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duced the image of a young Fiza

sand only for this pair of bangles,

madam. This is pure 916 gold,'

the shopkeeper, a Sardar ji was

proudly announcing the price.

"One lakh and eighty thou-

as the 'fairest of them all'.

ALARM BELLS: Why Marriages In Kashmir Are Becoming Mean Business

Asma Majid

hireen was jiggling her arms in ecstasy. The spar-Skle in her eyes and the shimmer of her bangles melded with the luminance of the German silver mirror, making her a resplendent bride-to-be. In the heart of the Srinagar,

while the jeweller, who seemed to have mastered the art of schmoozing, was busy in his causeries, praising the choker now and the bangles then, Shireen was excessively absorbed in gazing at herself in the mirror.

Lost in the process, the woman in her mid-thirties got startled as she saw the mirror



reproducing the image of her recently married cousin Fiza instead of hers.

No doubting the fact that Shireen was looking beautiful but those fine lines on her face and around her eyes, those brutal signs of senescence were not

visible on the face of a 24 yearmirror seemed to have pro-

old Fiza who had entered the bond, the matrimony, a month

Fiza was no Helen of Troy. It was Shireen who had always been praised for her beauty. She began to feel anxious. The

DECREASING FERTILITY RATE, ABNORMALITY in kids and miserable married lives are all a resultant of avaricious men and career-oriented

women indulging in late marriages. Our focus should be on making Nikaah easy."

> He lowered his tone to add, "None of the shopkeepers around will give you this pair in the same price. Likhke le lo! (Get it in written from me)."

Shireen's mother who was multitasking all this while by

stealing glimpses to look at the potential bride was now ready to bargain."Do we always come to your shop only to be treated like other customers? My sister-inlaw recently got a pair of heavier gold bangles from one of these shops in just 1 lakh rupees." "Waheguru!" the stupe-

fied Sardar ji uttered in a shock. "Madam, we are jewellers, not roadside vendors. And this is pure gold that we are dealing with." "Bhaiyaji," Shireen's mother

was quick in her reply, "at least pronounce a reasonable rate while striking a deal with your regular customers. Why are you

bent upon giving us a heart atlending an ear to the Sardar ji and tack?" | More on P10

Is New Chief Justice Of HC J&K & Ladakh



Justice Magrey

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The President of India on Tuesday appointed Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The president also ordered the transfer of incumbent Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal to the High Court of Rajasthan.

"In exercise of the powers con-ferred by clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Justice Ali Mohd Magrey, Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to be Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir | More on P10

Govt Shifts Several IAS, JKAS Officers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday ordered transfer and positing of several IAS and JKAS officers in the Union Territory.

According to an order, Narinder Singh Bali, IAS, Secretary in the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Is transferred and posted as Mission Director, Mission Dairy Development.

"Aijaz Aĥmad Bhat, IAS, Secretary in the Labour and Employment Department, is transferred and posted as Entrepreneurship Director, Development Institute, J&K."

The order reads that Mohammad Akbar Wani, IAS, Secretary in the Agriculture Production Department, is transferred and posted as Registrar, Cooperative Societies Anil Koul, JKAS, Director, J&K Entrepreneurship Development Institute, J&K holding additional charge of More on P10

LG Talks Tough In Winter Preparedness Meet



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday directed officers to ensure coordinated action plans are put in place for uninterrupted power & water supply, round the clock availability of public utilities, smooth flow of traffic on the highwavs besides timely clearance of the snow from the roads, lanes and by-lanes.

- 'Disciplinary Action Will Be Taken For Lack Of Accountability And Services **During Winters'**
- **Orders Uninterrupted** Power & Water Supply, **Timely Clearance Of** Snow; Smooth Flow of **Transport On National** & State Highways

Sinha passed these directions while chairing a high level meeting to review the winter preparedness of various departments across the Union Territory, an official spokesperson said Tuesday. The LG, he said, asked every department and key stakeholders should be far better prepared for this winter than last winter.

"To keep men and machines running well throughout the winter season, we need | More on P10

Launches Mobile Veterinary Unit Scheme With Union Minister



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that for holistic growth of agriculture & allied sectors, his government has identified key areas where Jammu and

tence for integrated action. "We have decided to

achieve certain goals with clear targets. It is our responsibility to fully support our farmers in building a bright future for themselves and the society," Sinha said. | More on P10

nion Minister John Barla on Tuesday said Jammu and Kashmir is striding fast on the path of development as he launched several projects including three water-supply schemes in Ramban district. The minister of state for minority affairs visited the hilly district as part of the Centre's third phase of the public outreach programme in J-K. "Jammu and Kashmir is striding fast on the path of development...Various projects will be sanctioned in Ramban for welfare of minorities," Barla said while interacting with Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members. He said he would highlight all the issues brought to his notice by the PRIs to the higher authorities concerned in Delhi | More on P10

Govt Widens Probe Into Illegal Appointments In ULBs

All Appointments, Regularisations Made Illegally Before 2001 Also To Be Probed

Agencies

Srinagar: In a significant move, the Jammu & Kashmir Government has widened the ambit of a probe ordered by it into illegal appointments made in the urban local bodies (ULBs) of Kashmir. The Housing & Urban

Development department has reconstituted a committee of officers to conduct a detailed inquiry into all illegal appointregularisations ments/

made in the ULBs prior to 2001, without following due procedure of law. to According an order, Mathora

Masoom (Director, Urban Local Bodies Kashmir), Showkat

Mir(Special Ahmad Secretary(Legal) Housing & Urban Development Department) and Irfan Baĥadur(Secretary, Lakes Conservation & Management Authority) are part of the panel which would probe

during the course of verification found that some illegal appointments/ regu-

Showkat Ahmad Mir were also part of the panel consti-



Sources told a local news agency KNO that the committee has found 1481

employees were appointed and regularized illegally since 2001.

The committee has recinto all illegal appointments ommended stern against the officers who have appointed or regularized the services of these employees in violation of norms.

larisations have been made before 2001. Its mandate was only to probe illegal ap-

pointments made in ULBs of Kashmir from 2001 onwards. Mathora Masoom and

constituted on July 7, 2021

tuted by the Government on July 7, 2021 over the issue. reconstituted The committee has been directed to submit

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Fast On Path Of **Development**

'J&K Striding

made before 2001

The mandate of the committee has been widened as a committee of officers

Kansal Hails Colleges for Good NAAC Score

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Principal Secretary Higher Education Department Rohit Kansal complimented the Government College of Education Srinagar, Islamia College of Science and Commerce Srinagar and Government Degree College Khour, Jammu on their excellent performance in the accreditation gradings.

The GCOE Srinagar has been Accredited with an A grade with a CGPA of 3.24. The grading is valid for 5 years, while the GDC Khour has scored a CGPA of 2.68 and has been graded as B+, an official spokesperson said Tuesday.

The autonomous status of the Islamia College too has been extended.

message, the In а



spokesperson said, Kansal made a special mention of the efforts of the Director Colleges as well as Principals of these colleges and their entire staff.

Following a vigorous ef-fort by the Higher Education Department, as many as 52 degree colleges have so far been accredited under the National Assessment and | More on P10

NIA Raids 18 Locations Across J&K

Raids also conducted at residence of Reactor Darul Uloom Raheemiyyah

Observer News Service

The National Srinagar: Investigation Agency on Tuesday conducted raids at multiple locations across Jammu and Kashmir including at the residence of rector Darul Uloom Raheemiyyah Bandipora, Maulana Rehmatullah Qasmi. Reports said that the NIA

with the assistance of police paramilitary personand nel carried out the raids at Poonch, Rajouri, Pulwama, Shopian, Srinagar, Budgam and Bandipora districts

Officials said that among the people whose houses were raided by the NIA include noted religious preacher and rector Darul Uloom Bandipore, Raheemiyyah Maulana Rehamtullah Qasmi

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and Samam Ahmad Lone, professor at NIT Srinagar.

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Investigating agency conducted searches at 18 locations in Rajouri, Poonch, Jammu, Srinagar, Bandipore, Shopian, Pulwama and Budgam districts and arrested Muhammad Ameer Shamshi of Rajouri in the case related to the activities of Al Huda Educational Trust (AHET), Rajouri, J&K.

"Jamaat-e-Islami (Jel) J&K, after being declared as an 'unlawful association' under UA(P)Act, has been continuing its activities through its frontal organisations. | More on P10

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LTC Facility Extended By Two More Years To Visit J&K, N-E

Centre Announces

Bonanza For Its Employees

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Centre on Tuesday extended by two more years, till September 25, 2024, the facility that allows its employees to visit Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and northeast while availing leave travel concession (LTC).

The eligible central government employees get reimbursement of tickets for to and fro journeys, besides paid leave, when they avail LTC.

The scheme allowing government servants to travel by air to the northeast region

(NER). Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). Ladakh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands (A&N) is extended for a further period of two years, from September 26, 2022 till September 25, 2024, an order issued by the personnel ministry said.

Government servants not entitled to travel by air are also allowed to travel by air in economy class by any airlines to any place in the northeast, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh from their headquarters directly, it said.

The ministry has also warned employees that any misuse of LTC will be viewed seriously and they will be liable for appropriate action.

"All the | More on P10

No New Corona Case In Kashmir

he winter capital of Jammu on Tuesday detected two fresh cases of novel Coronavirus, while no new case of virus was reported from the Kashmir Valley during the last 24 hours. According to officials, two new cases of Coronavirus were reported from Jammu district of the Union Territory on Tuesday, taking the total number of people infected since the onset of pandemic in J&K to 479220. The remaining 19 districts of the UT reported no fresh cases of Covid-19. Also, the officials said that the death toll in | More on P10

Tea Seller Saves Wild Deer From Dogs

tea seller saved a wild deer that ventured into a human habitat from being attacked by a pack of stray dogs in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Tuesday, officials said. Kailash Kumar was on way to open his tea stall when he noticed a deer being attacked by the dogs near Shaheedi chowk in the early hours of the day, they said. The officials said Kumar chased the dogs and managed to catch the injured deer before calling the wildlife department. A rescue team of the department | More on P10

UP Assembly Speaker Calls On LG

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ttar Pradesh Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana called on Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here on Tuesday and discussed a range of issues related to development and welfare of the people. Mahana met Sinha at the Raj Bhawan here, an official spokesman said. He said Mahana discussed with the Lt Governor a range of issues related to development and welfare of the people. The speaker also shared his views on the present | More on P10

Kumar Given Addl Charge Of DGP (Prisons)

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C enior IPS officer Deepak Kumar was on Tuesday given the additional charge of Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (Prisons).

The post fell vacant after the murder of DGP (prisons) Hemant Kumar Lohia allegedly by his domestic help here last week. Kumar, a 1993-batch officer, is presently posted as Director General (prosecution) and is also holding the additional charge as Managing Director, Police Housing Corporation, and Director Prosecution, Kashmir. In an order, J-K home More on P10

Shooting Stone Kills Driver

truck driver hailing from Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh was Killed in a shooting stone incident that took place on Mughal road in Poonch district on Tuesday.



that a truck (UP32MN-1224) loaded with apples was on way towards Rajouri from Srinagar side when at More on P10

Biker Crushes Pedestrian To Death

45-year-old pedestrian was killed in a road accident at Buchoo area of Kokarnag area of Anantnag district after he was hit by a motorcycle on Tuesday evening. An official said that the accident took place at Buchoo village this evening when an unknown biker hit the man identified as Imtiyaz Ahmad Ganie son of Abdul Salam Ganie of Sagam. "The man got critically injured and was shifted to SDH Kokarnag for treatment where he succumbed to his injuries later," he said. Meanwhile, Police | More on P10



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How Bad Is Red Meat For You? Health Risks Get Star Ratings

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aris: Research about what is healthy comes so thick and fast -- red meat can appear good for you one week, stroke-inducing the next -- that a confused public often struggles to keep up.

But a massive new review published on Monday aims to look beyond the latest study by evaluating the available evidence on a range of health topics and giving it a star rating.

The US-based Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), which has become a global reference for health statistics, analysed the existing research in 180 areas to find out how much a particular risk factor, such as smoking, is linked to a health outcome, such as lung cancer.

The connection between smoking and lung cancer was given the highest five-star rating, as was the link between high blood pressure and heart disease, which means that the evidence is solid and unlikely to change in the future.

However nearly two thirds of the risk-outcome relationships received only one or two stars, suggesting that the proof for a lot of widely believed health advice is weaker than might have been thought.

For example, evidence for

a connection between eating



a lot of unprocessed red meat and having a stroke was given just one star, meaning there was "no evidence of an association", the study said.

The links between red meat and colon cancer, breast cancer, ischaemic heart disease and diabetes were all given two stars.

Christopher Murray, IHME director and a senior author of several of the "Burden of Proof" studies published in the journal Nature Medicine, said he was "very surprised at how many of

the diet risk-outcome relationships are relatively weak." Murray told a press conference that the meta-analysis was prompted by concern that "everyone follows the latest published study," even though the results often "swing from

one end to the other". The researchers looked at the existing research on the subjects, crunched the numbers to find consistency, then asked "what is the most conservative interpretation of the evidence?" Murray said. What about vegetables?

The researchers investigated how eating more vegetables affected a range of health outcomes, looking at 50 studies encompassing 4.6 million participants across 34 countries. Increasing the amount of

vegetables people eat from zero to four a day led to a 23 percent decline in the risk of ischaemic stroke, with the connection getting three stars, IHME epidemiologist and study co-author Jeffrey Stanaway said.

The link between eating vegetables and type two diabetes received only one star.

But "even under the most conservative interpretation of the evidence, vegetable consumption is significantly associated with reduced chronic disease risk," Stanaway said. Experts not involved in the

research called it interesting, but warned against over simplification.

Kevin McConway, a statistician at the UK's Open University, worried that "a great deal is inevitably lost" when complex studies were boiled down to a star rating.

Duane Mellor, a dietician at the UK's Aston University, said the red meat research was "not that surprising" because it focused on unprocessed products. "Typically it is intake of pro-

cessed red meat, such as bacon and sausages, which have been associated with a higher risk of disease, which these papers did not report on," he said.

The IHME said it plans to update its findings as new research comes in, hoping the new tool will guide the choices of the public and policymakers.

It will also soon release findings about other health relationships including those involving alcohol, air pollution and further dietary factors.

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The Jammu And Kashmir State **Board Of School Education**

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The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 12th under **Below mentioned particulars**

Name: **Rouf Ahmad Parry** S/o Abdul Rashid Parry R/o Chairhara Magam Budgam



Details of Marks Certificate lost Higher Secondary School Examination (class12th) Roll No 2408202 Session /Year Regular. 2017

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled. Sd/ Assistant Secretary bmg Sub Office Magam

WhatsApp Allows Some Beta Testers To Add Up To 1,024 Users To Groups

IANS

After announcing several new features, the Meta-owned messaging platform WhatsApp is now releasing the ability to add up to 1,024 participants to groups, for some beta testers.

According to WA-BetaInfo, this feature is available on WhatsApp beta for Android and iOS. but it is limited

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, **Office of the Executive Engineer R&B** Division Kupwara

NIT No. 75-Kupwara/7382-90 of 2022-23 e-tendering DATED: - 10-10-2022

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD , Railways and other state/Central Governments for the followings works:

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	Khodi road incl. Nagpora link road at Putshai.							
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF EMPLOYMENT *****

F. No. A1-D011(11)/1/2022-Admin Section

INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS, UNDER NATIONAL CAREER SERVICE PROJECT OF MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

Ministry of Labour & Employment, Directorate General of Employment has established "National Career Service Portal" as a modernized version of the National Employment Service, which shall act as a common, Centralized platform to provide a better range of services, Including, Jobseeker/Employer registration, Vacancy Notification, Counsellor services, Online/Offline Job Fairs, online Employability Training, Bilingual call centre, rich career content with sectors and profiles, and many more career related services etc.

Under the National Career Service project, applications are invited for YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, on contractual basis, for deployment at Model Career Centres at various locations in the country. The YP will be under the overall supervision of Director NICS, Directorate general of Employment, Ministry of Labour and Employment. The application, eligibility criteria/ conditions are available at www.ncs.gov.in. The didates may apply over NCS portal at www.ncs.gov.in. The last date for the receipt of all be 15 days from the date of publication of this advertisement. No Physical Applications ned. To apply please visit the link given below

to a certain undefined number of beta testers.

The report mentioned that if any user wants to check if the feature is available on



their WhatsApp account. they can try to create a group or add new participants to an existing one.

WhatsApp is also developing new tools to give admins more control over these larger groups in the future, such as a list of pending participants and an approval system, as per the report.

In May, along with new features, the company rolled out the ability to add up to 512 people to a group from 256 people.

Meanwhile, recently, the platform rolled out another feature for business accounts -- WhatsApp Premium -- beta testers in certain countries.

Through WhatsApp Premium. businesses can take advantage of some advanced features. such as a better way to be reached by customers and some improvements when linking new devices.

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The GST-3B for last Quarter (Quarterly return) and Previous month for (Monthly return) Should be uploaded, irrespective of date of Tender

T. Manual offers delivered by post/fax or in person, or offers sent by e-mail or telex shall not be accepted against electronic tenders, even if such offers are received in time. All such offers shall be considered as invalid offers and shall be rejected summarily, without any consideration

J. It is mandatory for all bidders participating to submit all documents in terms of soft copies in etendering website and no documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained. However, lowest bidder will be called for submission of CDR/FDR as well as Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR of the other participating tenderers/

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In case the L-1 fails deposit the requisite document, the action against the L-1 as per PWD rules leading to blacklisting of contractor

Upload Valid Registration CARD / Renewal, PAN Card, GST Certificate and latest GST clearance ending previous Month.

The contractor may purchase required material of quality and specifications prescribed, to be certified by Engineer in-charge

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registration cards as per circular instruction issued by development Commissioner works vide No.PW/DCW/DB/686-72 DT.10-06-2022 e. 1st lowest bidder will submit the CDR/FDR within two days after opening of Tender failing which 2nd lowest will be an

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical Bids.

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The Successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% additional performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be released after

No bid shall be accepted if the online enlistment card is not uploaded and found on JKPWDOMS of those departments who are adopting procedure of online

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On Opening of financial bid the L1 has to produce the Original CDR/FDR pledge to the opening Authority before allotting the work along with Cost of tender

Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with .The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's

The bidders are advised to get the genuineness of their enlistment cards from the issuing authorities. This is mandatory and bids are liable to be rejected in

The tenderers are directed to submit their tender online; in case the last date of opening of tenders happens to be a holiday/hartal the same shall be opened on the

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TCI Foundation **Carries Out Vaccination** Drive In Dal Lake

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Under the Momentum Routine Immunization Transformation & Equity Project, Shikara Vaccine Express (SHIKA-RA VEX) did one more Vaccination drive on Tuesday. The drive was conducted by the TCI foundation in the interiors of Dal Lake on Tuesday. The TCI team visited Kanda Mohalla in Dal Lake and carried out a vaccination drive in the locality.

vaccinated around 20000 beneficiaries in srinagar.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, An official from the TCI foundation said that the Covid 19 vaccination drive was carried out under the Momentum Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity project. "the project is part of a

suite of innovative awards funded by the U.S. Agency for international development (USAID) to holistically improve family planning and maternal and child



The team which carried out the vaccination drive included Dr Madiha Mohaimin (District coordinator). Ainul afzal (Staff Nurse), Mohammad Ashraf (Data entry operator) and Shariq Beigh (Health educator).

It is pertinent to mention, TCI Foundation an autonomous entity under Transport Corporation of India works in collaboration with Government, public sector undertakings, national and international organizations and reputed corporates to serve the nation with the motto of equality and better life for all citizens in the country.

TCI Foundation is actively working to vaccinate vulnerable populations and has already

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health in partner countries around the world,".

TCI Foundation further said the project also contributes to ongoing global efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on immunization services and support countries to prepare for and introduce COVID-19 vaccines.

"The project was awarded to JSI in collaboration with TCI Foundation as a grant recipient under M-RITE Project, working as a sub awardee for Covid-19 vaccination project"

With support from USAID under M-RITE Project, TCI Foundation is working in 17 States for ramping up COVID-19 Program, Vaccination including districts of Srinagar Jammu, Udhampur,

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Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Government on Tuesday accorded sanction to the shifting of the Chest Disese Hospital, Drugjan to

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ing in Sonwar 'after assessing functionality of all vital aspects'. According to an order issued by Principal Medical College Srinagar, CD hospital shall be

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utilized as an Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Consequent upon the shifting of GB Panth Hospital to newly constructed 500 bedded Children Hospital Bemina vide Govt. Order No. as mentioned in the reference above, sanction is hereby accorded to the shifting of entire CD Hospital to GB Panth Hospital Sonwar Srinagar after assessing the functionality of all vital as-

Govt Orders Shifting Of CD



This Day In History

539 BC - The army of Cyrus the Great of Persia takes Babylon

- 1398 The Treaty of Salynas is signed between Grand Duke of Lithuania Vytautas the Great and the Teutonic Knights, who received Samogitia. 1459 - Battle at Ludford Bridge: Richard of York defeated
- 1492 Christopher Columbus's expedition makes landfall on Caribbean island he names San Salvador (likely Watling Island, Bahamas). The explorer believes he has reached East Asia (OS 21 Oct) 1576 - Rudolf II succeeds Maximilian II as Holy Roman Emperor
- 1654 The Delft Explosion (gunpowder) devastates the city in the Netherlands, killing more than 100
- 1789 French Revolution: King Louis XVI writes secretly to the King of Spain about complaining of harsh treatment; the Count of Artois writes to the Austrian king requesting military intervention in France.

1859 - Self-proclaimed Emperor of the USA, Emperor Norton issues edict abolishing the US Congress

1860 - British & French troops capture Beijing

1915 - Theodore Roosevelt criticizes US citzens who identify themselves with dual nationalities. 1931 - 1st International Conference on Calendar

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Residents Of Shalimar, Harwan Complain Of Water Shortage

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The Inhabitants of Nishat, Shalimar and Harwan have complained of water shortages in their localities

The residents said they are facing water shortages from the last few weeks, however, authorities have turned a blind eye towards their problems.

'We receive water supply for a few hours during the day, otherwise it is negligible" said a Shalimar resident.

Irked by water shortages, the residents of Arabal Shalimar lodged a protest on Monday.

However, the officials of the Jal Shakti Department say they are doing their bit to provide the residents with adequate water supply.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, Assistant Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department, Tabish Jehan said the reason behind water storage in these localities

is the reduction in discharge of Dachigam Nallah.

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may be kept for Drug De-Addic-

tion Centre also, if need arises,

Another reason for the water shortages, she said, is the "dry spell".

"The reduction in discharge of Dachigam Nallah and dry spell are the main reasons behind the water shortages in the localities of Nishat, Shalimar and Harwan' Jahan said.

However, she hoped with one spell of rain the "water scarcity" issues will be over.

Unethical Practices

Found Indulging In

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Following the directions of Commissioner FDA J&K, Shakeel Ur Rehman an inspection was conducted in Karanagar area of Srinagar by a team of Drug Control Officers of District Deputy Drugs Controller Kashmir Mrs Nighat Jabeen.

During the special raid Jan Aushadi Drug store located at Karanagar was found indulging in unethical practices and illegal trade of drugs prone to addiction.

The operation of the Drug store has been suspended onspot and excessive quantities of intoxicating drugs were seized for initiation of

cancellation of licences and registration shall be initiated. Public in general and patients in particular are requested to procure proper invoice of the medicines purchased from the chemist shops and launch grievances on the toll free number of the department in case of refusal of invoices by the chemists.

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 - 1941 Soviet government moves from Moscow to Volga as Nazis forces close in on Moscow
- 1943 US bombs Rabaul, New Britain
- 1952 Hanif Mohammad scores twin 100s v N Zone (Ind) his 1st fc cricket tons.
- 1957 First commercial flight between California & Antarctica



EU envoys conclude fact finding mission to Kashmir

Observer News Service

RINAGAR- The four member European delegation, headed by French ambassador Bernard De Monteferrand, wound up its threeday visit to Kashmir valley today with a meeting with representatives of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industrial (KCCI).

The KCCI representatives apprised the European envoys of the economic situation in the state and appealed to them to lift the restart inns imposed by foreign embassies on their nationals visiting Kashmir.

Later, KCCI president Ghulam Mohammad Dagga told reporters that they had informed the envoys that Kashmir is a political issue and needs a political solution. Peace which has eluded the state for all these years could be restored only when the Kashmir issue is resolved.

State secretary of CPI (M) Muhammad Yousuf Tarigami, who had an hour-long meeting with the envoys, said he briefed them about the prevailing situation in the valley. India should take some bold political initiative on the Kashmir issue. Pakistan also should create an atmosphere for initiation of talks, he said.

The visiting envoys also called on the corps commander Lt. Gen. J R Mukheerji at Badami Bagh. They also had an hour-long meeting with the chairman of the State Human Rights Commission (SHRO Justice (Retd) G Q Parray.

Earlier soon after their arrival here on Monday, the team had a detailed meeting with the APHC leaders. They also met Shabir Shah and Fazl Haq Qureishi.

(Kashmir Observer, October 12,2000)

News

India Had "Very Difficult" 2.5 Years In Ties With **China: S Jaishankar**

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Sydney: India had "very difficult" two-and-a-half-years in its ties with China which included the first bloodshed on their border after 40 years, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday, but asserted that he kept communication line open with Beijing as neighbours have to deal with each other.

Mr Jaishankar made the remarks while responding to questions after his address at the Lowy Institute on the grow-ing importance of India's relationship with Australia and the interests that both countries share as members of the security-focused Quad.

"We had a two-and-a-half very difficult years in our relationship with China, which has included the first bloodshed we've had on the border after 40 years and where we actually lost 20 soldiers," Mr Jaishankar said while responding to a question.

"But our endeavour, my endeavour has been to keep the communication lines going. In fact, the morning after that, I called up my counterpart Wang Yi and urged him to ensure that there are no escalatory moves or complicated moves on the Chinese side," said the minister, who was the Indian Ambassador to China from 2009 to 2013.

"Diplomacy is about communication. It's not just in relationship with China, even in relationship to (other countries)... If diplomats do not communicate with each other, then what kind of diplomacy will they do?" he said, adding that at the end of the day countries have to deal with each other.

India has been consistently maintaining that peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) are important for the overall development of bilat-

Russia Adds Meta To

List Of 'Terrorist And



eral ties. The Indian and Chinese militaries have held 16 rounds of Corps Commander-level talks to resolve the standoff.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas.

Both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

Indian and Chinese militaries on September 12 had moved back their frontline troops to the rear locations from the faceoff site of Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area in eastern Ladakh and dismantled temporary infrastructure there as part of a five-day disengagement process.

Speaking at a forum in Bangkok in August, Mr Jaishankar had said that the relationship between India and China is go-ing through an "extremely difficult phase" after what Beijing has done at the border and emphasised that the Asian Century will not happen if the two neigh-

bours could not join hands. Later in the same month, he said in Sao Paulo, Brazil, that China has disregarded the border pacts with India, casting a shadow on the bilateral ties as he asserted that a lasting relationship cannot be a one-way street and there has to be mutual respect.

Russia Would 'Consider' G20 Putin-**Biden Meeting – Lavrov**



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he presidents of Russia and the US might meet on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Indonesia, provided that Washington actually wants to participate, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said. "We never reject meetings,

and if such a proposal comes, we will consider it," the top diplomat explained during an interview on Russian television on Tuesday. He stressed that no such pro-

posal had been sent by the US so far, contrary to what some people may believe. An opportunity for US President Joe Biden to have a one-onone meeting with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin may present itself during the upcoming summit of G20 leaders in Bali, Indonesia, which is scheduled for mid-November.

When asked about the possibility of bilateral talks, Biden did not rule it out, telling reporters on Thursday that "it remains to be seen." Lavrov said that drawing conclusions about the schedules of the two leaders from an off-hand remark was "more suitable for journalistic analytical speculation than for real politics."

Speaking on Russian political talk show '60 Minutes,' Lavrov called "a lie" claims that the US government was seeking to resolve the stand-off with Russia over the Ukraine crisis and that it

was Moscow's position that prevented peace negotiations. "We have received no serious

proposals for contact. There were some half-hearted approaches, which we did not reject either and suggested that the people, who want to engage with us in backdoor diplomacy, formulate concrete proposals," Lavrov revealed. The would-be mediators did

The minister also expressed skepticism that talks with the US could produce substantial results regarding Ukraine, considering the circumstances. He explained that the US had long become a by arming the Ukrainian military and feeding them intelligence.

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Court Verdict On Plea For Carbon Dating 'Shivling' At Gyanvapi Mosque On October 14

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Varanasi: A district court in Varanasi will pronounce on October 14 its verdict on a plea for the carbon dating of a "Shivling", claimed to be found on the Gvanvapi mosque premi

Maritime Row: 'Hezbollah **Helped Lebanon Impose Power Equation'**

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senior Lebanese politician says his country's demands have been met during indirect negotiations on a maritime border demarcation deal with Israel, emphasizing that the Hezbollah resistance movement imposed the equation of power on the Tel Âviv regime in the case.

"Hezbollah imposed the equation of power, and Lebanon could obtain its demands in the course of talks about maritime border demarcation [with Israel]. Now, there is only one step left," leader of the Free Patriotic Movement, Gebran Bassil, told Lebanon's private LBCI television station

He said that Israel's preoccupation with the forthcoming legislative elections, scheduled to be held on November 1, delaved the finalization of the deal. adding no one can assert that the work has been done unless an accord is struck.

The prominent Christian politician said he had earlier stated that natural gas must be extracted from both the Karish gas field in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea and the Qana gas field. None will be extracted without the other, he declared.

"It was the resistance front which drew up and imposed the equation of power on Israel. This manifestly shows how beneficial Hezbollah is for Lebanon. Shouldn't we make use of such a capacity?" Bassil said.

On Tuesday, Lebanon and Israel reached a "historic" deal to end a long-running maritime border dispute in the gas-rich Mediterranean Sea.

"Lebanon has obtained its full rights, and all of its remarks have been taken into account. Lebanon's negotiator Elias Bou Saab said after submitting the United States-brokered final



draft of the deal to President Michel Aoun.

He added that the final draft "takes into consideration all of Lebanon's requirements and we believe that the other side should feel the same".

Lebanon's presidency voiced hope that "the agreement on the demarcation will be announced as soon as possible."

Aoun had previously said that a deal would not signify a "partnership" with Israel as the two sides are technically at war.

In February 2018, Lebanon signed its first contract for drilling in two blocks in the Mediterranean with a consortium comprised of energy giants Total, Eni, and Novatek.

Lebanon and the Israeli regime took part in indirect talks to discuss demarcation in 2020. But the talks stalled after Lebanon demanded a larger area, including part of the Karish gas field, where Israel has given exploration rights to a Greek firm.

The talks were supposed to discuss a Lebanese demand for 860 square kilometers (330 square miles) of territory in the disputed maritime area, according to a map sent to the United Nations in 2011. However, Lebanon then said the map was based on erroneous calculations and demanded 1,430 square kilometers (552 square miles) more further south, including part of Karish.

PM Modi Performs Puja At Mahakal Temple In Ujjain





not respond properly, he added.

"de facto" party to the conflict



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Moscow: Russia on Tuesday added US tech giant Meta, the parent company of Instagram and Facebook, to a list of "terrorist and extremist" organisations, according to a database of the Federal Service for Financial Monitoring (Rosfinmonitoring).

Russia in late March banned Facebook and Instagram for "carrying out extremist activities" after authorities accused Meta of tolerating "Russophobia" during Russia's military campaign in Ukraine.

Meta had announced on March 10 that the platforms would allow statements like

"death to Russian invaders" but not credible threats against civilians, before saying the change only applied to users posting from inside Ukraine.

Facebook and Instagram have been inaccessible in Russia since March, but many Russians resorted to VPN to keep using the social media network

Instagram is particularly popular in Russia, and used to be a key platform for advertisement and sales. Billions of people use Meta's

app around the world. This decision puts Meta on the same list as right-wing nationalist groups, foreign terrorist organisations including the Taliban and Russian opposition groups.

Hindu petitioners had during a court-mandated videography survey of the mosque premises claimed that a "Shivling" was found close to the "wazookhana", a small reservoir used by Muslim devotees to perform ritual ablutions before offering the namaz.

The claim was disputed by the Muslim side, which said the object was part of a "fountain".

Arguments on the plea were complete on Tuesday and the court will pronounce its verdict on October 14, District Government Counsel Mahendra Pratap Pandey said. Advocate Mumtaz Ahmed, who appeared for the Muslim side, said they told the court that carbon dating of the object cannot be done. If the object gets damaged

in the name of carbon dating, it



amounts to the defiance of the order of the Supreme Court, he said. Earlier, the Muslim side had contended that the Supreme Court had asked the Varanasi district magistrate to keep the object safe. In such a situation, getting it examined cannot be

justified, they had said. The Muslim side also said the original case is about the worship of Shringar Gauri while the structure in the mosque has nothing to do with it.

In such a condition, neither any investigation can be done by the Archaeological Department nor a legal report be called after conducting a scientific investigation, they had said.

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Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday evening performed puja with rituals at Lord Mahakal temple in Ujjain before inaugurating the first phase of the Mahakal Lok corridor.

Modi, attired in traditional dhoti and gamcha (stole) entered the sanctum sanctorum of the Lord Mahakaleshwar temple, one of the 12 'Jyotirlingas' of Lord Shiv, at around 6 PM.

Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia accompanied Modi to

the sanctum sanctorum of the temple. Modi entered the sanctum sanctorum alone where a team of priests applied sandalwood paste on his forehead. He performed puja with rituals and amid the chanting of mantras by chief priest Ghanshyam Pujari and others for nearly 20 minutes.

After rituals, Modi meditated for 10 minutes by holding a bel patra (leaves of bel tree), which are considered sacred for Lord Shiv. and a Rudraskh mala in the sanctum sanctorum.

He also sat beside Nandi, the sacred bull of Lord Shiv, and performed puja with folded hands for nearly five minutes.

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Bombay High Court Reserves Order On Salman Khan's Plea Against Neighbour

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Mumbai: The Bombay High Court has reserved its order on a plea filed by actor Salman Khan against a Mumbai court order refusing to issue him an interim relief in a defamation case filed by him against his Panvel farmhouse neighbour Ketan Kakkar.

Sessions Court had earlier refused to pass a restraining order against his neighbour Ketan Kakkar's post which Salman moved the Bombay High Court. On Tuesday, the High Court, after hearing the matter, reserved its order.

In August this year, Salman filed an appeal in the Bombay High Court against the Sessions Court's earlier order which refused to pass a restraining order against his Panvel farmhouse neighbour NRI Ketan Kakkar.

In his plea before the High



Court, Salman said that Ketan has made several social media posts against him which were defamatory in nature. He added that Ketan's posts are not only defamatory and derogatory against him but also communally biased and create a communal divide. Earlier, in March, the Sessions

Court refused to pass an injunction

order against Ketan in the defamation case filed by Salman for the former's social media posts.

The verdict of Sessions Court Judge AH Laddhad was pronounced on March 23, the detailed order of which came later.

The verdict noted that Ketan had placed on record evidence like complaints and show-cause notic-

es to Salman about the allegations of encroachments by the actor in his Panvel property, the 100-acre farm, in the public interest as a "whistle-blower".

Notably, Kakkar has claimed that in or around 1995, he and his wife had acquired/ purchased a certain plot of land near Salman's farmhouse, for constructing a house, ashram, temple, etc.

Kakkar also claimed that the plot of land allotted to him was allegedly cancelled by the Maharashtra forest department at the behest and in collusion with Khan, and also said that the entry and exit to his plot of land were illegally acquired and blocked by constructing a gate. He also claimed that he had constructed an eco-friendly Ganesh Temple, access to the same also was allegedly blocked and the said temple is grabbed/usurped by Salman's family.

Man Held For Chopping Off Elderly Woman's Feet To Steal Anklets In Jaipur

Agenceis

Jaipur: The man who allegedly chopped off the feet of a 100-year-old woman for stealing her silver anklets has been arrested, police said today.

The accused, Prakash Prajapat (27), was arrested from Toda Meena area in Jaipur's Jamwa Ramgarh on Monday night, they said.

Prajapat used to live as a tenant at the victim Jamuna Devi's residence in Meena Colony, police said. The incident took place in the Galta Gate area at around 5 am on Sunday, they added.

The silver anklets that were stolen from the woman have been recovered from the accused, Station House Officer (Galta Gate) Mukesh Khardia said

Meanwhile, Devi who was admitted to Sawai Man Singh Hospital succumbed to injuries during treatment on Tuesday af-



ternoon

The SHO said on Sunday the accused fled from the spot after robbing the woman and chopping off her feet with a sharp weapon. A case has been registered against the accused under sections 302 (murder), 397(robbery), 407 (criminal breach of trust), 452 (house-trespass after preparation for hurt, assault or wrongful restraint), of the Indian Penal Code, and sections under Arms Act. he said

The police said during interrogation, the accused revealed that he robbed the elderly woman to repay his loan.

STATE

30 HMFD Cases Reported In Kashmir So Far, All Recovered

Agencies

SRINAGAR: At least 30 cases of ily hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) were reported in Kashmir so far with 100 percent recovery

30 infected recovered and no fresh case was reported in the last few days.

The official, wishing not to be rash on the hands and feet, they named, said that 13 cases were reported from a single school while 17 were reported in another school and all of them have returned to their schools.

All these viral illnesses are self-limiting and isolated, proper hygiene, cough etiquette, and of the Valley. "The health dehand washing is key to success, the official said.

The HFMD is a human syn-

War Against Corruption

ACB Filed 111 Firs So Far In 2022 Across J&K others have been filed at the po-

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Acting tough against the corruption in the Union Territory, Jammu & Kashmir's premier anti-graft body, Anticorruption Bureau (ACB) has registered over 100 cases so far in 2022 against the government officials for accepting bribe, their involvement in embezzlement of funds, Disproportionate assets and other cases.

According to figures, a total of 111 FIRs have been registered by ACB so far in this year across Jammu and Kashmir.

Of 111, the highest number of cases has been registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar, details reveal, adding that 37 cases including demanding and accepting bribe, Disproportionate assets, misuse of official position, Embezzlement of funds and

Execution Of NHM's SPIP

2022-23, Funds Release

Other Implementing

Agencies Approved

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Experts believe that the HFMD is a self-limiting infection and complications are very rare. They said that there is a need A top health official told a lo-cal news agency KNO that all the ogy and some other infections can cause similar symptoms.

HFMD is characterized by blisters or sores in the mouth and a said, adding the infection can affect people of all ages especially having weak immunity but the infection mainly occurs in children under age 5. Meanwhile, an official said that no fresh case has been reported from any part partment is fully geared up and ready to tackle any situation," the official said-(KNO)

lice station in between January

Simultaneously, 16 corrup-

tion cases have been registered

at Police Station ACB Anantnag

while 27 have been registered at

Police Station ACB Baramulla so

According to the details, with

only one case, Police Station ACB

Rajouri has recorded the lowest

number of corruption cases fol-

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hampur where only three such

cases have been registered so far.

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At Police Station ACB Jammu,

the sleuths of Jammu & Kashmir's premier anti-graft body

have registered 13 cases so far

Station ACB Doda.

this year.

Kumar Chairs Executive

The details reveal that 7 cases

2022-September 2022.

far in 2022.

Special Summary Revision

Tehsildars To Issue Cert Of Residence To People Residing In Jammu For Over One Year

Press Trust Of India

on Wednesday authorised tehsildars (revenue officials) to issue certificate of residence himan Sangathan Party (DSSP) to those residing in the winter capital for more than one year (DSS) to facilitate their entry in the ongoing special summary re-

vision of electoral rolls. District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, during the Special Summa-Avny Lavasa passed the directive after taking serious note of some eligible voters facing thorised to issue certificate hardships in registration as of residence after conducting voters for non-availability of necessary field verifications, to required documents.

The Special Summary Revi- trict Jammu for more than one sion of electoral rolls has been started in the Union Territory with effect from September 15 for registration of new voters, deletion, correction, transposition of voters who have migrated, died since last sum- that in case none of the menmary revision, amid serious

concern expressed by various political parties over the inclusion of non-locals as voters. The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), headed by National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, on of ordinary residence, electoral Saturday had announced the formation of a 14-member nate an officer for field verificacommittee to chalk out a strategy on the issue of any attempt

of manipulation and inclusion ings taken with the field funcof non-locals in the revised electoral rolls.

The panel has members tant electoral registration offrom the five PAGD constitu- ficers, it has been noticed that JAMMU: Authorities in Jammu ents and several other political some eligible voters are facing parties such as the Congress, hardships in registration as the Shiv Sena, the Dogra Swabvoters for non-availability of documents.

and the Dogra Sadar Sabha Reacting to the order, National Conference the ...Keeping in view the urtweeted,"The Government is gency involved in the matter going ahead with its plan to and to ensure that no eligible add 25 lakh non-local voters in I&K and we continue to oppose voter is left for registration this move. BJP is scared of the ry Revision, 2022 in district elections & knows it will lose Jammu, all Tehsildars are aubadly. People of J&K must defeat these conspiracies at the ballot box.'

Almost all political parties the person(s) residing in disexcept the BJP have strongly opposed the inclusion of nonyear, for the purpose, Lavasa locals as voters, an issue that surfaced when the then chief Quoting the guidelines by the electoral officer Hirdesh Ku-Election Commission of India mar in August said Jammu and Kashmir is likely to get around for registration of the eligible voters, she said it also provides 25 lakh additional voters, including outsiders, after the tioned documents is available, special summary revision of electoral rolls being held for "As for example, categories the first time after the abrogalike homeless Indian citizens tion of Article 370 in 2019.

who are otherwise eligible to Following an outcry, the become electors but do not Union Territory administrapossess any documentary proof tion later clarified that "this revision of electoral rolls will cover existing residents of the registration officers shall desig-Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the increase in It said during review meet- numbers will be of the voters who have attained the age of tionaries including electoral 18 years as of October 1, 2022,

Hurrivat Leader Dies In Detention While Battling Cancer

said in her order.

field verification is must.

tion...," the order read.

KO Web Desk

NEW DELHI: Jailed Hurriyat leader Altaf Ahmad Shah died of cancer at the AIIMS here on Tuesday, a few days after he was taken to the hospital on the orders of the Delhi High Court.

Altaf Shah, popularly known as 'Altaf Fantosh' was a son-in- law and close aide of Syed Ali Shah Geelani, one of Kashmir's top separatists, who died on September 1 last year.

Shah, was 66 and is survived by his wife, son and two daughters. The Hurrivat leader was arrested in 2017 with six others in a terror funding

case and was lodged at the Tihar jail. o family members by the hospital

In a tweet, Ruwa Shah said, "Abu

Shah had posted a series of tweets about her father's deteriorating condition. She had appealed to Prime Shah's body was handed over Minister Amit Shah to release him on health grounds, so that he could

medical document submitted on

the merits of the case as the right to have adequate and suitable treatment is the part of fundamental right as enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution and after considering the totality of the circumstances and in the interest of justice it is ordered that the petitioner be shifted to AIIMS, Delhi for appropriate treatment under the judicial cusconcerned jail superintendent and after following all necessary secu-

300 Delegates Likely To Take Part In Int'l **Conference In Jammu**

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences agriculture sector to develop and Technology (SKUAST)-Jam- sustainable, productive and remu is hosting a 3-day Indian Ecological International Conference on "sustainable agricultural innovations for resilient agri-food systems" here from October 13, a varsity official said on Tuesday.

Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu Prof J P Sharma said the conference, which will be inaugurated by Union Minister supporting sustainable agricul-Jitendra Singh, will discuss climate change and its impacts on agriculture.

There will be five technical sessions and four poster sessions of the mega event. It is expected that 300 delegates from India and abroad will be participating in the event, Sharma said.

He said an exhibition will also be held to demonstrate the innovative technologies generated by SKUAST-Jammu and various public and private sector agencies.

Food security is a global issue affecting millions of people around the world and its effects have been worsened by the Covid pandemic. As the world population continues to grow, much more effort and innovation will be urgently needed in order to sustainably increase agricultural production, improve the global supply chain, decrease food losses and waste, and ensure that all who are suffering from hunger and malnutrition have access to nutritious food,

he said.

The vice chancellor said responding to this challenge requires a holistic view of the silient systems for food production, processing and distribution in order to meet the growing demand in India and globally.

He said the sustainable development goal to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture recognises the inter linkages among ture, empowering small farmers, promoting gender equality, ending rural poverty, ensuring healthy lifestyles and tackling

climate change. Land, healthy soils, water and plant genetic resources are key inputs into food production, and their growing scarcity in many parts of the world makes it imperative to use and manage them sustainably.

Boosting yields on existing agricultural lands, including restoration of degraded lands, through sustainable agricultural practices would also relieve pressure to clear forests for agricultural production, he said.

Sharma underlined the need for wise management of scarce water through improved irrigation and storage technologies, combined with development of new drought-resistant crop varieties.

The sustainability of global food production will depend on our ability to innovate and become much more climateresilient, he added.

Health Dept Denies Presence Of Monkeypox In Uri

Says Reports Show Patients Infected With Chickenpox



ficer (CMO) Baramulla, Dr Bashir lier in Baramulla's Pattan the Ahmed Malik on Tuesday said that there is no need to panic but that too came out to be as the reports about spread of Monkeypox are false.

taken from the suspected pa- of people in border villages and tients who seem to have been in- instructions have been given fected with Monkeypox disease to all schools to follow health are clinically chickenpox and the guidelines for precautionary reports of which are expected within two days positively.

keypox were reported

"To be on the safer side, we took two samples and clinically BARAMULLA: Chief Medical Of- it is said to be Chickenpox. Earsame reports were doing rounds Chickenpox," Malik said.

Preventive measures have al-The CMO said that the samples ready been taken for the safety measures.

A day ago, BMO Boniyar Dr He said the teams from the Parvaiz Masoodi said that eight centre as well as from the di- suspected cases of monkeypox rectorate visited Uri on Monday were reported, saying samples where suspected cases of mon- of two people with severity have been sent for screening-(

Observer News Service JAMMU: Secretary, Health and officers to work hard towards ducation (H&ME) De-

Health Society ture Mission (ABHIM), provision of incentives to staff posted in tough areas, social security benefits in favour of employees un-

der National Health Mission and related issues.

Secretary, while reviewing functioning of National Health Mission in the UT, directed the

Committee Meeting Of State

achieving set goals besides imple



(father) breathed his last at AIIMS,

New Delhi. As a prisoner." Over the past few days, Ruwa

suffering from various ailments. The petitioner is also diagnosed with renal cancer although there is no such

behalf of the petitioner, it said. "However, without going into

Minister Narendra Modi and Home tody and direct supervision of the

registration officers and assis- or earlier".

Tuesday chaired Executive Committee meeting of State Health Society, National Health Mission regarding execution of approved activities under State Programme Implementation Plan for 2022-23 besides release of funds to District Health Societies and other implementing agencies.

Mission Director NHM, J&K, Ayushi Sudan, gave detailed power point presentation regarding approvals received from Government of India against State Programme Implementation Plan of NHM during the current financial year.

The Executive Committee accorded approval for execution of SPIP 2022-23 and release of funds to District Health Societies and other implementing agencies.

Other agenda points disalia included establishment of of Health Services Jammu; Propre-fab units and Critical Care Blocks under ECRP-II, execution man Bharat Health Infrastruc- video conference.

partment, Bhupinder Kumar, on mentation of new interventions. He further asked them to lay stress on field monitoring with focus on programmes especially related to Maternal and Child Health, Free Drugs and Diagnostics, Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers, Quality Assurance, Tele Radiology, Biomedical Equipment Maintenance and

Management Programme. The meeting was attended by Principals of Govt. Medical Colleges; Director Finance H&ME; Zahoor Ahmad; Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, Director Health Services Kashmir; Dr Mohan Singh, Direc-

tor AYUSH, J&K; MD J&KMSCL, Director Planning, NHM, J&K; Ms Rajni Charak; Joint Director H&ME; Sh. Rajiv Bhushan; FA & CAO, SHS, NHM, J&K, Abhishek Talwaria; Representatives from Finance & Planning Department, cussed in the meeting inter Representative from Directorate gramme Managers and other officers from State Health Society, of infrastructure under Ayush- NHM, J&K in person and through

after necessary formalities and it is being taken to Srinagar for last rites.

He had been admitted to the Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital here after he was diagnosed with the disease, and last week, was moved to AIIMS following the intervention of the Delhi High Court. On October 3, the court, while

ordering his shifting to AIIMS, had said "suitable treatment is the part of fundamental right as enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution".

Once considered heir apparent to Geelani, Shah had slipped into coma late on Monday evening before being pronounced dead during the intervening night.

An inconsolable Ruwa Shah, who was fighting her father's case, told PTI: "We were informed about abu's (Shah) passing away late last night." On Tuesday evening, she said that the body has been handed over to under the Constitution and it was in family members after completion of necessary formalities and they are on their way home to complete the last rites. Shah's body was embalmed at AIIMS before it was trans- submitted on behalf of the peti-

"die a free man".

Shah, a resident of Srinagar's Soura locality, was arrested on July 25, 2017, in the case being probed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). His counsel had told the court he was receiving treatment for certain serious ailments at the RML hospital but it was recently revealed he was suffering from the last stage of renal cancer.

While claiming the RML hospital does not have adequate facilities to treat renal cancer, the counsel prayed he should be allowed to be shifted to AIIMS or Apollo Hospital for urgent treatment.

Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain, without going into the merits of the case under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, said the right to have adequate and suitable treatment was the part of the fundamental rights the interest of justice that the petitioner receives treatment at AIIMS. In an order dated October 3, the high court, said the medical record

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rity measures," the court said.

The NIA, after arresting Shah, had filed a charge sheet against him and 11 others, including Lashker-e-Taiba chief Hafeez Saeed and Hizbul Mujahideen head Syed Salahuddin, in a case related to alleged funding of terror and secessionist activities in the Kashmir Valley in January 2018. He had since been facing trial in a special NIA court.

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti meanwhile reacted to Shah's death on Tuesday alleging that while criminals and rapists are released and felicitated, political prisoners or those against whom there are no solid cases are not released on bail even on health grounds.

"Under this government, criminals, rapists, are not only released from jail, but they are welcomed and felicitated," she said.

"But political prisoners or those against whom there are no solid cases are not given bail even on health grounds so that people like Altaf Shah who was critical could spend last moments with his family," the ported to the airport in police escort. tioner reflects that the petitioner is PDP chief said. -With inputs from PTI

BSF To Organise Cycle Rally From Jammu To Bhuj

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) will organise a cycle rally from Jammu to Bhuj in Gujarat -- covering a distance of 2,112 km in 32 days -- as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to mark the 75th anniversary of India's Independence, an official said.

The rally comprising 19 cy-clists will be flagged off by Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of Jammu Mukkesh Singh from the Border Outpost Suchetgarh on the outskirts of Jammu on October 13, the offi-

cial said. He said the rally will conclude on November 13 after covering a distance of 2,112 km.

"This rally has been planned to spread the message of nation- BSF spokesman said.

al integration, patriotism and fraternity among people along the India-Pakistan border areas. Another motive of this cycle rally is to attract the youth to join BSF and other security forces, a

Mughal Road, Other Hilly Areas **Receive Snowfall**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Several areas including Mughal road, Pir Ki Gali and Warna in Kishtwar received season's first snowfall on Tuesday while the weatherman here has predicted dry weather till October 18 evening. The officials of the Meteorological de-

partment said that the season's first snowfall was received in higher reaches today.

A few areas including Mughal road, Pir ki Gali and Warwan received light snowfall, they said.

Deputy Director MeT, Mukhtar Ahmad told a local news agency KNO that the light snowfall would occur at some higher reaches today, but the weather conditions would improve soon.

He said that there is no possibility of any dry spell till October 18 evening as according to the forecast, the weather would remain mostly dry.

Police Files Case After Teen Allegedly Thrashed At Madrassa

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A teenage boy was injured after being allegedly beaten by a Mullah (teacher) of a local Madrassa for not wearing Khan-dress in Kangan area of Central Kashmir's district on yesterday (Monday).

Mother of the boy told a local news agency KNO that her son, aged about 14, had gone to a local Madrassa to learn the Quran, where Mullah, who teaches them there, beat him up,

She further alleged that the teacher beat him up for not wearing Khan-dress, which according to him, is the dress code of the Madrassa. She also alleged that her son received injuries in his left eye, as the teacher had beaten her son ruthlessly.

Meanwhile, a police spokesperson in a statement said that on 10-10-2022 evening, a written complaint was submitted by Mohd Sadig Chiche, son of Abdul Rashid Chiche of Kangan Wuder to the effect that his minor son namely Bilal Ahmad Cheche has been allegedly beaten by a Molvi namely Reyaz Ahmad Khantana, son of Mohd Yousuf of Wooder, Kangan in a local Darul Uloom for not wearing Khandress which is dress code in Darul uloom.

NC Demands Rollback Of Decision To Allow Stores To Sell Beer

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The National Conference on Tuesday denounced the Jammu and Kashmir administration's proposal for authorising departmental stores to sell alcoholic beverages in the urban areas of the Union Territory.

"It is preposterous and mischievous. This will not only indulge youth into a new addiction, but will also have serious ramifications considering

how easy its access has been made," NC state spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar said. He said on one hand, the administration claims it has waged a war against drug addiction and substance abuse, and on the other it is promoting the sale of alcoholic beverages at public places.

Everywhere such decisions are approved only after taking all stakeholders on board, but here in J-K such decisions are being made without the necessary approval or discussion with community leaders, elders, Dar said. The NC demanded immediate rollback of the proposal.

Thief Held With Stolen Wire

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Tuesday said that it has arrested one person for theft of electric wire at Vilgam area of Handwara in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

The police said that they established a naka at Sheikhpora crossing. During checking, a load carrier auto on seeing the naka party tried to flee from the spot in a suspicious manner but was tactfully apprehended by the alert naka party. On search of the vehicle 03 quintals of stolen electric wire has been recovered.

It said that the accused has been identified as Farooq Ahmad Dar, S/o Ab Rashid, R/o Sheer Colony-B Sopore. "The vehicle with registration No. JK01 AB/5369 used in the commission of crime has also been seized," the po-

lice said "In relation to this case FIR No. 113/2022 U/s 379 IPC

stands registered in PS Vilgam and investigation has been initiated," it said.





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KASHMIR OBSERVER Return Of Cinema

pening of a multiplex at the high-security Sonawar in Srinagar has brought cinemas back to the Kashmir Valley after over three decades. The theatre's inaugural film was Aamir Khan's Laal Singh Chaddha, a big-budget remake of 1994 American classic "Forrest Gump" which was, in part, shot in Ladakh and Srinagar.

In 1989, as militancy gripped the Kashmir Valley, theatre owners downed their shutters. Though there was an attempt to reopen a cinema hall along the posh Residency Road in 1999, a grenade attack on the moviegoers killed one and injured several others, forcing the authorities to close the theatre again. Ever since, no other cinema hall has dared to screen any movie. Some of them like Palladium in Lal Chowk have been gutted and the others like Shah Cinema near Qamarwari have been used to accommodate the security personnel. So, the opening of a multiplex is a big development as it testifies to the return of a degree of normalcy to the union territory.

But despite the turmoil, many movies have been shot in Kashmir over the last three decades. This has included the films of Bollywood megastars such as Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan and Aamir Khan, the last one shot sequences of Lal Singh Chaddha last year. About twenty movies have been shot in the Valley during the troubled period, a number of them reflecting Kashmir either as an abode of unyielding terror, or an unremitting battleground between India and Pakistan. Shah Rukh Khan, who shot Jab Tak Hai Jaan a decade ago, used Kashmir's breathtaking geography as a backdrop for a love story rather than as a subject for a story about terrorism. Two years before Jab Tak Hai Jaan, Ranbir Kapoor starrer Rockstar was also shot in the Valley. It restored the Valley to its original image as a romantic abode after the intervening dose of conflict cinema.

Bollywood's return to the Valley - and now followed by a multiplex - however, portrays more than peace. Unlike in the past, Bollywood's relationship with Kashmir is no longer spontaneous and natural. Like everything else in the Valley, it has also become political. Movie-making in Kashmir is about peace, about reinforcing Kashmir's image as a paradise on earth, and also about reflecting the turmoil in the region. But being able to watch a movie at a cinema hall in Srinagar shows Kashmir has come a long way. It indicates a certain level of normalcy that has been restored

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India's Drug Problem

ndia's apex medical regulatory body, Central Drugs

The Deal Broker

US Will Never Let India Buy 'Iranian Oil', Let Alone Its Natural Gas

> lack clouds, as expected, have started to hover on Iran's proposal to India 'to buy' its gas and reply on it within 90 days. It was not to be that easy, of course on tested lines, as Iran has had a long-acrimonious relations with US, and US would never allow India or any other nation to buy 'energy-products' from Iran. The deal was perhaps destined to die-out, and the first symptom on it, has also come. US has imposed sanctions on an Indian company, allegedly to have bought oil from Iran! It has been reported in The Hindu on September 30, that 'US imposes sanction against Indian petrochemical company for 'clandestine Iran oil purchases.

This has happened for the first time, in recent years, as in the wake of India's nuclear blasts (1998) US had sanctions on India which has by now quite faded from the public gaze. But, in the latest turn of events, there is a catch. as the sanctions have not been imposed on India but on just an Indian petrochemical company instead. The concerned company is Tibalaji Petrochem Private Limited, based in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The company is tightlipped till now. But, the issue has triggered considerable worry for New Delhi, as India actually had not attracted any such sanctions even in the wake of Russia S-400 deal with India or even in the wake of India buying Russian oil at a much 'slashed-down' rates, despite US sanctions on Russia in the backdrop of Russia-Ukraine war. The step from US is with a loud-

and-clear message that US wants India to fall-in-line not only in context of Iran but also with reference to Russia as well. US has accused the Indian company to have 'purchased millions of dollars worth of petrochemicals products for onward shipment to China.' In fact, China has never cared for US sanctions and Iran has been reeling under US sanctions for decades, and also does not care much for it, Iran is also under the black list of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), but in between this Iran-China trail, there is also an Indian company, and this is what did not go well with US. Iran survives only by selling its energy-products through grey-market, or else could have wilted under UN and EU sanctions imposed on it for so long. There is



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the India company, Tibalaji, US will freeze its accounts, if any in US and will also block entry of anyone related to this company, inside US. This company is a small fry compared to issues of 'nations' but the big question is what US wants to hone into India by its latest posture?

The hard drawn line which US wants to convey to India is India's continuous economic bonhomie with Russia, particularly, after it is alleged that US has attacked and damaged 'beyond-repair' the Nord Stream -1 energy Baltic sea underwater gas pipeline from Russia to Europe! US is now getting into its groove to finally take a plunge on Russia, as the Russia-Ukraine war since February, is still no-where to come to an end. US and EU are solidly behind Ukraine. US wants India to abide by it too, but India has not as yet toed the US line, and has maintained an equi-distance between Russia and US. But, from the action of US India quickly got its act and underwent into a quickresponse against China, to placate US, as India blocked China's step to pass an anti-Australia (AUKUS) resolution, as India Today 2 reported on October 1, that 'India's 'deft diplomacy' thwarts Beijing's plans to pass anti-AUKUS resolution. China withdrew a draft resolution at the IAEA against the AUKUS grouping seeking to provide Australia with nuclear-powered submarines. The

to act as a deterrent to China in India-Pacific. China does not want AUKUS to succeed as this alliance is to deepen defense ties and increase sharing of intelligence and technology, as under the pact, the UK and the US (have) agreed to help Australia build and operate its own fleet of nuclear-propelled submarines by 2040, expanding its military reach,² informed GCaptian 3 on September 24. India totally saved AUKUS by blocking Chinese at IAEA where there are around 170 nations. India is one of its board members

India came out clearly with two messages. It brought glee to US and European nations, by making it clear that India has 'decades long' relations with Russia but does not share the same sentiment when it comes to China, with which India has border-issues! But, India very interestingly, also abstained from voting against Russia on October 1, at the UNSC resolution against Russia, annexation of 15% Ukrainian land. The resolution was sponsored by US and Albania. India through its steps (against China) regaled US and also kept Russia in good-humour, against US!

No doubt, India has its interests but it would be very-much-interesting to watch Russia when it would come to between China and India. Would Russia also support India? This is what the world would be keen to watch, as Russia had long expressed its unease over India growing strategic convergence with US over AUKUS. In all this melee, the Iran's prospects of India buving its energy-products may be thrown to the backburner.

Haider Abbas

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Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), and state authorities have opened investigations into cough syrups manufactured by Maiden Pharmaceuticals after being alerted by the WHO. Sixty-six children have allegedly died in Gambia after consuming the medicines manufactured by the Haryana-based pharma company. The global health agency said that its laboratory analysis of samples of these syrups — Promethazine Oral Solution, Kofexmalin Baby Cough Syrup, Makoff Baby Cough Syrup, and Magrip N Cold Syrup – revealed the presence of "unacceptable amounts of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol". These chemicals are toxic to humans, and can result in abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhoea, inability to pass urine, headache, and altered mental state. It can also lead to acute kidney injury that can prove fatal in children. In 2020, 17 children died in Jammu and Kashmir after consuming a syrup with high levels of diethylene glycol. After this tragedy, India phased out cough syrups in favour of suspensions that do not carry the risk of containing the two toxins. However, by all accounts, such dubious quality drugs continue to be manufactured, and they often find their way to Third World countries where regulations are weak

Preliminary inquiries have revealed that Maiden Pharmaceuticals manufactured the four cough syrups only for export to Gambia. That should be no reason for relaxing regulatory scrutiny on them in the country of their manufacture. Under the Drugs and Cosmetic Act, 1940 the primary remit for monitoring the manufacture and sale of drugs is that of state authorities. The CDSCO is responsible for laying down standards and providing expert advice to regulators in the states. However, as the 2020 J&K tragedy highlighted, there is very little information sharing between authorities in the states and the Centre. Drugs that fail quality tests in one state continue to be sold in others largely because there is no binding mechanism that stipulates the nationwide recall of such medicines

According to a CDSCO survey in 2014-2016, about five per cent of Indian drugs, several of them manufactured by large pharma companies, failed the quality test. Independent studies suggest that this figure could be much higher. The country's pharma industry has largely been in denial over quality-related concerns expressed by national and international observers. After WHO's alert, the pharma exporter's body, Pharmexcil, did suspend the membership of Maiden Pharmaceuticals. Industry bodies need to do more, including setting up mechanisms for cooperation on quality control amongst firms. Adverse reports on Indian medicines, such as those from Gambia, could dent the country's wellearned reputation of being the pharmacy of the Third World. Indian Express embargo from US etc on Iran.

The standard practice of US is not to impose on sanctions on China but instead on Chinese companies which are engaged with trade with Iran. After US imposition of same on Iran, India totally abandoned Iran, even from its oil-purchase as that would have invited sanctions on India too. China has never cared a fig for any US sanctions as China is probably on all fronts engaged with US over the super-power status. By virtue of now sanctions on

sources said India's 'deft diplomacy' played a crucial role in ensuring that many smaller countries took a clear stand against the Chinese proposal.' AUKUS stands for Australia. United Kingdom and United States.

India answered it, as against Chinese power of 'veto' at UN Security Council (UNSC), by blocking the Chinese resolution at IAEA, much to the applause of European nations as well as US. India has been lately quite engaged into throwing its weight behind AUKUS,

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of expression require. Our publishing a letter does not mean we agree with everything or even anything in it. -EDITOR Safe Guarding Mental Health

an has had always been beset by challenges, fears, apprehensions and disappointments. But never has he reacted such conditions as in the contemporary times. Suicides are frequent and self harm is vehement. We are paying a heavy price in the form of lost lives. Young men and women are leading in the race. They are at the forefront when it comes to negatively responding to the challenges of life. They have failed to value life. They are hasty and impatient. They are pessimistic and narrow-minded in thinking.

Stress, depression, anxiety, restlessness are the hallmarks of our generation particularly youth of our society. Most of the time depression and anxiety is bought by us. Adopting faulty world-views, hazardous life styles, living in imaginary or meta

universe, running away from realities and responsibilities of life lead to the major causes of depression, anxiety and other mental disorders.

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There are many things that cause depression and resulting catastrophies among our youth. The competition in academics, job insecurities, bullying, mobile phone addictions, poor show in exams, envy, jealousy, relationship break ups (presently, the worst of all) are the major factors among many other. Life is to stand up against all odds and filter out unnecessary concerns. The purpose and goal setting are vital components to keep life moving with optimism.

A purposeless life is always bound to be pessimistic.Goals must be lofty and pragmatic. Utopias, sensual pleasures must be subordinate to intellect.Moving beyond filmy scripts, emotionally charged love sto-

ries, action, suspense and drama to a more critical attitude towards things is the need of the hour to safeguard a healthy outlook on life. The adolescent section of our society need to channelize their energies in creative arts, useful sports and social works. Self love, self reliance are the keys to defeat pessimism, disappointment and despair.

The art of sharing one's sorrows, mental issues, communicating one's problems to parents, friends, psychotherapists would go a long way in defeating mental disorders.And last but not least acknowledging that mental disorders are as real as any physical disorders like headache, toothache, stomachache, knee pain etc. It must not be attributed to black magic, superstitions and weak faith. One must never underestimate depression and anxiety. It should be talked out, and treated as soon as possible. Remember depression begins from small things, unattended issues.

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So one must monitor one's thoughts and inclinations. No one knows oneself better than his own self. Watch that if you are not taken away by negative forces or peace snatching activities! Allah's Messenger, Muhammad (peace be upon him) teaches a great thing: "The strong believer is better and more beloved to Allah than the weak believer, although both are good. Strive for that which will benefit you, seek the help of Allah, and do not feel helpless. If anything befalls you, do not say, "if only I had done such and such" rather say "Qaddara Allahu wa ma sha'a fa'ala (Allah has decreed and whatever he wills, He does)." For (saying) 'If' opens (the door) to the deeds of Satan.'

Dr. Ashraf Amin

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Normalising Harassment In The Name Of Responsibility

Why Cultivating Virtues Is Important For Upholding Democratic Values

Mohammad Saalim Farooq

politics is specified through its explicit relationship with the public. Political decisionmaking manifests through public institutions. When feminists claim even "personal is political", the claim is substantiated in making power relationships and domestic hierarchies open to public scrutiny. Any democracy remains inadequate in its structural framework if public institutions are partially constituted.

Institutions get structured by empowering democratically mandated agreements in the form of orders, MoUs, statuaries or regimes. Every institution is upheld by rules and regulations, entrusted in the governance of an institutional head. A limitation in structuring a democracy through institutions is that we cannot create more institutions to check the functioning of other institutions. In other words, we cannot create another police force to check the police. This fundamental limitation is avoided by entrusting the responsibility of an institution with a head, where even the head has to work within the limits of law under which the institution is essentially constituted. To argue whether law is subject to interpretation of the head or whether head is subject to the interpretation of law would be to argue in circles. But it is here, within this circle, abuse emanates. This can be understood through an illustrious example. Imagine person A needs access to a public educational institution, let's say a college. While fulfilling the purpose for which access was required. A witnesses her former male students talking to each other in the college lawn. In the exuberance of seeing each other, students rush to their former teacher, greet her and describe their experience. While talking, the institutional head (henceforth principal sahib) rushes in to get hold of the 'stranger' talking to college students. The conversation follows:

Principal Sahib: (yelling) Hey, Miss... Hello! Who are you? And why are you talking to my students? Person A: Excuse me sir! Why are

you yelling at me? *Principal Sahib:* Hey! You can-

not come here like this, and talk to our students. This is my college and I've a



responsibility to save the honour of my students.

Person A: Sir, I'm amusingly delighted to know that, but you are being very rude to me. Whatever it is, you cannot talk to me like this.

Principal Sahib: (angrily) don't talk! Who are you to these boys? Person A: I've been their teacher

and I was excited to see them study in this college.

Principal Sahib: Don't you see we

have people in uniform here, how can you talk to them here, this is my college not any public park.

Person A: Absolutely sir! This is a public institution with public access and not a private property. Public citizenry can have access to public institutions, and I also have the same rightfully.

Principal Sahib: We have rules here. No strangers are allowed. How can you come in?

Person A: Sir, first of all denying

people entry to public institutions is bizarre, now even if it is a rule then I need to be duly informed about it right at the entry point. But when your gatekeepers allowed me access, I stepped in with a good conscience.

Principal Sahib: You don't tell me this nonsense! It is common-sense to understand that no stranger should get in. Would you like it if a stranger steps-

in your house? Person A: Sir, I fail to understand this. How can you equate a public institution to my house? A specific and fundamental difference stands in between the two; a public institution has public access, whereas my house is my private property.

Principal Sahib: (exhumed with anger in his failure to respond logically) this is my college... I've all the responsibility here...you are a criminal...I

When public gets camouflaged as private, what follows is abuse, misuse, harassment, parochialism, orthodoxy and an immunity to growth and change. All such attributes are abandoned in envisioning values of democracy. Democratic spaces breed heterogeneity; celebrate differences while holding dignity of individuals in a higher esteem

know people like you...I will show you who I'm...

Person A: Excuse me sir! How can you call me a criminal? I'm sorry to inform you but you are subjecting me to public harassment.

Principal Sahib: (while rushing away in anger) Oh you shut up! (Gibberish)

Where does the illustration specify the political and moral err committed? *Principal Sahib* is agitated when his authority (vested in him for public service) is challenged by an ordinary citizen. His pathology seems to be disconcerting and off-putting. Politically

Principal Sahib remains to be obnoxiously naive to differentiate between public and private spaces and morally he boasts himself as a custodian of a parochially understood decency. This is precisely what Dunning-Kruger effect is all about; Principal Sahib with all his limited political and moral knowledge greatly overestimates himself. Perhaps, he remains, unconsciously stuck in the vicious circle of law versus interpreter. One of my scholar friends rightly observes the phenomena as "personalization of public institutions". His argument is that in a democratic space abuse gets reproduced when public institutions are considered as an extension of personal or private spaces.

As feminists would lament about confining women to their domestic drudgery and argue for their emancipation by putting in praxis a political struggle with a slogan of "personal is political", it becomes increasingly necessary to recognize the other side of the coin. When a man positioned as head extends his privately conceived authority (performed as a patriarch) into publically contextualized institutions, he imagines himself as the giver, interpreter and adjudicator of law (or any public rule) in a similar manner he conceives of himself as the 'head of a family'.

Conclusively, the phenomenon remains in a stark contradiction with democratic principles. When public gets camouflaged as private, what follows is abuse, misuse, harassment, parochialism, orthodoxy and an immunity to growth and change. All such attributes are abandoned in envisioning values of democracy. Democratic spaces breed heterogeneity; celebrate differences while holding dignity of individuals in a higher esteem. However, when public institutions are captured by officials, like Principal Sahib of our example, driven by paternalistic psychopathology coupled with incompetence, abuse of power becomes the order of the day. This is why training in developing virtues, as Aristotle had once emphasized, which are in consonance with democratic values of tolerance, freedom, respecting individual dignity remains important.

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Three Ways To Make The Most Of College

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hoosing a college or university course is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. What you study and where you study it will shape your career, your friends and peers and, quite possibly, the rest of your life.

That sounds daunting, especially when this critical decision usually presents itself early on in life. So how are you to make the most of these opportunities? As an education economist and a behavioural scientist, we are well placed to give some good, evidence-based tips on how to make the most of your college or university experience.

1. Try out clubs and societies The benefits of a university education are

not simply in developing a command of a discipline or its transferable skills, but also in the social skills that are acquired and developed over years of study.

This was notably apparent during the pandemic. Although universities were able to transform themselves in terms of delivering courses, the social aspect of being a student was sorely missed by many.

You are shortchanging yourself if you do not explore the opportunities on offer in the clubs and societies at your university. If you have a tendency to be shy then all the more reason to join something. When you enjoy and focus on the club's activity – whether that's ping pong, skydiving or building sets for a play – the conversations will happen naturally.

Don't be fooled into thinking that your time and energy are too limited to devote to anything other than study. A routine of physical activity promotes good sleep and wellbeing.

An activity that takes your mind off work also gives you time to digest your thoughts, which often facilitates those eureka moments. This might explain why Nobel laureates are more likely than their colleagues to be world-class in some extracurricular activities.

Additionally, you will encounter people through clubs and societies who will, even without your knowing it, become role models. The edifying effects of socialising



with people whom we admire is a central theme of the Theory of Moral Sentiments, a wise little book written by the founding father of economics, Adam Smith. A clever experiment tested Smith's observation and found that merely watching a film which had a positive role model in it was sufficient to boost students' test scores a week later.

2. Be conscious of your peers

We are social beings and, consciously or not, we assimilate with those around us. For example, you might think that your academic ambition and diligence is an immutable trait within you. Not so. The economist Bruce Sacerdote leveraged the fact that students were randomly assigned their roommates to test the effect of peers. He found that who you live with has a significant effect on grades. More recent studies suggest that these



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effects persist over a lifetime. A set of recent papers showed that a large driver of social mobility is our social network. A poorer person is more likely to advance into a higher paying job if they have connections with affluent people. There will surely be some cases where this pattern is explained by affluent people directly intervening to help their friends get a foot on the career ladder, but the magnitude of the observed effects is unlikely to be explained by this mechanism alone.

A more pervasive effect, though one that is harder to measure, is that our peers shape our perceptions of what is possible. A related lesson from economics is that poorer students can be afraid to take risks or seek support, which can inhibit academic and extracurricular fulfilment.

The flipside of the entitlement associated with privilege is that those raised in more straitened conditions can lack the confidence to seek what is available to them. Surrounding yourself with ambitious peers therefore seems likely to promote ambition and discovery.

3. Challenge yourself academically University is an opportunity for you to invest in yourself. It is a luxury to be able to make mistakes and to receive guidance from an expert. Use that opportunity to push yourself and learn new things.

There are some students who make the mistake of quitting quantitative subjects such as science, technology, economics or statistics. It's a mistake because people who do persist with quantitative subjects usually earn a premium. In fact, economics outperforms all other subjects (including medicine and mathematics) when measuring average lifetime earnings, for both men and women.

A face-value read on this is that training in quantitative subjects causes people to become more productive in the labour market. This seems likely – these subjects train students to rigorously test hypotheses and evaluate evidence, which is key to knowledge generation and, therefore, progress.

But part of what might be going on here is that graduating from a STEM course signals that you are not a quitter. Another part of it might be that in STEM courses you are hanging around with the sort of people who aim to be high-value employees.

Of course completing a degree in any discipline requires perseverance and the "value" of education is subjective, but the evidence shows particular gains in earnings among those who persist with subjects that teach the scientific method.

A final point of reassurance: time at university is, above all, a time for exploration. It is our experience that if you go into university with an open mind and a havea-go attitude then you will surely stumble into opportunities that will carry you on to a rich and meaningful life.

You should not be afraid of failure. When we run with the fastest, we shouldn't be too hard on ourselves when we occasionally find ourselves towards the back of the pack. Often these are the times when we learn the most.

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Mother's Mood Can Impact Children's Speech Development: Researchers

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ccording to research, postnatal depressive mood can have an impact on children's development and speech. However, it was previously unknown how this impairment manifests itself in infants' early language development.

In a study, scientists at the Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences in Leipzig have now investigated how well babies can distinguish speech sounds from one another depending on their mother's mood.

This ability is considered an important prerequisite for further steps towards a well-developed language. If sounds can be distinguished from one another, individual words can also be distinguished from one another. It became clear that if mothers indicate a more negative mood two months after birth, their children show on average less mature processing of speech sounds at the age of six months.

The infants found it particularly difficult to distinguish between syllable pitches. Specifically, they showed that the development of their so-called Mismatch Response was delayed than in those whose mothers were in a more positive mood. This Mismatch Response in turn serves as a measure of how well someone can separate sounds from one another.

If this development towards a pronounced mismatch reaction is delayed, this is considered an indication of an increased risk of suffering from a speech disorder later in life.

"We suspect that the affected mothers use less infant-directedspeech," explains Gesa Schaadt, a postdoc at MPI CBS, professor of development in childhood and adolescence at FU Berlin and first author of the study, which has now appeared in the journal JAMA Network Open."They probably use less pitch variation when directing speech to their infants." This also leads to a more limited perception of different pitches in the children, she said. This perception, in turn, is considered a prerequisite for further language development.

The results show how important it is that parents use infant-directed speech for the further language development of their children. Infantdirected speech that varies greatly in pitch, emphasizes certain parts of words more clearly - and thus focuses the little ones' attention on what is being said - is considered appropriate for children.

'Underlying Health Issues Linked To Poor Outcomes After Fracture In Older Adults'



Video Games May Trigger Lethal Heart Problems In Some Children: Study

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Playing video games may lead to life-threatening irregular heartbeat in susceptible children whose predisposition may have been previously unrecognised, according to a study.

The research, published recently in the journal Heart Rhythm, documents an uncommon, but distinct pattern among children who lose consciousness while playing video games.

"Video games may represent a serious risk to some children with arrhythmic conditions; they might be lethal in patients with predisposing, but often previously unrecognised arrhythmic conditions," said study lead investigator Claire M. Lawley from The Heart Centre for Children, Australia.

"Children who suddenly lose con-

should be assessed by a heart specialist as this could be the first sign of a serious heart problem," Lawley said.

The team reviewed research literature and carried out a multisite international outreach effort to identify cases of children with sudden loss of consciousness while playing video games.

Across the 22 cases they found, multiplayer war gaming was the most frequent trigger. Some children died following a cardiac arrest, they said. Subsequent diagnoses of several heart rhythm conditions put the children at continuing risk, according to the researchers.

Catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT) and congenital long QT syndrome (LQTS) types 1 and 2 were the most common underlying causes. Both the conditions are characterised by an abnormal heart rhythm.

The researchers noted a high inci-

variants (63 per cent) among the patients, which has significant implications for their families.

In some cases, the investigation of a child who lost consciousness during video gaming led to many family members being diagnosed with an important familial heart rhythm problem, they said. Families and healthcare teams should think about safety precautions around electronic gaming in children who have a condition where dangerous fast heart rhythms are a risk," Lawley said.

The researchers attributed adrenergic stimulation -- of the nerves in body's sympathetic nervous system -- related to the emotionally charged electronic gaming environment behind this phenomenon.

At the time of the cardiac incidents, many of the patients were in excited

were engaging in conflict with companions, they said.

"We already know that some children have heart conditions that can put them at risk when playing competitive sports, but we were shocked to discover that some patients were having lifethreatening blackouts during video gaming," added study co-investigator Christian Turner, from The Heart Centre for Children.

"Video gaming was something I previously thought would be an alternative 'safe activity'. This is a really important discovery," Turner said.

The researchers noted that the need is to ensure everyone knows how important it is to get checked out when someone has had a blacking out episode in these circumstances.

The study notes that while this phenomenon is not a common occurrence,

Here a aving specific combinations of underlying health issues is a significant risk for poorer health outcomes in older adults who have had a fracture earlier, a recent study from the Garvan Institute of Medical Research has revealed.

The findings of the study were published in the journal JAMA Network Open.

The study was conducted on more than 300,000 Danish people aged 50 or older who had sustained a fracture. In patients with fractures closer to the centre of the body (for example, in the hip, spine, upper arm or leg), the researchers found a higher mortality rate than expected for the general population of the same age. If those people with fractures also had multiple or complex health conditions, the mortality risk was higher again.

The researchers found that certain clusters of conditions were associated with increased mortality rates, suggesting this information could be used by clinicians to highlight patients who may require more intensive medical care.

"This is an important study that could really change the way in which we provide medical treatment to older adults," said Professor Jacqueline Center, Head of the Clinical Studies and Epidemiology lab and lead author of the study. "It can potentially be a new way of thinking about how we view people with fractures, considering the site of fracture in light of their specific underlying health conditions." Typically, the management of health conditions like osteoporosis, heart disease or diabetes is considered in terms of the individual disease. However, these new findings suggest that looking at clusters of underlying conditions could indicate someone is at high risk of poorer outcomes, over and above the risk from the condition being treated.



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	well with 200 mm casing tube well 150 Mtr depth and submersible motor at FVSc & AH Shuhama SKUAST Kashmir					
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BUSINESS

Domestic Air Traffic Nearing Pre-Covid Levels A 'Great Sign': PM Modi



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday described the number of daily domestic air passengers nearing the pre-COVID level as a "great sign" and said the focus is on improving connectivity across the country.

air passenger traffic touched 4 across India, which is important lakh and was inching closer to for 'Ease of Living' and economic the pre-COVID level. The country's civil aviation sector is on quoted the tweet by Scindia. the recovery path after being impacted by the pandemic.

Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Monday tweeted that on October 9, India July, as per official data.

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BEIJING: Direct passenger flight

services between India and Chi-

near future unless Beijing modifies its policy of sudden cancel-

lation of scheduled flights every

time some passengers are tested positive for COVID on arrival

in Chinese airports, informed

Flight services between the

two countries have been dis-

rupted ever since coronavirus

was first reported in Wuhan in

late 2019 and spread across the

The flight disruption turned

out to be a major problem for

hundreds of Indian students as

well as families of Indians work-

ing in China and businessmen

to travel back and forth though

Beijing recently lifted the visa

Indian students, mostly study-

ing medicine who were strand-

ed back home due to China's

COVID visa bans, made prepara-

tions to travel to China to rejoin

Following this, about 23,000

ban after about three years.

sources here said.

world.

China Unlikely To Resume

Citing Covid Rules: Report

na are unlikely to resume in the even after the 20th Congress of

Direct Flights With India

achieved the milestone of 4 lakh domestic air passengers.

According to an official release, the prime minister lauded the Indian civil aviation for not only hitting the 4-lakh daily passenger mark but also achieving the highest ever number since pre-COVID era.

"Great sign. Our focus is to On October 9, the domestic further improve connectivity progress," Modi tweeted. He also

In August, Indian airlines carried a total of 1.01 crore passengers, which was 4 per cent higher than the traffic registered in

ly travelling to China through Sri

China is not expected to

change its Zero COVID policy

the ruling Communist Party be-

In recent months, China most-

ly cancelled flights to almost all

countries in 2020, started al-

lowing limited flight services

from some countries, including,

Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan in

But these flights are subject to

the clause that they will be can-

celled for a designated period if any passenger in the incoming

flight tests positive on arrival at

India and China are in talks for

several months to resume the

limited flight services, but the

negotiations made little head-

way due to Beijing's insistence

on flight cancellations rule re-

lated to COVID passengers, the

comply with the rule as they are

not the ones that conduct the

COVID-19 tests which are man-

The airlines find it hard to

the South Asian region.

the Chinese airports.

sources said.

their colleges but experienced datory for all passengers travel-

difficulties due to the absence of ling to China, the sources said.

ginning here on October 16.

Lanka, Nepal and Myanmar.

Growth, Warns Major Economies To Stall

Associated Press

The Worst Is Yet To Come'

last year. The Inter-WASHINGTON: national Monetary Fund is nian zero-COVID policy and has downgrading its outlook for cracked down on excessive real the world economy for 2023, estate lending, disrupting busiciting a long list of threats that include Russia's war against Ukraine, chronic inflation pressures, punishing interest rates standards. and the lingering consequences of the global pandemic.

The 190-country lending an countries that share the euro agency forecast Tuesday that currency, reeling from crushingthe global economy would eke out growth of just 2.7% next year, down from the 2.9% it had estimated in July. The IMF left unchanged

its forecast for international growth this year a modest 3.2%, a sharp deceleration from last year's 6% expansion. The bleaker forecast was no

surprise.

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva, noting the grim backdrop to this week's fall meetings of the IMF and the World Bank in Washington, warned that the "risks of recession are rising" around the world and that the global economy is facing a "period of historic fragility.

In its latest estimates, the IMF slashed its outlook for growth in the United States to 1.6% this year, down from a July forecast of 2.3%.

It expects meagre 1% U.S. growth next year. The fund foresees China's year, down drastically from 8.1% and other central banks fuelled an unexpectedly strong and Beijing has instituted dracospeedy recovery from the pandemic recession.

But the stimulus came at a nigh cost.

ness activity. China's growth is Factories, ports and freight forecast to accelerate to 4.4% yards were overwhelmed by pownext year, still tepid by Chinese erful consumer demand for manufactured goods, especially in the In the IMF's view, the collec-United States, resulting in delays, tive economy of the 19 Europeshortages and higher prices.

(The IMF expects worldwide consumer prices to rise 8.8%



cession.

First, the pandemic and the The Fed has raised its benchlockdowns it generated brought mark short-term rate five times the world economy to a standthis year.

Higher rates in the United States have lured investment away from other countries and strengthened the value of the economy growing just 3.2% this neered by the Federal Reserve dollar against other currencies.

fects of three powerful

forces: the Russian invasion of Ukraine, a cost-

of-living crisis caused by

persistent and broaden-

ing inflation pressures,

the slowdown in

'Govt Taking Reforms For **Boosting Economic Conditions Of Tribal Communities'**

Sheds for livestock, financial assistance being provided to families



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Union Territory Administration of Jammu and Kashmir is taking revolutionary reforms and welfare measures for improving the living standards of the members of the tribal community.

In order to boost the economincrease livestock productivity manner of all the tribal families with focus on untapped potential for the export and value added products.

ning to bring out a social secu- Affairs Department will extend rity scheme for sheep breeders the financial assistance of Rs with a provision of insurance One lakh each to 1500 Self Help cover to the livestock. The Gov- Groups for Wool Shearing Maernment is also preparing a chines and skilling. 50 Self Help comprehensive policy for health Groups will receive Rs 3.00 Lakh cards and monitoring of health each for GenSet and solar power for disease prevention and control measures for livestock.

As per the official data, High genetic potential breeds of sheep, exotic breeds for crossbreeding, marketing facilities through better breeding practicand preventive mechanism of es, technology transfer, doubling endemic disease will form the core objectives of the policy.

modernization and promotion of the sheep farming sector and strengthening of commercial activities and output of the sector which provides the means of livelihood to about 12 lakh families in the UT.

Notably, Jammu & Kashmir holds the distinction of having the highest per capita consumpic conditions of tribal people, tion of sheep/goat meat in the the Government is working to country. The huge demand of sheep/goat meat is more of an and production in a sustainable opportunity than a challenge as it offers huge scope for the sheep and goat farmers.

UT Government is building 1000 sheds for livestock of the The Government is also plan- tribal community and Tribal based shearing machines for Dhoks.

UT government has partnered with New Zealand to develop a model sheep farming system wool and meat production, marketing, capacity building and Many reforms have been in-troduced by the government for sheep breeders.

Markets Extend Losses For 3rd Day As Global Risks Weigh; Nifty Ends Below 17K

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Market benchmarks closed deep in the red on Tuesday, mirroring a negative trend overseas as tightening monetary policy globally and escalation of the war in Ukraine continued to weigh on sentiment.

Sliding for the third straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex slumped 843.79 points or 1.46 per cent to settle at 57.147.32



IMF Cuts India's Economic Growth Forecast To 6.8% In 2022

ID-19 hit in early 2020.

still in the spring of 2020.

Then, vast infusions of gov-

ernment spending and ultra-

low borrowing rates engi-

IMF Cuts 2023 Global

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tional Monetary Fund (IMF)

in 2022 to 6.8 per cent, as it joins other global that have agencies trimmed forecasts.

pected outturn in the second and lockdowns in China with quarter and more subdued a growing property sector crisis, the IMF said. "The global economy con-

Global growth is forecast to slow from 6.0 per cent in tinues to face steep challeng-



on Tuesday cut its projection

The IMF had in July projected a gross do-

WASHINGTON: The Interna- external demand.

of India's economic growth 2021 to 3.2 per cent in 2022 es, shaped by the lingering ef-

In response, the Fed and oth-Russia's attack on Ukraine and Western sanctions against Moser central banks have reversed cow, will grow just 0.5% in 2023. course and begun raising rates The world economy has endramatically, risking a sharp dured a wild ride since COVslowdown and potentially a re-

pensive in view of the demand.

However, over 100 Indian to China in recent weeks travelling through the third country routes, especially via Hong Kong.

Informed sources here said, in view of the unlikelihood of the resumption of flights, Indians are tested positive on arrival, the are advised to travel through Hong Kong which has daily connectivity from India. From there they can take a flight to Chinese cities, where they have to undergo a seven-day quarantine.

Indian passengers are current-

The COVID tests are conduct The flights through the third ed at designated centres by the countries were exorbitantly ex- Chinese Embassy in India and also the "green code" to travel by flight is given by the Chinese students reportedly returned mission without which passengers cannot board the flight, they said.

In the entire process, the airline has no role but it has to bear the brunt of cancellations for

several days if some passengers sources said.

In view of this, direct flights between India and China are unlikely to resume unless Beijing scraps the rule as the talks were bogged down on this issue, they said.

nestic product (GDP) growth of 7.4 per cent for India in the fiscal year that started in

pandemic.

Economist

April 2022. Even that forecast was lower than 8.2 and 2.7 per cent in 2023. This of the IMF, in his forward to per cent projected in January this year.

India had grown at 8.7 per cent in 2021-22 fiscal (April 2021 to March 2022). In its annual World EcoChina," said Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, Economic Counsellor and the Director of Research

is the weakest growth pro- the WEO released during the file since 2001, except for the annual meeting of the IMF global financial crisis and the and the World Bank. acute phase of the COVID-19

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More than a third of the global economy will contract The economic growth proin 2023, while the three largnomic Outlook report re- jections reflect significant est economies -- the United leased on Tuesday, the IMF slowdowns for the largest States, the European Union, said outlook for India is economies: a US GDP contrac- and China -- will continue growth of 6.8 per cent in 2022 tion in the first half of 2022, a to stall. "In short, the worst a 0.6 percentage point down- euro area contraction in the is yet to come, and for many grade since the July forecast, second half of 2022, and pro- people 2023 will feel like a reflecting a weaker-than-ex- longed COVID-19 outbreaks recession," he wrote.

The broader NSE Nifty tumbled 257.45 points or 1.49 per cent to end at 16,983.55.

IndusInd Bank was the biggest laggard among the Sensex constituents, dropping 3.70 per cent, followed by Nestle India, Tata Steel, Infosys, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra, Dr Reddy's, and HUL.

Only two counters managed to close with gains -- Axis Bank and Asian Paints, rising up to 1.15 per cent.

"Investors are becoming riskannouncement of inflation data Rs 55,309 crore.



prevented a better-than-expected start to IT earnings from improving market mood.

"However, as compared to global counterparts, domestic selling is not as aggressive since FII selling is primarily absorbed by DIIs," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

The country's largest IT ser-vices exporter TCS on Monday averse due to rising geopolitical reported an 8.4 per cent growth turmoil as well as worries about in its September quarter net the global economic slump. In- profit at Rs 10,431 crore, while vestors' caution ahead of the revenues jumped 18 per cent to

Railways' Passenger Revenue In Apr-Oct 8 Period Up By 92%

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The railways' passenger revenue in the period between April 1 and October 8 was around Rs 33,476 crore, an increase of 92 per cent over the corresponding period last year, the national transporter said in a statement on Tuesday.

The Indian Railways' passenger revenue on originating basis during the April 1-October 8 period last year was Rs 17,394 crore.

In the reserved passenger segment, the total approximate number of passengers booked during the period is Rs 42.89 crore as compared to 34.56 crore during the same period last year, showing an increase of 24 per cent, it said.

The revenue generated from reserved passenger segment during the period from April 1 to October 8, 2022 is Rs 26,961 crore as compared to Rs 16,307 crore during the same period last year, showing an increase of 65 per cent.

In the unreserved passenger segment, the total approximate number of passengers booked during the period is Rs 268.56 crore as compared to Rs 90.57 crore during the same period last year, showing an increase of 197 per cent.

Tourists Flock To Japan After Covid Curbs Lifted

Associated Press

TOKYO: Eager to admire colourful foliage, eat sushi and go shopping, droves of tourists from abroad began arriving in Japan on Tuesday, with the end of pandemicfighting border restrictions that had been in place for more than two years.

"We got the news that we can finally come. We are really, really happy," said Nadine Lackmann, a German who was among the crowd of tourists arriving at Tokyo's Haneda airport.

Travellers like Lackmann are expected to deliver a sorely needed 5 trillion yen (

35 billion) boost to the world's thirdlargest economy.

And the flood of visitors is expected to keep growing.

A daily limit of 50,000 arrivals is gone. Airlines have added flights in response to the full re-opening of borders.

Visa-free travel is back for short-term business visits and tourism from more than 60 countries.

David Beall, a photographer based in Los Angeles who's been to Japan 12 times, has already booked a flight, planning to go to Fukui, Kyoto, Osaka, and Tokyo. The last time he was in Japan was in October 2019.

Indian Economy Doing Fairly Well: IMF Chief

SHORT TAKES

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WASHINGTON: India's economy is doing fairly well, but additional monetary tightening is required, Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, Chief Economist of the IMF said on Tuesday, as the global lender trimmed its projection of the country's economic growth in 2022 to 6.8 per cent.

In its annual World Economic Outlook report, the International Monetary Fund said outlook for India is growth of 6.8 per cent in 2022 a 0.6 percentage point downgrade since the July forecast, reflecting a weaker-than-expected outturn in the second quarter and more subdued external demand.

India had grown at 8.7 per cent in the 2021-22 fiscal (April 2021 to March 2022).

"India has been doing very well in 2022 and is expected to grow fairly robustly in 2023. We expect a growth rate at 6.8 per cent for this year, and the projection for the country is 6.1 per cent for the next year," Gourinchas told reporters at a news conference here to release the World Economic Outlook report.

It's a downward revision this year, and it's mostly due to the external outlook as well as tighter financial conditions, and the growth revision for the first quarter of the fiscal year came in weaker than previously expected, he said.

Rupee Darts Up 19 Paise To 82.21 Against US Dollar

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MUMBAI: The rupee rebounded from its all-time low to close 19 paise higher at 82.21 against the US dollar on Tuesday amid softening crude oil prices.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 82.35 against the greenback. It witnessed a high of 82.21 and a low of 82.41 during the session.

It finally ended at 82.21, up 19 paise from its previous close.

On Monday, the rupee had slipped 10 paise to finish at a fresh lifetime low of 82.40.

"Rupee traded in a narrow range after hitting fresh all-time lows against the US dollar. Dollar has been gaining momentum in the past few sessions following betterthan-expected non farm payrolls numbers from the US," said Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Safe haven buying also led to an upmove in the dollar after Russia rained cruise missiles on busy Ukrainian cities on Monday. On the domestic front, the inflation number will be important to watch which will be released on Wednesday.

"We expect the USD-INR (Spot) to quote in the range of 82.20 and 82.80," Somaiya added.

'MFI Loans Decline In June Qtr, NPA Situation Improves'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The June quarter witnessed a marginal decline in the overall microlending outstanding on a sequential basis, but there was an improvement in the asset quality, a report said on Tuesday.

There was a 0.2 per cent decline in the overall microfinance book to Rs 2.85 lakh crore during the three months to June when compared with the number as of March-end, the report by CRIF High Mark said.

The micro loans were up 18 per cent when compared with the year-ago period, the report by the credit information company added.

The April-June quarter last year, which saw the devastating second wave of the pandemic, had led to a massive impact on microlenders both from loan growth as well as delinquency perspective.

The June quarter saw Rs 49,788 crore of loans being disbursed, which was 39.2 per cent lower than what was achieved by the industry in the preceding March quarter, but 88.9 per cent higher than the year-ago period, the report said.

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ALARM BELLS:

In a more sombre tone, she said, "You should keep provisions for customers to come again and again."

After a thorough debate on soaring gold prices and the overall market inflation in wedding season, the motherdaughter duo came out of the jewellery shop. The way Shireen's mother clung her bag to her body indicated that after all a deal had been struck between the two parties.

A year ago, Shireen had managed to get the job of a general line teacher in the department of education after a long wait and repeated labour of seven years.

All this while, she had seen her friends and batchmates entering nuptial knots and procreating their families. But matchmakers visiting her house had a categorically clear stance – like attracts like.

Thus, a well-off family looked for a similar khandani ghar(decent household)as theirs and a shareef koor(charactered girl) for their shareef ladka (charactered boy) and to find a shareef koor having a decent government job would be icing on the cake.

As such, till her employment in the government sector, Shireen's family could hardly find a good match for her. The matchmakers would visit the family twice a week, fetch their fair share of bucks and leave with the promise of coming back with a better match. It was only after Shireen's mother starting paying obeisance at the Makhdoom Sahab Shrine every Thursday that good luck knocked on their door and the seed of marriage between Shireen and Iqbal were sown.

"Iqbal der se hi aata hai," his friends would tease him whenever Iqbal would be late for classes as a young boy. But as time passed by, the teasing remark proved out to be a midas chant for Iqbal by the virtue of which things would never fall in place at the right time in his life.

His engineering degree took longer than normal to finish. After that, when Iqbal was looking for a job, he did not get one, which pushed him out of his ideal marriageable age.

Finally, as Iqbal let go of his dreams of becoming a successful engineer and took exams of all sorts coming his way, he got appointed as a Junior Stenographer. But as fate would have it, damsels in distress were not sought by Iqbal's family and working women would reject him right away on the pretext of not fulfilling their idea of a potential groom.

While talking to the matchmakers, Iqbal's father would reiterate his flexibility vis a vis the choice of bride for Iqbal. "It is so unfortunate that girls' demands are sky-high these days with regard to the guy they wish to marry. They are no longer as complaisant as they would be in our times.

My son is an engineer but even then, we don't want an engineer girl for him. Any working woman would do and that too is for the sake of ease in their living."

Iqbal's habitual lateness dragged him to late-thirties where he finally got appointed as a relationship executive in the I&K Bank and it was this which took Assistant in accordance with the government policy pertaining to the job.

Lately promoted to the position of Senior Assistant, Saleem, a father to two little boys, never faced the kind of problems that Iqbal did in getting married. His early appointment in the government sector saved him from all the hassles that men of his age grappled with.

The cultural milieu of Kashmir has always been in line with the religious spirit of Islam. However, the past decade has seen a gradual divergence among the two and the otherwise blurred boundaries are becoming conspicuous. In the light of this emerging scenario, Faisal Naqash, PhD scholar in Islamic Studies from Aligarh Muslim University, defines the purpose of marriage in the light of the holy book.

"It is manifest and succinct and can be comprehended from the following two verses," he says:

"It is He who created you from one soul and created from it its mate that he might dwell in security (peace) with her..." [7:189]

"And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquillity (peace) in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed, in that are signs for people who give thought." [30:21]

"These Quranic verses," Faisal continues, "make it quite obvious that marriage is primarily intended to foster peace, contentment, and harmony. Unfortunately, today's youth are finding contentment in money and material possessions. Late marriages are increasingly being planned out rather than being the result of external restraints and social pressures. Youth are determined to place less importance on marriage and prioritize other factors, which typically include career-related considerations, the desire for higher qualifications, handling family obligations, and becoming extremely selective in their partner selection. However, financial stability and a desire for riches are the most significant causes of late marriages."

Faisal adds, "Allah clearly mentions in the Quran—"And marry the unmarried among you and the righteous among your male slaves and female slaves. If they should be poor, Allah will enrich them out of His bounty, and Allah is allbountiful and all-Knowing." [24:32]

Sadly, he says, youth are deviating toward a pointless existence that has no meaning at all and growing more materialistic instead of using the enormous diversity of religious resources at their disposal as a guiding light to spend their lives in the right way and in accordance with the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Grand Mufti of J&K and Chairman, J&K Muslim Personal Board, Mufti Nasir-ul Islam identifies a number of reasons having paved way to the growing trend of delayed marriages, among which he rules out two of most important causes.

"Ignorance is the major reason why the trend of late marriages has set in our society," he opines.

"On one hand, there is a huge demand for dowry [Jahez] by the groom's family and on the other hand, they are not ready to give out the Meher[dower paid by the groom] to the bride.' Another reason, he says, is Israf or unnecessary spending that the elite class indulges in so as to make their wedding ceremonies lavish and extravagant. "This puts the other sections of the society in an awkward position where parents, instead of marrying their wards with austerity and simplicity, defer their weddings till they can manage to throw lavish wedding parties." Taking the responsibility of educating the masses through Friday sermons, the Grand Mufti assures to take an initiative in this regard. Prior to the 1990s, the average marriageable age was 23 years for males and 20 years for females. The exponential rise in the aforementioned has unfailingly caught the attention of all the sections of the society including writers and poets who express alarm and utmost concern through their pen. Zareef Ahmad Zareef, a veteran Kashmiri poet, writer and social activist has his say on the issue of late marriages in Kashmir: "Kashmir has been a nationality, a civilization and not a subcivilization. Early marriage as an ideal has been integral to the traditional value system of Kashmir which looked at the idea of marriage as a sacred union and not just a legal bond or a social sanction to live together. The pillar of marriage was seen as a guard of honour standing upright on the pedestal of equality or zatchi zaet which meant union of the people of same temperament." In his famous poem 'Taaran Garee', poet Zareef derides the mentality which looks at a daughter-in-law as a source of income to the family:"Korein chi waeriv goadi pritschaan /Nosh koorkati service karaan //Kya grade chus kitschnoukri / Taaran GareeTaaran Garee" (Before anything, in-laws of girls ask this /Where does the bride do her service(job)? / What grade, what job, what salary? // Taaran Garee Taaran Garee!). Zareef mentions how the essence of native Kashmiri customs has been marred by people in a fit to emulate others. Citing dowry as a foreign borrowing, he says, "A typical Kashmiri society required the groom's family to bear all the expenses of the marriage ceremony. One of the primeval customs included the deliverance of Wouri Kath (sheep for the wedding party), Toumli

Khaar (rice for the wedding party) and Saazi Dyaar (money to buy jewellery and other necessary items) to the bride's family by the groom's father.

Pitful as it is, Zareef disregards the literacy of modern times that leaves youth all prone to indiscretion with regard to the grave issues of life. "People have become highly literate but it is only true education which instilssha'oor (sensibility of thought)," he says."The alarming situation of late marriages only insinuates at the fact that our youth are Sanad-yafta (Degree Holders/Literate) and not Taleem-yafta (Educated)."

Zareef iterates the importance of compromise in marriage. "Our female folk dread the idea of marrying men who are less qualified in terms of literacy, education or profession in comparison to them. As such, they transcend their marriageable age and lose the beauty of their youth. Therefore, women are more culpable of propagating late marriages than men."

Three years on, Shireen and Iqbal are still struggling for peace in their lives.

The initial days of marital bliss have been trounced by distress and agitation. Despite having previously undergone a great deal owing to their delayed marriage, the couple is still enduring the social expectations associated with being childless. They await good while constantly swigging the contempt of the society, its coldness and the clamour in its silence.

Justice Magrey

and Ladakh, with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office," reads a notification issued by Rajinder Kashyap, Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

Similarly, in exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 222 of the Constitution of India, the President, after consultation with the Chief Justice of India, ordered transfer of Justice Pankaj Mithal as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Rajasthan. Justice Mithal has been directed to assume charge of the office of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Rajasthan, a separate notification reads.

LG Talks Tough

to make the response system more resilient to harsh conditions. Advance arrangements should be made for higher reaches and those areas where access is limited during the winters," Sinha said.

"Connectivity, hospitals, power & water supply and educational institutions should be the priority of the administration. Dedicated power supply must be ensured for the hospitals and water supply schemes," he added.

The spokesperson said that the LG directed the officers to ensure coordinated action plans are in place for uninterrupted power & water supply, round the clock availability of public utilities, ration, medicines and other necessities.

He said that while reviewing the plan prepared for the three important stretches - Patnitop, Jakhani - Banihal and Banihal - Qazigund of NH-44, the meeting was informed that the Panthyal tunnel and T5 will be ready by December 15 this year. arrangements in health, educational institutions and Civil Secretariat.

"Submit traffic plans in advance to ensure there is no constraint to essential supplies," the LG asked the officials.

The meeting, the spokesperson said, was informed that special efforts are being made for timely treatment and medical care of the pregnant women from snow bound and higher reaches areas.

He said that a detailed presentation was also given on Avalanche warning, prevention of horticulture, Helicopter services to cut off areas, advisories to the people regarding slippage of snow from rooftop.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners Jammu and Kashmir; IGP Traffic; Chairman and Managing Directors of Power Corporations and senior officials of Civil Administration, Police Department, BRO, NHIDCL, NHAI and other executing agencies attended the meeting, in person and through virtual mode, at Civil Secretariat.

Launches Mobile

The LG made these remarks while jointly inaugurating 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) programme and Mobile Veterinary Unit Scheme in J&K along with Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Parshottam Rupala here on Tuesday, an official spokesperson said. Addressing the gathering, he said,

Addressing the gathering, he said, the LG expressed deepest gratitude to PM Narendra Modi and Union Minister Rupala for implementing the scheme and launch of 50 State-of-the-Art Mobile Veterinary Units to provide veterinary health services at the doorsteps. "The new initiative will play a signifi-

"The new initiative will play a significant role in vaccination, breeding, and livestock extension programs" Sinha said.

"Now the veterinary Hospital is just a call away. Dairy farmers can dial 1962 on phone and a Mobile Veterinary Unit, equipped with State-of-the-Art veterinary diagnostic and treatment accessories, a qualified Veterinarian, a Para-Vet, will be at their door step," he added.

Pointing out that women have played a crucial role in sustaining the household incomes by participating in the agricultural activities including livestock rearing, the LG, as per spokesperson said that tangible interventions in livestock sector can guarantee increase in household income and women

empowerment. "Although the livestock sector offers tremendous opportunities for women but till now institutional support was lacking. This gap will be filled with the launch of A-HELP program," the LG said.

"For holistic growth of agriculture & allied sector, we have identified key areas where J&K UT has a core competence for integrated action. We have decided to achieve certain goals with clear targets. It is our responsibility to fully support our farmers in building a bright future for themselves and the society," he added.

Noting that agriculture & allied sector is full of self-confidence today and is marching forward on the path to prog-

Union Ministry to the UT Government for development and growth of the Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and the Dairy sector.

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Further, he said, the Union Minister said that record number of tourists visiting the UT speaks volumes about the new and changed Jammu Kashmir.

"He also expressed his affection towards the language, culture and the warm hospitality of the people of J&K," the spokesperson said.

'J&K Striding

for their redressal. Earlier, Barla inaugurated an exhibition-cum-awareness camp to highlight various development schemes and also distributed assistance among beneficiaries under various social and financial assistance schemes of different sectors launched by the central as well as J-K government.

He also distributed two-wheelers (scooties) among specially-abled persons and vehicles to selected persons under the Mumkin scheme, an official spokesman said.

He said Barla made e-inaugurations and e-foundations of several projects including three water supply schemes of Rs 10.5 crore. The water supply schemes are Karol Rs 1.96 crore, Neera (New) Rs 3.37 crore and Bhordhar Rs 5.18 crore under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The minister also inexumuted de

The minister also inaugurated development projects including Amrit Sarovars, Doori Laggali, Dhandrath-B, Thalwa, Pernote B, Livera, Chamalwas, Sankri Mandir Khaldhar and Harvesting Pond and Bass Bhattan, the spokesman said.

Govt Shifts Several

Executive Director, JKEDI, is transferred and posted as Secretary in the Housing and Urban Development Department.

"Tariq Ahmad Zargar, JKAS awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department is posted as Director General, Estates, Kashmir, relieving Mr. Tariq Hussain Ganai, JKAS, Director, Hospitality and Protocol, J&K of the additional charge of the post."

It added that Bhawani Rakwal, JKAS, Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Secretary in the Social Welfare Department.

"Shafqat Iqbal, JKAS, Registrar, Cooperative Societies, J&K, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Production Department," it reads.

Kansal Hails

Accreditation exercise conducted by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

While 4 colleges have secured 'A' grading, 1 college has secured B++ grading and 10 colleges 'B+' grading. As many as 26 colleges have completed the formalities and are awaiting formal inspection and award of grades.

Kansal reiterated that the Higher Education Department was determined to ensure that all eligible degree colleges get NAAC accredited this year.

Besides, GCOE Srinagar, which was awarded the 'A' grade vesterday. GDC

each level of accreditation. Over a period of time, it was envisaged that every college would develop into either an Autonomous degree-granting College, or a constituent college of a university. Kansal expressed confidence that J&K's HEI were well on track to take advantage of the opportunities made available by the NEP-2020.

NIA Raids 18

One such organisation is Al Huda Educational Trust(AHET) of district Rajouri. AHUT has been found raising funds through various means, including donations, hawala etc purportedly for charitable purposes, but are instead using these funds to radicalise and incite the youth of J&K for unlawful activities and disrupt the territorial integrity and sovereignty of India. NIA had suo-moto registered the case on 03.09.2022," the NIA statement read.

It said that the investigations have revealed that the arrested accused Mohammad Ameer Shamshi is the Chairperson (Nizam-e-ala) of AHET and acts on the directions of the Chief Patron of the Trust. Investigations have also revealed that the ex-officio Chief Patron of AHET is the Ameer-e-Jamaat, JeI (J&K). The trust has continued to raise funds even after the declaration of JEI, J&K as an 'unlawful association'. Suspect links with other NGOs and trusts operating in the Kashmir valley have also emerged during investigations.

"During the searches conducted, several mobile devices and documents related to funding, properties etc have been seized," the statement said, adding that further investigation in the case is on.

Centre Announces

ministries/departments are advised to bring it to the notice of all their employees that any misuse of LTC will be viewed seriously and the employees will be liable for appropriate action under the rules," the order said. In order to keep a check on any kind of misuse of LTC, ministries/departments are advised to randomly get some of the air tickets submitted by the officials verified from the airlines concerned with regard to the actual cost of air travel visa-vis the cost indicated on the air tickets submitted by the officials, it added. All eligible government servants may

avail LTC to visit any place in the northeast, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh against the conversion of their one home town LTC in a four-year block period, the order said. Government servants, whose home town and headquarters/place of posting are same, are not allowed the conversion of any home town LTC, it said. The government servant whose home town is situated in the northeast, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh will also be allowed conversion of home town LTC for availing this scheme to visit any place in any one of the three regions out of the above mentioned four regions except the region wherein his/her hometown is situated, the order said.

Fresh recruits are also allowed conversion of one of the three home town LTCs in a block of four years, applicable to them to visit the northeast, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, it said. In addition, they are allowed one additional conversion of home town LTC to visit Jammu and Kashmir/Ladakh in a block of four years, the order said.

his level a notch up in the eyes of all those who had earlier rejected him.

Thus, when the matchmaker put forth Iqbal's biodata, Shireen's parents were not to let go of him.

So many Shireens and as many lqbals make up the Kashmiri society - a society where the menace of late marriages raising its head like a ferocious dragon is not looked at with the kind of repulsion that it ideally deserves. Instead of fearing the deadly fire coming out of it, potent enough to dash all and sundry to ashes, the dragon is extolled for its grandiose eminence.

Millennials appear to be in no rush to get married. For them, marriage is just a milestone to check off a list and in order to do that, they have to tick-mark the milestones falling prior to the marriage milestone. Fearing financial insecurity as one of the reasons people divorce, men wait until they are financially stable to get hitched. Financial independence is as dear to women as to men.

As such, the pursuit of careers is likely to be one of the big reasons marriages are being put on hold by women folk. Yet, there are people who are antsy to get married, but refrain from it owing to economical instabilities.

Qurat Masoodi, Chairperson "Aash – the hope of Kashmir" is one of those few people, who try to cater to the financial problems of the aforementioned stratum of the society, through dedicating her NGO to the sole cause of mass marriages since 2018.

"We facilitate things for those who wish to marry but lack financial resources for it," she says.

Qurat is not unaware of the job culture that has crept into the society as a pre-requisite for marriage and she holds men and women equally responsible for it.

"Decreasing fertility rate, abnormality in kids and miserable married lives are all a resultant of avaricious men and career-oriented women indulging in late marriages," she says."Our focus should be on making Nikaah easy."

Iqbal's paternal cousin and his agemate Saleem had entered the matrimonial relationship a decade ago. Saleem's late father, head assistant in the High Court had passed away when Saleem was only 19 and thus the latter got appointed in the High Court as a Junior December to this year.

According to the spokesperson, the LG also sought details from the departments and agencies on availability of snow clearance machines and cutters, besides seeking report from the concerned departments to ensure smooth flow of movement on National & State Highways, major, inter district and PMGSY roads and Airport road.

The LG, he said, passed strict directions to the officials for timely clearance of the snow from the roads, lanes and by-lanes of Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

"Disciplinary action will be taken for lack of accountability and services during winters," Sinha said.

The meeting was also informed that SMC has 43 snow plough tractors and deployment plan of 3500 sanitation workers and labourers is ready.

The spokesperson said that the LG asked the Airport authority and the concerned departments to share responsibility for snow clearance. He further said that the meeting decided to hand over the structure to the airport authority for lodging of passengers in case of delayed flights.

"The chair was informed that a robust mechanism has been laid down where a citizen can raise the issue related to snow clearance through the Meri Sadak app and speedy action will be taken to address the same," he said.

The LG, he said, also asked the departments to explore modalities for timely snow clearance from village roads and ensure uninterrupted power supply and connectivity to tourist places like Gulmarg, Pahalgam and Sonamarg.

The spokesperson said that Divisional Commissioners and executing agencies were advised to make a detailed plan to keep the Sinthan top open for vehicular movement during winters.

Sinha, he said, further directed the officers to ensure buffer stock of transformers, timely and speedy repairing & changing of the damaged Transformers.

"Only minimum scheduled power curtailment should be done in metered areas," the LG said.

The spokesperson further said that Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited was directed to ensure 100 % coverage of electric meters in Srinagar, while explicit direction was passed for making heating ress, the LG, as per the spokesperson, informed that an apex committee has already laid down the road map and assured the farmers that no region in the country has developed such model.

Sinha, he said, further sought participation of all stakeholders for the effective implementation of the recommendations of the apex committee on the ground.

The spokesperson said that the LG further stated that dedicated efforts of Self Help Groups and Cooperatives are complemented by the government support to strengthen the entire valuechain from milk production, processing to marketing so that farmers can receive higher prices and improve their quality of life.

"Milk Self Help Groups and Farmer Producers Organisations established by JKRLM will be called as village level dairy Cooperative Societies and they will become eligible for various benefits provided under different central sector schemes," Sinha said.

The LG, the spokesperson said, emphasized that Dairy farmers have played a key role in making J&K UT selfsufficient in milk production, and asked the Animal Husbandry Department and Cooperatives to work closely together at every step to meet the future challenges.

He said that it was informed that 50% cost is being borne by the UT administration to ensure increased ownership of Dairy units by women and weaker sections, and encouraging entrepreneurs to buy milk chilling unit, milk parlor, milk processing unit or milk van. "Prevention of Lumpy Skin Disease is

one of the major priorities of the government. I am seeking report from the districts from time to time and directed the Animal Husbandry Department and Deputy Commissioners to take special measures for the prevention of the disease," the LG added.

Earlier, the Union Minister, who presided over the launch ceremony, congratulated the UT government and the people of J&K on the beginning of a new era in Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Health Care sector and becoming the first UT to launch Mobile Veterinary Unit Scheme.

According to the spokesperson, Rupala assured full support from the Baramulla, Kupwara and Pulwama too have earlierbeen accredited with 'A' grade.

The degree college Surankote despite its remoteness and difficult geography was awarded the 'B++'grading. In the current year itself, GDC Women Anantnag, GDC Nowshera and GDC Bishnah had secured a B+ ranking.

GDC Baramulla, Government College for Women, Parade Ground Jammu and Islamia College of Science and Commerce, Srinagar have, in addition also received autonomous status.

In all cases, the visiting NAAC Peer teams placed on record their appreciation for the institutions with regard to innovations in pedagogy, curricular vision in terms of renewal, implementation and operationalization, infrastructure and learning resources, material development in terms of manuals and planners, and other institutional publications.

The NAAC conducts assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) such as colleges, universities or other recognised institutions to derive an understanding of the 'Quality Status' of the institution.

NAAC evaluates the institutions for its conformance to the standards of quality in terms of its performance related to the educational processes and outcomes, curriculum coverage, teaching-learning processes, faculty, research, infrastructure, learning resources, organisation, governance, financial well being and student services. The NAAC accreditation is the ultimate parameter of the quality of an institution on a diverse array of parameters.

While expressing particular happiness over the performance of the degree colleges awarded gradings, Kansal expressed satisfaction over the progress being made by all degree colleges in improving quality and in achieving satisfactory rankings.

He said that the National Education Policy (NEP-2020) had laid out a clear road map and vision for progressively greater autonomy of all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs).

Colleges were encouraged, supported, and incentivized to gradually attain the minimum benchmarks required for

No New Corona

the pandemic remained unchanged at 4785 in J&K–2352 in Jammu division and 2433 in the Valley, as no fresh fatality was reported during the last 24 hours.

Besides, they said, 11 Covid-19 patients recovered during the last 24 hours—one from Jammu division and ten from Kashmir Valley. There are now 42 active cases— 17 in Jammu and 25 in Kashmir.

Tea Seller Saves

was rushed to the spot and the deer was shifted to a veterinary clinic for treatment, they said.

The deer will be released in the forest as soon as possible, they added.

UP Assembly

development scenario of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Lt Governor observed that the people-centric policies of the government have opened up new avenues for the progress of Jammu and Kashmir, which is emerging as a model of socioeconomic development for the country, the spokesman said.

Kumar Given Addl

department said Kumar shall also hold the additional charge of the post of DGP (Prisons) in addition to his own duties till further orders.

The decision was taken in the interest of the administration, the order said. Lohia was found murdered at his

temporary residence on the outskirts of Jammu on October 3. His domestic help was arrested and he confessed to having killed him, according to police.

Shooting Stone

Panar bridge, a shooting stone hit the truck, leaving the driver dead on the spot.

Biker Crushes

have taken cognizance of the incident–(KNO)

SPORTS

Srinagar To Host Asian Pencak Silat C'ship Today

Observer News Service

ever, Srinagar is set to host an gis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs international Pencak Silat cham- and Sports, Government of India. pionship from today, October 12. Srinagar's Sher-i-Kashmir In-

ner of the Sports Council's special initiative, My Youth My Pride. The SRINAGAR: For the first time event is being held under the ae-J&K Sports Council is sponsoring the championship and the door Stadium will witness the Indian Pencak Silat Federation is Asian Pencak Silat Championship the organiser of the event which 2022, which is scheduled to be was sanctioned by the Asian Pen-



played over six days.

Teams from Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Singapore, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and India are participating in the said championship. This is the first international

event to be played under the ban-

national Pencak Silat Federation. A meeting in this regard was also convened by Nuzhat Farooq, Sports Officer Kashmir in Srinagar on Tuesday in which members of the organising body and other officials from the Sports Council were present.

cak Silat Federation and the Inter-

4 Budgam Youth Bag Medals At Kalaripayattu C'ship



Agencies

BUDGAM: Four young players from Budgam have bagged two silver and two bronze medals in 14th National Kalaripayattu Championship held at Kerala.

The championship was conducted from October 8 to October 10.

Aqib Yousuf who bagged silver in the championship said that they have previously won gold medals at the state level championship in Jammu and were chosen for the National Kalaripayattu championship conducted in Kerala.

'Out of the 60 competitors in senior below 60 kg fighting,' from Jammu and Kashmir who he added. (KNO)

competed in the National Kalaripayattu Championship, only four players won medals, two silver and two bronze. We all belong to district Budgam and attended the same academy-'Dynamic Sports

Academy'," he said. "Alhamdulillah, all four medals were won while being trained by Coach Prince Agib and Malik Javaid at the Dynamic Sports Academy in Budgam. Danish Ali won silver in 65 kg senior high kicking, Javaid Ahmad Malik won bronze in senior below 70 kg, and Arizo Mushtaq took home bronze in 60 kg senior female fighting. I took home silver Bengaluru



Spinners Shine As India Clinch ODI **Series Against SA**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India gave a good account of their enorovers. mous depth as a young and inexperienced side stunned a strong South Africa unit by seven wickets in third ODI here on Tuesday to secure a memorable series win. The dar (2/15), Shahbaz Ahmed (2/32) and Kuldeep Yadav (4/18) picked the right lengths

on a slow Kotla pitch to bundle out South Africa for 99, the Proteas lowest ODI total against India.

The home team batters, led by Shubman Gill (49), chased white-ball squad was on full a paltry 100-run target in 19.1

The series loss further jeopardised South Africa's chances three-match series 2-1. of a direct qualification for the ODI World Cup next year. Pacer Mohammad Siraj

(2/17) too continued his good spin trio of Washington Sun- run to make a strong case for his inclusion in T20 World Cup squad. While Washington and

left-arm spinner Kuldeep, trick, cleaned up the tail.

The quality of the Indian display in the series as the second-string team came from behind to clinch the

Chasing a small total, opener Gill attacked the South African bowlers from the very first ball while skipper Shikha Dhawan played second fiddle. The Indians, who looked in hurry to finish the match,

lost a bit of momentum after Shahbaz got wickets up front, the wickets of Dhawan, whose woeful run in the series conwho missed out on a hat- tinued as he was run out for eight, and Ishan Kishan (10).

Roger Binny Likely To Replace Ganguly As BCCI President

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India's 1983 World Cup winning hero Roger Binny days," a BCCI source said. is likely to replace Sourav Gan-

guly as the BCCI President when the Board will hold its AGM on October 18, sources in the cricket body said on Tuesday. After hectic parleys and back-channel discussions in the past one week, it was decided that the 67-year-old from

it is important that India has taka State Cricket Association robust leadership at the Board of Directors meeting in coming



(KSCA) named him as its representative at BCCI AGM instead of secretary Santosh Menon.

The only Congressman in the BCCI cabinet is Rajeev Shukla, who will continue as vice president. Sports minister Anurag Thakur's younger brother Arun Singh Dhumal, who is currently the treasurer, will now become IPL chairman. He will replace Brijesh Patel.

Influential Mahaashtra BIP leader

New Zealand Beats Pakistan By 9 Wickets In Tri-Series

Agencies

CHRISTCHURCH: Finn Allen and Devon Conway shared a 117-run opening partnership as New Zealand cruised to a nine-wicket win over Pakistan with almost four overs remaining on Tuesday in the Twenty20 Tri-Series.

Allen made 62 including a half 70 against Bangladesh on the weekend with an unbeaten 49 on Tuesday as New Zealand easily surpassed Pakistan's 130-7. Pakistan and New Zealand are

joined with Michael Bracewell to uproot Pakistan's top order. The pair combined to contain Pakistan's powerful batters, sharing four of the first five wickets.

Bracewell, who took 2-14 in New Zealand's eight-wicket win over Bangladesh on Sunday, bettered that with 2-11.

He claimed the first Pakistan century from 32 balls and Con- wicket to fall, dismissing Moway followed his match-winning hammad Rizwan for 16. Rizwan fell in the manner of several Pakistan batters who made the mistake of trying to hit the ball down the ground.

"I think our first innings was a



level in the series with two wins little bit slow." Babar said. each from three matches, while Bangladesh is yet to win. The next match is between New Zealand and Bangladesh on Thursday. New Zealand's win Tues-

"We will sit down now and discuss our mistakes and be better in the next match.

"We had a bad day and I think in the batting we were not up to day was set up by the bowlers. the mark. With 150 or 160 it's Mitchell Santner conceded 11 possible to defend, but not with runs from his opening over then 130." (AP)

Fit-Again Pakistan Bowler Afridi Heading To T20 WC



Agencies

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan fast bowler Shaheen Afridi has recovered from a knee injury and will join the team in Australia this weekend for the T20 World Cup. Afridi has been sidelined from international cricket since July

bilitation on his injured knee in

Press Trust of India

Finch found himself in the mid-

ninth over of England innings in

ries opener here on Sunday, when

the 35-year-old lost his cool,

swearing in at on-field umpires

Sam Nogajski and Donovan Koch following a caught-behind appeal.

England went on to win the

match by eight runs. "It would have been f*****

picked up saying by the stump

microphone after the on-field

after injuring his knee during a test match against Sri Lanka. The Pakistan Cricket Board said on Tuesday that Afridi will ioin the team in Brisbane on Saturday after undergoing reha-

England.

"I have been bowling six to eight overs trouble-free for the past 10 days with full run-up and pace," Afridi said.

"It has been a rigorous and challenging rehabilitation program, but I have thoroughly enjoyed it ... I am feeling fitter than ever before and can't wait to wear the playing kit."

Afridi will be available for selection for Pakistan's two warmup games next week against England and Afghanistan. Pakistan opens its T20 World Cup account against India at Melbourne on Oct. 23. (AP)

DFA Srinagar Revises A-Division Fixtures



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The District Football Association (DFA) Srinagar on Tuesday issued a fresh fixtures list after postponing several fixtures due to non-availability of playing fields.

In the fresh list, two matches are scheduled to be played at Polo Ground on Thursday, Oc- on Bagh-e-Hamdan FC at 3 pm. tober 13. In the first match, Al-Quds Sharifabad will take on Ali doomiya FC will go toe-to-toe Jana B at 2 pm, while in the oth- with Kashmir Heroes FC at 2:30 er fixture, Al-Hilal FC will face pm, while in the other match of Young Downtown FC at 3 pm.

set of matches played at Synthetic 3:30 pm.

Turf TRC. At 2 pm, CFA Soitang will go head-to-head against Shunglipora Young FC. In the other match, Alamadar FC Gopal Pora will play FC Nishat at 3 pm.

Similarly, four matches will take place on Friday, October 14. At Polo Ground, Sporting Khonmoh FC will face Nadirgund FC at 2 pm while Majeed Bagh FC take At Synthetic Turf TRC, Makhthe day, Tawheed AFC Anchar

October 13 will also see another play Al-Khamas Pandrathan at

India Hammered 0-8 By USA In Women's U-17 WC

Press Trust of India

BHUBANESWAR: India were overwhelmed by a formidable USA in their opening match of the FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup as they suffered a 0-8 thrashing in a lop-sided Group A match here on Tuesday.

Reality bit the Indian team as it was toyed by a far more tech-4-0 up by the half-hour mark and 5-0 ahead at half time.

USA pumped in three more goals in the second session to ber 14) and title contender Brazil hand a humiliating defeat on the (October 17).

Indians before a sizeable home crowd at the Kalinga Stadium. Melina Rebimbas scored a brace (9th and 31st minute) while Charlotte Kohler (15th), Onyeka Gamero (23rd), Gisele Thompson

(39th), Ella Emri (51st), Taylor Suarez (59th) and captain Mia Bhuta (62nd) struck a goal each for the Concacaf champions.

The heavy defeat would put nically superior USA who were India in a difficult position to qualify for the quarterfinals with two matches left in the group stage -- against Morocco (Octo-

be the 36th Board president, one of the opment, said.

would

Jay Shah, son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, will con- post as all candidates will be tinue as BCCI Secretary for his chosen unopposed. second consecutive term. Shah is also expected to replace Ganguly as India's representative at

the all powerful ICC Board. "Jay has been at the foreters on behalf of BCCI and with

Tuesday.

front of dealing with ICC mat- choice to head the BCCI.

Ashish Shelar will be sources familiar with the devel- charge of BCCI on October 18 the new treasurer which means at the AGM in Mumbai. There that he won't become Mumbai won't be any election to any

All the people in the fray, in-cluding Shah and Shukla, filed their nomination papers on

Binny, though, is a surprise

However, hints were dropped the 2023 World Cup round the that his name will crop up for corner in just one year's time, some position when Karna-

Cricket Association (MCA) president. He was supposed to take up the role with support from Sharad Pawar faction.

manta Biswa Sarma's close aide Devajit Saikia will replace Jayesh George as the new joint

Whether BCCI will contest for the ICC chairmanship hasn't been decided as yet.

Benzema Returns As Real Eye Champions League Knockout Stage

Reuters

WARSAW: Real Madrid will focus on sealing a place in the Champions League knockout stage with a win against Shakhtar Donetsk in Warsaw on Tuesday and striker Karim Benzema will be back in the team to help, coach Carlo Ancelotti said

Real Madrid are top of Group F on a maximum nine points from three games and a win against second-placed Shakhtar -- on five points -- will take them into the knockout phase. "Qualifying from the group

son because it comes very early, it, the better," Ancelotti told a news conference on Monday.

"Clearly, mentally, this can give you more energy for the (Spanish league). But we also have to keep in mind that Real Madrid in the Champions League can't think about not

playing a serious match." The Italian coach confirmed there would be changes to his team ahead of 'El Clasico' against rivals Barcelona on Sunday.

While Ancelotti said he may early in September, played the ca, Ancelotti said.

ICC Reprimands Aaron Finch For Use Of 'Audible Obscenity'

PERTH: Australia captain Aaron Assam Chief Minister Hidle of a stump microphone controversy days before the start of the T20 World Cup as he was secretary.

reprimanded by the ICC for use of "audible obscenity" The incident occurred in the

stage is the first goal of the sea-

very fast and the sooner we do rest forward Vinicius Jr., who full 90 minutes against Osascored in their 2-1 win over suna and Shakhtar but had Shakhtar in Madrid and has muscle fatigue so did not play played a lot recently, Benzema at Getafe.

will return after being given a are hosting their Champions rest in the 1-0 win at Getafe on Saturday in LaLiga.

"Karim is fine. It's quite clear in Ukraine, Real will still be that tomorrow he will start the without first-choice goalkeeper game. He's going to play be-cause he's rested -- like (Toni) Thibaut Courtois so Ukraine's Andriy Lunin will continue to Kroos, (Ferland) Mendy, they're deputise.

The Belgian is set to return to fresh to play," Ancelotti said. Frenchman Benzema, who training on Thursday, however, suffered two thigh injuries and should be ready to face Bar-

In Warsaw, where Shakhtar

League matches due to the war

Matthew Wade. Finch was found to have Code of Conduct for Players and need for a formal hearing.

Player Support Personnel, which Australia's three-match T20I se- relates to "use of an audible obscenity during an International Match." The Aussie skipper, however, escaped a fine because it was his first offence in a 24-month period, but the ICC has added "one demerit point to Finch's disciplinary record." The two on-field umpires along nice to know in time," Finch was with third umpire Phil Gillespie and fourth umpire Shawn Craig levelled the charge, an ICC stateumpires did not give him an an- ment read.

swer whether a Jos Buttler edge had carried to wicketkeeper Finch admitted the offence and accepted the sanction proposed by David Boon of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of breached Article 2.3 of the ICC Match Referees, so there was no

and many fans traditionally op-

UEFA ruled this was a "mes-

pose the British monarchy.

Celtic Fined For Anti-Monarchy Fan Sign In CL

Agencies

NYON: Scottish champion Celtic was fined 15,000 euros (\$14,600) because fans displayed an antimonarchy banner at a Champions League game days after the death of Queen Elizabeth, UEFA said Tuesday.

A slogan with an expletive about the British crown League game against Monaco. was shown in Warsaw during Also, Malmo was fined 17,500 Celtic's 1-1 draw with Ukrainian club Shakhtar Donetsk on Sept. 14.

Celtic has historic links to the tive messages of an offensive republican movement in Ireland nature." (AP)

sage not fit for a sports event (i.e. provocative banner). In another case from the recent European games, Red Star Belgrade was fined 20,000 euros (\$19,400) for provocative, illicit chants by fans at a Europa euros (\$17,000) and Viktoria

Plzeň was fined 10,000 euros (\$9,700) for making "provoca-



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