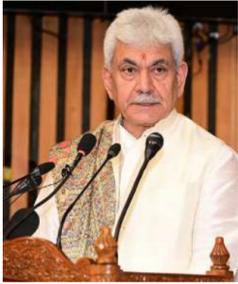


LG Wants J&K's Silk Sector To Dominate Global Market

'We Need To Safeguard Skills Handed Down From Generation To Generation And Make This Sector Financially More Attractive'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday that the prime objective of his administration was to make lives of farmers associated with the



sericulture sector better and to ensure uniqueness, beauty, and ingenuity, considered to be the

hallmark of J&K's crafts, dominates the global market.

Sinha made these remarks while inaugurating a day-long workshop on Sericulture in J&K, "Silk Samagra & beyond", here at SKICC, an official spokesperson said Friday.

The LG, he said, commended the efforts of all the stakeholders, scientists, officers, and farmers for the holistic development of the sericulture sector in J&K, and said the workshop will serve as an effective tool to provide a platform for sharing of knowledge of latest technologies and details of government schemes

to stakeholders for increasing productivity of silk in the UT.

"Our prime objective is to make the lives of farmers associated with this dream fabric better and to ensure uniqueness, beauty, and ingenuity, which are the hallmark of J&K's crafts, dominates the global market," the LG said.

Sinha, as per the spokesperson said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government endeavours to provide training, technology inputs, IT tools and such other infrastructure support required for the transformation of Sericulture.

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Eye On Polls, Azad Asks DAP Leaders To Gather Public Support

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday asked the leaders of his newly launched Democratic Azad Party (DAP) to hit the ground and launch a mass contact programme to mobilise public support ahead of the forthcoming Assembly elections.

Azad made these remarks while holding a meeting with key leaders from Jammu region, including former Ministers, ex- MLAs, DDC members, BDC members in which political scenario obtaining in the Union Territory was discussed, a party spokesperson said Friday.

Azad, he said, maintained



Party ahead of the forthcoming Assembly elections," the spokesperson said.

He said that all the leaders took a pledge to strengthen the party at the grass root level.

"Our party is committed to assuage the urges and aspirations of every segment of the society in all the regions and sub-regions," Azad said, as per the spokesperson, adding "The cadre must reach out to the people and help them to get solutions to their problems."

Among those who attended the meeting were, Former Dy CM Tara Chand, Former Minister G.M.Saroori, Former Minister R.S.Chib, Former Minister Jugal Kishore, **More on PII**

PM To Launch 5G Services In India Today

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Saturday launch the 5G telephony services, ushering in an era of ultra high-speed internet on mobile phones.

According to an official release, 5G will be launched by the Prime Minister in select cities on Saturday and it will progressively cover the entire country over the next couple of years.

The cumulative economic impact of 5G on India is estimated to reach USD 450 billion by 2035.

Capable of supporting ultra-high-speed internet, the fifth generation or 5G service is expected to unleash new economic opportunities and societal benefits, serving as a transformational force for Indian society.



The three major telecom operators of the country will demonstrate one use case each in front of the Prime Minister to show the potential of 5G technology in India.

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio will connect a teacher from a school in Mumbai with students in three different locations in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Odisha.

This, according to official sources, will demonstrate how **More on PII**

Hunt Begins Afresh For CUS Registrar

Candidates Asked To Apply Online Till October 30

Agencies

Srinagar: The hunt for the 'permanent' registrar for Cluster University Srinagar (CUS) has begun afresh as the varsity has issued fresh notification—inviting applications from the candidates for the post.

This is the second time when the applications have been invited from the candidates for the post of registrar of the university. Earlier, the Cluster University in October last year issued a notification inviting applications from the candidates for the post.

"However, the committee after holding a meeting in April this year decided the candidates, who had applied for the post, were not suitable," a senior University official said.

The official said the move led to the advertisement of the post afresh.

As per the notification issued, the candidates have been asked to apply for the post online while the application forms will be available on the University website from October 1 of 2022. The last date for the submission of the application forms has been fixed as October 30 while the hard copies of the form can be received by the University upto November 4 of this year.

"Hope this time, the committee gets a suitable candidate to run the post of registrar," the official said.

The Cluster Universities in Srinagar and Jammu were established by virtue of 'The Srinagar and Jammu Cluster Universities Act, 2016' and conceived as an "innovative and strategic intervention" in the higher education department. The infrastructure for the Cluster **More on PII**

Dry Weather With Possibility Of Light Rain In J&K

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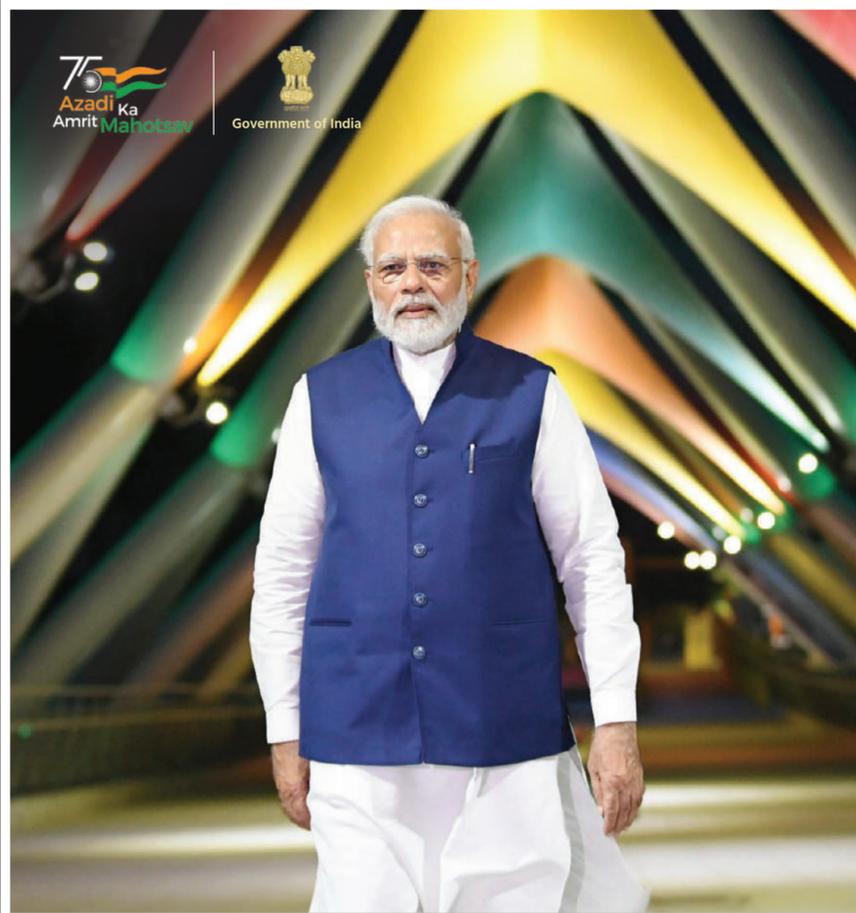
Srinagar: Weatherman has forecast mainly dry weather with very light rain and thunder over higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir in next 24 hours.

A meteorological department official here said that a mainly clear sky with isolated very light rain and

thunder was expected for subsequent two days in the Union Territory.

As regards the mercury, he said that Srinagar recorded a low of 11.4°C against 14.4°C on the previous night. The temperature was 2.1°C above normal for the summer capital during this time of the year, he said.

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Takeout, Blood, Toothbrushes: Drone Delivery Lands In America

Agence France Presse

The little aircraft appeared out of the blue sky above a Texas home, deposited its payload of a mid-morning snack in the yard, and zoomed off, as deliveries by drone started becoming a reality in America. Flying shipments of pizzas and birthday gifts have still not become the norm that tech leaders predicted, but the service is available in parts of the United States and government regulation is catching up. Skeptics question whether drone drop-offs can ever work on a large scale, but backers argue they are safer and better for the planet than hulking, greenhouse-gas-spewing delivery trucks -- and faster. The parcel lowered to the ground from an electric drone hovering above Tiffany Bokhari's Frisco, Texas, house was in her hands minutes after she placed an order on a smartphone app. "On the soda, you can even see the condensation on it because it's still cold," she told AFP after the drone from Alphabet-owned Wing had flown off.



running or will by year's end in parts of Texas, North Carolina or California, with providers including Israeli startup Flytrex, Wing, and e-commerce behemoth Amazon. In fact, it was Amazon founder Jeff Bezos who in 2013 unveiled a delivery drone in a CBS interview, predicting that within five years airborne shipments would be routinely zipping from fulfillment centers to customers' doorsteps.

Things haven't quite gone that way for the company that has otherwise seeped ubiquitously into aspects of modern life, from streaming and food shopping to health care. When an Amazon delivery drone crashed during a test last year and started a bush-fire, it was another setback for the company's stumbling drone ambitions. The work has advanced more steadily for others, and in April, Wing announced

what it calls "the first commercial drone delivery service" in a major US metro area: Texas's Dallas-Fort Worth. Wing, which also offers deliveries to some areas in Australia and Finland, has a weight limit of 2.5-3 pounds (just over one kilo). Take-out food, prescriptions, and household items like toothbrushes are the type of small and light products that have worked for airborne drop-offs, though drones have for years delivered essential items like medical goods in parts of Africa. Drone drop-offs of perishable substances like blood make sense in places where infrastructure is lacking and air transport is the best option, yet some experts are skeptical of whether it works everywhere.

Government rules For example, a drone can carry one delivery from a warehouse or store to generally one place, which means a steep drop in efficiency in comparison with an old-fashioned parcel delivery driver. "It would take a small army of drones to service the 150-200 packages that just one truck normally takes on a route," wrote Bloomberg Opinion columnist Thomas Black, who still saw the potential for "pre-

mium" emergency deliveries. But Flytrex CEO Yariv Bash asserted that electric drones, in addition to being more efficient than take-out food deliveries done by a fossil fuel-powered car, were safer. "Drones don't get tired. They don't try to text while driving. They don't drink and drive," he told AFP. "You just get much better service." The question of safety has been at the heart of long processes of getting government approvals to work in the United States. Bass, from Wing, noted that although they use a 10-pound foam drone, the company had to get the same certification that firms like DHL or UPS need for their delivery aircraft. But he noted the Federal Aviation Administration transport regulator has launched a committee that's made recommendations for regulating drones in the United States, adding: "I think that would really unlock faster growth" in the country. Growth in the United States wouldn't be a surprise, as McKinsey & Company figures show the global number of commercial deliveries spiking from around 6,000 in 2018 to nearly half a million last year.

Blood and toothbrushes
 A handful of firms already have operations

Delhi International Airport Now Has 5G Network. How Flyers Benefit

GMR group-run Delhi Airport today said it has made its facility compliant for 5G network, which the passengers can avail once these services are rolled out by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). Most airports at present provide wireless service primarily through Wi-Fi to passengers. Wi-Fi relies on the unlicensed spectrum which is free for anyone to use, as per the Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL). With the rise in passenger footfall, the airports have witnessed a rise in demand for more bandwidth and faster speed for using gadgets like smartphones and laptops, among others. Airlines and other airport



stakeholders are also seeking fast, seamless and secure connectivity for their essential technologies to meet the demand, DIAL said, adding with 5G network passengers will be able to enjoy a 20 times faster data speed over the available Wi-Fi system, it said.

Wi-Fi relies on the unlicensed spectrum which is free for anyone to use, said Delhi International Airport. Such a network would allow them quicker downloads, zero buffering during streaming and seamless execution of resource-intensive applications, DIAL stated.

Flyers having a 5G-enabled mobile phone set and sim card can experience a better signal strength, seamless connectivity and faster data speed at the domestic departure pier and international arrival baggage area at Terminal 3, and between T3 arrivals and

multi-level car parking (MLCP), it stated. According to the private airport operator, the deployment across T3 would be covered in a phased manner. Currently, a few of the TSPs have enabled their network to facilitate 5G service for their customers and expect other such services providers to connect in the next few weeks, it said. "The 5G network offers a faster speed and lower latency. At the airport, this feature of the next-generation mobile technology will help improve connection density and will also lead to greater efficiencies and aid in faster decision-making," Videh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO at DIAL.

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It has been brought to the notice of the Government that fireworks of foreign origin have been illegally imported into India under false declarations in the past. It is hereby informed that fireworks in India have been declared as restricted item under ITC (US) in respect of import. Till date, no licence for import of fireworks has been granted for possession and/or sale under the Explosives Rules, 2008 by Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization.

The smuggled fireworks of foreign origin include the chemical 'Potassium Chlorate', which is a dangerous and hazardous chemical and can ignite or explode spontaneously. The fireworks can cause severe accidents and endanger lives in addition to posing a host of environmental and health issues to the country.

In the interest of safety and security of human lives and property, general public and stakeholders are requested to report the information about possession and/or sale of such fireworks to the nearest Police Station or District Authorities for suitable action.

Chief Controller of Explosives
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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
MADINA PUBLIC SCHOOL KRIPALPORA BALA (PATTAN).

RESOLUTION

In pursuance to the meeting of the Managing Body dated on 04-09-2022 elections were held for the Managing Body through secret ballot 21-09-2022.

The following have been elected for the Managing Body of Madina Public School Kripalpura Bala, Pattan.

01. Mr. Gh. Hassan Sofi	02. Mr. Gulzar Ahmad Malla
03. Mrs. Faheema	04. Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad Waza
05. Mtr. Humera Tabasum	06. Mr. Mohd Akbar Waza
07. Mtr. Shameema Bano	

S.NO	Name	Parentage	Residence	Qualification	Occupation	Designation
01	Mr. Gh. Hassan Sofi	Mohd Jaffer Sofi	Kripalpura Bala	B.Sc	Pvt. Service	Chairman
02	Mr. Gulzar Ahmad Malla	Fida Hussain Malla	Soniurum Pattan	M.A	Principal of school	Member
03	Mrs. Faheema	W/O Ali Mohammad Joo	Dever Parhaspora	M.A., B.Ed.	Vice Principal	Member
04	Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad Waza	Mohammad Ramzan Waza	Kripalpura Bala	10-02	Business	Parent Member
05	Mtr. Humera Tabasum	Gh. Mohammad Bhat	Kripalpura Bala	M.A. B.Ed.	teacher	Member
06	Mr. Mohd Akbar Waza	Ali Mohd Waza	Kripalpura Bala	B.A	Pvt. Service	Parent Member
07	Mtr. Shameema Bano	Gh. Mohammad Rather	Mattipora	Matric	Pvt. Service	Secretary

The Managing Body resolved to approach the worthy Director School Education Kashmir for the approval of above cited Body.

Chairman
 Madina Public School
 Kripalpura Bala, Pattan

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
MADINA PUBLIC SCHOOL HANJIWEERA PAYEEN (PATTAN).

RESOLUTION

In pursuance to the meeting of the Managing Body dated on 02-09-2022 elections were held for the Managing Body through secret ballot 19-09-2022.

The following have been elected for the Managing Body of Madina Public School Hanjiweera Payeen, Pattan.

01. Mr. Ali Mohammad Joo	02. Mr. Mohd Rafiq Mir
03. Mrs. Tanveera Akhter	04. Mr. Mohd Abass Reshi
05. Mr. Dilawar Hussain Sofi	06. Mr. Maqsood Ali Bhat
07. Mr. Mohd Altaf Dar	

S.NO	Name	Parentage	Residence	Qualification	Occupation	Designation
01	Mr. Ali Mohammad Joo	Gh. Mohammad Joo	Dever parhaspora	M.A. B.Ed.	Pvt. Service.	Chairman
02	Mr. Mohd Rafiq Mir	Mohd Akbar Mir	Bulgam Sopore	B. Sc.	Principal of school	Member
03	Mrs. Tanveera Akhter	W/O Gh. Hassan Khaja	Dever Parhaspora	B.A., B.Ed.	Vice Principal	Member
04	Mr. Mohd Abass Reshi	Gh. Mustafa Reshi	Hanjiweera Payeen	Matric	Business	Parent Member
05	Mr. Dilawar Hussain Sofi	Gh. Mustafa Sofi	Chanabal, Pattan	M.A.	teacher	Member
06	Mr. Maqsood Ali Bhat	Gh. Hussain Bhat	Hanjiweera Payeen	M.A	Pvt. Service	Parent Member
07	Mr. Mohd Altaf Dar	Ghulam Rasool Dar	Mirgund	M.Ed.	Pvt. Service	Secretary

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Israel Gives Green Light For Drone Assassinations: Media



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The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has approved the use of attack drones to assassinate Palestinian terrorism suspects in the West Bank, the Jerusalem Post reported on Thursday. The order comes after a violent Israeli raid a day earlier, and as the IDF increasingly looks to robots to police the Palestinian territories.

According to the newspaper, IDF commanders will be allowed to use drones "to carry out strikes should armed gunmen be identified as posing imminent threats to their troops." Senior officers discussed the doctrinal change on Wednesday, the report continued, with Chief of Staff General Aviv Kohavi signing off on the order.

Israel has used Elbit's Hermes 450 drones to carry out targeted assassinations in Gaza since 2008. These drones have been in production since the late 1990s, but establishing a full account of their usage is difficult, as Israel's mili-

tary censor had banned reports on their use until earlier this year.

The drones have never been used offensively over the West Bank, at least according to the IDF. However, the decision to change this policy came after four Palestinians were killed and 44 others injured during a raid on a refugee camp in Jenin early on Wednesday. However, the IDF was considering green-lighting drone killings as far back as May, when an Israeli counter-terror commando was killed during a similar operation in Jenin, the Jerusalem Post claimed.

Wednesday's raid was aimed at arresting the brother of Raad Hazem, who killed three Israeli civilians in Tel Aviv in April. Such attacks, apparently organized and staged from Jenin, have prompted fears that the IDF will soon conduct a large-scale military operation in the West Bank. While "no one has an interest in launching a large-scale operation," Interior Minister Omer Bar said in a radio interview on Thursday, "it can happen."

Mallikarjun Kharge, Flanked By Who's Who Of Congress, Files Nomination



NEW DELHI: As Mallikarjun Kharge formally joined the Congress president election by filing his nomination papers today, he was flanked by 30 leaders, including Ashok Gehlot, previously the front-runner.

Mallikarjun Kharge's entry was a last-minute twist after Ashok Gehlot dropped out. The message was delivered to him by KC Venugopal, a trusted leader of the Gandhis.

Though the Gandhis said they would be neutral, Mallikarjun Kharge's nomination at the Congress office made it clear that he has the blessings of the leadership. His papers were signed by a galaxy of leaders.

Prominent among them is Ashok Gehlot, who bowed out of the contest yesterday after apologising to Sonia Gandhi over the rebellion by MLAs loyal to him over reports that if he ran for party president, his rival Sachin Pilot would replace him.

Digvijaya Singh, who was all set to file his nomination until Mr Kharge came into the picture, was also one of his proposers.

The others include AK Antony,

Ambika Soni, Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Deepender S Hooda, Salman Khurshid, V Narayanasamy, Tariq Anwar and Rajiv Shukla.

Mr Kharge also received support from leaders of the "G-23" or group of 23 dissenters who wrote to Sonia Gandhi in 2020 calling for big reforms in the party, including elections for top posts. Mukul Wasnik, Anand Sharma, Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Manish Tewari, the most prominent of dissenters, who were discussing putting up a candidate, have all come out in support of the Gandhis-backed candidate.

This, despite one of their fellow "dissenters", Shashi Tharoor, contesting the Congress chief election. A prominent name missing from the list was P Chidambaram.

In contrast, Shashi Tharoor had 10 backers, which is the minimum needed.

His nomination papers had 50 signatures compared to Mr Kharge's 140. Mr Tharoor described his opponent as the "Bhishma Pitamah" of the party.

Suicide Bomber Kills Scores Of Students At Kabul Exam Centre



Agencies

KABUL: A suicide bomber struck an education centre in Afghan capital on Friday, killing 19 students and wounding 27 more, reports quoting Kabul police said.

The explosion inside the centre in the Dashti Barchi neighbourhood of Kabul populated mostly by members of Afghanistan's minority Shia Muslim community took place in the morning hours, said the police spokesman, Khalid Zadran.

The victims included high school graduates, both girls and boys, who were taking a practice university entrance exam when the blast went off, Zadran said. The centre is known as the Kaaj Higher Educational Centre and helps students prepare and study for college entrance exams, among its activities.

Unconfirmed reports circulating online put the death toll

at over 100 - many of them children. Afghan journalist Bilal Sarwary tweeted horrifying videos of the carnage and quoted a member of the education centre: "We have so far counted 100 dead bodies of our students... number of students killed is much higher."

"I picked up human body parts... picked up hands and legs. That was all left (of) my former students," Sarwary quoted one of the instructors in his tweet.

An eyewitness - 19-year-old Shafi Akbari - told the Associated Press around 300 students had been called for an early morning practice exam.

"First, we heard the sounds of a few gunshots at the main gate. Everyone was worried and tried to run to a different direction. Soon after that, a huge explosion occurred inside the centre, among its activities."

Akbari - fortunately unharmed - said he saw dozens of

bodies scattered. The suicide bombing was the latest in a steady stream of violence since the Taliban seized power.

The Islamic State group or Daesh the chief rival of the Taliban since their takeover of Afghanistan in August 2021 has in the past targeted the Shia Muslim community, including in Dashti Barchi.

"Our teams have dispatched at the site of the blast to find out more details," Abdul Nafi Takor, a Taliban-appointed spokesman for the Interior Ministry, said earlier.

The US charge d'affaires for Afghanistan, Karen Decker, condemned the attack in a tweet.

"Targeting a room full of students taking exams is shameful; all students should be able to pursue an education in peace & without fear," she said. "We hope for a swift recovery for the victims & we grieve with the families of the deceased."

Putin Declares 4 Annexed Ukrainian Regions 'Russian Forever'

Agencies

President Vladimir Putin has signed treaties on the inclusion of four former Ukrainian regions, into the Russian Federation. Friday's ceremony marked the start of the formal process of their accession.

Heads of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, Denis Pushilin and Leonid Pasechnik, as well as the leaders of Kherson and Zaporozhye, Vladimir Saldo and Evgeny Balitsky, signed the documents together with Putin.

The move follows official requests by the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, as well as the two southern Ukrainian regions, which had declared independence, to join Russia. All four territories held referendums on the issue between September 23 and 27, which saw overwhelming support for the move, according to results announced earlier this week by local election committees.

In Donetsk, 99.23% of the people voted to reunite with Moscow, with Lugansk showing



a slightly lower figure of 98.42%. Zaporozhye Region highly supported the idea of splitting from Ukraine and joining Russia, with around 93% of voters backing it. Some 87% voted in favor in Kherson Region as well.

The treaties will now be submitted to Russia's Constitutional Court, which will assess them to ensure they do not violate Russian law. Once they are cleared, the agreements will have to be ratified first by the State Duma - the lower house of the Russian parliament - and then by the Federal Council, its upper house.

The lawmakers will also need to pass legislation on incorporating the two republics

and two regions into Russia. The Donbass republics, as well as Kherson and Zaporozhye, will become part of Russia no sooner than the law is signed by Putin.

On Thursday, State Duma speaker Vyacheslav Volodin said that the lower house of Russian parliament would convene on October 3 to discuss a number of issues, including the treaties' potential ratification. The Federal Council could also discuss the ratification at its regular session on October 4, the upper chamber's head, Valentina Matviyenko, confirmed on Wednesday. "I do not see the need for extraordinary sessions," she told journalists at the time.

Supreme Court Suggests To Build Private Jails By Companies



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Thursday expressed concern over the conditions of jails in the country and suggested the idea of building private jails involving big corporates.

The top court said big corporate houses can build private prisons as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility.

"In Europe, there is a concept of private jails. Then there is corporate social responsibility. If you give them sufficient inducement you can have jails built. Because you don't want the public exchequer to be used for that. There is an alarming number of under-trial prisoners."

"They will build it and give it to you and claim reduction under the Income Tax. A new

concept will emerge. Then a new concept will evolve, from anticipatory bail to anticipatory jail," said a bench of Justices K M Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy.

The observation came after senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for activist Gautam Navlakha, said there is over overcrowding in jails and only Ayurveda doctors are available for patients.

The top court said the study of private jails. Then there is corporate social responsibility. If you give them sufficient inducement you can have jails built. Because you don't want the public exchequer to be used for that. There is an alarming number of under-trial prisoners.

"They will build it and give it to you and claim reduction under the Income Tax. A new concept will emerge. Then a new concept will evolve, from anticipatory bail to anticipatory jail," said a bench of Justices K M Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy.

Imran Khan Appears In Pak Court To Apologise To Woman Judge Over Remarks



Press Trust of India

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's ousted prime minister Imran Khan on Friday appeared before a sessions court in Islamabad to personally apologise to Additional Sessions Judge Zeba Chaudhry, the woman judge he had allegedly threatened at a public rally.

During a rally in Islamabad on August 20, Mr Khan had threatened to file cases against top police officials, election commission and political opponents over the treatment meted out to his aide Shahbaz Gill, who was arrested on charges of sedition.

He had also taken exception to Judge Chaudhry, who had approved Ms Gill's two-day physical remand at the request of the Capital Territory Police, and said she should "prepare herself as action would be taken against her".

Hours after the speech, Mr Khan, 69, was booked under the Anti-Terrorism Act for threatening judiciary and other state institutions at his rally. Mr Khan and his lawyers appeared in Judge Chaudhry's court. However, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief was informed by the court reader, Choudhry Yasir Ayaz, and stenographer Farooq that the judicial magistrate was on leave, the Dawn newspaper reported.

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"I have come to apologise to judicial magistrate Zeba Chaudhry," he could be heard saying to the court reader in a video shared by the PTI party on Twitter.

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Tharoor's India Sans Kashmir Map Lands Him In Trouble

NEW DELHI: Shashi Tharoor apologised "unconditionally" for a blunder in his manifesto for the Congress chief's election - a map of India in it did not have parts of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. He shared corrected versions after social media users attacked him over it, particularly BJP supporters on Twitter where he has more than 8 million followers.

The Congress sought to distance itself from the "egregious error", trying to deflect the BJP's attacks on Rahul Gandhi's ongoing 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'.

"No one does such things on purpose," Mr Tharoor tweeted with links to the revised manifesto, saying that his team "made a mistake". "We rectified it immediately and I apologise unconditionally," he added.

Social media users called the wrong map "a massive goof-up" and "a shameful act", with some accusing him of having "a divisive agenda".

Congress communications chief Jai Ram Ramesh said the BJP was using "any flimsy excuse" as ammunition



against party leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Unite India March'.

Mr Tharoor's apology came soon after. In the replies, a Twitter user said: "Don't you think you could have checked an important document like manifesto before its release? It's not even a big document." It's a 13-page document.

This was the second time in three years that Shashi Tharoor, a former union minister, landed in a map-in-a-booklet controversy. In December 2019, he shared publicity material about a Kerala Congress protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), and that had a similar problem. He deleted that tweet after the BJP's IT Cell and leaders

such as Sambit Patra went after him. He'd said the map was to "depict not the territory but the people of India".

In the latest row, in his manifesto booklet with the tagline 'Think Tomorrow, Think Tharoor', he used a map with a network of dots representing Congress units being across the expanse of India. It was different from India's official map that includes parts of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh occupied by Pakistan and China.

In the Congress polls, Shashi Tharoor is the main opponent of the party's Rajya Sabha leader, Mallikarjun Kharge, who is the frontrunner thanks to apparent backing of the Gandhis. Former Jharkhand minister KN Tripathi is the third candidate for the October 17 election, results of which will be declared two days later.

This is the first Congress chief election in over 20 years in which a Gandhi - current interim chief Sonia Gandhi and her son, MP Rahul Gandhi - aren't contesting. In fact the family, in an apparent counter to nepotism charges, insisted that a non-Gandhi take up the job.

Jailed Activist Gautam Navlakha Has Cancer, Court Says Move To Hospital

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court today directed the Taloja jail superintendent to immediately shift Gautam Navlakha, incarcerated in connection with the Elgar Parishad-Maoist link case, to Mumbai's Jaslok hospital for treatment, after the activist's counsel said he has colon cancer.

Underlining that receiving medical treatment is a fundamental right, a bench of Justices K M Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy also allowed Gautam Navlakha's partner Sahba Husain and sister to meet him in the hospital.

"Having heard the counsel for parties, we are of the view that receiving medical treatment would be a fundamental right. We direct that the petitioner be taken immediately for thorough medical check-up."

custody," the bench said.

It also directed the hospital authorities to submit a report to the SC about the check-up.

The 70-year-old activist has appealed the top court against the April 26 order of the Bombay High Court dismissing his plea for house arrest over apprehensions of lack of adequate medical and other basic facilities in Taloja jail near Mumbai where he is lodged.

As the hearing commenced, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Gautam Navlakha, submitted the activist is suffering from serious ailments and needs urgent medical attention.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for anti-terror probe agency NIA, said the prayer is to direct Taloja jail superintendent to take him for a dental check-up, skin allergy and colonoscopy at a hospital.

Forget percon created by articles and speeches, the solicitor general told the court and add that Gautam Navlakha is involved in naxalite activities and those related to offences under anti-terror law UAPA.

Mr Sibal interjected, asking "What percon?" The senior lawyer went on to say that Gautam Navlakha is over 70 and has colon cancer. "Is he a threat to the security of the nation?" he demanded.

The top court said it can direct Gautam Navlakha to be taken for a medical check-up today itself to the hospital and receive the treatment.

The bench has posted the matter for resumed hearing on October 21.

On September 27, the top court had sought responses of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the state of Maharashtra to Gautam Navlakha's plea that he be placed under house arrest instead of judicial custody in the Elgar Parishad case in which several left leaning activists and intellectuals are in jail for alleged Maoist links.

Is 'Fear of Missing Out' Making Kashmiris News Addict?

Mohammad Tawheed

Deconstructing a prevalent habit of Kashmiris—perhaps, for the first time—experts have concluded that the valley's excessive news consumption is majorly fuelled by the fear of missing out or FOMO.

"This [FOMO] is more common among the younger generation," Dr. Syed Karrar, a psychiatrist at IMHANS, Srinagar, told Kashmir Observer.

"They refresh their social media feeds nonstop to keep their minds occupied with updates on almost everything."

Attributed to a number of negative psychological and



behavioural symptoms, FOMO is the feeling of apprehension that one is either not in the

know or missing out on information, events, experiences. It's characterized by a desire

THERE'S A GENERAL LACK OF AWARENESS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN KASHMIRI SOCIETY. Most of the clients who visit our centre usually have severe anxiety disorders which cannot be only treated by psychotherapies but require medications as well. And there're still many people who give pseudo-cultural or pseudo-religious explanations for anxiety-related disorders and as a result such disorders remain unattended."

to stay continually connected with what others are doing.

"It [FOMO] has increased in recent times due to advancements in technology," continued Dr. Karrar. "In fact, psychological dependence on social media can lead to FOMO which in turn can affect normal life and activities."

The habit of consuming news, he said, has seen a rise in the

valley with the onset of high-speed internet and social media feeds.

But there's a downside to this behaviour, the psychiatrist warned, "as most of the times we consume news that creates the feelings of sadness, fear and anxiety in us. We unnecessarily get hooked to events which are not related to us."

However, the impulse to consume "negative" news can be difficult to resist, he said. "Humans are evolutionarily wired to look out for the danger and thus when we're constantly aware of the dangers and negative happenings around us, we feel prepared."

But at the same time, said Wasim Kakroo, **More on P11**

Gen Chauhan Takes Charge As New CDS



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New Delhi: Gen Anil Chauhan on Friday became India's new Chief of Defence Staff with a mandate to implement the ambitious theatreisation plan that aims to ensure tri-services synergy and prepare the armed forces for future security challenges facing the nation.

Gen Chauhan, a former Eastern Army Commander, took charge as the country's senior-most military commander over nine months after the first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Bipin Rawat died in a helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu.

"I am proud to be assuming the responsibility of the highest rank in the Indian Armed Forces. I will try to fulfil the expectations from the three services and tackle all challenges and difficulties together," Gen Chauhan said.

Before assuming charge of the CDS, Gen Chauhan paid tributes to India's fallen soldiers at the National War Memorial in the India Gate complex. His father Surendra Singh Chauhan was also present at the memorial.

He was also accorded a tri-services guard of honour at the lawns of the South Block in the Raisina Hills in presence of Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari and Navy Vice Chief Vice Admiral SN Ghormade.

Gen Chauhan's wife Anupama accompanied him when he took charge of the top office.

Known as an expert on China, his appointment to the top post comes amid the lingering border row between India and **More on P11**

Guns Roar In Baramulla Days Ahead Of HM's Visit

2 Jaish Members Killed, Planned To Target Army Recruitment Rally: Police

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Two local Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists planning to target the Army's Agniveer recruitment rally were killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Friday, police said.

Speaking to reporters in the north Kashmir district, Senior Superintendent of Police, Baramulla, Rayees Bhat said security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the Yedipora area of Pattan in the early hours of Friday after information was received from intelligence agencies about the presence of terrorists there.

"During the searches, the terrorists opened fire and an encounter ensued. The operation went on for a long time and in the morning hours, two terrorists were killed," the SSP said.

Bhat said the terrorists were planning to target the Army's Agniveer recruitment rally which concluded in Pattan's Hyderbeig on Thursday.

"The information we have is that they (terrorists) had reached here to target the Army's Agniveer (recruitment) rally and they were planning to disturb the youth who are trying to join the mainstream and to make this rally unsuccessful. But

we foiled their plans," he said.

The security forces recovered an AKS-74U rifle from the encounter site along with three magazines, a pistol, a pistol magazine and two bullets, he said.

"AKS-74U is a new version of AK-47, normally with the FTs (foreign terrorists), locally known as Karencov but actually called Kirinkov," he added.

Bhat appealed to the youth to not take the violent path.

Asked if the terrorists were trying to show their presence ahead of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Jammu and Kashmir, the SSP said the operation was successful because of an alert already issued by the security forces and the heightened security ahead of the visit.

Shah was scheduled to visit Jammu and Kashmir from September 30 to address two mega rallies in Rajouri and Baramulla. His visit, however, was postponed to October 4.

Bhat said the identity of the slain terrorists is being ascertained.

However, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said the slain terrorists belonged to Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

"01 more #terrorist killed (Total 02). Both the local terrorists linked with proscribed #terror outfit JeM. #Search operation in progress. **More on P11**



THOUSANDS OF DEVOTEES ON FRIDAY OFFERED KHOJE DIGAR, special prayers of Asr on the annual Urs of Hazrat Khawaja Syed Bhauddin Naqashband (RA) at Khwaja Bazar area of the Old City. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Justice Magrey Recommended As New CJ Of J&K, Ladakh HC

Agencies

Srinagar- The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey to be the new Chief Justice of J&K and Ladakh High Court.

The apex court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India U U Lalit also recommended transfer of incumbent Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal to the High Court of Rajasthan, according to the copies of the recommendations.

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey was born on 8th December, 1960 in Village Wattoo, Tehsil Damhal Hanjipora, District Kulgam of south Kashmir. He received school education in native village and did his Graduation and LLB (Hon's) from the University of Kashmir. He was enrolled as Advocate in the year 1984 and started practicing law in the District courts, including Revenue Courts/Tribunals; simultaneously started



conducting matters in the High Court. Justice Magrey remained as standing counsel from 1986 onwards for the State Financial Corporation; Jammu & Kashmir Bank and SIDCO; Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences; Power Development Department; Service Selection Board; Jammu & Kashmir Wakf Board. Justice Magrey was appointed

as Additional Advocate General in February 2003 with allocation for General Administration Department, Health and Medical Education Department, Service Selection Board, State Public Service Commission, Estates Department, SKIMS and Vigilance Department. He was appointed as Senior Additional Advocate General in September 2009 with additional charge of Home Department and appeared and conducted important criminal, Division Bench and Full Bench matters involving important questions of law, on behalf of the State in the High Court as also in numerous appeals in the Supreme Court of India.

Justice Magrey also appeared and conducted important Public Interest Litigation matters, constitutional matters, Service matters, Tax matters, Civil matters involving high stakes and **More on P11**

J&K To 'Contribute' 15% Of Medical Seats For All India Quota

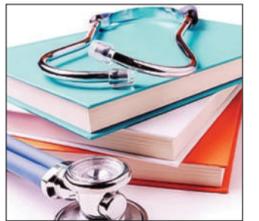
Agencies

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government has decided to contribute 15 percent of medical for All India Quota from the ongoing year.

The Jammu and Kashmir Board of Professional Entrance Examination (JKBOPEE) has said that the National Testing Agency (NTA), New Delhi conducted NEET-UG 2022 for admission to Under-Graduate Medical Courses on 17-07-2022 and declared the result of the said test on 07-09-2022.

"The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has provided the result of candidates belonging to the Union Territories (UTs) of JK and Ladakh, who have appeared in the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET), to the Board on 26th of September 2022," it reads.

BOPEE has further informed the eligible candidates that, "From current year that is 2022,



the government of J&K has decided to contribute 15 percent seats for All India Quota as per the instructions."

The Board has further said that it will notify the schedule for online or offline registration of eligible candidates separately and the eligible or the willing candidates in their own interest are advised to remain in touch with the BOPEE website for daily updates and keep all the relevant documents or certificates ready for registration as and when asked for the same.

"Moreover, the **More on P11**



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S H O R T T A K E S

'Drone Sighting' Prompts Search Operation

Security forces launched a massive search operation in several forward areas along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district following information about a suspected drone activity, officials said. However, nothing objectionable was found during the joint operation by police, CRPF, BSF and SOG on Friday, they said. The operation was launched after villagers near Talli hamlet in Marheen tehsil of Hiranagar sub-division informed that they spotted a drone flying along the IB late Thursday night, the officials said.

Woman Fraudster Booked Under PSA

Police on Friday booked a woman under the Public Safety Act (PSA) in central Kashmir's Budgam district on charges of trespassing and land grabbing. Shoki, wife of Ghulam Rasool Dar alias Las Shikari of Gangbugh Srinagar was booked under the PSA for her unrelenting involvement in criminal/anti-social activities and deceiving/looting the gullible people, a police spokesperson said Friday. The woman, he said, has been continuously deceiving, befooling and looting the gullible people with her craftiness. **More on P11**

Kuka Parrey's Son Resigns From Cong

Imtiyaz Parrey, son of slain Ikhwan founder Kuka Parrey, on Friday resigned from basic membership of Congress. According to reports, Imtiyaz announced his resignation from the Congress party through a Facebook post. "I am resigning from the basic membership of the Congress party due to some personal reasons. I appreciate my colleagues and leadership for reposing faith in me. I also appreciate the support and the love they have given me," Imtiyaz wrote on his Facebook wall. **More on**

Arms Cache Recovered In Bandipora

Security forces on Friday recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition including seven AK-47 assault rifles in Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. The cache was recovered in Nowshetra Nard area of the frontier Gurez sector in the north Kashmir district. "Bandipora Police and Army recovered huge #arms & ammunition including 7 AK-47 rifles, 2 Pistols, 21 AK Magazines, 1190 rounds, 132 pistol rounds, 13 grenades & other #incriminating **More on P11**

12 More Test Covid Positive In J&K

At least a dozen more people tested positive for Coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, taking the number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic in the Union Territory to 479149. In the Valley, Srinagar reported four new cases of virus, Kulgam two and Baramulla one, officials said Friday. In the winter capital, Jammu detected 3 new cases of Covid-19 and Rajouri 1. Also, the officials said that the death toll in the pandemic remained unchanged at 4785 in J&K— 2352 in **More on P11**

School Timing Changed In Jammu Division

The School Education Department on Friday changed school timing for all government and private institutions of summer zone areas of Jammu division from 9 Am to 3 Pm. According to reports, Director of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) in an official communique has ordered, "All the government and recognised private schools falling in summer zone of Jammu division shall observe school timing as 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M within Municipal Limits." However from outside the municipal limits or the rural areas **More on P11**

ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Where There is a Will...

Venice of the Orient was the name that European travellers had given to the city of Srinagar. Gothic brick houses, with lush green roofs, dancing tulips adorning the banks of river Jhelum and Nallahmar would give this city a fairytale look, more fascinating and thrilling than found in the Arabian Nights. The small cart roads of the city used to be very clean. There used to be no waterlogging. The Nallahmar constructed by Sultan Zain-ul-Abideen was a boon for this beautiful city. It not only provided an excellent transport channel but also an efficient drainage system. That was once upon a time. Today Srinagar is just a few steps short of becoming the largest slum of the sub-continent. There is no perceptible external hand - which the politicians of Kashmir are invariably in the habit of blaming for all ills in the state - involved in the virtual havoc which Srinagar faced. Filling of Nallahmar has proved disastrous for drainage and has by and large contributed towards its present state of affairs. Like all other major decisions, filling of this waterway had political motives behind it. Conversion of the Maar into a road involved displacement of a good chunk of population subscribing to a particular outlook and supporting a particular political party. This displacement suited a particular political party not only for improving its election prospects but, by scattering the people of the area to different parts it also believed that it would help them in keeping the "habitual agitators" out of the precincts of the city. Whether rulers achieved this objective or not is a matter of debate. But, one thing is clear that this developmental decision loaded with political expediency has proved disastrous for the city of Srinagar. Today, it seems that the old city of Srinagar cannot be salvaged and is destined to sink.

The old Srinagar is not just like any other towns of Kashmir. It is a crucible of our cultural and religious heritage. By and large all major shrines of the sufi saints are situated in this area. As regards recent political history of Kashmir, martyrs graveyards which are milestone of great significance are also situated in the old city. It is not the only culture and religion that makes the old city of Srinagar important. A few years back the city was known for some good water bodies and wet lands. Anchar and Khushhalsar were biggest bird sanctuaries within the city. Today, these lakes are fast vanishing and time does not seem to be far away when we will read about these lakes in books only.

The state government should try to come out of political expediency and chalk out a pilot project for saving the old city from sinking. One can understand the financial state of the government but such projects can be funded by International Organisations like the World Bank. Raising of requisite money from international organisations is not difficult provided the government takes the initiative and convinces the center about the dire need of saving Srinagar.

The article is an editorial from KO's archives and was originally published on December 6th, 2001

A New US-Pakistan Warmth

Though tilt towards India is still there but in recent months Washington has straightened it a bit in a bid to accommodate Pakistan. Why?

RIYAZ WANI

The lingering war in Ukraine has ushered in deeply disruptive geopolitical shifts. Europe led by the US, has put everything on the line to ensure Ukraine prevails. With NATO's weight behind Ukraine's forces, the invading Russian troops are facing stiff resistance. So much so that the powerful Russian Army had to bear the humiliation of retreating from some of its conquests to the approaching Ukrainian forces, including the earlier captured city of Kharkiv.

As things stand, the war in Ukraine shows every indication that it is not going well for Russia. But so isn't it for the west whose help for Ukraine has at best ensured a stalemate. For now, the west is working to bog Russia down in Ukraine and Russia has dug its heels in, even threatening to use nuclear weapons if brought to bay. It is because the stakes are high for both.

Russia's invasion has brought back the geopolitics of the cold war. Moscow's increasing defiance of the west and China's inexorable rise has confronted the US and the EU with a new existential crisis.

Russia, on the other hand, has legitimate fears of being encircled by the west and the NATO military bases reaching its doorstep. Many of the Eastern European countries which were once a part of the USSR-led Warsaw Pact have become a part of the NATO, heightening Russia's insecurity. The growing likelihood of Ukraine also joining NATO became the last straw for Putin.

But who is right and who is wrong hardly matters in geopolitics. It is the power that matters and which, in turn, also shapes what is right and what is wrong. This is already playing out in the case of Ukraine. The west, led by the US, has complete control of the narrative. West has again put on a moralistic lens on the war: a conflict between flawless virtue and pure evil.

But this could change should the outcome of the war favour Russia. A Russian victory or at least an upper hand in the war can confront America with one of its severest tests as the world's sole superpower. Some western experts have already written the epitaph of America's unipolar moment. It would be interesting to see who blinks first in this great power war of nerves.



Recently, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar raised questions over the "merits" of the US-Pakistan relationship. SAUL LOEB/POOL/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

New geopolitics is already shaping up and one of its visible fallouts is also being registered across Asia. The US seems to have doubled down on its efforts to contain China. US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's recent visit to Taiwan was a step in that direction. It angered China, ratcheting up tensions between the two superpowers. China subsequently carried out live-fire military drills encircling Taiwan

But America, despite its recent setback in Afghanistan, its failure to have its way in Syria in the teeth of the opposition from Russia and Iran, remains the world's No 1 power. Its GDP and defense expenditure remains several times higher than its nearest competitor China. But in Ukraine, we are at an interesting moment in history. The outcome of the war will determine the new global geopolitics if not the new superpower of the world.

And in fact, new geopolitics is already shaping up and one of its visible fallouts is also being registered across Asia. The US seems to have doubled down on its efforts to contain China. US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's recent visit to Taiwan was a step in that direction. It angered China, ratcheting up tensions between the two superpowers. China subsequently carried out live-fire military drills encircling Taiwan.

Another visible demonstration of the US recalibrating its policy is in South Asia. While the tilt towards India remains very much in place, the US has restored a degree

of its old warmth in its relations with Pakistan. It was evident when recently the US state department spokesman Ned Price said that both India and Pakistan were US partners, in response to the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar raising questions over the "merits" of the US-Pakistan relationship. What is more, the warmth has been visible in the interactions between US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Pakistani foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto. Earlier this month, the US State Department approved a Foreign Military Sale (FMS) to Pakistan for the sustainability of the Pakistan Air Force F-16 fleet and equipment at the cost of \$450 million.

Though tilt towards India is still there but in recent months, the US has straightened it a bit in a bid to accommodate Pakistan which under Imran Khan was threatening to draw closer to China-Russia axis. But with Khan's loss of power in a no-confidence vote which he blames on the US, Washington has sought to repair its otherwise frayed relations with Islamabad and also begun to respond to its

concerns. And going by Price's statement, the US may also be playing a furtive role to get India and Pakistan to restore engagement.

"We also want to do everything we can to see to it that these neighbours have relations with one another that are as constructive as can be possible. And so that's another point of emphasis," Price said as part of his response to Jaishankar's criticism.

One of the big picture take-aways of these developments is the US effort to nibble away at China's geopolitical sphere of influence. And Pakistan has been an abiding China ally. Basically, with the Ukraine war on, geopolitics is in a state of flux. One thing is for sure, the war's end and its outcome is certain to alter the world fundamentally. And possibly South Asia too.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer. The author is the Political Editor at Kashmir Observer

There has been much hand-wringing about the crisis of the humanities, and recent breakthroughs in artificial intelligence have added to the angst. It is not only truck drivers whose jobs are threatened by automation. Deep-learning algorithms are also entering the domain of creative work. And now, they are demonstrating proficiency in the tasks that occupy humanities professors when they are not giving lectures: namely, writing papers and submitting them for publication in academic journals.

Could academic publishing be automated? In September 2020, OpenAI's deep-learning algorithm, GPT-3, demonstrated impressive journalistic abilities by writing a credible-looking Guardian commentary on "why humans have nothing to fear from AI." And earlier this year, the Swedish psychiatrist Almira Osmanovic Thunström asked the same algorithm to write a submission for an academic journal.

Thunström was less prescriptive than the Guardian editors. She instructed the algorithm simply to, "Write an academic thesis in 500 words about GPT-3 and add scientific references and citations inside the text." She reports that "GPT-3's paper has now been published at the international French-owned preprint server HAL and ... is awaiting review at an academic journal." Even if the paper is rejected, it presages an era when AI papers won't be.

Similar experiments have been conducted with AI-generated creative design. This past June, the editors of the Economist used the AI service MidJourney to generate the cover art for their weekly print edition. Having recently seen a Salvador Dalí exhibition, I was particularly impressed by MidJourney's ability to produce images in the famous surrealist artist's style. Dalí experts doubtless would spot many problems with MidJourney's renditions, and gallery curators might admit MidJourney's images only as a surrealist joke. Yet if we consider the experiment strictly in economic terms, satisfying a potential customer like me would presumably be good enough to credit the AI with a win.

We should take the same approach to Thunström's experiment. A practiced eye might identify many imperfections in GPT-3's scholarship, especially if the

reader knows that the author is a machine. But blind peer reviews are the standard approach in academic publishing. Reviewers thus would be faced with a classic "Turing Test." Is this intelligence indistinguishable from that of a human? And even if GPT-3's scholarship

falls short, human academics should still worry that a GPT-4 or -5 will have overcome whatever advantage they still hold over machines.

Moreover, by focusing on egocentric writing tasks - asking the AI to write about AI - Thunström and the Guardian's experiments understate the broader challenge to academic writing. In addition to deep-learning algorithms, one also must consider the central role that Google Scholar plays in today's academy. With this index of all the world's academic literature, AI scholarship should be able to expand far into new frontiers.

After all, we applaud thinkers who uncover novel links between different academic fields and debates. If you can make an unexpected connection between an overlooked point by the German idealist philoso-

pher Johann Fichte and the current debate on climate change, you may have found the basis for a new journal article with which to pad your CV. And when you go to write that article, you will duly cite all the other relevant academics on those topics. This is necessary

both to signal your supposedly exhaustive knowledge of the subject and to attract the attention of your peers (one of whom might end up being the peer reviewer for your paper).

But it must be said: This standard approach to academic writing is decidedly robotic. An AI scholar can instantaneously scour the relevant literature and offer a serviceable summation, complete with the obligatory citations. It can also likely spot all those previously unidentified connections between Fichte and climate change. If the Google Scholar of the future can overcome its current Eurocentric biases, one can easily imagine AIs discovering fascinating linkages between Boethius, Simone Weil, and Kwasi Wiredu - insights that I, with my training in Australia's contemporary analytic phil-

Should Humanities Professors Be Automated?

NICHOLAS AGAR

“If academia is heading for a future of AI-driven research, we will need the humanities more than ever to help us navigate this novel terrain. The volume of new literature that a future GPT-3 could churn out would rapidly exceed our absorptive capacity. How will we determine which of those machine-generated insights apply to our own lives and social systems?”

osophical tradition, would be unlikely to find.

Humanities scholars nowadays often joke about the tiny readership that we can expect for our published papers. In the absence of mainstream media coverage, the standard philosophy journal article might be read by the five other philosophers who are mentioned therein and almost no one else. Yet in a future of AI-generated academic writing, the standard readership will be largely confined to machines. Some academic debates might become as worthy of human attention as are two computers playing each other in chess.

For those of us who view the humanities as one of the last essentially human disciplines, the first step to salvation is to think about how we engage with students. Students today want to lend their voices to debates about the world and the future possibilities for humanity, but they are often met with crash courses on academic writing and disquisitions about the importance of not randomly switching between citation styles.

Rather than structuring our courses like apprenticeships in specialized academic journal writing, we should reconnect with the "human" in the humanities. Today's digital media landscape has created a deep longing for credibility and authenticity. In a world of AI writing, rhetoric itself would become flattened and formulaic, creating a new demand for genuinely human forms of persuasion. That is the art that we should be teaching our students.

Likewise, if academia is heading for a future of AI-driven research, we will need the humanities more than ever to help us navigate this novel terrain. The volume of new literature that a future GPT-3 could churn out would rapidly exceed our absorptive capacity. How will we determine which of those machine-generated insights apply to our own lives and social systems? Amid such an abundance of knowledge, we would need to remember that humankind is not just a rational but also a social and political animal.

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India Matchmaking and ENGLISH VINGLISH

Katy Hight

After a popular and controversial first season, Netflix's Indian Matchmaking is back with more Mumbai elites and American Desis (diasporic South Asians) looking for love. The show offers a glimpse into matrimonial negotiations and the arranged marriage process, guided by matchmaker Sima Taparia. Contestants and their families outline their preferences – from values to profession, hobbies to looks – and scrutinise potential partners.

While some criteria are more or less explicit ("must like dogs"), others, such as "good education", work as implicit references to social class. In India – much like across the globe – good education is synonymous with an English medium education.

This is where English is the language through which all subjects are taught – a model favoured by fee-paying institutions. English speakers are widely assumed to be more educated, more affluent, more modern.

August marked 75 years of Indian independence from British colonial rule. But the English language has continued to play a key role in upholding inequality. For years it remained accessible only to the wealthy.

Over the past two decades, as India's economic policies shifted, English has become more widely accessible and demand continues to increase. Part of this is due to the longstanding prestige of speaking English, and the narrative that investing in English can bring opportunity and success.

Young Indians are feeling pressure to speak English, both to boost their chances of securing a professional job and to increase the probability of finding a good match for marriage. Unmarried women aspiring to the middle classes are bearing the brunt of the pressure.

In my ethnographic research, I



looked at how English gets linked to social mobility in India. I spent several months working alongside young adults at a free English and employability training organisation on the outskirts of South Delhi.

While most of the students enrolled had hopes of becoming socially mobile, many of the young women were also aware that their newly acquired English skills could benefit them in the search for a husband. But, as my interviews with these young women showed, their association with English sometimes ended up backfiring.

In matrimonial negotiations, English is often favoured by both sides, but is increasingly becoming a requirement for women. At times this appears more explicitly transactional. Young English-speaking brides are in high demand for their poten-

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tial to secure a place at an international higher education institution.

Some have termed this phenomenon "IELTS brides", indicating young women who have scored highly on the International English Language Testing System. But mostly, the desire for English in a future wife is more about what the language says about her class status and her perceived ability to be a part of modern India.

This was the case for Rupal – one of the teachers from the organisation – who was in the process of meeting potential husbands with her parents when I met her. After attending a school where Hindi was the language of instruction, she joined the organisation as a student to develop her English skills.

She was the first member of her family to speak English, and then trained to become a teacher at the

same organisation. Rupal knew that this could be leveraged to find a "better" husband, someone from a more securely middle-class background. Her parents had already rejected a proposal from a young man who had not finished school, arguing that, "My daughter is an English teacher ... she is so educated."

English gave Rupal a form of cultural capital which worked in her favour. This was an advantage that her sister, who had left education early to help financially support the family, was not able to wield.

When English backfires
But, as Rupal told me, "converting" her English capital into marriage appeal was not so straightforward. More than once, Rupal was rejected by the families of potential suitors precisely because she spoke English. Because of the widespread associa-

tions between English, modernity and progressiveness, Rupal's language skills raised suspicions about the type of wife she would be.

Parents of potential matches worried, "She will control my son, she will not allow him to do anything else, she will order [him]." Rather than giving her leverage in marriage negotiations, Rupal's status as an English speaker was taken by some families as an indication that her behaviour may not conform to what they expected from a woman and a wife.

Pursuing social mobility through the promise of English turned out to be a risky investment. Rupal was forced to carefully balance contradictory demands of "tradition" and "modernity" to show she was capable of being a respectable woman and a good wife. While inability to speak English can disadvantage both men and women, the risks of speaking English are specific to expectations of womanhood.

In its first season, Indian Matchmaking came under fire for its silence on the politics of caste, gender, religion and nationalism. It has been equally quiet on the unspoken dimensions of language on the marriage market, and what speaking certain languages represents socially.

The increasing demand placed on young Indians aspiring to the middle classes to speak English is fuelled by an often unquestioned acceptance of the utility of English across the globe. But what this narrative hides is how English is deeply entrenched in unequal social stratification through class, caste and gender.

Stories like Rupal's reveal how the lists of criteria for potential matches that Indian Matchmaking puts into the spotlight are less about "personal preferences", and much more about maintaining social order.

By arrangements with The Conversation

Who Wants an Apple When There's Iphone?



“ Funnily enough, America does not have a stranglehold on Apple or apples, with China looming large on both fronts. China is the world's largest apple grower, accounting for 45 per of the production (44 million metric tons), with the US running a distant second, growing only around 5 million tons. Both countries export apples worth around \$1 billion annually. Overall, global sales for fresh apples exported by all countries were worth \$7.6 billion in 2021

Chidanand Rajghatta

The word apple is now so synonymous with the company that dishes out nifty hardware and seamless software across the globe that if you were to key in the term in the address bar or search function, the website of the firm and news relating to it and its products will pop up first. The storied fruit it takes its name from is relegated further down the results.

According to Walter Isaacson's biography of Steve Jobs, Jobs chose the name Apple for his company because "it sounded fun, spirited, and not intimidating... plus, it would get us ahead of Atari in the phone book." Atari, a pioneer in home computers and video games, which was Nintendo before the 1990s, is now largely forgotten except among the older generation of tech geeks and gearheads. Going by recent developments in the Apple/apple world though, the fruit too is in danger of being eclipsed.

A recent story in this newspaper details how a Kerala businessman flew to Dubai earlier this month to buy the latest reiteration of iPhone (14Pro). He did not want to wait a few extra hours or days it would take for its release in India. Apparently, he has done this for the past several versions of iPhone, an act of apple polishing that should endear him to the company famed for its fan following. Appleheads are now a legion, with Apple critics following them at a distance.

What is it about Apple that generates such passion and veneration? Well, in the words of Indian business guru Harsh Goenka, chairman of RPG enterprises, Apple sells design and ease (of use), not electronics – just as Rolex sells status, not watches and Harley Davidson sells lifestyle, not motorcycles. He believes great companies sell emotions, not products. Appleheads are emotionally in thrall of and bonded with the company's design philosophy, which its founder distilled into the quote "Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication." With clear lines, uncluttered look, and simple operating procedures, Apple has seduced consumers across the world.

But while Apple with a capital A is on the march, with its revenues nearing \$400 billion and a valuation of over \$2.4 trillion, it turns out that consumption of the fruit it is named after is plateauing across the world, despite the hoary belief that "an apple a day keeps the doctor away." Recent studies have shown that the claim behind the aphorism may be a trifle exaggerated. Although other studies have shown an apple a day does lower bad cholesterol, the difference in doctor-visits between

apple-eaters and non-eaters is not statistically significant.

Apparently, it was America's apple lobby, which preceded Apple evangelists, at work to boost sales of the fruit. The original quote, which came from Wales, was "Eat an apple on going to bed and you'll keep the doctor from earning his bread." With typical American operating philosophy of simplifying everything (doughnut to donut, catalog for catalogue), it was compacted to "an apple a day keeps the doctor away."

Remarkably, apples aren't even a native American fruit. Apples originated in Central Asia and the Middle East before branching out to the rest of the world. They came to America only in the late 1700s and were popularized in the 1800s by evangelist John Chapman, who was given the name Johnny Appleseed for the fervor with which he preached the virtues of the fruit, eventually leading it to be used in pies. During World War II, it became common for American soldiers to say they missed, or enlisted for, "mom and apple pie." That in turn led to the phrase "as American as apple pie" to describe symbols of American pride.

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That is chump change compared to revenues from Apple products. Indeed, Apple's iPhone, released in 2007, is now the company's most successful product, accounting for more than 40 percent of Apple sales and bringing in a staggering \$200 billion annually. Although 90 percent of Apple products are made in China by contract manufacturers, China makes only pennies to the dollar on them.

Even that is now being whittled down, with Apple deciding to shift some of the manufacturing to India, where Foxconn, the Taiwanese contractor, has started making iPhone 14 at its plant in Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu. The Kerala man who came to UAE to buy the latest may soon be able to purchase it nearer home. As for the fruit, it may well become rarer than the cell phone in the future. – The writer is a senior journalist based in Washington

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– Khaleej Times

City Areas Witness Massive Traffic Jams

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Many areas of the city witnessed massive traffic gridlocks on Friday afternoon. Traffic jams which were mostly witnessed in downtown areas of the city, left motorists fuming.

Long queues of vehicles were seen stuck in Rainawari, Khanyar, Nowpora, Bohri Kadal, Hawal and other areas of downtown Srinagar.

However, the authorities said the traffic jams were timely and as a result of roadblocks and large numbers of people through city Shrines.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, SSP Traffic City Muzaffar Ahmad Shah said two religious events coinciding with each other led to the traffic jams in the city.

"The road at Khawaja Bazar was closed due to 'Khoja Digar,' people also thronged Hazratbal Shrine in large numbers because of Friday and Rabi-ul-awwal, which led to traffic jams" he said.

He further said that schools closing down during the prayer time added to the volume of vehicles.

"There will be a normal flow of traffic from tomorrow, he assured commuters."



PHOTO: ABID BHAT /KO

13 Cases Of Hand, Foot And Mouth Disease Reported

Agencies

Srinagar: At least 13 cases of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) were reported at a school in Srinagar following which authorities issued a health advisory.

A top official of Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) said that 13 students have been affected so far and all are in the age group of 4 to 5 years.

School administration was briefed properly about all the guidelines and they were asked to report immediately if there are any more such cases, he said.

All these viral illnesses are self-limiting and isolation, proper hygiene, Cough etiquette, hand washing is key to suc-

cess, he said, adding that tomato flu is a variant of HFMD.

"Disease (HFMD) Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is a human syndrome caused by Intestinal viruses of the Picornaviridae family," reads an advisory issued by Directorate of Health Services Kashmir.

The most common strains causing HFMD are Coxsackie A virus and Enterovirus71 (EV71) and it is a common viral illness of infants and children (less than 10 year olds) and is extremely uncommon in adults," it said, adding that Coxsackie virus A16 produce Mild Infection HFMD and Enterovirus 71 produce HFMD with severe neurologic involvement including fatal encephalitis."

'Khoja Digar' Offered At Naqashbandh Sahib (R.A) Shrine

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Thousands of people thronged the Naqashband Sahib (R.A) Shrine on Friday in Khawaja Bazar area of downtown Srinagar to participate in Khoja Digar prayers. The 400-year-old religious practice, commonly known as 'Khoja Digar', witnessed massive participation of devotees from all across the Kashmir Valley.

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On the occasion, Awwad-e-Asriya, a booklet comprising verses of repentance and faith was recited.

The Sufi saint used to recite

along with his hundreds' of disciples 700 years ago at Bukhara in Uzbekistan.

Hazrat Khwaja Naqshband Sahib (RA) was born in 718 AH at Qasr-i-Arifan, a village in Bukhara. The shrine is dedicated to him, where one of the great saints of the Naqshbandi order, Hazrat Moinuddin Naqshband (RA), was laid to rest along with his wife and two sons.

Authorities had made special arrangements for the convenience of devotees. An official said that a special sanitation drive was carried out at the shrine and its adjacent areas.

Peoples Conference Remembers Molvi Iftikhar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Peoples Conference (PC) on Friday held a remembrance meeting at the party headquarters here to pay tributes to Moulvi Iftikhar Ansari sahib on his 8th death anniversary.

As per a statement issued, the leaders remembered and paid glowing tributes to Moulana Iftikhar Ansari and the crucial role he played in the upliftment of the downtrodden people and empowering them to fight for their dignity, rights and entitlements with impeccable will and determination.

The leaders also highlighted Moulana's tremendous contributions in the socio-political space of J&K and recalled his tireless efforts in empowering the people of J&K. They recalled the role Moulvi played in grooming young political leaders, his stead-



fastness in standing up for what was right and his unmatched adherence to principles and values that he cherished.

The leaders then offered Fatiha and prayed for his eternal peace.

The commemorative meet was presided by PC senior Vice President Abdul Gani Vakil and attended by senior party leaders including Syed Basharat Bukhari, Nazir Ahmed Laway, Raja Aijaz Ali, Mohammad Abbas Wani, Mohammad Ashraf Mir, Adnan Ashraf Mir, Irfan Mattoo, Saleem Parray, Mudasar Karim, Mohammad Sulaiman Bhat and Tasaduq Yaseen.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION CHADOORA NOTICE INVITING-TENDER

E-NIT No. 164 of 2022-23/6966-75 dated 28/09/2022/CHADOORA
Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Division Chadoora on behalf of LT. Governor of J&K UT invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for the following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest money CDR/FDR/BG (Rs)	Time of Completion (days)	Major Head	TS STATUS	Class of Contractor
1	Restoration of Bypass to Railway Bridge Via Sikh Bagh by way of providing and laying of 75 mm thick WMM, 50 mm thick Bituminous macadam and 25 mm thick Semidense with 6mm thick Seal Coat (Machine Mix to be laid with paver)	29.68	1100	59360	12	REVEV BUDGET	Sanctioned	A/B
2	Restoration of Satmani Ladden Road Balance Portion by way of providing and laying of 75 mm thick WMM, 50 mm thick Bituminous macadam 25 mm thick Semidense Bituminous Concrete with 6mm thick Seal Coat (Machine Mix to be laid with Paver)	34.99	1100	69980	12	REVEV BUDGET	Sanctioned	A/B
3	Restoration of Gangipora to NH Rakhshalina Road by way of providing and laying of 75 mm thick WMM, 50 mm thick Bituminous macadam and 25 mm thick Semidense with 6mm thick Seal Coat (Machine Mix to be laid with Paver)	34.92	1100	69840	12	REVEV BUDGET	Sanctioned	A/B

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

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	28/09/2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	28/09/2022
3	Bid submission Start Date	28/09/2022
4	Bid Submission End Date	06/10/2022 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	06/10/2022 4.10PM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora

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

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

Note: -The Bidders shall mention the name of the advertised work/ reference to NIT & S. No. on the EMD / Bid security (CDR/FDR/BG) while submitting the bidding documents, in order to avoid using the same multiple times for multiple works.
4. The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders' bids will be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender receiving authority).

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

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

iii) Treasury Challan and Earnest money

iv) Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card

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

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

ii) Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of the latest quarter/ latest Month to the self-issued NIT.

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

No: 6966-75
Dated: 30/09/2022

Executive Engineer
R&B Division Chadoora

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the RC of my vehicle bearing No JK05G- 9732 . Now I am applying for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office to the ARTO Sopore Baramulla within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ghulam Mohi Uddin Ganie
S/o Late Ab Samad
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بٹ خاندان کو صدمہ

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- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (Open)
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PRAYERS

HIJRI CALENDAR
04 Rabi ul Awwal
1444

FAJR	5:03
ZUHR	12:22
ASR	4:37
Magrib	6:23
ISHA	7:43

This Day In History

- 331 BC - Alexander the Great defeats Darius III of Persia in the Battle of Gaugamela
- 911 - During a siege in Constantinople, the Theotokos (Mary, the mother of Jesus) appeared at the church in Blachernae holding her veil over the praying faithful, among them St. Andrew of Constantinople.
- 965 - John XIII Crescentii elected to succeed Pope Leo VIII
- 1606 - Spanish troops under Spinola occupies fort Rhine birch
- 1632 - Battle at Castelnaudary: Duke Henri de Montmorency's rebel army loses
- 1653 - Russian parliament accepts annexation of Ukraine
- 1768 - British troops under General Thomas Gage land in Boston
- 1787 - Russians under Suvorov defeat the Turks at Kinburn.
- 1795 - France annexes Southern Netherlands
- 1795 - Belgium is conquered by France.
- 1800 - Spain cedes Louisiana to France in a secret treaty
- 1801 - Britain & France sign Preliminary of London
- 1864 - Cyclone strikes Calcutta: 70,000 killed
- 1867 - Karl Marx' "Das Kapital" published
- 1887 Balochistan conquered by the British Empire.
- 1904 - Netherlands and Portugal lay down boundaries splitting the island of Timor in two
- 1918 - World War I: Arab forces under T. E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") capture Damascus
- 1928 - USSR launches its first 5-year plan
- 1934 - Adolf Hitler expands German army and navy, violating Treaty of Versailles
- 1936 - Generalissimo Francisco Franco establishes state of Spain
- 1943 - Allied forces captured Naples during WW II
- 1943 - Germans attack Jews in Denmark

From KO Archives

Delhi Fruit Traders Refusing Kashmiri Apple

400 Trucks Lying Unloaded At Azadpur Mandi

Observer News Service

Srinagar-Nearly 400 trucks laden with Kashmiri apple are stranded at the Azadpur mandi in Delhi, as traders refuse to unload them because of their preference for fruit from Himachal Pradesh.

The situation has sent a wave of concern through fruit traders in Kashmir, and the matter has been taken up with the Delhi government.

A delegation of the Fruit Growers Association said that different varieties of apple are being exported in this season and 400 trucks laden with the fruit arrived in the Azadpur mandi in Delhi four days ago.

"Traders in the capital are declining to unload the trucks because preference is being given to fruit from Himachal over that from Kashmir," it said.

The trucks are stranded at the mandi, causing deep concern among the growers community, it said. The stranding of 400 trucks has caused a shortage of vehicles to ferry fruit to outside the state, and as a result freight charges have jumped through the roof, it said.

"Only a few days ago, the freight per carton from Shopyan to Delhi was Rs 40. This had now been hiked to Rs 50," it said. Sources said that the union minister for water resources, Prof Saifuddin Soz, has conveyed his concern by raising the issue with the horticulture department in Delhi after the matter was brought to his notice by fruit traders.

(Kashmir Observer, October 01, 2000)

Shali Ganga Nallah Mining

DDC Budgam Seeks Probe Following NGT Judgement



Observer News Service

BUDGAM: As National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued a 212 page judgement on illegal mining in streams and rivers of Budgam especially Shali Ganga nallah, the Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Budgam Nazir Ahmad Khan has shot a letter to Deputy Commissioner Budgam asking him to probe into the illegal riverbed mining so that officers who allowed unabated environmental degradation were put to task.

On Friday DDC Chairman Budgam wrote a detailed letter to DC Budgam which reads as:

"I went through some news items mentioning the National Green Tribunal's detailed judgement to restrict a private company from carrying out any mining activities in Shaliganga stream in Budgam district. In an order pronounced on Wednesday, the NGT has directed the Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Board (PCB) and the District Magistrate Budgam to enforce compliance of its directions. The NGT has observed that the project proponent has used heavy machines for excavation. NGT has also raised serious concerns over the procedure followed by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) while granting prior environmental clearances, the

NGT has further asserted that the sand mining in river bed has serious consequences " reads the letter

Khan in his letter to DC Budgam said that NGT order has highlighted various administrative lapses and laxity which reveals that concerned Govt officers dealing with riverbed mining have miserably failed to implement the Mineral Rules 2016 and guidelines of State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).

"The officers who allowed the environmental degradation in streams, rivers or even Karewas need to be dealt strictly. At the outset, the concerns raised by the litigant before the NGT should have been addressed by the officers at district level only. It is only the result of their carelessness that the National Green Tribunal has now taken cognizance of the issue. The tribunal has now issued a 212 paged judgement highlighting the huge administrative and environmental lapses on part of Geology & Mining Department and other concerned departments like Flood Control Department, Fisheries, District Pollution Control Board etc. I request you to order a probe into this so that those officers who allowed this unabated environmental degradation are put to task," the letter further reads.

Soldiers Get Photo, Videography Training To Record J&K's Culture, Art

Press Trust Of India

UDHAMPUR: Army's Northern Command has trained a group of soldiers in photography and videography to become 'information warriors' to record various facets of the life in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

A photography and videography programme was conducted by the Northern Command at Udhampur from September 12-30 in which selected individuals from the formations

of the Command participated, defence spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Devender Anand said.

He said the aim was to train soldiers as a cadre to improve their skills in photography and videography so as to project the beauty, art, culture of Jammu and Kashmir and symbols and humility of its people as well as other developments in the region.

This workshop was organised in collaboration with the Press Club Jammu and the Public Relations Units of the Ministry of De-

fence in Jammu and Udhampur.

The selected soldiers will be further trained under the technological guidance of the Central University, Jammu, the spokesman said.

Speaking on the occasion, Major General S S Patil said the initiative will not only prove instrumental in the furthering the image of the Army, but will also portray the force's various positive and vibrant facets in the service of the people and the nation.

Youth Cong Holds Protest Against Inflation In Jammu

Seeks Restoration Of Statehood To J&K

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The youth wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Congress on Friday targeted the BJP government at the Centre over inflation, terming it as more deadly than the Covid pandemic.

Led by Uday Bhanu Chib, president J-K Youth Congress, the activists gathered here and raised slogans against the government.

Talking to reporters, Chib said the BJP has brought the country to a "complete mess by its visionless and myopic misdeeds". He said it will take a long time to bring the country back on track.

Chib said the sky-rocketing inflation caused due to directionless policies of the govern-



ment as it hiked the prices of essential commodities has broken the backbone of the people.

He also said the BJP government should not take the

India Post Starts Direct RTN Service Between Jammu & Srinagar

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Department of Posts J&K Circle starts a dedicated Road Network Transport Service on daily basis which will connect Jammu and Srinagar for transmission of Parcels/Speed Post Parcels.

Col Vinod Kumar, Postmaster General Jammu Region has flagged off the well decorated Vehicle of Postal Department carrying Parcel Mails meant for Srinagar today morning. He intimated that this is the historical moment for J&K UT as this is the first RTN service connecting Jammu City to the Kashmir Valley. This RTN will cater the long pending needs of transmission of parcel mails between these two cities of J&K UT and this will serve as a bridge for all businessmen, manufacturer, factory owners to transmit their items/parcels to Kashmir Valley and vice versa. He

also informed at the same time an RTN Vehicle is flagged off by Chief Postmaster General J&K Circle from Srinagar also which is carrying parcels, logistic consignments and speed post parcels meant to be delivered in Jammu city.

With this historical start of RTN service, J&K UT has got connected to the rest of India for the fastest transmission of all kinds of parcel items, Logistic consignments as well as Speed Post Parcels. Col Vinod Kumar Postmaster General Jammu Region informed that India Post is now well connected to each part of the country through RTN service and has been providing speedy delivery of Parcels across India. He requested all the industrial community, business houses and members of general public to avail this reliable speedy & direct service for sending their items/Parcels between Jammu City and Kashmir Valley.

HFMD Outbreak

CEO Srinagar Issues Advisory For Students

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Chief Education Officer (CEO) Srinagar on Friday issued an advisory to prevent spreading of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) among the students studying in schools of the city. According to reports, CEO Srinagar has said, "Cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease have been reported in some schools of district Srinagar."

He said that in order to prevent spread of the disease any further, Head of Institutions of all the schools are directed to adopt the following measures with immediate effect.

Advisory

1: Parents are advised not to send their wards to school with the fol-

lowing symptoms: Fever, Sores in Mouth, Skin rash, Sore throat, small red spots and blisters.

2: Children with above symptoms be isolated for 5-7 days post onset of the symptoms to prevent spread infection to other children or adults.

3: Educate School children about the signs, symptoms and preventive measures.

4: Maintain hygiene in and around classrooms and ensure wearing of masks and use of sanitizers by all students and teachers. Classrooms if required are periodically sanitized.

5: Heads of all the educational institutes are advised to follow the above directions to prevent spread of the disease among children.

Cycle Rally To Spread Awareness On Drug Abuse In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation and Jammu Smart City Limited on Friday organised a cycle rally to spread awareness on drug abuse.

The rally was flagged off by Municipal Commissioner Rahul Yadav from Kala Kendra in the city.

People from all walks of life, including officials, participated in the rally and spread the message of creating a healthy society free of drug abuse.

Rahul Yadav said the cycle rally was part of the drive to free the UT from drug abuse. The campaign was launched by Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha.

He said the aim of the rally was to create awareness against drug menace and educate youth, who fall prey to drugs unknowingly.

Kargili Urges LG's Intervention in Transporters Permit Issue

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sajjad Hussain Kargili, a prominent social and political activist on Friday request intervention of the Lieutenant Governor into the renewal of route permit to the commercial vehicles within the Union Territory of Ladakh.

In a letter sent to LG Radha Krishna Mathur, Kargili has requested his intervention over the protesting Kargil transporters' commercial vehicles issue for early redressal, saying that earlier the Ladakh region was the part of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State and most of the commercial vehicle, both passenger vehicles and load carrier vehicles, possessed the All J&K route permit which includes the UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh.

"But after the reorganization of the state, the route permit was also affected and due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Government of

India through Ministry of Roads and Transport issued notification time to time and extended all relevant documents including route permit," the letter reads.

Giving reference of the notification, Kargili said that the Transport Department UT Ladakh was supposed to issue the notification regarding the renewal of respective route permit to the commercial vehicles within the UT of Ladakh.

"Till date, no such notification has been issued by the Transport Department Union Territory of Ladakh which causes a lot of inconvenience to the transporter community within the district as the transporters are even unable to renew the respective insurance policies regarding the commercial vehicles. In such a situation, any unfortunate incident will cause irreparable loss to the general public also," he said.

In this regard, Kargili says in the letter, all the stakeholders of the District Kargil unanimously wrote

to your good self about the UT Ladakh Route Permit to the commercial vehicles of UT Ladakh.

"But due to unknown reasons, no breakthrough has happened. The transporters are solely dependent on their respective vehicles and have a responsibility to feed their families," reads the letter.

"The non-issuance of UT Ladakh route permit adversely affects the livelihood of all transporters, which ultimately adversely affects the society as a whole," it adds

Moreover, Kargili insists that the sad part was that the authorities have seized the vehicles that don't have permits.

"On the one hand, the authorities are not providing permits, and, on the other, they are seizing those vehicles that don't have a permit. Keeping the facts in consideration, your good self is kindly requested to direct the concerned authorities to issue the UT Ladakh level permit at the earliest," Kargili urges the LG.

DEO Shopian Reviews Special Summary Revision

Emphasises Upon BLOs To Register All Eligible Voters

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: The Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, who is also District Election Officer (DEO) on Friday held meeting with BLO's of Shopian and Zainpora constituencies at Mini Secretariat, here.

While interacting with BLO's, the DEO urged BLO's to expedite the process of registrations and ensure 100 per cent accuracy and coverage to the electorates.

He asked them to work with dedication and enthusiasm towards the effective registration of new eligible voters.

Dy. DEO, Jahanger Ahmad, on the occasion explained about the process of pre-scribed forms under ongoing Special Summary Revision and methodologies to be adopted for 100 per cent coverage.

The DEO stressed upon BLOs to undertake the task of spreading awareness among

the people regarding the on-going Special Summary Revision exercise.

An interactive session was later held with BLO's to clear their doubts regarding enrollment process and other relevant queries.

Further they were asked to disseminate awareness on usage of online platforms for submission of forms, registrations which can be done through Voter helpline app and through nvsp portal.

Excise Deptt Cracks Down On Narcotic Crop Cultivation In Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts of eradicating the Narcotic crop cultivation, the Excise Department of Kashmir Division intensified its activities in the month of September under Nash Mukht J&K Abhiyan by following a multi pronged strategy; focussing on destruction activities in all the potential/vulnerable areas, taking stringent measures against illicit cultivators/persons involved in narcotic trade, massive awareness generation programmes involving all stakeholders like Youth Clubs, Students, PRI member's, Senior Citizens, NGO's, religious scholars among others.

In the month long campaign, Bhung destruction on more than 2100 Kanals of land was done in Kashmir division, besides 12 FIRs were registered against illicit cultivators. Also, more than two Quintals of grinded Cannabiss and Poppy straw was seized by the Excise officials and appropriate legal action was initiated against the accused.

The department also organised more than 150 awareness camps this month to spread the message of drugs being harmful not only to individual who is involved in abuse but also detrimental to the family in particular and to the society in general. As part of the campaign, counselling exercises were held so that victims of abuse do not fall into the trap.

Parents and teachers were counselled to maintain extra vigil and to report that if any individual tries to lure minors towards this menace, law enforcement agencies must be immediately alerted. Focus of youth was taken to positive aspects by holding Painting Competitions, Debates, Marathons, Cyclethones and Football Matches across the division.

While Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan was a special platform to sensitize people in the fight against drugs, the department will continue to follow a multi-dimensional campaign to eradicate the menace of substance abuse and illicit cultivation from the society.

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NOTICE INVITING DESIGNS / DRAWINGS / SKETCHES FOR TABLEAUX 2023

Proposals from the artists / designers are invited for preparation of designs / sketches / drawings of J&K Tableaux 2023 on the theme "Naya Jammu Kashmir" for presentation at National Republic Day Parade 2023 at New Delhi.

The tableaux design shall have to :

"Showcase 'Nava Jammu Kashmir' with 'infrastructural development', 'Digital transformation' and 'allied advances' (like highest railway bridge on river Chenab) in the backdrop"

The ground / margins of the tableaux shall have to showcase folk dances / cultural mosaic of Jammu and Kashmir with due representation to both the regions of the Union Territory.

The details of other terms and conditions can be had from the office of the Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Lai Mandi, Srinagar and Additional Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Canal Road, Jammu.

The last date for receipt of designs / drawings / sketches with financial bid and a short write-up about tableaux design has been fixed as 10th October, 2022 up to 4:00 p.m.

The details can also be had from the website of the Academy at jkaacl.jk.gov.in.

Sd/-
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, mortgagor and guarantors in particular that the below mentioned immovable property mortgaged to The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Saffapora, the physical possession whereof has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank under section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 will be sold through e-auction on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATSOEVER THERE IS" and "NO COMPLAINT BASIS" on 20.10.2022 for recovery of dues to the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Office Saffapora from below mentioned borrower, mortgagor and guarantors. The reserve price and the earnest money deposit (EMD) is mentioned herein below:

Description of the mortgaged property (Put on sale)	Land measuring 01 Kanals & 15 Marlas along with the commercial shopping mall constructed there upon, falling under Khasra no 1100 min, Khata No 735 & Khawat No 339 situated at mouza Rakh Shilwat, Sumbal Bandipora, standing in the name of Mr. Qawam ud din Sheikh S/o Abdul Rashid Sheikh
Reserve Price	Rs 1,56,60,000 (Rupees One Crore & Fifty Six Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)
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The bid document/format containing full details of the mortgaged property and all the terms & conditions can be had from and submitted on the website "<https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>" (Contact Persons: Mr. Ram Sharma (M) 9978591888, 9265562821 (O) 079 - 6813 6844). The bids complete in all respects can be only submitted online by or before 19.10.2022 upto 5 PM. The e-auction will be held on 20.10.2022 from 11.30 AM to 04:00 PM. The contact details of the bank officials are: Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Dar (Authorized Officer) Mobile No 9596427600 & Mr. Khalid Amin (Branch Manager Saffapora) Mobile No9419782424

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Mohammad Yousuf Dar
Authorized Officer
J&K Bank Ltd.

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Place: Saffapora (J&K)

J&K Taekwondo Team Represents India In International C'ship



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Taekwondo team of J&K represented India at 3rd Mount Everest International Taekwondo Championships held at Pokhara, Nepal from 23rd to 26th September, 2022. The championship was organised by Nepal Taekwondo Federation. The team, preparing for the said championship under Master Atul Pangotra (Taekwondo Coach) and Instructors Rohit Sharma and Mukesh, performed amazingly throughout the championship.

Among the players, J&K's Aryan Singh Chib brought laurels to India by clinching a Gold medal in the Junior weight category while 6 of the athletes qualified for the competition's quarterfinals.

The team was comprised of both Kyourigi and Poomsae athletes.

Narayan Sharama, Soham Sharma, Achutam Dev Singh, Suryaansh Victor Sharma, Aryan Singh Chib, Kushagra Sharma, Supriya Dogra, Govind Singh, Rudhra Pratap Singh, Dushyant Kapta, Rutba Majid participated in Kyourigi Division, while Soham Sharma, Shanaz Parveen, Nitin Singh Rathore, Kushagra Sharma participated in Poomsae Division.

The team was accompanied by Nitin Singh Rathore as a Captain and Harish Tokas as Coach who headed the team from J&K to Nepal.

Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gul congratulated the whole team along with the coaches for the amazing performance and also assured her support for Aryan Singh Chib and the other members of the team for their future endeavours.

District Srinagar Shooting Ball C'ship Concludes



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The two-day long District Srinagar Shooting Ball Championship organised by District Srinagar Shooting Ball Association in collaboration with J&K Shooting Ball Association under the aegis of J&K Sports Council concluded on Friday at G. D. Goenka School.

More than a hundred participants of different institutions, colleges and clubs under the age category of Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Men/Women took part in the event.

P. J. Johnson (Principal, G. D. Goenka School) was the chief guest, while as senior members

of the Association Zahid Husain, Ahsan Ali, Vilayat Husain, Iqra and Injeela Amin was among Guest of Honours on the occasion.

G. D. Goenka School lifted the title in the boys and girls junior categories after defeating Govt. Boys Middle School, Khalifapora and Kashmir Harvard Educational Institute, while as Hussaini Sports Club lift both the titles in senior categories.

District Anantnag, Pulwama, Ganderbal, Baramulla and Baniptora Shooting Ball Championships are scheduled in the month of October 2022, said organising secretary while presenting a vote of thanks.

International Wushu Gold Medallist Calls On LG



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: International Wushu Gold medallist, Sadia Tariq on Friday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here at Raj Bhawan.

She was accompanied by National Chief Coach of India and Dronacharya Awardee, Kuldeep Handoo. In the meeting, they apprised the LG about various issues related to the promotion and development of sports, including establishment of National Wushu Academy in J&K.

They informed that seven sports persons from J&K are being selected for the Junior National Wushu Coaching camp for

the upcoming 8th Junior World Wushu Championship, to be held in Indonesia in the month of December.

The LG observed that development of sports and nurturing the sporting talent are among the top priorities of the UT government.

Ground-breaking steps are being taken for creating world-class infrastructure, and the government is committed to provide necessary support to the sportspersons and athletes of Jammu & Kashmir, added the LG.

The LG assured the deputation that all their concerns and demands would be looked into meticulously.

T20 WC Winning Team To Get \$1.6 Million: ICC



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: The winner of the upcoming men's T20 World Cup is Australia will take home a whopping prize money of USD 1.6 million, the game's governing body ICC announced on Friday.

The ICC said in a statement that the runner-up side will get half the amount of the winning team's prize purse.

At the end of the 16-team tournament that runs for nearly a month, the losing semi-finalists

will each get USD 400,000 from the USD 5.6 million total prize pool.

The eight teams who exit at the Super 12 stage will receive USD 70,000 each.

The eight teams that made it directly to the Super 12 phase are Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and South Africa.

The other eight teams -- Namibia, Sri Lanka, Netherlands, UAE in Group A and West In-

dies, Scotland, Ireland and Zimbabwe in Group B -- have been split into two groups of four each and will play the first round.

For any win in the first round, prize money of USD 40,000 will be awarded, with the 12 matches amounting to USD 480,000.

The four teams that will be knocked out in the first round will get USD 40,000 each.

The T20 World Cup will be held in Australia from October 16 to November 13.

Siraj Replaces Bumrah For T20I Series Against South Africa



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Mohammed Siraj on Friday replaced injured pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah for India's remaining two T20 International matches against the visiting South African team.

Bumrah was on Thursday ruled out of the upcoming T20 World Cup due to a back stress fracture.

"The All-India Senior Selection Committee named Mohd. Siraj as replacement for injured Jasprit Bumrah for the remainder of the T20I series against

South Africa," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said in the statement on Friday.

"Bumrah has sustained a back injury and is currently under the supervision of the BCCI Medical Team."

The 28-year-old Siraj, a right-arm pacer, has so far played in five T20Is and picked up five wickets from them. His last T20I match was against Sri Lanka at Dharamsala in February this year.

India lead the three-match T20I series against South Africa 1-0 after a comprehensive

eight-wicket win in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday. The second and third matches will be played in Guwahati (October 2) and Indore (October 4).

Indian squad for South Africa T20Is: Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), R Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahar, Umesh Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Shahbaz Ahmed, Mohd Siraj.

Naseem Shah To Travel With Pakistan Team To New Zealand



Agencies

LAHORE: Pakistan fast bowler Naseem Shah will travel with the team to New Zealand next week after completing two-day isolation at home because of COVID-19, the Pakistan Cricket Board said on Friday.

Shah tested positive and will miss the remaining two Twenty20s against England at Lahore. He spent two nights in the hospital after being diagnosed with pneumonia but the fast bowler said in a tweet he was "feeling better and recovering well."

The PCB said Shah will follow all the COVID-19 protocols during his isolation at home and will be under observation by the cricket board's medical panel.

Pakistan is due to leave for New Zealand early Monday to participate in a triangular Twenty20 series also featuring Bangladesh before the team flies to Australia for the T20 World Cup.

Shah played only one game in the seven-match series against England at Karachi before being rested. He returned expensive figures of 0-41 off his four overs in the first match, which England won by six wickets.

He was admitted to hospital late Tuesday in Lahore with a

chest infection and fever before being discharged on Thursday. Pakistan leads the series 3-2 with back-to-back narrow wins at Karachi and Lahore in the last

two games as England couldn't chase down below-par totals. The remaining two matches will be played on Friday and Sunday at Lahore. (AP)

Brazil Star Neymar Backs Bolsonaro Ahead Of Vote



Reuters

Oct. 2 vote.

SAO PAULO: Brazilian football star Neymar Junior endorsed President Jair Bolsonaro's uphill re-election bid on Thursday, showing his support in a TikTok video as he smiled and danced to a campaign jingle ahead of the weekend's pivotal election.

Neymar's public backing came a day after Bolsonaro visited a charitable institute near Sao Paulo belonging to the global superstar, who currently plays professionally for Paris Saint-Germain Football Club.

Neymar appeared in a separate video greeting Bolsonaro at the institute event but stopped short of endorsing the incumbent, who trails former leftist president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, known as Lula, in opinion polls ahead of the first-round

In the short TikTok post, Neymar sings a couple lyrics from the campaign jingle, calling out Bolsonaro's position on the ballot before imploring voters for the far-right leader.

In recent days, Neymar helped Brazil's national team as they thrashed Ghana and Tunisia in friendly games in the run-up to this year's Qatar World Cup, set to kick off in late November.

Bolsonaro quickly posted Neymar's endorsement video on Twitter, linking his re-election bid to the push by football-loving Brazil to win a record-extending sixth World Cup title.

Lula has also bet on celebrity support to boost his popularity. Earlier this week, the odds-on favourite attended an event with several Brazilian artists.

United's Ten Hag Committed To Helping Harry Maguire



Agencies

MANCHESTER: Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag has revealed measures are in place to protect players' mental health at a time when club captain Harry Maguire has been the subject of intense criticism.

England international Maguire has been dropped at club level and is fighting for his place at the World Cup following an alarming dip in form. It has seen him suffer growing abuse on social media and raised questions about his future at United.

But Ten Hag is adamant protections are in place for all players and committed himself to returning Maguire to his finest form.

Addressing concerns over the

29-year-old defender's mental health, the United manager said: "But it's an aspect of top football. It's an aspect of our work. We set conditions for that, to manage it."

"We also have experts around to help, to coach the players, the team in the right direction."

"I think he is doing quite well, but every player has room for improvement and if he believes in his skills he will quickly be back on the level and even more than he did. I am convinced of that because I see his capabilities and it's really high."

Maguire has endured a miserable start to the season - losing his place to Raphael Varane at United, before making high-profile mistakes in England's 3-3 draw with Germany on Monday. (AP)

Portuguese Coach Suspended After Harassment Accusations



Agencies

LISBON: Portuguese soccer club Famalicão suspended the coach of its women's team on Friday after a leading newspaper in Portugal published accusations of verbal sexual harassment by him of his players at a previous club.

Famalicão said that "in view" of the report published by Público newspaper that it was suspending coach Miguel Afonso "until the truth of the facts is ascertained."

The club said it was putting itself at the "total disposition" of all parties involved and the competent authorities to assist in obtaining the truth.

The alleged verbal harassment of players, some of which were 19

years old at the time, reportedly took place while Afonso coached fellow Portuguese club Rio Ave during the 2020-21 season.

Público said that it had contacted Afonso but he declined to comment on the accusations.

In a statement, Rio Ave acknowledged that it had been "aware of some circumstantial comments reported by athletes regarding alleged inappropriate approaches by the coach."

But, Rio Ave said it took no action because "the coach denied such situations and, at the request of the athletes, the matter was not followed up."

Famalicão, in a separate statement preceding the suspension of Afonso, said that when it hired Afonso it was not aware of the accusations. (AP)

SUKOON: A Mental Health Helpline Relieves People From Drugs Induced Mental Disorder, Depression

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The initiative of providing online counseling to people suffering from anxiety disorders to severe depression including indulgence in substance abuse is gaining impetus as hundreds of people are being benefited from this novel initiative.

Earlier during the month of September, under the guidance and insight of Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole SUKOON - a Mental health helpline was launched for providing online counseling to people in need.

This initiative enables callers to recover from mental health challenges. As people became familiar with the SUKOON, this helpline received hundreds of calls in the month of September from people experiencing anxiety and stress seeking help.

At SUKOON, specialist Psychologists and Counsellors associated are providing problem focussed counselling,

psychological therapy and desired information to the callers.

Pertinently around 300 calls have been received at the helpline and callers discussing the issues of anxiety, depression, addiction etc with the counselors.

Callers from a cross section of society including youth, teenagers, parents, teachers, elderly and families benefited from the SUKOON.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir appealed to all those who are struggling with substance abuse, anxiety or any other mental issue to utilize the service of "SUKOON" for a better and calm life.

Several unique feature of the helpline include privacy of the caller's identity, Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system and Speech enabled IVR system to process the request.

The telephonic connectivity benefits all those who cannot access face-to-face counselling for reasons like unavailability, stigma, financial difficulties etc.

and client confidentiality.

Among many people who recovered after going through SUKOON counseling is a young boy, Amir, 21 (name changed).

While sharing his experience, he said that the helpline has turned out to be a life changing experience. He said that while scrolling newsfeed on social media he came across a news about SUKOON.

"After going through the contents and a pause of a few minutes, I reluctantly called the toll free no. 1800-180-7202" Amir said. "Soon, I got a call from SUKOON and had a brief conversation with the counsellor on the other end", he added.

He felt very comfortable after the first conversation with a bit relieved and intended to call again.

After a few days, he made up his mind to call again. He was contacted back by SUKOON and this time he spoke without any fear and got enough time to speak to the counsellor.

The conversation had all my

apprehensions diffused and renewed rejuvenated hope inside my thoughts, Amir said with a content face.

He said that he started feeling good, quitting smoking and re-treating from anti-depressants.

He stated that people including youth should avail the same facility so that issues of life affecting mental health get minimized. An official at SUKOON while giving details informed that over 300 calls were received by the helpline so far, including 264 male callers and over 36 female callers.

He added that around 80% callers reported they are struggling with anxiety and depression while around 20% reported they got involved in drugs and want to come out of the menace.

Moreover, he said that 35 specialist Psychologists & Counsellors associated with "SUKOON" are providing problem focussed counselling, psychological therapy and desired information to the callers.

Nine Apprehended In Connection Scuffle At Jamia Millia Islamia, Firing Inside Holy Family Hospital

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Police have registered two cases and apprehended nine people in connection with a scuffle between Jamia Millia Islamia students and a firing incident in Holy Family Hospital in southeast Delhi, officials said on Friday.

According to the police, the cases were registered at Jamia Nagar and New Friends Colony police stations. In both the cases, nine people have been apprehended, they said.

Around 8.50 pm on Thursday, information was received regarding a quarrel at Jamia Millia Islamia university library. During inquiry, it was found that there was a fight between two groups of students, a senior police officer had said.

In the incident, Noman Chaudhary sustained a blunt injury on his head and had gone to the Holy Family Hospital in southeast Delhi's Jamia Nagar with his friend Nauman Ali for treatment, the officer had said.

Meanwhile, a student from the second group, Jalal, came to

the hospital with his friends and fired at Ali outside the emergency ward, the officer had said.

Nauman Ali had a superficial injury on the scalp. The injured was shifted to the AIIMS Trauma Centre. A case under sections 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide), 342 (punishment for wrongful confinement), 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation) and 34 (common intention) of the IPC was registered at the Jamia Nagar police station for the scuffle between two groups of students and investigation was taken up, the officer said.

During investigation, Nauman Ali (25), Nauman Chaudhary (26), residents of Jamia Nagar, and Abdul Hannan (26), a resident of Baghatpat district in Uttar Pradesh, have been apprehended, police said, adding that further investigation was underway.

The other accused persons are being traced, police said.

The second case under sections 307 (attempt to murder) and 34 (common intention) of the IPC and the Arms Act was registered at New Friends Colony police station for the

firing incident, they said.

Police have apprehended Jalaluddin alias Jalal (32), a resident of Dhaoj village in Faridabad district, Haryana; Kaptan Bhadana (25), a resident of Mathura in UP; Samsad (26) and Raheel (23), residents of Palwal district in Haryana; Mohammad Yusuf (26), a resident of Jamia Nagar; and Sabir (27), a resident of Mewat district in Haryana, in connection with the incident, they added.

In a statement issued on Friday, the Holy Family Hospital said, "There was a clash between two groups in the locality (Jamia Nagar) and some of the injured persons were brought to the hospital Emergency."

"One shot was fired in the Emergency between the clashing groups. No bystanders, other patients or hospital staff were injured. The situation was immediately brought under control", it said.

Registrar of Jamia Millia Islamia Nazim Hussain Jafri told PTI that a scuffle broke out on the campus but was immediately resolved by the authorities.

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LG Wants J&K's

roadmap for holistic growth of the agriculture & allied sector will help in ensuring product quality, quantity and boosting global demand. We need to safeguard skills handed down from generation to generation and make this sector financially more attractive," the LG said.

The spokesperson said that the LG also maintained that the UT government is working on area expansion under Mulberry Plantation to increase leaf availability for rearers and enrich green wealth.

He said that the Forest Department & Sericulture Department has been working jointly for achieving the green mission of the UT.

"Avenues of Market Infrastructures to provide platform and facilitate the cocoon growers in selling their produce in their vicinity," Sinha added.

The LG, the spokesperson said, also underscored the importance of adoption of latest technological advancements in silk to reduce the dependence on imported silk.

"One of the three important centers in the country for Research and Development, Training, Transfer of Technology and IT Intervention has been set up at Kashmir's Pampore," the LG said.

The LG, he said, also stated that the Silk Samagra Yojana launched in 2017-18 under the guidance of Prime Minister has proved to be a game-changer in making sericulture sustainable by supporting the country's as well as J&K's silk industry in an integrated manner.

"The Jammu and Kashmir administration has increased the revolving fund from Rs 70 lakh to Rs 3.50 crore. In Silk Samagra Phase-I, about 900 silkworm rearers directly benefited and about 618 rearing houses were also established," Sinha said.

"The Central Silk Board has allocated Rs 35 crore for J&K under Silk Samagra Phase-II benefiting around 27,000 families involved in sericulture in the UT. Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles will enhance the funding as per the requirements of the UT of J&K, so that more and more farmers and entrepreneurs are benefited in the coming years," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the LG also suggested the inclusion of Krishi Vigyan Kendras to enable a strong support system for sharing of information and developing necessary facilities to increase the income of farmers and providing them with linkages to Sericulture FPOs.

On the occasion, he said, the LG felicitated five progressive farmers and sericulturists and handed over cheques of Rs 1.57 lakh each to them.

The spokesperson said that Upendra Prasad Singh, Secretary, Union Ministry of Textiles, in his address, said that the Central Silk Board is working round the clock through its various regional centres to boost silk production.

"We are continuously focusing on quality and high-grade silk production," Singh said, while highlighting the high potential for increasing silk production in the UT of J&K.

Eye On Polls

Former Minister Majid Wani, Former Minister Manohar Lal Sharma, Former Minister Garhu Ram, Ex MLA Balwan Singh, Ex Chairman A.S. Mickey, Ex MLC Naresh Gupta, Aslam Goni, Ex MLC Subash Gupta, Ex MLC Sham Lal Bhagat, Ex MLA Ashok Sharma, Salman Nizami, Vinod Mishra, Riyaz Naz, Hira Lal Abrol, Maheshwar Singh, H Hiralal Abrol, Sobat Ali, Gourav Chopra, Ashwani Handa, Ashwani Khajuria, Brij

Mohan & others.

PM To Launch

5G will facilitate education by bringing teachers closer to students, obliterating the physical distance between them. It will demonstrate the power of Augmented Reality (AR) on screen and how that is being used to teach children across the country, remotely, without the need of an AR device.

In the Airtel demo, a girl from Uttar Pradesh will witness a lively and immersive education experience to learn about the solar system with the help of virtual reality and augmented reality. The girl will share her experience of learning with the Prime Minister by appearing on the dias through a hologram.

The Vodafone Idea test case will demonstrate the safety of workers in an under-construction tunnel of Delhi Metro through the creation of a 'digital twin' of the tunnel on the dias. The digital twin will help give safety alerts to workers in real-time from a remote location.

Modi will take a live demo from the dias to monitor the work in real-time through utilising VR and artificial intelligence.

"Prime Minister, Narendra Modi will launch 5G services in India on October 1, 2022, and also inaugurate the 6th Edition of India Mobile Congress 2022 to be held from October 1-4, 2022, at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi," the release added.

The various use cases that will be demonstrated in front of the Prime Minister in the exhibition include precision drone-based farming; high-security routers and AI-based cyber threat detection platforms; automated guided vehicles; smart ambulances; augmented reality/virtual reality/mix reality in education and skill development; sewage monitoring system; smart-agri programme and health diagnostics, among others.

5G offers speed multiple times faster than 4G, supports lag-free connectivity, and can enable billions of connected devices to share data in real-time.

It will help in providing seamless coverage, high data rate, low latency, and highly reliable communications. Also, it will increase energy efficiency, spectrum efficiency and network efficiency.

5G technology will help in connecting billions of Internet of Things devices, allow higher quality video services with mobility at high speed, delivery of critical services such as telesurgery and autonomous cars, among others.

It will help in real-time monitoring of disasters, precision agriculture, minimising the role of humans in dangerous industrial operations such as in deep mines, offshore activities etc. Unlike existing mobile communication networks, 5G networks will allow tailoring of requirements for each of these different use cases within the same network.

Besides powering ultra-low latency connections, which allow downloading full-length high-quality video or movie to a mobile device in a matter of seconds (even in crowded areas), 5G can enable solutions such as e-health, connected vehicles, more-immersive augmented reality and metaverse experiences, life-saving use cases, and advanced mobile cloud gaming, among others.

"5G can unleash new economic opportunities and societal benefits giving it the potential for being a transformational force for Indian society. It will help the country leapfrog the traditional barriers to development, spur innovations by startups and business

enterprises as well as advance the 'Digital India' vision," the official release said.

The launch of 5G services in India, the world's second-biggest smartphone market after China, follows years of intense preparation.

India's biggest ever auction of telecom spectrum held recently had received a record Rs 1.5 lakh crore of bids, with Mukesh Ambani's Jio cornering nearly half of all the airwaves sold with a Rs 88,078-crore bid.

Telecom tycoon Sunil Bharti Mittal's Bharti Airtel made a successful bid of Rs 43,084 crore, while Vodafone Idea Ltd bought spectrum for Rs 18,799 crore.

Gautam Adani's group, whose entry in the auction was billed by some as another flashpoint in the rivalry with Ambani, paid Rs 212 crore for 400 MHz. Adani group bought spectrum in the 26 GHz band, which is suitable for setting up a private network for end-to-end communication.

The auction aggregated the demand for a robust 5G ecosystem that can cater to its use cases involving IoT (Internet of Things), M2M (Machine-to-Machine communication), AI (Artificial Intelligence), Edge Computing, and robotics.

The Telecom Department has amended Right of Way (RoW) Rules in August 2022, wherein the charges for permissions to lay cables and set up towers have been made reasonable and a ceiling has been fixed for rates for installation of 5G small cells and optical fibre cable on street furniture.

The Department of Telecom has set up a 5G testbed with the help of IITs, IISc Bengaluru and SAMEER to develop technology in 2018.

A 5G hackathon was commenced in 2020 to trigger ideation and prototyping of use-cases by startups and has led to spurring innovative products, the official release said.

An inter-ministerial committee on 5G use cases has been functioning since 2021, in coordination with 12 central ministries, enabling the setting up of 5G use-case labs. Consultations with industry have been held enabling the 5G ecosystem to make handsets available.

C-DOT is also developing a 5G Radio Access Network (RAN) in collaboration with local industry and startups. It has already tested 4G Core in collaboration with TCS and Tejas Networks successfully.

"All these will help in answering the Prime Minister's clarion call on 'Jai Anusandhan'. All these efforts are game-changers for India's manufacturing and Telecom ecosystem leading to domestic 5G enterprise carrier grade stacks as well as innovative impactful 5G use-cases," the release said.

Hunt Begins

Universities was supported under the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shikshya Abhiyan (RUSA) of the Union Ministry of Education.

The CUS became operational from academic session 2017.

However, since its establishment, the Cluster University Srinagar had no permanent registrar recruited through a proper process. Earlier, the government would send a senior professor on deputation to the CUS to man the job of registrar. Presently, the post of registrar is manned by a professor as his additional assignment—(KNO)

Dry Weather

9.8°C against 10.6°C on the previous night. The temperature was 1.9°C above normal there, he said.

In Pahalgam, the mercury settled at 6.6°C against 7.2°C on the previous

night and it was 1.6°C above normal for the south Kashmir resort, he said.

Kokernag recorded a low of 10.6°C against 9.6°C the previous night and it was 1.8°C above normal for the place, he said.

World famous Gulmarg resort recorded a low of 6.4°C against 5.0°C on the previous night. It was 0.2°C below normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at 9.3°C against 8.0°C on the previous night, the official said. It was 1.3°C above normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 22.8°C, same as on the previous night. It was 1.4°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 10.4°C, Batote 12.4°C, Katra 22.8°C and Bhardarwah 10.9°C. (GNS)

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Is 'Fear of Missing

the unregulated consumption of "negative" news makes the precarious mental health situation in Kashmir even worse.

Kashmir is already grappling with myriad mental health issues. A 2015 MSF study found that 45% of Kashmir's adult population was suffering from some form of mental distress.

According to the study, there's a high prevalence of depression (41%), post-traumatic stress disorder (19%) and anxiety (26%) in the valley.

"People who're prone to develop anxiety or those already suffering from depression or generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) tend to consume news more excessively because their anxiety wants them to be sure about their security and health," said Kakroo, the founder and Consultant Clinical Psychologist at Centre for Mental Health Services, Rambagh Srinagar.

"These people are especially addicted to the negative or bad news which in turn exacerbates their underlying mental health condition."

The level of anxiety in a person, he said, is directly proportional to the type and amount of news that person consumes.

"People often passively consume whatever has come up on the screen without gauging its ill-effects," Kakroo said.

"There's a general lack of awareness about mental health issues in Kashmiri society. Most of the clients who visit our centre usually have severe anxiety disorders which cannot be only treated by psychotherapies but require medications as well. And there're still many people who give pseudo-cultural or pseudo-religious explanations for anxiety-related disorders and as a result such disorders remain unattended."

Kashmir's FOMO obsession makes a normal and mentally-fit person a news addict who tends to develop certain characteristics of anxiety disorders, said Nadia Ishfaq Nahvi, a clinical psychologist working at Kashmir Lifeline and Health Centre in Srinagar.

"To deal with such disorders, the person requires an immediate consultation with a clinical psychologist," Nahvi said. "If ignored, those distressed signs may develop into a neurotic or even a psychotic disorder."

But since one cannot do away with internet or digital gadgets, Dr. Karrar said, there's a need for adopting a balanced approach.

"People should be local in their consumption of the news," he said. "There's absolutely no need to know everything. There's a need to go primal and as most of the things in news are unrelated and

hyped, people should only focus on things important for them."

Gen Chauhan

Chinese troops in eastern Ladakh. The 61-year-old Chauhan will also function as Secretary in the Department of Military Affairs.

He retired from service on May 31 last year when he was serving as the Eastern Army Commander. After his retirement, he was serving as the military adviser to the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) headed by National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval.

Born on May 18, 1961, Gen Chauhan was commissioned into the 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army in 1981.

As CDS, Gen Chauhan's primary task will be to implement the theatreisation model to bring in tri-services synergy by rolling out integrated military commands.

Last year, the Department of Military Affairs headed by Gen Rawat had asked all three services to carry out independent studies on the theatreisation plan for its rollout.

However, the process did not move further after the death of Gen Rawat on December 8, 2021.

As per the theatreisation plan, each of the theatre commands will have units of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force and all of them will work as a single entity looking after security challenges in a specified geographical territory under an operational commander.

At present, the three forces have a total of 17 commands. Initially, a plan was firm up for the creation of an Air Defence Command and Maritime Theatre Command.

The Indian Air Force has some reservations about the proposed theatre commands.

In June, Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari said the IAF remains fully committed to the tri-services integration for enhancing the comprehensive national combat power.

Gen Chauhan is known as a fine military commander who played a key role in enhancing India's military preparedness along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China in the Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim sectors during his tenure as the Eastern Army Commander.

He was the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Army during the Balakot air strikes in 2019 when Indian airplanes pounded a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist training camp deep inside Pakistan.

In becoming the CDS, Gen Chauhan assumed the rank of the four-star General as the post was created in the rank of a four-star general.

Gen Chauhan is the first retired three-star officer to return to service in four-star rank.

In a career spanning nearly 40 years, Gen Chauhan held several command, staff and instrumental appointments and had extensive experience in counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and northeast India.

For his distinguished and illustrious service in the Army, Chauhan was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.

Guns Roar

Further details shall follow," Kumar said in a tweet.

Another encounter broke out in Chitragam in south Kashmir's Shopian district in the early hours of Friday following a cordon and search operation in the area on the basis of inputs about the presence of terrorists there, a police official said.

Justice Magrey

important issues. Arbitration matters, Justice Magrey appeared in commissions of inquiry also on behalf of State of J&K etc before being appointed as Permanent Judge of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir on 7th March, 2013 and took oath of office the next day. (GNS)

J&K To 'Contribute'

candidates who have appeared in NEET-UG-2022 from other State's or UT's and whose roll numbers do not figure in the list of JKBOPEE but claim to belong to the UT's of J&K and Ladakh shall have to submit all relevant documents at BOPEE Office Jammu or Srinagar physically up to October-03-2022," it reads. (KNO)

Woman Fraudster

"Many a time she was found to be involved in forcibly trespassing the land of people on the pretext of land deals and grabs the same through deceitful means," the spokesperson said.

The accused, he said, also used to attack land and property owners with the help of her goons and used to threaten common masses of her area to face dire consequences if not allowed such illegal activities.

"The booked lady is wife of a land broker named Ghulam Rasool Dar @ Las Shikari and these both are acting in hand and glove in selling the land/property on fake revenue documents and subject has also been found in interfering in the matters relating to sale/purchase of land in her vicinity," he said.

"Her repeated behaviour of indulging in offences and activities had created resentment among the public and turned into a law & order situation," he added.

The spokesperson further said that the "shrewd and swindling" lady has been detained under PSA after obtaining sanctions from the concerned authorities for her involvement in 7 cases of cheating already registered against her in district Srinagar & Budgam.

Kuka Parrey's Son

According to sources, Imtiyaz could possibly join the Gulam Nabi Azad-led Democratic Azad Party.

Imtiyaz's father Kuka Parrey was founder of Ikhwan, a counter-insurgency militia formed in 1994-95 to fight militancy.

Kuka Parrey also formed the Jammu & Kashmir Awami League before 1996 assembly polls. It won one seat each in 1996 and 2022 state polls. Imtiyaz fought the 2008 assembly election on the ticket of Awami League but later joined Congress. This party became dysfunctional after he joined Congress and was deregistered by the Election Commission of India in June 2022—(KNO)

Arms Cache

materials in Nowshetra Nard, Gurez area of #Bandipora," Kashmir Zone Police said in a tweet.

The police said a case has been registered.

12 More Test

Jammu division and 2433 in the Valley, as no fresh fatality was reported during the last 24 hours.

Besides, they said, 25 Covid-19 patients recovered during the last 24 hours—five from Jammu division and 20 from Kashmir Valley. There are now 123 active cases—49 in Jammu and 74 in Kashmir.

School Timing

of the region, the school timing shall be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM areas from October-01.

Pak PM House Combed, Debugged After An Audio Leak

Agenceis
A high-powered committee constituted to probe the leak of informal conversations from the Prime Minister's House in Pakistan is said to have combed and debugged the entire premises, a confirmed source said. "They have conducted thorough inspection of the building," the source told Dawn news. The team was also monitoring mobile phone data and laptops of employees and officers of the Prime Minister's House and Office. Following a series of audio leaks over the last week, also featuring Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, PML-N leader Maryam Nawaz and former premier Imran Khan, a new standard operating procedure (SOP) has been implemented under which no staff and officer was allowed to take their mobile phone inside the building. "The phones are collected at the entrance and returned after office hours," the source further told Dawn news.

Meanwhile, Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar said in a press conference on Thursday that state institutions had conducted an exercise to secure the PMO's security, and confirmed some SOP of the Prime Minister's House's security had been changed. He also said legislation was the need of the hour in the context of modern technology, especially cyber security. "Many sensitive matters are discussed in important places where the environment should be such that everyone is 100 per cent satisfied with making national decisions in a secure environment," he commented. The Minister further said talks regarding a "cleansing process" were under way, and the government was mulling over the steps to take in the future. Basic SOP was already in place for sensitive buildings and further orders have been given to make the security measures effective and prevent such breaches in the future, Tarar added.

Rape-Accused Karnataka Seer Allowed By Court To Sign Cheques From Jail

Agenceis
Bengaluru: The High Court of Karnataka on Friday allowed the chief pontiff of Murugha Math Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, facing a case of sexual assault on minor girls, to sign cheques from jail. The Seer has been in custody since September 1 in a POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) case. The cheques were for payment of monthly salaries for the employees of the math and educational institutions run by it. Justice M Nagaprasanna allowed the plea filed by the Seer and ordered that cheques be allowed to be signed on October 3, 6, and 10. The permission of the deputy commissioner has to be obtained by the person who would carry the cheques. The signing of the



permission to transfer the cheque signing authority through a general power of attorney to another person. The trial court would consider this request and issue orders. In his plea, the Seer claimed he was the only trustee of the math's trust and salaries have to be paid to over 3,000 employees of the over 150 institutions under it. The High Court had said there was a lack of clarity in the request of the Seer to sign around 200 cheques from the prison, as all the cheques had the payable details mentioned as 'Self RTGS' (real-time gross settlement). State public prosecutor 1 Kiran Javali has told the court that prima facie the submissions made by the accused did not seem bona fide. He requested the court to transfer the plea to the Sessions Court in Chitradurga for disposal on merit.

Twitter Tweaks Its Own Tweet, Edit Button Launch Imminent

Agenceis
Twitter on Friday showcased its soon-to-arrive Edit Button on its own platform, by tweaking one of its tweets that showed 'Last Edited' at the bottom of the post. Twitter edited a tweet and once clicked on "Last edited", people can see the original tweet and the previous edit history. "Hello, this is a test to make sure the edit button works, we'll let you know how it goes," the micro-blogging platform posted. Earlier this month, the company announced that the ability to edit tweets would be available to Twitter Blue subscribers "later this month". Twitter Blue subscriptions are paid on a monthly basis, and priced regionally based on the current US price of \$4.99. Edit Tweet lets people make changes to their tweet after it's



been published. "Think of it as a short period of time to do things like fix typos, add missed tags, and more," according to Twitter. During the test, tweets will be able to be edited a few times in the 30 minutes following their publication. Edited tweets will appear with an icon, timestamp, and label so it's clear to readers that the original tweet has been modified. Tapping the label will take viewers to the tweet's Edit History, which includes past versions.

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KIIT's Tryst With Academic Discipline Amid The Pandemic 18th Convocation of KIIT Deemed to be University

The past few years have been marked by a period of uncertainty when the Covid-induced challenges threatened to derail the academic discipline. Online classes, hybrid teaching and home learning came to be identified as the new normal. The time since the beginning of 2020 was unprecedented in many ways, especially for students who spent much of their time taking lessons at home. Equally challenging before us was to maintain academic rigour through the online mode as we place a high value on the standard of technical education. Amid such a level of stress, the batch of 2022 has performed well with its perseverance and resilience. The University stood all along with the students in these difficult times, supporting them all the way in their quest for academic excellence.

Climbing On Rankings

KIIT began as a routine educational institution but quickly rose to the top of the charts for all national and international rankings. This growth was fueled by an unwavering commitment to helping communities. As we commemorate 25 years of academic achievement, we are filled with a sense of pride in our achievements. KIIT has redefined the education landscape in the country. It has earned what it deserved, global acclaim and reputation in a very short period - 8th best University in the world in the prestigious Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2022 for the impressive progress made in 'reducing inequalities' (SDG10). KIIT has been placed in the cohorts of 201-250 in the overall category among Asian universities by the Times Higher Education (THE) ranking of Asia's best universities for 2022. The national ranking of 20th position all over India by the National Institute of Ranking Framework, Ministry of Education is exemplary. The prestigious Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), USA has accredited KIIT Deemed to be University's six engineering programs. With this 'Gold Standard', KIIT has become the only institution in the country to have accreditation from ABET (USA) in all six engineering programmes besides also being accredited by all the statutory bodies of the Govt of India. It is the first Indian University to achieve a 'Five Stars Rating' from the prestigious QS Star Ranking System.

Hand Holding and supporting the Initiative of KISS

KIIT has been supporting and mentoring the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) for 25 years now. KISS is a home for 70,000 indigenous children (30,000 alumni and 30,000 currently pursuing education on the campus and 10,000 students on satellite campuses) who are provided with accommodation, nutrition, holistic education, skills and sports empowerment fully free of cost. Its higher education constituent, KISS Deemed to be University, is the only university in the world exclusively for indigenous scholars. KIIT's support has enabled KISS to get the most coveted prize in the realm of literacy - the UNESCO International Literacy Prize 2022. Such a marvellous achievement would not have been possible, had KIIT not gotten the back of KISS.

A Look through Window of Knowledge

KIIT has made immense contributions to Education, Healthcare, Sustainable Development, Literature and Culture, and more specifically Sports. KIIT and KISS have become the Knowledge and Logistical Hub of FIFA's 'Football For School' for Odisha, India and South Asia. It is a first-of-its-kind collaboration of FIFA with any academic institution in the world. KIIT and KISS have made exemplary contributions to the field of Sports. KIIT

Prof. Achyuta Samanta

has nurtured and produced seven Olympians who are pursuing their education at KIIT free of cost and are being wholeheartedly supported in all their endeavours in the field of Sports. It is pertinent to mention here that KIIT and KISS have produced over 5000 sportspersons playing at different zonal, state and international levels.

KIIT A Global Village

No argument should be enough to contest the reality that KIIT Deemed-to-be University stands out as it is a student and parent-friendly University. A humongous number, 35000 Students from all over India and 1500 students from 65 countries study here and find a home in the University, which is a melting pot of culture. The university has triggered a wave of development in the northern fringes of Bhubaneswar, making it a hub of economic activity. KIIT is a world in itself that espouses the cause of 'World is One.

Record Placements

KIIT is known for its excellent track record of placements since its inception. We have been able to achieve excellent placements for 2019-20 and 2020-21 batches despite the pandemic. Keeping up with our past trend, KIIT is on its way to achieving record placement for the 2022 and 2023 graduating batches due to the dedicated efforts of our training and placement department. Our students have bagged 5000 job offers, with the highest CTC of 52 Lakhs and an average of 6.05 lakhs. It is not an easy task to accomplish given the circumstances - trimming company sizes and lay-offs.

Beyond The Normal

It is the only University in India to have been visited by 22 Nobel laureates from across the globe and has addressed the students. Over hundreds of collaborations have been made with universities far and wide across the globe. We are facilitating student and faculty exchanges, research collaborations and membership in international associations for cooperation in raising standards of education and making KIIT a global brand. The students and staff have worked relentlessly to help KIIT reach commendable heights. We are glad to receive the students back to the campus after two years of lull. We have recalibrated our campus so that our students learn and grow with all safety precautions and protocols in mind.

For the batch graduating in 2022, my message would be that 'you are lucky to attend this Convocation in person. We have endeavoured to provide the most personal touch through the use of technology and augmented reality for this Convocation - 18th Convocation of KIIT Deemed to be University - for those who cannot make it to the event in person.

The 18th Convocation of KIIT Deemed to be University will be graced by the visionary and compassionate Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik as the Chief Guest. Dr. Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Nobel Peace Laureate 1992 will deliver the Convocation lecture in presence of esteemed guests like Mr John Desmond Forbes Anderson (Lord Waverley) Hon'ble Member of British Parliament, UK.

To the Class of 2022, I truly associate with your feeling as you are upset about not being able to stay on this wonderful campus for a long time. I urge everyone to pursue every ambition and dream and embrace the responsibility to build this community as their priority. Let me reiterate that you are and will always be kings and queens, like your hostels say, Kings Palace and Queens Castle. Go kiss the world and move in the direction of your calling and always try to be good humans first.

The writer is the Founder of KIIT & KISS