at 23,000 years old discovered on Okinawa Island, Japan, findings published in PNAS journal
- 2016 -0 In Russian elections Putin-backed United Russia party wins 54% of Parliamentary seats led by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev
- 2017 - Hurricane Maria passes over the Caribbean island of Dominica as a category 5 hurricane, destroying 90% of structures and killing 27

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CM Strips Ministers Of Security

Observer News Service

Srinagar:- The State Chief Minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah has ordered his ministers and senior officers of the administration not to use pilot jeeps, except when they are on tour outside Jammu and Srinagar cities.

The Chief Minister also ordered the measures to economise manpower and to reduce inconvenience to general public. The CM's order states there shall be only one escort jeep for ministers and chief secretary while other senior officers shall be given only a PSO and a gunman for their security.

"Sirens on official vehicle would not be used henceforth," an official press release said here this evening. The ministers and senior officers have been asked not to use flags within Jammu and Srinagar cities.

Only the vehicles of ministers and chief secretary would use red lights. The CM has also directed to ensure smooth flow of traffic in the interest of general public with due regard to security aspect.

China Blocks Proposal At UN To Blacklist Pak-Based 26/11 Lashkar Handler

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United Nations: China has blocked a proposal by the US and India at the United Nations to blacklist top Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist Sajid Mir, one of India's most wanted terrorists and the main handler of the deadly 2008 Mumbai attacks, in the third such move by Beijing within four months.

It is learnt that Beijing put a hold on Thursday on the proposal moved by the US and co-designated by India to blacklist Mir under the 1267 Al-Qaeda Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council as a global terrorist and subject him to assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo. Mir is one of India's most wanted terrorists and has a cash reward of USD 5 million placed on his head by the US for his role in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks carried out by Pakistan-based LeT terrorists.

In June this year, he was jailed for over 15 years in a terror-financing case by an anti-terrorism court in Pakistan, which is struggling to exit the grey list of the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

Pakistani authorities had in the past claimed Mir had died, but Western countries remained unconvinced and demanded proof of his death. This issue became a major sticking point in FATF's assessment of Pakistan's progress on the action plan late last year.

Mir is a senior member of the Pakistan-based LeT and is wanted for his involvement in the November 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai.

"Mir was LeT's operations manager for the attacks, playing a leading role in their planning, preparation and execution," the US State Department has said.

Last month, China had put a hold on a proposal by the US and India at the United Nations to blacklist Abdul Rauf Azhar, the brother of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JEM) chief Masood Azhar and a senior leader of the Pakistan-based terror organisation. Abdul Rauf Azhar, born in 1974 in Pakistan, was sanctioned by the US in December 2010.

Beijing, an all-weather friend of Islamabad, has repeatedly put holds

on listings to blacklist Pakistan-based terrorists under the sanctions committee of the UN Security Council.

In June this year, China had put a hold, at the last moment, on a joint proposal by India and the US to list Pakistan-based terrorist Abdul Rehman Makki under the 1267 Al-Qaeda Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council.

Makki is a US-designated terrorist and brother-in-law of Lashkar-e-Taiba head and 26/11 mastermind Hafiz Saeed. New Delhi and Washington had put a joint proposal to designate Makki as a global terrorist under the 1267 ISIL and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council but Beijing placed a hold on this proposal at the last minute.

The US State Department had said that Mir has been a senior



SAJID MIR

member of LeT since approximately 2001. From 2006 to 2011, Mir was in charge of LeT's external operations and planned and directed various terrorist attacks on behalf of the group. Additionally, Mir allegedly conspired to commit a terrorist attack against a newspaper and its employees in Denmark between 2008 and 2009.

For his role in the Mumbai attacks, Mir was indicted in the United States in April 2011.

In August 2012, the US Department of the Treasury designated Mir as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist. As a result of this designation, among other consequences, all property and interests in the property of Mir that are subject to US jurisdiction are blocked, and US persons are generally prohibited from engaging in any transactions with Mir.

Twenty Million Pilgrims Observe Arba'een In Karbala In Homage To Imam Hussein's Sacrifices



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It is the world's biggest religious gathering, keenly observed in Iraq, Iran, Bahrain, Lebanon and many other countries.

The black-clad pilgrims gathered at Imam Hussein's holy shrine in Karbala on Saturday to culminate a week-long procession in commemoration of the martyrdom anniversary of the Prophet Mohammad's grandson, who was killed along with his companions during the battle of Karbala in 680 AD.

Men, women, teens and elders came together in their millions in the Iraqi city to pay tribute and renew their allegiance to Imam Hussein (AS), who is the all-time icon of fighting injustice, oppression and despotism.

The annual event, which is one of the largest religious congregations in the world, brings together a deluge of Imam Hussein's lovers and devotees from various nationalities who undertake an 80-km walk between the holy cities of Najaf and Karbala.

Tents and special stands called Moukeb in Arabic are set up on the path leading to the shrine to provide pilgrims with food and

other services.

In the past two years, attendance estimates were lower than usual due to coronavirus measures that limited the number of foreign pilgrims entering Iraq.

"We are happy to serve as many pilgrims as possible. We all noticed these exceptional numbers of pilgrims that came to Karbala after the coronavirus pandemic," said Ali al-Badri, an official in charge of Iraq's media services, adding that the teams covering departments such as cleaning and the provision of services were mobilized to cater for the needs of the pilgrims coming from Iraq and abroad.

"We distribute about 5000-6000 rations per meal, between breakfast, lunch and dinner - and we are continuing, God willing, we are happy," said Haider al-Kaabi, who heads a group providing pilgrims with shelter and food free of charge.

For the past weeks, pilgrims from countries including Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia, have been arriving in Karbala, located about 100 kilometers southwest of the Iraqi

capital of Baghdad.

Iran's government said on Wednesday that a record number of Iranian pilgrims, more than three million, flocked to Iraq to participate in the Arba'een commemorations.

Ali Bahadori Jahromi, a spokesman for the Iranian government, said around 1.5 million Iranian pilgrims have already returned from the pilgrimage.

The tradition, which attracts an average of 16 million people from across the world every year, is meant to sympathize with Imam Hussein (AS) on the pains he endured in the event of Karbala, where he and 72 of his companions were brutally slaughtered by Yazid's army.

The ceremony is also fervently observed by Muslims in their own countries across the world.

Millions of Iranians also flock to the holy shrines across the country and to local mosques to commemorate Arba'een.

People in the Iranian capital of Tehran, under the banner of 'Those left behind from Arba'een', take part in a symbolic march to the holy shrine of Hazrat Abdol Azim Hassani in the southern city of Rey.

World Leaders Begin Gathering In UK For Queen Elizabeth's Funeral

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London: World leaders begin gathering in London from Saturday for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, as princes William and Harry are set to lead a vigil of her grandchildren at her coffin.

The queen's death on September 8 aged 96, after a record-breaking 70 years on the throne, has sparked an outpouring of emotion.

Members of the public braved waits that at one point were estimated to be up to 24 hours and chilly night-time temperatures to view her coffin.

Lines have snaked for miles along the River Thames since Wednesday when her coffin was brought to the UK parliament complex to lie in state.

Police are mounting Britain's biggest-ever security operation for Monday's funeral, as hundreds of dignitaries including US President Joe Biden are set to jet in.

The queen's successor, King Charles III, will meet on Saturday with the prime ministers of the Commonwealth realms -- the 14 former colonies over which he now reigns in addition to Britain.

From Australia and New Zealand to Canada, they have formally proclaimed him their new sovereign. But republican movements are gaining ground, and efforts to keep them all in the royal fold will likely be a feature of his reign.

Charles on Friday wrapped up his maiden tour as monarch to the four nations of the United Kingdom with a visit to Wales, part of an operation dubbed 'Spring Tide' to launch him in his new role.

Large crowds in Cardiff chanted "God save the king" as he shook hands with well-wishers following a multi-faith service in Llandaff Cathedral, and at Cardiff Castle.

Charles met Welsh First Minister Mark Drakeford, an avowed republican, and there was isolated booing on the streets after the new monarch was quick to declare his son William the new Prince of Wales. But Drakeford said questions over the future of the monarchy were "a footnote to the dominant feelings of the day".

- 'Tide of emotion' -



Back in London, Charles held a 15-minute vigil with his siblings -- Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward -- around their mother's casket on Friday night.

They stood, eyes lowered and silent, while members of the public filed past. Andrew -- stripped this year of his royal titles over a sex assault scandal -- was allowed to wear military uniform for the only time during the 11-day mourning period.

The Duke of York, as he is also known, flew Royal Navy helicopters during the 1982 Falklands War with Argentina. The vigil will be repeated on Saturday evening by eight of the queen's grandchildren, including the new heir to the throne Prince William and his estranged brother Harry.

Harry -- who served two tours with the British army in Afghanistan -- has reportedly also been given special permission to wear his military uniform despite no longer being a working royal.

The move appeared to be the latest olive branch offered to Harry by the royals after he and his wife Meghan launched accusations of racism in interviews from their new home in the US.

The personal sorrow of the queen's family has been playing out in the glare of intense international attention.

But the queen's youngest son Edward said: "We have been overwhelmed by the tide of emotion that has engulfed us and the sheer number of people who have gone out of their way to express their own love, admiration and respect."

Why Supreme Court Decided Not To Register These Cases Filed 8 Years Ago

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New Delhi: Observing that many cases had been filed more than eight years ago but defects have never been rectified, the Supreme Court Registrar has decided not to register 13,147 matters that have had un-cured defects since August 19, 2014.

In a notification, the top court Registrar, Chirag Bhanu Singh observed that "a bunch of 13,147 unregistered but diarized cases have been registered prior to the year 2014, to be precise before August 19 2014."

It further noted that these cases had been filed more than 8 years ago and as per the practice then in vogue, the matters had been returned to the counsel/petitioner-in-person for rectifying the defects noticed in the matters respectively. "They have never been rectified ever. Nothing has been heard thereafter either from the Counsel or the party-in-person, in respect of these diary numbers,"



the notification stated.

After the coming into force of the Supreme Court Rules, 2013 that is after August 19, 2014, only, a provision was made to retain one copy of the plaint and court fee stamps with the Registry. The defects in these matters had come to be notified to respec-

tive counsel/petitioner-in-person years back and the parties were to cure the same within 28 days.

"The amended statutory provisions envisaged for the same under Order 8 Rule 6 (3), read with Order 3 Rule 8 (6) also clearly shows so. Though subject to discretion, vested by virtue of the

Supreme Court Rules itself, at least within 90 days. (As per amended Supreme Court Rules, 2013). The parties have failed to take any effective steps for years at end to rectify and cure the defects so notified," said the notification.

It further said the statutory period for curing the defects is well over. Seemingly the parties do not intend to prosecute the list any further.

Needless to reiterate that the essence of curing the defects within 28 days and the power of the Registrar to lodge the same if defects remain unattended, literally remained unaltered under both the 1966 and 2013 Rules framed by this Court, it added.

"For all the reasons discussed hereinabove, I am constrained but to hold that there is no valid and plausible reason to allow the aforesaid matters to be received for registration. I decline to register the aforesaid diary numbers," said the Supreme Court Registrar.

Rahul Gandhi Extends Birthday Wishes To PM Modi



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New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday. PM Modi turned 72 on Saturday, with politicians and dignitaries extending their best wishes to him.

Wishing PM Narendra Modi a happy birthday.

— Rahul Gandhi (@RahulGandhi) September 17, 2022

"Wishing PM Narendra Modi a happy birthday," Rahul Gandhi tweeted.

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PM MODI'S BIRTHDAY

E-Auction Of Over 1,200 Items Gifted To Prime Minister Goes Live

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New Delhi: An online auction of over 1,200 items, including a model statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and sporting memorabilia of Commonwealth Games medallists, gifted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has gone live.

The auction began this morning, coinciding with PM Modi's birthday.

"The time has arrived! It's 10AM and the #PMMementoAuction2022 is now open & live! Head to pmmementos.gov.in to register & participate in the auction in which exclusive gifts received by Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh @NarendraModi have been listed," Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy tweeted.



At a press conference on Friday, Mr Reddy had said a statue of Lord Ganesha, a trident, models of the upcoming Shri Ram Mandir at Ayodhya and the Kashi-Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi will also be part of the e-auction of gifts

and mementoes given to PM Modi, proceeds of which will go the Namami Gange Mission. The black model statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was gifted to PM Modi in April by sculptor Arun Yogiraj.

Mr Yogiraj and his team, sculpted the monolithic 28-ft statue of Netaji, made of telephone black granite stone, recently unveiled by the Prime Minister at India Gate.

Twenty-five new sporting memorabilia gifted to the Prime Minister by various sportspersons are part of the auction, a senior official of the Culture Ministry said on Friday.

The auction will conclude on October 2. Some of the gifts are on display at the National Gallery of Modern Art.

پ [ری خان] (گندر پورہ عید گاہ سرینگر) کا اظہارِ تشکر

تعمیل حدیہ مبارکہ کے ذریعہ، ہماری دینی قیادت، ادارہ جات، مدارس اسلامیہ کے سر۔ اہان کے صمیم قلب سے شکر گزار ہیں جنہوں نے ہمارے خانہ ان کے عزت مند، فرزند، دینی شخصیت، سماجی کارکن جناب الحاج غلام محمد صاحب [ری مرحوم و مغفور سابق بیکر] ی تبرعات حنیفہ علی کالج اور سر۔ اہل بعض ادارہ جات کے انتقال پر لپ ان کے جنازہ، تین تقریب فاتحہ خوانی، ایم تقریب۔ میں شریکر کے ہماری ڈھارس بندھائی اور مرحوم کو شاہ ارخطات میں 10 حج عقیقت ادا کیا۔ ہم فرداً فرداً حضرات کا نام شکر میں کرنے سے قاصر ہیں پھر بھی معروف عالم و مبلغ اسلام حضرت مفتی محمد ایوب صاحب شوبانی (جنہوں نے عدم الفرصت ہونے کے وجود کو بیان سے آکر عید گاہ سرینگر میں امامت جنازہ سے قبل اپنے خطبہ تقریب سے مستفید کیا)، جناب دارالاحترام مولانا سید محمد رفیع الرحمن صاحب بخاری، مولانا سہروردی صاحب (جنرل سیکریٹری) حضرت مولانا قبلہ محمد رحمت اللہ صاحب میر تقی (مقیم حال مدینہ شریف)، مولانا ابوالفضل خورشید احمد صاحب قانون گو، مولانا محمد مبارک صاحب نعمانی نقشبندی، مولانا اختر حسین صاحب، جناب مولانا مفتی محمد اسحاق صاحب زکی، مولانا سید وارث شاہ صاحب بخاری، جناب مولانا صلاح الدین سیفی نقشبندی (گجرات مقیم حال سرینگر)، علامہ شوقین کینک صاحب، جناب ڈاکٹر منصور صاحب سرادار العلوم دی پورہ، مولانا مشتاق احمد صاحب نقشبندی (رعاداری)، مولانا سید محمد مبارک شاہ بیروہ، فقیر جناب غلام قادر صاحب (مقیم شتاد)، مولانا محمد امین صاحب دعوت نور اسلام ود علماء ائمہ صاحب بخاری و مجاہد علی بنی مسجد۔ داؤد مشکوٰی و دینی تنظیمات میں انجمن الاسلام، انجمن تبلیغ الاسلام، انجمن ہما۔ الاسلام خصوصاً جملہ اراکین جمعیت ہما جموں و کشمیر جنرل سیکریٹری عاتقی صاحب، میر غلام محمد ساقی صاحب وغیرہ اور بیرون ملک سے مخصوص مدینہ منورہ سے حضرت عبداللہ صاحب مدنی اور جناب ڈاکٹر محمد حنیف صاحب (مدینہ شریف) ود ی مقامات سے رفیعون وغیرہ کے شکر گزار ہیں۔ اللہ تعالیٰ کو ہم۔ الفردوس میں جگہ دے اور ہم ان کے لواحقین کو صبر جمیل سے نوازے۔ آمین۔

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J&K BJP Holds Blood Donation Camps To Mark PM's Birthday

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir BJP on Saturday organised blood donation camps across the Union Territory to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

J-K BJP president Ravinder Raina and other prominent leaders donated blood at the camps organised under the supervision of party's youth wing Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), a party spokesman said.

He said over 1200 units of blood were donated in over two dozen camps for the use of respective blood banks.

"The blood donation camps are part of a series of programmes organised to mark the birthday of Modi. BJP will embark on a fortnight-long nationwide drive of public outreach with initiatives like blood donation, helping the poor and disabled, and cleanliness mea-

sures. It will also observe a unity in diversity' programme in the service of the society," Raina said.

Meanwhile, the youth wing of J-K Congress led by its president Uday Bhanu Chib staged a protest here to observe Modi's birthday as "national unemployment day".

The activists were seen making 'pakoras' and polishing shoes to denounce the alleged failure of the BJP-led government to control inflation and growing unemployment.

"The unemployment in the country is the highest during the past 50 years under this regime and the situation in J-K is much worse with no avenues for the educated youth," Chib told reporters.

He said the educated youth have no option but to set up 'pa-kora' stalls for a living due to the alleged failure of the government to create jobs.

Religious Preacher Sarjan Barkati Arrested In Shopian

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two days after noted religious clerics, Moulana Abdul Rasheed Dawoodi and Mushtaq Ahmad Veeri were booked under PSA, now another popular religious preacher Sarjan Barkati has been arrested in Shopian district.

News agency KNO quoting one of the family members of

Barkati reported that he was arrested by police today morning at around 6:45 am.

He said that since he was released, he hasn't taken part in protests, hasn't delivered any speech and they are unable to understand why he has been arrested now.

Notably, Barkati was released after four years of detention in October 2020 after

GVEI Bags 1st Position In Inter-School Debate Competition

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two students of Green Valley Educational Institute secured first position in the Annual Inter-School Debate Competition organized by DPS, Srinagar.

Ayat Imtiyaz (10th) and Ms. Mahrukh Fatima (12th) participated in the annual inter-school debate competition held in DPS, Srinagar on Saturday.

The topic of the debate was "Substance abuse should be decriminalized and declared an issue of psychological health".

A total of 11 schools partici-

pated in the competition.

Huzaifa Pandit, Assistant Professor at Department of Higher Education and Mr. Sardar Nasir Ali Khan renowned Radio Jockey of Kashmir were the esteemed jury for the debate.

Ayat Imtiyaz was speaking for the motion and Mahrukh Fatimah spoke against the motion. Both the students spoke exquisitely and pondered upon the topic with the vigorous research that they did for the debate.

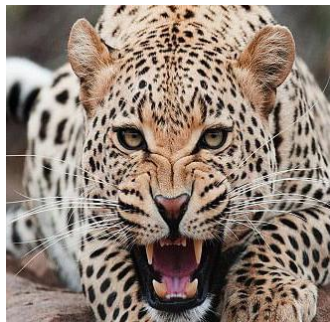
Ayat Imtiyaz was also awarded as the best speaker at the event. The entire management wishes them heartfelt congratulations.

Leopard Mauls Minor Girl To Death

URI: The rescue teams of police and locals recovered the body of a minor girl, who was picked up by a wild animal from the courtyard of her house in Uri area of Baramulla district, reports said Saturday.

The body of six-year-old Munizah, daughter of Imran Ahmad Beigh was recovered in a forest area in Gawashar, hours after she was mauled and whisked away by a leopard from the courtyard of her house in Jabadar village on Friday evening, reports said Saturday.

Shortly after the beast attack, the girl's family along with



other villagers and police had launched a rescue to trace her. However, hours later, her body was recovered, plunging the village into mourning. (ONS)

MeT Forecasts Mainly Dry Weather In J&K



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SRINAGAR: Weather department official here said that several parts of Jammu and Kashmir received very light rain fall.

A meteorological department official here said that several parts of Jammu and Kashmir received very light rain fall.

Regarding the minimum temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 16.2°C against 14.2°C on the previous night. The temperature was 3.0°C above normal for the summer capital during

this time of the year, he said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 13.2°C against 12.6°C on the previous night. The temperature was 1.8°C above normal there, he said.

In Pahalgam, he said, the mercury settled at 9.1°C against 8.8°C on the previous night and it was 0.6°C above normal for the south Kashmir resort.

Kokernag recorded a low of 12.7°C against 12.6°C the previous night and it was 0.9°C above normal for the place, he said.

World famous Gulmarg resort recorded a low of 8.5°C against

7.8°C on the previous night. It was 0.5°C below normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at 12.8°C against 11.7°C the previous night, the official said. It was 1.6°C below normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 23.5°C against 20.4°C on the previous night. It was 0.2°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 15.6°C, Batote 16.2°C, Katra 21.7°C and Bhardarwah 15.0°C. (GNS)

HPR Portal Registration Must For Docs, Nurses: H&ME dept

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Department of Health and Medical Education on Saturday said that registration on Hospital Professional Registry (HPR) portal of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission is mandatory for doctors and

nurses working in government as well as private sector.

H&ME department in a Tweet, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) informed that HRP registration is mandatory for all doctors and nurses of both government as well as private

sector.

"It is mandatory for all the doctors and nurses working both in the government as well as the private sector to register themselves on the (HPR) Hospital Professional Registry portal of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission," it tweeted—(KNO)

Parents On Substances More Prone To Harm Their Children: IMHANS

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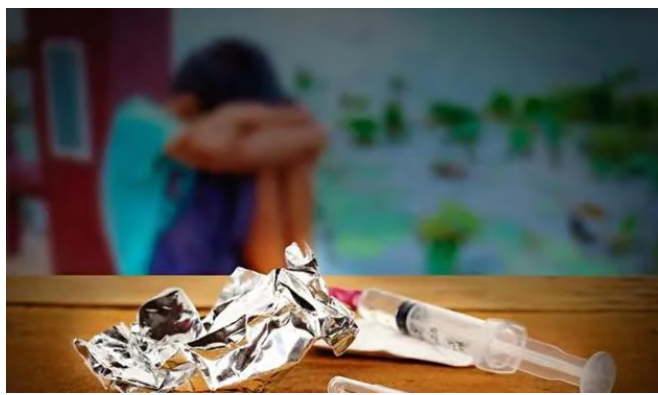
SRINAGAR: The parents who are habitual of consuming substances in Jammu and Kashmir have more tendencies to harm their children, reveals the latest study of IMHANS.

The study reveals that the parents who abuse drugs are more likely to live in homes in which relatives, friends, and strangers also use drugs, exposing children to possible emotional and physical harm.

"Additionally, children that have to be removed from such environments are more likely to engage in crime, drug use and delinquency," reads the document.

It has also identified gender differences as huge determinants in the onset of addictive behavior, including drug abuse and has revealed that women were acutely affected by particular consequences of drug abuse, such as sexually transmitted diseases, domestic violence, in addition to being more likely to be affected by drug-facilitated crime.

The study further reveals that the drug abuse has huge impact on economy, specific population including women and children besides the public safety.



"Drug addiction also leads to increase in crime rates and violence in the society," it reads.

The study has revealed that drug addiction also leads to drug peddling and the menace perpetuates.

"Those seeking help themselves or because of their families only represent a tip of the iceberg and there is a huge hidden population of substance users in the community who do not come to fore for various reasons," reveals the study.

Meanwhile, in view of the alarming situation, a drug de-addiction policy has been drafted by Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS) Kashmir which has suggested

several measures to eradicate the menace from the society.

Notably, the NCRB 2022 report on drug abuse revealed that there was an increase by 35 percent in drug abuse cases in 2021 as compared to the cases registered in 2020.

The report had revealed that 1,222 cases under NDPS 1985 act were registered in J&K in 2020 while the number increased to 1,681 in 2021.

As already reported, J&K was placed at 5th spot in a report by the National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on the magnitude of substance abuse in the country—(KNO)

Kupwara Boy's Cooking Gadget Among Top 60 Innovations

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A novel multipurpose cooking tool designed by Danish Ahmad Bhat, class 8th student of Government Upper Primary School, Machipora, Handwara of Kupwara District was chosen as one of the top 60 innovations at the 9th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition (NLEPC) for INSPIRE Awards MANAK, held at ITPO, New Delhi.

The Inspire Award was given to Danish Ahmad Bhat by Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh.

Danish Ahmad, who was elated for the award, said that he was inspired to create this innovative tool by his mother who used to prepare food on the conventional chulha for extended periods of time in the winter in a piteous state. He added that this device can be used for varied cooking purposes.

"In addition to boiling water, the device may also be used to bake and cook food items at various temperatures," Danish said. "It can also be utilized to heat rooms in the frigid winters", he added

The invention, Danish said, can help rural women who struggle with the frenetic nature of cooking, particularly during the harsh winter months.

For the NLEPC, all States and UTs had submitted a total of 6.53 lakh concepts and 576 of those were chosen for the exhibition in the years 2020-21.

Around 13 students of various government schools from Jammu and Kashmir had made it to the National level exhibition of Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) awards for the academic year 2020-21.

The students, aged between of 10-15, participated in UT-wide e-exhibition organized by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) and the National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF) earlier in January.

Dr. Akhilesh Gupta, Senior Advisor, Department of Science and Technology (DST), while inspecting the exhibition also spoke with the students from all the States/UTs who showcased their inventions during the ex-

hibition. The students also presented their innovations and articulated their inherent value during the exhibition.

The escort team while inspecting the device of Danish Bhat informed that the device will be modified further in order to investigate the possibilities of employing it on a broad scale.

"The innovation shall be further improved and upgraded by a team of professionals who will mentor the selected students", Ghulam Nabi Dar, an SCERT official accompanying the students, said.

Principal Secretary, School Education department, J&K, Alok Kumar while appreciating the efforts of Danish in designing the innovation, said it is a proud moment for all of us to see our young kids attempting to keep up with the modern-day challenges and coming up with innovations of sorts. "We urge you to continue to submit your innovations and ideas and we are available to provide you with any assistance you may need", Kumar said.

The scheme, INSPIRE, is one of the flagship programs of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, that aims to motivate students in the age group of 10-15 years studying in classes 6 to 10.

For the Kashmir division, the State Level Exhibition and Project Competition (SLEPC) was conducted on 17 January and for Jammu, 19 January. A total of 116 students including 60 from Kashmir and 56 from Jammu exhibited their original ideas/innovations which were scrutinized by a jury of four experts.

Earlier, a total of 1123 students out of 10344 had qualified for the district level exhibition out of which 116 made it to the UT level.

The objective of the scheme is to target one million original ideas/innovations rooted in science and societal applications to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school children. Under this scheme, schools both government and private can nominate 5 best original ideas/innovations of students through the official INSPIRE website. Entries to the award are accepted from all government and private schools.

31 New Covid Cases In J&K

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 31 fresh Covid cases on Saturday that took the infection tally to 4,78,925, officials said.

Of the new cases, 12 were from Jammu division while 19 were reported from the Kashmir valley, they said.

The death toll stands at 4,784.

No fresh Covid-related fatality was reported from the Union Territory, officials said.

There are 229 active cases, while the overall recoveries has reached 4,73,912, they said, adding there were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus).

Arms Cache Recovered In Uri

SRINAGAR: A joint team of police and army on Saturday recovered arms and ammunition from Uri of North Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said.

On a specific input regarding presence of arms & ammunition, a joint party of Police and Army's 3rd Rajput launched a search operation in the wee hours near Hathlanga area of Uri, a police spokesperson said Saturday. During the search, he said, arms & ammunition including 1 AK-47 Rifle, 1 AK Magazine, 28 rounds of AK



47 were recovered from the area.

"In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Uri and further investigation has been initiated," the spokesperson added. (ONS)

Drug peddler Slapped With PSA

JAMMU: An alleged drug peddler was detained under the Public Safety Act in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, a senior police officer said on Saturday.

Ranjeet Singh, a resident of Bhagga Morha Saldi, is the fifth drug peddler to be booked under the PSA in Reasi in the past three months, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Amit Gupta said.

"Singh was found involved in drug peddling and two FIRs stand registered against him at Reasi police station since 2019. In view of his continuous involvement in drug peddling and to save young generations, it was necessary to book him under the stringent law," he said.

Gupta said police prepared dossiers for Singh's detention under the PSA and after getting the necessary orders, he was detained and subsequently lodged in Kot Bhalwal jail here.

As part of its drive to wipe out the menace of drugs, the SSP said, police are acting tough against drug peddlers. He said 122 cases have been registered against 144 drug peddlers in the last six months in Reasi. (PTI)

Patwari Caught With ₹5000 Bribe

SRINAGAR: A revenue official on Saturday was arrested by the anti-corruption bureau (ACB) for accepting a bribe from a man for issuing revenue extracts to him in North Kashmir's Kupwara district.

Abdul Aziz Dar, Patwari, Halqa Mugalpora was arrested by the sleuths of anti-graft body while accepting a bribe of Rs 15000 from a man for providing him revenue extracts, an ACB spokesperson said.

Giving more details, he said that the ACB received a complaint from a man alleging that the Patwari was adopting delaying tactics and was not preparing revenue extracts which were required by him for registration of sale deed for the land he had purchased recently.

The complainant, he said, had also deposited necessary fee of Rs 420 in form of GR in the Tehsil office Kupwara on February 14 this year

"It was also alleged by the complainant that Patwari had already taken a bribe of Rs10000 from them and is demanding more for providing revenue extracts," the spokesperson said.

Upon receiving the instant complaint, he said, prima facie offence U/S 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 was found made out and consequently case FIR No. 02/2022 was registered at P/S ACB Baramulla.

"Subsequently, a trap team was constituted. The trap team caught Abdul Aziz Dar, Patwari red handed while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 5000/- from the complainant. He was arrested and taken into custody by ACB Team. The bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses," the spokesperson said.

He added that further investigations in the case were going on. (ONS)

Man Killed In Hit-And Run Accident

SRINAGAR: A middle-aged man on Saturday was crushed to death by an unknown vehicle in Qaimoh area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district.

50-year-old Ajaz Ahmad Malla of Turak Tachloo was killed on the spot after an unknown vehicle mowed him down along the Srinagar-Jammu national highway near his native village on Saturday, reports said.

Malla's body, reports said, was taken to the Qaimoh hospital for carrying out medico-legal formalities.

According to reports, Malla was the sole bread owner of the family. He is survived by five daughters and two sons.

Meanwhile, Police have registered a case and started further investigation in this regard. (ONS)

MoE Picks 'Loopholes' In J&K's School Edu Department

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SRINAGAR: The Ministry of Education (MoE) has picked up different loopholes in Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department and has subsequently asked the concerned authorities to focus on those indicators.

According to the official documents, the MoE said this while reviewing the governance process and the indicators required to lay more focus on.

"The Union Territory (UT) of J&K needs to focus more on the average number of days taken by the government to release the total central share of funds to the society," it reads.

The ministry also said that the authority needs to focus on releasing total state share due to the UT society during the given financial year.

"It also should improve the percentage of training for government head-teachers and principals on School Leadership (SL) training in the given financial year," MoE said.



The documents further state that there was a need to improve the percentage of training for government and government aided teachers within the sanctioned number of days of training in the given financial year.

MoE said that the UT further needs to focus more on improving the percentage of academic positions filled in state and district academic institutions State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), State Institute of Education (SIE) and District Institute of Education and Trainings (DIETs).—(KNO)

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ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Bridge Collapse

Pillars of a bridge that connects more than 100 villages of Bandipore area in the north Kashmir district of Baramulla are reported to have given way just a day after it was thrown open for vehicular traffic. Constructed over a ferocious and flood prone nullah at Papchan on Srinagar – Bandipore road at a cost of Rs 10 lakh, it developed cracks shortly after a vehicle passed over it on 8th of this month. People of the area, who had awaited the inauguration of the facility rather eagerly over several months past, have accused officials of the roads and buildings department of being hand in glove with the local contractor in the use of sub-standard material in the bridge construction. They have sought a high-level investigation into it with exemplary punishment to the guilty. Confirming that a part of the bridge had development some "minor" cracks, the chief engineer of the department sought to belittle the damage by asserting that the bridge was intact and that it was not a vital bridge. That itself reveals the complicity of the engineers in the fraud that has been perpetrated not as much on the public exchequer as on the people's faith in government. Nothing could be more ridiculous than seeking to under rate a major district road on which Papchan bridge is located. Even earlier, the vital road link has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. For several years, transporters had refused to ply vehicles on the road because of its horrible condition. As a result, passengers and commuters were forced to take detour via Sopore to reach their destinations. The renovation and upgrading of the road cost the exchequer crores of rupees after which the vehicular traffic on it has resumed. Incidentally, avenue trees worth tens of crores of rupees that lined the 50 odd kilometer long road were also mowed down, allegedly with official connivance. Instead of initiating steps to make good the huge loss, the government apparently acquiesced at the loot.

The collapse of Papchan bridge may not be the only case where the construction agencies and officials joined hands to loot the public exchequer. In this particular case, the lives of people too were put to risk had the bridge given way when a vehicle crossed over it. In fact, most engineering departments are notorious for pocketing the better part of the funds provided for various development works. The roads and buildings department alone gets lot of money as maintenance grant for the annual upkeep of various facilities like roads, bridges and buildings under its charge. Over the years, the outlays must have aggregated to crores of rupees. However, it should be anybody's guess how much the allocation has indeed been utilized for the purpose it was made. One certainly need not scrutinize the records of various divisions and sub divisions of the department. The very condition of roads, bridges and government buildings, particularly in the hinterland should suffice to unravel the truth. One is left with an inescapable impression that better part of the huge expenditure claimed to have been incurred on their maintenance has gone into amassing luxurious assets and raising mansions by officials of the department. Indeed, this is true also about other disciplines like the irrigation, flood control, hydraulic and mechanical engineering departments. Sadly, the high profile public accounts committee of the state legislature has seldom bothered itself with the physical check of the works claimed to have been executed by these departments. More often than not, its voluminous reports placed on the floor of the houses speak of an inconsequential exercise in beating about the bush. One would wish the committee, while scrutinizing the records, also took the trouble of ascertaining whether the works had actually been executed.

Jammu and Kashmir is a poor state chronically dependent on grants and loans from the government of India to run its affairs and to implement various welfare programmes for its people. Because of the rampant corruption, however, the better part of the resources has been going down the drain with the result that the intended benefits did not accrue to the target groups. Instances are galore where the welfare projects executed by various government departments over the decades with heavy investments have gone defunct. Sadly, instead of going into the causes of their failures, the government has virtually written off the resultant losses. Now that the chief minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad, has committed himself to rooting out the canker of the all-pervasive corruption and has even mounted an all out offensive for the purpose, the collapse of Papchan bridge could serve as a test case to initiate action against those allegedly involved in the loot that has been going on almost routinely. By bringing them all to justice, the government could send a strong message across the administration, more so to the corrupt elements present in all its outfits in abundance. He should know it better than anyone else that mere threat of action against the corrupt without actually taking the action will lead him nowhere in his crusade against the malaise that is eating into the vitals of the society.

The article is an editorial from KO's archives and was originally published on 2nd Feb, 2006

Azad in J&K

Former Congress leader is gaining attention nationwide and in Jammu and Kashmir thanks to the momentum his dramatic resignation from the Congress has created

Riyaz Wani

Former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad's decision to float a new party has suddenly redrawn the political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. His recent rallies across Jammu and in the Valley have witnessed a significant attendance of people. Riding on the momentum generated by his dramatic resignation from Congress, which saw him launch a blistering attack on Rahul Gandhi, Azad is wallowing in attention across the country and in J&K. And he is trying to make the most of it by rallying people around his soon to be named party. Considering the existing state of affairs in Jammu and Kashmir, he snugly slots into a political space that gives him wider acceptability. His biggest advantage, for example, is that he effortlessly straddles otherwise yawning political divides in both the regions.

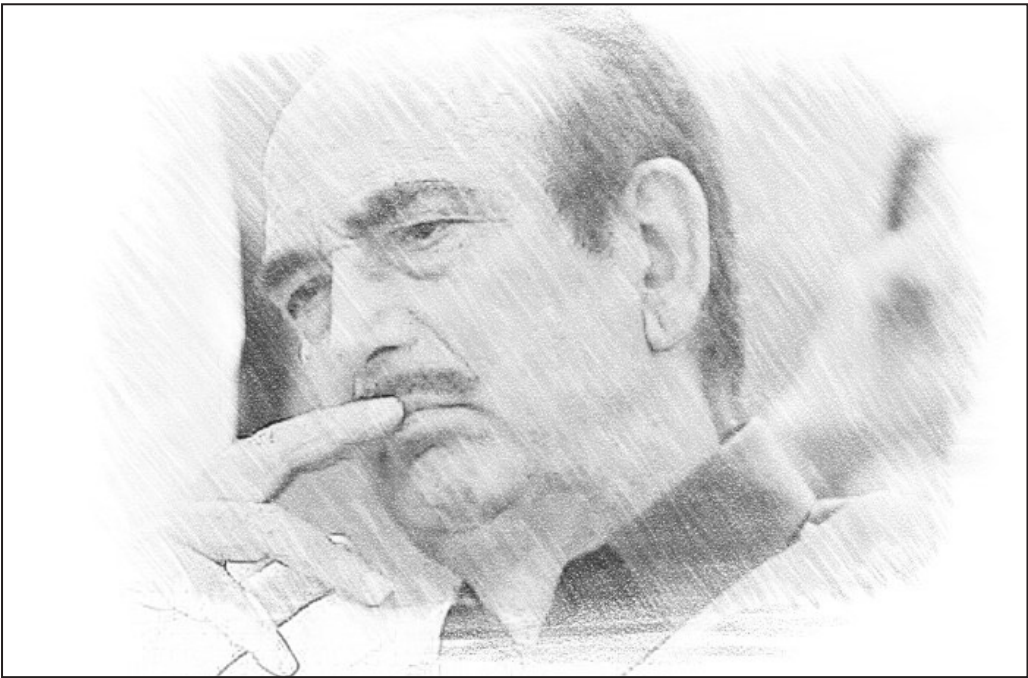
In the Valley, his advantage is that no one expects him to be adversarial towards New Delhi, a characteristic that is expected of every Kashmir based leader. In fact, a Kashmiri leader's popularity is directly proportional to how aggressively he challenges New Delhi's hegemonistic policies - real and perceived - towards Kashmir. Azad is not burdened by such expectations and therein lies the secret of his modest acceptability in the Valley.

In Jammu, while Azad may have lost the last parliament election to the current union minister Jitendra Singh, he enjoys considerable goodwill in parts of the region, if not an easily identifiable support base. In the Hindu-dominated region, his pro-India credentials remain impeccable - an attribute now certified by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Last year, when Azad's Rajya Sabha tenure came to an end, the PM teared up during his farewell speech while reminiscing about his long association with the former Congress leader.

Azad has also been smart enough to locate his politics at the only conceivable political meeting ground between the people in the Valley and the majority community in Jammu: He doesn't demand the restoration of Article 370 which faces opposition in Jammu's Hindu dominated areas but he wants protection for jobs and land, something that resonates with both the regions.

This is here that Azad threatens to upset the apple cart. And to his advantage, if things don't go well enough for the BJP, the saffron party would be content with a potential cameo role by Azad for one important reason: he could help splinter further Muslim vote and potentially stymie a Valley based party's or a coalition's bid to get a reasonable number of seats let alone a majority.

With Azad's entry, the political scene has become even more crowded. His will be the second political entity after the Apni Party to have come up after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. Now, there are around eight parties - BJP, NC, PDP, Congress, PC, Apni Party,



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AAP and Azad's party - helmed either by major leaders or the major political organizations jockeying for power. This excludes other minor organizations such as the Panthers Party, Communist Party, Engineer Rashid's party etc. Such a congested political space is unlike any other state in the country - some of which with a disproportionately larger population - where the principal electoral contest is largely confined to two to three parties.

So, who is going to come out on top? It is impossible to make a guess. But there are several scenarios that could play out. Azad, no doubt, has his political strengths, but it is difficult to predict what his party would actually end up doing: One possibility is that it would split the Muslim vote in Jammu and to a lesser extent in Kashmir Valley - a la Assadudin Owaisi in the UP. Or he could garner a significant number of seats in Jammu and a few more in the Valley, and thereby emerge a consensus candidate for chief ministership which even the BJP wouldn't grudge - a la Mufti Mohammad Sayeed in 2002.

As for the BJP, it is still favourite to win hands down in Jammu. In the event, Azad's party splits Muslim vote in Jammu, the BJP could again end up making a clean sweep in the division, some-

thing that could help it emerge as the single largest party in the union territory and thus in a position to install J&K's first Hindu chief minister in a coalition with some Kashmiri-based parties.

What about the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration which mainly comprises of the NC and the PDP? In the DDC election held last year, the alliance won a majority without even campaigning and without even people participating in large numbers. Would it repeat the performance in the Kashmir Valley and in Jammu's Muslim dominated areas. One can only make a guess. But much has changed since the DDC election and now. Sajad Lone's PC has separated from the alliance and it has now been buttressed by the influx of leaders from the PDP, some of whom can boast of independent constituencies.

Can there be consolidation around the demand for the restoration of Article 370? Again it is difficult to predict anything. Some people even doubt if the electoral contest itself will even be fair.

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Crown's Crimes

Priyamvada Gopal

country as an "awful Soviet-style display". The queen's image now appears automatically on many workplace screen savers while, startlingly, many academics across the country have received instructions from their employers to either not use social media or to mind what they say.

The real success of such manufactured consensus is evidenced, however, by the emollient rhetoric emerging from quarters claiming to be not monarchist. "Whatever you think of the monarchy", such declamations begin, followed by praise for the late monarch's qualities on which we are all to agree: "duty", "loyalty", "grace", "dignity" and "selfless service".

However much we may delude ourselves with corgis and Paddington Bear, marmalade sandwiches and horses, we will never know the human being who wore the crown studded with colonial loot. Monarchy provided the only lens through which most had a necessarily curated access to Elizabeth II. She is unlikely to have wanted it any other way. Indeed, the very sense of "duty" and "selflessness" that she is lauded for required her to recede as a person and embody the institution. It is entirely incoherent to separate the queen from the Crown and, thereby, the British state.

With the end of Elizabeth's reign, open criticism has been voiced - largely by denizens of former colonies from Ireland to Nigeria - of the Crown's responsibility for colonisation, enslavement, indenture, extraction, dispossession, ethnic cleansing, and violence. It has also been pointed out that the royal family's wealth is inextricably tied up with the projects of enslavement and colonisation even as

the sources of royal riches remain shrouded in opacity.

Where the response is not outright denial, there is the suggestion that one can mourn the queen separately from the empire she headed as it disbanded slowly, though never entirely, from her accession onwards. One commentator believes her to be "the antithesis of stereotypes of Empire" and the sunny side of Britishness.

This is exactly how history gets airbrushed. In 1952, as the young Elizabeth, committed in her own words to "our great imperial family", was informed at a safari lodge in Kenya that she had acceded to the throne, Britain had commenced a long and brutal counterinsurgency in that country, one that would see thousands of innocents jailed, tortured, and executed. This was not atypical of decolonisation, which was far from always gradual and peaceful.

The first years of her reign would also see tremendous suppression of anticolonialism in Cyprus, Malaya, and elsewhere. Through resistance, peaceful and violent, Britain was forced, colony by colony, to abandon the imperial project. Although she never distanced herself from either the British Empire or its atrocities, the queen is known to have accepted the reality of anticolonial nationalism - or, as Prime Minister Harold Macmillan called it, "winds of change". This does not mean she gifted independence to subjugated states or that she eased them into nationhood.

As Britain's ruling classes scrambled to control the narrative of the loss of imperial power, they produced the myth of decolonisation as a managed and planned process. Elizabeth II's involvement

was central to this myth and also in mediating between opposing groups like African nationalists and white settlers.

The "Commonwealth" to which she became deeply committed was not the antithesis of empire but part of the fudge by which the "great imperial family" overnight became a "Commonwealth of Nations" with the queen - and now Charles - at its head. This was not a retreat, the story goes, but a fulfilment of Britain's original civilising mission.

The trouble with myths is that they prevent an honest reckoning with history or what Elizabeth II euphemised as "difficult episodes in our past" which she was clear should not be revisited. Such an attitude simply consolidates Britain's ongoing imperial amnesia and tendency to praise the British Empire without acknowledging the many harmful consequences that still shape the lives of millions today. The descendants of the enslaved and the colonised are repeatedly exhorted to "move on from this painful legacy", to use former Prime Minister David Cameron's words.

those who announce themselves republicans should acknowledge that it is perfectly possible, indeed normative, to have elected heads of state and government while maintaining precisely as grotesquely unequal a society as in Britain. The American fascination with the British monarchy is in part explicable through the fact that a tiny number of multibillionaires, unanointed monarchs, own more than half that country's wealth. If we want a more democratic and equal world, it is not just the British monarchy that must be abolished but plutocracy itself.

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Grapes in Kashmir

FROM ABUNDANCE TO NEGLIGENCE

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Syed Aamir Sharief Qadri

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Harud, the harvesting season of Kashmir starts from mid-September to mid-November. During this period people are busy cutting paddy, picking fruits, unearthing underground veggies, etc. These days people harvest grapes to keep a share and give away the rest to neighbours, relatives and friends. You should know this except for a few areas of Kashmir grapes are not grown for commercial purposes.

The soil and climate have always been suitable for the progress of horticulture in Kashmir. Viticulture or winegrowing is the cultivation and harvesting of grapes. In old days Kashmir was known for its luscious grapes. Grapefruit its Kashmiri name- Dach is a fleshy citrus fruit, highly nutritious with numerous health benefits. It varies in taste, colour, size and shape.

THE VALE OF VINEYARDS

A majority of historians agree with the fact that Kashmir produced many varieties of fruit in abundance from the head start. The kings, nobles, merchants and religious saints together planted every kind of tree whether fruit-bearing or shady tree to promote the garden culture of Kashmir. Fruit cultivation, especially grape cultivation,

in Kashmir has been practised since ancient times. We have a glimpse of the aristocratic asrama life of the Saiva gurus standing on a mandapa with a goblet full of wine in the middle of the vineyard (M. A. Wani, Islam in Kashmir). Many nobles had their fruit gardens. Raja Amar Singh and Diwan Amar Nath during the Dogra period maintained their vineyards.

Grapes, writes Kalhana, "which were scarce even in heaven, were common in Kashmir". There is a reference to grape, grapevine, and vineyards in many ancient chronicles of Kashmir. While Kalhana's Rajatarangini mentions 'The town of Martanda (present-day Matan) was swelling with grapes during king Lalitadityas time', Huen Tsang who visited Kashmir in the seventh century CE makes it clear that Kashmir produced abundant fruits and flowers (Samuel Beal, Si- Yu- Ki). The 11th-century Kashmiri poet Bilhana while praising the beauties of his homeland in his poetic verses mentioned grapes growing in abundance in Kashmir.

*One side of it yields saffron,
lovely by nature,
the other grapes, pale as the sweet cane
that grows alongside the Sarayu
(Bilhana, Vikramānkadevacharita; trans. Whitney Cox)*

Fruit formed a regular diet. Among the principal fruits that were eaten during medieval times pears, cherries, plums, apricots, grapes, apples, and peaches were found in abundance. An excerpt from the book Kashmir Under The Sultans, "Fruits were grown in such abundance that they were rarely bought or sold. The owner of a garden and the man who had no garden were all alike, for the gardens had no walls, and no one was prevented from picking the fruits." This claim is supported by medieval records like Tarikh-e- Rushdi and Tarikh-e-Firishta. Different kinds of drinks were made from fresh fruits among them Sharbat Angoor was quite famous. The grapes were also used in making jams (murabbha).

Grapes were cultivated all over Kashmir, and vineyards were found at every nook and corner of the valley. The vines were allowed to grow on the poplars and mulberry trees (Mutamad Khan, Iqbal Nama Jahangiri). Since the local grapes were not of superior

quality, Akbar introduced new varieties like Sahibi, Kishmishi, etc. (Jahangir, Tuzuk-i- Jahangiri). Bagh-e-Dilawar Khan was a famous site for vine culture and there were more than 18 varieties raised in this orchard (Moorcraft & Trebeck, Travels in the Himalayan Provinces of Ladakh and Kashmir). Superior varieties were cultivated in Lar and Raipur (Hassan Shah, Tarikh-i- Kashmir).

While Abul Fazl praised some fruits and considered them better than the tropical fruits of the plains of India he held an adverse opinion about grapes. He said, " though grapes were in plenty, finer qualities were rare". This view is supported by Bernier when he says "with the introduction of better grafts from foreign countries and by paying more attention to planting and soil, the Kashmir fruit would attain the same degree of perfection as the French".

The quality of indigenous grapes was improved side by side. In 1590 CE Muhammad Quli Ifshar, the Daroga of the gardens, first of all, grafted Kashmir fruit trees with peaches brought from Kabul. The experiment succeeded and grafting has since then been widely practised. Zafar Khan Ahsan the governor under Shah Jahan also improved the quality and taste of the cherry, plum, peach, and grapes by using better grafts and planting imported saplings from Persia and Kabul (P N K Bamzai, Culture and Political History of Kashmir, Vol 2).

During the Sikh and Dogra periods, thousands of acres were covered with vines in full bearing. Moorcraft proclaimed, "There are said to be eighteen or twenty varieties of grapes in Kashmir of which four were of foreign introduction. These are the Sahibi, of an oblong shape and red colour; the Maska, round and yellowish-white; the Hoseini, of the same colour but long; and the Kishmish, yellowish-white or green, round and seedless; this last is small but the other three are large, the Sahibi sometimes measuring four inches in its largest circumference. They are all thin-skinned, and grow in considerable bunches; those of the Maska is not infrequently of the weight of five or six pounds. The Sahibi and Maska are both fine table- grapes; wine and raisins might be made from the other two. These sorts are usually cultivated on high horizontal trellises of wood. The indigenous vines are generally planted at the foot of poplar and run up to the height of fifty or sixty feet, bearing an abundance of fruit. The grapes are commonly thick-skinned and rather rough and astringent, but juicy". There are six varieties of grapes mentioned in 'A Gazetteer of Kashmir' by C. E. Bates which was published in 1873.

GRAPES IN MARKET

It seems the difficulty of terrain and transport discouraged fruit growers to export fruits from Kashmir. Besides, the fast perishing nature of pulpy fruits that lost their taste and texture within weeks of harvest did not attract the merchant class. These delicate fruits were too fragile to be transported from one place to another. Due to the long journey, they used to spoil before reaching the market.

We don't have enough sources to know about the export of fruits from Kashmir. But a few references are there to make us believe that grapes were exported from the beginning though not on a large scale but in limited quantities. Abul Fazl in his work Ain-i-Akbari mentions that "Kashmiris bring grapes on their backs in long baskets." Though not a primary source of trade, fresh fruits and dried raisins in limited quantities were included in the export list (Jahangir, Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri). It means both grapes and dried raisins were in demand in mainland India during the Mughal Period.

Niccolo Munucci an Italian traveller mentions large quantities of vegetables and fruit were exported to the Indian market. During the 17th century, the fruit merchants reached as far as south India with the fruits (Kalimatu Taibat, Ed. Inayatullah Khan). Grapes used to sell at 108 dams a maund in Mughal times (Abul Falz, Ain-e-Akbari).

THE HEAVEN OF DELICIOUS GRAPES

Sind valley in the past as well as in the present day is known for its finest grapes. Walter R. Lawrence in his famous book The Valley Of Kashmir mentioned a few vineyards at the mouth of the Sind valley. He has also praised the white and red grapes of the state vineyard at Raipur during Dogra Period in Kashmir. Thakur Janak Singh the military commander had built a bungalow there known as Bungli Bagh which is now in ruins. This is the present-day Repora village located in Lar block in central Kashmir's district Ganderbal- The grape town of Kashmir. For many centuries now Sind valley has been known for its fresh, delicious and quality grapes.

FROM VINE TO WINE

Grapes were particularly valued as fruit and were also used in brewing wine. Drinking wine seems to have been quite popular since the ancient period. The wine and grapes in Kashmir were local products. The tantric ritual requires the use of liquor, hence as a prestigious item of consumption, Kashmir preserved its wine culture. Kalhana says, "both men and women were addicted to drinking". The wine, cooled and perfumed with flowers, was appreciated as a delicious drink. It is written in Nilmatpurana that wine has been recommended especially on ceremonial occasions.

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There are many references which show that making and drinking wine was not prohibited during the Sultanate period even though it was strongly disapproved by the orthodox section of the society. It was a common sight to see laymen and Brahman priests alike in a state of drunkenness during Hindu festivals. Despite the Islamic ban on alcohol the Muslims, who participated in these festivals, also freely partook in wine. Most of the Sultans and their nobles imbibed liquor regularly (Jonaraja, Dvitiya Rajatarangini). Zainul Abidin took it in moderation, but Haider Shah was a confirmed drunkard, and as a result, neglected his state duties. Hasan shah was in the habit of arranging drinking parties in his palace, or in the boats on the Jehlam, and used to get drunk on these occasions (Srivara, Jaina Rajatarangini).

Locally, the liquor was called 'mas' (Jahangir, Tuzuk-i- Jahangiri). Soft liquor of various types was used by all (Mohammad Sadiq Kumbhu, Amal-i-Salih). It was distilled from grapes, barley, rice and mulberries (Mutamad Khan, Iqbal Nama Jahangiri). On festive occasions, there was free consumption of liquor by the participants. Anguri and Qandi were the cherished drinks of singers (Nath Pandith, Gulshan-i-Dastur). But there appears to have been a substantial decrease in liquor consumption during the later half of the 17th century (Majid Mattoo, Kashmir Under The Mughals).

Although the Islamization of Kashmir took many centuries, this tradition gradually discontinued among people but was kept alive by the ruling class. For a short period, Afghans stopped making wine but the tradition was later restarted by Sikhs.

The consumption of alcohol is prohibited in Sikh-

ism but drinking culture is often associated with Punjabi culture. G. T. Vigne who visited Kashmir in 1835 mentioned in his treatise, "When I was invited by Sikh governor Mihan Singh to join his party at Shalimar garden I found him along with his officers in a state of drunkenness. The colonel, as he was called in Kashmir, occasionally took a little of the strong spirit of the country, which is distilled from crushed grapes left to ferment, and is much preferred to the finest wine that Europe could produce, which would not be considered strong enough". Mihan Singh is said to have ordered all the grapes harvested in Kashmir to be brought to the city for manufacturing a generous wine. Khahad signifies a place where wine was made and deposited.

"In the surroundings of Brinjal- Lamar of Devsar (Kulgam) the vine is to be seen hanging in festoons about the trees, nurtured and cultivated by the natives of the district, who formerly made wine there in great quantities. At Muskhahad (Devsar) a great number of very large forty-thief-power earthen jars have been dug up at different times, and are now used by the natives as receptacles for their grain, and it is supposed that many more are buried there, they being discoverable only by a search beneath the surface of the ground, and it is supposed that wine was buried preserved in them" writes G. T. Vigne.

Moorcraft writes, "After harvesting grapes in October, they were kept in shallow earthen vessels till spring, then they were applied to the fabrication of wine, vinegar and brandy. The manufacture is ill-conducted, and the liquor is kept in bottles, which are stopped only with plugs of wood, twisted bark, or paper. No wonder therefore that the beverage is indifferent, but such as it is, it is sufficiently good to show that, with proper treatment and care, the wines of Kashmir might be made to rival many of those of Europe."

Dogras took great interest by investing huge amounts to boost this industry. On the shore of Dal Lake, Dogra rulers occupied 389 acres of land for vine cultivation. The vines were introduced from the Bordeaux district (the famed wine-growing region in France) in Maharaja Ranbir Singh's time. To make as good as Medoc and Barsac varieties of wine, a high-priced distillery plant was imported and set up at Gupkar on Dal Lake. Two Italians namely Signor Benvenuti and Signor Bassi were employed to look after vineyards and wine factories (Walter R. Lawrence, The valley of Kashmir).

WHY THERE IS A NEED TO REVIVE THE VINE CULTURE IN THE VALLEY

Kashmir has great potential to evolve as a booming vine industry. It is high time to reintroduce this crop for some good reasons.

The growth of horticulture with the revival of grape cultivation will immensely contribute to the state's economy. It will play its role to absorb a large number of unemployed youth thus reducing the unemployment rate which is at an all-time high in the state.

If introduced in economically backward districts of Kashmir, it will help poverty-stricken to uplift their life. Should Kashmir once again become a centre of viticulture, then entrepreneurship in this field will surely work. The bumper crop will attract investors to apply new ideas with the latest techniques.

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Risk Of Behavioral, Emotional Issues In Kids Increases Due To Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: Study

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Researchers at the Del Monte Institute for Neuroscience have found that kids who experience a traumatic brain injury (TBI), even a mild one, have more emotional and behavioural problems than kids who do not.

"These hits to the head are hard to study because much of it depends on recall of an injury since the impacts do not all require a visit to a doctor," said Daniel Lopez, a PhD candidate in the Epidemiology program and first author of the study published in NeuroImage.

Daniel added, "But being able to analyze longitudinal data from a large cohort and ask important questions as this gives us valuable information into

how a TBI, even a mild one, impacts a developing brain."

Researchers used MRI and behavioural data collected from thousands of children participating in the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study. They revealed children with a mild TBI experienced a 15-per cent increased risk of an emotional or behavioural problem.

The risk was the highest in children around ten years old. Researchers found that children who had a significant hit to the head but did not meet diagnostic criteria for a mild TBI also had an increased risk of these behavioural and emotional problems.

The University of Rochester Medical Center is one of 21 research sites collecting data for the National Institutes of Health ABCD Study. Since 2017, 340



children from the greater Rochester area have been part of the 10-year study that is following 11,750 children through early adulthood. It looks at how biologi-

cal development, behaviours, and experiences impact brain maturation and other aspects of their lives, including academic achievement, social development, and overall health.

Researchers hope future ABCD Study data will better reveal the impact these head hits have on mental health and psychiatric problems. "We know some of the brain regions associated with increased risk of mental health problems are impacted during a TBI," said Ed Freedman, Ph.D., associate professor of Neuroscience and co-principal investigator of the ABCD Study at the University of Rochester. Freedman also led this study. "With more time and data, we hope to gain a better understanding of the long-term impact of even a mild TBI."

Another Planet In Universe? New Evidence Shows Proof

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All astronomers concur that planets are created in protoplanetary disks, which are the bands of gas and dust that encircle newly-formed young stars. Even though the universe has hundreds of these disks, it has been challenging to observe genuine planetary birth and development in these settings.

Currently, astronomers at the Center for Astrophysics, Harvard and Smithsonian, have created a novel method to find these elusive newborn planets, along with "smoking gun" proof of a small Neptune- or Saturn-like planet hiding in a disk. The Astrophysical Journal Letters on Thursday published a description of the findings.

According to Feng Long, a post-doctoral scholar at the Center for Astrophysics and project leader, "directly finding young planets is highly tough and has so far only been effective in one or two situations." As they are encased in substantial amounts of gas and dust, planets are always too dim for us to see them.

Instead, they must look for signs that a planet is forming beneath the dust.

Long notes that in recent years, "many structures have appeared on disks that we think are caused by the existence of a planet but it could be caused by something else too."

"We need new methods to examine and provide evidence that a planet exists."

Long chose to revisit the LkCa 15 protoplanetary disk for her research. The disc is situated in the Taurus constellation, 518 light years away. Previous research employing ALMA Observatory images showed proof of

planet formation in the disk.

Long dug over fresh, high-resolution ALMA data on LkCa 15, mostly from 2019, and found two faint characteristics that weren't there before.

Long found a dusty ring with two distinct, brilliant clusters of material circling within it at a distance of around 42 astronomical units from the star, or 42 times the distance between Earth and the Sun. The material was divided by 120 degrees and appeared as a small clump and a bigger arc.

things involved, Long says, "We're seeing that this material is not simply floating around freely, it's stable and has a preference where it wants to be put."

In this instance, the L4 and L5 Lagrange points are where Long found the arc and clump of material. A small planet hidden between them at an angle of 60 degrees is what is producing the build-up of dust between locations L4 and L5.

The findings indicate that the planet is between one million and

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Long used computer simulations to analyse the situation and determine what was accumulating the material. She discovered that the objects' sizes and placements were consistent with the presence of a planet.

She explains, "The arc and clump are separated by around 120 degrees." That degree of disparity is significant mathematically; it doesn't just happen.

Long pointed at locations in space known as Lagrange points, where two moving bodies, like an orbiting planet and a star, form stronger zones of attraction where matter may gather.

According to physics and the

three million years old and is around the size of Neptune or Saturn. (When it comes to planets, it is a youthful age.)

Due to technological limitations, it might not be feasible to directly image the small, young planet anytime soon, but according to Long, additional ALMA studies of LkCa 15 can offer more proof in support of her planetary discovery.

She also expects that astronomers will use her novel method for finding planets in the future, which relies on material that preferentially gathers around Lagrange points.

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Critical Dates/Information.

1.	Publishing Date	15-09-2022 (5:00 PM)
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4.	Date of opening of Tender/Timing	23-09-2022 (12:00 PM)
5.	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar.	
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7.	Bid Validity Period: 90 Days	
8.	The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on www.jktenders.gov.in	
9.	Instead of EMD the firm has to furnish "Bid Security Declaration". Format of the declaration is enclosed in the Bid Document	

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Centre Issues New Rules To Simplify, Streamline Trade Certificate Regime

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NEW DELHI: In an endeavour to promote ease of doing business, the Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) has notified new rules to simplify and streamline the Trade Certificate regime under the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989.

Due to certain anomalies in the existing rules, the applicability of the Trade Certificate was open to interpretation in many cases, leading to harassment of many business establishments.

Moreover, an application was required to be filed physically at the RTO which was a time-consuming process.

The key provisions of the new rules say that a Trade Certificate will be required only in case of vehicles which are neither registered nor temporarily registered.

Such vehicles can only be in the possession of a dealer/manufacturer/importer of motor vehicles, or a test agency specified in rule 126.

It also said that the applica-

tion for Trade Certificate and Trade Registration Marks can be made electronically on the Vahan portal, without the need to visit the RTO.

Further, the applicant can apply for multiple types of vehicles in a single application.

The time period for grant or renewal of trade certificate has been fixed at 30 days, wherein applications not disposed within 30 days shall be deemed approved. The validity of the Trade Certificate has been increased from 12 months to 5 years as per the new rules.

Besides, a dealership authorisation certificate (Form 16A) has been introduced to bring about uniformity across dealership authorisations.

The Trade Certificate has been made co-terminus with the dealership authorisation. Display of dealership authorisation certificate in showrooms/godowns has also been mandated.

The date of implementation is proposed with effect from November 1. The existing trade certificates will continue to be valid till their renewal is due.

YouTube Offers More Ways To Creators To Make Money On Shorts



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NEW DELHI: YouTube is going to make its short-form video app Shorts part of its partner programme that will help millions of creators get a share of the ad money generated in Shorts.

YouTube is also making it easier for creators, who don't qualify for the partner programme, make money via tips, subscriptions and merchandise sales, reports The Verge.

The aim is to offer better monetisation options than its Chinese rival TikTok and bring more creators back on Shorts.

To date, YouTube has monetised Shorts via creator funds, shopping and tips.

YouTube last year announced a \$100 million fund to begin paying creators who use Shorts.

YouTube Shorts is now being watched by over 1.5 billion

signed-in users every month with more than 30 billion daily views.

In the era of TikTok, Google-owned YouTube Shorts is catching up fast and the company has seen encouraging results in its early monetising efforts on the short-video making platform.

Philipp Schindler, Senior Vice President and Chief Business Officer at Alphabet (Google's parent company), said in July that consumers are increasing and consuming short-form videos obviously and they are seeing this across multiple platforms, including YouTube.

"We're continuing to see good user engagement on YouTube. Early results in Shorts' monetisation are also encouraging, and we're excited about the opportunities here," Schindler said during a call with analysts.

"We're excited about the opportunity," he added.

PM Modi Unveils National Logistics Policy, Aims To Cut Transport Cost

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday unveiled the National Logistics Policy that seeks to address challenges facing the transport sector and bring down the logistics cost of businesses from 13-14 per cent to a single digit.

At a grand launch event, he said the policy aims to expedite the last-mile delivery, helping businesses save time and money.

While the new policy addresses challenges of the logistics sector, it together with the infrastructure augmentation plan PM GatiShakti will address gaps, he said.

For Indian products to capture world markets, the country has to strengthen its support system. "National Logistics Policy helps in making the support system modern."

Modi said global experts are saying India is emerging as a democratic superpower and they are impressed by the extraordinary talent ecosystem of the country. "Experts are appreciating India's determination and progress."

The government, he said, is using technology to strengthen the logistics sector. Faceless assessment has started in customs and e-way bills and FASTag are bringing efficiency to the logistics sector.

Talking about the drone policy, he said drones will improve the logistics sector. The govern-



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He said the capacity of ports has been increased and the container vessel turnaround time has been cut to 26 hours from 44 hours previously.

The Sagarmala project to connect ports and dedicated freight corridors has started to improve logistics connectivity and systematic infrastructure development work, he said.

The prime minister said India is now the world's fifth largest economy and is emerging as a manufacturing hub.

The world has accepted the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme announced by the government for boosting domestic manufacturing, he said.

Seeking to support faster

growth after two pandemic-ridden years, the policy will streamline rules and address supply-side constraints as well as provide a roadmap to reduce fuel costs and lower logistics costs.

The Union government has been working on the National Logistics Policy for three years.

The commerce ministry released a draft logistics policy for consultation in 2019, but it was delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic. The National Logistics Policy was once again announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Budget for 2022-23.

The draft policy provides for the government creating a single point of reference for all logistics and trade facilitation matters, reducing costs for the logistics sector to 10 per cent in five years. The logistics sector is estimated at 13-14 per cent of GDP.

National Logistics Policy Has Potential To Usher In 'Ease Of Moving': India Inc

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: At a grand launch occasion, he mentioned the coverage goals to expedite the last-mile supply, serving to companies save money and time.

While the brand new coverage addresses challenges of the logistics sector, it along with the infrastructure augmentation plan PM GatiShakti will deal with gaps, he mentioned.

CIJ Director General Chandrajit Banerjee mentioned moreover enhancing ease of doing enterprise and ease of dwelling, the coverage together with different pillars of the PM Gati-Shakti has the potential to usher in an unprecedented period of 'ease of transferring' in the nation, making certain speedier and seamless motion of cargo and folks throughout varied modes of transport.

He mentioned the lowered logistics price and elevated efficiencies will energise the financial system throughout sectors in a number of methods and take us many steps nearer to



rising as a worldwide manufacturing powerhouse.

Assoccham secretary normal Deepak Sood described the National Logistics Policy as a significant structural transformative initiative which is able to considerably cut back transaction prices throughout the whole provide chain.

"It (the coverage) will facilitate India being embedded throughout world worth chains, as we transfer forward on the trail in direction of Bharat@100," Sood added.

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RBI Ready To Bring Card Tokenisation Norms Into Effect From Oct 1

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MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is ready to bring its card-on-file tokenisation norms into effect from October 1 after various complaints were filed regarding the misuse of debit or credit cards.

Several people were cheated in the last few years by cyber frauds because they have stored their card data on the merchants website for future payments.

Let's us understand what these new norms are and why you should tokenise your card.

Firstly, tokenisation means the details of your cards such as 16-digit number, names, expiry dates and codes which you used to save earlier for the future payments will now be replaced by a token. The token is used by the merchant's website for the transaction.

The RBI is implementing these norms of tokenisation in order to secure the card details of the customers. Currently, the bank card details are saved by a merchant during a transaction. If, the merchant's website is hacked, the details of the customers will be exposed.

Post implementation of these norms all the customers data will be with the bank and not with the merchant website.

Securing/Tokenisation also helps you save the hassle of inputting your complete card details each time.



Customers need not have to pay any charges for availing this service.

Post implementation of these norms, customers have to follow below mentioned steps to get their cards tokenised.

Step 1: Visit your favourite online application/website to purchase grocery, pay bills or order food and initiate a transaction.

Step 2: In the check-out page, select HDFC Bank Credit/Debit Card and provide CVV

Step 3: Tick mark the check box "Secure your Card" or "Save Card as per RBI guidelines"

Step 4: Enter the OTP received on your registered mobile number Step 5: Congratulations!!! Your card details are now secured.

Once the customer tokenised their cards they will be able to recognise their details on the merchants website using the last 4 four digits of the cards, which is the only data the merchant will be able to save on their portal.

Further banks will provide a portal to their customers to view or manage their tokenised cards.

India May Soon Get First REIT Of Retail Assets

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India is expected to get its first Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) of retail assets soon as institutional investors and developers look to monetise their rent-yielding space in shopping malls, according to JLL India.

REIT, a popular instrument globally, was introduced in India a few years ago to attract investment in the real estate sector by monetising rent-yielding assets. It helps unlock the massive value of real estate assets and enable retail participation.

At present, there are three listed REITs - Embassy Office Parks REIT, Mindspace Business Parks REIT and Brookfield India Real Estate Trust - on Indian stock exchanges but all these are of leased office assets.

Property consultant JLL in its latest report on retail real estate segment highlighted that institutional investment in the retail sector has been picking up since 2021. More than USD 862 million investments have come from 2021 (excluding portfolio deals).

Many global investors are investing in the retail sector either by buying a stake in existing assets or through greenfield development platforms.

"The retail market seems to benefit from favourable demographics, rapid urbanisation, and

rising consumption," the consultant said.

The report noted that investors are expecting healthy returns in the long run, considering the growth potential.

"Investors are looking for quality Grade A assets by established developers having less vacancy. Investors prefer leased-based assets over strata-sold assets to ensure fair market rentals and timely returns," it said. The consultant also mentioned that investment in retail assets is not just limited to metros, as significant activities have been recorded in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities as well.

"Additionally, investments by these big institutional players help developers to exit the project partially or fully, reduce their debt, and focus on other developments. A lot of foreign funds are willing to acquire quality retail assets yielding good rental income," the report said.

Investors are either buying or creating portfolios considering future public exit via REITs.

"REITs are still relatively new in India and are prevalent in the office sector. India is expected to get its first retail REIT soon. With quality supply in the pipeline and new malls announced by established developers, the Indian retail sector is expected to attract more institutional investment," JLL India said.

RBI Article Favours Frontloading Of Monetary Policy Actions To Tame Inflation

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: An RBI article on Friday favoured frontloading of monetary policy actions, such as interest rate hikes, to contain inflationary pressures without sacrificing medium-term economic growth prospects.

The article titled 'State of the Economy' comes two weeks ahead of the next bi-monthly monetary policy review on September 30 when it is widely expected that the central bank will go for another rate hike.

The RBI, however, said the opinions expressed in the article are those of the authors and do not represent the views of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Loss of momentum in global economic activity may be taking the edge off inflation, which remains elevated, said the article by a team lead by RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra.

The Indian economy is poised to shrug off the modest tapering of growth momentum in the first quarter of 2022-23, it added.

Aggregate demand is firm and poised to expand further as the festival season sets in. Domestic financial conditions remain supportive of growth impulses, the article noted.

"Inflation remains elevated and above the tolerance level, underscoring the need for monetary policy to keep second order effects contained and inflation expectations firmly anchored," the authors said.

The retail inflation cut short its three-month declining trend and inched up to 7 per cent in August, mainly due to higher food prices.

The consumer price index (CPI) based inflation, which the RBI factors in for its monetary policy, has remained above its upper threshold of 6 per cent for eight months in a row.

Based on the recommendations of the RBI Governor-headed Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), the central bank has already raised the key short-term lending rate by 140 basis points in three tranches

since May this year to check inflation.

The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled during September 28-30, 2022.

The article said there is a resurgence of

At this critical juncture, the authors said, monetary policy has to perform the role of nominal anchor for the economy as it charts a new growth trajectory. The focus should be on being time consistent in aligning inflation with the target.

"In this context, frontloading of monetary policy actions can keep inflation expectations firmly anchored and reduce the medium-term growth sacrifice," they said.

The article noted that we live in times of conflicting possibilities -- elevated inflation and rising recession risks; economic stagnation and increasing debt; strengthening US dollar and weakening currencies in the rest of the world; easing supply chain pressures and reshoring; synchronisation in policy actions and deglobalisation; and balance sheet normalisation and liquidity stress.

The Indian economy continued to tread a path of recovery in 2022-23 in spite of some loss of momentum due to global headwinds, it added.



Egypt To Raise Suez Canal Transit Fees By Up To 15% In 2023



Associated Press

CAIRO: Egypt said on Saturday that it will increase transit fees for vessels, including oil-laden tankers, passing through Suez Canal, one of the world's most crucial waterways.

The Suez Canal Authority said in a statement on Saturday that it will add 15% to the fees for tankers carrying oil and petroleum products, and 10% for dry bulk carriers and cruise ships.

The authority's chief, Osama Rabie, said the hikes, which will take effect on Jan. 1, are inevitable and a necessity. He blamed booming global inflation rates, which have increased the cost of the waterway's operations, maintenance, and maritime services.

About 10% of global trade, including 7% of the world's oil, flows through the Suez Canal, a major

source of foreign currency to Egypt, the most Arab populous country with over 103 million people.

Egypt has faced towering economic challenges and is running low on foreign currency needed to buy essentials such as grain and fuel.

Authorities said 20,649 vessels passed through the canal last year, a 10% increase compared to 18,830 vessels in 2020. The annual revenues of the canal reached \$6.3 billion in 2021, the highest in its history.

Canal authorities have been working to widen and deepen the waterway's southern part, since a hulking vessel ran aground and closed off the canal in March 2021. The six-day blockage disrupted global shipment.

In August 31, an oil tanker ran aground and briefly blocked the waterway before it was freed.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Amir Ganai, S/O late Mohammed Ibrahim Ganai, resident of Hawal, Badamwari, Srinagar, J&K, declare that Zarina Banu, D/O late Ibrahim Muslim, resident of Kamalpokhri, Kathmandu, Nepal is my legally wedded wife, our marriage was solemnized as per Muslim religious rites and social customs and order at Star Venue, Nagpokhri, Kathmandu, Nepal on 05-03-2009, that after marriage we are living together as husband and wife for all practical purposes, this I affirm Vide affidavit no. JD 0014910750 dated 15th September 2022 at Srinagar before Notary Public.

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JMI Bans Entry Of 3 Ex-Students, Including Safoora Zargar's, For "Agitating" On Campus

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia has banned the entry of its three former students, including the 2020 riots accused Safoora Zargar, on its campus for "agitating" in the university over an "irrelevant and objectionable" issue.

Signed by the chief proctor, the orders dated September 14 said the competent authority has approved a campus ban on ex-students for maintaining a peaceful academic environment.

An activist and scholar, Zargar made headlines due to her alleged involvement in the anti-CAA protests after the Citizenship Amendment Act was passed by the Parliament in December 2019.

Besides Zargar, the orders have been issued against two more ex-students of Jamia Millia Islamia, it said.

While the language in the orders against the two former students is similar, the notification against Zargar mentions her involvement in organising agitations, protests and marches on the campus "against the irrelevant and objectionable issues to disturb the peaceful academic environment".

"She is instigating innocent students of the University and trying to use the University platform for her malafide political agenda along with some other students," the order read. It further said that Safoora is hampering the normal functioning of the institution.

The order has come days after the university cancelled the admission of scholar Zargar due to "unsatisfactory



SAFOORA ZARGAR

progress in her thesis work.

Zargar has refused to comment on the campus ban.

She along with several other students has been staging protests against the cancellation of her admission.

"Safoora Zargar is an ex-student of M. Phil, Dept. of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences. She is one of the accused of conspiracy with other persons to instigate and start riots in northeast Delhi on 23.02.2020. She was booked under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967 by Delhi Police..." the order stated. "Her name was removed from M. Phil because of non-submission of M. Phil dissertation within the given period despite giving several chances and she is not a student of Jamia Millia Islamia," it added.

The notices issued against two former students stated that they were at the forefront of the unauthorised gatherings of students on the campus several times including one which took place in the University's Central Canteen on August 30.

CS Reviews Developmental Works In District Udhampur

E-inaugurates Upgradation of Chenani Pattangarh Road, Construction of Motorable Bridge over River Tawi



Observer News Service

Udhampur: In order to take stock of various ongoing developmental works and flagship schemes under taken by various departments in district Udhampur, the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Saturday conducted an extensive tour of District Udhampur to review the progress of ongoing developmental works under CSS and other developmental programmes.

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Ramesh Kumar, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, Mohammad Suleman Choudhary, Directors and Chief Engineers of various departments, SSP, Dr Vinod Kumar and other District Heads of various departments attended the meeting.

At the outset, the District Development Commissioner Udhampur, Kritika Jyotsna gave a sector wise detailed PowerPoint presentation of various ongoing developmental works, flagship schemes being executed by different

departments in the district. She also briefed the about the progress of mega projects including Pollution Abatement of Holy River Devika, Yoga International Convention Centre Mantalai, Chenani Sudhmahadev road(NH-244), NH-44, Udhampur to Chenani, Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev etc.

The Chief Secretary took comprehensive review of district Capex budget 2021-22 & 2022-23, Financial/ physical progress under district Capex budget including CSS & loan, physical progress under district Capex budget 2022-23, Status of Back to Village programme and other flagship programmes besides the pace

Dr. Mehta gave directions to complete the projects with in time frame. Executing agencies were directed to expedite the progress of ongoing work of Tourist Facilitation Centre Mantalai.

The Chief Secretary directed the concerned departments to mobilize their men and machinery for effective implementation

of all schemes and coverage of 100% eligible beneficiaries under all schemes and no eligible beneficiary to be left out. He directed all the officers to work in coordination for better results at the grass root level.

The Agriculture department was asked to prepare a District Agriculture and export plan and to increase the production of pulses besides Sheep Husbandry department was asked to increase mutton production in the district. FCS & CA was directed to conduct survey regarding unavailability of ration depots in different blocks of the district.

The DDC was directed to organize sports and awareness activities at gram panchayat level to motivate the youths about different income generating schemes and engage them for establishing self employment units to channelize their energy in right direction. Employment department asked to prepare the District Employment Plan and organize workshop with the support of other allied departments.

SCO Plans Single List Of Terrorist, Separatist And Extremist Groups Banned On Territories Of Member States

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Samarkand: In a bid to combat the security threat posed by militant groups, the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) plan to prepare a unified list of terrorist, separatist and extremist organisations whose activities are banned on their territories.

In a joint declaration issued at the end of the annual summit of the eight-member bloc in the historic Uzbek city of Samarkand on Friday, the leaders of the SCO member states, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, expressed deep concern over the security threat posed by terrorism, separatism and extremism in all its forms and manifestations

and strongly condemned terrorist acts around the world.

"The member states, while reaffirming a strong commitment to fight terrorism, separatism and extremism, resolve to continue to take active measures to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, cut off terrorist financing channels, suppress terrorist recruitment and cross-border movement, counter extremism, the radicalisation of youth, the spread of terrorist ideology, and eliminate sleeper cells and places used as terrorist safe havens," it said.

"In accordance with their national legislation and on the basis of consensus, the member states will seek to develop common principles and approaches

to form a unified list of terrorist, separatist and extremist organisations whose activities are prohibited on the territories of the SCO member states," said the Samarkand declaration signed by the leaders of the eight-member grouping.

Briefing reporters, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said that each of the SCO member states was very very clear in recognising the threat that this challenge poses to the region and beyond.

To counter the threat of chemical and biological terrorism, the SCO members called for the compliance with the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons. "They stress the importance of the early

destruction of all declared stockpiles of chemical weapons," the declaration said.

On the Afghanistan issue, the leaders called for creating an inclusive government in the war-torn country, which is now ruled by the Taliban.

"The member states consider it extremely important to establish an inclusive government in Afghanistan with the participation of representatives of all ethnic, religious and political groups of Afghan society," the declaration said.

The grouping also advocated the formation of Afghanistan as an independent, neutral, united, democratic and peaceful state, free from terrorism, war and drugs.

On Iran, the declaration said

that the SCO member states consider the sustained implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action on the Iranian nuclear programme important and called upon all participants to rigorously implement their commitments for the full and effective implementation of the document.

It said the impacts of global climate change and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic pose additional challenges to economic growth, social well-being and food security, as well as to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

"To this end, new approaches are required to promote more equitable and effective international cooperation and

sustainable economic development," it added.

The member states reaffirmed their commitment to a more representative, democratic, just and multipolar world order based on the universally recognised principles of international law, multilateralism, equal, common, indivisible, comprehensive and sustainable security.

The SCO called for creating a transparent international energy market and reducing the existing trade barriers.

It called for the effectiveness of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) as the key forum for discussing the international trade agenda and adopting the rules of the multilateral trading system.

They emphasised the need for early and inclusive reform of the organisation, focusing on its development and adaptation to modern economic realities, as well as effective implementation of monitoring, negotiation and dispute settlement functions, the declaration said.

The SCO, seen as a counterweight to NATO, is an eight-member economic and security bloc and has emerged as one of the largest transregional international organisations. India and Pakistan became its permanent members in 2017.

The SCO was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the presidents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

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grasslands, and wetlands in various prioritized sites based on geospatial analysis. The main focus includes; protection, soil and moisture conservation works, control of invasive and alien species, plantations, eco-restoration," reads the proposal.

The DPR proposes to promote the planting of economic and fruit trees in the agricultural landscape to enhance the overall conservation values and other expected ecological functions and ecosystem services.

"Two plantation/treatment models have been proposed for the agriculture landscapes," it states.

The proposed interventions in the third lower order zone i.e., the urban landscape include activities related to the development of bioremediation models, riverfront development, eco-park, and institutional and industrial estate plantations.

"Four treatment models have been proposed for this landscape," the DPR states.

The projected financial outlay of the first phase of the project is Rs 356.23 crore while that of the second phase is Rs 64.52 crore—(KNO)

21 Million Pilgrims

way around the two mausoleums. The pilgrims waved black and red flags and banners and chanted Labayk Ya Hussain (We Have Come O Hussain).

Since the overthrow of dictator Saddam Hussein in 2003, participation in Arba'een has been steadily increasing.

"Arba'een means different things to different people," said Alex Shams, a doctoral student at the University of Chicago who specialises in Shia politics.

"For Iraqi Shias it's very much an expression of their freedom after years of dictatorship and also pride in their Shia identity," he told AFP. For others it's an occasion to demonstrate Shia

resurgence in the face of tears of suppression and unabated onslaughts by the groups like Daesh.

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in the country and therefore to meet this huge demand we import around 40% of our requirements from other states. This huge demand of sheep/goat meat by our people is more of an opportunity than a challenge as it offers huge scope for the sheep and goat farmers," the LG said.

The spokesperson said that the LG also informed that his government has partnered with New Zealand to develop a model sheep farming system through better breeding practices, technology transfer, doubling wool and meat production, marketing, capacity building and ensuring additional income for sheep breeders.

Sinha, he said, also observed that UT has attained the privilege of having the finest breeds of sheep in the country and it is again a privilege that we hold 50% of the cross bred population of the country in the UT.

"We are also the second largest producers of wool in the country and number one in terms of quality of wool produced. Though processing of wool has not been tapped to what it should have been but our Government is very concerned about it and many viable solutions are under active consideration of the government which shall be brought into public domain very soon," the LG said.

Sinha also announced to set-up Common Facilitation Centres - one each in Kashmir and Jammu Division for collection, grading, sorting and packaging of wool.

"We have made significant achievements in the sector but the Government is keen to push this sector to newer heights and plug all loopholes to make this sector more vibrant, profitable, market driven, employable and sustainable," the LG said.

The spokesperson said that addressing the demands and issues of the

tribal community, the LG announced that his administration will build 1000 sheds for livestock of the tribal community.

Besides, he said, Sinha also announced that the Tribal Affairs Department will extend the financial assistance of Rs one lakh each to 1500 Self Help Groups for Wool Shearing Machines and Skilling.

"50 Self Help Groups will receive Rs 3.00 Lakh each for GenSet and solar power based shearing machines for "Dhoks," the LG said.

The LG, according to the spokesperson, also shared the government's plan for bringing out a scheme for social security for sheep breeders and providing insurance cover to the livestock.

"A comprehensive policy will also be prepared for health cards and monitoring of health for disease prevention and control measures," the LG added.

The spokesperson said that the LG congratulated the J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kisans and UT's Sheep Husbandry Department for organizing the important workshop to explore new opportunities, and identifying necessary interventions to make the Sheep & Goat Husbandry sector more lucrative for the stakeholders.

"The outcomes from today's brainstorming session of Agricultural scientists, experts and tribal community members will be assessed objectively and incorporated in government policies to be implemented on the ground for benefit of all the stakeholders," he said.

"Our aim is to increase livestock productivity and production in a sustainable manner and focus on untapped potential for the export and value added products," he added.

The spokesperson further said that the LG highlighted the reforms introduced by the government for modernization and promotion of the sheep farming sector and strengthening of commercial activities and output of the sector which provides the means of livelihood to about 12 lakh families

in the UT.

"High genetic potential breeds of sheep, exotic breeds for crossbreeding, marketing facilities and preventive mechanisms of endemic disease problems will bring overall improvement in the sheep rearing sector and improve socio-economic status of a vast majority of our livestock producers," Sinha said.

"Top level Apex Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr Mangala Rai, a top scientist and a policy maker of the country has already been constituted for holistic development of agriculture and allied sector. The committee has started the deliberations and is on a job to present a futuristic road map in the next three months for inclusive growth, value addition, marketing strategies and sustainable production of the sector," he added.

Besides the LG, his advisor Rai Bhatnagar and Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Secretary to Government, Tribal Affairs Department Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary and other officials also spoke on the occasion.

Cong Wins Timisgam

old party recently.

"Here is some breaking news for Modi, Shah and Azad. The Congress party has defeated the BJP by a convincing margin in the Temisgam bye-election to the Ladakh Hill Council. Congratulations to the Ladakh District Congress Committee!," he said on Twitter.

The by-election in the constituency was necessitated following the death of sitting Congress councillor Sonam Dorje.

The voting, held on September 13, saw 98.7 per cent polling, the officials said, adding, the counting of votes started this morning and 1,449 votes of the total 1,467 votes polled were considered.

Fourteen voters had opted for NOTA

COVID-19 Pandemic Taught Us To Adapt, Change, Modernise Ourselves: CJI

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: COVID-19 pandemic has "taught us to adapt, change and modernise ourselves", Chief Justice of India U U Lalit said on Saturday while stressing on "assimilating the advantages of technology in our lifestyle."

Speaking at the inauguration of paperless courts in 30 districts in Odisha, CJI Lalit said there are many advantages of technological advancement and now a common man sitting in the remotest part of the country can have access to justice.

The paperless courts were inaugurated in presence of Justices D Y Chandrachud and M R Shah and Orissa High Court Chief Justice S Muralidhar.

"COVID-19 pandemic has taught us to adapt, change and modernise ourselves. The advantages of technology are here for us not only to witness but assimilate into our lifestyle," CJI Lalit said.

The CJI said he was brought up in an environment where there was a culture of looking up to the library and books in physical form for reference.

Lalit said he still considers himself to be in a nursery school with respect to technology.

Justice D Y Chandrachud, who was also present with Justice M R Shah on the occasion, said technology is not just for the elite; it is for all those for whom the delivery of justice is intended.

"Paperless courts will also save precious time for lawyers, who may soon find themselves burning less midnight oil stitching together paper-books and

preparing volumes upon volumes of annexures," he said adding that paperless courts are environmentally sustainable because they will (as their name suggests) reduce the consumption of paper. Justice Chandrachud said that it is estimated that the Indian legal system is responsible for the use of millions, if not billions, of sheets of paper in any given year.

"The inauguration of paperless courts in Odisha will certainly go a long way in ensuring that this number is reduced. All the advantages that I have listed are doubly beneficial in the context of the District Courts because it is there that a lion's share of the country's litigation takes place.

"In a lighter vein, the only disadvantage of paperless courts is that young lawyers will be deprived of the daily workout or exercise that comes with carrying voluminous paper books. We may witness a rise in the number of gym subscriptions in Odisha after the inauguration of paperless courts!," he said.

Justice Chandrachud said it is imperative to recognize the existence of the digital divide and take steps to bridge this gap.

"We must and will ensure that the digitization of the court process does not disadvantage the common citizens in any way. E-Sewa Kendras are being set up in the High Courts and in one District Court in each state to assist lawyers and litigants with various e-processes and we intend to ensure that within a period of one year, every single court establishment will have an e-Sewa Kendra...

Fly Fishing Competition Held At Pahalgam



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Tourism Department in collaboration with Department of Fisheries and Kashmir Anglers Federation organised a Fly Fishing competition on 16th and 17th September, 2022 in the waters of river Lidder at Pahalgam.

Various veterans besides the young anglers participated in the event in a bid to promote the sport of fly fishing.

Director Tourism Kashmir, Fazl ul Haseeb was the chief guest on the occasion while CEO Pahalgam Development Authority and Joint Director Fisheries Dept were the special invitees.

Speaking at the event, the Director said that Fly Fishing has a great potential and will attract

adventure lovers to the valley.

Sameer Bakttoo convener Kashmir Anglers Federation thanked the organising Departments for the successful conduct of the event.

The competition was purely held on catch and release basis and Aslam Ahmad Bakttoo secured 1st position, Masood Ahmad Goroo secured 2nd and Manzoor Ahmad Pakthoon bagged 3rd Position in the biggest catching category.

Manveer Singh won the quickest catch category; Nahoo won the maximum catch category while Unis Ameen Nagoo won the longest cast category.

Among others, Mr Mussarat CEO Pahalgam Dev Authority and Mr. Tak JD Fisheries Dept. were present on the occasion.

SP College Holds 4-Day Trekking Camp To Gurez



Observer News Service

GUREZ: SP College Srinagar organised a four-day trekking/camping programme for students of the college to Gurez and Tulail in district Bandipora.

The event was flagged-off by Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr) Khurshid Ahmad Khan from the college gate on 12th of September 2022. The program was organised by the Department of Physical Education.

About 30 students from different courses participated in the programme out of which 12 were girls.

The students were accompanied by Advisor Sports Board (female), Dr. Nadia Shah who was also in-charge female students, Advisor Sports Board (male), Dr. Khurshid Ahmad Parry, in-charge male students, Director Department of Physical Educa-

tion, Owais Wani, Prof. Zafar Majeed Rather, Prof. Ruheena Tabassum, Prof. Nighat Nabi and Showkat Ahmad. Additionally, among the non-teaching staff, Bilal Ahmad, Ali Mohammad and Showkat Ahmad provided necessary assistance during the programme.

Establishing the base at Dawar for all days of the programme, the participants did a trek to Dawar Heights Mountain having an altitude of almost 13k feet on second day. Later in the day, students were briefed about the various topographical aspects of Gurez by the local Forest Officer.

On the third day, students travelled to Tulail where they established the base and then trekked to Angoikot village.

On the fourth day, an early morning visit to the Habba Khatoon Mountain and Habba Khatoon spring was arranged.

Grand Prix Bharat: India Set For MotoGP In 2023



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: MotoGP, the pinnacle of two-wheel racing, could come to India in the winter of 2023 if all goes ahead as planned, providing a massive boost to the stagnant motorsport scene in the country.

The master agreement between MotoGP commercial rights owner Dorna and Noida-based race promoters Fairstreet Sports could be signed as early as next week.

Dorna MD Carlos Ezpeleta and CEO Carmelo Ezpeleta will be in New Delhi on Wednesday and they are expected to make an official announcement on the Grand Prix of Bharat.

The round is most likely to be held at the Buddh International Circuit in Noida, once home of the Formula One Indian Grand Prix, which was discontinued

due to financial, tax and bureaucratic hurdles.

The FIM homologation of the track will be done only after the agreement is signed between MotoGP rights owner and race promoters.

Fairstreet Sports COO Pushkar Nath said they have done their homework for the organisation of the high-profile race, taking into consideration what went wrong with Formula 1 nine years ago.

Around 5000 people work on a MotoGP weekend which includes races in junior classes Moto 2 and Moto 3. The race will not only put Uttar Pradesh on the global map but is expected to boost tourism.

The all-electric Formula E race is also coming to Hyderabad next February and if MotoGP can go ahead as planned, Indian motorsport will finally get what it's desperately waiting for.

'66% Fans Blame Team Selection For Asia Cup Disaster'



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Over 66 percent fans feel that poor team selection was one of the primary reasons behind India's recent Asia Cup debacle, revealed a survey by popular daily Malayala Manorama.

The paper had conducted an online poll on India's Dubai debacle where they failed to reach the final after losing to Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the Super 4 stage.

The media organisation set a questionnaire for the fans to analyse India's poor show.

Asked about the main reason for India's dismal show in the continental tournament, 66.91 percent felt it was "flawed team selection" while 26.37 percent blamed it on over-confidence.

A small percentage (3.79) attributed the disaster to excessive cricket while 2.93 percent cited over-age as the reason.

Another question was which aspect of batting didn't click and it was nearly a tie between those who attributed it to failure of batting all-rounders (33.09%) and ODI style batsmanship (31.14%).

The question on bowling saw 34.68 percent blaming it on death overs while flawed bowling changes was reasoned by 40.05 percent.

Around 45.30 percent felt that Dinesh Karthik wasn't used properly during the tourney while near 19 percent (18.80) wanted better usage of Ravichandran Ashwin's services.

When it came to the player most missed, Jasprit Bumrah polled in maximum percentage (43.59), but close on heels was Kerala's Sanju Samson, with 42.49 percent.

Bhutia Smells 'Bargaining' In AIFF Secy Gen Appointment

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Former Indian football team captain Bhaichung Bhutia, who recently lost the All India Football Federation (AIFF) president's election, has questioned the appointment of Shaji Prabhakaran as its secretary general, saying that "choosing a voter to a salaried post will set a wrong precedent".

Prabhakaran, who was in the electoral college as a representative of Football Delhi, was made the AIFF Secretary General a day after former India goalkeeper Kalyan Chaubey beat Bhutia 33-1 in the polls for president's post on September 2.

Bhutia has requested the AIFF to include this issue of appointment of Prabhakaran raised by him in the agenda of Executive Committee meeting to be held in Kolkata on Monday.

Prabhakaran resigned as Football Delhi president on September 6, a day before he took charge as AIFF secretary



general.

Bhutia alleged that appointing a voter to a salaried post of the AIFF later on has an element of "bargaining".

"He (Prabhakaran) was a voter and president of an association (Football Delhi), appointing him for a salaried post will set a wrong precedent," Bhutia told PTI on Saturday.

"I would not have any issue

had he been appointed to an honorary post. Next time onwards somebody will bargain to vote to get a salaried post after election."

Prabhakaran, on his part, said he had taken up the post with good intentions to serve Indian football and nothing else. He rejected any kind of bargaining or quid-pro-quo in the run-up to the AIFF elections.

Bond Named Head Coach Of Mumbai Indian's UAE Team

Agencies

Mumbai Indians on Saturday announced that former New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond has been named the head coach of their MI Emirates team in the United Arab Emirates-based International League T20 (ILT20) competition.

Bond, who is also Mumbai Indians' bowling coach in the Indian Premier League (IPL), will be assisted by Parthiv Patel (batting coach), Vinay Kumar (bowling coach) and James Franklin (fielding coach).

Former India international Robin Singh has been appointed the franchise's general manager.

"It's always exciting to build a new team and I'm looking forward to furthering the MI legacy and inspiring our players to take the game to new heights," Bond, 47, said in a statement.

The six-team ILT20, which launches in January, will be the second most lucrative Twenty20 tournament after the trend-setting IPL in terms of player remuneration.



BCCI To Introduce 'Impact Player' Rule In Domestic T20

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NEW DELHI: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is set to introduce tactical substitutes, which will be known as 'Impact Player', in the upcoming season of its domestic men's T20 tournament, mainly the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, which will begin on October 11.

The idea behind introducing 'Impact Player' is to make the T20 format more attractive, dynamic and interesting. In an email sent to its state associations, the BCCI elaborated on the concept and rule, which will allow teams to use one tactical substitute in each match.

According to an ESPNcricinfo report, the BCCI has been keen to introduce the tactical substitute in the IPL for the past few years. However, the board wants to implement it in the SMAT first. If it works smoothly, the 'Impact Player' substitute will feature in IPL 2023.

Haaland Scores Again As City Beats Wolves 3-0



Agencies

WOLVERHAMPTON: Erling Haaland added a strike from outside the area to his repertoire of goals since joining Manchester City in a 3-0 win at 10-man Wolverhampton in the Premier League on Saturday.

City had already taken the lead through Jack Grealish after 55 seconds at Molineux when Haaland picked up the ball 40 meters out, drove toward the penalty box and shot right-footed into the bottom corner from the edge of the area in the 16th minute.

It was Haaland's 11th goal in seven league games since his off-season arrival from Borussia Dortmund — with the majority coming from right in front of goal.

"I didn't know he could score from outside the box," Grealish said jokingly, while calling Haaland "the best striker in the world playing up front."

Wolverhampton's already-slim chances virtually ended when center back Nathan Collins was shown a straight red card for a chest-high lunge on Grealish in the 33rd.

Phil Foden swept in a right-wing cross from Kevin De Bruyne, who provided a similar assist for Grealish's goal, in the 69th minute to round off a win that took City above Arsenal into first place — at least overnight.

City has scored 23 goals in the first seven games of its title defense — comfortably more than any other team — and Haaland has almost half of them.

Vinicius On Dancing After Goals: 'Not Going To Stop'



Agencies

BARCELONA: Real Madrid forward Vinicius Junior called out the haters of his goal celebrations as racist and insisted he will keep on dancing.

Spanish sports talk shows have been discussing the appropriateness of his celebrations, and a commentator on television said he should stop "doing the monkey."

Real Madrid criticized the comment on Friday, and Vinicius issued a video statement on Saturday in which the Brazilian eloquently explained that dancing forms part of his cultural expression, and cited other soccer players, both Black and white,

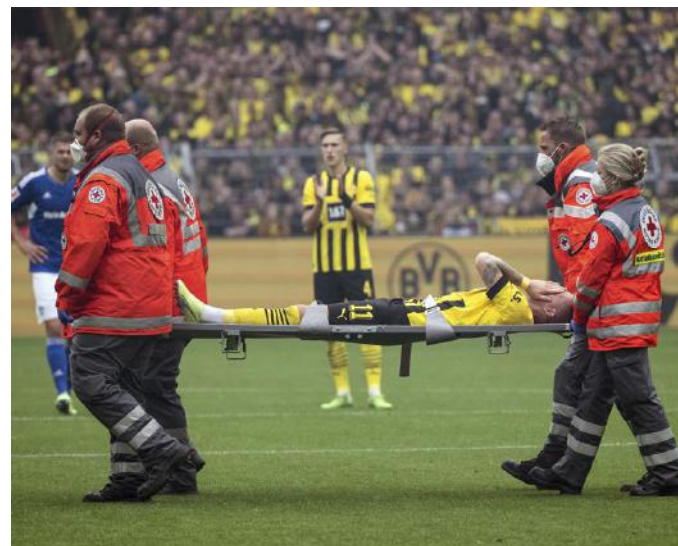
who also have danced after scoring.

"Repeat after me, racist: I am not going to stop dancing," Vinicius said.

"I was victim of xenophobia and racism in a single declaration, but none of this began yesterday," Vinicius said over freeze frames of social media posts using racist language to insult him.

The controversy also comes in the buildup to Sunday's always hotly contested Spanish capital derby in which Real Madrid visits Atlético Madrid. This week, Atlético captain Koke Resurrección, when asked what would happen if Vinicius danced after scoring, responded "There will be trouble."

Ankle Injury Puts Marco Reus' World Cup In Doubt



Agencies

DORTMUND: Borussia Dortmund captain Marco Reus is again in danger of missing a major tournament for Germany.

The 33-year-old Reus was stretchered off in the first half of Dortmund's Ruhr derby against Schalke on Saturday with what looked like a serious ankle injury.

Reus was in tears after bending his right ankle unnaturally in a challenge for the ball with Schalke's Florian Flick. American Gio Reyna came on for Reus while Flick was able to continue

after treatment on his knee. Flick's namesake Hansi Flick — the Germany coach — had included Reus in his squad for the upcoming international games against Hungary and England and was counting on the attacking midfielder as a key member of his World Cup squad.

The tournament starts in Qatar on Nov. 20. Germany plays Japan in Doha three days later, four days before it faces Spain in Al Khor, where it also plays its last game in Group E against Costa Rica on Dec. 1.

Reus has 15 goals in 48 games for Germany.

Humbled By Affection On Birthday, Says PM Modi

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said he was humbled by the affection he received on his birthday and asserted that when people work collectively, India will fulfil its goal of sustainable and inclusive development.

"I spent the day attending programmes that cover our economy, society and the environment. I truly believe that when we collectively work on these spheres, we will fulfil our goal of sustainable and inclusive development. May we keep working harder and harder in the times to come," he said in tweets.

Thanking all those who wished him on his 72nd birthday, the prime minister said their wishes give him strength to work even harder. "I laud all those people who have devoted this day to various community service initiatives. Their resolve is commendable," he said.

PM Modi separately thanked



foreign leaders who wished him on Twitter besides President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar among others.

PM Modi turned 72 on Saturday and marked his birthday by addressing four events covering fields as diverse as wildlife and the launch of logistics policy, as greetings poured in from leaders and other prominent personalities.

WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY

WHO Urges Ending Unsafe Medication Practices

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New Delhi: On World Patient Safety Day, WHO on Saturday highlighted the need to prevent avoidable harm in healthcare systems with a focus on ending unsafe medication practices and errors.

In addition to causing significant disability and death, unsafe medication practices and errors cost an estimated USD 42 million around the world annually.

In low- and middle-income countries - including in the WHO South-East Asia Region - patient harm due to unsafe care contributes to an estimated 134 million adverse events annually resulting in around 2.6 million deaths, WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh said.

Unsafe medication practices



and errors can occur at different stages. It can result from weak medication systems or human factors such as fatigue, poor environmental conditions or staff shortages, she said in a statement. Since 2015, the WHO South-East Asia Region has made targeted efforts to reduce unsafe medication practices and errors with a focus on addressing counterfeit and substandard

products and enhancing patient safety and reporting systems.

Specific region-wide attention is paid to reducing medication-related harm in elderly patient care, intensive care, highly specialised or surgical care, and emergency medicine, Dr Singh said in the statement.

WHO continues to support countries of the region to adopt a system-wide approach in promoting safe medication practices with a focus on several priorities.

This is done by supporting policymakers to establish patient safety incident reporting and learning systems. Second, by empowering healthcare leaders to develop standard operating procedures for safe medication use while increasing health worker training and adherence, she said.

Health workers are supported to stay up to date on safe medication practices. Also, both health professionals and patients are encouraged to be aware of and act on WHO's 'Know, Check, Ask' protocol which aims at increasing public awareness about the importance of using medication safely.

AIIMS Delhi To Be Renamed? Concerned Faculty Write To Health Minister

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New Delhi: The Faculty Association of AIIMS has written to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya expressing concern over the proposal of assigning a new name to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi, contending it will lead to a loss of the institute's identity.

The Faculty Association of AIIMS (FAIMS) had recently sought the opinion of faculty members over the government's proposal to give new names to all the 23 All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) across the country.

The faculty members opposed the changing of name of AIIMS, Delhi, according to the letter written by the FAIMS to the minister on Thursday.

The letter further said AIIMS, Delhi was created in 1956 with a trinity of mission for medical education, research and patient care. "An identity is linked with the name. If the identity is lost, institutional recognition is lost both within the country and outside."

"That is why famous and established institutes have the same names for centuries - Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard



universities," the letter said.

The FAIMS said if the proposal is accepted, the esteemed medical institute will face a huge loss of identity and demoralisation.

"Hence, FAIMS requests you to please do not consider any proposal for changing the name of AIIMS Delhi. This will help to maintain the premier and mentor institute status of AIIMS Delhi with respect to others in the country," the letter said.

The FAIMS also sought an appointment to discuss long-pending issues related to autonomy, in-campus accommodation and administration reform (rotation of headship) at AIIMS, Delhi.

The Health Ministry has drafted a proposal to give specific names to all the AIIMS, including that in Delhi, based on local or regional heroes of prominence, freedom fighters, historical events or monuments of the area or their distinct geographical identity.



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