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Nehru Kept Kashmir Festering, I Resolved It: Modi



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Anand: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel resolved issues of merger of other princely states, but "one person" could not resolve the Kashmir issue. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday, in a veiled attack on India's first PM Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Addressing a rally in Gujarat's Anand district ahead of the state Assembly elections due this year-end, Modi said he was able to resolve the long-pending Kashmir issue as he is walking in the footsteps of India's first home minister Sardar Patel.

Modi also said that "Urban Naxals" had tried to stall Sardar Patel's dream project of the Sardar Sarovar dam.

Urban Naxal' term is often used by some segments of the political spectrum to describe sympathisers of the Naxalism cause as well as certain social activists.

"Sardar saheb persuaded all the princely states to merge with India. But another person handled

this one issue of Kashmir," Modi said, without naming India's first prime minister.

"As I am following in the footsteps of Sardar saheb, I have values of the land of Sardar and that was the reason I resolved the problem of Kashmir and paid true tributes to Sardar Patel," Modi said.

Modi was addressing a public meeting organised by the BJP at Vallabh Vidyanagar in Anand district.

Further targeting the previous Congress governments in Gujarat, Modi said while they constructed dams, no canal network was created to carry water.

"Did they make dams for darshan (show)?" the PM asked, adding that he took up the work and completed it in 20 years.

"With water reaching everywhere, Gujarat has seen a growth of nine to ten per cent in agro products," he said.

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LG's Lone Advisor Now Chair 8 Boards, Corporations

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Government on Monday nominated Lieutenant Governor's only advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar as chairman and Vice President of eight Boards, Councils and Corporations in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to an order issued here by government, Bhatnagar has been nominated as chairman of Governing Body of J&K Social Welfare Board, J&K Advisory Board for the Welfare and Development of Schedule Castes, Board of Directors of J&K Women's Development Corporation, Board of Directors of J&K Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes Development



Corporation and Governing Committee for J&K Child Protection Society.

Similarly, he has been appointed vice chairman of J&K Advisory Board for the Welfare and Development of Other Backward Classes, J&K Advisory Board for the Development of Pahari Speaking People and Rehabilitation of Widows, Orphans, Handicapped and Old Persons (Victims of Terrorism).

Our Heritage, Our Pride

Our heritage once ushered golden age of India. This rich heritage is the proud inheritance of every Indian.

New India is proud of its culture and equally confident of its ability. New India has heritage as well as development.
- Narendra Modi



Strengthening citizens' faith

- Reconstruction of various places associated with **Kedarnath temple complex**; grand renovation of **Baba Vishwanath Dham**
- A glorious and splendid temple dedicated to Lord Ram is being built at **Ayodhya**
- Beautification of **Somnath temple complex**; development of facilities for pilgrims in **Shaktipeeth Ambaji Tirthdham**; renovation of **Kalika Mata temple at Pavagarh**
- Development of **Baba Baidyanath Dham** at Deoghar; inauguration of **Jagatguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir**, Dehu, Pune

Yoga and Ayush – India's invaluable offerings to the world

- International Yoga Day** takes Yoga global; Yoga being embraced world over for healthy lifestyle
- An unprecedented effort to preserve our traditional medicinal knowledge associated with AYUSH; **Global Ayush Summit** to promote global investment and innovation
- WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine** in Jamnagar

Remembering and honouring the heroes of the freedom movement

- Decision to celebrate Bhagwan Birsa Munda's Jayanti as the **Janajatiya Gaurav Diwas**; 10 new museums are being setup for tribal heroes of the freedom movement
- Five prominent sites associated with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar redeveloped as the **'Panchteerth'**
- Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birthday being celebrated as **'Parakram Diwas'**; establishment of Biplabi Bharat Gallery at Kolkata's Victoria Memorial & a new museum at the Red Fort

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to dedicate **Shri Mahakal Lok** to the nation
Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 11th October 2022, 6:00 PM onwards

Despite being geographically distant from Kashmir how Kashmiris in West maintain cultural, social, and emotional linkages with their homeland. Tune-in to latest KO podcast

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91% Indian Women Experience Perinatal Or Postpartum Depression: Survey

Press Trust Of India

Myo, an ITC-backed leading full-stack D2C platform for new and expecting mothers, recently conducted a survey around the awareness and prevalence of perinatal (during pregnancy) and postpartum (after delivery) depression amongst women in India, marking the occasion of World Mental Health Day worldwide on Oct 10. The theme for World Mental Health Day 2022 is 'Make mental health for all a global priority.' Mylo surveyed 2000 women pan India in their community to also understand the social support systems available to women going through mental health and well-being issues.

Nearly 50% of the women surveyed in the poll confirmed feeling low, sad, experiencing rapid mood swings with sporadic crying episodes, during or after their pregnancy. 38% of moms said they felt stressed or anxious. Contrary to what may be perceived, of these only 6% visited a doctor or a health professional for a consultation. Only 9% of respondents said they never faced pregnancy-related stress or melancholy.

34% of moms surveyed stated that they were clueless about why they felt such an abrupt change in emotions during possibly one of

the happiest phases of their lives. Lack of sleep (18.5%), followed by feeling pressure from those around them to continue with their household activities (12%) are perceived to be the key stressors for such overhauling of emotions.

20% of the women shared that the effects of postpartum depression persist for 6 months to more than a year. If not treated on time, it can lead to severe mental health conditions which puts affected new mothers at risk of harming themselves.

55% of women say they were comfortable discussing these feelings with their partners, while 14% find comfort in talking with friends. Nearly 20% of the women said that they did not confide in anyone during their emotional upheaval.

To specifically understand what causes someone to close themselves off and not speak about their mental/emotional well-being, the survey also asked these women why they felt uncomfortable sharing their feelings. 40% of them even believed that it was normal to experience these emotions and hence did not talk about it. 25% believed that it was not worth it to talk about their mental health as they believed their negative/unhappy emotions would eventually disappear on their own. Almost 20% said that no



one asked them about what they were going through and therefore did not know how to bring up the topic. 18% said they did not want to bother others with their troubles, while 12% felt that even if they described their issues, they were sure that others would not be available to help them.

Regarding awareness of pregnancy-related mental health issues, 34% of respondents said that they themselves had never heard of it prior to taking the survey. There was a 50-50 split between women who felt their families were aware about the concepts of baby blues, perinatal and postpartum depression and those who were not. 30% reported that no one amongst their family and friends had discussed their mental well-

being with them assuming that they would be in a happy frame of mind. Only 10% of women said that their doctors had informed them about possible mood changes related to pregnancy and had offered advice.

Reflecting on the survey data, Shaveta Gupta, Head of Content and Community, Mylo, said, "While many women across the country are familiar with the concept of mood changes that may come with pregnancy, it is troubling that a large section of them are still uncomfortable discussing this with anyone. This survey has revealed that there is more that needs to be done to educate broader society about perinatal and maternal mental health in order to destigmatise it and provide

new and expecting mothers with adequate support systems during times of difficulty. With Mylo, our endeavour is to provide women in our community the support that they need in this sensitive period of their lives; where they can discuss the issues that they are facing, anonymously without the fear of being judged."

About Mylo
Mylo is an ITC-backed leading full-stack D2C platform for expecting and new mothers. It acts as a close companion to mothers as they embark upon this journey of raising a family. The platform provides a personalised experience, a helpful community of mothers & experts, and curated products everything a mother needs for her parenting journey. Last year, Mylo launched its own D2C Brands for Mothers & Babies in personal care, premium Ayurveda and daily essentials based on community feedback and leveraging its R&D capabilities. Recently, Mylo has launched Mylo Clinic, where a new or expecting mom gets access to curated health packages and can book consultations with doctors and experts. Mylo has recently raised \$17 mn in Series B funding. At Mylo, the company's vision is to - 'Raise Happiness' of all mothers as 'Happy moms raise happy families'.

Apple May Bring USB-C Port To AirPods, Mac Accessories By 2024

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Tech giant Apple might bring USB-C port to AirPods and Mac accessories by 2024, the media reported.

According to Bloomberg's Mark Gurman, the company might introduce USB-C to its newest AirPods, AirPods Pro, and AirPods by the year 2024, while Mac accessories like the Magic Mouse, Magic Keyboard, and Magic Trackpad may convert to USB-C as soon as the next year.

"It's a safe bet that those accessories will move to USB-C in their next incarnation", Gurman was quoted as saying.

As the European Union moves to mandate USB-C charging on new smartphones, tablets, and headphones introduced in the territory in late 2024, there has been a rumoured shift away from Lightning ports.

Before EU legislation takes effect, Apple will replace its AirPods, the report said.

Tony Fadell, inventor of the iPod, has said that Apple should include USB-C port in iPhones, as the European Union passed a resolution on USB Type-C as standard charging port.

The debate started when a Twitter user questioned if the iPod would succeed if Apple was forced to utilise USB 1.0 rather than the fast FireWire technology.

"I can't see a problem. The world has converged on USB-C. The physical and user limits have been hit. Next up is wireless per, not a diff physical connection. So I'm not too worried about this regulation. They're simply forcing Apple to do the right thing. It's overdue frankly", Fadell posted on Twitter.



Directorate Of Forensic Science Laboratory J&K Jammu/ Srinagar

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Subject: Selection list for the post of Laboratory Assistant (UT Cadre) in Home Department (J&K Forensic Science Laboratory) advertised vide Notification No.06 of 2020 dated 29.12.2020 under Item No.231 by J&K SSB - cancellation of candidature thereof.

Refnce: i) Communication No.SSB/Sel/Secy/5713-18/2022 dated 04.08.2022 of J&K SSB.
ii) Communication No.Home-FSL/20/2022/CC-211898 dated 16.08.2022 of Home Department.

ORDER NO. 59 OF 2022 DATED: 08-10-2022

Whereas, the selection list of 19 candidates for appointment to the posts of Laboratory Assistant (UT Cadre) in Home Department (J&K Forensic Science Laboratory) along with the waiting list of 11 candidates was received from the J&K Services Selection Board/ Home Department, and

Whereas, the selected candidates were informed vide this office notice issued under endorsement No.DFSL/Estt/Appt/Lab-Assistant/2022/1068-69 dated 18.08.2022 to furnish their "Mobile Number & E-mail Address" in the Directorate of FSL, J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar within a period of 10 days from the date of publication of the notice; and

Whereas, despite above mentioned instructions, the left out candidates were again informed vide this office notice issued under endorsement No.DFSL/Estt/Appt/Lab-Assistant/2022/1144-46 dated 01.09.2022 to furnish their "Mobile Number & E-mail Address" within a period of 10 days from the date of publication of the notice and it was, inter alia, mentioned in the said notice that the candidates who fail to submit their "Mobile Number & E-mail Address" within the stipulated time of 10 days, it shall be presumed that they are not willing to opt the appointment in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory; and

Whereas, despite lapse of considerable time, the following candidates have failed to furnish the requisite information in the Directorate of FSL, J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar and it is presumed that they are not willing to opt the appointment in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory:

D.V.S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the Candidate	Father's Name	D.O.B	Category
1 JMU	1030168	Ashish Raina	Ashok Raina	06/02/1996	OM / RBA
5 JMU	1030087	Akash Giri	Rishi Kumar	08/02/1997	RBA

Therefore, in view of the facts and circumstances narrated above, the candidature of the following for appointment to the post of Laboratory Assistant (UT Cadre) in Home Department (J&K Forensic Science Laboratory) advertised vide Notification No.06 of 2020 dated 29.12.2020 under Item No.231 by J&K SSB is hereby cancelled ab-initio:

D.V.S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the Candidate	Father's Name	D.O.B	Category
1 JMU	1030168	Ashish Raina	Ashok Raina	06/02/1996	OM/RBA
5 JMU	1030087	Akash Giri	Rishi Kumar	08/02/1997	RBA

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Director,
Forensic Science Laboratory, J&K,
Jammu/Srinagar.

No:DFSL/Estt/Appt/Lab-Assistant/2022/ 1317-23
Dated: 10.10.2022

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Subject: Selection list for the post of Laboratory Assistant (UT Cadre) in Home Department (J&K Forensic Science Laboratory) advertised vide Notification No.06 of 2020 dated 29.12.2020 under Item No.234 by J&K SSB - cancellation of candidature thereof.

Ref nee: i) Communication No. S S B/Secy/Sei/U T/04/2022/4779-84 dated 09.06.2022 of J&K SSB.
ii) Communication No.Home-FSL/20/2022/CC-211898 dated 18.07.2022 of Home Department.

ORDER NO. 60 OF 2022 DATED: 08-10-2022

Whereas, the selection list of 21 candidates for appointment to the posts of Laboratory Assistant (UT Cadre) in Home Department (J&K Forensic Science Laboratory) along with the waiting list of 12 candidates was received from the J&K Services Selection Board/ Home Department, and

Whereas, the selected candidates were required to furnish their "Mobile Number & E-mail Address" in the Directorate of Forensic Science Laboratory, J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar for uploading the same on the Employee Verification System (EVS) Portal, in terms of circular instructions issued by General Administration Department vide No.18-JK (GAD) of 2022 dated 20.05.2022; and

Whereas, the candidates who did not furnish their "Mobile Number & E-mail Address" were informed vide this office notice issued under endorsement No.DFSL/Estt/Appt/Lab-Assistant/2022/1045-46 dated 11.08.2022 to submit the same in the Directorate of FSL, J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar within a period of 07 days from the date of issuance of the notice and it was, inter alia, mentioned in the said notice that the candidates who fail to submit their "Mobile Number & E-mail Address" within the stipulated time of 07 days, it shall be presumed that they are not willing to opt the appointment in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory, and shall forego the right of appointment without any further notice; and

Whereas, despite above mentioned instructions, the left out candidates were again informed vide this office notice issued under endorsement No.DFSL/Estt/Appt/Lab-Assistant/2022 dated 01.09.2022 to furnish their "Mobile Number & E-mail Address" within a period of 10 days from the date of publication of the notice falling which it shall be presumed that they candidate(s) are not willing to opt the appointment in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory; and

Whereas, despite lapse of considerable time, one candidate namely Mr. Amit Ghas, S/o Shoban Ji, figuring at S. No.01 under EWS has failed to furnish the requisite information in the Directorate of FSL, J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar and it is presumed that he is not willing to opt the appointment in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory; and

Whereas, one more candidate namely Mr. Faizan Ahmed Rather, S/o Gulam Nabi Rather, figuring at S. No.06 under OM Category, has furnished an affidavit affirming therein that he has also been selected for the post of Laboratory Assistant in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory and is not willing to opt the appointment as Laboratory Assistant in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory.

Therefore, in view of the facts and circumstances narrated above, the candidature of the following for appointment to the post of Laboratory Assistant (UT Cadre) in Home Department (J&K Forensic Science Laboratory) advertised vide Notification No.06 of 2020 dated 29.12.2020 under Item No.234 by J&K SSB is hereby cancelled ab-initio:

D.V.S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the Candidate	Father's Name	D.O.B	Category
7 JMU	1010492	Amit Ghas	Shoban Ji	15/12/1993	EWS
4 KMR	1066861	Faizan Ahmed Rather	Gulam Nabi Rather	17/09/1995	OM

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DIPK-11470/22
No:DFSUestt/Appt/Lab-Assistant/2022/ 1324-30
Dated: 10. 10.2022.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Walk-In-Interview for the post of CMP over Firozpur Division

Walk-in-interview for the post of 13 **Contract Medical Practitioners (CMPs) doctors** over Firozpur Division will be held on **19.10.2022**. Walk-in-interview notice and notification can be downloaded from the Website:- www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

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Office Of The Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division, Srinagar

e-TENDERING
Tender Notice: e-NIT No. 02 Dated: 07-10-2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with UT of J&K Govt./ Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:-

S/N	Name of work	Adv. Cost (. In Lacs)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Earnest Money Deposit CDR/FDR	Time of Completion	Geo-Reference
01	Providing and Fixing of Barbed Wire Fencing with Angle Iron Posts in Cement Concrete Blocks at Futlipora Nursery, Range Budgam, Budgam. Social Forestry Division Srinagar. (Scheme-CAMPA NPV Fencing-1500 Rfts) Year 2022-23.	2.40	DEE	Rs.500/-	Rs.4800/-	20 Days	

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), Set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- www.jktenders.gov.in

Position of funds	Budgeted
Position of AA	Accorded
Position of TS	Accorded
Receiving /Opening Authority	Tender Opening Committee

Publishing Date.	07-10-2022
Download Start Date.	07-10-2022 from 7:00 PM
Bid Submission Start Date.	07-10-2022 from 7:00 PM
Bid Submission End Date.	27-10-2022 upto 6:00 PM
Date of opening of Technical Bid. (online)	28-10-2022 at 2:00 PM
Date of opening of Financial Bid (online)	To be opened at any convenient date and time after complete evaluation of technical bids received.

- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the Website:-www.jktenders.gov.in.
- The price bids uploaded on the website in time will be opened on 28.10.2022 at 2:00 PM in the Office of Regional Director, Kashmir, Department of Social Forestry, Raj Bage Srinagar. In case of date of opening of the bid being public holiday, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
 - Bidders must accompany cost of tender document as shown against each work in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406-Forest. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
 - In light of Govt. Notification issued by the Finance Department Civil Secretariat Vide No. A/24(2017)-651 dated-07-06-2018, the bidder must upload the copy of challan / receipt on account of cost of tender documents remitted in the treasury concerned and for that the bidder must write an application to be addressed to treasury officer concerned requesting therein for remittance of amount as cost of tender documents towards M.H.0406-Forest.
 - Performance security at 3% of the advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR shall have to be deposited by the lowest bidder (L-1) and will remain in force for a period till the satisfactory completion of the contract plus "defective liability period" of six months.
 - That I shall be under obligation to execute the work as per terms and conditions mentioned in the work order/ agreement signed and in case of violation/ non-adherence to these conditions, department will be at liberty to impose the penalty/ initiate action as warranted under rules.
 - After receiving electronic message of financial bids. The L1 Bidder should deposit the Original Performance Security in the form of CDR/FDR/ pledged to Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Srinagar in the office of the Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Srinagar during working hours within 02 days. If L1 bidder fails to submit the original documents / Performance Security within 02 days, the department will cancel the tender and action shall be taken against the contractor to debar in future tendering process as decided by the Department.
 - The original instruments in respect of cost of documents and relevant documents of L1 bidder will be required to be submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Srinagar within two days of opening of financial bids on-line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L-1 bidder within two days after opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process.
 - Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" options as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in
 - To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per IT Act, bidders can get Digital Signature Certificate from approved vendor.
 - The Bidders have to submit their financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical /hard form.
 - The price bids offered by the bidders, shall, in no case be higher than the advertised cost against each item of work as no post bid negotiation shall be allowed after the opening of the financial bid. The bids offered higher than the advertised cost against each item of work individually and/or as whole shall render the financial bid liable to be rejected / disqualified and the next lowest bidder (L2) as the case may be shall accordingly be considered for award of contract, if otherwise, found as qualified.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload ONLY SCANNED COPIES OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS i.e. PAN card, GSTIN, especially Govt. Treasury receipt (cost of Tender Document), Registration Card, Affidavit etc. (No Photostat/ Xerox scanned copies of documents shall be accepted/ entertained) and hard copies of all these documents should also reach in the Office of Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Srinagar within two working days after the opening of financial bid (only L1 & L2 bidders). No registered post/courier will be accepted.
 - The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (Technical or otherwise).
 - The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the e-NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
 - The accepting department however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.
 - The contractor shall arrange the key materials like Fence posts, Barbed wire, other key materials like Cement, Steel on his own from authorized dealers for the above said work and quality of material shall be ISI as per standard specifications notified by Government/ Competent authority and have to be verified/ passed by the concerned Asstt. Executive Engineer and or concerned Range officer designate of the department before start of work/ during the course of work.
 - a. Cement of Ambuja, ACC, Birlas Plus, JP Buland, Bangaur or equivalent brand
 - b. paint of Asian, Nerolac or equivalent brand
 - c. Steel of SAIL, TATA TISCON, Rashtriya Ispat or equivalent brand.
 18. No Advance payments shall be made. Payment will be made to the contractor only against work done or after completion of work within given time limit in all respects as per specifications after issuance of work completion certificate by the concerned Range Officer and after inspection of DFO concerned respectively. Part payment, if any, against the work done released shall be treated as on account payment and the same is subject to final adjustment after work completion. The bills must be accompanied with the Test Report of the material used viz Angle Iron Posts, GI Barbed Wire etc issued by the SICOP or any other equivalent testing authority.
 19. The contractor shall be under obligation to get the quality/ quantity of work checked from PCCF/Director, Regional Director, DFO or his authorized representative and contractor shall adhere to the guidelines/ directions issued during such inspection in the interest of quality, quantity and time line of the works.
 20. The plantation related works for which these bids are being invited are season linked and thus completion of works within the mentioned time-line is of utmost importance. Any delay in completion of fencing work will affect the timely execution of other works like pitting, planting etc. The contractor will thus be under obligation to complete each item of work strictly as per time-line mentioned in the document and in case of non-adherence, DFO has the authority to initiate action which may include cancellation of work order and executing the works through alternative arrangement and no payment for partially executed work shall be released, besides initiating other action against the defaulter.
 21. In case the offer bid is below 25% advertised cost, the offer will be outrightly rejected.
 22. Any bidder who has failed earlier to execute the e-tendered works in the department his bid can be outrightly rejected, keeping in view his past performance.
 23. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per DFO Form 25(double leaf) and as per the detailed document.

DIPK-11412/22
No.- 598-602/SF/ACcts/Sgr
Dated:-08/10/2022

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Divisional Forest Officer
Social Forestry Division
Srinagar

LG Invites Industry Captains As Partners In J&K's Growth Journey Says J&K's Scenic Places Have Potential To Boost Heli-Tourism

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir's various scenic destinations witness year-round tourist influx and have potential to boost heli-tourism market, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday invited Industry Captains to be partners in the transformational journey.

Sinha made these remarks while addressing the 4th edition of Heli-India Summit here at SKICC, an official spokesperson said.

Welcoming the stakeholders of Civil aviation sector



and Helicopter industry from across the country to Jammu and Kashmir, the LG, he said, observed that the Heli India

ACHIEVEMENTS IN TOURISM SECTOR, DEVELOPMENT OF 75 OFFBEAT destinations enabling us to accelerate our development process and to utilize the energies and talents of human capital."

Summit will play a significant role in promoting heli-seva as last mile connectivity.

"Various scenic destinations in Jammu Kashmir witnessing year-round tourist influx, which has the potential to boost Heli-Tourism market in the UT. We

are committed to facilitate and help in the growth of Heli operations. I invite Industry Captains to be partners in this transformational journey," the LG said.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ensured Nav-Nirman of J&K UT with robust

infrastructure, road-connectivity to all villages, housing, rural electrification and full utilization of natural and human resources to meet the demands of the modern society," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the LG said that Gati Shakti-National Master Plan is paving the way for coordinated implementation of infrastructure schemes like Bharatmala, Sagarmala and UDAN.

He said that the LG highlighted the reforms introduced by the PM and said that growth in passenger traffic and **More on P10**

Officials Isolate 8 Monkeypox Suspects In Uri

Agencies

Srinagar: Eight suspected cases of monkeypox have been detected in Uri area of Baramulla district.

A senior health official told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that eight persons have reported symptoms of monkeypox and they have been isolated as a precautionary measure.

He said that these persons have fever, lesions and other symptoms which resemble monkeypox or chickenpox.

BMO Boniyar Dr Parvaiz Masoodi confirmed to a local news agency KNO that eight suspected cases of monkeypox were reported saying samples of two persons with severity have been sent for screening.

"We are waiting for the reports and all precautionary measures have been taken so as to stop it from spreading," he said.

Officials said that one among the suspects has a travel history of Jammu.

Monkeypox is a viral zoonosis (a virus transmitted to humans from animals) with symptoms similar to those seen in the past in smallpox patients with less severity.

The symptoms include acute skin rash. **More on P10**

Govt Announces 3-Fold Expansion Of Srinagar Airport Terminal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a move aimed to boost the tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir, the Civil Aviation Ministry on Monday announced plans to expand the terminal at the Srinagar International Airport from the current 20,000 square meters to 60,000 square meters at a cost of whopping Rs 1500 crore.

The announcement about it was made by Minister of Civil Aviation, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia while inaugurating 4th Heli-India Summit 2022, here at SKICC, Srinagar on Monday, an official spokesperson said.

J&K Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha was the chief guest at the summit with the theme 'Helicopters for last Mile Connectivity'.

According to the spokesperson, Scindia said that the decrease in VAT on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) from 26.5 percent to one percent by the J&K government has set a new dawn for air connectivity in the Union territory with 360 percent increase in refuelling, thus increasing the air



THE SECTOR HAS A HUGE IMPACT WITH AN ECONOMIC multiplier of 3.1 and employment multiplier of 6. Therefore, the Civil Aviation across the world today forms a very important cog of the wheel of economic development."

connectivity to Jammu and Kashmir.

Praising PM Narendra Modi for bringing a revolution in the Civil Aviation sector in India from 2014 onwards, Scindia said that from 1947 to 2014, the country had only 74 airports, but now the number has

increased to 141, with 67 added in last seven years which shows the pace of progress in the Civil Aviation sector.

"The government is committed to increase the number to above 200 in the next few years," Scindia added. The Minister, as per the

spokesperson said that the Civil Aviation has now become the need of the hour not only for India but for humankind across the world as it always brings with it two important multipliers, the economic multiplier and the employment multiplier.

"The sector has a huge impact with an economic multiplier of 3.1 and employment multiplier of 6. Therefore, the Civil Aviation across the world today forms a very important cog of the wheel of economic development," Scindia said.

The Minister, the spokesperson said, also stated that helicopters have multifarious roles, providing urban connectivity which is no more an elitist prerogative in India but is based on PM Narendra Modi's vision 'Sab Ude, Sab Jude'.

"The other roles of helicopter service has been the emergency medical services and disaster management during floods, rescue operations etc," Scindia said.

"Jammu & Kashmir has set an example of **More on P10**

8820 Fruit-Laden Trucks released On Banihal Highway: Govt



Agencies

Srinagar: Over 10,000 heavy motor vehicles including 8820 fruit-laden trucks have been released through Navyug and Jawahar Tunnels during the past 24 hours.

"Over 10000 HMVs including 8820 fruit-laden trucks released through Navyug and Jawahar Tunnels during the past 24 hours. Chief Secretary compliments all functionaries and asks them to keep up the momentum", Jammu and Kashmir Information Department said in a tweet.

For the first time after three decades, a Union Minister went to Baramulla in Jammu and Kashmir to hold a rally. On October 5, Union Home

Minister Amit Shah held a rally in Baramulla. Sources said Shah's rally got a phenomenal response from the people of the district.

As per the sources present in the rally, the highest cheering was witnessed when the Home Minister spoke about the availability of free gas cylinders for women. It is also reported that in the hilly areas of the Union Territory, women registered to get the Ujjwala scheme benefit and got two cylinders instead of one.

"The development of Jammu and Kashmir is the prime agenda of the PM Modi government at the Centre. BJP does not wish to ally with any of the regional players in J-K," a top BJP source told ANI. Another source **More on P10**

'Irreparable Loss': LG On Mulayam Singh

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The demise of former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mulayam Singh Yadav is an irreparable loss to Indian politics, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday.

Political leaders across party lines also condoled the death of the Samajwadi Party founder, who died at a Gurugram hospital on Monday after prolonged illness.

"The death of former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav is an irreparable loss to Indian politics. My heartfelt tribute to him. May God give peace to the departed soul and strength to his family members. Om Shanti," Sinha said in a tweet in Hindi.

Later, talking to reporters on the sidelines of a **More on P10**

Government Okays Sale Of Beer At Departmental Stores

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Over eight months after approving the establishment of 51 new wine shops, six of them in Kashmir Valley, the Union Territory administration on Monday gave nod to a proposal for authorizing departmental stores to sell beer and other Ready to Drink (RTD) beverages in urban areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

The decision to allow departmental stores to sell beer and other RTDs was taken by the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, an official spokesperson said Monday.

LG's Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar and Chief Secretary



Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta also attended the meeting.

The AC, the spokesperson said, approved incorporation of liberal provisions in Jammu and Kashmir Liquor License and Sale Rules, 1984 and Excise Policy, 2023-24 for grant of License JKEL-2A for

retail sale of Beer and Ready to Drink (RTD) beverages in Departmental Stores in urban areas of UT.

"The Departmental Stores in a Commercial Complex, approved by the competent authority, fulfilling conditions like having **More on P10**

KP Employees Continue Protest For Relocation Outside Valley

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Kashmiri migrant pandit employees, who are on a strike for the past nearly five months following the killing of their colleague by terrorists, on Monday staged a massive protest here, seeking their relocation outside the Valley.

The protest by Kashmiri migrant pandits, employed under the Prime Minister's package in the valley, intensified amid a recent order issued by the divisional administration in Kashmir,

making bio-metric attendance compulsory for all government employees.

"They have stopped our salaries and now came out with this suppressive order to break our protest... We want government to give us an assurance that no Kashmiri pandit will be targeted by terrorists in future and if they are not in a position to give such an assurance, please accept our demand and relocate us outside Kashmir, a protesting employee said. He said they **More on P10**

MeT Forecasts Light Rain In Plains, Snowfall In Mountains

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Weatherman on Monday forecast scattered light rain and thunder over plains Jammu and Kashmir and light snow over upper reaches of Kashmir and Ladakh in next 24 hours.

"(There is) possibility of Light rain over many places of J&K accompanied by moderate gusty winds and very light snow over higher reaches of Kashmir and Ladakh is expected towards late evening/night (October 10)," a meteorological department official here said.

No significant weather is expected till October 17, he added.

Regarding the mercury, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 11.8°C against 8.2°C on the previous night. The temperature was 4.5°C above normal for the summer capital during this time of the year, he said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 11.0°C against 8.0°C on the previous night. The temperature was 4.7°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

In Pahalgam, the mercury settled at 9.1°C against 5.3°C on the previous night and it was 5.5°C above normal for the south Kashmir resort, he said.

Kokernag recorded a low of 11.9°C against 8.9°C on the previous night and it was 4.2°C above normal for the place, he said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 5.2°C and it was 0.5°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. In Kupwara town, **More on P10**



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SC Notice To Centre On Plea To Declare 'Talaq-e-Kinaya' And 'Talaq-e-Bain' Unconstitutional

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Monday sought responses from the Centre and others to a plea seeking to declare all forms of "unilateral and extrajudicial" divorce among Muslims including 'Talaq-e-Kinaya' and 'Talaq-e-Bain' as void and unconstitutional.

A bench of Justices S A Nazeer and J B Pardiwala issued notices to the Ministry of Law and Justice, Ministry of Minority Affairs and others while seeking their replies.

The top court was hearing

laq-e-Kinaya, 'Talaq-e-Bain' and other forms of unilateral and extrajudicial talaq are an "evil plague similar to sati" that continue to trouble Muslim women and pose extremely serious health, social, economic, moral and emotional risks.

"It is submitted that religious officers and priests like imams, maulvis, kazis etc. who propagate, support and authorise the Talaq-E-Kinaya and Talaq-E-Bain and other forms of unilateral extrajudicial talaq are grossly misusing their position, influence and power to



a plea filed by Karnataka-based Syeda Ambreen asserting the practices are arbitrary, irrational and contrary to fundamental rights to equality, non-discrimination, life and freedom to practice religion.

The petitioner has also sought a direction to the Centre to frame guidelines for gender neutral and religion neutral uniform grounds of divorce and uniform procedure of divorce for all citizens.

The petition contended Ta-

subject Muslim women to such gross practice which treats them as chattel, thereby violating their fundamental rights," the plea said.

The petitioner said in January 2022, a pre-filled letter from the 'kazi' office was received in which vague allegations were made. It was stated on her husband's behalf that due to these conditions, it is not possible to continue this relationship and she is relieved of the matrimonial relationship.

Bahrain Handing Death Sentences After 'Sham Trials': Report

Agencies

Manama: Bahraini courts have run "sham trials" that have led to the convictions and death sentences of eight men, according to a joint report by Human Rights Watch (HRW) and the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy.

In a report titled, "The Court is Satisfied with the Confession": Bahrain Death Sentences Follow Torture, Sham Trials, which was released on Monday, the rights groups claimed that the men were convicted based on confessions obtained through torture and coercion.

"The many human rights violations that underlie these death sentences reflect not a justice system but a pattern of injustice," said Michael Page, deputy Middle East director at HRW, in a statement.

The rights groups said some defendants were denied access to evidence used at trial and, in one case, a defendant was not allowed to cross-examine "secret sources". None of the defendants was allowed counsel during their interrogations, the rights groups alleged.

"It is particularly appalling to sentence people to death amid torture allegations and after manifestly unfair trials," said Joshua Colangelo-Bryan, an HRW consultant and primary author of the report.

He called for officials to "commute all death sentences immediately and ... reinstate the de-facto moratorium on executions".

The report identified the men as Maher Abbas al-Khabbaz; Sayed Ahmed al-Abar; Zuhair Ebrahim Jasim Abdullah; Husain Ebrahim Ali Husain Marzooq; Husain Moosa; Mohamed Ramadhan; Husain Ali Mehdi; and Salman Isa Ali Salman.

Last year, rights groups claimed that death sentences in Bahrain had "dramatically increased" since the 2011 Arab Spring uprising.

Death sentences in the small Gulf archipelago had risen by more than 600 percent, with at least 51 people ordered executed since anti-government protests erupted in 2011, according to a joint report published in July 2021 by anti-death penalty and human rights group Reprieve and the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy.



Debris is seen on a street after a Russian missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kyiv, Ukraine, on October 10, 2022. Reuters

Russia Launches Biggest Air Strikes On Ukraine In Revenge For Crimea Bridge

Agencies

Kyiv: Russia launched its most widespread air strikes since the start of the Ukraine war on Monday, raining cruise missiles on busy cities during rush hour and knocking out power and heat, in what President Vladimir Putin called revenge for a blown up bridge.

Missiles tore into busy intersections, parks and tourist sites in the centre of the capital Kyiv.

Explosions were reported in Lviv, Ternopil and Zhytomyr in western Ukraine, Dnipro and Kremenchuk in central Ukraine, Zaporizhzhia in the south and Kharkiv in the east. Ukrainian officials said at least 10 people were killed and scores injured, and swathes of the country left without power.

“The Kyiv regime, with its actions, has put itself on the same level as international terrorist organisations. With the most odious groups. To leave such acts without a response is simply impossible”

Thousands of residents raced to bomb shelters as air raid sirens rang out through the day. The barrage of dozens of cruise missiles fired from air, land and sea was the biggest wave of air strikes to hit locations away from the front line, at least since the initial

volleys on the war's first day, February 24.

"The Kyiv regime, with its actions, has put itself on the same level as international terrorist organisations. With the most odious groups. To leave such acts without a response is simply impossible," Putin said in a televised address.

The Russian leader said he had ordered "massive" long range strikes and he threatened more strikes in future if Ukraine hits Russian territory.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said the attacks were deliberately timed to kill people, as well as to knock out Ukraine's power grid. His prime minister said 11 major infrastructure targets were hit in eight regions, leaving swathes of the country with no electricity, water or heat.

'Abraham Accords Overflowed Coffers Of Israeli Arms Dealers'

Agencies

Jerusalem: Israeli military contractors have been the largest beneficiaries of the so-called 'Abraham Accords' normalization agreements, signed between Tel Aviv and several Arab nations in 2020.

According to a report by the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) published on 9 October, Israeli defense contractors have secured over \$3 billion in deals with the UAE, Bahrain, and Morocco.

Israeli security officials claim they have had more than 150 meetings with counterparts in the three Arab nations since the accords were signed.

These investments helped drive Israel's global military sales to a record \$11.3 billion last year, with military sales to Gulf countries hitting seven percent of total weapons exports, according to the Israeli defense ministry.

The deals include supplying the UAE and Bahrain with advanced air defense systems, and a deal with Morocco to build drone factories in the North African nation.



Israeli military contractors are reportedly also in talks to sell the three nations everything from advanced radar technology to cybersecurity systems.

One of the most significant arms deals was made between Tel Aviv and Abu Dhabi earlier this year, when Emirati officials agreed to buy an advanced mobile air-defense system known as Spyder, which uses missiles to shoot down hostile drones, cruise missiles, and other threats.

This purchase was the result of frustrations in the UAE over the lack of support they received after Yemen's Ansar-

allah resistance group used long-range drones to attack Abu Dhabi earlier this year.

Saudi Arabia - another recipient of Ansarallah's long-range retaliatory capabilities - has also expressed interest in acquiring the Israeli defense systems in the wake of the unofficial normalization with Tel Aviv and souring ties with the US.

Nonetheless, the WSJ claims that much of the defense cooperation between Israel and the Gulf nations continues to be done in secret, as officials are reportedly trying to "keep the security deals out of the public glare so as not to openly antagonize Iran."

SP Patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav dies at 82

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Samajwadi Party founder and three-time Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mulayam Singh Yadav, who spawned the state's most prominent political clan and played a key role on the national stage, died Monday after prolonged illness. He was 82.

The former defence minister was admitted to Gurugram's Medanta Hospital in August and shifted to its Intensive Care Unit on October 2.

"My respected father and 'Netaji' to all is no more," his son Akhilesh Yadav said in a tweet in Hindi. Condolences poured in from across the political spectrum and Uttar Pradesh's BJP government announced a three-day mourning.

In the evening, the body arrived in Safai, his native village near Etawah in UP, and was kept in a "pandal" for people who thronged there for a "darshan". The village falls in Jawsantnagar, the constituency from where he was elected to the state assembly the first time in 1967, representing Ram Manohar Lohia's Sanyukt Socialist Party.

The funeral will take place with full state honours in Safai on Thursday afternoon.

In her condolence message, President Droupadi Murmu said Yadav's achievements were extraordinary.

"Dharti Putra" Mulayam ji was a veteran leader and was

connected with the land. He was respected by people from all parties," she tweeted in Hindi. The prime minister said Yadav served people diligently and devoted his life towards popularising the ideals of Jay-aprakash Naray-



an and Lohia.

Soon after the news of his death, Union Home Minister Amit Shah drove to the hospital to meet Akhilesh Yadav and other family members. Congress leader Rajiv Shukla and JD(U)'s K C Tyagi too visited the hospital.

Born on November 22, 1939 into a farming family, Yadav was elected an MLA 10 times and an MP, mostly from Mainpuri and Azamgarh, seven times.

He was defence minister from 1996 to 1998 in H D Deve Gowda's United Front government, and became chief minister thrice, in 1989-91, 1993-95, and 2003-07.

For decades, he enjoyed the stature of a national leader but Uttar Pradesh largely remained the "akhara" where Yadav played out his politics, beginning as a teenager influenced by socialist leader Lohia.

Jaishankar Slams Canada Over Khalistan Activities

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Concerned over the escalation of hostilities in Ukraine, India on Monday advised its citizens to avoid all non-essential travel to and within Ukraine and asked them to strictly follow the safety and security guidelines issued by the local authorities.

The advisory comes hours after Russia carried out strikes against multiple Ukrainian cities, including Kyiv. Police said at least 10 people were killed and around 60 others were wounded in the attacks across Ukraine.

"In view of the current escalation of hostilities in Ukraine, Indian nationals are advised to avoid all non-essential travel to and within Ukraine. They must strictly follow the safety and security guidelines issued by the Ukrainian government and local authorities," the advisory issued by the Indian Embassy in Kyiv said.

Indian nationals are requested to keep the Embassy informed about the status of their presence in Ukraine to enable the embassy to reach out to them, where required, it added.



In New Delhi, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said escalation of hostilities is in no one's interest and noted that India stands ready to support all such efforts aimed at de-escalation of the situation.

"India is deeply concerned at the escalation of the conflict in Ukraine, including targeting of infrastructure and deaths of civilians," he said and urged immediate cessation of hostilities.

India has not yet condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and it has been maintaining that the crisis must be resolved through diplomacy and dialogue.

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NEWS MAKERS

Stalin Asks Centre To Celebrate Indian Languages Day Instead Of Hindi Diwas

Chennai: Indian languages, including Tamil, should be made official languages of the Union government and Indian Languages Day should be celebrated rather than the Hindi Diwas, DMK President and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin said on Wednesday.

Quoting from Union Home Minister Amit Shah's address to the All India Official Language Conference in Gujarat, Stalin claimed that Shah batted for learn-

ing Hindi to understand culture and history.

The nation comprises people who speak many languages and Shah's Hindi pitch went against the country's ideal of unity in diversity, Stalin alleged in a party statement. Hindi Diwas is observed by the Centre every year on September 14.

India is known for its integrity and there must not be any efforts aimed at dividing the country in the name of "Hindia," Stalin said, an apparent hint to

his party's historical line against "imposing Hindi".

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister demanded Shah that all the 22 Indian languages including Tamil, listed in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution, be made official languages of the Union government.

"I urge that culture and history be strengthened by celebrating Indian Languages Day instead of observing Hindi Day," Stalin urged Shah. PTI VGN HDA

Dubai, UAE: A Saudi judge on Monday sentenced 10 Egyptian men for up to 18 years for having tried to organise a remembrance event for the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, two relatives told AFP.

The men, from Egypt's Nubian minority group, were found guilty of establishing a "terrorist group", one of the relatives said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

The Egyptian men were first arrested in October 2019 for trying to organise the remembrance event, similar versions of which had taken place in previous years without incident.

They were released without charge in December 2019, then re-arrested the following July.

"I have intense anger at the extreme injustice to



Saudi Sentences 10 Egyptians For 18 Years Over 1973 Arab-Israeli War

which our people have been subjected," the relative said.

One man received an 18-year sentence, one was jailed for 16 years, two for 14 years and the remainder for between 10 and 12 years, the relative said.

Rights groups including

Amnesty International have previously campaigned for the men's release.

In a statement last year, Amnesty denounced the proceedings against them as a "travesty" of justice.

The rights group said the men were being prosecuted

"for the peaceful exercise of their right to freedom of expression in trying to organise a community event".

The statement said the men had been "denied regular family contact and only allowed access to government-appointed lawyers", and that "at least two of them are elderly and in ill health".

Three of the men are over 60 years old, the relative told AFP on Monday.

According to Amnesty, Saudi security officials criticised them at the time "for failing to include a photo of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi in the event's announcement poster".

Harsh' ruling

In a Twitter post Monday, the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, a prominent human rights group, described Monday's sentences as "harsh".

“I urge that culture and history be strengthened by celebrating Indian Languages Day instead of observing Hindi Day”

Awareness Prog On "Towards Empowering Women" Held

Observer News Service

Srinagar: District Hub for Empowerment of Women- Mission Shakti, Srinagar in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar on Monday conducted one day legal awareness programme titled "Towards Empowering Women" sponsored by National Commission For Women at Government Girls Higher Secondary School- NawaKadal.

Speaking at the event, District Mission Coordinator, Ruqaya Ashraf raised awareness among the participants about the overall working of District Hub for Empowerment of Women- Mission Shakti in the District.

Gender Specialist, Rehana Qadir informed the students about various Women Centric Scheme, Skill Development Courses and aspects of Legal Services. Gender Specialist- Ms. Deeba threw light on the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Campaign.

Speaking at the event, Suhaila Ali Penal Lawyer from DLSA Srinagar enlightened the participants regarding various legal aspects of Domestic Violence, Harassment, Eve-teasing, Cyber-bullying, etc.

The speaker also raised awareness among the students about various Rights guaranteed to the females by the Constitution of India to safeguard their honor and dignity.

CESA Begins 'Mega Site-Visit Series' Program At NIT

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Civil Engineering Students Association (CESA) of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, on Monday, started a 'Mega Site-Visit Series' program.

Under the program, 10+ visits are scheduled over the course of two months to various project/ construction sites in the Kashmir Valley, each with a group of 30+ students.

On Monday, the association successfully organized the first visit to 'Mega Boys Hostel' project being executed in NIT Srinagar campus.

Govt Polytechnic For Women Commemorates World Mental Health Day

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Government Polytechnic for women, Bemina organized a programme to commemorate World Mental Health Day on Monday.

The event was held under the theme "Make mental Health & well-being for all, a global priority".

The programme was organized by KASHMER/HELP Foundation project "Healthy Minds" in collaboration with Government Institute.

The event was attended by hundreds of students and faculty members of the Institute. The occasion was graced by Commanding officer 20 RR Col Manoj Dobriyal, Major H S Kand 20 RR, and SSP Srinagar Tahir Gilani.

Dr Shafqat Ara, Principal Women's Polytechnic Bemina formally inaugurated World Mental Health Day and welcomed the guests on the occasion.

Dr Syed Riyaz Ahmed Project Director KASHMER said that the government has been taking adequate measures to take care of the mental well-being of the masses but a lot more



needs to be done in this regard.

He also highlighted the contributions made by their organization regarding addressing various mental health issues in society.

"KASHMER has been using different modes of advocacy and treatment of qualified & well-trained team members to treat patients suffering from mental health issues," Dr Riyaz said.

"KASHMER has also held other programmes in collaboration with

HELP Foundation J & K and Help Poor Voluntary Trust for the well-being of people" he added.

Dr Muzaffar Ahmed Khan, Consultant clinical psychologist & Director YDRC, SSP Mr Tahir Gilani, Col Manoj and Counselor Uzma Sami also spoke on various issues related to mental health and its well-being.

The session was moderated and concluded by Mr Tabasum Gillani, faculty at the institution.

CD Hospital Switches To Online Registration, Patients Suffer

Agencies

Srinagar: As Chest Diseases hospital in Srinagar has switched over to online registration at OPD, patients on Monday alleged that they have to suffer a lot owing to online registration and prescription system at the hospital.

Scores of patients held a protest demonstration at CD hospital, stating that the online registration system was time consuming and they had to wait in the queues for hours together.

"The hospital management has switched over to online registration at OPD and are providing OPD tickets

in online mode and later prescription is also given online, which is very time consuming. I have been standing in the queue outside the registration counter since 9 am and still I haven't got any tickets. What should I do with the online system when my health condition is getting worse by standing in the queue for such a long time," said a patient, who had come from Pattan.

The patients alleged that this online system is more time consuming as they have to wait for hours together to get tickets.

Meanwhile, medical superintendent CD hospital, Dr Saleem Tak acknowledged that the online registra-

tion and prescription system was time consuming but it has been done for the convenience of the patients and to tackle patient rush at the hospital.

He also said that since there is a lack of space in the hospital, they are trying to explore alternative options so that patients don't have to suffer.

"Till CD hospital is shifted to GB Pant hospital, as suggested by the government, they will try to explore alternative options and will try to install more registration counters at present location to tackle patient rush," he said.

He added that as of now there is no official order to shift the old CD hospital to GB Pant hospital.(KNO)

"Parcel Packaging Service Will Be Soon Launched At GPO Sgr"

Agencies

Srinagar: Chief Post Master General of Jammu and Kashmir, Niraj Kumar on Monday said that India Post is soon going to launch Parcel Packaging Service

GPO and Jammu and Leh HO for the welfare and convenience of the people.

"We are also launching Mobile Parcel Booking Service, which is a new thing, where postmasters will go to shops, workshops, and other places in



at Srinagar GPO and Jammu and Leh HO for the convenience of the people.

Addressing a press conference in Srinagar, he said that as the world is celebrating World Post Week, India Post will launch various services and initiatives in Jammu and Kashmir to celebrate the Post Week.

He said that they will soon launch Parcel Packaging Service at Srinagar

order to book parcels on the spot. This is one of our endeavours to bring post services to the door steps of the people even in remote areas," he said.

He also said that in this endeavour yesterday they launched Shikara Post service for the people living in and around Dal Lake to bring post services to the door steps of the people. (KNO)

NAME CHANGE

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Advocate: Reyaz Ahmad Lone (Bsc, LLB)

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Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas Mr. Shabir Ahmad Bulla, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 17/03/2022 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely Mr Ali Mohammad lone to repay an amount of Rs. 12,68,188.51 (Rupees Twelve Lac Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty Eight & Paise Fifty One Only) being the balance outstanding as on 01/01/2022 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 06th day of October, 2022.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount aggregating to Rs 13,16,342.51 (Rupees Thirteen Lac Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Two & Paise Fifty One Only) together with future interest thereon from 01/09/2022 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

(As per the schedule provided in mortgage deed/latest particulars including any accreditations)
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Dated: 06.10.2022
Place : Patoosa Rafiabab

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Authorized Officer

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This Day In History

- 1945 - Chinese civil war begins between Kuomintang government led by Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Zedong's Communist Party
- 1947 - Brazil & Chile break diplomatic relations with USSR
- 1969 - Soyuz 6 launched; Soyuz 7 & 8 follow in next 2 days
- 1977 - Soyuz 25 returns to Earth
- 1979 - Allan McLeod Cormack & Godfrey Newbold Hounsfield win Nobel Prize for medicine for developing CAT scan
- 1980 - Cosmonauts Popov & Ryumin set space endurance record of 184 days
- 1984 - 1st space walk by US woman (Dr Kathryn D Sullivan)
- 1984 - NASA launches space vehicle S-208
- 1986 - Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev open talks at a summit in Reykjavik, Iceland
- 1990 - Mexican writer Octavio Paz is awarded the Nobel Prize for literature
- 1990 - Libya's Qadhafi says Israel must be eliminated
- 1994 - Space shuttle STS-68 (Endeavour 7), lands
- 1994 - Nobel Prize in economics is awarded to John Harsanyi, John Nash and Reinhard Selten for their "pioneering analysis of equilibria in the theory of non-cooperative games"
- 2000 - The 100th Space Shuttle mission (STS-92) is flown.

From KO Archives

7 Killed In Srinagar Gun Battle

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Seven people including four civilians were killed in a major gunbattle in the outskirts of Srinagar this morning that also left a top militant commander and two police personnel dead. Elsewhere twelve persons were killed in unabated violence in the state since last evening.

Parimpora locality of the city woke up to blasts and gunfire this morning as a militant holed up in a house engaged besieging security personnel in a fierce gunbattle for sue hours.

According to the reports, a party of Police, Task Force Budgam, assisted by CRPF personnel surrounded the house of one Abdul Aziz at around 4.30 a.m following a tip off that a militant of Harkat-ul-Mujahedin, Shawkat Ahmad Lone was in the house. Reports said Shawkat lobbed grenades and opened fire on the advancing forces killing an STF and a CRPF constables on the spot. The deceased have been identified as constable Mahipal Singh of CRPF and Javed Iqbal of STF. KPS said a BSF contingent too joined the operation and the gunbattle raged for some time. Four civilians were killed in the cross fire and the battle left half a dozen security personnel injured. According to an API report, 11 security personnel were wounded in the encounter. A CNS report said forces fired mortar shells at the house which set it ablaze. Later the body of militant Shawkat Ahmad alias Pupa Lone son of Khizr Lone of Batmaloo was recovered from the debris of the house. A Police bulletin issued here said Shawkat was a most wanted militant involved in series of attacks on the security forces in Srinagar including the series of attacks on the civil secretariat. He was a released militant who originally belonged to Hizb and had later joined the Harkat and was its divisional commander.

The four civilians who also died during the encounter have been identified as Gulam Muhammed Shaykh, Bashir Ahmad Shaykh of Parimpora and two labourers from Handwara, Gulam Hassan and Gulam Qadir Mir of Handwara. Five civilians including Hajra wife of the house owner Abdul Aziz were injured critically.

Inspector General of Police Dr Ashok Bhan has described the killing of Showkat Lone a major success for police and a severe jolt to militancy here.

(Kashmir Observer, October 11, s2000)

KASHMIR OBSERVER

Fraught Situation

Russia on Monday unleashed long-range missile attacks against Ukraine's energy, military and communications infrastructure in multiple Ukrainian cities including downtown Kyiv where at least 10 people were killed. The attacks marked a military escalation by Moscow following an attack on a vital bridge linking Russia to the annexed Crimean peninsula over the weekend. Russian president Putin said that the missile attacks were in retaliation to the truck blast on the bridge which extensively damaged it. Putin said that it was obvious that the "Ukrainian secret services ordered, organised and carried out the terrorist attack aimed at destroying Russia's critical civilian infrastructure."

The developments don't bode well for the future of the war in Ukraine. It is now apparent that both sides see the end to the war in terms of absolute victory and defeat, rather than seeking a negotiated settlement to it. And this has created a fraught situation. The Russian president has already talked about the use of nuclear weapons and the west has threatened to respond in kind. Making things more dangerous is that Russia has recently suffered some reverses in the war. A cornered Russia could take recourse to nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile, the war is wreaking havoc on the global economy. The higher oil prices have begun to bite the European countries. There have already been protests in some countries against rising inflation.

But the situation is unlikely to change for the better unless the war draws to an end. And this looks unlikely to happen anytime soon. The US-led western military alliance NATO has so far ensured that Ukraine forces put up tough resistance to the advancing Russian army. The US and major European countries have supplied Ukraine with generous military aid to better defend itself against Russian aggression. The West has also got Russia's neighbours like Finland and Sweden to join NATO. The development has further riled Russia which opposes the expansion of NATO right up to its borders, a position that became the trigger for its invasion of Ukraine.

Russian troops already control swathes of Ukrainian territory to the east. And it has conducted referendums in some areas thereby formally annexing them. This has created irreconcilable differences between Russia and the west. For a negotiated settlement, Russia wants guarantees from NATO to stop its eastward expansion and the latter is loathe to do so for reasons that this could jeopardize its global military dominance. This makes the situation very complicated and not amenable to an early solution. That is unless both sides climb down from their zero-sum mindset and address each other's legitimate concerns.

OTHER OPINION

Fence sitter

Two weeks is a long time in diplomacy. Last Saturday, India abstained from a vote in the United Nations Security Council criticising Russia's annexation of parts of four Ukrainian provinces after what are widely viewed as sham referenda held under military occupation. India's refusal to condemn Russia's land grab came 15 days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared to the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, that this is not an era of war, in the most blunt message of disapproval New Delhi has sent to Moscow since the start of the war in Ukraine. The vote — or rather New Delhi's unwillingness to take a stand on the annexations — suggests that for all of the bluster of Mr Modi's comments to Mr Putin, India's position of ambivalence on the Ukraine conflict remains intact. India has repeatedly abstained from UN votes critical of Russia, even when its top diplomats in New York have made clear that New Delhi is unhappy about the war. The Narendra Modi government and, especially, its chief global face, the external affairs minister, S. Jaishankar, have framed India's resistance to picking sides not as a legacy of the country's non-aligned tendencies but as an exercise in realpolitik, keeping national interest front and centre.

To an extent, that position makes sense. India, indeed, needs to maintain strong working relations with both Russia and the West; its biggest security threat is China. While the war in Ukraine hurts India in a myriad ways, it depends on Russia for much of its military infrastructure. During the war, India has also gained from Russia's cheap oil to avoid already high inflation rates from soaring still further. Yet, within that big picture narrative, India must remember that throughout its independent history, it has also taken international positions based on how they might impinge on its own challenges. For instance, India has been reticent to criticise others on human rights violations because it does not like the international community pointing fingers at its actions in Kashmir. By not criticising Russia for its brazen takeover of Ukrainian territory, India has weakened its own stance over parts of its territory currently under Pakistani or Chinese occupation. It is entirely possible to vote against such international crimes while communicating to Russia privately that India's position ought to be seen in a specific context. The Indian foreign service is capable of such deft diplomacy. By sitting on the fence, India has hurt its national interests

Telegraph India



Don't Jump The Gun On Land Record Digitisation

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

In October last year, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched a landmark initiative known as Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani. This is a centrally sponsored programme of the Government of India known as Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP).

This programme is aimed at achieving ease of access to land records through a digital platform which is set to ensure more transparency in the Revenue Department, a department otherwise marred with corruption for several decades. The introduction of DILRMP is expected to reduce property disputes and ensure conclusive titles to immovable properties in Jammu & Kashmir. The Government claims that the digitisation process will be followed by a survey, resurvey and updation of all survey and settlement records, integration of property registration with land records and cadastral maps to ensure the authenticity of record.

Computerisation and digitisation of land records, a major component of this scheme, has already started in full swing since last month with Patwaris uploading land revenue records onto a digital network. This land revenue record digitization is going on in all 20 districts which comprises 6912 villages. The Revenue Department claims that more than 50% of the records have already been digitized in around 4000 villages. However, land owners across J&K are worried about wrong insertions that were made in the land revenue land during the last settlement that took place more than 10 years back.

What is Land Settlement?

Land Settlement or Bandobast is a comprehensive term that covers all aspects of land survey & measurement, preparation of revenue records and assessment of land revenue. In 1889, the Dogra Ruler of Kashmir, Pratap Singh, appointed British Officer Sir Walter Lawrence as first Settlement Commissioner of the erstwhile state.

The officer served in Indian Civil Service and was also a member of the British Council of India those days. Before Sir Lawrence, in 1887, Mr Vintage was asked to undertake the settlement process of some villages but the Government decided to get a full time settlement commissioner. Sir Walter Lawrence was given full powers to conduct the settlement process and he faced lots of challenges in the beginning and local Patwaris were said to have been involved in that by instigating the villagers.

Sir Lawrence tried his best to make people understand the settlement of their land records considering its measurement, location, irrigation facilities. A dedicated Settlement Department was set up which restored the confidence of people for that massive land record activity that lasted for 5 years (1889 to 1994). The paddy called Shali was taken as land revenue and the maximum portion of this crop was allowed to be retained by cultivators. This helped the settlement department to take up the settlement process without any problems. The peasants who were earlier reluctant to cooperate started cooperating with revenue department officials. The cultivators who were previously reluctant to cultivate the waste land started filling fresh applications for allotment. The occupancy cultivators (qabza daar) were given protection under law. By the end of 1894, the entire process was completed.

As per the data available with Financial Commissioner Revenue J&K, following steps are involved in preparation of such record of rights or revision of record of rights:

Update of Jamabandi by incorporating all mutations attested since the last Jamabandi. The Patwari has to draw up or enter mutations of all changes reflected into Girdawarijn and obtains orders on such mutations from Mutating Officer and made requisite entry into Jamabandi & update Sajra Nasab Malikan (Owners).

Define or delineate Hadbast of village along with surrounding patwaris, establish proper marks of



In a bid to complete the digitisation process and bag the 100% title, the Deputy Commissioners must not lose sight of the true spirit of the exercise. The Government needs to look into this issue urgently and halt the digitisation process, if need be. Errors of the previous settlements need to be corrected first

identification at each point.

Demarcate & identify all sarkar, shamilat and common lands to determine any encroachment or accesses made on such land.

Prepare chumanda (Rough Sketch) and Khatooni by Pencil called Kham Khatooni by visiting each field.

Start measurement or Survey from the North-West corner of the village.

After completion of measurement/ Survey, compare Kham Khatooni with updated Jamabandi and confirm Khatooni.

After confirmation of Khatooni it has to be announced by Tehsildar or Naib Tehsildar entry wise in presence of village community and arrested after making requisite changes, if any.

Draw-up Record of Right on the basis of Khatooni so prepared

Deposit the Record of Rights in Settlement Record Room after final

attestation by Settlement Officer. Obtain a copy of Part-e-Patwar of the R.O.R. from the Settlement record room.

Land Passbooks that Never Came

We are aware of bank passbooks, which is a small booklet given to account holders after opening an account in any bank. The Revenue department was also supposed to provide passbooks to the landowners so as to keep them aware about the amount of land they own, its location, its title, survey/khasra number etc. Section 16 of J&K Land Revenue (amended) Act of 1996 which is a protected legislation under J&K Reorganization Act 2019 calls upon Revenue officers, particularly the Deputy Commissioners (DCs), to ensure preparation of passbooks for every landholder of the district. The relevant section reads:

"The Deputy Commissioner of the District shall cause to be prepared a passbook of every land holder in his District containing records of rights, agricultural holding, transfer of rights, ration cards, subsidies, liabilities etc. in revenue estate to enable the land holder makes it use for credit facilities and for other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto"

The idea of making these passbooks was to ensure transparency and accountability in maintaining land records which is marred by corruption and mismanagement. Incorporating these provisions in J&K Land Revenue Act through an amendment in 1996 was to provide for an efficacious and fool-proof mechanism in maintaining land record. This was also to ensure that there is no illegal entry or alienation in these records by the officials of the revenue department. Through these passbooks landowners or farmers could have availed credit facilities from banks as well, which is a provision in the law itself.

More than 26 years have passed yet these passbooks have not been issued to the beneficiaries. This clearly indicates that successive Governments have endorsed and patronised a fallacious, erroneous and a defective system which creates a space for scandalous and corrupt persons to step in and get the entries of choice recorded in the revenue records. Furthermore, non-implementation of this legal provision of the law has also encouraged and influenced land-grabs and illegal encroachments by land mafia in active collaboration with officers of Revenue department especially on the state land, Kahcharai, Shalimat and wetlands across Jammu & Kashmir. Now, as the land revenue record is being digitised, the beneficiaries can get digital land record passbooks but the Govt needs to ensure that correct and factual information is uploaded on these digital land records.

Don't be Hasty

Even as the digitization of land revenue records is a welcome step, there have been some serious errors committed by Revenue officials during the last settlement. This faulty land record insertion has been committed across Jammu & Kashmir in all districts and has not been rectified till date. Unfortunately, the same faulty information being uploaded on the online portal is only going to worsen the issue. In a bid to complete the digitisation process and bag the 100% title, the Deputy Commissioners must not lose sight of the true spirit of the exercise. The Government needs to look into this issue urgently and halt the digitisation process, if need be. Errors of the previous settlements need to be corrected first. Once this is done, then only should the land records be uploaded on the digital network.

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Annie Ernaux's Nobel

Many thanks to Kashmir Observer for carrying an enlightening write-up, "French writer Annie Ernaux wins big in Literature" by Andrew Limbong. (Oct. 7). Annie Ernaux, the Nobel Prize winner in literature for this year, is well known for blending fiction and autobiography that fearlessly mine her experiences as a working class woman to explore life in France

since the 1940s. Her works are lauded for their blistering honesty. Globally, Ernaux is best known for her work 'The Years', a creative memoir which documents her own life, and which was nominated for the prestigious Man Booker International Prize in 2019. The Swedish Academy, which is responsible for choosing the Nobel Prize laureates in literature, has said that

Ernaux was recognized for "the courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements and collective restraints of personal memory." Perhaps, these words from the academy make its decision to award the Nobel Prize to Ernaux, which is blessedly straightforward. Ernaux's books - both memoir and fictionalized autobiography - are among the most

vital works of literature produced in the last half-century. They catalog, in intimate and striking detail, her life and times. Ernaux, in many ways, is a pioneer of what is now called "auto-fiction", but she still stands out as a singular writer in global literature.

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Destruction Caused By Climate Change

Asad Mirza

Various reports highlight the fact that Climate Change has been caused by the rich nations and thus poor countries have started demanding compensation for the climate changes, which have adversely impacted them.

The forthcoming COP27, UN climate talks due to be held in Egypt in November, may highlight the compensation system for poorer countries known as "loss and damage", caused by the Climate Change.

It is a fact, corroborated by various UN and independent reports that Climate Change over the last 25 years particularly has caused costly damages, including drought, rising heat, less or more rains, tropical cyclones and more gradual changes, such as desertification and rising sea levels across the globe.

It has been proven that these changes could be attributed to the presence of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The rich industrialised countries are responsible for most of the emissions causing these phenomena.

LOSS AND DAMAGE

The poorer countries, as they are unable to take timely corrective measures to mitigate these changes caused by others in the past, face the negative affects of Climate Change first. Thus, the new concept of "Loss and Damages" has started taking roots amongst them.

Under this new concept they are demanding adequate financial help to take corrective measures to mitigate these changes, caused by the richer, industrialised nations, in the past. Now they are redefining it as a matter of liability and compensation, rather than aid after a particular natural disaster.

Loss and damage is also referred to as the "third pillar" of climate change politics, after mitigation (tackling the root cause of the problem by reducing emissions) and adaptation (preparing for current and future impacts).

However, developed countries have pushed back against this since 1990s when the text of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change was being drawn up, terming it completely implausible.

Meanwhile, a group of island countries had proposed that an international insurance fund be created to compensate low-lying countries for the damage caused by rising sea levels.

The Economist magazine reports that in 2015, at the talks, which culminated in the adoption of the Paris Agreement, developing countries again sought a strong clause on loss and damage financing. But they ended up with only a vague reference to the issue. And concrete action was left for future discussions, thus the Egypt Summit offers a chance again to hammer out a concrete poli-



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cy and action plan on the issue.

POSITIVE ACTIONS

Denmark has recently pledged just over \$13m to developing countries that have suffered damage from climate change and more developed countries may follow suit.

Scotland's first minister, Nicola Sturgeon, at COP26 in Glasgow last November, promised £2m (\$2.7m) as a one-off loss and damage payment, apparently hoping that other rich countries might follow suit, however, they did not.

But the pressure for them to do so is increasing. Last month ministers from an alliance known as the "Least Developed Countries Alliance - LDCA" having 46 members, called the creation of a financial mechanism for loss and damage a "fundamental priority" for COP27. At the UNGA last month, secretary-general António Guterres suggested that windfall taxes on fossil fuel companies might provide the funding for one.

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But is easier said than done and may not happen at all. There is an utter lack of enthusiasm among the developed countries for such a pay out. Some developing countries are tentatively seeking redress through international law.

On September 22nd the UN Human Rights Committee ordered the Australian government to pay compensation to indigenous people living on the islands of the Torres Strait, which are being eroded by rising seas. Perhaps it is for the first time that such a

payment has been ordered. The Australian government seemed sympathetic to the islanders' plight. But whether it will translate into hard cash - let alone a costly acceptance of liability - remains to be seen. Hence, a global framework for loss and damage still looks like a distant prospect.

DISASTERS IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD

Meanwhile, the developed world is also not safe from the Climate Change vagaries. Natural disasters such as Hurricane Ian,

which recently left behind a trail of damages running in billions of dollars, are on the rise in the United States.

Hurricane Ian, which battered parts of Florida and South Carolina, is estimated to be the latest in a growing trend of billion-dollar disasters in the United States.

As compared to between 1980 and 2021, when the average of such events happening was 7.7, the past five years have witnessed an increase to 17.8 of such events per year. Last year marked the seventh consecutive year in which ten or more billion-dollar disasters pummeled the U.S. By July of this year there had already been nine such disasters.

It has been reported that the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere in May 2022, reached a level that has not been seen in millions of years, and that is over 50 percent higher than in the pre-industrial era. The heat trapped by carbon dioxide and other human-produced greenhouse gases has increased the world's average temperature.

Climate change is "supercharging the increasing frequency and intensity" of weather extremes, according to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It spawns greater rainfall variability, lengthens the wildfire season in the American West, increases drought vulnerability, and drives bigger storm surges as sea levels rise. Given the relentless accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, 2022 is likely the harbinger of a more violent weather in future.

To reduce such natural mishaps happening again and again, both developed and developing nations need to adopt practices, which rapidly reduce and remove heat-trapping emissions from the atmosphere to limit warming extremes.

In addition, they'll have to look towards greener sources of energy instead of fossil fuels, which have contributed to a large extent to green gas emissions.

But at the same time, they'll also have to adopt and put into practice policies, which mitigate the damages in the poorer countries, instead of just offering one time aid to ease off their burden.

The forthcoming Egypt Summit should strive to find a new feasible approach to counter the Climate Change disasters, instead of just hollow promises and no real ground work, as has happened at previous COP conferences.

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Trouble With Sending Humans To Earth's Evil Twin

Andrew Coates

Venus, often called Earth's "evil twin" planet, formed closer to the Sun and has since evolved quite differently from our own planet. It has a "runaway" greenhouse effect (meaning heat is completely trapped), a thick carbon-dioxide-rich atmosphere, no magnetic field and a surface hot enough to melt lead.

Several uncrewed scientific missions will study how and why that happened in the next decade. But now some scientists want to send a crewed mission there as well for a flyby. Is that a good idea?

With a slightly smaller diameter than Earth, Venus orbits closer to the Sun. This means that any water on the surface would have evaporated shortly after its formation, starting its greenhouse effect. Early and sustained volcanic eruptions created lava plains and increased the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere - starting the runaway greenhouse effect, which increased the temperature from just a little higher than Earth's to its current high value of 475°C.

While the Venus year is shorter than ours (225 days), its rotation is very slow (243 days) and "retrograde" - the other way round to Earth. The slow rotation is related to a lack of magnetic field, resulting in a continuing loss of atmosphere. Venus' atmosphere "super-rotates" faster than the planet itself. Images from many missions show V-shaped patterns of clouds, composed of sulphuric acid droplets.

Despite the harsh conditions, some scientists have speculated that Venus' clouds might at some altitudes harbour habitable conditions. Recent measurements apparently showing phosphine - a potential sign of life as it is continuously produced by microbes on Earth - in Venus' clouds have been strongly debated. Clearly, we need more measurements and exploration to work out where it comes from.

FUTURE MISSIONS

What we know about Venus so far has been gathered from several past probes. In 1970-82, for exam-



ple, the Soviet Venera 7-14 probes were able to land on Venus' harsh surface, survive for up to two hours and send back images and data. But there are remaining questions about how Venus evolved so differently from Earth, which are also relevant for understanding which planets orbiting other stars may harbour life.

The next decade promises to be a bonanza for Venus scientists. In 2021, Nasa selected two missions, Veritas and DaVinci+, due for launch in 2028-30. The European Space Agency selected EnVision for launch in the early 2030s. These are complementary, uncrewed missions which will give us deeper understanding of Venus' environment and evolution.

Veritas will map Venus' surface to determine the geological history, rock composition and the importance of early water. DaVinci+ in-

cludes an orbiter and a small probe that will descend through the atmosphere and measure its composition, study the planet's formation and evolution and determine whether it ever had an ocean. EnVision will study the planet's surface, subsurface and atmospheric trace gases. It will use radar to map the surface with better resolution than ever before.

India also plans an uncrewed mission, Shukrayaan-1, and Russia has proposed Venera-D.

DO WE NEED CREWED FLYBYS?

The idea of a crewed flyby of Venus was suggested in the late 1960s, and involved using an Apollo capsule to fly people around the planet. But this idea ended when Apollo finished. Now, the Artemis project to fly around the Moon, and other ideas of crewed missions, have led to the idea

SENDING HUMANS TO A PLANET THAT MAY harbour living organisms also won't make it easier to find them. It is risky - we may end up contaminating the atmosphere before we discover any life. The best way to look for biochemical signs of life is with uncrewed probes. There would also be significant thermal challenges and higher radiation from solar flares due to closer proximity to the Sun

being floated again, most recently in journal papers and at a recent meeting of the International Astronautical Federation, an advocacy organisation, in September 2022.

The idea would be to fly a crewed spacecraft around Venus and return to Earth. This would allow scientists to test deep-space techniques such as how to operate a crewed mission with significant time delays when communicating with Earth. It could therefore prepare us for a more complex, crewed mission to Mars. However, the crew wouldn't do any landing or actual atmosphere investigation at Venus - the conditions are way too harsh.

The researchers who back this idea argue that you could also use Venus' gravity to alter the spacecraft's course for Mars, which could save time and energy compared

with going directly from Earth to Mars. That's because the latter option would require the orbits of the two planets to be aligned, meaning you'd have to wait for the right moment both on the way there and back. However, as a crewed mission to Mars would be highly complex, going directly from Earth to Mars would keep designs simpler.

Sending humans to a planet that may harbour living organisms also won't make it easier to find them. It is risky - we may end up contaminating the atmosphere before we discover any life. The best way to look for biochemical signs of life is with uncrewed probes. There would also be significant thermal challenges and higher radiation from solar flares due to closer proximity to the Sun.

And, unfortunately, with a flyby mission like this, only a few hours of data would be possible on the inbound and outbound trajectories. It would be a highly expensive venture, which would no doubt produce some amazing imagery and useful additional data. However, this would add little to the detailed and much longer bespoke studies currently planned. I, therefore, believe the likelihood of a crewed mission to Venus is very unlikely.

There have also been conceptual, more far-fetched studies - including sending crewed airships to hover in Venus' atmosphere, rather than just flying by. This is a nice idea, which may achieve more science than a flyby, but it remains a distant and unrealistic concept for now.

For the moment, we only carry out crewed exploration in low-Earth orbit. The Artemis project, however, aims to fly people around the Moon and build a station, called Gateway, in lunar orbit. This is being designed to do science, enable crewed landings on the Moon and crucially to test deep space techniques such as refuelling and operating in a remote environment that could in the long run help get us to Mars without doing training at Venus.

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Two Militants Killed In Anantnag Encounter: Police

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants were killed in an encounter with security forces in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, police said.

Government forces launched a cordon and search operation in Tangpawa area of the south Kashmir district late Sunday night after specific input about the presence of militants there, a police official said.

He said as the forces were

conducting searches in the area, the militants fired upon them. The forces retaliated, ensuing an encounter, the official said.

In the exchange of fire, two militants were killed on Monday morning, he said.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, said the slain militants belonged to LeT outfit.

"Two local categorised #terrorists linked with proscribed #terror outfit LeT killed in #encounter. They were involved in several terror crime cases," the ADGP said.

Army's Assault Dog Critically Injured

SRINAGAR: An Army assault dog was Monday critically injured during an encounter between government forces and militants in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

Government forces launched a cordon and search operation in the Tangpawa area of the south Kashmir district late on Sunday night after receiving specific input about the presence of militants there.

The army sent its assault dog named Zoom inside the house on Monday morning where the militants were holed up, the officials said.

"Zoom is a highly trained, ferocious, and committed canine. Has been trained to locate and bring down militants," they said.

Zoom has been part of many active operations in south Kashmir, they said.

On Monday, Zoom, as usual,

was tasked to clear the house where militants were hiding, they said.

However, during the operation, the canine received two gunshots and was critically injured, the officials said.

"Zoom identified and attacked the militants during which the canine received two gunshots," they said.

The officials, however, said the canine kept on fighting and performing his task which resulted in the killing of two militants.

"In spite of severe injuries, the brave soldier continued his task which resulted in neutralisation of two militants," they added.

Zoom was rushed to the Army's Vet Hospital here where the canine is currently under treatment, the officials said.

Two Lashkar-e-Taiba militants were killed in the encounter, while as many soldiers were also injured.

Fear, Anger In North Kashmir After Series Of Leopard Attacks

Wildlife Dept Says They Lack Manpower To Curb Attacks

Agenies

BARAMULLA: People in the several villages of northern Kashmir districts including Baramulla and Kupwara are scared to step out of their homes after leopards were seen roaming in the populated areas.

An official told a local news agency KNO that seven children have been killed and several others sustained injuries this year after being mauled by leopards in northern Kashmir including Uri, Boniyar and Handwara.

Besides, he said that there have been a number of incidents of leopard attack on livestock in recent times. In response to the attacks, he said that two man-eating leopards have been gunned down in Uri area.

The officials said these attacks were the result of an increasing population of leopards in the forests of Uri, the loss of habitat and human interference.

However, the official said that this year two leopards which were preying on young children were shot to death by hunters deployed by the forest department in Uri.

Hours after the man-eating animal was gunned down in Uri town last evening, however, another challenge for the forest department in Handwara emerged after a leopard mauled to death a minor boy in the courtyard of his house.

He said that several teams have been constituted to track down the "man-eater" leopard in Rajwar area of Handwara said to be responsible

for the killing of a child last evening. Despite a series of attacks by leopards in these areas, people are outraged that forest officials are ignoring them. The forest department is not taking the incidents seriously and has deputed only one hunter to kill the leopard in Handwara, alleged people.

"If we take our cattle, goats and sheep to pastures for grazing, leopards are attacking them. Farmers are worried that cheetahs are attacking and killing sleeping cattle in the vicinity of their homes at night. They also retaliate against humans if they try to drive away a leopard that has come to attack the cattle," Abdul Aziz, a local said.

"Even fear-stricken people are not able to go to their lands to carry out agricultural work," Mohammad Nawaz another local of Baramulla said, adding that a few days ago at least five sheep were killed in the leopard attack in his village.

Before any tragedy takes place, the Forest department must catch and rehabilitate these animals, he added.

Warden North Kashmir, Mohammad Maqbool Baba said that since June this year seven leopard attacks have been reported including five in Uri and two in Rajwar area of Handwara.

He said as of now two man-eater leopards have been gunned down from the Uri area of Baramulla.

Asked about why such incidents are not being curbed, he said that they lack manpower. "We have a vast area but we don't have enough employees who could be deployed for such attack prone areas," the official added—(KNO)

Winter Preparedness

Pole Reviews Highway Traffic, Snow Clearance In High Level Meet

Directs For Enhancement Of Capacities, Advance Mobilization Of Resources



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole today convened a meeting regarding winter preparedness by departments across Kashmir Division, an official spokesperson said.

At the outset, he said, Div Com impressed on Additional Commissioner Jammu and DC Ramban to facilitate the smooth movement of vehicles from their side particularly morning and evening hours when markets along National Highway remains abuzz which creates traffic jams and interrupts smooth traffic movement.

He also asked them to stock salt in advance that can be used to spray over road at Patnitop when it gets slippery due to snow and frost. Besides, he told them to put snow clearance machinery ready at critical junctions for instant action to facilitate flow of vehicles.

Meanwhile, Div Com stressed on CEs of R&B and MED to use new sophisticated machinery instead of crude snow clearance machinery. He exhorted upon them to chalk out priority wise snow clearance plan and directed them that priority once decided shall not exceed or change.

He asked them to put the priority plan in public domain so that

people shall know in advance about the locus standi of their respective areas.

Similarly, PMGSY and SMC officers were directed to enhance the capacity of men and machinery for snow clearance. Pole directed that public should be made aware that no one should throw snow of lawns on lanes.

He directed for making helipad service functional in Kupwara and Bandipora for far-off areas which remain cut off due to snow.

Div Com on the occasion also directed concerned DCs to streamline ticket booking and issuance of tickets in a transparent manner besides directed deputiation of staff there and snow clearance mechanism.

Regarding avalanche warning in hilly areas, Div Com directed for issuing advance avalanche warning for hilly areas so that damage to property and loss of lives is avoided.

For safety of orchards, Div Com instructed Director Horticulture to issue advisory for pruning of plants so damage due to snow can be reduced.

PDD was instructed to prepare schedule for power distribution and confiscate crude electric appliances from the market besides advance dumping of stock at Sub-division level.

It was informed that advance dumping of stock of transformers, poles and conductors have been initiated by the department besides 80% branch cutting was also completed.

C E PHE was asked to ensure functioning of WSS across the districts and stocking of diesel for DG sets for lift filtration plants. Besides, Div Com directed to provide logistics to staff stationed in snow bound sources of WSS.

The concerned officer of Fire & Emergency was asked to conduct fire audit of government and commercial buildings besides advise people to keep fire extinguisher in houses for safety of property.

Similarly, Div Com directed concerned for maintaining sufficient quantity of essential food items in stock besides asked for market checking to control black illegal profiteering by traders during closure of highway due to snow.

The meeting was attended by all Deputy Commissioners, Director RDD, Director Health, Director Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Chief Engineers of KPTEL, PHE, PWD, MED, HoDs of various agencies, officers of NHIDCL, BRO, NHA, SMC, PDD, other departments besides Additional Commissioner Jammu, DC Ramban and DC Udhampur.

PM-KUSUM Scheme J&K Govt Forms 3 Committees For Implementation

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Government on Monday constituted three Committees for implementation of all three components of the PM-KUSUM Scheme and solarization of Agricultural and Horticulture sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhayan Yojana) has been launched by the Government of India to increase the income of farmers and provide sources for irrigation and de-diesing the agricultural sector.

One of them, Apex Committee shall be headed by Chief Secretary and comprises 5 others members. "The Committee shall

meet half yearly and review the implementation of all the components of the scheme and coordinate smooth implementation of the scheme," reads a government order.

Another one is a 11-member Steering Committee headed by Administrative Secretary Science and Technology and it has been asked to meet quarterly to review the implementation of the scheme

The third and final one is a District level Committee and the six-member committee with Deputy Commissioner as chairman shall meet bi-monthly to review and address issues and bottlenecks, if any, for smooth implementation of the scheme, the government order added.

Groundswell Of Anger Against BJP Across J&K: Dr Farooq

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah Monday said there was a groundswell of anger against BJP across Jammu and Kashmir, and the people of the erstwhile state have made it a point to stand up for their rights.

He said the NC will make every effort to give voice to aspirations and demands of people of J&K.

Abdullah addressed a working committee meeting of district Budgam at the party headquarters here.

Rather than inching towards promised normalcy, J-K has only seen worsening of the situation. It continues to witness political vacuum, unemployment, development deficit, and misgovernance. The troubled legacy of 2019 and subsequent enactments paint a bleak picture of the region's future, he said.

The former chief minister said the trajectory of J-K's pluralistic identity has been fashioned by the NC and the party will defend it with all its might.

The real object of BJP is to push the real representative voices to the background and denude its plural and unique identity. The people of J-K: Kashmiris, Dogras, Gujjars, and Paharis won't

allow this to happen. The mood and sentiment of the people in Chenab, Pir Panjal and everywhere else is the same. People of J-K, no matter which region, religion and division they belong to, have made it a point to stand up for their rights. There was a groundswell of anger against BJP, and its 'A' and 'B' teams across J-K, he said.

Exhorting the party functionaries to intensify their public contact, Abdullah said "our cadre has to reach every doorstep and educate people about the imminent threats to our future".

Forces, which we are fighting, are conniving to weaken our political voice by creating divisions among us. They are working day in and day out to divide us on a regional, religious, and cultural basis.

The efforts to divide us will receive further increase, as the people are seeking answers from them now. Any claim of normalcy and development in Jammu and Kashmir at present looks like a far cry from what the BJP government had intended while taking the decisions of August 5, 2019, he said.

During the meeting, the functionaries gave their constructive feedback to the party president about the ongoing party affairs and other organisational matters.

IAF To Show Its Prowess In Grand Show At Udhampur

'Rafale, Jaguar Jets; Chinook & Apache Helicopters To Be Part Of Mega Demonstration'

Agenies

JAMMU: The Indian Air Force (IAF) will demonstrate its ability to dominate the difficult Himalayan region, bordering China and Pakistan, with a dazzling show with all vintage and latest aircraft in Udhampur on October 12.

The first of its kind show will be organized to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Headquarters of Air Officer Commanding Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh (HQ AOC JK&L).

HQ AOC JK&L comes under the Western Air Command in support of army's Northern Command, which is the authority for planning, execution and control of all civil and military air operations in the Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh regions.

As per officials, the flypast is planned to be held over Udhampur where a large number of people can come and witness a glimpse of combat operations as well as civil missions with aircraft such as Rafale, Jaguar, Chinook, Apache, Su30, Mi17 and Mig 29.



"The flypast at Udhampur will be presided over by AOC, HQ AOC JK&L along the Army Commander Northern Command. The officers will wear a new combat uniform, which was recently unveiled on this year's IAF Day," sources said. They added that a rehearsal for the air display by various aircraft has already started.

"Air and Static Display is planned with a combination of vintage as well as modern aircrafts. The transport, assault, surveillance and rescue operations will be display during the fly-past, said Northern Command defence spokesperson Colonel Abhinav Navneet.

The fly-past will start with skydiving by a team of Akshanga from An32 followed by the air manoeuvres by Jaguar. The other aircraft Mig-29, Sukhoi-30, Rafale will display different formations. The combat helicopters includes Apache, Mi17 and Chinook will display its prowess of conducting operations in challenging heights. The Dakota landing by IAF C-130J Super Hercules will also be part of the flypast, where giant aircraft will show the short landing, which uses a small portion of land during a tactical mission.

"The major aim of this air show is to enhance awareness of the headquarters and its task in the region," the spokesperson added—(KNO)

Sarwanand Kaul Premi Calls On LG



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Rajinder Premi, son of India's well-known freedom fighter, social reformer and litterateur, Sarwanand Kaul Premi, on Monday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhawan.

During his meeting with the Lt Governor, Rajinder Premi put forth the demands for the construction of Community hall/Cultural centre at his native village Soaf-Shali, Kokernag, besides commemoration of the literary and cultural activities on the works of martyr Sarwanand

Kaul Premi, who was killed by the terrorists in 1990, an official spokesperson said Monday.

He also discussed regarding commemoration of his late brother Virender Kaul and naming a PHC and Sports stadium after him.

The Lt Governor observed that Sarwanand Kaul Premi was one of the greatest writers of the country and throughout his life, he worked hard towards national integration, brotherhood and communal harmony. He assured all possible support and assistance to Sh Rajinder Premi on the matters put forth by him.

Research Reveals Fatality Rate In Kashmir Declined With Time

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As per a research study titled 'Case Fatality Rate, Mortality Trends during Pandemic in Kashmir' published in 'Asian Journal of Medical Sciences' (AJMS), the researchers after undertaking in-depth analysis on the subject came to conclusion that the Covid Case Fatality Rate, in Kashmir declined with time despite new variants appearing and spreading rapidly.

The research on the topic was conducted by Tahir Ahmad Magray, Incharge Divisional COVID Control Room Kashmir (DCCRCK); Dr Umar Nazir, Dr Rouf Hussain Rather, Dr Feroz Ahmad Wani all Medical Officers who worked at DCCRCK to give an overview of the entire situation as a result of Covid-19 pandemic, which disturbed life cycle, unleashed fear,

consumed millions of lives across the world and brought nations on knees by halting normal activities.

Although the pandemic is almost over and receding back in its severity, it merited a case study to evaluate and examine how the worst nightmare in contemporary epoch acted and what happened during successive waves and multiple trends that were felt by people here in a geographically isolated region of Kashmir Division.

As Divisional Covid Control Room, Kashmir was established and made functional with resourceful persons and experts for instant dissemination of relevant information to administration for containment measures, the team stationed there also dedicated their energy and time to collected data and monitor the

overall situation and came up with a research study.

What happened during the entire span of Pandemic, Tahir Ahmad Magray, Dr Umar Nazir, Dr Rouf Hussain Rather and Dr Feroz Ahmad Wani conducted a research study on Demographic and Mortality Trends across three COVID-19 waves in Kashmir Division, which was published by Asian Journal of Medical Sciences (AJMS).

The study finds that the Case Fatality Rate declined with time despite new variants appearing which spread at a very fast rate; and mortality remained higher in elderly and in males in all the three waves.

The study published by AJMS reveals that during the three waves, Kashmir Division witnessed 274307 COVID-19 cases and 2334 deaths. The

trend of COVID-19 case incidence in Kashmir division followed a pattern similar to India with two exceptions.

First, the peak of all the waves in our division occurred approximately 12-14 days later than the country. Second, there was relatively less burden of cases during the first wave corresponding to Kashmir's regional lockdown. The second wave had exponential growth of cases and the world's largest peak and absolute number of cases.

The percentage of cases was higher (47% of the total cases) during the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic which can be attributed to the fact that the dominant mutant strain (delta) was more transmissible, more virulent and was escaping the immune system of our body.

"Simultaneously the lockdown

measures were seen less effective due to various socio-economic constraints among the masses which made them to have complacency in adapting COVID appropriate behavior during the second wave", researchers argue.

Lately, during the third wave the percentage of cases again came down (26.2%) despite the highly transmissible mutant variant of the virus because the population was less susceptible this time as most of the people had been infected during the first two waves of the pandemic.

The researchers claim that an overall CFR of 0.85% was observed in our population with a maximum case fatality of 1.67% in the first wave followed by 0.79% in the second wave and only 0.13% in the third wave.

"We also found that the mortality

from this COVID-19 pandemic was seen highest 64% (1493) in the age group 60 years and above, followed by 30.6% (715) in the age group of 41-60 years, 4.8% (113) in the age group of 21-40 years and only 0.6% (13) occurred in the age group of 0-20 years", researchers study says.

The entire paper can be accessed for study through online on this link <https://www.nepjol.info/index.php/AJMS/issue/view/2777> published on October 01, 2022.

Previously same group of experts published a paper on "Comparison of rapid antigen testing and RT-PCR in the diagnosis of COVID-19 in Kashmir division, which was published by International Journal of Advances in Medicine which can be accessed via <https://www.ijmedicine.com/index.php/ijam/article/view/3406>.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

India Gets 4th Set Of Swiss Bank Account Details Of Its Nationals

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NEW DELHI/BERNE: India has received the fourth set of Swiss bank account details of its nationals and organisations as part of an annual automatic information exchange under which Switzerland has shared particulars of nearly 34 lakh financial accounts with 101 countries.

Officials said the new details shared with India pertain to "hundreds of financial accounts", including many cases of multiple accounts associated with some individuals, corporates and trusts.

They did not divulge specifics, citing the confidentiality clause of the information exchange and the adverse impact it may have on further investigations, but asserted that the data would be used extensively in probes of suspected tax evasion and other wrong doings including of money laundering and terror funding.

In a statement, the Federal Tax Administration (FTA) on Monday said that the exchange of information this year saw five new additions to the list — Albania, Brunei Darussalam, Nigeria, Peru and Turkey. The count of financial accounts increased by nearly one lakh.

While the exchange was reciprocal with 74 countries, Switzerland received information but did not provide any in the case of 27 countries, including Russia, either because those countries do not yet meet the international requirements on confidentiality and data security or because



they chose not to receive data.

While the FTA did not disclose names and further details of all 101 countries, officials said India figured prominently among those having received the information for the fourth year in a row and the details shared with Indian authorities pertained to a large number of individuals and organisations having accounts in Swiss financial institutions.

The exchange took place last month and the next set of information would be shared by Switzerland in September 2023, the officials added.

India had received the first set of details from Switzerland under AEOL (Automatic Exchange of Information) in September 2019. It was among the 75 countries to get such information that year. Last year, India was among 86 such partner countries.

According to experts, the AEOL data received by India has been quite useful for establishing a strong prosecution case against those who have any unaccounted wealth, as it provides entire details of deposits and transfers as well as of all earnings, including through investments in securities and other assets.

World Shares Extend Losses As Spectre Of Recession Looms

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LONDON: World shares were mostly lower on Monday, with Chinese markets logging moderate losses after reopening from a week-long holiday to news of more lockdowns in China due to rising Covid-19 cases.

Shares fell in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Paris and London but rose in Frankfurt. Markets in Tokyo were closed for a holiday.

The declines followed yet another dismal end to the week on Wall Street as a strong US jobs report added to worries the Federal Reserve might consider the higher-than-expected hiring data as proof the economy hasn't slowed enough to get inflation under control.

That might mean still more hefty rate hikes that could make a recession more likely.

A US consumer prices report on Thursday will be one of the biggest factors for markets this week. Investors also are awaiting the latest updates on how companies are dealing with higher prices and interest rate hikes.

Germany's DAX edged 0.1 per cent higher to 12,289.96, while the CAC 40 in Paris slipped 0.5 per cent to 5,837.25. Britain's FTSE 100 declined 0.5 per cent to 6,956.55.

The future for the S&P 500 lost 0.3 per cent while the contract for the Dow industrials was down 0.2 per cent.

On Friday, the S&P 500 fell 2.8 per cent, ending with a 1.5 per cent gain for the week, its first weekly gain in four weeks. The Dow Jones Industrial Average skidded 2.1 per cent, while the Nasdaq tumbled 3.8 per cent. The Russell 2000 index fell 2.9 per cent, to 1,702.15.

Markets were closed on Monday in Tokyo, Taiwan and South



Korea. The Hang Seng in Hong Kong fell 3 per cent to 17,216.66 while the Shanghai Composite index shed 1.7 per cent to 2,974.15. Bangkok's SET lost 0.6 per cent and India's Sensex gave up 0.4 per cent.

Chinese cities were imposing more lockdowns and travel restrictions after the number of new daily Covid-19 cases tripled during a weeklong holiday, ahead of a major Communist Party meeting in Beijing next week.

China is one of the few places still resorting to harsh measures to keep the disease from spreading. The long-ruling Communist Party is particularly concerned as it tries to present a positive image of the nation in the run-up to a once-in-five-years party congress that starts

on Sunday.

The strict zero-Covid approach has taken an economic toll, particularly on small businesses and temporary workers. Many in China hope the pandemic policy will ease after the meeting.

The dollar was trading at 145.43 Japanese yen from 145.34 late on Friday, adding to pressure on Japan's central bank to counter the yen's prolonged slide by adjusting its policy of keeping its benchmark interest rate below zero to fend off deflation.

The euro slipped to 97.10 US cents from 97.36 cents.

Prices have been rising in Japan, pushed higher mainly by global inflation and surging costs for oil and gas, but the Bank of Japan has stuck to its ultra-loose monetary policy while the Fed has pressed ahead with sharp rate hikes.

The higher expected returns have pushed the dollar higher against the yen.

The US government report showing employers hired more workers last month than economists expected might clear the way for the Fed to continue hiking interest rates aggressively, something that risks causing a recession if done too severely.

Employers added 263,000 jobs last month, less than the hiring pace of 315,000 in July, but still more than the 250,000 that economists expected.

Union Joint Secretary Fisheries Reviews PMMSY, Other Schemes



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: Union Joint Secretary Fisheries, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Sagar Mehra, conducted an extensive tour of Anantnag to review status of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in the district.

He was accompanied by Joint Director Fisheries (South), A M Tak besides other district officers and officials of Fisheries Department.

During his field tour, he visited dozens of private trout farming units and hatcheries and had a detailed discussion with the farmers regarding their progress and performance. He lauded the progress achieved by the farmers in their respective units and appreciated their self inventive innovative ways towards enhanced fish production.

The farmers apprised the Union Joint Secretary of their issues and concerns including some demands like establishment of fish clinical laboratory at district headquarters and Fish Processing Unit to encounter the disease outbreak and take away their fish produce to longer distances without any damage and spoilage.

Union Joint Secretary assured the farmers that all their issues would be looked into and sorted out in a phased manner. He exhorted upon them to optimally utilize available funds for increasing their fish production in the district.

Joint Director (South) elaborately explained about various measures being taken up by the department to encourage more and more youth towards taking up fish farming as a lucrative vocation. He further apprised that the department is contemplating a comprehensive plan to create an opportunity of outside market availability for the produce of fish farmers for better return to their crop.

Union Joint Secretary applauded the role of the department in promoting fish farming in the district and asked the officers to work hard towards taking the level of private fish farming to the highest possible stage. He also asked the department to create backward and forward linkages and cold chain for market accessibility so that it comes up as an industry.

Handicraft Artisans Now Need To Apply Online To Participate In Marketing Events: Govt



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NEW DELHI: The government on Monday said eligible artisans can apply online through the 'Indian handicraft portal' for participating in domestic marketing events as the practice of inviting physical applications has now been dispensed with.

The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has launched the Indian handicraft portal (<http://indian.handicrafts.gov.in>) through which all the eligible artisans can apply online for marketing events. The artisan may login with their Pehchan card number, followed by authentication with OTP sent on the registered mobile number.

"The process of receipt of application, Selection and Allotment for all the marketing events including Dilli Haat shall be made through this portal only. The practice of inviting

physical application for participation in domestic marketing event has now been dispensed with," an official statement said.

The textile ministry stated that the online process shall provide equal, fair and transparent opportunity to all artisans.

"The Office of the Development Commissioner (handicrafts) has initiated the process of inviting applications to participate in the marketing events through online portal. This provides fully digitized marketing platform to handicraft artisans," the statement added.

Around 200 domestic marketing events are organised annually in different parts of the country with an aim to support the artisans in selling their produce.

The online process, starting from application to selection and finally stall allotment, is completely computerised, without any human interface.

Process On To Merge Amul With 5 Other Cooperative Societies: Amit Shah



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GUWAHATI: Amul will be merged with five other cooperative societies to form a multi-state cooperative society (MSCS), Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said on Sunday.

Addressing the 70th plenary session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) here, Mr Shah said the process for the merger has already started.

"The government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is giving priority to natural agriculture and digital

agriculture and for certification of natural products, the process to form a multi-state cooperative society by merging Amul and five other cooperative societies has been started," he said.

The MSCS will ensure the export of the products after its certification so that profit can go directly into the bank accounts of the farmers, he added.

The Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd markets its products under the Amul brand.

Earlier on Friday, while

speaking at the North-Eastern Cooperative Dairy Conclave in Gangtok, Shah emphasised the need to double milk production in the country over the next five years, not just to meet the demand in the domestic market, but also those of neighbouring countries.

"We have a huge opportunity to deliver milk to countries like Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, and to explore this world market, the government is setting up a multi-state cooperative which will act as the export house," he had said.

Adani Group In Talks To Buy Jaiprakash's Cement Units For Rs 5,000 Crore

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NEW DELHI: Adani group is in talks to buy the cement businesses of debt-laden Jaypee Group for about Rs 5,000 crore as the conglomerate helmed by the richest Asian consolidates its presence in a sector it entered a few weeks back.

Sources said Adani group is in advanced talks with the management of Jaiprakash Associates and the deal could be announced shortly.

Both Adani group and Jaypee group declined to comment.

The ports-to-energy conglomerate had recently forayed into the cement sector with the acquisition of Ambuja Cements and ACC Ltd to become the nation's second-largest cement maker with annual production capacity of 67.5 million tonnes.

Jaypee group had sold its cement business to UltraTech but a few units were still housed in group firms. The boards of Jaiprakash Associates Ltd and Jaiprakash Power Ventures Ltd on Monday approved plans to divest their cement business as well as some non-core assets to reduce debt.

If the deal goes through, Adani would get nearly 10 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of capacity from the Jaypee group.

Gautam Adani, chairman and managing director, had last month announced plans to double his group's cement manufacturing capacity to 140 million tonnes per annum by 2030.

UltraTech, the nation's largest cement manufacturer, has a production capacity of 119.95 MTPA and has plans to raise it to 159.25 MTPA.

Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) presently has an aggregate capacity of around 6 MTPA and Jaiprakash Power Ventures Ltd (JPVL) has around 4 MTPA.

On Monday, JAL and JPVL, both part of the Jaypee group and facing business headwinds, announced plans to divest their cement business as well as some non-core assets to reduce debt.

The companies' decision to sell their cement business also comes against the backdrop of a recent plea by the country's biggest lender SBI to initiate insolvency proceedings against Jaypee group's flagship firm Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL).

SHORT TAKES

Record 5.4 Lakh Vehicles Sold During Navratri, Says FADA

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NEW DELHI: Vehicle retail sales in the country rose 57 per cent during the Navratri festival this year, clocking a record sales of nearly 5.4 lakh units, Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations said on Monday.

Total vehicle retail sales between September 26 and October 5, 2022, stood at 5,39,227 units compared to 3,42,459 units sold during Navratri last year, FADA said in a statement.

The sales registered this year were also a record, bettering the previous best of 4,66,128 units in Navratri of 2019, it added. Navratri sales show that customers are back in showrooms after a gap of three years, FADA President Manish Raj Singhania said.

As per the FADA data, two-wheeler retail sales in this year's Navratri stood at 3,69,020 units against 2,42,213 units during the festive period last year, showing a growth of 52.35 per cent. Compared to 3,55,851 units clocked in the Navratri of the pre-Covid year 2019 the two-wheeler sales growth was 3.7 per cent.

"Two-wheeler category, which was continuously showing weakness when compared to pre-Covid months, also registered single-digit growth," Singhania said.

UAE Expects Trade With India To Cross \$100 Bn In 2-3 Years

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MUMBAI: The UAE expects trade with India to cross USD 100 billion-mark over the next 2-3 years, boosted by the comprehensive economic partnership agreement.

The Indo-UAE trade stood at USD 73 billion in FY22, which got a major fillip since the two nations signed the comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) on May 1, 2022.

Between FY21 and FY22, the overall trade rose 68 per cent to USD 73 billion, after declining for two years. But the trend has reversed since the signing of CEPA.

The bilateral trade has increased markedly with total value of non-oil trade at USD 29.5 billion in first six months of 2022, growing 22 per cent over the same period in 2021.

Non-oil exports too rose 31 per cent with total value reaching USD 2.7 billion between May and June, junior foreign trade minister of the UAE, Thani Bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, told the Indo-UAE economic forum organized by industry lobby CII here.

The minister said trade is still dominated by oil, which constitutes 62 per cent of the overall trade value and only 38 per cent are non-oil trade now. But he expressed hope that CEPA will change this over the years.

Direct Tax Collection Jumps 24% In First Half Of FY23

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NEW DELHI: Gross collection of tax on corporate and individual earnings jumped nearly 24 per cent so far in the current fiscal year that started on April 1, the tax department said on Sunday.

The gross collection of taxes on corporate earnings rose 16.74 per cent during April 1 to October 8, while personal income tax collection jumped 32.30 per cent, the tax department said in a statement.

Direct tax collection came at Rs 8.98 lakh crore between April 1 to October 8, 2022, 23.8 per cent higher than the gross collection in the corresponding period a year ago.

Tax on corporate and individual income makes up for direct taxes.

After adjusting refunds, direct tax collection stood at Rs 7.45 lakh crore, 16.3 per cent higher than the net collection for the corresponding period a year ago, the statement said.

"This collection is 52.46 per cent of the total Budget Estimates of Direct Taxes for FY 2022-23," it added.

Markets Settle Lower Amid Negative Global Cues

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MUMBAI: Equity indices chalked up losses for the second straight session on Monday, in tandem with a bearish trend overseas as ratcheting up of hostilities in Ukraine and prospects of further rate hikes by the US Fed soured global risk sentiment.

The rupee slipping to another all-time low amid foreign fund outflows added to the gloom, traders said.

After tumbling over 800 points in intra-day trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex clawed back some lost ground to end 200.18 points or 0.34 per cent lower at 57,991.11.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty fell 73.65 points or 0.43 per cent to end at 17,241.

Asian Paints was the top laggard in the Sensex pack, dropping 1.99 per cent, followed by Titan, ITC, Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, HDFC and Nestle India.

In contrast, Axis Bank topped the gainers' chart with a jump of 2.76 per cent, while TCS spurred 1.84 per cent ahead of its results.

Maruti, Wipro, Infosys, Tech Mahindra and HCL Technologies were among the other winners.

Rupee Closes At All-Time Low Of 82.40 Per USD

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MUMBAI: The rupee slipped 10 paise to finish at a fresh lifetime low of 82.40 against the US dollar on Monday, weighed down by risk-averse sentiment among investors.

Moreover, a negative trend in domestic equities and a firm greenback overseas sapped investor appetite, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 82.68, then fell further to an all-time intra-day low of 82.69.

According to forex traders, the local unit pared initial losses on possible central bank intervention and finally settled for the day at an all-time low of 82.40 against the American currency, down 10 paise over its previous close.

On Friday, the rupee had depreciated by 13 paise to close at 82.30.

"The Indian rupee pared opening losses on possible central bank intervention and corporate inflows... lower crude oil prices also supported the rupee in today's session," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

However, the directional trend remains bearish for the rupee amid tighter liquidity conditions and risk-averse sentiments, Parmar said, adding, "Spot USD-INR is having near-term resistance at 82.90 and support at 81.95."

Jammu's Dogra Shaurya Smarak' Being Developed With State-Of-Art Facilities By JSCL

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Jammu: The 'Dogra Shaurya Smarak' located at Amphalla here is getting a major facelift under smart cities mission of the Union Ministry of Urban Affairs, an official said.

The Dogra Shaurya Smarak is being developed with state-of-the-art facilities by Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL), a special purpose vehicle constituted in August 2017 by the Jammu and Kashmir government for the implementation of smart city development projects in the city, he said.

"Under the project, a park will be developed around the Dogra Shaurya Smarak with better seating facilities and bollards. A martyr wall will also be constructed in which the names of Dogra martyrs will be inscribed, Chief Executive Officer, JSCL, Rahul Yadav said.

He said the JSCL has also planned to establish an amphitheatre with a capacity of 60 people there.

"The open-air venue will be



dedicated to citizens for entertainment, performances, and sports," he said and directed the officials concerned to execute the project in the stipulated time-frame.

Earlier, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta kick-started the development work of Dogra Shaurya Smarak.

"JSCL is executing several projects to make the city of temples as eco-city," he said.

"Not only locals will avail the benefits of this project but the development of Dogra Shaurya Smarak will also attract the attention of tourists especially pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and the visitors of Manda Zoo," Gupta said.

Bid to fill vacancies in SC by CJI Lalit-led collegium remains unfinished

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New Delhi: The bid to fill up the remaining four vacancies of judges in the Supreme Court remained unfinished, as CJI Uday Umesh Lalit-led five-member collegium "discharged" the agenda due to the objections by senior-most judge Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice S A Nazeer on seeking written consent to the proposal for the appointment.

Justice Lalit, sworn in as the 49th Chief Justice of India on August 27, 2022, will retire on November 8 and has less than a month before he demits office.

Tradition has it that outgoing CJs leave the issue of appointment of judges through collegium deliberations to the successor the day their remaining tenure in the office comes down to a month.

Besides appointing around 20 judges in different high courts, CJI Lalit-led collegium recently recommended elevation of Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court Justice Dipankar Datta as a judge of the apex court.



It also recommended the elevation of a few high court judges as chief justices (CJs), besides transferring some other CJs and judges.

However, his last ditch effort to recommend the names for filling up the remaining four vacancies in the top court ran into rough weather due to the objections raised by Justices Chandrachud and Nazeer over the method of seeking consent on the names through the circulation method.

The top court currently has 29 judges, including three women judges, against the sanctioned strength of 34.

In an unprecedented development, the Supreme Court Collegium made public the

names of the two judges on the panel who objected to the method of "circulation" adopted for eliciting the views of its members on the appointment of judges to the apex court.

In a statement dated October 9 which became public on Monday, the Collegium said Justices DY Chandrachud and S Abdul Nazeer had objected to the method of "circulation" that was used for the first time for eliciting the views of its members who were unable to attend the proceedings physically.

This led to the closure of collegium deliberations on the part of the present CJI. In the meantime, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju also wrote a letter to him to nominate his successor

who would take over with effect from November 9, 2022.

Justice Chandrachud, the senior-most judge, is widely tipped to be the next Chief Justice of India in accordance with the tradition.

Earlier, the collegium had on September 30 issued statements recommending three high court judges- Justice Jaswant Singh, Justice PB Varale, and Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey- for elevation as chief justices of Orissa, Karnataka, and Jammu and Kashmir high courts respectively.

It also recommended to the Centre the transfer of Chief Justice (CJ) of the Orissa High Court Justice S Muralidhar and Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Justice Pankaj Mithal as CJs of Madras and Rajasthan high courts respectively.

It had also recommended the transfer of three judges of high courts.

Prior to this, the apex court collegium recommended the elevation of Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court Justice Dipankar Datta as a judge of the apex court.

Sena tussle: Will 'bounce back' from 'cruel' EC decision, says Uddhav faction; slams 'facilitator' BJP

Press Trust of India

Mumbai: The Shiv Sena on Monday said it is a "bushfire" that can never be extinguished and promised to "bounce back" from the Election Commission's decision to freeze the party's name and symbol, which the Uddhav Thackeray faction claimed was nothing short of "injustice".

The EC had, on October 8, frozen the party's 'bow and arrow' symbol as well as the use of its name ahead of the November 3 Andheri East Assembly bypoll in Mumbai.



In an editorial in party mouth-piece 'Samaana', it said, "This (EC decision) is the sin of Delhi. Dishonest persons carried out

this dishonesty. But we would like to assure we will stand strong despite innumerable catastrophes."

The EC took a "cruel" decision to "finish off the Shiv Sena founded by Bal Thackeray" because of the objections raised in front of it by the "traitors" led by (Maharashtra Chief Minister) Eknath Shinde, the editorial alleged.

"With this decision, the Election Commission has spread darkness in Maharashtra. Fifty-six years ago, Balasaheb Thackeray lit a bushfire for Marathi identity and to give justice to the Marathi-speaking populace. But Eknath Shinde and 40 other traitors have become slaves of Delhi (Centre) to finish off the Shiv Sena," it further claimed.

The names of Shinde and legislators of his faction will be written in "black ink" in history as the "crookedness of Aurangzeb" pales in comparison with those who sold Maharashtra's self-esteem to occupy the CM's post and get a few ministerial berths, the editorial claimed.

The "real facilitator" of these chain of events is the Bharatiya Janata Party with its former state unit chief Chandrakant Patil himself claiming the plan to split the Shiv Sena was underway for the past two-and-half years, the Uddhav Thackeray faction alleged. ("Union Home Minister) Amit

Shah had said 'raze the Shiv Sena to the ground' and (Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister) Devendra Fadnis said the Shiv Sena no longer exists. As they cannot take us on directly, they are taking refuge in courts and EC to fire at us," the editorial said.

On talk that the EC decision was similar to the one taken in connection with Bihar's Lok Janshakti Party, the editorial said the Shiv Sena was different from the former as it is a "bushfire" that cannot be extinguished.

Despite the use of money and Central probe agencies, the Shiv Sena belongs to Bal Thackeray

and lakhs of workers continue to swear allegiance to the party despite the defection of "40 MLAs and 12 Members of Parliament".

"The Election Commission's decision is nothing but injustice. The EC is expected to work independently and should not come under any pressure. However, everything that happened here is the opposite," the editorial added.

In a scathing attack on Shinde, the Thackeray faction said such a "demon" never existed in the state in the past 5,000 years, adding that even Pakistan will be as happy as Shinde on the EC decision.

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Nehru Kept

40-50 years of our time, made us run from pillar to post in courts, wasting money of the poor people of Gujarat. Today, the Sardar Sarovar dam, the dream of Sardar Saheb, is completed," he said.

Addressing the BJP workers, Modi said if they get to talk to these Congress members, ask them whether they ever visited the world's tallest Statue of Unity constructed in the honour of Sardar Patel.

"It's been several decades since Sardar Saheb passed away, now show some generosity and bow before Sardar Saheb's feet. They would not do so..." he said.

The PM said even when in opposition, his party BJP resolved to ensure Sardar Patel got his due. Today, the people of Gujarat have worked to honour Sardar Saheb, and the BJP is proud of it," he said.

The Statue of Unity at Ekta Nagar (Kevadia) is the pride of the world, he said.

The PM said not just the Statue of Unity, his government also developed the historic Dandi March route in the honour of Mahatma Gandhi.

"Those doing politics in the name of Gandhiji for so many decades did not get the idea to improve the route of Dandi yatra, and we took up the task. We developed the entire route and created new opportunities for employment. By making a modern highway of more than 400 km, we took on a campaign to introduce Satyagrah to the new generation," he said.

Modi said in 20 years, the BJP government doubled the electricity production in Gujarat.

"Many villages received electricity after I went to Delhi (became PM). In Gujarat, we did the work of connecting every village and house with electricity," he said.

The Gujarat BJP has become synonymous with service, security, peace, best environment for trade and business, and freedom from riots.

"This trust (reposed by people) is helping the BJP flag flying in every corner of India," he said.

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corresponding increase in number of flight routes, aircrafts and enhanced regional air connectivity to fulfill the aspirations of the common man by following the vision of Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik".

"In a short span of time, 65 airports, 8 heliports and 2 water aerodromes were made operational in tier-2 and tier-3 cities under the guidance of

the Hon'ble Prime Minister and soon India will cross over into the top 10 air freight markets in the near future," Sinha said.

The LG, the spokesperson said, reiterated the UT government's commitment to improve connectivity, particularly in remote & far flung areas and providing affordable transportation to the people of the UT. He further said that Rs. One Lakh Crore is being spent on road and tunnel infrastructure, which are opening up new vistas of socio-economic growth of J&K.

Sinha, the spokesperson said, maintained that the significant decisions like reduction of VAT on ATF from 26.5% to 1% and abolishing the load penalty at Jammu airport has revived J&K's Civil aviation sector.

"Today, Srinagar airport is setting a new record in terms of number of flights per day. Within a year, from 20-25 daily flights, today 80 to 100 flights are operating at Srinagar airport every day," the LG said.

"After the decision to abolish load penalty at Jammu airport, the number of flights has increased, the citizens of Jammu division have got better and economical facilities to travel to Delhi and other parts of the country, and the business sector has also gained new dynamism," he added.

The spokesperson said that the LG further asserted that his government has already laid down the road map to fulfill the aspirations of every section of society.

"A lot has been achieved in the last three years. Remarkable progress in Infrastructure and other sectors present a tremendous opportunity for J&K UT to realize its full potential," Sinha said.

"Achievements in tourism sector, development of 75 offbeat destinations enabling us to accelerate our development process and to utilize the energies and talents of human capital," he added.

The LG, as per the spokesperson said that inclusive development provides UT of J&K considerable leverage in pursuing the objective of Aatma-Nirbhar J&K.

"Today we have a rapidly growing economy, expanding market for agriculture & allied sectors and widening industrial base to integrate J&K's economy into the country's mainstream," Sinha added.

The spokesperson said that the broad objectives of the Summit are to create a world-class helicopter manufacturing ecosystem in India; promote tourism in the Himalayan states by providing uninterrupted helicopter services to the tourist hotspots; encourage Helicopter-based emergency medical services (HEMS) and enhancing the role of Helicopters in supporting other industries.

According to the spokesperson, Secretary, Union Ministry of Civil Aviation, Rajiv Bansal in his welcome address briefed on the steps taken by the Civil Aviation Ministry in providing air connectivity and heli services to un-served and potential regions. He also gave details of the day long technical sessions.

He said that Remi Maillard, Chairman FCCI- Civil Aviation Committee and President & MD Air Bus India expressed his commitment to stand shoulder to shoulder with Government in India for the growth and progress of heli services in India.

"Usha Padhee, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) presented the Vote of thanks," the spokesperson said, adding that various initiatives of the Ministry of Civil Aviation were also launched on the occasion.

Officials Isolate

swollen lymph nodes, fever, headache, body aches, and profound weakness.

Govt Announces

the best use of helicopter service when it erected transmission lines and towers using heli-cranes (sky cranes) on the Peer Panjal mountain range," he added.

Scindia, the spokesperson said further maintained that the Civil Aviation Ministry not only organizes summits but also monitors the progress of 'Sankalps' taken from one summit to another.

The Minister, he said, further stated that during the 3rd Heli-India Summit at Dehradun, the eight Sankalps taken like providing Heli-Sewa Portal, Heli-Disha, Helicopter Accelerator Cell, doing away with the landing & parking charges for helicopter service, creation of specific helicopter corridors, helipads to be given priority while framing DPR for all new highways, upgradation of Juhu airbase to accommodate night operations etc. were taken to their logical end.

"We have waived off landing and parking charges for helicopters at airports and we have started helicopter sensitization training of ATCO officers for speedier helicopter traffic handling. Three helicopter corridors from Mumbai-Pune, Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar, and Shamsabad-Begumpet have been created and new IFR corridors are being planned. Working with MoRTH, we have been able to allot helipad spaces from the design stage for all future expressways and major highways so that it can be used for the evacuation of accident victims. And we have already commenced work on the upgradation of Juhuhelibase which is the largest in the country, to accommodate night operations and helicopter IFR routes

using GAGAN," Scindia said.

He further informed that today the guidelines on Fractional Ownership Model have been released to help grow the non-scheduled operations.

"While our scheduled operations are on the fast track and we have increased the fleet size from 400 aeroplanes in 2013 to more than 700 in 2021-22, through these guidelines, we should be able to spur growth in the non-scheduled fleet too. Fractional ownership will lower the barrier on the cost of acquisition of helicopters and aeroplanes through pooled capital by multiple owners," Scindia said.

"This will allow companies and individuals to minimise their capital outflow by sharing the purchase cost, reducing their exposure to risks and making it financially easier to run a NSOP business. Fractional Ownership Model has the potential to energize the NSOP segment by democratising ownership of aircraft and it can be a key driver to boost the number of aircraft existing in the NSOP industry. The helicopter industry should be recognised for its social service. It is not a transportation vehicle but a transformation tool, it can be used not only for economic development but could also to transform lives," he added.

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told ANI that, "the briefing given to the security agencies in the region is to ensure complete wipe out of terrorism and its supporters."

The changing face of Jammu and Kashmir was evident because crowds turned up in huge numbers and it was a responsive gathering.

The Home Minister launched and laid the foundation stones of projects worth Rs 2000 crore in Kashmir and Rs 1900 crore in the Jammu region.

Shah sent a clear message that J-K is a priority for the Centre and leaders of three political parties, who ruled J-K for 70 years, can no longer dictate terms to New Delhi, nor can they hoodwink the gullible people of J-K as the times have changed.

He termed the turning of Kashmir from a "terrorist spot" into a "tourist spot" as one of the major achievements of the PM Modi-led regime and assured the people that J&K will keep on flourishing under PM Modi's leadership.

The Union Home Minister had come to Jammu and Kashmir to tell the people that the government is aware of their needs and stands by them in all their endeavours.

His assertion that laptops have replaced stones and strike culture has ended in Kashmir was a snub to all such leaders, who used to claim that Kashmir would burn once Article 370-a temporary provision in the Constitution-is scrapped.

Shah reaching out to all the communities was an indication that the Government of India believes in equality for all and that no one will be left out

MeT Forecasts

the mercury settled at 8.5°C against 5.7°C on the previous night, the official said. It was 2.1°C above normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 19.8°C against 22.4°C previous night. It was normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 12.4°C, Batote 11.9°C, Katra 16.2°C and Bhardwarh 12.2°C.

'Irreparable Loss':

function here, the LG said he hopes that lakhs of Yadav's supporters will follow the path of public service shown by him and contribute to fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Uttar Pradesh and the country.

Yadav, popularly known as 'Netaji', was hospitalised since August and was shifted to the Intensive Care Unit of the Medanta Hospital on October 2.

National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah said 'Netaji' was a towering personality.

"I join my father & all my colleagues in conveying our heartfelt condolences to @yadavakhilesh & his entire family. Neta ji was a towering personality & his contribution to UP & the rest of the country will not be forgotten. May his soul rest in peace," Abdullah tweeted.

Democratic Azad Party (DAP) chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad said Yadav always stood for the upliftment of the poor.

"Saddened to hear about the demise of veteran leader Shri Mulayam Singh Yadavji, who always stood for the upliftment of the poor, downtrodden and minorities of his state. I have fond memories of my long association with him since 1987. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family," he said in a tweet.

CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami said, "Mulayam Singh Yadav ji espoused the cause of downtrodden and fought relentlessly for the exploited and excluded. Deepest condolences @ yadavakhilesh."

Born on November 22, 1939 into a farming family in Saifai near Etawah in Uttar Pradesh, Yadav spawned the state's most prominent political clan.

He was elected as an MLA 10 times and an MP, mostly from Mainpuri and Azamgarh, seven times.

Government Okays

total carpet area of minimum 1200 (One Thousand and Two Hundred) Sq. Feet, annual turnover of minimum 5 Crores in Jammu and Srinagar Cities and 2 Crores for stores in other urban areas will be eligible under the scheme. Moreover, chain of Departmental Stores having annual turnover of more

than Rs.10 Crores will be eligible to apply for separate licenses for each of its Store," he said.

The Departmental store, he said, should have been in existence for at least 12 months prior to the date of application.

"However, this condition shall not be applicable in case of a new/recently opened Departmental Store belonging to a chain of Departmental Stores having annual turnover of more than Rs. 10 Crore," he added.

The spokesperson further said that the departmental stores should be selling a minimum of six of the category of items including Grocery Items; Frozen Foods; Confectionery/Bakery Items; Toiletries; Cosmetics; Household Goods; Utensils/kitchenware; Sports Items; Electrical/Electronic Appliances; Apparels; and Stationery. In addition, no application for the grant of License shall be considered for Departmental Stores functioning at Petrol Pumps as per the said decision.

Besides, the spokesperson said that the AC also approved permission to the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation for retail sale of Beer and Ready to Drink beverages in unserved/underserved areas in consultation with the concerned Deputy Commissioner.

KP Employees

have been on protest for the past 151 days at the relief commissioner's office in Jammu and are not returning to the valley under the prevailing situation.

Hundreds of PM package employees belonging to the Kashmiri migrant community moved to Jammu following the killing of Rahul Bhat inside his office in central Kashmir's Budgam district on May 12.

Meanwhile, senior BJP leader and former MLC Giridhari Lal Raina expressed surprise and dismay over the directive issued by the divisional commissioner Kashmir ordering strict enforcement of bio-metric attendance for all government employees, including those recruited under PM's employment package.

"In normal conditions such an order would be welcomed by all right thinking citizens. But under the prevailing situation in which employees belonging to religious minority in Kashmir have been subjected to targeted terrorist violence, this becomes illogical," Raina, also a migrant Kashmiri pandit, said in a statement.

He also expressed disappointment on denial of salary to the minority community employees.

"Stopping salary to employees is punishment to their families. Even suspended employees are entitled to subsistence," he said.

3rd ODI: Openers In Focus As India Look To Seal Series Against South Africa

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The second-string Indian team would look for some stability from its openers as the hosts aim to punch above their weight and seal a memorable series victory against South Africa in the third and final ODI here on Tuesday.

After going down narrowly in the series-opener, the might of the Indian white-ball depth was in full display as the hosts won the second ODI comfortably to level the three-match series 1-1.

But the Indian think tank would be a little concerned about the opening pair of captain Shikhar Dhawan and young Shubhman Gill.

Both batters struggled in the series so far. One of India's most consistent ODI batters in last two years, Dhawan, who is now restricted to playing only the 50-over format, has managed only 17 runs in the series. The veteran batter will hope to

give a better start to the Indian innings in the decider with his eyes set on the ODI World Cup next year.

Gill, on the other hand, has also been profligate in availing his opportunities at the top. After being cheaply dismissed in the opener, he got a good start in the second ODI but couldn't convert it into a big score.

In the bowling department, Mohammad Siraj, who has been touted as a possible replacement for injured Jasprit Bumrah in the T20 World Cup squad, has made a strong case for himself.

Spinners Shahbaz Ahmed and Ravi Bishnoi have also had good debuts.

While the stakes are not too high for the Indians, it will be a tough test against a full-strength South African side, which would be ravenous for ICC Cricket World Cup Super League points.

The Proteas, who are ranked 11th, are in danger of missing out

on direct entry into next year's 50-over World Cup.

Temba Bavuma, who has been woefully out of form since his return from injury, was rested in the second ODI as he was unwell and it is to be seen if the skipper returns for the decider.

Stand-in skipper Keshav Maharaj erred in making the right call after the coin landed in his favour in the second ODI as South African bowlers felt helpless against the dew but they will be expected to come all guns blazing in the series finale.

Their batter have also fared well and the onus will be on the likes of Quinton de Kock, Aiden Markram and David Miller to perform with the willow.

Rain could play spoilsport. The capital has been witnessing heavy downpour since the past three days and there is probability of scattered thunderstorm on Tuesday as well.

Match starts: 1.30pm IST.



JKFA Nominate Chairman For Election Committee



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Members of Jammu & Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) on Monday announced that they had nominated Waseem Aslam as Chairman of Election Committee for conducting elections in JK&K. A press release from JKFA said that Aslam was elected at a meeting on Sunday, October 9, which was "presided over by President JKFA, Zameer Thakur".

"The Members unanimously nominated Waseem Aslam Wani, Associate Member/Sports Promoter as the Chairman of Election Committee for conducting Elections of the DFA's/Zones of JK&K UT. The decision was taken in a General Council/Executive meeting of Kashmir Province," the press release said.

"The General Secretary read out

a communication received from JKSC requesting the Association to proceed with the election of DFA's/Zones of JKFA as early as possible. In this backdrop all DFA's/Zones were impressed upon to communicate the dates for conducting elections within three days in their respective DFA's/Zones," it added.

"All Office Bearers of DFA/Zones, Executive Members of the Association were present in the meeting. Prominent among those were NA Khan, Chief Patron, Peer Siraj-ud-Din, S.A. Hamid, Nazir Ahmad Bhat, Mohamad Amin Khan, Fayaz Ahmad Sofi, Tariq Madni, Mushtaq Kanth, Basharat Malik, Mohamad Shafi Nari, Prof B.A. Shah and others. Members from Sports Fraternity of Shehr-i-Khas were also present on the occasion," the statement added.

10th Dada Sir Memorial Enters Quarterfinal Stage



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The first quarterfinal of the ongoing 10th Dada Sir Memorial Football Tournament was played between SCFA Bandipora and Syed Taj ud Din FC Srinagar at S K Stadium Bandipora on Monday.

Syed Taj ud Din defeated SCFA Bandipora 4-2 and qualified for the Semi Finals. Both teams scored one goal each in the first half. However, Syed Taj ud Din boys won their game and managed to win the match at final whistle.

Zaffar of STFC Srinagar was declared Player of the Match.

Bandipora Shooting Ball Championship Concludes



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: District Bandipora Shooting Ball Championship 2022-23 concluded at Government Higher Secondary School Sumbal, Bandipora on Monday in which participants from different clubs and government/private institutions took part.

Principal Government Higher Secondary School Sumbal Mohd. Altaf Zargar was the Chief Guest while Mohammad Rafiq (Secretary,

Bandipora District Association) and Farooq Ahmad (PEM, Hr. Sec. School Sumbal) were guest of honours on the occasion.

The championship was organised by JK&K Shooting Ball Association in collaboration with District Bandipora Shooting Ball Association under the aegis of JK&K Sports Council.

Selected players from district championship will represent 2nd UT level Shooting Ball Championship next month at Srinagar.

T20 WC: India Beat Western Australia In Opening Practice Game

Press Trust of India

PERTH: Suryakumar Yadav continued his good form as the Indian team had a fine outing against Western Australia Cricket Association XI, beating the hosts by 13 runs in its first practice game ahead of the T20 World Cup, here on Monday.

The Indian team, which has been training at the WACA for the past three days, wanted to get used to the pace and bounce of the track as the visitors scored 158 for six in their stipulated 20 overs. In reply, WACA XI managed only 145 in their 20 overs.

Instead of skipper Rohit Sharma's regular opening partner KL Rahul, it was Rishabh Pant, who opened the innings for the visitors.

But it was Suryakumar, whose 35-ball 52 was the highlight of the Indian innings as a



few hundred fans enjoyed his free-flowing strokeplay.

Defending the total against a second-string WACA XI side wasn't a big ask as Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Arshdeep Singh basically blew away the home team's top-order inside the six Powerplay overs.

WACA XI were reduced to 29 for four inside six overs and they could never re-ignite the cover from the setback.

Arshdeep was the best Indian bowler on view with impressive figures of 3/6 from three overs, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar (2/26) and Yuzvendra Chahal (2/15) also chipped in with couple of wickets. India's next practice game against the same opposition is on October 13 before the team travels to Brisbane for the two official warm-up games against England and New Zealand.

Ashwin Strongly Responds To PCB Chief's 'Respect' Jibe

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief Ramiz Raja recently made a strong statement about the cricketing equation between India and Pakistan.

Raja said how the Indian team has started to 'respect' Pakistan as an opponent now while also terming Team India as a 'billion-dollar side'. Ahead of India's blockbuster ICC T20 World Cup 2022 campaign opener clash against Pakistan, veteran Indian spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has said margins are extremely close in the shortest format of the game and both arch-rivals respect each other as teams.

"Until you said that, I didn't know he made a statement like that. That's one way of dealing with it," Ashwin said in a press conference after India's practice



match against Western Australia. "It is a game of cricket. We do not play them (Pakistan) a lot. This rivalry is big and means a lot to people from both nations. But wins and losses are part of the game. Especially in this format, margins are going to be close," the spinner stated.

"To respect an opposition is not something that comes with

victories and defeats. It comes in the way you are made. We definitely respect the Pakistani side and so do they," he added.

In the T20 World Cup last year, Pakistan defeated India in a World Cup match for the first time ever. Never before in a World Cup match had Pakistan secured a win over India before that instance in UAE.

Cristiano Ronaldo Nets 700th Club Goal

Agencies

LIVERPOOL: Cristiano Ronaldo set a new milestone on Sunday in the Premier League when he scored his career's 700th club goal while playing as a substitute for Manchester United.

Nevertheless, they were dealt a blow five minutes later when

establish some uniformity after receiving conflicting results.

Manchester United played well in the opening minutes of the match as they tried to control possession and dictate the pace.

With a game left to play, they now have 15 points after eight games, moving them up to fifth place in the standings.

The Red Devils entered the match fresh off of a thrilling 3-2 victory over Omonia Nicosia. Prior to it, Manchester City thrashed United 6-3 in league play. They were eager to es-

tablish some uniformity after receiving conflicting results.

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After 15 minutes, Antony tied the score with a beautiful curling effort that he assisted. After 29 minutes, Anthony Martial was forced to leave the game due to an injury, which allowed Cristiano Ronaldo to enter the match. After 44 minutes, he gave his team the lead again by assisting Casemiro for his 700th career club goal. At half-time, Manchester United had a 2-1 advantage.



New Zealand To Play In Pakistan In Two-Legged Tour

Agencies

ON Monday, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) revealed, that New Zealand will play two Tests and three one-day internationals during their tour of Pakistan starting in December. They will also return next April for five Twenty20 internationals and five ODIs.

The Black Caps will be the third major side to tour Pakistan this year after Australia played a full series in March-April and England featured in seven T20Is in September-October. England will also return to play three

tack by Islamist militants on the Sri Lankan team bus in Lahore in 2009, which killed six policemen and two civilians.

"We had promised our passionate fans that we will deliver high-quality international cricket at home in 2022. Today's announcement of New Zealand's double visit to Pakistan is part of that commitment," Zakir Khan, PCB's Director of international cricket said in a statement.

For the first leg of the tour, New Zealand play Tests in Karachi (Dec. 27-31) and Multan (Jan. 4-8) before returning to Karachi for three ICC World Cup Super League



matches between Jan. 11-15.

New Zealand had abandoned their tour of the nation last year over security concerns, prompting England to follow suit. International teams have refused to tour Pakistan, following an at-

They begin the second leg of the tour in Karachi with four T20Is in April before the fifth game and two ODIs in Lahore. The last three ODIs will be in Rawalpindi in May.

Messi Ruled Out Of PSG's CL Game Against Benfica

Agencies

PARIS: Paris St Germain forward Lionel Messi will not be involved against Benfica on Tuesday after failing to recover from a calf injury in time for the Champions League group stage game, the French club said on Monday.

Messi had missed the weekend's Ligue 1 draw against Stade de Reims in which PSG failed to score in the league for the first time this season.

The 35-year-old had asked to be withdrawn in the second half of the reverse fixture at Benfica last week due to the calf problem.



Presnel Kimpembe, Nuno Mendes and Renato Sanches will also miss Tuesday's game.

PSG are top of Group H at the halfway stage with seven points, the same as Benfica, while Juventus are four points behind in third.

Pakistan Army To Lend Security At Qatar World Cup

Press Trust of India

ISLAMABAD: A contingent of the Pakistan Army left for Qatar on Monday to provide security during the showpiece FIFA World Cup, which begins next month in the Gulf nation.

The FIFA World Cup will take place between November 20 and December 18.

The contingent comprising army officers, junior commissioned officers and jawans left for Qatar from the Nur Khan Airbase in Rawalpindi. The Pakistan Army has not released details of the strength of the

contingent.

In September, the contingent was trained by FIFA's eight-member training team during their visit to Pakistan.

In August, the Pakistani government tacitly acknowledged Qatar's request to provide security cover during the FIFA World Cup. Pakistan's cabinet also approved a draft agreement, allowing the government to provide troops to Qatar for the said purpose. Consequently, a four-member delegation of the Qatar interior ministry had visited Pakistan to discuss this issue.

Supreme Court Refuses To Entertain Plea To Declare Cow As National Animal

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a plea seeking a direction to the Centre to declare cow as a national animal.

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and Abhay S Oka asked the petitioner what fundamental right was being affected.

"Is this the job of the court? Why do you file such petitions where we are compelled to impose costs? Which fundamental right is violated? Should we throw law to the winds because you come to court? the bench said.

The counsel for the petitioner submitted before the court that cow protection is very important.

The bench warned the lawyer that it would impose costs af-



ter which he withdrew the plea and the matter was dismissed as withdrawn.

The top court was hearing a PIL filed by NGO Govansh Sewa Sadan and others seeking a direction to the Centre to declare cow as a national animal.

How A Chinese Vase Valued At €2,000 Sold For €8 Million

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IN the 41 years of wielding the gavel at his auction house, a stone's throw from the royal chateau at Fontainebleau, a town southeast of Paris, Jean-Pierre Osenat has never seen anything like it. "This is a crazy story," he said. "Quite extraordinary."

According to The Guardian, the story has cost one of the auctioneer's experts his job, after a Chinese vase he declared an ordinary decorative piece worth €2,000 (£1,750) at most sold for almost €8m, nearly 4,000 times the estimate.

"The expert made a mistake. One person alone against 300 interested Chinese buyers cannot be right," Osenat said. "He was working for us. He no longer works for us. It was, after all, a serious mistake."

The extraordinary story began earlier this year when a French woman living abroad decided to sell furniture and various objects

from her late mother's home in Brittany, France. Having entrusted Osenat with the sale, the vase — which had belonged to her grandmother — was packed up, dispatched to Paris and put in a "furniture and works of art" auction of 200 lots, none of which was valued over €8,000.

Last Saturday, the vase, a Chinese tianqiuping — meaning "heavenly globe" and denoting the round base and long neck — stood on a display table at the Osenat auction room. The catalogue described it as: Lot 36 "large tianqiuping porcelain and polychrome enamel vase in a blue-white style with globular body and long cylindrical neck, decorated with nine fierce dragons and clouds (mark under the base)".

The 54cm by 40cm vase was noted as being in "good condition". The estimated price, between €1,500 and €2,000, reflected the expert's view that it was a 20th-century decorative piece and not a rare artefact.

3 US-Based Economists Given Nobel Prize For Work On Banks, Economic Crises



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Stockholm: This year's Nobel Prize in economic sciences has been awarded to the former chair of the US Federal Reserve, Ben S Bernanke, and two US-based economists, Douglas W Diamond and Philip H Dybvig, "for research on banks and financial crises." The prize was announced Monday by the Nobel panel at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm.

The committee said their work had shown in their research "why avoiding bank collapses is vital." Nobel prizes carry a cash award of 10 million Swedish kronor (nearly \$900,000) and will be handed out on Dec. 10.

Unlike the other prizes, the economics award wasn't established in Alfred Nobel's will of 1895 but by the Swedish central bank in his memory. The first winner was selected in 1969.

Last year, half of the award went to David Card for his research on how the minimum wage, immigration and education affect the labor market. The other half was shared by Joshua Angrist and Guido Imbens for proposing how to study issues that don't easily fit traditional scientific methods.

A week of Nobel Prize announcements kicked off Oct. 3 with Swedish scientist Svante Paabo receiving the award in medicine for unlocking secrets of Neanderthal DNA that provided key insights into our immune system.

Three scientists jointly won the prize in physics Tuesday. Frenchman Alain Aspect, American John F. Clauser and Austrian Anton Zeilinger had shown that tiny particles can retain a connection with each other even when separated, a phenomenon known as quantum entanglement, that can be

used for specialized computing and to encrypt information.

The Nobel Prize in chemistry was awarded Wednesday to Americans Carolyn R. Bertozzi and K. Barry Sharpless, and Danish scientist Morten Meldal for developing a way of "snapping molecules together" that can be used to explore cells, map DNA and design drugs that can target diseases such as cancer more precisely.

French author Annie Ernaux won this year's Nobel Prize in literature Thursday. The panel commended her for blending fiction and autobiography in books that fearlessly mine her experiences as a working-class woman to explore life in France since the 1940s.

The Nobel Peace Prize went to jailed Belarus human rights activist Ales Bialiatski, the Russian group Memorial and the Ukrainian organization Center for Civil Liberties on Friday.

New Space Tech Can Charge Electric Cars In Just Five Minutes: NASA

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A new NASA-funded technology for future space missions may charge an electric car in just five minutes on Earth, paving the way for increased adoption of such vehicles, the US space agency said.

Researchers at Purdue University, US developed the Flow Boiling and Condensation Experiment (FBCE) to enable two-phase fluid flow and heat transfer experiments to be conducted in the long-duration microgravity environment on the International Space Station (ISS).

The new "subcooled flow boiling" technique results in greatly improved heat transfer effectiveness compared to other approaches and could be used to control the temperatures of future systems in space.

This technology can also have applications on Earth: It could make owning an electric car more appealing, the researchers said.

Currently, charging times vary widely, from 20 minutes at a station alongside a roadway to hours using an at-home charging station.

Lengthy charging times and charger location are both cited as major concerns of people who are considering electric vehicle ownership.

Reducing the charging time for electric vehicles to five minutes — an industry goal — will require charging systems to provide current at 1,400 amperes.

Currently, advanced chargers only deliver currents up to 520 amperes, and most chargers available to consumers support currents of less than 150 amperes.

However, charging systems providing 1,400 amperes will generate significantly more heat than current systems, and will require improved methods to control temperature.

Recently, the team applied the technique learned from the NASA FBCE experiments to the electric vehicle charging process.

Using this new technology, dielectric — non-electrically conducting — liquid coolant is pumped through the charging cable, where it captures the heat generated by the current-carrying conductor.

Subcooled flow boiling allows the team to deliver 4.6 times the current of the fastest available electric vehicle chargers on the market today by removing up to 24.22 kilowatts of heat, the researchers said.

The charging cable can provide 2,400 amperes, which is far beyond the 1,400 amperes required to reduce time required to charge an electric car to five minutes, they said.

"Application of this new technology resulted in unprecedented reduction of the time required to charge a vehicle and may remove one of the key barriers to worldwide adoption of electric vehicles," the researchers added.



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