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Kashmir Got Another Hangout, This Time Full Of Entertainment

Zaid Bin Shabir

The show screened in the Cantonment area of Srinagar on Tuesday was seen as a step to undo the late 1989's dramatic dictate drawing curtains over the cinema halls in Kashmir.

The who's who in the security apparatus including the top officials led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha became the first watchers of Kashmir's new 'entertainment' era.

Post-official screening, the multiplex created buzz in the city where popular hangouts

like cinemas became shut shops during late 1980s.

"Not that we need this space for watching movies, but it will definitely become one of the goto places in Srinagar now," said Shakir Ali, a youngster who had turned up for the first show, Laal Singh Chaddha.

"We lack social and entertainment spaces in the valley and places like these make any urban center a happening place."

Unlike the cine-goers elsewhere, the viewers of the first show in Kashmir were getting nostalgic about the halcyon days



the 1990s and 2020s, a fiftyrather than reviewing the movie. something trader turning up

for the first show, said the new entertainment house will revive the late-night culture in the city.

"I remember growing up in a different time when we used to return home at midnight," said trader Shafi Dar while coming out of the hall.

"Back then, cinemas would create a huge entertainment drive in the valley. But now, we live in different times where twilight signals the end of the day. I believe this new hangout is going to revive the culture we once cherished.'

But in the 'free-streaming'

times, many said that places like multiplexes have become more important as leisure spots than

mere movie houses. "Most of us are watching OTT platforms on our smart phones and TV sets these days, but this place has its own recreational value for the society," said Naseer Baba, a contractor from Pulwama.

"We Kashmiris otherwise visit Multiplexes outside Kashmir to watch new movies with our family and friends. But now, this place with three screens and 500 odd seats will save our time

Govt Transfers 9 JKAS Officers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and government Tuesday transferred nine JKAS officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect.

According to an order issued here, Farooq Ahmad Baba, JKAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (IT, Data Analytics and Economic Intelligence), Srinagar, vice Ms. Ulfat Jabeen, JKAS who has been asked to await orders of adjustment in General Administration Department.

Dr. Khalid Hussain Malik, JKAS, General Manager, DIC, Doda, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Employment, Jammu.

Mohammad Ashraf, Joint Director, Employment, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Education, Poonch, against an available vacancy.

Mohammad Jahangir Khanday, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bijbehara, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Bijbehara, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Education (South), Kashmir, against an avail-

able vacancy. Mohammad Rouf Rehman, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in General Administration Department has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Education (Central), Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Tanveer Ahmad Tanveer, JKAS, Sub-Registrar, Anantnag, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bijbehra. More on P10

New Delhi Not Buying But Establishing Peace In J&K: LG

- Inaugurates Kashmir's First Ever Multiplex In Srinagar
- Says Every District To Have 100-seater Cinema Halls

Zaid Bin Shabir

Srinagar: Terming the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's semi-autonomous status on August 5, 2019 as a historic day, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that New Delhi is not trying to buy peace in J&K, but to establish it permanently.

Sinha made these remarks while addressing a gathering at the inaugural ceremony of the Kashmir's first ever multiplex at Shivpora here on Tuesday morning.

The multiplex has a seating capacity of at least 520 people and has 3 cinema halls. It has been beautifully designed and has the latest sound systems installed. A special screening of Aamir Khan-starrer 'Lal Singh Chaddha' was held after the inauguration ceremony.

The regular shows will start from September 30 with the screening of Vikram Vedha, starring Hrithik Roshan and Saif Ali Khan.

The LG said that movie lovers are



everywhere in Kashmir and cinemas have a great history in the Valley.

"Today, all cinema lovers are here. There used to be a time in Kashmir, when locals in large numbers would throng cinemas to watch movies along with friends and families. Cinemas wouldn't just provide them opportunities to think and dream big but also entertain them," the LG said.

He further said that in May, 1965, a **Bollywood More on P10**



THOSE WHO RULED J&K FOR YEARS, USED TO FLY OUTSIDE the

state and even foreign countries for their own entertainment while all means of entertainment remained choked for the local populace

Pak Conspiracies Being Foiled On Daily Basis: DGP

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Conspiracies hatched from across the border to disturb peace are being foiled by security forces on a daily basis in Jammu and Kashmir, Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said on Tuesday.

Singh asserted that the security forces were fully alert to scuttle infiltration attempts by terrorists before the onset of winter.

"We are fully alert to the threats as conspiracies being hatched from across the border are being foiled on a daily basis by police and other security agencies," Singh told reporters after unveiling a wall dedicated to police personnel who died fighting terrorism in Reasi district.

He said attempts to push terrorists and smuggle weapons from across the



border were going on but the alertness of the police and security agencies had thwarted most of these bids.

"Terrorists are infiltrated to sustain militancy. Most of the time, these attempts are foiled but sometimes they succeed. Those who are successful are neutralised by police and security forces (in the hinterland)," the DGP said.

He said many such terrorists were neutralised in successful More on P10

Shah Faesal To Withdraw SC Plea **Against Art-370 Abrogation**

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: IAS officer Shah Faesal has moved the Supreme Court seeking withdrawal of his name from the list of petitioners who challenged the Presidential Order to scrap Article 370 of the Constitution that granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Faesal, who had floated his political party, the Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement (JKPM), filed the petition in the top court in 2019, and it was registered on August 26, 2019.

In April, the government accepted Faesal's application for withdrawing his resignation and reinstated him More on P10

Labour In Budgam Brick Kilns Auqib Javeed Srinagar: Coming to the rescue of brick kiln owners in Central Kashmir's Budgam district accused of holding migrant workers as 'bonded labourers',

Govt Rejects Claims Of Bonded

the Jammu and Kashmir administration Tuesday refuted the allegations saying that a deliberate attempt was being made to defame the Union Territory. There are no bonded labourers at brick kilns in Budgam. It's a malicious

and deliberate attempt to defame the Union Territory," Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Syed Fakhrudin Hamid told Kashmir Observer. Hamid's reaction comes at a time when the brick kilns in Budgam are facing accusations of holding migrant workers from Janjgir-Champa and Sakti districts of Chhattisgarh as

bonded labourers. A team of officials

from Chhattisgarh also visited Valley

to probe complaints about workers

from the state being forced to work as



Budgam. It's a malicious and deliberate attempt to defame the Union Territory."

"bonded" labourers at some brick kilns in Budgam district.

However, the brick kiln association, Kashmir refuted More on P10





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Man Held For J&K Logs 25 **Pelting Stones** Cases. One **At Film Crew**

youth was arrested for allegedly pelting stones at the film crew of Emraan Hashmistarrer 'Ground Zero' in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Tuesday. Some media reports claimed the actor was injured in the incident that took place on Sunday when the crew was shooting in the Pahalgam area. Hashmi, however, said the reports are "inaccurate". After the film shooting ended at 7:15 pm on September 18, More on P10

Covid Death

t least 25 more people tested positive for Coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, while one more person succumbed to the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to officials, Kashmir Valley registered 21 new cases of Covid-19, while the remaining four were detected in Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected since the onset of the pandemic More on P10

Migrant Worker Found Dead In Rajouri

migrant worker on Tuesday was found hanging from a tree in Sunderbani area of Rajouri district. 35-year-old Ramashri was found hanging from a tree near his accommodation in Juggi area of Sunderbani on Tuesday morning, reports said. A resident of Panna in Madhya Pradesh, Ramashri was spotted hanging by other labourers residing in the vicinity. According to reports, a police team reached the More on P10

Man's Body Retrieved **From Jhelum**

he body of a

man, who had drowned into river Jhelum in North Kashmir's Baramulla district two days ago, was retrieved on Tuesday morning.News agency KNO quoting an official reported that the man identified as Rafiq Ahmed Mir (45) of Drangbal village of Baramulla had drowned into the Jhelum two days ago. He said that after hectic efforts his body was fished out from the river today More on P10



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Face Mask Which Can Detect Viral Exposure Within 10 Minutes Developed

Washington: Scientists have developed a face mask that can detect common respiratory viruses, such as influenza and Covid-19, in the air as droplets or aerosols. If specific viruses are present in the ambient air, the extremely sensitive mask may inform wearers via their mobile devices within 10 minutes.

"Previous research has shown face mask wearing can reduce the risk of spreading and contracting the disease. So, we wanted to create a mask that can detect the presence of virus in the air and alert the wearer," says Yin Fang, the study's corresponding author and a material scientist at Shanghai Tongji University.

Respiratory pathogens that cause CO-



VID-19 and H1N1 influenza spread through small droplets and aerosols released by infected people when they talk, cough, and sneeze. These viruscontaining molecules, especially tiny aerosols, can remain suspended in the air for a long time.

Fang and his colleagues tested the mask in an enclosed chamber by spraying the viral surface protein containing trace-level liquid and aerosols on the mask. The sensor responded to as little as 0.3 microliters of liquid containing viral proteins, about 70 to 560 times less than the volume of liquid produced in one sneeze and much less than the volume produced by coughing or talking, Fang says.

The team designed a small sensor with aptamers, which are a type of synthetic molecule that can identify unique proteins of pathogens like antibodies. In their proof-of-concept design, the team modified the multi-channel sensor with three types of aptamers, which can simultaneously recognize surface proteins on SARS-CoV-2, H5N1,

Once the aptamers bind to the target proteins in the air, the ion-gated transistor connected will amplify the signal and alert the wearers via their phones. An ion-gated transistor is a novel type of device that is highly sensitive, and thus the mask can detect even trace levels of pathogens in the air within 10 minutes.

"Our mask would work really well in spaces with poor ventilation, such as elevators or enclosed rooms, where the risk of getting infected is high," Fang says. In the future, if a new respiratory virus emerges, they can easily update the sensor's design for detecting the novel pathogens, he adds.

Next, the team hopes to shorten the detection time and further increase the sensitivity of the sensor by optimizing the design of the polymers and transistors. They are also working on wearable devices for a variety of health conditions including cancers and cardiovascular diseases.

"Currently, doctors have been relying heavily on their experiences in diagnosing and treating diseases. But with richer data collected by wearable devices, disease diagnosis and treatment can become more precise," Fang says.

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Infinite Reactions, Emoji Statuses **IANS** ncrypted messaging

Telegram's New Update Brings

app Telegram has announced that it is rolling out a new update that gives users more ways to use new emojis to express how they are feeling -- with infinite reactions and emoji statuses. The company said that premium users can pick reactions from an infinite selection of custom emojis. To make choosing from thousands of emojis easier, they can now attach up to three reactions per message. "All users now have access to dozens of reactions - including those that were previously only available with Telegram Premium," the company said in a blogpost.

"To accommodate all the new emojis, we have redesigned the reaction panel, making it expandable. The reactions you use frequently will show up at the top," it added.

These changes to reactions are currently available in groups and 1-on-1 chats.

With the new update, group admins can control whether custom reactions may be used in their groups.

Now, the premium users can add an animated emoji status displayed next to their name -- to quickly let everyone know how they are feeling or what they are

"This custom status takes the place of your Premium Premium Badge in the chat list, in your profile and in groups," the com-

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pany said. Users can set one of seven standard statuses that change their colour to match different Telegram themes -- or choose from an infinite number of custom emoji. Popular suggestions for working, sleeping, traveling and more will be shown at the top. "Tap the premium badge at the top of your chat list or go to settings to change your status. Press and hold an emoji to set a status for a specific duration," as per

Telegram. "Anyone can use Telegram's open emoji platform to upload custom packs with unique art styles and characters for Telegram Premium users," it added.

Users, who log out and log back in frequently, can now receive login codes through their email address or using Sign in with Apple or Sign in with Google.

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JKPCC Employees Seek Release Of **Pending Salaries**

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Srinagar: The employees and daily rated workers of Jammu and Kashmir Project Construction Corporation (JKPCC) held a strong protest demonstration on Tuesday at Srinagar office and demanded release of their five-month salary.

A large number of JKPCC employees under the banner of JKPCC Workers' Association protested in the Srinagar office of JKPCC at Haftchinar. They were raising loud slogans against the management of JKPCC and also in support of their demand of releasing their five-month salary

The protesting employees alleged that they have been protesting from time to time but the concerned Managing Director and other higher officials are least bothered about the release of salary of the em-

They said that due to non-release of salaries their families were facing starvation. "We are unable to pay the school fee of our children and are even facing hardships to procure medicines of our daily need," they added.

Swimmers Felicitated At Nigeen Lake

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Director Tourism Kashmir, Fazl ul Haseeb on Monday felicitated over 50 youth by giving away mementos and certificates for successfully completing three month long swimming course at Water Sports Centre Nigeen.

The camp was organized by Swim N Survival Society-K in collaboration with the Department of Tourism Kashmir at Nigeen Water Sports Center in the month of June for nonswimmers which received an overwhelming response from the locals, especially children.

Scores of the children of different age groups along with their parents attended the morning coaching camp regularly.

Technology Workshop On Functional Foods Commences At SKUAST-K

University coming up with state-of-art facility for Agri-startup incubation, innovators: VC

Observer News Service

Chancellor, Srinagar: Vice Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Tuesday said the varsity is coming up with a state-of-the-art facility for the promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship in food processing and agri-business.

The first of its kind in J&K, Discovery Centre will house incubation facilities, AI&ML Centre, IoT Lab and all other facilities required for digital agriculture and smart agribusinesses and food processing, he said, adding that the facility would be ready in the next 3-4 months

The vice chancellor was speaking during the inaugural function of the 14-day food technology workshop titled, "Advanced Skill Enhancement in the Development and Quality Characterization of Functional Foods using Extrusion Tech-



nology". More than 25 MSc, MTech and PhD students from various universities of J&K are participating in the workshop organized by the SKUAST-K's Division of Food Sciences and Technology under GoI's Karyashalla scheme of Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), DST.

Dr Ganai further said the facility won't be just a physical infrastructure rather it would include everything that an innovative idea or a startup needs from an incubation facility, to seed capital, to handholding and technical support. SKUAST-K is the first among 74 state agricultural universities in the country which has its own innovation and startup policy (SISP), which allows students and faculty members to start their own business but must have roots in their research, innovation or startup

SKUAST-K wants to create an ecosystem like the IITs of the country, where you are able to develop your idea or concept into a product, process or Technology, he said. The university has already entered into collaboration with IIT Kanpur and is in process of signing MoUs with IITs Kharagpur and other topnotch institutions of the country and abroad

Elucidating on the workshop theme, he said food processing is a fast-moving agri-business in India due to rising income and changing lifestyle of people, who are ready to spend more on quality as well as ready-to-eat and ready-to-cook food.

Talking about the food processing opportunities in the UT, he said J&K has a distinct advantage as it produces fruits and other Agri products which are not found in the rest of the country. He said processing and value addition of the local niche produce with an enhanced supply chain will provide it with a market of 1.4 billion people. However, he stressed branding and proper labelling for fetching a better price.



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DC Inspects Progress Of Works For Preservation Of Ancient Sites

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Tuesday undertook an extensive tour of various archaeological sites of the District including Burzahom, Harwan and Shankaracharya temple to oversee the pace and progress of the ongoing works being executed for preservation and development of ancient archaeological

The DC was accompanied by Superintending Engineer Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) Izhar Alam, Chief Planning officer, Srinagar, Moham-Yaseen Lone, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Sri-

nagar, Raes Ahmad Bhat, Deputy Director Archaeology, Executive Engineer, R&B, Tehsildars of North, Khanyar and South Srinagar, DFO Wildlife Dachigam and other concerned.

At Burzahom Archaeologi-

cal site, the Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Dr Izhar Alam Hashmi apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the findings, recorded in cultural deposits representing Neolithic Age human activity in Kashmir based on detailed investigations that cover all aspects of the physical evidence of the site, including the ancient flora and

On the occasion, the DC was informed about the issues

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with regard to preservation & development of the Neolithic especially bottlenecks related to fencing work around the site. Tehsildar North also informed that the demarcation process has already been completed.

DC issued on spot directions to ASI and PWD Engineers to take up the work on priority by completing all codal formalities.

The DC was informed that the unearthed Antiquities (of art, architecture, customs and rituals) indicate that the Neolithic people of the Burzahom had contacts with Central Asia and East Asia and also had links to the Gangetic plains and peninsular India.

Similarly, at Buddhist monument site Harwan, the DC also

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had a first hand appraisal of the ongoing works being carried out by ASI for its preservation and development. The DC asked the Officers to accelerate the pace of work to complete the projects in set timelines. The DC also asked Revenue officials to earmark land for development of approach pathways at the site.

On the occasion, the DC also resolved the issue regarding land coming under the ancient

site on the spot. Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited the Shankaracharya Temple to inspect the works being executed by Archaeological Survey of India around the site of Temple like development of green Zone, Facade, etc.

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This Day In History

- 1913 Turkey and Bulgaria sign peace treaty in Constantinople
- 1922 US President Warren G. Harding signs a joint resolution of approval to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine
- 1938 Winston Churchill condemns Hitler's annexation of Czechoslovakia
- 1943 - Soviet 13th/61st Army reconquer Chy-
- 1955 Last allied occupying troops leave Austria 1964 - Malta becomes independent from the
- 1970 Soviet space probe Luna 16 leaves the
- 1979 Stephen Jay Gould and Richard Lewontin publish influential paper (cited more than 4,000 times) "The Spandrels of San Marco and the panglossian paradigm", introducing idea of "spandrels" into evolutionary biology
- 1982 STS-5 vehicle moves to launch pad
- 1983 US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test
- 1984 NASA launches Galaxy-C
- 1990 Reports that US refinery problems will lead to a loss in capacity and aggressive remarks by Saddam Hussein send crude prices to new
- 1991 Armenia votes on whether to remain in So-
- 2003 Galileo mission terminated by sending the probe into Jupiter's atmosphere, where it is crushed by the pressure at the lower altitudes
- 2004 The Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) People's War and the Maoist Communist Centre of India merge to form the Communist Party of India (Maoist).

From KO Archives

Examiner Faces Threat To Life, Returns Answer Papers

Observer News Service

rinagar-One of the examiners feeling threat to his life after conducting the viva voice of the students of private colleges has returned the answer papers to the Director Technical Education without marking them.

The examiner, Shujja Hussian, who conducted examination of students of some of the private polytechnic colleges in Government Women's Polytechnic Bernina last month could not be lured by the administration of the concerned college for the favours to their students. Hussain in a letter to the Director Technical Education on August 30, has expressed his apprehensions that the authorities of the college are trying to "harass" him by one way or other.

In order to avoid the harassment and the mental agony he has returned the whole lot of answer papers which he was urged to evaluate - to the Director Technical Education with a note that the performance of the most of the students was dismal and could not be promoted.

His observation during the examination was that the students lacked the basic concept of the subject. "Performance of the students in the exams was very poor. The students could not answer most of the questions during the viva voice. The students gave wrong answers to most of the questions saying that same had been taught to them by their teachers." His further observations were that some of the students

of the KITE Polytechnic had reportedly worked hard on their internal portfolio but unfortunately the schemes were not as per the norms, while as the evaluating authority had misled them by giving them good remarks. Hussain did not promote them as he felt that promoting

such students could spoil their future and was against the norms of the examination. It has been observed that there is mushroom growth of the private colleges and performance of most of them is dismal. Most of these lack the requisite infrastructure and the teachers are not qualified to the satisfaction of the students.

It has been reliably learnt that most of them are using the illegal means to maintain the reputation of their colleges. Sources said that most of these private colleges are buying the question papers from the authorities of the Technical education and the University to supply them to the students in advance for better results. Even the examiners are paid hefty sums for the favours they render to the students of these colleges, alleged the sources.

People in general feel that these colleges who have been recognised by the Government should be made accountable so that they could not deceive the students

ss(Kashmir Observer, September 21, 1998)

Prof Sultana Nahar **Delivers Lecture At NIT**

Srinagar: As part of the "Bevond Classroom Lecture Series of Physics" Prof Sultana N. Nahar from Ohio State University USA on Tuesday delivered her maiden lecture on "X-Ray Spectroscopy for Biomedical Applications" at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The lecture was hosted by the PG, Department of Physics, NIT Srinagar to introduce students to X-Ray Spectroscopy for Biomedical Applications in collaboration with the Department of Chemistry and neighboring UG colleges.

While inaugurating the lecture Director NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal said it is a proud moment for NIT Srinagar to host eminent luminary on the campus, that too with whom we have a decade-old relationship.

"The lecture was designed to expose our students and students from other colleges to ongoing research and career opportunities," he said.

Prof. Sehgal lauded the role of the PG Department of Physics and assured his support for such initiatives in the future.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said this lecture series will benefit students and help them to explore more options in the field of science and technology.

"Such lectures would help students in a long way in developing their expertise and specialization in their respective areas. It would act as great significance to our R&D programs," Prof. Bukhari said.

In her key address, Prof Sultana N. Nahar delivered her lecture on "X-Ray Spectroscopy for Biomedical Applications"

She said this area of research has a direct connection with medical applications such as cancer treatment.

Prof. Sultana also shared her inspiring academic and professional journey with the students and covered many aspects of Spectroscopy and its applications to various branches of medical physics.

She said there is no shortcut to success and one can achieve their goal only through hard work and dedi-



The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited Zonal Office Srinagar

Extension of time

reference to the tender jkb/zokc-1/Est/22-Dt:-16-08-2022, issued by this office, regarding advertisement for premises for housing Branch Umer Abad Shalteng, Sgr the last date for receipt of the tenders is extended up to 06th of October, 2022. The tender documents can be downloaded from the link www.jkbank.com. The parties who have already applied need not apply again.

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"One Person Dying Of Hunger Every Four Seconds": NGOs Flag Global Crisis



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ne person is estimated to be dying of hunger every four seconds, over 200 NGOs warned Tuesday, urging decisive international action to "end the spiralling global hunger crisis".

"Organisations from 75 countries have signed an open letter expressing outrage at skyrocketing hunger levels and recommendations for action," the NGOs said in a statement, warning that "a staggering 345 million people are now experiencing acute hunger, a number that has more than doubled since 2019".

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Pointing out that as many as 19,700 people are estimated to be dying of hunger every day, the NGOs said that this translates to one person dying of hunger every four seconds.

"It is abysmal that with all the technology in agriculture and harvesting techniques today we are still talking about famine in the 21st century," Mohanna Ahmed Ali Eljabaly from the Yemen Family Care Association, one of the letter's signatories, said in the statement.

"This is not about one country or one continent and hunger never only has one cause. This is about the injustice of the whole of humanity," he said.

"We must not wait a moment longer to focus both on providing immediate lifesaving food and longer-term support so people can take charge of their futures and provide for themselves and their families."

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Fiancee 'Plots' Chennai-Based Doctor's Murder After He Puts Her Intimate Videos Online



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A Chennai-based doctor in Bengaluru was 'killed' by his fiancee for allegedly releasing private videos of her and her mother on social media, Karnataka Police said on Tuesday.

Both Vikas, 27, and his fiancee Pratipa, 25, originally hailed from Chennai.

Her friends, Susheel, 25, and Gowtham, 27, are also accused of the murder of Vikas while police have launched a hunt for another accused, Surya.

Vikas was attacked on September 10 and he succumbed to his injuries on September 18 at a private hospital. The incident took place in the limits of Begur police station here.

According to the police, Prati-

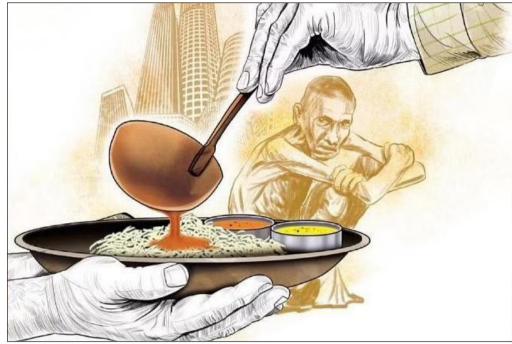
pa worked as an architect. They met through social media two years ago, fell in love and were

to tie the knot next year.
Vikas practised in Chennai
and had come to Bengaluru for
a six-month coaching when he
started living with Pratipa. During this time, Vikas allegedly
made private videos of Pratipa
as well as of her mother, the po-

Later, he allegedly opened a fake account on social media and published the videos. The police said the families of Vikas and Pratipa fought over this.

Pratipa shared the incident with her accused friends. Susheel invited Vikas to his house on September 10 and assaulted him with a mop stick, the police said. IANS

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the petitioners challenging the Karnataka High Court judge-

ment on hijab, on Tuesday told

the Supreme Court that hijab adds

to dignity and makes a woman

very dignified when she wears it, like a Hindu woman who covers

A bench comprising Justices

Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu

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Dave submitted that the girls

want to wear the hijab, so whose

constitutional right is violated?

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jab case. The bench replied that

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have a fundamental right to en-

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could be argued, he added.

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'Definition Of Dignity Has Changed With Time', SC Observes During Hearing On Karnataka Hijab Row

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one cannot see richness or poverty.

Dave said I am for uniform and ev-

The bench added that it has a

very limited question - whether

headgear can be allowed. Dave said

uniform is an unnecessary burden

in society and most can't afford it,

and pointed out that he sees this

with his caddies in the golf course.

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minority community. Solicitor

General Tushar Mehta, repre-

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but religious practice. He cited that

in deciding the question, whether

a given religious practice is an inte-

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test always would be whether it is

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has started hearing the Karna-

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afternoon session.

The bench queried Dave, in suddenly after 75 years the state

Prashant Kishor On Rahul Gandhi's Yatra: "Should Have Started From..."

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Nagpur: Former political strategist Prashant Kishor on Tuesday said that Congress's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' should have started from Gujarat or any other BJP-ruled state.

He was speaking on the sidelines of a program where he met local leaders and activists supporting the cause of a separate Vidarbha state.

"It would have been better had the Congress started its Bharat Jodo Yatra from Gujarat where elections are due later this year, or other BJP-ruled states like Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh," Mr Kishor told PTI when asked about the ongoing campaign.

The Yatra, led by Rahul Gandhi, began from Tamil Nadu.

Notably, there was a buzz earlier this year about Mr Kishor joining the Congress, but he later said that he declined the offer to head its election strategy. Interacting with pro-Vidarb-

Interacting with pro-Vidarbha supporters, he called for a united effort by people of the



region to realise the dream of a

Former BJP MLA Ashish Deshmukh had organised the programme to formulate a strategy to achieve statehood for the eastern Maharashtra region.

"If people have hope, then the idea of a separate Vidarbha state can be pursued," Mr Kishor said.

"The agitation should reach the Centre. It should have a national impact. The campaign should emerge from society," he added.

He has stopped working as a political strategist and wants to work for people and not for any party, Mr Kishor said.

Joint Investigation Finds Abu Akleh's Killing 'Deliberate'



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A joint investigation by a London-based multidisciplinary research group and a Palestinian rights group has uncovered further evidence that refutes Israel's account that the killing of veteran Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was a mistake.

Shireen Abu Akleh was a mistake. Forensic Architecture and Al-Haq said that Abu Akleh's killing was deliberate.

Abu Akleh, who was with Al Jazeera for 25 years and known as the "voice of Palestine", was shot in the head and killed by Israeli forces on May 11 while she was covering an army raid in the Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank.

The probe examined the Israeli sniper's precise angle of fire, and concluded that the sniper was able to clearly tell that there were journalists in the area. It also ruled out the possibility of confrontations between Israeli forces and Palestinians in Jenin at the time of the attack.

According to the investigation, for which Al Jazeera provided material, the Israeli sniper shot for two minutes, and deliberately targeted those who tried to rescue Abu Akleh.

The sniper shot three times, releasing six bullets the first time, then after eight seconds, seven more. One of these bullets was

the one that killed Abu Akleh, hitting her just under her helmet. Two minutes later, the sniper shot three more bullets, to stop

efforts to rescue her.

The findings come on the same day that Abu Akleh's family formally submitted an official complaint to the International Criminal Court (ICC), demanding justice for her killing. Her brother Anton said the family would do whatever it takes to ensure

accountability for her killing.

"Like we said before, and like other reports said previously, there were more than 16 shots fired towards Shireen and the media and her colleagues who were standing in that ally," he told Al Jazeera. "They even targeted the person who was trying to pull her into safety after she was shot down."

The complaint is supported by the Palestinian Press Syndicate and the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ).

Earlier this month, Israel said that there was a "high possibility" that its forces had killed Abu Akleh, but said it would not be launching a criminal investigation.

Multiple investigations carried out by the United Nations, Israeli and Palestinian human rights organisations, and leading news outlets have concluded that Abu Akleh was killed by an Israeli soldier.

NEWS MAKERS

President Covers Her Head With Pallu": Karnataka Leader's Hijab Argument

Agenceis

s the Supreme Court is hearing a batch of petitions against the ban on hijab in educational institutions in Karnataka, JD(S) leader CM Ibrahim compared Islamic headscarves to the pallu. He dragged President Draupadi Murmu to the debate as he claimed that she too wears a 'pallu' and whether the PFI is behind it.

"President Draupadi Murmu also covers her head with a pallu, is that a PFI conspiracy?" NDTV quoted him as saying.

"Indira Gandhi covered her head with a pallu. President covers her head with a pallu, so those who cover their faces with ghoonghat are they all backed by PFI? Covering the head with a pallu is a history of India. It's a sansakar (virtue) of India," he

added.
Several petitions have been filed in the apex court against the Karnataka High Court verdict holding that wearing of hijab is not a part of the essential religious practice



which can be protected under Article 25 of the Constitution. The High Court had dismissed the petitions filed by a section of Muslim students from the Government Pre-University Girls College in Udupi, seeking permission to wear high inside the classroom

hijab inside the classroom.

The prescription of school uniform is only a reasonable restriction, constitutionally permissible which the students cannot object

to, the high court had said. In one of the pleas filed in the top court, the petitioner said the high court has erred in creating a dichotomy of freedom of religion and freedom of conscience wherein the court has inferred that those who follow a religion cannot have the right to conscience.

The High Court has failed to note that the right to wear hijab comes under the ambit of the right to privacy under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. It is submitted that the freedom of conscience forms a part of the right to privacy, it said.

Challenging the February 5

order of the government, the petitioners had argued before the high court that wearing the Islamic headscarf was an innocent practice of faith and an essential religious practice and not a mere display of religious jingoism. The petitioners had also contended that the restriction violated the freedom of expression under Article 19(1)(A) and Article 21 dealing with personal liberty.

Denied Cigarette, Tourist Fires Shots In Shimla Restaurant

Agenceis

Atourist was arrested in Shimla for allegedly firing gunshots in air in a restaurant in the early hours of Tuesday.

The man, identified

as Vishwanath, allegedly threatened to kill a waiter and fired rounds in the air after the latter refused to bring him food and cigarette citing the closing of business hours.

Vishwanath was staying in the hotel situated in the Chotta Shimla area where the incident happened.

"Acting on the complaint of the owner of a private hotel that a guest who stayed in his hotel had fired two rounds with his weapon at night and locked himself in the hotel room with his weapon," Monika Bhutung-



ru, Superintendent of Shimla Police, told ANI.

Police have charged him under Sections 336, 506 (endanger human life or the personal safety of others) of the Indian Penal Code & Arms Act.

"The accused has been arrested and further investigation is going on, Bhutungru added.

Punjab Chief Minister Drunk On Plane? Aviation Minister J Scindia Says...



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Inion Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Tuesday said he will look into the allegations that Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann was deplaned from a Delhi-bound flight at the Frankfurt airport as he was "drunk". The minister asserted that it was important to verify the facts.

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) chief Sukhbir Singh Badal on Monday alleged that Mr Mann was deplaned from a Lufthansa flight at the Frankfurt airport because he was in an inebriated state. Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa too sought an inquiry into the matter and shot off a letter to Mr Scindia.

"This was an incident on international soil. We will have to make sure that we verify the facts. It is up to Lufthansa airline to provide the data. Based on the request that has been sent to me, I will certainly look into it," Mr Scindia told reporters on the sidelines of an event.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has dismissed the Opposition's charge as baseless and bogus. Mr Mann returned from his eight-day trip from Germany on Monday where he had gone to attract investments.

Mehbooba Poisoning Youth For Vested Political Interests: BJP

Press Trust Of India

IAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Tuesday accused PDP chief students being compelled to sing place)," he said. 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram'.

The former chief minister had on Monday posted a video on dus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians Twitter in which school staff were seen asking students to read more often Allama Iqbal's recite the hymn, considered Mahatma Gandhi's favourite bhajan, and termed it the government's real "Hindutva agenda".

"Jailing religious scholars, shutting down Jama Masjid & directing school kids here to sing Hindu hymns exposes the real hindutva agenda of GOI in Kashmir," the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief had said in the tweet.

Reacting to her remarks, Raina said she should avoid playing such politics by "poisoning the young minds"

"Mahatma Gandhi united the whole nation by this bhajan during the freedom struggle. The school children also sing 'lab pe aati hai dua banke tamanna meri... (my heart's desire comes to my lips as a prayer) in their morning assembly and there was no objection from anyone," Raina said.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a free medical camp organised by the party here under 'Sewa Pakhwada', he said problems faced by daily wage some people deliberately cre-

vested political interests.

"Meĥbooba should avoid playing such type of politics. She has lost her ground in Kashmir Mehbooba Mufti of "poisioning" and people of the Valley rejectyoung minds" for vested politi- ed her. She is coming out with cal interests after she objected to such a conspiracy (to regain her

> "This country belongs to all of us, the people of all faiths -- Hinand others. Mehbooba should 'mazhab nahin sikhata aapas mein bair rakhna' (religion does not teach us to fight)...," the BJP leader said.

> On the reopening of cinema halls in Kashmir after over three decades, Raina quipped, "This is the beginning of a new era. Our youngsters in the Valley have only heard the sounds of bombs and bullets and are deprived of all entertainment available to their counterparts in other parts of the country.

> "The people will have an enjoyable experience with the opening of multiplexes," he

Raina also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for declaring the last Dogra ruler Maharaja Hari Singh's birth anniversary on September 23 as an annual holiday.

He said the BJP is "working overtime" to resolve the issues in Jammu and Kashmir and the

SCERT Holds Science Seminar, Selects Topper For National Event

Students warn 'climate change will render Earth Uninhabitable'

Faroog Shah

SRINAGAR: Aaishia Hayat, an eighth-grader from Government Middle School in Mujhgund, zone Batamaloo, was named the winner of the science seminar organized by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) here at Bemina.

from each district of the Kash- ings of the seminar. mir Division participated in the Farlier Mohamma event, which served as a warm- Dehdar, Joint Director, SCERT, up for the National Science Seminar scheduled for November 3, 2022 at Science City, J.B.S. Haldane Avenue, Kolkotta, West Bengal.

Asishia will represent J&K at the national seminar along with the winner of a similar competition that will take place in Jammu shortly.

Sciences for Sustainable Despectus," was divided into four school." segments: Science content in presentation, Novelty in use of worth 40, 15, 25, and 20 points,

The students-through their speeches and presentationswarned that if quick measures to thwart the advances of human misdemeanor were not immediately taken, the earth will soon become inhospitable for all life forms.

SCERT's senior academic officers-Dr Sajjad Ahmad Mir, Dr Amarpreet Kour, Javed Ahmad Dar and Asima Farooq Shahacted as evaluators to the participants' performances while as Dr Sajad Hussain Mir and Shabir Around seventeen students Hussian conducted the proceed-

> Kashmir, while welcoming the participants, said that a child's mother's lap served as their first school where they acquire the basics of science.

"The actual pedagogy is built on daily learning," Dehdar said. "Every big endeavor- like flying in the sky, climbing a mountain or swimming through the The seminar, entitled "Basic oceans—begins with a small step within the premises of velopment: Challenges & Pro- one's home, and later at the

The students, who received certificates of participation, visuals, Fluency in speech and made a promise during the clos-Ability to answer questions. ing ceremony to respect nature Each segment's marks were and preserve the environment in whatever small or significant

SHG Members Of JKRLM Roped In For Solid Waste Managers

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Iammu Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), Indu Kanwal Chib Tuesday conducted a meeting with the Self Help Group members of UMEED on effective implementation and management of Solid Waste across UT

of Jammu and Kashmir. Chairing the meeting of over 20 trained Self Help Group members of JKRLM (Umeed), Mission Director urged the SHG members to start an awareness on solid waste management by involving Self Help Group members to chalk out the plan for collection of solid waste and its management through various Self Help Groups.

During the meeting she directed the SHG members to conduct a proper survey of the type of solid waste in their respective villages and plan accordingly its management with NIRD-PR Hyderabad.

by effective usage of techniques and practices learned at National Insti-Mission Director tute of Rural Development and Panchayti Raj (NIRD-PR) Hyderbad.

Adding further the Mission Director urged upon the trained SHG members to identify the most vulnerable section of the society and involve them in the activities so that they can use this platform for Livelihood generation.

These women will be engaged as solid waste Managers by the Mission and they will carry out solid waste management duties like daily waste collection, waste segregation and so on Mission Director added.

It is to mention here that 20 Self Help Group members of Umeed (IKRLM) from the both the divisions of UT of I&K were enrolled in 5 Day training programme on solid waste management organised by Mission in collaboration

Destination Weddings Making Their Way To Kashmir



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The wedding ceremony of Rajvir and Jaspreet at Pahalgam on Monday has brought to focus the scope of Kashmir being promoted as a Wedding Destination as well, an official spokesperson said. He said that the family trav-

elled all the way from Canada to make the occasion memorable on the banks of Lidder surrounded all around by lush green forests.

Industry insiders say that buoyed by the confidence of a record tourist footfall many NRIs and other families are now planning their weddings and nostalgic appeal the place has for people across the globe. This summer saw the grand wedding of prominent national executive at Srinagar.

Tourism Department on its Destination, it is all set to give part is supporting this new trend with all seriousness. The Department has flagged this new trend for replication on a bigger scale.

'Jammu & Kashmir is a beautiful place. People can come here not only to enjoy the mesmerizing locales but also to perform and celebrate their weddings at dream destinations here. In fact we are in touch with local hoteliers in this regard", said Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Tourism Department.

Currently cities and destinations like Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Musoori, Lonavala are the favourite wedding destinations nomic potential of Destination ism", adds Sarmad Hafeez. Wedding market in the country

tourism here a big boost.

Jammu & Kashmir in the last one year or so has seen the arrival of MICE, corporate bookings and Film tourism besides the traditional leisure and adventure tourism. Holding of destination weddings now is going to further broaden the spectrum of tourism services and products.

"In several of our meetings with local hoteliers, we have asked them to induct facilities for dream weddings and tie up with leading Wedding Planners and Event managers of the country to sell the place as a prominent wedding destination which certainly would give in Kashmir given the romantic across the country. The eco- a big boost to the local tour-

Marriages, as they say, are is pegged to be around Rs. 25, made in Heaven. But these are 0000 crore. With the enlisting also now being celebrated in of Kashmir as another Wedding heaven (on Earth), Kashmir.

SIA Searches 4 Schools Of Falah-e-Aam Trust In Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Several schools affiliated to Falah-e-Aam trust, an affiliate of Jamaat-e-Islami, were searched by State Investigation Agency (SIA) of J&K police in four districts of Kashmir.

According to a statement by SIA, search warrants were issued by Court of Special Judge, Designated under NIA (TADA/ POTA) Srinagar in connection with investigation of case (FIR No. 17/2019) under section 10, 11, 13, UA(P) Act.

Sopore, Nowgam Chowk Sri- faculty of these schools. nagar, one near Bus Stand, An-

proscribed by the government litigations came to be lodged by said, adding, "The public internity against legal action. During lies in the fact that in several quasi judicial proceedings pre- stages of the 30-year-old seces- basis for further investigation."

ceding ban on JeI, evidence had come on record that one of the major methods of propagating its secessionist agenda had been to maintain control over a parallel school system," the SIA claimed, adding, "Bedsides, creating such properties by encroaching government or community land, FAT, as per reports has used its connections with Hizbul Mujahideen to regularise such encroachments.'

The SIA said that it is a matter of investigation as to how many known Jamaat-e-Islami The premises searched in- members are represented in clude FAT offices Salamat Abad, the management and teaching

"It is also to be investigated known to be former office bear-

sionist and (militant) campaign, Hizbul Mujahideen had burnt down several government schools across the length and breadth of the Valley.'

The correlation between destroying government facilities on one hand and creating parallel private facilities where cocurricular and extracurricular programmes can be leveraged to influence young minds that are inherently in support of a longterm "secessionist" campaign and not always necessarily by picking up arms is also a matter of investigation, the SIA said. "During the searches, in-

criminating material including Laptops, cash books, cheque antnag and Main Bazar Kulgam. how many members of the books, Land documents etc hav-"FAT in the past had been management of the trust are ing bearing on the investigation subsequent to which several ers of Jamaat-e-Islami," the SIA seized," the SIA said in the statement, adding, "Analysis of the Jel management seeking immu- est aspect of the investigation data would follow and leads that would emerge would become the

Sheep Husbandry Dept 'Refusing' Info Under RTI: Disengaged Workers

leged illegal appointments.

Syed Mohammad Burhan

SRINAGAR: Need based works engaged in the Sheep Husbandry Department in 2014 allege that some Department tics to stop them from seeking information under RTI of some tainted employees.

The disengaged workers say, in 2014, around 250 people were under the RTI act of 2005. appointed in the Sheep Husbandry Department and services of almost all of them were dismissed during the coronavirus pandemic. They also allege some influential employees were reengaged in the Department.

"We were verbally told that we were no longer on the pay rolls of the government".

After being left "unemployed" by the Sheep Husbandry Department, the two disengaged workers filed an RTI application to find the truth behind the al- the Sheep Husbandry Depart-

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SRINAGAR: With an aim of de-

among students, the J&K School

Education department (SED) is

going to establish Virtual Reality

Lab (VRL) in each district of Jam-

Virtual Reality Lab is a unique

facility by which one can walk

through virtual reality representa-

tions of products that are yet to be

realized using virtual reality tech-

nologies. These labs would enable

mu and Kashmir.

However, on 27th June, 2022, Abdul Hameed Bhat S/O Ghulam Muhammad Bhat, R/O Chadoora,

Budgam and Bilal Rashid Hurra S/O Abdul Rashid Hurra wrote officials are using delaying tac- an application to the Public Information Officer, Department Of Sheep Husbandry, Lal Mandi Srinagar and sought information of the re-engaged employees However, much to the disap-

pointment of the applicants, the officials have allegedly failed to provide them with the relevant details of the reengaged employees. "Some of reinstated employ-

ees work in Kupwara farm, some in Direction Office Srinagar and some are posted in Bandipora" Abdul Hameed Bhat said.

appointment order but no one is listening to our pleas" he added. Abdul Hameed further said

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Central Government has al-

ready sanctioned ten Virtual Re-

ality Labs for Jammu and Kashmir

to develop a scientific tempera-

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With the help of virtual labs,

cost of Rs 20 to 25 Lakh each.

fun and engaging for students.

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ment has failed to provide them with the re-engagement order of some of the appointees.

Disengaged workers also alleged the officials have failed to provide bank details of the alleged tainted worker from Rainawari, Srinagar who is drawing more salary than he should.

However, officials in the Sheep Husbandry Department have denied such claims as baseless.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, a senior official of the Department said the RTI applicants have sought information of a particular employee for which we have to take his consent. All other details have been provided to them.

"The Director has ordered us to seek permission from the "We did an RTI seeking their employee. Once we are done with the formalities, we will provide with the information" "It is going to take five to ten

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All J&K Transport Welfare **Association Calls On LG**

Demand Ban On Illegal Ops Of e-Rickshaws, Re-registration Of Outside Vehicles, Maintenance Of GBS Parimpora



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The All J&K Transport Welfare Association on Tuesday demanded ban on illegal operation of e-Rikshaws on unapproved routes, re-registration of vehicles purchased from outside J&K, besides the proper maintenance of General Bus Stand Parimpora & Narwal transport yard and release of pending payments of transport vehicles under Government use.

The association raised these demands with the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at the Raj Bhavan on Tuesday, an official spokesperson said.

He said a 10-member delegation led by Association Chairman S Ajit Singh Khalsa and General Secretary, Sheikh Mohammad Yousuf and President, spokesperson, discussed various Vijay Singh Chib submitted a matters with the Lt Governor inmemorandum of demands to cluding renewal of lease of KVIC the LG and put forth various issues and demands pertaining duction of bee boxes, besides efto smooth operations of public transport and welfare of transporter community.

cluded re-examination of order PMEGP in the last fiscal and how No. 08-JK(TR) of 2022, issued by it can be implemented more ag-Transport Department; ban on gressively in the future to create illegal operation of e-Rikshaws manifold employment opportuon unapproved routes; re-registration of vehicles purchased from outside UT; besides the issue of proper maintenance of 21,640 manufacturing and ser-General Bus Stand Parimpora & vice units in J&K and as many as Narwal transport yard and re- 1.73 lakh new employment was

transport vehicles under Government use, among other issues," he said.

On the sidelines of the meeting, he said, Khalsa also apprised the Lt Governor about an array of issues concerning the Sikh community that have been pending since long.

"The Lt Governor gave a patient hearing to the Chairman, AIKTWA and members of the delegation and assured that their genuine issues and demands would be redressed on merit," the spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India, Manoj Kumar also called on LG.

Kumar, according to the training center at Pampore, proschemes in J&K.

"Discussion was also held 'The prominent demands in- on the record achievement in nities," he said.

Pertinently, in 2021-22, under PMEGP, the KVIC established lease of pending payments of generated in the region.

CS Inaugurates Portal For J&KRAS, 2022



Observer News Service

IAMMU: The Chief Secretary. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta inaugurated the portal for Jammu and Kashmir Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme (JKRAS), 2022; thus removing the manual interface of the applicants with the government for applying for compassionate appointments.

The new Scheme replaces the J&K Compassionate Appointment Rules, 1994 under which the dependents of the deceased government employees applied manually for compassionate appointments.

Administrative Secretaries of various departments were present on the occasion.

The new Scheme was rolled out on 6th of this month and while it is chiefly modeled on central government's compassionate appointment scheme, it also caters to the unique local requirement

a government employee who dies in harness; retires on invalid pension; dies as a result of militancy related action or due to enemy action on the Line of Control or International Border within Jammu and Kashmir and is not involved in militancy related activities.

It will cover only a government servant appointed on a regular basis and not one working on daily wage or casual or apprentice or ad-hoc or contract or re-employ-

However the application for pension of the government ser-

Administrative Secretary General Administrative Department lakhs.

(GAD) will be competent authority to make compassionate appointments and grant monetary compensation under this Scheme.

Besides, the Lieutenant Governor through Chief Secretary in coordination will be the competent authority for making compassionate appointments in the cases where relaxations are involved.

Under the Scheme, the appointments can be made only against the posts for Multi Tasking Staff or equivalent or lowest non-Gazetted cadre posts in the Department. Applicant, who is a Graduate or having higher qualification, can also be considered for appointment against a lowest non-gazetted post or Multi Tasking Staff post notwithstanding the bar on higher qualification prescribed in the extant Rules. He or she (applicant) will be assessed with regard to the Relative Merit Points Assessment Scheme (RMPAS) on a 100 point scale and The new Scheme will apply to will be required to meet the stanthe dependent family member of dards laid down for compassionate appointment with regard to

> The Scheme also provides that if the applicant fulfils the eligibility criteria prescribed in this Scheme for compassionate appointment into the Government service and is considered for compassionate appointment under this Scheme. he or she will have the option to refuse the appointment. In case, the applicant chooses to do so, he or she will be entitled to a monetary compensation of Rs 5 lakh in lieu of appointment on compas-

The dependant, who does not meet the standards laid down for compassionate appointment to will not be considered, if the same the government service with reference to RMPAS will be considered for grant of monetary compensation. The dependents of the deceased employees will be paid monetary compensation of Rs 5 KO VIEW

Waqf Activism

ammu and Kashmir Waqf Board has banned the Dastaar Bandi (turban-tying) of politicians at mosques and shrines across the union territory. It has called for "any violation shall immediately be brought to the notice of the Central Office for legal action in the matter." Only the 'Dastaar Bandi' of people for religious achievements will be allowed with prior permission from the board. This is a move that shall be welcomed by a large number of people in the UT. As rightly pointed out by the Waqf Board, "the leaders continue to be invited to the shrines and their Dastaar Bandi is carried out on the basis of party affiliations to promote political agenda at sacred religious places." This practice detracts from the sacredness of these places and it is good that the government has taken a firm step to do away it.

Earlier, the board had banned the collection of donations by trustees at shrines and mosques run by it. It termed the collection by trustees, locally known as Muttawali, as an "unethical practice." The Board said it took the step after complaints from people about purported corruption. The system of collecting donations from the devotees goes back centuries, so its ban was criticized by some quarters.

That said, there has been much that has not been alright with some traditions at our sacred shrines which are an inextricable part of our spiritual and cultural identity. The money that is collected as donations at religious places should be used for not only the upkeep of these places but also for investing in the larger public good. And that has hardly ever happened in the Valley. Fewer individuals have generally cornered money. So, the system was in need of a long overdue overhaul and reform. Crores of rupees are annually collected as donations at the shrines and mosques and this money can be used to build charities or educational institutions. It is time that the public money is used for public good, not to line the pockets of a few.

Similarly, it was never a good practice to use the sacred sites of shrines for the aggrandizement of politicians, who used it to further their political agenda than to advance a spiritual cause. The Waqf has done well to ban the practice. At the same time also, religion is a very sensitive issue and touches deeply the lives of people. While the Waqf rightly takes steps to reform some unscrupulous aspects of the management of shrines and mosques, it should do so by ensuring it doesn't hurt the sentiments of the faithful.

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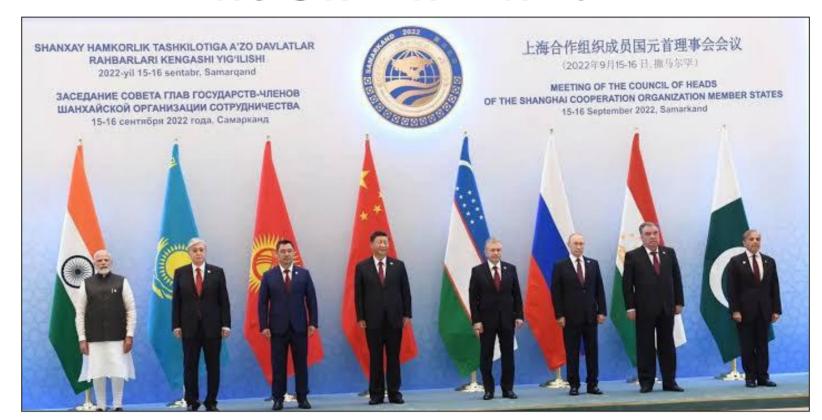
Knowing The Killer

entencing after conviction is a knotty problem in cases relating to capital offences. Trial judges are called upon to make a decision on whether only a death sentence will meet the ends of justice, or a life term will be enough. As a salutary norm, the Supreme Court has laid down that the death penalty can be imposed only in the "rarest of rare" cases. Subsequent judgments have sought to buttress this principle by holding that the gruesome nature of the offence may not be the sole criterion to decide what brings it under the 'rarest of rare' category. The offender, his socio-economic background and his state of mind are also key factors in this regard. In practice, the sentencing part of the trial takes place after the court records a conviction. It is often done on the same day as the verdict, with only some limited arguments being heard on 'mitigating circumstances' from the convict's side and on the 'aggravating circumstances' from the prosecution. The latest order of a three-judge Bench, referring to a Constitution Bench the issue of granting a meaningful opportunity to convicts on the question of sentence, is a big stride in humanising the

Same-day sentencing has been upheld by several judgments, with the Supreme Court often saying where a meaningful opportunity has been given to the convict to present mitigating factors, the mere fact that death was awarded on the same day would not vitiate the sentence. Some High Courts have given a chance to convicts to present mitigating factors so that the inadequacy of the sentencing process in the trial court does not matter. Present thinking, however, is veering towards the view that courts must elicit reports from the jail authorities, probation officers and even trained psychologists to assess the mitigating factors in favour of not imposing the death penalty. In its referral order, the Bench has also raised the question as to the stage at which mitigating factors are to be presented. It has noted that the scales are tilted against the convicts now, as it is only after conviction that they are able to speak about mitigating circumstances. The prosecution, on the other hand, presents its case from the beginning on how heinous the crime was, and how much the accused deserved maximum punishment. The Constitution Bench may come up with new guidelines under which the trial courts themselves can hold a comprehensive investigation into factors related to the upbringing, education and socio-economic conditions of an offender before deciding the punishment. The legal and moral dilemma of sending someone to the gallows, of course, will subsist only as long as the death penalty remains on the statute book.

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Indian Diplomacy's at Samarkand



Asad Mirza

uring the last fortnight, India has asserted itself diplomatically by refusing to join an important pillar of the U.S.-led IPEF, and at the same time PM Modi in Samarkand has demonstrated his government's resolve to act glocally and resolutely in interactions with regional leaders

The 22nd summit of the eight-nation Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) took place in Uzbekistan's capital Samarkand, last week. The summit was held amid the growing geopolitical turmoil set-off by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and China's aggressive military posturing in the Taiwan Straits.

China which initiated this regional grouping as Shanghai Five in 1996, has transformed the forum into an influential grouping of 8 nations, with many more like Iran to join as a permanent member and diverse countries like Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkiye, Belarus and Mongolia being given Observer status, which shows its transformation into an influential regional forum, besides challenging to other western regional alliances

In his address at the summit, PM Modi obdurately touched every relevant aspect of the current geo-political situation. He urged SCO to strive to develop reliable, resilient and diversified supply chains in the region. For this, better connectivity will be required, besides giving full rights of transit to each other, he asserted, in a veiled reference to Pakistan. He also batted for making India a regional manufacturing hub. On tackling the challenges of food security, he spoke of India's efforts to popularise millets as

In a speech that was otherwise free from references to India's regional issues on terrorism with Pakistan and on territorial sovereignty with China, Mr. Modi called for greater cooperation in the Eurasian region. He also focused on initiatives on manufacturing that India is willing to pilot in the next year, when India assumes the chair of the SCO and hosts the Summit in mid-2023.

Modi-Xi Jinping Meeting

The most important meeting from India's standpoint was a possible meeting between Prime Minister Modi and Chinese President Jinping. Everyone wondered whether roadblocks have been cleared and temperaments cooled after the recent success of commander level talks between two countries on the issues of Chinese aggression in Indian Ladakh region

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opportunity for two leaders to reset the ties. But there seemed little willingness from the two sides, to compromise. In fact, if the reports are to be believed, the exchange between the two leaders, reminded one of the cold treatment meted out by Mr Modi to former Pakistan's prime minister, Nawaz Sharif at the 2014 SAARC summit, though it eventually ended with a handshake at the last moment, but nothing such happened in Samarkand. But the moot question here is whether China is in a mood to mend ties with India?

Well, it seems no, not at the moment perhaps. Modi and Xi have met twice earlier but that is not enough to read each other's thoughts and also make a convincing and principled case, though both the countries stand to gain much economically, if ties are improved.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra, when asked about a meeting that never happened said that he did not "think there is anything more to read into that".

Modi-Putin Meeting

PM Modi's bilateral meeting with Russian President Putin at the summit also received a lot of attention. The two leaders shared the customary diplomatic greetings, with Modi specifically emphasising that the modern era was not a time of war. According to reports, Putin acknowledged India's position on the Ukrainian conflict and reaffirmed his commitment to a speedy resolution.

India and Chinese leaders expressing their concerns directly with the Russian leader about the war in Ukraine is reflective of global concerns about the effects of its aggression, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said last Friday.

The mainstream American media on Friday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for telling Russian President Vladimir Putin that this is "not the time for war" in Ukraine. It was the lead story on the webpages of both The Washington Post and The New York Times, and was widely carried by the mainstream American media.

Modi-Erdogan Bonhomie

Among other impromptu meetings was the one important one between PM Modi and Turkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, which was held unannounced on Friday. After the meeting, Modi underlined that the focus was on economic ties between the two countries.

The MEA, in a statement, described the meeting as a review of current India-Turkiye relations. While noting the increase in recent years in economic relations, particularly bilateral trade, it acknowledged the potential for further enhancement of economic and commercial partnerships. Erdogan last visited India in 2017.

While India-Turkiye's economic and commercial cooperation constitutes an important dimension of the bilateral relationship, diplomatic ties have been adversely impacted over Turkiye's public criticism of the revocation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and the February 2020 riots in north-east Delhi.

Modi-Raisi Meeting, Looking Ahead

Another important meeting at Samarkand was between PM Modi and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi. Both the leaders took the opportunity to discuss boosting ties in areas like energy, commerce and connectivity. They also reviewed progress of the Shahid Behesti terminal at Chabahar Port and there are indications that the Iranian president also discussed a new mechanism to supply crude oil to India on rupee payment basis, instead of American doll This may bring the two countries closer on the trade and economic fronts.

India will be hosting the next SCO Summit in 2023, and this will offer Mr Modi an opportunity to develop the organisation into a more meaningful and cohesive organisation. A fact evident by the number of countries, which are desirous of joining it, due to its regional potential.

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Dilemma in Career Choices

T is winter in Kashmir, and for a student, it is a time to wake up early and rush towards coaching centers. Kashmir is one among the beautiful places on earth, but, taking its youth into cognizance, they have made this wonderful heaven a wandering one.

In Kashmir, after passing class 10th examinations, students get a welcome in different coaching centers to opt their streams. But, this time they have to be careful because whatever they will be in future is purely reflected by the subjects they opt. Students must understand and know why they're opting a particular stream. Consistency, sticking to goals, inquisitiveness, time management and dedication is the key to success. And proper strategy, clear perspective and motivation are three basic factors they need to work upon. I see a number of students wandering in coaching centers. They go to almost every coaching center but they are still in a dilemma and confusion.

I have seen a number of students getting admission in coaching centers without consulting their parents or elders. Parents have to give freedom and independence to their children but to some limits. Parents are known as the best councillors of a child, but if they become abortive to give right opinions and decisions to their children, then they are responsible for their arrogance. Home is the best school for children and they should get proper nourishment here or else they will become unsuccessful in his goals.

Parents sometimes force their children to choose medical stream; a practice typical in our society. Children have the right to choose their subject of interest. Parents must encourage them and appreciate their choice and support them fully, this will lead them to achieve their goals easily because if a person has not any sort of interest in studies he can never achieve his goal in life. When parents send their children to outside places far from home to study, they should keep in consideration that their children should not become victims of bad evils of our society like drug abuse etc. that can set a blot on a student's character.

The hand of a parent is the best support that a child can hold. So, parents should look after the likes, dislikes and choices of a child and make proper decisions for them. So that they can turn the wandering heaven into a wonderful one!

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Psychological Underpinnings of a Crime

Dr. Ashraf Amin

ur times witness the most heinous crimes. And the graph of crimes surges each day. The fear of law is fast vanishing from the hearts of criminals and antisocial elements. One really wonders that despite harsh condemnations, uproar and protests from responsible social citizens, the rise in the ranks of criminals soars high. It could be due to laxity in carrying out punishments by the law enforcing agencies, but that is not the sole reason for the pace and barbarity of crimes. Allah's Messenger (pbuh) is reported to have said to his followers: "Help your brother, whether he is an oppressor or he is an oppressed one. People asked, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! It is all right to help him if he is oppressed, but how should we help him if he is an oppressor?" The Prophet (pbuh) said, "By preventing him from oppressing others." This Hadith would have shocked us equally by its apparent meaning, however Rasul Allah (pbuh) was teaching us the psychological underpinnings of the crimes and the criminal.

The first thing is that an oppressor or criminal who commits a crime is compulsive to do so in many cases. His poor upbringing, a negative social environment, and inadequate training, all play a role in sharpening his criminal instincts. Most of the time bad company, a dangerous indoctrination, and poor supervision gives birth to a ferocious and insensitive human being. The per-



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our young generation is exposed to hazardous worldviews and lifestyles. They have poor training in morals and character. The major share of their time is spent on those pastimes that have least to do with growth in character and ethics. Rasul Allah (pbuh) was teaching more than a millennium ago that the upbringing of a child/ or the citizen of a nation/society is a big challenge and one must undertake all measures to build up a healthy and crime

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The Prophet (pbuh) was optimistic in reforming men who had fallen to unlawful activities. He (pbuh) believed in subduing the criminal thoughts before they take on a concrete shape. Thoughts have a tremendous power. There is a famous maxim, "You are what your thoughts make you". The Prophet (pbuh) was teaching us that the climax of the crime is committing the crime physically, but how apt it would have been if the idea would be nipped in the bud i.e. but not allowing it to dominate one's feelings, thoughts, and emotions!

Tail-piece: The grim scenario of global human society where not a single day passes without hearing and witnessing crimes of gruesome murders, rapes, acid attacks, abductions, human trafficking, molestations, etc. summons us to wake up for the repair and renovation of our societies. Our existence is threatened by our own people and by the same measure by our own negligence. We can't leave our generation at the mercy of circumstances. We can't afford to expose our youth to unfiltered ideas, ideologies, life-styles and to a selfish worldview devoid of human sacredness.

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Salt and Water of Obesity Epidemic



Richard Johnson

cientific studies and media coverage are rife with warnings on how sugar, carbohydrates, saturated fat and lack of exercise contribute to obesity. And tens of millions of Americans are still overweight or obese in large part because of the classic Western diet and lifestyle.

As an educator, researcher and professor of medicine, I have spent more than 20 years investigating the causes of obesity, as well as related conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and chronic kidney disease.

Throughout my many years of studying obesity and related health conditions, I've observed that relatively little is said about two significant pieces of this very complex puzzle: lack of hydration and excessive salt intake. Both are known to contribute to obesity.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM A DESERT SAND RAT

Nature provides a clue to the role these factors play with the desert sand rat Psammomys obesus, a half-pound rodent with a highpitched squeak that lives in the salty marshes and deserts of Northern Africa. It survives, barely, by eating the stems of Salicornia – the glasswort - a plant that looks a bit like aspara-

Although low in nutrients, the glasswort's fleshy, succulent sap is filled with water that's rich in salt, at concentrations as high as what's found in seawater.

Recent studies have provided new insights into why the desert sand rat might crave the salty sap of glasswort. Although this has not yet been proven specifically in the sand rat, it is likely that a high-salt diet helps the sand rat convert the relatively low amount of carbohydrates it's ingesting into fructose, a type of sugar that occurs naturally in fruits, honey and some vegetables.

This helps the animal survive when food and fresh water are sparse. This is because fructose activates a "survival switch" that stimulates foraging, food intake and the storage of fat and carbohydrates that protect the animal from starvation.

However, when the rat is brought into captivity and given the common rodent diet of about 50% carbohydrates, it rapidly develops obesity and diabetes. But if given fresh vegetables low in starchy carbohydrates, the rodent remains lean.

My research, and the research of many other scientists over the decades, shows that many Americans unwittingly behave much like a captive desert sand rat, although few are in settings where food and water are limited. They are constantly activating the survival

FRUCTOSE AND OUR DIETS

As mentioned, fructose, a simple sugar, appears to have a key role in activating this survival switch that leads to fat production.

Small amounts of fructose, like that found in an individual fruit, are not the problem rather it is excessive amounts of fructose that are problematic for human health. Most of us get our fructose from table sugar and highfructose corn syrup. Intake of these two sugars totals approximately 15% of calories in the average American diet.

These sugars encourage people to eat more, which can lead to weight gain, fat accumulation and prediabetes.

Our bodies also make fructose on their own - and experimental studies suggest it may be enough to trigger the development of obesity.

Since fructose is made from glucose, production of fructose increases when blood glucose levels are high. This process happens when we eat a lot of rice, cereal, potatoes and white bread; those are carbs that rapidly release glucose into the blood rapidly.

And notably, fructose production can also be stimulated by dehydration, which drives fat production.

FAT PROVIDES WATER

Fat has two major functions. The first one, which is well known, is to store calories for a later time when food is unavailable.

The other major but lesser-known function of fat is to provide water.

To be clear, fat does not contain water. But when fat breaks down, it generates water in the body. The amount produced is substantial, and roughly equivalent to the amount of fat burned. It's so significant that some animals rely on fat to provide water during times when it's not available.

Whales are but one example. While they drink some seawater, they get most of their water from the foods they eat. And when they go for extended periods without food, they get their water primarily by metabolizing fat.

The role of dehydration as a contributor to obesity should not be underestimated. It commonly occurs after eating salty foods. Both dehydration and salt consumption lead to the production of fructose and fat.

This is why salty french fries are especially fattening. The salt causes a dehydration-like state that encourages the conversion of the starch in the french frv to fructose.

What's more, studies show most people who are overweight or obese don't drink enough water. They are far more likely to be dehydrated than those who are lean. Their salt intake is also very high compared with lean people's.

Research shows that people with obesity frequently have high levels of vasopressin, a hormone that helps the kidneys hold water to

regulate urine volume.

But recent studies suggest vasopressin has another purpose, which is to stimulate fat

For someone at risk of dehydration or starvation, vasopressin may have a real survival benefit. But for those not at risk, vasopressin could drive most of the metabolic effects of excess fructose, like weight gain, fat accumulation, fatty liver and prediabetes.

DRINKING MORE WATER

So does this mean drinking more water can help us lose weight? The medical community has often scoffed at the assertion. However, our research team found that giving mice more water slowed weight gain and the development of prediabetes, even when the mice had diets rich in sugar and fat.

There is also increasing evidence that most people drink too little water in general, and increasing water intake may help people who are obese lose weight.

That's why I encourage drinking eight tall glasses of water a day. And eight is likely enough; don't assume more is better. There have been cases of people drinking so much that "water intoxication" occurs. This is particularly a problem with people who have heart, kidney or liver conditions, as well as those who have had recent surgery or are long-distance runners. It's always good to first check with your doctor about water intake.

For the desert sand rat, and for our ancestors who scavenged for food, a high-salt and limited-water diet made sense. But human beings no longer live that way. These simple measures - drinking more water and reducing salt intake - offer cheap, easy and healthy strategies that may prevent or treat obesity.

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Young Cold-Blooded Animals Are Suffering The Most As Earth Heats Up, Research Finds

The Conversation

limate change is making heatwaves worse. Many people have already noticed the difference and so too have other animals.

Sadly, research by myself and colleagues has found young animals, in particular, are struggling to keep up with rising temperatures, likely making them more vulnerable to climate change than adults of their species.

The study focused on ectotherms, or cold-blooded animals, which comprise more than 99% of animals on Earth. They include fish, reptiles, amphibians and insects. The body temperature of these animals reflects outside temperatures so they can get dangerously hot during heat

In a warming world, a species' ability to adapt or acclimatise to temperatures is crucial. Our study found that young ectotherms, in particular, can struggle to handle more heat as their habitat warms up. That may have dramatic consequences for biodiversity as climate change worsens.

Our findings are yet more evidence of the need to urgently reduce greenhouse gas emissions to prevent catastrophic global heating. Humans must also provide and retain cool spaces to help animals navigate a warmer future.

Tolerating heat in a changing climate

The body temperature of ectotherms is extremely variable. As they move through their habitat, their body temperature var-

ies according to the outside conditions. However, there's only so much heat these animals can tolerate. Heat tolerance is defined as the maximum body temperature ectotherms can handle before they lose functions such as the ability to walk or swim. During heat waves, their body temperature gets so high they can die.

Species, including ectotherms, can adapt to challenges in their environment over time by evolving across generations. But the rate at which global temperatures are rising means in many cases, this adaptation is not happening fast enough. That's why we need to understand how animals acclimatise to rising temperatures within a single lifetime.

Unfortunately, some young animals have little to no ability to move and seek cooler temperatures. For example, baby lizards inside eggs cannot move elsewhere. And owing to their small size, juvenile ectotherms cannot move great distances.

This suggests young animals may be particularly vulnerable during intense heat waves. But we know very little about how young animals acclimatise to high temperatures. Our research sought to find out more.

Young animals at risk

Our study drew on 60 years of research into 138 ectotherm species from around the

Overall, we found the heat tolerance of embryos and juvenile ectotherms increased very little in response to rising temperatures. For each degree of warming, the heat tolerance of young ectotherms only increased by an average 0.13



peratures.

The physiology of heat acclimatisation in animals is very complex and poorly understood. It appears linked to a number of factors such as metabolic activity and proteins produced by cells in response to

Our research showed young land-based animals were worse at acclimatising to heat than aquatic animals. This may be because moving to a cooler temperature on land is easier than in an aquatic environment, so land-based animals may not have devel-

oped the same ability to acclimatise to heat. Heat tolerance can vary within a species. It can depend on what temperatures an animal has experienced during its lifetime and, as such, the extent to which it has acclimatised. But surprisingly, our research found past exposure to high temperatures does not necessarily help a young animal withstand future high tem-

Take, for example, Lesueur's velvet gecko which is found mostly along Australia's east coast. Research shows juveniles from eggs incubated in cooler nests (23.2 degree Celsius) tolerated temperatures up to 40.2 degree Celsius. In contrast, juveniles from warmer nests (27 degree Celsius) only tolerated temperatures up to

88.7 degree Celsius.

Those patterns can persist through adulthood. For example, adult male mosquito fish from eggs incubated to 32 degree Celsius were less tolerant to heat than adult males that experienced 26 degree Celsius during incubation.

These results show embryos are especially vulnerable to extreme heat. Instead of getting better at handling heat, warmer eggs tend to produce juveniles and adults less capable of withstanding a warmer fu-

Overall, our findings suggest young cold-blooded animals are already struggling to cope with rising temperatures and conditions during early life can have lifelong consequences.

What's next?

To date, most studies on the impacts of climate change have focused on adults. Our research suggests animals may be harmed by heatwaves long before they reach adulthood perhaps even before they're born.

Alarmingly, this means we may have underestimated the damage change will cause to biodiversity.

Clearly, it's vitally important to limit global greenhouse gas emissions to the extent required by the Paris Agreement.

But we can also act to protect species at a finer scale by conserving habitats that allow animals to find shade and shelter during heatwaves. Such habitats include trees, shrubs, burrows, ponds, caves, logs and rocks. These places must be created, restored and preserved to help animals prosper in a warming world.

Traditional Architectural Techniques Can Keep Buildings Cool

The Conversation

odern styles of architecture using concrete and glass have often usurped local building techniques better suited to parts of the world with hotter climates. Now some architects are resurrecting traditional techniques to help keep buildings cool.

From western Europe to China, North Africa and the US, severe heatwaves brought drought, fire and death to the summer of 2022.

The heatwaves also raised serious questions about the ability of existing infrastructure to cope with extreme heat, which is projected to be-



come more common due to climate change.

Yet, for thousands of years, people living in parts of the world used to high temperatures have deployed traditional passive cooling techniques in the way they designed their buildings.

In Nigeria, for example, people have long used biomimicry to copy the style of local flora and fauna as they design their homes, according to Anthony Ogbuokiri, a senior lecturer in architectural design at Nottingham Trent University in the UK.

But in the 20th century, cities even in very hot climates began following an international template for building design that meant cities around the world, regardless of where they were, often had similar looking skylines.

Ogbuokiri calls this duplitecture, and says it ramped up the cooling load due to an in-built reliance on air conditioners.

Alongside this, there was a massive boom in the use of concrete, particularly after the second world war when the Soviet Union and the US started gifting their cold war allies concrete technology.

It was a competition both to discover who actually mastered concrete and who was better at gathering the materials, the people and the energy to make concrete, explains Vyta Pivo, assistant professor of architecture at the University of Michigan in the US.

But too much concrete can contribute to the phenomenon of urban heat islands, where heat is concentrated in cities. Concrete is also a considerable contributor to global carbon emissions.

Some architects and researchers are working to rehabilitate and improve traditional passive techniques that help keep buildings cool without using energy.

Susan Abed Hassan, a professor of architectural engineering at Al-Nahrain University in Baghdad, Iraq, focuses a lot on windcatchers in her work, a type of chimney which funnels air through houses to keep them cooler in hot cli-

She's now looking at how to combining underground water pipes with windcatchers to enhance their cooling effects.

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Development Programme (ABDP) in blocks of DK Marg and Manzgam Reference No.:- District Development Commissioner Kulgam Order No. DDCK/ABDP/2022-

23/4026-30 Dated 16-08-2022

Admission Notice

Admission Notification for admission in various short term courses under Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP) in blocks of DK Marg and Manzgam. Application are inverted, from residents of DK Marg and Manzgam Block only. Admission in various short term courses at detailed below to be conducted at Panchayat Ghar DK Marg and Higher secondary School

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- **Domical Certificate**

Details of shorts term courses for DK Marg Block(Location Panchayat Ghar DK Marg)

S.No	Short term course(Job role)	Qualification	Age	Intake	Duration	Remarks
01	Self Employed Tailor	8th+10th	14 Years Minimum	20	360 Hours	For Residents of DK
02	Assistant Electrician	8th+10th+lTl Diploma	18 Years Minimum	20	390 Hours	Marg Block Only
03	Jam / Jelly & Katchup Processing Technician	84+10th	18 Years Minimum	20	240 Hours	
04	DTH-Set Top Box Installation Technician	10th	18 Years Minimum	20	200 Hours	1
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Details of shorts term courses for Manzgam Block(Location HSS Manzgam)

S.N o	Short term course(Job role)	Qualification	Age	Intake	Duration	Remarks
01	Tailor Basic Sewing Operator	5th+08th+10th	14 Years Minimum	20	270 Hours	For Residents of
02	Assembly & maintenance of Personal Computer	10th	18 Years Minimum	20	240 Hours	Manzgam Block Only
03	Pickle Making	10th	18 Years Minimum	20	240 Hours	
04	Distribution Transformer Repair Technician	10th	18 Years Minimum	20	350 Hours	-
05	CCTV installation Technician	10th+12th+ T in relevant	18 Years Minimum	20	360 Hours	

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Α	e-Bidsubmission(end)	24/09/2022:1400 Hrs
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Part-3:-

Repairs/ welding of 900mm dia underground laid MS Rising main at Marval

Ref:- JK Government official e-Procurement portal Tender ID No's :-2022_IFC_186195_2, 2022_IFC_186195_3

for the subject works, the critical dates are again extended	1 as under: -
Bid submission/ Document download / sale end Date	26/09/2022 at 1400 hrs
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Rest of the terms and conditions shall remain un-altered as laid down in the original e-NIT.

No. MIDS/Ts/ 2446-51 Dated:- 19-09-2022

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division

DIPK-10363/22

JKRLM, NABARD Join **Hands For Rural Mart Startups For SHGs**



Ist UMEED Rural Mart In Kashmir Inaugurated At Shopian

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: Jammu Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM) in collaboration with National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) Tuesday inaugurated a Rural Mart at Shopian.

JKRLM and NABARD have extended the grant support to Self Help Groups (SHGs) promoted under JKRLM for setting up of these Rural Marts.

These marts, first of which was inaugurated today at Shopian, aims to promote and provide and quantity of local goods for the platform for marketing the local handmade products produced by the women SHGs.

attended by SSP, Shopian, Tanushree; ADDC Shopian, Manzoor Hussain, CGM, NABARD, Dr AK Sood and Additional Mission Director NRLM, Reyaz Ahmad Beig.

The mart has been set up in main town Shopian under NAB-ARDs rural mart scheme, to provide a platform for SHGs to sell their handmade products ranging from craft items, clothing, handloom and handicraft products, home-made food items, dry fruits among others.

NABARD has committed to provide the financial support to the tune of Rs.4.79 lakh for each rural mart for a period of 03 years. The components such as shop rent, salary of salesman, marketing and other miscellaneous expenses shall be provided by NABARD.

SSP Shopian Tanushree said that the rural mart to be run by female SHGs was the first step towards women empowerment in the district

CGM NABARD, Dr Sood encouraged the female SHG members to use the mart as an opportunity for economic development and ensure the continuity, quality locals as well as tourists.

Additional Mission Director JKRLM appreciated the SHGs for The inaugural ceremony was being a step ahead for such a unique initiative in the district. The event was attended by members of various SHGs in the district.

Deputy General Manager NA-BARD Surinder Singh, District Development Manager NABARD Rouf Zargar, DPMs JKRLM Uzma Mehraj and Irfan were also present on the occasion.

It is worth mentioning here that NABARD has collaborated with JKRLM for extending the grant support to SHGs promoted by JKRLM for setting up of Rural Marts.

SpiceJet Sends 80 Pilots On 3-Month Leave Without Pay

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Budget carrier SpiceJet on Tuesday said it has asked 80 of its pilots to go on a called back," a pilot told PTI. three-month leave without pay.

The move is a temporary measure to rationalise cost, the Gur-

ith Spicelet's policy of not retrenching any employee which the airline steadfastly followed even during the peak of the Covid pandemic, will help rationalise the pilot strength vis- -vis the aircraft fleet," the budget carrier said in a statement.

The pilots who have been forced to go on leave without pay are from the airline's Boeing aircraft following the grounding and Bombardier fleet.

Earlier Tuesday, a section of pilots went into a tizzy over the its planned pilot induction prodecision of the financially-embattled airline.

was known to us but the sudden- grounding of the MAX fleet reness of the decision has shocked sulted in a large number of ex-

tainty about the company's financial situation after three months. There is no assurance if those forced to go on leave will even be

According to serving and former SpiceJet employees that PTI spoke with, this is the first time gaon-headquartered airline said. the airline has sent pilots on 'This measure, which is in line forced leave in the wake of the

"However, expat pilots were sacked in the wake of the pandemic while cabin crew has been sent on LWP more than once since 2020. Salary cuts have also been there," a former SpiceJet employee, who quit last year, said.

Meanwhile, SpiceJet said it had in 2019 inducted more than 30 of the 737 MAX aircraft.

The airline continued with gramme in the hope that the MAX would be back in service The financial crisis of the airline soon. However, the prolonged many of us. There is also uncer-cess pilots at SpiceJet, it said.

J&K Has Climatic Conditions, **Other Potential To Become Agri-Capital Of India: CS**

Calls For Increasing Crop Intensity, Adopting Digital Initiatives

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday said that J&K has favourable climatic conditions and immense untapped potential in the agriculture sector and with the right approach and endeavours, it can easily evolve as the Agricapital of India.

Dr. Mehta was speaking at 24th Foundation Day of Shere-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) held at its at Baba Jitto Auditorium, Main campus, Chatha

The Chief Secretary underlined that around seventy percent of the population of J&K depends directly or indirectly on agriculture for their livelihoods. Development and promotion of the sector is vital for the prosperity of its people, he said.

Dr Mehta highlighted that J&K stands top among other ploring ways to increase it. Due to the fast paced development done in the UT since 2019, we already stand among the top reiterated. five states in various sectors, he added.

Elaborating on novel initiatives, the Chief Secretary said that farmers have been provided Soil Health Cards and are Jammu. accordingly provided expert advice on farming. He also detailed digital platforms like Agristack and unique farmer IDs being implemented in the our farmers export their farm produce abroad on subsidised rates, added the Chief Secretary.

Dr Mehta called upon experts J&K, also graced the occasion. to help improve crop intensity

Agencies

Qatar in what has been described as the world's

The official IRNA news

agency said in a Monday

report that traders from

Iran and Qatar signed

the deal earlier in the

day in Doha in the pres-

Minister Ali Ahmed Al-

Kuwari and Iran's am-

bassador to Qatar Hamid

under the deal, adding that a services.

Reza Dehghani.

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port deal.



encouraged participation in the teaching, non-teaching staff Millet Mission of Government of India and increased production of oilseeds and pulses in J&K. He suggested undertaking rain water harvesting projects under MGNREGA in Kandi belts of Jammu region and boosting suitable crops there.

Chief Secretary hailed agristates in farmer-household in- culture as a special and unique come and called for further ex- career pursuit of life. "We are proud of our farmers and must start campaigns to acknowledge their role in society", he

Earlier, Dr Mehta inaugurated the exhibition at Baba Jitto Auditorium depicting various technologies and FPOs promoted by different KVKs of SKUAST-

Bharat Bhushan, DDC Chairman Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat, former MLA, Prof. P.K. Sharma, former Vice Dr. P. Ramasundaram, National Coordinator, ICAR-NAHEP and Kavinder Gupta, former Dy CM

Prof. J. P. Sharma, Vice Chanto 2.5 crops per year through cellor, SKUAST-Jammu in his KVKs have been established by various interventions. He also address congratulating all the the University.

Iran is the world's top proTEHRAN- Iranian export- ducer of saffron with more from Afghanistan to Doha

ers have secured a \$300 mil- than 500 mt of output per where businesses can re-ex-

lion deal to supply saffron to year. However, direct exports port the spice to customers in

Iran Signs \$300 Mln Deal To

Supply Saffron To Qatar

and students on foundation day. He lauded the farmers for their substantial contribution in the agricultural development

He informed the gathering that as per NITI Aayog's yearly survey. Jammu and Kashmir has secured third place in all India ranking in terms of farmers family earnings besides stepping up from rank 22 to 5 in agriculture and allied sector ranking within one year. He said that since its birth in 1999, SKUAST-Jammu has made rapid strides.

While highlighting the achievements of the University Prof. Sharma revealed that the farm University has released 21 new varieties of different crops during the last two years, developed Integrated Farming System Model, established Agribusiness Incubation centre for the Start Ups etc. He said that UT. Parvaaz scheme is helping Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, sixty six students of the University qualified for the National Eligibility Test and ICAR has accredited the institution with grade 'A". He said that three new faculties and three new

Qatar will reroute a large part

The deal comes

amid growing eco

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and Qatar. The two

countries started to

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Iran has prom-

More Crafts Of J&K To Be Notified Soon

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The second meeting of Handicrafts Quality Control Council constituted by the Government was held under the chairmanship of Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir.

The meeting assumed significance in view of the fact that recognition of those crafts and artisans was discussed that have not been included in the fray till the overall development of the date due to one or the other reason. The meeting also discussed date the financial empowerment the ways and means to bring schemes launched by the departmore crafts under the ambit of ment has not percolated down to Jammu & Kashmir Handicrafts Quality Control Act 1978.

It was felt that bringing more such arts but will also help in extending the benefits of the Governsuch groups thus will address a long pending demand.

The exercise will help in increasing the number of genuine artisan community and such a measure will extend the benefits of the govt schemes to the hitherto unrecognized artisan segments of the society by which they can avail the Artisan/Weavers Credit scheme, Karkhandar scheme, Assistance under the Cooperative Act, MUDRA Scheme and other educational benefits for their kins.

The inclusion of the crafts to the list of notified crafts will increase the socio-economic conditions of the marginalized artisan community.

Moreover there are certain categories of the craftsmen whose role is very important for the final product of a Handicraft item such as Copperware Sakhta/engraving, Pottery, Wagguv, Paper Pulp (Sakhta), Tracer, Dyer, Washer etc. This category of craft practicing people whose role is immensely vital for resentative of Meeras Society.



craft sector in the UT, however till such segments of the Artisans.

Director Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir made special refercrafts under the ambit will not only ence to the empowerment of such provide the much needed focus to categories of the craft persons so that this step of inclusion will in turn attract more and more persons ment schemes presently in vogue to towards the cottage sector and employment opportunity to the youth can get a flip.

The Handicrafts Quality Control Council accordingly proposed inclusion of 24 No. of crafts to be declared as Notified Crafts under the provision of the Jammu and Kashmir Handicrafts Quality Control Act 1978.

The said council also proposed registration as artisans of the persons practicing the crafts, to be notified in addition to the crafts already Notified vide SO No. 269 dated: 065.08.2021 and SRO 14 dated: 7th of January 1997.

The meeting was also attended by Vikas Gupta, Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu, Atul Sharma, Managing Director Handicrafts and Handloom Corporation, Zubair Ahmad, Director IICT Srinagar, Mirza Shahid Ali Dy. Director Quality Control, Sheikh Aashiq, President KCCI, Rafiq Ahmad Sofi Representative from Tahafuz, Gh Nabi Dar and Rep-

SBI Asks Exporters To Trade With Bangladesh In Rupee, Taka: Report

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Top lender State The decision not to increase

ers to avoid settling deals with Bangladesh in the dollar and other major currencies as it looks to curb exposure to Dhaka's falling reserves, according to an internal

document and a source. \$416-billion Bangladesh's es of energy and food as the tinue," it added. Russia-Ukraine conflict widens dwindling foreign exchange forces it to turn to global lenders such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

"The country is facing a short- just five months. age of foreign currency due to higher import bills and weaknesses of Bangladeshi taka against dollar in recent times," the SBI said in an Aug. 24 letter entitlement of \$1 billion under sent to its branches and seen by

The letter and its contents have not previously been reported.

The SBI did not immediately

Bank of India has asked export- exposure to the dollar and other

foreign currencies in relation to Bangladesh stemmed from the current economic situation and neighbouring nation's shortage of foreign currency, the

bank said in its circular. "However exposure in Indian

economy is battling rising pric- rupee (INR) and taka will con

Bangladesh's foreign exits current account deficit, and change reserves declined to \$37 billion by Friday from \$48 billion a year earlier, according to data from the central bank, which provides import cover of

Finance ministry officials have said Bangladesh is seeking a \$4.5 billion loan from the IMF, in excess of its maximum

the IMF Resilience and Sustainability Trust. A source familiar with the matter said SBI did not want

to increase its exposure to Bangladesh.

SHORT TAKES

The report said Iran will recent years mainly because support to Qatar as the Per-

supply 200 metric tons (mt) of American sanctions target- sian Gulf country prepares

of saffron to Qatari customers ing Iran's access to banking to host the World Cup 2022

first shipment will be due in The export deal signed with and December.

Hoteliers Club Calls On **Director Tourism**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Hoteliers Club (JKHC) delegation Tuesday called on Director Tourism Kashmir Fazlul Haseeb at his Directorate office at Srinagar.

The delegation was led by its Chairman Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya who was accompanied by senior Vice President Riyaz Ahmed Shahdad, Sonmarg Chapter President Farooq Hafiz, Senior Vice President Gulmarg Manzoor Ahmed Khan, EC Member M Shafi Tramboo, Secretary General Tariq Rashid Ghani, Jt Secretary General Naseer Khan.

At the outset, Chairman Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya welcomed the new Director Tourism Fazlul Haseeb for assuming the charge and assured him full support from hoteliers in taking Jammu and Kashmir to newer heights in the tourism sector.

The Hoteliers Club urged the new Director for making the ease of doing business a reality by facilitating the renewal of registration on a fast track basis.

The Club also sought extension of land

lease of Hoteliers at Gulmarg.
The Hoteliers observed that many properties at Sonmarg, Gulmarg, Pahalgam, and Srinagar need repairs and renovations to keep the facilities in the rooms at par with modern standards.

Dir Agri Flags-Off Farmers On Exposure Visit To CITH

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Tuesday flaggedoff a group of 100 tribal farmers and Agri- entrepreneurs from sub-division Kangan of district Ganderbal on exposure visit cum training programme to Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture (CITH) Rangreth, Srinagar.

During interaction with the touring farmers and Agri-entrepreneurs, the Director said that these tours are aimed at showing farmers practical benefits of latest agriculture interventions on the field.

He said that when farmers visit such highly reputed institutions it motivates them to adopt the techniques and technologies. Technical knowledge plays an important role in the successful crop cultivation, he added.

The programme was organized by Farmers Training and Education Centre (FTEC) Ganderbal in collaboration with CITH Srinagar. A group of 100 tribal farmers from Babanagri and Hariganwan villages of subdivision Kangan are visiting CITH under TSP programme.

Iqbal said that such programmes will be organized by the department for the tribal farmers in all the districts of Kashmir division so that the benefits under different schemes and flagship programs especially for tribal communities reaches the farmers of these communities in a more effective manner.

PM's Dream Of Providing **Employment To Maximum** Taking Shape'

Observer News Service

PAMPORE: Chairman Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Manoj Kumar Tuesday said the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide employment to maximum people is taking

He made these remarks while interacting with the Kashmiri artisans at KVIC's Production-cum-Marketing-cum-Training Center (PMTC) here.

He maintained that KVIC is making all its efforts to provide market and new platforms to Kashmiri artisans so that their produce would be sold globally.

During his maiden visit to PMTC, the chairman was informed that since its inception the center has provided trainings in various trades like cutting & tailoring, embroidery especially for women folk and courses like beekeeping for giving boost to the beekeeping in Kashmir.

On the occasion, Manoj Kumar distributed 200 electric potter wheels to the pottery artisans and 12 Hydra Pupari Machines to Paper Machie artisans. Also, he distributed 40 agarbatti machines through video conferencing to Jammu artisans.



Cement Production

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Days after completing a \$6.5-billion acquisition of Ambuja Cements and ACC, billionaire Gautam Adani said his group has planned to double cement manufacturing capacity and become the most profitable manufacturer in the

He saw a multifold rise in cement demand in India on the back of recordbreaking economic growth and the government's infrastructure creation push, which will give significant margin expansion.

In a speech made at an event to mark the completion of the acquisition on September 17, the Adani Group founder and chairman said the ports-to-energy conglomerate has in a single stroke become the second largest cement manufacturer in the country. Adani Group last week completed buyout of Swiss major Holcim's stake in the two firms.



Gold Gains Rs 24; Silver Drops Rs 222

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Gold prices rose by Rs 24 to Rs 49,766 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday, according to HDFC

In the previous trade, the precious metal settled at Rs 49,742 per 10 grams. Silver, in contrast, declined by Rs 222 to Rs 57,192 per kg from Rs 57,414 per kg in the previous trade.

In the international market, gold was trading lower at USD 1,669 per ounce and silver was trading flat at USD 19.27

"Gold prices traded lower with spot gold prices at COMEX trading 0.43 per cent down at USD 1,669 per ounce. Gold prices traded lower ahead of US FOMC meet," Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities) at HDFC Securities, said.

Pak PM Shehbaz Faces Treason Charges For Consulting 'Fugitive' Brother Nawaz On Appointment Of Next Army Chief

Press Trust of India

Lahore: Pakistan's Punjab Assembly has passed a resolution with a majority vote against Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, seeking his trial under treason charges for consulting his fugitive' elder brother Nawaz Sharif in London on the appointment of the new army chief.

Punjab Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Basharat Raja presented the resolution in the House seeking action against Prime Minister Shehbaz under Article 6 (treason) of the Constitution. Punjab is ruled by ousted prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party and its ally party PMLQ.

The resolution says the premier consulted a fugitive -- Nawaz Sharif, a three-time prime minister of Pakistan -- in London a couple of days ago on the appointment of the new army chief, which not only amounts to the prime minister's oath preventing him from sharing sensitive matters with unrelated persons but also an insult to the institution of the Army.

to the institution of the Army.
Prime Minister Shehbaz was in London to attend the state funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II, who also met Nawaz Sharif during his stay in the city and discussed the appointment of the next Army chief with him.

Nawaz has been living in London since November 2019 after Lahore High Court granted him bail for eight weeks on medical grounds.

Before leaving for London



Nawaz was serving a sevenyear sentence in Al-Azizia corruption case at the Lot Lakhpat

Jail here.
Incumbent Chief of the Army
Staff Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa is
due to retire in late November
this year. The coalition government led by Sharif's Pakistan
Muslim League (N) has said it
would consult its allied parties
and the army top brass to appoint the new army chief.

The PTI which is in opposition in the centre has also demanded action under treason against Prime Minister Shehbaz after federal Minister Khurram said that the premier had met self-exiled PML-N supreme leader Nawaz Sharif in London to consult the appointment of the new army chief and other matters. Khan, who is also the

Chairman of PTI, has also criticised Shehbaz for consulting the appointment of the next army chief with his absconding elder brother in London. We are seeing pictures of Shehbaz Sharif consulting Nawaz Sharif to appoint the next army chief. What can be a bigger disgrace for our country that thieves are making such decisions," Khan said and added it as a violation of the Official Secrets Act and a breach of the Prime Minister's oath of office.

UK Police Make 47 Arrests Leicester; Hindus And Muslims Make Joint Appeal For Harmony

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London: Leaders of the Hindu and Muslim communities in the eastern England city of Leicester presented a united front on Tuesday as they appealed for harmony in the wake of violent clashes following an India-Pakistan cricket match, which has led to 47 arrests.

Pradyumna Das, President of the city's ISKCON Temple, read out a statement joined by community leaders outside a mosque in the city to express sadness over the violence which escalated over the weekend.

The community leaders demanded that the inciters of hatred leave Leicester alone and called for an immediate cessation of provocation and violence, both in thought and behaviour.

Our message to anyone that sows disharmony between us is clear: we will not let you succeed. We ask all to respect the sanctity of religious places, both mosques and mandirs alike whether provocation with loud music, flag bearing, derogatory chants or physical attacks against the fabric of worship. This is not acceptable nor upheld by our faiths, the statement said.

We are a strong family, we will work together to resolve whatever concern may arise we do not need to call up any assistance from outside our city. Leicester has no place for any foreign extremist ideology that causes division, he said, highlighting that Hindus and Muslims have lived harmoniously in the city for over half a century.

It came as police patrols continued in the city as the Indian High Commission in London issued a strongly worded statement condemning the violence against the Indian community and called for protection for those affected.

Leicestershire Police said a 20-year-old man has been sentenced to 10 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to possession of an offensive weap-on during clashes in the city. Amos Noronha, from the local area, appeared at Leicester Magistrates' Court after his arrest during Saturday's incident and was quickly charged due to overwhelming evidence.

The sentence is reflective of the fact that this was a serious offence and he has ended up with time in prison, said Rob Nixon, Temporary Chief Constable at Leicestershire Police.

We will not stand for this unrest in our city. There is an extensive policing operation ongoing, acting on information and reports of gatherings and offering community reassurance. Be reassured: we are working to keep you safe and to arrest and bring to justice those that are causing harm in our communities, he said.

It follows a weekend of what the police termed as serious disorder and significant aggression as Hindu and Muslim groups clashed in the wake of the India-Pakistan Asia Cup cricket match in Dubai at the end of last month.

A policing operation to deter further disorder continued in

east Leicester...In total, 47 people have been arrested for offences in relation to the unrest in the east of the city. Some of those arrested were from out of the city, including some people from Birmingham, Leicestershire Police said.

The force said it had to be supported by resources from a number of neighbouring police forces, including the mounted police unit, as the clashes escalated over the weekend. Dispersal and stop and search powers have been used repeatedly to restore calm. There were social media videos circulating showing a temple flag being ripped out and glass bottles being hurled.

The Indian High Commission said in its statement on Monday: We strongly condemn the violence perpetrated against the Indian community in Leicester and vandalisation of premises and symbols of Hindu religion.

We have strongly taken up this matter with the UK authorities and have sought immediate action against those involved in these attacks. We call on the authorities to provide protection to the affected people.

Diaspora group Insight UK has claimed that much of the violence was the result of misinformation and fake news circulating on social media. Leicester city mayor Peter Soulsby agreed, saying very, very, very distorting events were being shared on social media and blamed outsiders for coming into the city to stoke violence.

China Remains A Formidable Challenge, We Keep Watch On IOR: Navy chief

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New Delhi: China remains a "formidable challenge" that has increased its presence not only along India's land borders but also in the maritime domain, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar said on Tuesday and asserted that the naval force keeps a regular watch in the Indian Ocean Region.

Delivering a keynote address at an event here on 'India's Naval Revolution: Becoming an Ocean Power', he spoke of the conventional and other security challenges for the country, and also said that "Pakistan, despite economic constraints, has continued its military modernisation, especially its Navy which is on track to becoming a 50-platform force by about 2030-2035".

"While these conventional military challenges persist, terrorism remains a major security threat, as it continues to evolve in shape, scale and size.

Staying one step ahead of such an invisible enemy, who will constantly innovate tactics, enabled by niche technologies, is a challenge that persists," the Navy chief said.

Admiral Kumar said he saw India's contemporary security scenario shaped by a "trinity of '3Is' -- "imperatives at home, influences from outside and some intrusive paradigms".

Emanating from this security environment are the security challenges that India faces, he added. "While competition is being

played out on a daily basis at times testing limits but without escalating into armed action, a war with potential adversaries

can never be ruled out

"In this regard, China remains a formidable challenge and has increased its presence, not only along our land borders but also in the maritime domain by leveraging anti-piracy operations to normalise its naval presence in the Indian Ocean Region," the Navy chief said.

Later in an interaction on the dais, he said that China has been in the Indian Ocean since 2008 and has built a military base in Djibouti. It is also involved in developing various ports in the Indian Ocean in Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Pakistan and other countries.

"At any point of time, there is about, anything between 5-8 Chinese Navy units, be they be warships, Chinese research vessels or a host of Chinese fishing vessels operating in the Indian Ocean Region.

"We keep a watch on them, their activities in the Indian Ocean Region," the Navy chief said in response to a question on China as a security challenge in IOR during the interaction.

Admiral Kumar said Indian Navy flies aircraft sorties, and ships are deployed almost round the clock to keep an eye on the Indian Ocean Region.

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Kashmir Got Another

Before the advent of this new-age show, the nine city cinemas—Khayam, Shiraz, Naaz, Palladium, Regal, Broadway, Firdous, Shah etc—were big business houses in Kashmir.

People used to fall in long lines to get tickets, some even getting it in black. Bollywood had a huge fan following in Kashmir and was the fashion trend setter here.

But all this changed when a militant outfit 'Allah Tigers' announced a ban on cinemas on August 18, 1989.

The motive behind the ban was to create an atmosphere for a full-fledged anti-establishment upheaval in Kashmir. However, despite the ban, cinemas functioned until death threats to owners stalled the popular public hangouts on December 31, 1989.

Later, Dr. Farooq Abdullah's government tried to revive the culture during the late 90s by reopening Regal, Neelam and Broadway.

However, on the very first day of the screening in 1999, a grenade exploded outside Regal cinema leaving one dead and twelve injured.

Among the three renewed cinemas, only Neelam kept the culture alive by screening Bollywood and Pakistani movies. The show lasted till the 2005 fall, when fidayeen stormed the hall screening Amir Khan's Mangal Pandey.

In the face of these threats, the cinemas could never return to their halcyon days in Kashmir.

"But this is Naya Kashmir, where multiplexes will multiply and create a sense of normalcy for masses," said Ovaise Khan, a BJP supporter outside the Multiplex. "This is just the beginning."

Govt Transfers

"He shall also hold the additional charge of the posts of Sub-Registrar, Bijbehara and Anantnag, in addition to his own duties, till further order," reads the order issued by Dr Piyush Singla, Secretary to the government (GAD) on Tuesday.

In a separate order, the government ordered transfer of three more JKAS officers

Shubra Sharma, JKAS, Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, J&K has been transferred and posted as Director, Animal Husbandry, Jammu against an available vacancy.

Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar, JKAS, Managing Director, J&K Housing Board has been transferred and posted as Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, J&K.

Dr. Shabir Hussain Keen, JKAS, Special Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department has been transferred and posted as Managing Director, J&K Housing

New Delhi Not

blockbuster, Jaanwar starring

famous Bollywood actor Shammi Kapoor was screened at Srinagar's famous Broadway cinema and Shammi's love for Kashmir was such that he had asked his family members to immerse his mortal remains in Dal Lake. "Shammi ji was so connected with Kashmir that he'd openly call himself 'Kashmir ka Kadu'(Kashmir's Bitter-Gourd)," Sinha said, adding that Kashmiri people were starved of entertainment for 30 years.

But today, the LG noted, this first multiplex will provide the people of Kashmir a chance to relax and entertain themselves.

"Under Mission Youth, J&K administration will set up 100-seater cinema halls in every district of UT," the LG said, adding "A society isn't built of stones but of people."

He said Srinagar was once known as the hub of entertainment, as the district had eight fanfared cinemas functional.

"Today, we are trying to revive that lost era again. And the opening of this Cinema reflects the changing picture of J&K. Now, the new Kashmir will be shown on a 70mm picture," he said.

Launching a scathing attack at regional mainstream leaders of the Valley, Sinha said that some people had kept Kashmir away from this entertainment for 3 decades while they created an entertainment for themselves in Kashmir and outside the valley.

"Those who ruled J&K for years, used to fly outside the state and even foreign countries for their own entertainment while all means of entertainment remained choked for the local populace," Sinha said, adding that these people had betrayed the people of Kashmir.

The LG said that August 5 was a historic day when a massive decision was taken by the Indian parliament and Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

"The government at New Delhi is not trying to buy peace in J&K, but to establish it permanently," he said, adding that people of Kashmir today can see what they craved for the past 30 years.

However, the LG quickly added that the new administration only believes in the dictum 'Don't harm the harmless and don't spare the harmful'. Commenting on the new film policy,

the LG said that a lot of movies are already shot in Kashmir and many more are in the pipeline.

"A Film city will also be set up in J&K. The land for the film city has already been identified and we will see the results in the next two months," he

The J&K LG strictly noted that the administration will give innumerable incentives to young filmmakers, irrespective of film's screen time, under the new film policy so that more and more local youth are employed. "I can assure you all that we're trying every possible thing to develop J&K, both socially and economically," LG Manoj Sinha said.

Later in a Tweet, the LG wrote that the inauguration of multiplex was a reflection of a new dawn of hope, dreams, confidence and aspirations of people

"Inaugurated INOX multiplex theatre in Srinagar. Congratulations to the people, Sh. Vijay Dhar & INOX Group. A major socio-economic revolution is sweeping through J&K in the last 3 years," Sinha tweeted.

The multiplex has three movie theatres with a total capacity of 520 seats, besides a food court aimed at promoting the local cuisine.To maintain Kashmir's art and design, woodcarved "khatambandh" has been used in the lobbies.

Vijay Dhar, the brainchild behind the project, had started construction work on the multiplex at Shivpora near Badami Bagh Cantonment, around two years ago.

Dhar also runs Delhi Public School (DPS) Srinagar, a prominent school in the city. His sons Vikas and Vishal are keenly working at the project, first of its kind in the Valley.

Govt Rejects

the allegations of bonded labour, while a preliminary investigation by the district administration found that the labourers were paid in advance by

the brick kiln owners.

Talking to Kashmir Observer Zahoor
Ahmad Malik, President brick kiln association, Kashmir said that the allegation of bonded labour was far from reality as all the migrant labourers are being paid in advance.

"This is a scam. The Supreme Court has said it recently. The labourers took the money in advance but didn't work at all," Malik told Kashmir Observer.

Malik was referring to a recent Supreme Court ruling that there was a "racket" running in the country in which labourers take "advantage" of the concept of "bonded labour", which actually doesn't exist.

The court made these remarks while dismissing a petition seeking direction to the Jammu police to investigate rape and other offences alleged by a woman, and to identify other bonded labourers in Jammu and Kashmir for their release and rehabilitation.

The President brick kiln association further said that migrant workers are engaged on need basis through a contractor, who takes a good amount for offering the services. The contractor, he said, disburses the fixed amount to the workforce he brings from other states of the country.

"This year, the labourers couldn't work due to the inclement weather. They are cooking false stories just to grab the money they have taken as advance," Malik said.

"Hence they filed a complaint in their state and took advantage of the complaint. Why would we force anyone to work here," he added. The brick kiln owners main-

tained that the migrant workers get much better facilities and wages in Kashmir than other states of the country.

"You must have observed that lakhs

of labourers from different parts of the

country come to Kashmir for work.

They get a good amount of money and

we provide them good facilities," said Majeed Ahmad, owner of M21 brick kiln.

In the complaint, the labourers have alleged that they went to return to their home states but the brick kiln owners were prevented from doing so. Following the complaint, the National Campaign Committee for Eradication of Bonded Labour (NCCEBL), an umbrella organisation of activists, had raised the issue and filed a complaint that 90 migrant and 'bonded' labourers from Chhattisgarh are stuck in the brick kiln at Mangepura in Budgam.

However on September13, a joint team of Budgam administration including Sub-divisional Magistrate Chadoora and Assistant Labour Commissioner, Budgam inspected Mangepura and Dangarpura brick kilns and found that there was no case of bonded labour, as claimed.

According to sources, the SDM has filed a report to Deputy Commissioner Budgam, who will send the report to the Chhattisgarh government.

SDM Chadoora, Prince Noorul Hamid, who visited the twin brick kilns to probe the allegations, told Kashmir Observer that there was no bonded labour and the allegations levelled were totally baseless.

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"In our preliminary inquiry, we found there wasn't any sort of force or enforced bondage. The labourers were freely working," Hamid told Kashmir

Observer.

He further said there are many groups working and only the agitated one was allegedly beaten up by the

owners.

"However we found no bruises on their (workers) body. The allegations were baseless but they (labourers) wanted to leave the Valley," Hamid

added.
According to SDM, the owner had paid Rs 17 lakh in advance to the contractor who had distributed the money among the workers already.

He further said the administration arranged buses and sent them back home.

The officials found that both owners and the contractor had paid the labourer their wages but "there was no proof,".

"There was no formal agreement

and the payment was also disbursed

offline. When they couldn't prove their agreement, we asked the labourers to leave," Hamid added.

The official said this was the only group that wanted to return, others

are still working, while many left after

completing their work.

Heera Lal, the contractor who arranged the labourers Ahmad's M21 brick kiln, told Kashmir Observer that the migrant workers cheated the owner and played a trick to leave Kashmir.

"They thought the government will provide them some monetary help after pleading the case of bonded labour," Lal told Kashmir Observer. The migrant workers, he said, came

to Kashmir on their own and no-one forced them to work anywhere.
"The owner used to cover all their expenses, including food but the

workers cheated him," Lal added.

Meanwhile, DC Budgam Syed Fakhrudin Hamid told Kashmir Observer that the leader of a particular worker group was misguided by someone from New Delhi. "Also, there was some monetary dis-

"Also, there was some monetary dispute between two groups of labourers. Somebody wanted to defame the Union Territory through social media," he added.

Pak Conspiracies

anti-terrorism operations in Jammu, Poonch-Rajouri and different parts of Kashmir valley.

"Two 'fidayeen' (suicide squad) were eliminated in Jammu ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Jammu and Kashmir (in April). The conspiracy was hatched across the border but they were neutralised on time," Singh said.

He said the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch also saw several infiltration attempts and subsequent successful anti-militancy operations.

"Some of them crossed into Kashmir and were neutralised," he added. The DGP said launching pads and training centres for terrorists are ac-

The DGP said launching pads and training centres for terrorists are active across the border and attempts would continue to push terrorists and weapons into this side.

"Our effort is to frustrate their de-

signs and as a result, we are having successful operations against terrorists in every district," he said. He also defended the arrest of some

prominent Muslim preachers in the Valley under the Public Safety Act (PSA) and said strict action would be taken against anyone who violated the law.

"Law does not believe in religion or sect and is equal for everyone. Anyone who violates law will be dealt with accordingly," he said.

Lauding his men for working tirelessly to scuttle attempts from across the border to revive militancy in Reasi, he said the district was once a hotbed of terrorism.

that Reasi is militancy free for a long time now," he added. He admitted that there have been attempts to revive militancy in the district but police and security agen-

cies foiled these conspiracies being

"Today is a moment of happiness

hatched directly by Pakistani agencies. "Some attempts were made to revive militancy in the district but police and other security agencies, who are alert to the threat, frustrated these conspiracies being directly handled by

Pakistani agencies.

"Several persons involved in terror activities were arrested and the whole network was unearthed. Strict legal action was also taken against them and they are behind bars at present," he said.

Asked about the probe into the May 13 fire in a bus carrying Vaishno Devi pilgrims in Katra town of Reasi that left four persons dead and several others injured, the police chief said investigation was on and the findings would be put before the court.

Singh also expressed hope that the peaceful atmosphere in Jammu and Kashmir would be strengthened and safeguarded further.

Shah Faesal To

to the Indian Administrative Service. Faesal filed the application in April this year seeking deletion of his name from the list of seven petitioners who challenged the scrapping of Article

Among other petitioners are Javid Ahmad Bhat, Shehla Rashid Shora, Ilyas Laway, Saif Ali Khan and Rohit Sharma and Mohammad Hussain Padder.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre decided to strip the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir of special status and bifurcate it into two Union Territories.

Man Held For

a miscreant pelted stones at the crew members, the Anantnag police said in a tweet.

"Accordingly FIR no. 77/2022 was registered in Police Station Pahalgam. The miscreant was identified and arrested," it said.

Hashmi and the film crew have been shooting for 'Ground Zero' in

Kashmir for the past two weeks and

have not faced any issues. The incident

in Pahalgam was an isolated one and

involved only one person, the officials said.

Hashmi dismissed reports that he

was injured in the stone pelting.
"The people of Kashmir have been very warm and welcoming, it has been an absolute joy shooting in Srinagar and Pahalgam. The news of me being injured in a stone pelting incident is inaccurate," the actor tweeted. (PTI)

J&K Logs 25

in J&K to 478972.

Also, the officials said that one more person died of Covid-19 related complications in Jammu, raising the fatality count to 4785—2352 in Jammu division and 2433 in the Valley.

Besides, they said, 46 Covid-19 patients recovered during the last 24 hours—31 from Jammu division and 15 from Kashmir Valley. There are now 172 active cases—61 in Jammu and 111 in Kashmir.

Migrant Worker

spot after receiving information about the incident from other labour-

ers living in the area.
Ramashri, reports said, was shifted to Sub District Hospital (SDH) Sunderbani, where doctors declared him dead.

Man's Body

morning.

"After completion of all medico-legal formalities, the body was handed over to the family for last rites," he said.

The official said that police have already registered a case in this regard and are investigating the matter.

ICC Makes Massive Changes To Playing Conditions Ahead Of T20 WC

3) RUNNING OUT THE NON-STRIKER

non-striker when the batter leaves

the crease during bowler's runup or

before the ball is bowled, popularly

called 'Mankading' earlier, will be

legal now. The method of dismissal

he International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday made some major cricketing changes that are set to be implemented from October 1 and be effective in the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia. The Men's Cricket Committee (MCC), led by former India captain Sourav Ganguly, recommended the changes to the playing rules in MCC's updated third edition of the 2017 Code of the Laws of

Here are the major changes due to take place:

1) PERMANENT BAN OF USE OF SALIVA **TO POLISH THE BALL**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ICC had banned the use of saliva to shine the ball and ever since, players have been depending on sweat to maintain it. However, the ICC has now made the decision permanent. "The ban on saliva use has been in place for over two years in international cricket as a Covid-related temporary measure and it is considered appropriate for the ban to be made permanent," an ICC statement said.



2) NEW BATTER TAKING THE CREASE

After a batter is out caught, the incoming batter shall be walking to the striker's end, irrespective of whether the batters crossed prior to the catch being taken.



will now be considered as run out The practice of running out the rather than 'Unfair Play'.

4) TIME OUT IN ODIS AND TESTS

Earlier a batter was allowed three minutes time to walk out and take strike after the fall of a wicket in

ODIs and Tests. The rule has been amended with the time period cut short by a minute. A batter will not have 120 seconds to reach the ground and take strike. The threshold timing of 90 seconds in T20Is remains unchanged.

5) FIVE-RUN PENALTY FOR UNFAIR

Any unfair movement by the fielding team in the field while the bowler is running in to bowl, would lead to the imposition of a five-run penalty on the fielding team and the the delivery would be deemed a 'Dead Ball'.

6) NO-BALL FOR VENTURING OUT OF THE

A batter won't be allowed to move beyond the confines of the pitch to play a delivery; any such shot played will cause the um-pire to call the ball dead. Also, any ball which would force the batter to leave the pitch will be called a no-ball and result into a

7) OVER-RATE PENALTY

An in-match penalty rule was introduced in T20Is from January 2022, as per which a fielding side must be in a position to bowl the first ball of the final over of the innings by the scheduled time for the end of the innings. If they are behind the time, maximum four fielders (one fewer than usual) will be allowed outside the 30-yard circle for the remainder of the innings. This rule will be in effect in the T20 World Cup and all ICC matches from October 1. This rule will also be adopted in ODIs after the completion of the ICC men's cricket World Cup Super League 2023.

8) BOWLER THROWING TOWARDS THE STRIKER'S-END BEFORE DELIVERY

Earlier, a bowler could attempt to run-out the striker if they saw the batter advancing down the wicket before entering their delivery stride. This practice will now be called a 'Dead ball'.

Ganguly praised all the ICC Cricket Committee members for their contributions to the recommendations.

"It was an honour chairing my first meeting of the ICC Cricket Committee," he said.

"I was pleased with the productive contribution of the Committee members which resulted in key recommendations being made.

"I thank all members for their valuable input and suggestions."

Swimmers Complete Course At Nigeen's Water Sports Centre



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Over 50 youth successfully completed a three month long swimming course at Water Sports Centre Nigeen, with Director Tourism Kashmir, Fazl ul Haseeb felicitating the the Director adding, 'We feel sportsmen on Monday by giving very sad to hear of drowning

The camp was organised by Valley'. Swim N Survival Society-K in collaboration with the Department of Tourism Kashmir at Nigeen Water Sports Centre in the month of June for non-swimmers which received an overwhelming response from the locals, especially children.

Scores of the children of different age groups along with their Mudasir Chasti, Muneeb Shah, parents attended the morning coaching camp regularly.

is the most important sports activity and can help during floods.

'In the absence of swimming pools, youth venture into rivers and lakes for swimming without any lifesaving equipment which has proven fatal for them' said away mementos and certificates. incidents in many parts of the

> dent, Swim N Survival Society-K, Joint Secretary Maqsood Ahmad (SNSS-K), Mehraj Ahmad Swim-Coach Tyndale-Biscoe ming School, Madam Shaista I/C Nigeen Club were also present at the function.

Riyaz Wani, Yasir Makhdoomi, Zahid Iqbal, Sheikh Rashid were technical experts who provided While appreciating youth for training to the students free of their participation in the camp, cost while other volunteers asthe Director said that swimming sisted them in the training.

HARDIK PANDYA SCORED an unbeaten 71 off 30 balls, which included 7 fours and 5 sixes, on Tuesday to propel India to a credible 208/6 in the first T20I match against Australia in Mohali. However, the score wasn't enough as the Australians chased the target with 4 balls to spare. Cameroon Green 61 (30) and Matthew Wade 45* (21) top scored for the Aussies, as the team from Down Under takes a 1-0 lead in the three match series.

T-20 Cricket League Starts At Ganderbal



GANDERBAL: T-20 Ganderbal Cup Cricket League organised by district administration in collaboration with NGO Voice for Peace and Justice and J&K Sports Council kick started on Tuesday. The T20 league was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir in presence of former cricketer Abid Nabi.

On the occasion, the DC interacted with players and urged upon them to vigorously partici- the players of the district and aspate in sports and athletic activities apart from pursuing their academics for their physical and mental health.

long tournament in which 31 matches shall be played among different teams.

The inaugural match was played today between Ganderbal Gym Khana and Hamdania Saloora at Qamaria Ground.

DC appreciated the organisers for such tournaments in the district which he said will promote sports spirit, identify and nurture the talent for higher levels.

He also complimented the former cricketer Abid Nabi for his support in providing training to sured him all possible support for nurturing the talent of youth.

Among others, Chairman, Voice for Peace and Justice, Fa-Around 32 teams of the dis-rooq Ganderbali and locals were trict shall participate in a month present on the occasion.

New Zealand Name 15-Member Squad For T20 World Cup



Press Trust of India

CHRISTCHURCH: Batting stalwart Martin Guptill is set to play a record seventh T20 World Kyle Jamieson, Todd Astle Cup as New Zealand on Tuesday and Tim Seifert respectively, named a 15-member squad, led by Kane Williamson, for the ICC showpiece beginning in Australia on October 16.

The 35-year-old batter found a place in the team, even as the Black Caps made three changes to the squad that featured in named as the front-line wicketthe final of the T20 World Cup last year.

Finn Allen and Michael ries against the West Indies.

Bracewell will be representing in their first senior World Cup and the duo along with Lockie Ferguson will replace who were part of the last T20

World Cup squad. Two players who recently declined a central contract -- Trent Boult and Jimmy Neesham also featured in the squad.

Devon Conway has been keeper after wearing the gloves in the UAE and in the recent se-

For Williamson, it will be the third time that he will lead New Zealand in the ICC T20 World

New Zealand will open their T20 World Cup campaign against Australia at the SCG on October 22.

Squad: Kane Williamson (c), Tim Southee, Ish Sodhi, Mitchell Santner, Glenn Phillips, Jimmy Neesham, Daryl Mitchell, Adam Milne, Martin Guptill, Lachlan Ferguson, Devon Conway, Mark Chapman, Michael Bracewell, Trent Boult, Finn Allen.

LaLiga Condemns Hate Speech After Vinicius Jr Abuse



Agencies

MADRID: LaLiga has condemned hate speech after Atletico Madrid fans were filmed racially abusing Real Madrid forward Vinicius Jr. outside their Metropolitano Stadium ahead of Sunday's match.

Hundreds porters could be heard singing, 'Vinicius, you are a monkey, you are monkey" in a video published on social media by radio the Madrid derby, which Real

Local media also reported

of "Vinicius, die" were heard throughout the game.

"Hate speech has no place in La-Liga and we always work with the clubs and the authorities to identify and bring to justice any such case," LaLiga said in a statement.

"We denounce all incidents inside and outside stadiums and work with clubs to keep our football friendly and enjoyable.

"LaLiga always reports any incidents of hate speech or violence to the authorities and asstation Cope in the build-up to sists in the investigation. We will do the same with what happened on Sunday night."

The clubs have not commentthat monkey noises and chants ed on the incidents.

Barcelona Forecast €274 Million Profit This Season



Agencies

euros (\$98.27 million) for the 2021-22 financial year and forecast a 274 million euros profit for this season.

Barcelona rank second on Forbes' list of soccer team valuations with a current value of \$5 Barca Studios in two separate billion, behind rivals Real Madrid, who are valued at \$5.1 billion.

The club said on Monday their board of directors closed the financial year with a turnover of 1.017 billion euros and approved an operating income budget of 1.255 billion euros for this season.

Earlier this month, LaLiga raised Barcelona's spending limit by 800 million euros, bringing the club out of a spending deficit after the Catalan side sold off chunks of assets to patch up their finances.

To offset losses and comply with LaLiga's financial fair play BARCELONA: Barcelona said it rules, Barcelona sold 25% of their recorded a profit of 98 million domestic television rights to U.S. investment firm Sixth Street for the next 25 years in two deals worth over 500 million euros.

The club raised an additional 200 million euros from the sale of a total 49% stake in transactions, while also signing a long-term sponsorship deal with streaming giant Spotify in March.

That allowed Barcelona to spend more than 150 million euros in the close season on Robert Lewandowski, Raphinha and Jules Kounde, while Andreas Christensen, Franck Kessie, Hector Bellerin and Marcos Alonso

all arrived on free transfers. Barcelona are second in LaLiga on 16 points after six games, two points behind Real.

Elon Musk, Gautam Adani, Jeff Bezos, Arnault, Here Are The 7 Richest People In The World



ELON MUSK | \$264B | Adani, who started the year as No. 14 on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, now has a \$146.8 billion fortune that lags behind only Elon Musk's \$263.9 billion



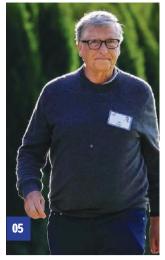
GAUTAM ADANI | \$147B | Adani first overtook India's Mukesh Ambani as the richest Asian person in February, became a centibillionaire in April and surpassed Bill Gates and France's Bernard Arnault in the past two months.



JEFF BEZOS | \$147B | Bezos trails Adani by just \$19 million as a renewed tech selloff Friday again hammered the fortunes of the richest Americans.



| The net worth of Bernard Arnault, chief of LVMH, plunged by \$40.2 billion YTD to \$138 billion in September 2022. LVMH is the owner of luxury brands such as Louis Vuitton and Christian Dior.



BILL GATES | \$112B | Bill Gates has pledged again to give his wealth away, adding that he will eventually 'drop off' the world's rich list.



WARREN BUFFET | \$96.2B |
Warren Buffet's networth plunged
\$12.7 billion year-on-year. The
plunge in his net worth is owed
to the rout in tech stocks this
year that has sunk the fortunes
of several of the world's top
billionaires, whose net worth are
tied to equity in the companies
they founded or managed.



LARRY PAGE | \$94.7B | Larry Page, the co-founder of Alphabet, the parent company of Google, has lost \$33.7 billion year to date.

From Regal Pearls To Brooch - What Royal Women Wore At Queen's Funeral

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London: Members of the British Royal Family found discreet ways to honour the Queen through clothing at the Queen's funeral on Monday. Many women who were close to the queen donned jewels and outfits that had either been presented to them by the late monarch or were designed to symbolize her presence.

Meghan Markle

According to Page Six, The Queen gave Meghan a pair of pearl and diamond drop earrings in 2018, which she wore to the funeral on Monday.

UK jeweller Maxwell Stone had earlier told Page Six, "The royal tradition of wearing pearls for mourning dates back to Queen Victoria, who was so overwhelmed with grief when Prince Albert died that she wore nothing but black for the rest of her life."

Meghan wore a black cape from Stella McCartney. She wore the same one in navy blue colour to celebrate the Queen's 92nd birthday at the Royal Albert Hall in 2018.



Kate Middleton

The Duchess of Cornwall wore Queen Elizabeth's pearls and a black Alexander McQueen coat dress to the funeral, according to New York Post.

According to Page Six, Kate wore the same pearl earrings to Prince Philip's funeral. The earrings were a gift from the Emperor of Bahrain to the Queen for her wedding in 1947.

Kate also wore a black-netted veil to honour the Queen. Notably, she wore the Queen's four-row pearl choker with a diamond clasp.

Camila Parker Bowles

Queen Consort Camila paid an ode to the Queen by wearing her Hesse Diamond Jubilee Brooch.

The brooch is a heart-shaped piece that has the number 60 on it. According to New York Post, it signifies the number of years in a Diamond Jubilee reign. Page Six reports that Camila also carried a clutch by Launer, one of Queen's favourite labels.

Dubai Sets Up Vending Machines Baking Free Hot Bread For Needy Residents

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User-friendly vending machines that prepare and dispense hot bread within a minute have been installed across Dubai as part of a first-of-its-kind initiative to ensure no needy resident sleeps hungry in the UAE's

The Bread for All' initiative was launched on Saturday and has started providing relief to labourers, delivery riders, and daily workers who can now eat hot bread for free. The preprogrammed machines prepare bread and provide it free of charge as part of a modern and sustainable model of charity work.

The campaign was launched by the Mohammed bin Rashid Global Centre for Endowment Consultancy (MBRGCEC), under the Awqaf and Minors Affairs Foundation (AMAF), to help underprivileged families and workers by providing them free bread at various times of the day.



Placed at the entrance of several Aswaaq grocery outlets, the machines, refilled twice a day to ensure constant supplies, give people the option to choose between Arabic bread and finger rolls. Once selected Click to Order,' the machine begins preparing and then dispenses hot bread in around a minute.

The project realises the vision of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Vice-President and the Prime Minister of the UAE. The Ruler of Dubai had stressed at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic that: "In the UAE, no one sleeps hungry or in need".

It also engages community members and enables individuals to contribute to the first-of-its-kind initiative that adopts the principle of short-term community funding.

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Members of the public can donate to this initiative either at the machine or through SMS. At the machine, those willing to contribute can click the donate button and select the amount starting from UAE Dirhams 10. They can then tap their credit or debit card on the payment machine.

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"This will help me to save the money I had set aside to buy bread for dinner, the Khaleej Times newspaper quoted as saying a person waiting at the vending machine in Al Quoz 2 area.

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