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Medicos Bank On Organ Donation As Lifestyle Affects Vitals In Kashmir

Zaid Bin Shabir

Srinagar: As medical reports and researches are showing a stark spike in lifestyle disorders rendering vitals redundant, a demand for organ banking has gained momentum in the valley with medicos campaigning for the critical healthcare facility and awareness among people.

"We still lack organ-retrieval units here. If someone donates an organ, it needs to be preserved," says Dr. Nisar ul Hassan, President Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK). "Even top hospitals like SKIMS and SMHS

lack that facility. And besides Kidney-transplantation, there's no other solid-organ transplantation that happens in Kashmir.' Kashmir's appetite for organs is not unknown. Back in the day when the 2016 crisis damaged eyes in the region, there was a massive surge in the demand for eye-banks. However, even after six years, J&K has no functional eye banks.

"People are not naive. If the Government shows an intent to establish such facilities, people will themselves join that initiative," Dr Nisar told Kashmir Observer.

WE'VE TO GENERATE AWARENESS AMONG PEOPLE. DESPITE A RELIGIOUS GO-AHEAD, there hasn't been much acceptance among people regarding organ-donation. People are reluctant not only in categoric donation but also in live donation. This can only be tackled with education and awareness among people. Not much effort has been put in by departments and hospitals. A push from religious bodies is also required.

Echoing similar views, Dr Khursheed Iqbal, a prominent cardiologist from the valley says that organ-retrieval units are an important pillar of healthinfrastructure. "But, this cannot

be true for every organ. Not every organ can be preserved for a long time. Organ-retrieval units may be an essential requirement for cornea related issues but not for every organ." Dr. Khurshid



told Kashmir Observer.

However, a doctor from State Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) J&K says that the primary question should be the availability of specialists.

Heavy Snowfall Turns Kashmir's Hill Stations White

Rainfall Brings Down Mercury, Another Wet Spell From Nov 9



Heavy snowfall at the hill stations, especially Gulmarg and Pahalgam has brought cheers to the tourists who are currently in Kashmir Valley. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Heavy snowfall draped Gulmarg resort in Jammu and Kashmir in a white blanket on Monday much to the delight of tourists there, even as most places in the Union territory received snowfall and rains, bringing down the day temperature, officials said. Gulmarg, in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, recorded around 9 to 12 inches of fresh

snowfall, they said. other areas in the higher reaches Another tourist destination, of Jammu and Kashmir as well, Sonamarg in central Kashmir's the officials added. The plains of the Valley, includ-Ganderbal district, recorded about ing Srinagar, were lashed by rains. three inches of fresh snowfall. Sadhna Pass, on Srinagar-The officials said rain/snow Tangdhar road in Kupwara, reshowers are likely to continue at ceived about two feet of snow, many places till afternoon and a while Machil received about significant improvement in the weather in expected in the evening. five inches of snow. they said. Gurez, in north Kashmir's Another western distur-Bandipora, received three inches of fresh snow. There bance may bring light to moderate rain/snow showers from November 9-11, they added. are reports of fresh snowfall in

Leh Highway. Mughal **Road Closed**

he Srinagar-Leh highway was closed on Monday due to snowfall, while Mughal road remained closed for vehicular movement for the second consecutive day, officials said. A traffic official said that the traffic has been closed on Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri road after snowfall in areas around Sonamarg. The thoroughfare was also closed on Sunday morning but was reopened later. Fresh snowfall however has forced its fresh closure .. Meanwhile, the Mughal road, connecting twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri with Shopian was closed for traffic on early Sunday after snowfall at several places enroute including Pir Ki Gali (PKG), Mansar Mohre and Posha, a police official said Meanwhile, traffic authorities have urged people to confirm the status of Jammu-Srinagar highway before embarking on a journey on the thoroughfare. "People are advised to undertake journey on (the highway) only after confirming | More on P10

JKSI RECRUITMENT SCAM ASI, CRPF Constable Among 4 More Arrested 13 accused including

"Facilities are a secondary

thing. Before that, we've to look

at the availability of surgeons.

If we've enough surgeons then

the government should estab-

lish new centers. Lack of infra-

structure is also pushing many

locals to travel to other parts of

India where the enormous cost

of transplantation and post-sur-

gery care continue to play spoil-

sport," the doctor wishing ano-

nymity told Kashmir Observer.

Pertinently, many people that

Kashmir Observer contacted

have received information re-

garding organ donation from

unreliable sources. | More on P10

two constables of J&K

Police, a CRPF official, an

ex-Constable of CRPF, a

government teacher, a

Commandant of BSF & an

"It was found during

investigation that the

Packing Incharge of

Printing Press allegedly stole the

question paper of

JKPSI examination

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was being packed

& sold the leaked

question paper to an ac-

ASI of J&K Police.

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Srinagar: The CBI has arrested four more persons including a police officer and a CRPF constable involved in Jammu and Kashmir Police sub-inspector recruitment scam.

In a statement, a spokesperson said that CBI has arrested then ASI of J&K Police, constable of CRPF posted at 160 Battalion in Jammu, Packing Incharge of Printing Press of a Private

cused of Rewari who was Company, and a private perarrested earlier," it reads. son belonging to Karnal. The statement reads

It added that it was further alleged that the acthat CBI has so far arrested cused based | More on P10



der infiltration.

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New Delhi: Multi-pronged aprorist infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir since 2017 with the number of such attempts dropping to 73 in the year 2021, according to a report by the Union Home Ministry. The annual report for 2021-22 made public by the ministry said the Centre in tandem with Jammu and Kashmir administration adopted a multi-pronged



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Lieutenant Governor administration on Monday ordered 4 percent hike in dearness allowance for all the government employees and the pensioners with effect from July1 this year.

In an order issued here Monday, the General on Department Administration (GAD) said that the government employees working in regular pay levels under 7th pay commission recommendations, will be paid dearness allowance at a revised rate of 38% of basic pay from the existing 34 percent. The revised rates, according to the order, will be effective from July 1, this year.

Giving more clarity, the order said that the basic pay in the re-vised pay structure means the pay drawn in the prescribed level in the pay matrix as per 7th Pay Commission recommendations, but does not include any other type of pay like special pay etc.

"The arrears on account of additional installment of DA with effect from July, 2022 shall be paid in cash in two equal installments (one in the month of November, 2022 and other in the month of December, 2022) and shall form part of salary from November onwards," reads the order issued by Secretary, Finance department.

"The payment on account of Dearness Allowance involving fractions of 50 paisa and above may be rounded to the next higher rupee and the fractions of less than 50 paisa shall be ignored," it adds.

In a similar order issued by the Secretary Finance Department, the government said that the arrears on account of additional installment of DA with effect from July shall be paid in cash to Government | More on P10



approach to contain cross-borof the border infrastructure, multi-tiered deployment along This included strengthening International Border, | More on P10

SHORT TAKES

LG Greets People **On Guru Nanak Jayanti**

ieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday greeted the people on the joyous and auspicious occasion of Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti. In a message, an official spokesperson said, the LG observed that Guru Nanak Devji's message of equality, universal brotherhood, oneness and compassion for all, continues to guide and inspire humanity. "May each one of us imbibe the revered Guru's noble teachings and strengthen the bonds of unity in our society. Let us resolve to rededicate ourselves for the upliftment of the weak and downtrodden and create a society devoid of all social distinctions," Sinha said.

'Al-Oaeda Operative' Held In Ramban

n operative of terrorist outfit Al-Qaeda was arrested with a hand grenade in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, police said on Monday. Amiruddin Khan, a resident of Mashita Haora in West Bengal, was arrested by a police party from Ramban along Jammu-Srinagar national highway, an official said. He said a Chinese hand grenade was recovered from the possession of the Al-Qaeda operative. A case under relevant sections of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Arms Act and Explosive Act has been registered against the arrested accused at Ramban police station and further investigation is going on, the official said. (PTI)

Youth Falls To Death

youth died on Monday after falling from the top floor of his house in Mujgund area in the outskirts of Srinagar Javid Ahmad Hajam was feeding pigeons at the top floor of his house in Mujgund area here when he lost his balance and slipped down on the ground, reports said. Hajam received critical injuries due to the fall and was shifted to the JVC hospital in Srinagar for treatment. However, he succumbed to his injuries during the treatment, reports said.



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s air pollution worsens in Delhi-NCR, a new study has warned that longterm exposure to air pol-lution may increase kidney disease risk.

Among adults with normal kidney function, exposure to higher concentrations of components of air pollution was linked with higher risks of later developing chronic kidney disease.

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Compared with individuals with high genetic risk of de-

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veloping kidney disease, those with high air pollution exposure and low genetic risk faced a higher risk of developing chronic kidney disease, according to new research being pre-sented at the 'ASN Kidney Week 2022' in Florida.

"Long-term exposure to air pollution may increase the risk of CKD, especially in those with low genetic risk," the authors wrote in the study, titled "Air pollution, genetic factors, and the risk of in-

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

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cident chronic kidney disease". To reach this conclusion, the investigators analysed data from 350,994 participants without CKD at baseline in the UK Biobank.

Exposure to higher concentrations of components of air pollution was linked with higher risks of developing CKD, they found.

Earlier this year, research-ers from King's College London found that ambient fine particulate matter (PM2.5) concentra-

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tion reduction led to significant improvement in laboratory test results used to assess a patient's kidney function.

"Long-term exposure to PM2.5 has been associated with declined kidney function. However, whether the association is causal remains unknown," said Co-author Yiqun Han, Research Associate in School of Public Health, Imperial College London.

In the study, published in the journal Health Data Science, the

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team identified a strong linkage between the reduced PM2.5 with improved kidney function.

Air pollution is known to affect kidney function. Several studies have shown that exposure to bad air is associated with an increased chronic kidney diseaserelated morbidity and mortality.

Exposure to PM2.5, even at relatively low concentrations, is a risk factor for a lower kidney function and a faster decline in kidney function.

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The name of son in birth certificate has been wrongly written as Syed Hasnain Reziv S/o Syed Mustafa Mother's Name; Afshana while his correct name is Syed Hasnain Razvi Fater's name; Syed Mustafa Razvi Mother's name: Afshana Mustafa which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/ she may fiel his/her objection in the office of the Police Station Khag within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Sved Mustafa Razvi F/o: Sved Hasnain Razvi bmg R/O: Iskander Pora

PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 148 A OF CPC BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF J&K & LADAKH AT SRINAGAR

IN THE CASE OF : Farooq Ahmad Lone(Aged: 45) S/O Mohammad Samander Lone R/O Miadanpora Lolab District Kupwara.

(Caveater)

VERSUS Public At Large

(Non -Caveater)

IN THE MATTER OF: Caveat Petition u/s 148 - A CPC

May it please your Honour:

The Caveator most humbly submit as under:-

1. That caveater is working in the army & is presently serving the nation with utmost dedication & Honesty . The petitioner is the owner & in possession of land measuring 10 Marals along with residential house & had constructed bathroom & cow shed therein falling under Khasra No 1002/1003 Min Situated at Maidanpora Lolab Kupwara.

2. That some miscreants has been harassing the family members of caveater & had filed false & frivolous complaints before the revenue authorities & had managed eviction orders from revenue courts which were subsequently challenged by the Caveater before the Revsional forum & revsional court was pleased to pass status guo order & directed the tehsildar to submit report.

3. That caveaters apprehends, if any unknown person files any Writ proceedings Appeal/Revision/ or any other proceeding before this Hon'ble Court against the above caveaters seeking some interim direction /stay order against the supra Order, the caveaters may be heard before passing any interim order.

That in the event of filling of same, the caveator be put on notice before according any consideration to it as well as passing any interim order/directions.

In the premises it is therefore prayed that before passing any order In Ex party against the caveator, in any appeal/ revision / application or any other proceedings, the caveater may be summoned and provided an opportunity of being heard, through their counsel/ person so that no loss or injury is caused to the caveator in the interest of justice.

Caveater Through Counsel Shah Ashiq Hussain Advocate Chamber 42 High court Srinagar Contact no 9906520092

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SKIMS To Hold Mega Academic Event Today

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Department of Radiodiagnosis & Imaging SKIMS under the aegis of Indian Society of Radiographers & Technologists will conduct a mega academic event on 8th November i.e. Today at Gandhi Bhawan Kashmir University.

Director SKIMS/ Exofficio Secretary to Govt. Prof. Parvaiz A Koul will be the chief guest on the occasion.

During the event scientific sessions on varied topics of academic importance will be conducted which will be chaired by prominent scientists & academicians.

Seminar On Total Quality Management Held At KU

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The National Education Policy-2020 envisions reorienting and restructuring the higher ed ucation system to address the "emerging" challenges in providing quality education to the aspirants, Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan said on Monday.

The Vice-Chancellor was addressing a one-day national seminar on Total Quality Management (TQM) organized jointly by the varsity's Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA) and the Department of Management Studies.

Prof Nilofer, the chief guest at the inaugural session, said the NEP-2020 has "broken the traditional confines" of academics, thus necessitating the need for a clear focus on meeting the new quality parameters in teaching, learning and research.

Congratulating the organizers for holding the very important seminar, Prof Nilofer said the University is committed to meet the quality parameters in key areas of academics, research and extension education to make a more visible mark on the national academic landscape.

"We have already

started plugging a few grey areas, including our connection with the alumni, to fare better in the next NAAC re-accreditation and NIRF ranking with active cooperation of all our stakeholders," she said. Vice-Chancellor

Ahmedabad University and former director IIM-Bangalore Prof Pankaj Chandra delivered the keynote address, emphasizing on the importance of good governance of universities to create "high quality institutions".

"How best you govern an institution at all levels defines its 'culture' and this culture leads to learning, advantages and encourages students and faculty to do the best," he said, adding that "when an institution's culture is right, the compliance, accreditation and assurance will naturally follow".

Dean Academics Prof Farooq A Masoodi underlined how "intrinsic" and "extrinsic" factors influence quality management

Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir gave a detailed account of quality concerns in the country's higher education institutions. He said the University of Kashmir is addressing all issues that impede its ranking and the present seminar is a step in



Urs Of Dastgeer Sahab (RA) Observed With Religious Fervor

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The Urs of 11th century Sufi saint, Sheikh Syed Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA), popularly known as Dastgeer Sahib (RA) was observed on Monday with devotion and reverence across Kashmir Valley.

In Srinagar, special congregational prayers were held at Dastgeer Sahib shrine in Khanyar and Sarai Bala.

Braving rains and cold weather, thousands of devotees thronged the shrine of Sufi saint Sheikh Syed Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA) at Khanvar to have a glimpse of the holy relic. Emotional scenes

were witnessed on the occasion. The Urs of Dastgeer Sahab (RA)

Srinagar: Chairperson of Waaf

Board, Darakshan Andrabi on

Monday said that a cancer hospi-

tal will come up in the Kashmir

Valley. She said that the Cancer

hospital will be constructed on

is being observed on the 11th day of Rabi Al Thani—the fourth month of the Islamic Hijri Calendar.

During the special prayers, the religious clerics threw light on the teachings of the revered saint. Besides, the shrines at both the places were decorated.

Outside the shrines, the local and non-local business establishments had installed their carts and were seen selling traditional snacks.

Earlier, Thousands of devotees including men and women participated in the night long prayers "Shab Khawani" at Dastageer Sahib Shrine at Khanyar on Sunday.

Pertinently, the actual shrine of the revered saint is located at Baghdad in Iraq. Even though the saint has never visited Kashmir, he is highly revered Kashmiris.

Waqf land. "It will take time to

construct the cancer hospital

on Waqf land. Once the project

is completed, the details will be

people are aware about the works

being done by the Waqf Board.

"However, to come up with the

Darakshan further said that

shared accordingly," she said.

Chairperson Waqf Board Jammu and Kashmir Darakhshan Andrabi visited the holy shrine of Dastageer Sahib at Khanyar and paid obeisance there. She also took stock of the arrangements in place by the authorities for the visiting devotees.

Speaking to media persons, Darakshan said that the Sufi saint has a special place in Kashmir and he had played a pivotal role in the spread of Islam.

"Dastgeer Sahab is revered by every Kashmiri, regardless of his or her religious affiliation. As I was coming here, some Kashmiri Pandits handed over money to donate to the shrine.'

"This shows the significance and importance Dastgeer Sahab enjoys in Kashmir" Darakshan said.

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take almost 8-9 months. The

white paper will be made pub-

lic," she said, adding that the

people have given enough sup-

port to help the Waqf Board and

it is because of their support

only that the things have started

changing on the ground.



This Day In History

- 1923 Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party stage "Beer Hall Putsch" in Munich.
- 1932 Amidst the Great Depression, Democrat candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt is elected President of the United States, defeating Republican incumbent Herbert Hoover
- 1942 Adolf Hitler proclaims fall of Stalingrad from Munich beer hall
- 1942 Vichy-France drops diplomatic relations with US 1943 - France arrests government of Lebanon after they abolish the French mandate
- 1950 A US aircraft shoots down a North Korean jet in the Korean War, the first jet-to-jet dogfight in history
- 1956 UN demands USSR leave Hungary
- 1957 Great Britain performs atmospheric nuclear test at Christmas Island
- 1960 John F. Kennedy is elected President of the United States, defeating Republican candidate Richard Nixon who was the incumbent Vice President
- 1964 IMF grants Great Britain credit of \$1 billion
- 1965 British Indian Ocean Territory formed
- 1965 Vietnam War: US, Australian and New Zealand forces launch Operation Hump, a search-and-destroy operation near Bien Hoa in South Vietnam
- 1980 Voyager 1 space probe discovers 15th moon of Saturn
- 1983 STS-9 vehicle again moves to launch pad

1984 - STS 51-A mission launches



Observer News Service

'Cancer Hospital To Be Constructed On Waqf Land'

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Measles-Rubella Elimination DC Chairs Meeting Of DTF

Observer News Service

Srinagar: To give impetus to the progress towards Measles-Rubella Elimination in the district, a meeting of District Task Force (DTF) held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz



the District. The DC stressed on active participation of educational institutions in spreading awareness and sensitizing students about the infection of Measles and Rubella. He urged the Officers to adopt the multipronged interventions to identify the target at the right time to arrest the disease

at the right time. The DC also highlighted the importance of accomplete quiring knowledge about the preventive measures of Measles-Rubella disease, and asked the officers to identify the target groups, conduct surveys and prepare separate plans for vulnerable groups. He further

Asad on Monday.

During the meeting, detailed discussion was held with regard to implementation of road map formulated by the Government for Measles, Rubella Elimination from the country by 2023.

On the occasion, the DC said that Srinagar District has an adequate healthcare infrastructure to manage the Universal Immunization programme and Surveillance activities to achieve the target.

The DC urged upon the Health functionaries of the district to take all possible measures and give focused attention towards the Measles. Rubella Elimination in asked them to put in a committed effort in order to achieve the objective of the campaign i.e to rapidly build up immunity for both Measles and Rubella diseases and ensure that all the children should receive MR vaccine during the campaign.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmad Mir; Deputy CMO, Dr Nighat; District Health Officer, Dr Anjum; all Block and Zonal Medical Officers, District Asha Coordinator, District Monitoring & Evaluation officer, District Mass Education & Information Officer and other concerned were present in the meeting.



- 1987 Australia beat England by 7 runs to win cricket World Cup
- 1988 900 die as earthquake hits China
- 1988 Vice President George H. W. Bush is elected President of the United States, defeating Democrat candidate Michael Dukakis
- 1990 Saddam fires his army chief & threatens to destroy Arabian peninsula
- 1990 Unconfirmed rumors emerge that Bush might announce an airlift of supplies to US embassy in Kuwait, which could ultimately trigger a military clash
- 2002 Iraq disarmament crisis: UN Security Council under Resolution 1441 unanimously approves a resolution on Irag. forcing Saddam Hussein to disarm or face "serious consequences"
- 2004 War in Iraq: More than 10,000 U.S. troops and a small number of Iragi army units participate in a siege on the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.

From KO Archives Activists Torch TV Sets In Pak

AGENCIES

SLAMABAD- The little-known Islami Jirga on Monday pub¬licly burnt 11 television sets by describing them as a source of obscenity in the Pakistani city of Mardan. Over 2,000 curious onlookers had gathered in the Bagh sports ground following public announcements about the burning of television sets. It was a mixed group of people and not all of them supported what was put on display for them.

The television sets were brought in a pick-up covered with yellow curtains. The / Islami Jirga activists piled' up the sets, each inscribed with an Urdu slogan, before showing them the torch amid chants of Allah-o-Akbar.

Some of the slogans said the television was a devil's box, source of obscenity, a threat to faith, a danger for pious women. One of the slogans written on a television set vowed to foil the Jewish conspiracy against Islam

Before burning the sets, an Islami Jirga activist, Mohammad Salim, described television as a source of obscenity and felt it was misleading the youth, particularly girls, He lashed out at the cable television and termed it as a threat to the culture. traditions and morals of the Muslims

(Kashmir Observer, November 08, 2000)

NEWS

'Humiliating': Reality Sinks In For Twitter India Staff As 90% Sacked



SC Frees 3 Rapist-Killers

Called 'Predators' By

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Humiliation and uncertainty are the words to describe the situation, says one of the many Twitter India staff who was handed a pink slip on Friday.

That the laying off was per-haps on expected lines or that the microblogging platform itself erupted in support from 'Tweeple' or emphatic outsiders did not make things less painful, says another ex-employee.

For scores of Twitter India staff, the grim reality of large scale firings -- that also coin-

High Court

cides with the dreaded layoff winter -- is just about 'sinking in', days after popular platform was taken over by the world's richest man Elon Musk.

Last month, Musk famously walked into the Twitter headquarters holding a ceramic sink and posted a video on the social media with the caption 'Entering Twitter HQ--let that sink in!'. A communication received by many employees on Friday said the affected staff will "remain employed by Twitter and will receive compensation and

benefits through your separa-tion date of January 4, 2023".

Supreme Court upholds reservation for economically weaker sections

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: In a majority 3:2 judgment, the Supreme Court on Monday upheld the 103rd Constitutional Amendment providing for a 10 per cent quota for the economically weaker sections from the unreserved category. At the outset, Chief Justice

U.U. Lalit said there are four different judgements on pleas challenging the EWS quota. Three judges of the fivejudge bench -- Justices Dinesh

Maheshwari, Bela M Trivedi, and J.B. Pardiwala -- upheld the constitutional amendment for EWS quota, saying that it does not violate basic structure of Constitution. The 103rd amendment

gives 10 per cent reservation to economically weaker sections in central government jobs and admissions in central government-run institutions. Justice S Ravindra Bhat dissents, strikes down constitution amendment on EWS

quota in his minority view as he felt the 50 per cent ceiling on quota cannot be breached and EWS quota has to go. The Chief Justice concurred with the view of Justice Bhat favouring annulment of the EWS quota.

ATTACK ON IMRAN KHAN Pak Supreme Court directs police to register FIR within 24 hours

Press Trust of India

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Supreme Court on Monday ordered the Inspector General of the Punjab province to register a case on the gun attack on Imran Khan within 24 hours, a directive hailed by the former prime minister's party as a "first step towards justice".

On Sunday, Khan said that an FIR has not been registered on the botched "assassina-tion attempt" on his life as authorities are refusing to file the case unless he removes an Army general's name from the complaint.

Khan, who suffered bullet injuries in the right leg on Thursday, was discharged from the hospital on Sunday after undergoing successful surgery. The 70-year-old former prime minister has now been moved to a private residence in Lahore. The Supreme Court on

Monday directed Punjab police chief Faisal Shahkar to register an FIR of the gun attack on Khan within 24 hours, the

Dawn newspaper reported. Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial said that the apex court would take suo motu notice if



"Tell us when the FIR will be registered," he said, adding that there should be a concrete reason for not registering the FIR.

"Working according to the law, the court is with you," the CJP said, directing the IG to get officials to probe into the matter. The CJP assured the provincial police chief that nobody would interfere in his work till the time he was posted at the IG.

"IG sahib, you do your job. If someone interferes, the court would interfere in their work." he said.

Meanwhile, PTI's Fawad Chaudhry has termed the Supreme Court's directives regarding the registration of a first information report on

Minister Parvez Elahi – informed the court that "we have spoken to the Punjab Chief Minister regarding the registration of the FIR and he has expressed some reservations"

He further said an FIR should also be registered on the complaint of the heirs of the man who was killed in the incident.

Khan, the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, alleged that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah and Major General Faisal Naseer were part of a sinister plot to assassinate him in the same way former Punjab governor Salman Taseer was killed in 2011 by a religious extremist.

He also said that an FIR

Pakistan Police Officer Gets Rs 100 Million In Bank Account, Becomes Overnight Millionaire; Bank Freezes His Atm Card

Press Trust of India

Apolice officer in Pakistan's Karachi city became a millionaire overnight after he received Rs 100 million in his bank account from an unknown source.

The investigating officer in Karachi's Bahadurabad police station was shocked to learn that 100 million rupees had been deposited into his bank account, including his salary. "I was shocked because let

alone having seen so much money, I have never had more than a few thousand rupees in my account," police officer Aamir Gopang said.

"I only came to know about it when the bank contacted me and informed me that 100 million rupees were transferred to my account," he said.

He said his bank account had been frozen and his ATM card was also blocked by the bank as they were carrying out investigations.



kana and Sukkur, other police officials also received large sums of money in their bank accounts.

In Larkana, three police officers found out each of them had got 50 million rupees in their accounts while in Sukkur a police officer had the same amount in his account.

A spokesperson for Larkana police when contacted said the matter was under investigation by the police. "All three have denied any knowledge of how the large amounts of money came into their accounts," he said.

In similar incidents in Lar-

Child Deaths Linked Syrup Medicines Increase To 195 In Indonesia

Agencies

JAKARTA: Indonesia said Monday the number of child deaths from kidney failure or damage linked to harmful substances found in syrup medicines has risen to 195.

The Southeast Asian country has seen a spike in cases of acute kidney injury (AKI) since August, prompting a probe and subsequent ban on all liquid medicine sales.

More than 320 cases of AKI have been recorded in provinces across the country and 27 patients are still in hospital, health ministry spokesman Mohammad Syahril told a press conference.

Most of the children affected are under the age of five.

The new death count is up from 133 deaths confirmed on October 21.

Tests found most of the deaths were caused by syrups containing excessive amounts of ethylene glycol and diethylene glycol, two compounds in industrial products used such as antifreeze, Syahril said. Authorities have since been importing an antidote for AKI, with 246 vials obtained so far, the majority donated by Singapore and Australia, and the drug has shown significant results, the health ministry said. Indonesia's national food and



drug agency last month named five syrups that contained dangerous levels of harmful substances and ordered the products be removed from the market and destroyed.

Police have launched an investigation into three local pharmaceutical companies and two of them have temporarily lost their licence to produce syrup medicines.

Before the recent spike, Indonesia typically recorded between two and five cases of AKI a month. In West Africa, The Gambia reported 70 child deaths last month suspected to have been caused by imported syrup medicines. The World Health Organization has said it found an "unacceptable amount" of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol in four Indian-made cough syrups and warned they could be linked to the deaths in the small African nation.

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The victim's mutilated body

was found in a field, with multi-

ple injuries due to assault with

Agencies

NEW DELHI: The Supreme

Court today acquitted three

convicts who were awarded the

death penalty by a Delhi court

after being held guilty of raping

and killing a 19-year-old wom-an in Delhi's Chhawala area in

2012

A Delhi court in February 2014 convicted three men for raping and killing a 19-year-old woman in 2012 and awarded them the death penalty.

The capital punishment was confirmed by the Delhi High Court on August 26, 2014, say-

ing this at outer Delhi's Chhawala (Najafgarh) police station. According to the prosecution, the offence was brutal in nature as they first kidnapped the woman, raped her, killed her and dumped her body in a field in Rodhai village in Haryana's Rewari district.

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Three men, Ravi Kumar, Ra-

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The case dates back to Febru-

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girl's body was found in Hary-

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murder.

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the FIR was not registered, the report added.

He also asked Shahkar, who joined the hearing from the SC's Lahore registry via video link, why the FIR was not registered.

the attack against Imran as the "first step towards justice".

Shahkar – who has decided to resign from the Punjab government and refused to work with the current political setup in the province led by Chief

was not being registered as some people were afraid of

(some names). The deadlock stemmed from Khan's insistence on naming the Army officer in the FIR.

3 Arrested For Sedating People With Sleeping Pills, Robbing Them In Delhi

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Three members of 'Zeher Khurani' gang, known for robbing people after sedating them with sleeping pills, have been arrested, police said on Monday.

Kamal Singh, 34, Pawan, 32, and Gourav, 30, were based in Seelampur area of east Delhi, they said.

Police said the gang would make peo-

One such matter came to light on October 23, when a 43-year-old resident of Chandni Chowk approached Gulabi Bagh Police Station with a complaint of robbery, they said.

According to police, the victim in his complaint said that on October 21 around 7 am, he was travelling with 23 ceiling fans and some copper wires in his auto rickshaw. He had loaded the rickshaw at an elec-



ple eat sweets mixed with powdered sleeping pills and would rob them after they would get unconscious.

trical store in Bhagirath Palace and was on way to Najafgarh through Gulabi Bagh.

The accused at some point accosted him feigning that they were distributing sweets and offered him a 'laddoo' laced with the narcotic, which he ate.

He started feeling dizzy and became unconscious near the Shastri Park Metro Station, a senior police officer said.

The accused all this while followed the auto rickshaw and robbed him when the victim lost his consciousness, he said.

"During investigation, CCTV footage of the route followed by the complainant were checked. More than 100 CCTV cameras were checked for leads and finally, all the three accused were nabbed," Deputy Commissioner of Police (North) Sagar Singh Kalsi said.

... During police custody, the accused also named the chemist who used to provide them with the drugs without any prescription. Legal action is being initiated against him as well," he said.

The accused confessed that they robbed the man, and revealed that they sold the stolen goods to one Raju, a resident of Seelampur, for ₹45,000. They said that they spent the money on the Diwali celebration.

Later, police made raids to arrest Raju too, but he had already decamped. Kalsi said.

The vehicle used in the crime and seven tablets used to sedate the targets were recovered from them, he added.

Mumbai Designer Kidnapped For Not Paying Tailors, **Rescued in Gujarat**



Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Mumbai Police rescued a 43-year-old designer from four persons who abducted him and took him to Gujarat after he failed to pay them ₹6 lakh for a stitching assignment done by them, an official said on Saturday. The designer was abducted from suburban Malad on November 3 and taken to Vapi in an SUV, police said.

Accordingly, the Gujarat Police was alerted. A crime branch team of Vapi Police intercepted the car and rescued the victim and took accused persons in custody on November 3, he said.

The accused persons were brought to Mumbai on Friday and arrested under sections 365 (Kidnapping or abducting with intent secretly and wrongfully to confine a person), 323 punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace), and 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation), of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), he said.

"The interrogation of the accused revealed that the designer and his abductors knew each other. They abducted the designer as he had not paid them ₹6 lakh for the job of stitching stickers to dresses," he said. Identities were not disclosed.

UP Man Kills Sister, Her Lover, Goes To **Police Station For Confession** Press Trust of India

FARRUKHABAD (UP): In a suspected case of dishonour killing, a woman and her lover were killed allegedly by her brother and their bodies dumped in a drain here, police said on Sunday.

The incident came to light after the accused, Neetu, a resident of Rajepur Saraimeda here, went to the city police station in the early hours of Sunday and confessed to having killed his sister (23) and her lover (25), they said.

The woman's family did not approve of her relationship with the man, the police said.

On the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday, Neetu hacked both of them to death with a sharp-edged weapon. The bodies were later recovered from a drain, they said.

An FIR has been registered in the matter on a complaint lodged by Ramkaran's father Mahaveer Jatav, they added.

Superintendent of Police Ashok Kumar Meena said the matter is being probed.

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Old Airport Land Owners, Activists Meet GOC 15 Corps

Get Assurance For **Release Of Payment To Affected Families**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The representatives of land owners of Karewa Damodar (Old Airport) along with some prominent social activists met with GOC 15 Corps Lt Gen ADC Aujla in Srinagar on Saturday and apprised him about the problems faced by affected families who land has been acquired by Defence Estates Department around 8 years back but payment is vet to be released

land measuring around 3879 kanals of land located around Old Airport Srinagar also called Karewa Damodar which be-longs to around 500 plus families of Wathoora , Kralpora Buchroo, Rangreth, Gogo and many other adjoining areas of Budgam district. The affected families have been waiting for compensation for the last 8 years as their land was acquired by the Defence Estates Department for the Army.

Prior to 2013 the land owners were paid annual rent by the Army through Defence Estates Department from 1957 and around 2013 Govt decided to ac-



WOMEN DEVOTEES RAISE THEIR HANDS in supplication during the annual Urs of 11th century Sufi saint, Sheikh Syed Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA), known as Dastgeer Sahib, in Khanyar area of the city on Monday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat



A delegation of land owners and social activists led by Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat met with GOC 15 Corps Lt Gen ADS Aujla at Chinar Corps headquarters on Saturday. President of Zamindar Committee Karewa Damodar Shanir Ahmad Sofi Vice President Mohammad Ameen Kuchay along with prominent RTI activist from Budgam Mushtaq Ahmad Lone were part of the delegation.

"We had a very cordial meeting with Lt Gen Aujla and he gave us a very patient hearing and on spot took up the matter with the Defence Estates Department. He assured that farmers whose land has been acquired will be compensated suitably soon and he would call a meeting on this issue with the concerned officials. We also requested him to rehabilitate the families of most affected people who lost their land," said Dr Raja Muzaffar

It is pertinent to mention that

DC Bandipora Reviews Disaster & Winter Preparedness

Calls For Robust Response System In Eventuality

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: With incessant rain and snowfall going on at some hilly areas from the last stock of department-wise inicouple of days resulting in decrease in temperatures, the District Administration Bandipora is on its toes to deal with the situation that may arise out of the ensuing winters. This was said by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad who is also the Chairman of District Disaster Committee during a meeting of line departments and SDRF to review the winter and disaster preparedness in the district. The DC, while underlining the importance of disaster management, called for collective and coordinated efforts of the stakeholder departments to avert/ minimise the damages, due to any natural calamity. He directed the officers to devise a foolproof strategy for the purpose. Assessing the availability of stocks and material required to deal with the disasters, the DC directed the concerned to prepare a list of required modern equipment and submit the same for grant of funds. He desired that all the stakeholders

quire the said land which is already in possession of the Army. "The Deputy Commissioner Budgam directed the Defence Estates Officer -DEO Kashmir Zone through his official communication dated 11.07.2015 to make a payment of Rs 690 crores so that the same would be disbursed among the affected farmers and landowners. This was mutually agreed upon but eight years have passed since, and the payment is yet to be disbursed," said Shabir Ahmad Sofi President of Zamidaran Committee Karewa Damodar

"The case is in its final stage and matter is said to have been resolved by the DG Defence Estates Department and the Union Cabinet, but as we farmers have no access to this high profile office, we are unaware when the payment

will be released . The GOC Chinar Corps Lt Gen Aujla has now given us a hope and we are sure 500 plus families will get justice soon "Dr Raja Muzaffar added

to bad weather as directed by the district administration.

Schools Shut In Kishtwar, Ramban Due **To Adverse Weather Press Trust Of India** JAMMU: The Jammu and Kash-

mir administration on Monday ordered the closure of primary and middle schools in Ramban and Kishtwar districts in view of harsh weather conditions, officials said.

Snowfall in the upper reaches and heavy rains in lower areas have triggered cold conditions in the districts.

In view of heavy rains, all primary and middle schools in Ramban district shall remain closed, they said, adding that students are advised to remain indoors.

Similarly, all primary and middle schools of Kishtwar district will remain closed due



However, all high schools in the districts will function and higher secondary schools normally, they added.

SOLDIER'S MURDER CASE **3 Dead Terrorists Among Five Charged**

SRINAGAR: Police on Monday filed chargesheet against five Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists, three among them dead. in connection with the abduction and murder of a soldier in Khag area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district. submitted The police chargesheet against LeT commander Mohammad Yousuf Dar alias Kantroo, his associates Faisal Hafeez Dar and Hilal Ahmad Sheikh alias Hanzullah, who were killed in an encounter with government forces in

Malwa area of Kunzar, a police spokesperson said Monday. Charges were also filed against LeT over-ground worker (OGW) tured him to death in an or-Athar Illahi Sheikh, presently lodged in Kot Bilawal Jail and

admitted that he along with other 4 accused terrorists of LeT abducted the soldier, torchard before burying his body in a ditch in Labran village

Scores Of Political, Social Activists Join BJP In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: More than 50 political and social activists, including several workers of the AAP and National Panthers Party, on Monday joined the BJP in the presence of its Jammu and Kashmir president Ravinder Raina here.

Prominent among those who joined the saffron party were former Chief Vigilance Officer Jeet Raj Kalsi, retired executive engineer R K Gupta, advocate Neeraj Gupta, and AAP's provincial women wing president Rajni Jamwal, who switched over from the Aam Aadmi Party after being associated with it for the last more than six months.

"The joining of these prominent political and social activists from different parts of Jammu will strengthen the party's mission of 50 plus seats in the next assembly elections to have its own government in J&K," Raina told reporters.

Welcoming the new entrants into the party fold, he credited their joining to the efforts of former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia who ended his association with the AAP in Septem-

ber before switching over to the

He was earlier affiliated with the NPP.

NPP district president for Kishtwar Rehmat Choudhary, his party colleagues Sham Lal Sharma and Jagdev Singh from Udhampur too joined the BJP.

"After 30 years of government service, I joined the AAP (in May) but was disappointed on seeing that the party is directionless and its primary aim is to oppose the policies of the BJP even if they is in the interest of the masses," Kalsi said.

Taking a dig at the AAP, he said making electricity and water free would not help the development of the country.

"We will work harder to make the BJP and the country strong," he said.

Jamwal said she will work with dedication to reach out to people and highlight the policies of the BJP-led government. Mankotia said a large num-

ber of political and social activists are joining the BJP on daily basis as they are attracted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's slogan of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'.

Skills Are Passport To Prosperity And Opportunities: Minister

Observer News Service

RAMBAN: Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar Monday said young Indians must equip themselves with skills in line with the evolving times-in order to stay relevant for employment or/and entrepreneurship opportunities.

Skills are passport to prosperity and opportunities. Along with education, it is necessary to possess a future-relevant

has been thriving well in the post pandemic world as compared to other developed countries, with an aim to achieve the target of One Trillion USD Digital economy/ Five Trillion USD Economy by 2026.

He also visited a Skills exhibition organised by the students and staff members of the polytechnic college and was impressed by the innovative displays--ranging from tech, automotive, electronics products to traditional art/crafts items of the state.

at Ramban, Rajeev Later



should be well versed with the **Observer News Service** disaster plan for its effective ex-

tiatives and works to be undertaken by the District Administration for winter preparedness. He directed the concerned officers to make necessary arrangements well in advance and asked for framing and executing department-wise action plans

ecution in the time of need.

The DC on the occasion took

for the preparedness. Dr. Owais directed all the departments to ensure that a robust mechanism is put in place to minimize the disruptions of essential services to the general public during winter season.

During the meeting, the DC directed KPDCL to set specific timelines for replacement of transformers in far-flung/ remote areas of the district and also keep a buffer stock of transformers during the winter months.

While reviewing the preparedness of the MED and Beacon, the DC laid emphasis on ensuring uninterrupted road connectivity. He also directed the concerned officers for deployment of snow clearing machinery on essential, main and internal roads as and when required.

Jhiri Mela Begins After Two-Year Covid Gap In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The 10-day-long annual Jhiri Mela commenced here on Monday after a two-year gap due to the pandemic with thousands of devotees from across the country thronging the fair to seek blessings at Baba Jittoo temple.

The fair is being jointly organised by the directorate of tourism in collaboration with district administration from November 7 to 16.

The Jhiri Mela is held every year during 'Karthik Purnima' to pay obeisance at Baba Jittoo temple in village Jhiri to seek blessings.

"All necessary arrangements have been made for the smooth conduct of the Mela, which is visited by one lakh people per day from different parts of the country," Kumar told reporters.

He said since farmers mostly visit the Mela, the government has put up special awareness stalls to inform them about the new schemes and technologies introduced for their benefit. Kumar said the key feature of the Mela is to promote the sports and cultural richness of the region to make this event accessible among the citizens

Over 10 lakh devotees from across the Jammu region and neighbouring states including Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana are expected to take part in the fair to commemorate the sacrifice of the Baba, a farmer who gave up his life in protest against the oppressive demands of the 'zamindar' (landlords) about 500 years ago. His daughter, as per the legend, also took her life by jumping on her father's funeral pyre.

foreign terrorist Ghazi Bhai alias Pathan Bhai, who is still at large. Giving details of the case, the spokesperson said that on March 10 this year, body of army man Mohammad Sameer Malla was recovered from Labran village of Khag, three days after he went missing.

During investigation of the case, he said, OGW Ather Illahi Sheikh was apprehended who

"The investigation thus conducted established the offences under section 364, 302,392,

Secretary Health Reviews Functioning Of Nursing Schools, Colleges

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Secretary, Health and Medical Education (H&ME), Bhupinder Kumar, on Monday reviewed functioning of Nursing Schools and Colleges established in Jammu and Kashmir under Centrally Sponsored Schemes under phase-I, II, III and under PMDP.

Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Director (Coordination), New Medical Colleges, Nursing Colleges and Paramedical Colleges, J&K, briefed the Secretary about the present status of Nursing Schools and Colleges, utilization of funds and the bottlenecks in operationalisation of

these institutions. He informed that 21 ANM/

GNM Schools were sanctioned by the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, in Phase-I and Phase-II of centrally sponsored scheme, out of which, 17 have been made fully operational and 04 are being made operational by next year. In Phase-III, GoI sanctioned up gradation of 10 ANM/GNM Schools into Nursing Colleges along with the financial grant to augment the infrastructure, Lab Machinery/Equipments, Books etc. Besides, 05 Nursing Colleges were sanctioned

under PMDP at Anantnag, Baramulla, Sopore, Gangyal and Kishtwar.

Secretary directed the Principals of these Medical/Nursing Colleges for timely utilization of funds for creation of infrastructure, procurement of machinery/ equipments, books etc to ensure that the requirements of Jammu and Kashmir University are met for starting courses of different streams in these institutions.

Principal Medical College, Jammu and Srinagar were asked to operationalise the Nursing Colleges at Gangyal and Budgam at the earliest. It was also decided that the fac-

ulty in these institutions, shall be made available through engagement on academic arrangement basis, against the

sanctioned posts and on internal arrangements in consultation with the two Directorates. Besides, the vacant posts of Principals of Nursing Colleges shall be filled shortly.

Among others the meeting was attended by the Principals of Medical Colleges, Director Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir, Director, Finance HME, Joint Director Planning HME, Principals of Nursing Colleges and others senior officers of Health & Medical Education Department.

skill so that it would be easier to remain competitive in the job market or entrepreneurship fields, the Minister said, addressing students and staff members at the Government Polytechnic College, Chanderkote in Ramban district.

Minister Narendra Modi's vision that opportunities for skilling should be available to one and all, Shri Chandrasekhar said that the Government was now offering 5000 skills programmes-both short term and long term—for students/young entrepreneurs to avail. The curriculum has been changed and new, futuristic courses added as demands for skills will change in the coming days with the rapidly changing technological environment, he added.

Reaffirming that the Prime Minister's approach to development has been that of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas, Shri Chandrasekhar said under his leadership, New India

Chandrasekhar, inaugurated a Job Fair at which he interacted with both job seekers and recruiters who were present. He also distributed offer letters and certificates of completion of training to the eligible candidates. He said jobs are important determinant about opportunities available. We will ensure that the next job fair to be held here in the six months will be three times bigger in size with many more companies taking part. Also, we will request the public sector units to mandatorily absorb the skilled talent locally available, he added.

The Minister then conducted a review of the Ramban district's skill development plans about which he was given a detailed presentation by Mussarat Islam, District Development Commissioner, Ramban. Chandrasekhar discussed with the officials ways to improve the skilling ecosystem with locally available opportunities.

2 'Hybrid Terrorists' **Arrested For Planting IED In Bandipora**

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Two hybrid militants, who were involved in planting an improvised explosive device in Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir last month, have been arrested from Baramulla, police said on Monday.

The police have also recovered two remote-controlled improvised explosive devices (IEDs) from their possession.

"Sopore Police has cracked the recent IED blast incident at Kenusa Bandipora. 02 hybrid terrorists namely Irshad Ganaie @ Shahid & Waseem Raja of Kenusa Bandipora arrested. 02 remote controlled IEDs with detonators recovered," Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said in a tweet. He said a case has been registered and the investigation is going on.

The militants had planted an IED, weighing around 18 kg and fitted with two gas cylinders, in Kenusa-Astango area of the north Kashmir district of Bandipora on October 15.

The explosive device was detected and destroyed by the security forces, averting a major tragedy.





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KASHMIR OBSERVER

Elusive Statehood

nion Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday hinted about the imminent restoration of J&K statehood in her remarks on Centre-state relations. This has triggered speculation about the centre's nearterm plans for the union territory which is likely to go to the polls early next year. The finance minister said that J&K gets 41 percent of the tax revenue as opposed to 42 percent since it was no longer a state. She, however, added that "it will soon become — may be some time." So, does the centre have a plan to restore J&K statehood before elections? It would be great if it did, but this looks very unlikely. No less than union home minister Amit Shah has made it clear that the statehood of J&K would be restored only after elections are held and a representative government is formed. There has so far been no signs that the centre is reviewing its policy. Restoration of statehood also makes eminent sense from the centre's point of view. It seems that the union government wants to first see how the future elected government would look like and what its political and governance priorities would be including its approach to the issue of the revocation of Article 370. Also, it is as yet unclear if the centre would be inclined to restore complete statehood or a truncated one on the pattern of Delhi.

One thing is clear, though: The J&K statehood seems subordinate to the circumstances thrown up by a future elected UT government. The centre, as appears obvious, doesn't want its decision to undo Article 370 to be in any way challenged by an Assembly dominated by the parties that have a contrary view on the issue.

J&K has not had an elected government since June 2018 when Governor's rule was imposed after the PDP-led coalition government lost its majority following the withdrawal of support by the BJP. The last four years have witnessed a drastic political makeover of the state-turned-union territory, so much so that in many aspects, the current J&K bears little resemblance to what it was pre-August 2019.

For now, we can only hope that the elections, whenever they are held, will lead to the restoration of statehood. It is expected that a government led or influenced by the BJP could pave the way for a faster return to statehood than a non-BJP government. But, for now, this is all in the future. All we can hope for now is that the elections are announced earlier than later.

OTHER OPINON

Democratic Deficit: On the Attempt on Imran Khan's Life

Back to Village Strengthening People's Voice

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

ram Sabha also known as Deh Maljis under J&K Panchayati Raj Act 1989 is the Nerve Centre of Panchayati Raj system of governance. Majority of Govt officials , journalists and even the people living in rural areas have a misconception that Gram Sabha means a Sabha or Majlis of Panchayat members (Sarpach or Panchs), the village elders or the influential people. However, the Back to Village Programme (B2V) which was launched by the Government around June 2019 changed the mindset of people who were otherwise reluctant to participate in the Gram Sabha or Panchayat meetings.

When the senior Govt officers were designated as Visiting Officers and were asked to stay in villages for 2 days, it not only brought the governance to the doorsteps of people but also made people understand what Panchayati Raj was all about especially strengthening the Gram Sabha which is like a Mini Parliament for every village.

My own experience

In 2019, Back to Village (B2V) programme did not look promising (at least to me). I took it casually in spite of the fact that I have been a great proponent of decentralization of governance through Panchayati Raj Institutions or Municipalities in urban areas. The local Panchayat members asked me to attend the meeting at the local Panchayat building next morning. I thought I must visit the place and on June 20th . Early morning that day, I went to the Panchayat Ghar. A Government Higher Secondary School Lecturer had been sent to our village as a Visiting Officer. I was of the opinion that the Lecturer's visit to our village would be a useless exercise as he was neither from any administrative background nor he had enough experience about issues related to rural development. As I participated in a session meant for prominent citizens in the local Panchayat Ghar, I started developing some interest Infact the lecturer (Visiting Officer) had good knowledge of the Panchayati Raj system and the developmental programmes of Govt. Many women including local Asha workers, Anganwadi workers, helpers also participated in that meeting and that was very much encouraging. The Back to Village programme had been nicely conceived when it was launched during summer of 2019. There was a complete agenda and activity chart prepared for Visiting Officers which included evening interaction programmes. The evening interaction on June 20th 2019 was held in my house. The meeting was energizing and people who hardly used to take part in Gram sabha meetings or hated the local politics also started speaking out as they got a platform to express themselves. Many started yelling at Panchayat members or Panchayat Secretary as they got to vent their anger & highlighted the local misgovernance affecting their lives, like corruption in execution of local developmental



Going further, the Government must seek suggestions from experts to make the B2V programme more participatory. Additionally, open suggestions should be sought from people, research institutions, NGOs as well. The Govt must also reconsider the My Town My Pride programme that was launched by the Govt in October 2020 for people living in cities or towns

works etc.

Next day (June 21st 2019) the Gram Sabha was held at the local Panchayat Ghar. This meeting began at sharp 8 am and around 100 people had assembled in the premises of the building. I had hardly attended any meeting there in the past and the same was the case with other prominent citizens of my colony which is a semi urbanised habitation in view of being located mere 11 kms away from Srinagar city. Our village Gopalpora -Wathoora is located just 5 kms away from the Srinagar municipal limits, but falls under the jurisdiction of Rural Development department district Budgam.

Participation of 100 people in Gram Sabha (Deh Majlis) didn't even constitute 20% of the adult population of the area but this was for the first time that we had more than 100 people having assembled to take part in a Gram Sabha meeting. This was encouraging indeed. When the Panchayat Secretary read out the village plan prepared some days back, the participants raised their voice. They alleged that the plan was arbitrary and was not prepared in consultation with people (Gram Sabha). The officials of the rural development department argued against these allegations by stating that people didn't come to the Gram Sabha because of which it was obvious that their voice would go unregistered. This might have been true but I along with several locals didn't agree with the Panchayat Secretary or the members of Panchayat and Sarpanch. Why weren't people and other stakeholders invited over for the meeting? The plan was changed as people demanded it. Therefore, participation in Gram Sabha meetings is most important to fight against corruption in the execution of rural development programmes.

Gram Sabha Meetings

There is a notion that people don't attend Gram Sabha meetings . It is true in the case of rural areas which are some way urbanized or developed but in many villages the Sarpaches, Panches, Panchayat Secretaries, JEs and a few affluent people work with each other. These people have created a coterie within the village and all the developmental works are executed by them. They don't want to call people to Deh Maliis/Gram Sabha meetings. They want to eat the cake themselves and organise closed door meetings which are later on called Gram Sabha meetings.

The village developmental ans selection of beneficiaries under various Govt schemes and spending of PRI grants are decided by them but in villages where Back to Village (B2V) programmes during last 3 years had good participation of people, the illegal works and corruption by PRI members or the officials of Rural Development Department (RDD) have come down to a great extent. The reason is that people in these villages have become much aware about the Govt welfare schemes by attending the last four B2V programmes and participating in the Gram Sabha as well during B2V meetings. More awareness has to be created and we need to ensure people's participation in Gram sabha at least once a month. The participation of women needs to be encouraged as well because very few women come and attend Gram Sabha meetings

PRI members when the B2V-4 was launched said that Visiting Officers would act as mentors for one year for their respective panchayats so that they act as a bridge between them and the government. This is a very good decision as the Visiting Officers will remain in touch with people of the panchayats they visited. Otherwise, after B2V meetings, people in villages would have to wait for another B2V meeting.

However, some Visiting Officers are not staying back in the villages. This needs to be taken seriously by the Government. The evening interactions should also be encouraged and future BTV meetings should be held in summer months so that there are activities until late night in the villages.

It must be noted that a grant of Rs 23.30 lakhs per annum to the Gram Panchayats (PRI Grants) with effect from B2V3 last year, has revolutionised the village development. In addition, the Govt provides Rs 71 lakhs annum to every District Development Council (DDC) Member & Rs 25 lakhs to Block Development Council Chairperson (BDC) and this amount is also helping execute the developmental works in rural areas. Around 54 IAS officers were designated as Visiting Officers during B2V 4. Senior IFS officers, senior Engineers, JKAS officers have also been Visiting Officers in all the B2V meetings. Dr Mohit Gera Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) was the Visiting Officer in Choon village of Budgam, Basharat Kawoosa Chief Engineer PHE Jal Shakti Kashmir was Visiting Officer for Wathoora and their presence had a great impact indeed as many decisions were taken on the ground.

Conclusion

The Back to Village programme (B2V) in Jammu & Kashmir is not only helping people address their village developmental demands but this activity is also strengthening our Panchayat Institutions and there is more participation of people in the Gram Sabha meetings now

he habitual turbulence of Pakistani politics took a decidedly dangerous turn last week, with an assassination attempt on its former Prime Minister Imran Khan, who was ousted seven months ago. Mr. Khan escaped with leg injuries after a gunman opened fire. In a press conference a day later, Mr. Khan blamed the government and the military for plotting to kill him. Mr. Khan, who had earlier invoked comparisons between himself and former PM Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, hanged in 1979 — of a popular leader whose mandate is being thwarted by the establishment — even brought in the example of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founder of Bangladesh. Both PM Sharif and the Army have denied Mr. Khan's allegations but it is harder to deny the growing problem that he now poses. Since April, when he was forced to step down following a confidence vote in parliament, and losing all court appeals, he has taken to the streets, demanding a general election immediately. He has grown vocal about the political role of the military, accusing "Dirty Harrys" of imprisoning and torturing his supporters in the Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) Party, and mocking Army Chief General Bajwa, whose tenure ends this month, for suggesting that the military would maintain a "neutral" role. There have been repercussions. In September, he was indicted in a contempt of court case for impugning the High Court judiciary, and although terror charges were dropped against him, he faces criminal charges for threatening to sue government officials. In October, the Election Commission held him guilty in a case involving undeclared official gifts and disqualified him from holding public office; he could face a legal challenge to his seat in Parliament for defaming the judiciary and armed forces.

For the Sharif government that is already beleaguered by the devastating floods, a security crisis emanating from Afghanistan, the burgeoning economic crisis, and continued bad relations with India which has stopped much-needed trade revenues, Mr. Khan's challenge could not have come at a worse time. Mr. Sharif, who has been making many foreign visits, must focus on the domestic situation, and investigate the attack on Mr. Khan in a convincing way if he intends to shore up his credibility. Despite the many setbacks, Mr. Khan's popularity remains strong; he won six out of eight by-elections last month. In the aftermath of the assassination attempt, PTI protesters have held marches in Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Quetta, and Karachi. The biggest worry for the government is maintaining law and order if the impasse continues. In that case, elections at an early date may prove the only prudent way to move forward, in a country that has always suffered from a deficit in democracy.

The Hindu

Visiting Officers as Mentors

Recently, the Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta while speaking to Visiting Officers and Subilit meetings now.

The Back to Village (B2V) programme is a very good platform to express resentment or even anger by the people in a democratic way. This is quite encouraging.

Going further, the Government must seek suggestions from experts to make the B2V programme more participatory. Additionally, open suggestions should be sought from people, research institutions, NGOs as well. The Govt must also reconsider the My Town My Pride programme that was launched by the Govt in October 2020 for people living in cities or towns.

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espite living in the digital age, there are some habits which many of us simply cannot give up. Preferring to read a printed book over the online version is one such. There are multiple reasons why a large swathe of Indian readers always prefer hard copy of books to online reading. Psychologically, the 'ownership' factor could be a key reason, besides the nice feeling you get while touching a new book, its fragrance, pleasure of turning the pages, easy portability, leisure reading – all make a physical book comfortably win over an e-book. However splendid the cover image of an e-book may look on screen, it is still an image rather than a physical thing. Another major disadvantage with an e-book is that you cannot look at more than one page at once. In fact, a study from West Chester University of Pennsylvania reveals that students who read on iPads had lower reading comprehension than when they read traditional printed books. A good physical book is like a full course of a sumptuous meal, whereas an e-book is just fast food. Said the noted American novelist Harper Lee: "The book to read is not the one that thinks for you, but the one which makes you think." *Ranganathan Sivakumar siva19kumar@gmail.com*

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NATIONAL CANCER AWARENESS DAY



Auqib Javeed

Aryam Sultan has been handling a postcancer crisis in Kashmir for a while now. As a distress-manager, she's quietly fundraising for the tumour treatment of poor patients. The sprinted woman in her late thirties narrates some chilling cases torn asunder by malignancy and misery.

"Most of these patients sleep normally before suddenly waking up to the fatal crisis and lose their sleep forever," she says. "That's how one can explain this brutal and life-threatening transition."

As a welfare-worker, Maryam vindicates medical researches on cancer cases of Kashmir. "It's escalating," she says, based on the number of the critical cases she's handling these days. "The upsurge can be attributed to the unawareness and hesitancy to report the symptoms."

But while Maryam tackles the critical situation covertly, Dr. Fir Afroz is quite overt about it.

The medico blames people's reluctance to report primary signs for the surging graph.

"The only way to counter cancer cases," says Dr. Fir Afroz, who heads Radiation Oncology Department of SKIMS, "is to report the symptoms to doctor. If patients receive the treatment at an early stage, things will be better."

But despite this much-recommended medical take, the data is telling some other story.

As per the Union Health Ministry statistics, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a spike in cancer cases in the last three years.

From the year 2019 to 2021, the region has reported 39,041 cancer cases, of which 12675 were recorded in 2019, 13012 in 2020 and 13354 in 2021.

Figures reveal that against the last year's total patient load of 4800, Kashmir's leading tertiary care hospital, SKIMS Soura alone received 1110 cancer cases in the first three months of 2022, highest in recent times. These numbers have

made the job of Maryam as well as the oncologist quite demanding.

But while the duo are handling the crisis in their own ways, experts say there's a need to "close the care gap" which is about understanding the inequities in cancer care and taking actions to make the necessary progress to address them.

On the eve of National Cancer Awareness Day, observed on November 7 every year, Dr. Fir Afroz talks to Kashmir Observer arguing that awareness is the most potent tool to fight the dreadful disease.

Is cancer rising in Kashmir?

Yes, cancer is on rise in the valley.

Please explain the buildup?

Well, more registrations are being done at SKIMS. In 2021, the institute registered over 4800 cancer patients. In the ongoing year, the figures have already surpassed the last year.

But one positive thing is people are coming forward and report symptoms to the doctors. We see thousands of patients every month now.

What's fuelling this upsurge?

So many factors, but the prominent ones are smoking, change in lifestyle.

What about awareness?

Well, cancer awareness is very complex due to different malignancies.

But to be specific, people should come forward in the initial stage of cancer where there're 100 percent chances of cure. If they don't share any unusual changes in their body with their family members or doctors, the cancer enters into an advanced stage where it's difficult for patient to recover. Which are the most common cancers found in Kashmir?

Lung cancer in men and breast cancer in women.

But how is lifestyle responsible for this disease?

See, we've become sedentary workers. This wasn't a case with our elders. They were physically very active. We don't exercise now and just eat a lot of junk food. Organic food isn't available. The fat content is high in our meals. So, we need to change our lifestyle to avoid the dreadful disease.

Is early detection a sure shot to cancer cure?

See, cancer is curable at an early stage. So, early detected means early diagnosis, which in turn means early treatment. Yes,



it helps in curbing the disease.

People need to be educated about the disease. Many female are still hesitant to report their breast issues. They don't need to panic, but rather report to the doctor. Similarly, people passing blood with stool should consult doctors.

But the question remains, it cancer curable at all?

Well, it depends. As I said, if the cancer is detected at an early stage, there're chances that the patients might recover. But if it's in an advanced stage, then there're no chances. The doctors evaluate the patients and start the treatment accordingly. The intention of doctors is to cure, rest it's up to God.

But why cancer patients can't be treated in Kashmir?

The problem is people panic when cancer is detected to any person. Their family members prefer to go outside for treatment when the same treatment can be done here only. They just waste their money and time. At the end, they realize that this treatment can be done in Kashmir and they come to SKIMS.

The people need to trust their doctors. The basic cancer treatment is available at SKIMS free of cost. The people should avail the benefits.

But yes, there're some loopholes and there're some patients who need advanced treatment outside, but their number is very minimal.

What's your National Cancer Awareness Day message to people of Kashmir?

My message is, if anyone finds any kind of symptom related to cancer, don't panic and report to the doctor. If they receive the treatment at an early stage, things will be better. Stop self-medication and take the symptoms seriously.

LIFE & TIMES

Why Some Like It **Hot: The Science Of Spiciness**

One in every four people on the planet currently eats chillies on a daily basis

The Conversation

piciness, or its perception, occurs in most cuisines worldwide. The chilli pepper of the genus Capsicum (family Solanaceae) is one of the world's most widely used spices, found in thousands of recipes and sometimes eaten as a standalone dish. One in every four people on the planet currently eats chillies on a daily basis.

As a forest eco-physiologist, I study the adaptation traits developed by plant organisms to interact with other living beings and the surrounding environment.

The research on chilli peppers and spiciness represents an outstanding example of multidisciplinary science. Several researchers in the last decades have provided information and curiosities about this most unique and desirable oral sensation.

A brief history

Chilli peppers were unknown to much of the world until Christopher Columbus made his way to the New World in 1492. Several origin theories flagged different parts of South America as the spot where chillies came from.

A phylogenetic analysis found that they are native to an area along the Andes of western to northwestern South America. These ancestral wild Capsicum were small red, round, berry-like fruits.

The earliest evidence of domestication dates back to 6,000 years ago in Mexico or northern Central America. Chilli peppers were introduced into Europe in the 16th century. Currently, there are five domesticated chilli peppers species.

The five domesticated species are Capsicum annuum, C. chinense, C. frutescens, C. baccatum and C. pubescens. The species with the most varieties is the C. annuum, which includes the New Mexican jalapeno and the bell pepper. The Habaneros and scotch bonnets instead belong to the C. chinense, while Tabasco peppers are C. frutescens. The South American ajis are C. baccatum, while the Peruvian rocoto and the Mexican Manzano are C. pubescens.

Nowadays, more than three million tons of chilli peppers are produced yearly for a global market that is well over USD 4 billion.



Why chilli burns?

Spiciness is a burning sensation caused by capsaicin in food. When we eat spicy food, capsaicin stimulates receptors in our mouth called TRPV1 receptors and triggers a reaction. The purpose of TRPV1 receptors is thermoreception the detection of the bridge. They could heat. This means they are supposed to deter us from consuming food that burns.

Smartphone App To Assess Structural Integrity Of Bridges: Study

Mobile phones placed in vehicles, equipped with special software, can collect data

Press Trust Of India

here could be a smart-phone application to know if San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, or any other bridge for that matter, is holding up well, according to a study.

The new study shows that mobile phones placed in vehicles, equipped with special software, can collect useful structural integrity data while crossing bridges. In doing so, they could become a less expensive alternative to sets of sensors attached to bridges themselves.

"The core finding is that information about structural health of bridges can be extracted from smartphone-collected accelerometer data," says Carlo Ratti, co-author of the study.

The research was conducted, in part, on the Golden Gate Bridge itself. The study, involving researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), US, showed that mobile devices can capture the same kind of information about bridge vibrations that stationary sensors compile.

The researchers also estimate that depending on the age of a road bridge, mobile-device monitoring could add from 15 per cent to 30 per cent more years to the structure's lifespan.

"These results suggest that massive and inexpensive datasets collected by smartphones could play an important role in monitoring the health of existing transportation infrastructure," the authors write in their new paper, published in Nature Communications Engineering.

Bridges naturally vibrate, and to study the essential "modal frequencies" of those vibrations in many directions, engineers typically place sensors, such as accelerometers, on bridges themselves.

Changes in the modal frequencies over time may indicate changes in a bridge's structural integrity.

To conduct the study, the researchers developed an Android-based mobile phone application to collect accelerometer data when the devices were placed in vehicles passing over

then



bridges themselves, to see if the mobile-phone method worked.

"In our work, we designed a methodology for extracting modal vibration frequencies from noisy data collected from smartphones," lead researcher Paolo Santi said.

"As data from multiple trips over a bridge are recorded, noise generated by engine, suspension and traffic vibrations, (and) asphalt, tend to cancel out, while the underlying dominant frequencies emerge.

In the case of the Golden Gate Bridge, the researchers drove over the bridge 102 times with their devices running, and the team used 72 trips by Uber drivers with activated phones as well, the study said.

The team then compared the resulting data to that from a group of 240 sensors that had been placed on the Golden Gate Bridge for three months.

The outcome, according to the study, was that the data from the phones converged with that from the bridge's sensors; for 10 particular types of lowfrequency vibrations engineers measure on the bridge, there

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multiple trips over a bridge are recorded, noise generated by engine, suspension and traffic vibrations, (and) asphalt, tend to cancel out, while the underlying dominant frequencies emerge

between the methods at all. "We were able to show that many of these frequencies correspond very accurately to the prominent modal frequencies of the bridge," Santi says.

However, only one per cent of all bridges in the US are suspension bridges. About 41 per cent are much smaller concrete span bridges. So, the researchers also examined how well their method would fare in that setting.

To do so, they studied a bridge in Ciampino, Italy, comparing 280 vehicle trips over the bridge to six sensors that had been placed on the bridge for seven months.

Here too, the researchers were encouraged by the findings, though they found up to a 2.3 per cent divergence between methods for certain modal frequencies over all 280 trips, and a 5.5 per cent divergence over a smaller sample. That suggests a larger volume of trips could yield more useful data.

"Our initial results suggest that only a modest amount of trips over the span of a few weeks are sufficient to obtain useful information about bridge

a whole, Professor at MIT, Markus Buehler observes, "Vibrational signatures are emerging as a powerful tool to assess properties of large and complex systems, ranging from viral properties of pathogens to structural integrity of bridges as shown in this study," Buehler said. "It is a universal signal

found widely in the natural and built environment that we're just now beginning to explore as a diagnostic and generative tool in engineering," Buehler said.

As Ratti acknowledges, there are ways to refine and expand the research, including accounting for the effects of the smartphone mount in the vehicle, the influence of the vehicle type on the data, and more.

"We still have work to do, but we believe that our approach could be scaled up easily all the way to the level of an entire country," Ratti said.

"It might not reach the accuracy that one can get using fixed sensors installed on a bridge, but it could become a very interesting early-warning system. Small anomalies could then suggest when to carry out further analyses," said Ratti.

When TRPV1 receptors are activated by capsaicin, the sensation we experience is linked to the feeling of encountering something hot, near the boiling point of water. However, this pain is nothing more than an illusory side effect of our confused neural receptors there is nothing actually hot about spicy food.

Not all chillies are equal

Different degrees of spiciness exist according to the chilli you are eating. In 1912, pharmacist Wilbur Scoville created a scale to measure the pungency (spiciness) of chilli peppers. This scale, measured in Scoville Heat Units (SHU), is based on the capsaicinoid sensitivity experienced by people eating hot chillies

On the standard Scoville heat scale, bell peppers (SHU=0) are on the bottom. Jalapeno peppers can range anywhere from 2.500 to 10.000. By comparison. Tabasco peppers are between 25,000 to 50,000 units. and habanero chilli ranges between 100,000 to 350,000.

The world's hottest pepper the Carolina Reaper goes all the way up to 2.2 million units. Bear spray two per cent capsaicin is advertised at 3.3 million units, and pure capsaicin hits 16 million at the top of the Scoville scale.

Human pleasure

Psychologist Paul Bloom writes: Philosophers have often looked for the defining feature of humans language, rationality, culture and so on. I'd stick with this: Man is the only animal that likes Tabasco sauce.

Bloom was right. There is not a single animal that enjoys hot pepper, but we are not the only animal species eating chillies. Mammals, like mice and squirrels, share the same spicy food receptors humans have, and they tend to avoid hot peppers as food sources. Birds eat hot peppers but they can't actually feel the heat. Birds have different receptors from humans and are biologically unable to register the effects of capsaicin.

Explaining the reason for the evolution of capsaicin is not that easy. Some argue that it is an adaptation to select birds to eat chilli fruits. Birds don't chew or digest seeds like rodents, and they transport them far away. Other studies have suggested that capsaicin is also an effective deterrent against the attack of parasitic fungi, and the heat sensation in mammals is a side effect.

Some experts argue that humans like chillies because they are good for us. They have some beneficial effects on human health. They reduce blood pressure and may have some antimicrobial effects. The pain of chillies can even overwhelm and help manage other pains. Another hypothesis can be described as benign masochism. Psychologist Paul Rozin suggests that there's a sort of thrill similar to the fun of riding a roller coaster. In an interview, he explained: Mind over body. My body thinks I'm in trouble, but I know I'm not.

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was a close match, and in five cases, there was no discrepancy

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Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir **OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SOCIAL** WELFARE OFFICER KULGAM

Expression of Interest

Subject: Notice to invite proposals for establishment of DDRC in District Kulgam under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Govt. of India.

In light of the Directions of DIV.Com Kashmir conveyed to District Development Commissioner Kulgam Vide No. Divcom/PS/MISC/2022-23/1334-44, dated 22-08-2022 and in view of decision of District Management Team Kulgam made during the meeting held on 13-10-2022 in the Meeting Hall of DC Office Kulgam. Proposals are invited from registered reputed agencies /NGOs/Voluntary Organisations rehabilitation to the persons with disabilities. The proposal with all supporting documents shall reach to the office of undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. The terms and conditions as per the guidelines are given as unde

The intending agency should be as registered organisation under relevant Act.

The agency shall possess sufficient experience and good track record in the disability sector and shall enclose the docu-ments depicting the achievements' rehabilitation made till date in the disability sector.
 The intending agency has to arrange a rent free, barrier - free accommodation located near hospital /medical facility

centre with all basic facilities in place including water and electricity.

4. The staff for the centre shall be engaged on honorarium /contractual basis by implementing agency/DMT preferably from local sources having specified /technical qualification and registration under RCI.

5. The DMT shall be authorized to adopt any option as per requirement of staff including from existing professionals on fixed honorarium 6. The intending agency must possess PFMS mode of transaction with EAT module in place also.

 The intending agency shall enclose the three (03) years audited statement and details of fund resources.
 The DMT shall conduct the physical inspection of intending agency after submission of proposal to check the location and feasibility.
 The intending agency shall enclose a CDR worth Rs 10,000/= as security deposit drawn from J&K Bank pledged to District Social Welfare Officer Kulgam. The CDR of unsuccessful agency shall be released instantly after scrutiny of proposals and CDR of selected agency shall be released afterwards.

The selected agency has to submit the proposal to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for release of funds J

grant in aid after establishing the DDRC with all requisite equipments and facilities in place. 11. The selected agency has to provide services and rehabilitation to the persons with following disabilities

(1). Locomotor Disability. 2 Mental & Intellectual Disability 3. Cerebral Palsy/Autism 4. Leprosy Cured persons 5. Neurological disor ders 6. Blood disorder 7. Multiple disabilities.

All required equipments and appliances shall have to be arranged by the implementing agency to run DDRC smoothly. The guideline can be downloaded from website of Ministry of Justice& Empowerment (www.disabilityaffairs@gmail.com). The DMT reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reasons thereof.

Documents to be submitted with the application /proposal

- Self-certified copy of the Society Registration /Indian Trust Act/Companies Act Certificate.
- Self Certified copy of the last three annual reports (2018-19-2019-20 & 2020-21).
- Self Certified copy of balance sheet of last three years.
- Bye laws & memorandum of the Agency(Self Certified Copy)
- Annual Report of last three years. Photo Copies of the documents relating to experience in Social Sector especially in the field of disability. In the experience certificate the duration of the project shall be mentioned (Attach the proof documents with Self Certification). 7. Undertaking by the Agency that it has not been blacklisted or placed under funding restriction by any Go

Non Gover nent Agencies.

Undertaking that no office bearer on behalf of the organisation has been convicted by any court of law in India or abroad 8. Undertaki for any criminal activity.

- Human resource details(full time, part time staffs etc)
- Copy of PAN Card.
- Copy of Bank Pass Book
- Copy of Aadhar Card of all trustees/member
- 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. Unique ID number allotted on NGO-Darpan Portal of NITI Aayog.
- Any other documents in support of the organisation

DIPK-13071/22

No: DSWO/KUI/Estt/2022-23/ 751-57 Dated: 07/11/2022

Jammu & Kashmir Small Scale **Industries Development Corporation** Limited (SICOP)

(A J&K Government Undertaking) 2nd floor, Sanat Ghar building Bemina Srinagar Email: bhatmushtaq1079@yahoo.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-TENDER NOTICE No:ENIT No:15 of 2022-23 dated:25-11-2022

For and on behalf of the Managing Director of Jammu & Kashmir Small Scale Industries Cooperation Limited, online tenders are invited from reputed contractors who are registered with CPWD/MES/PWD of appropriate class in India.

Name of work	Adv. Cost. In lacs	Earnest money	Class of contract	Cost of tender document	Time of completion	Position of AA
Repair /Renovation of washrooms at DIC Building Kupwara	₹ 5.00 lacs	₹0.10 lacs	"C & D" Class	500.00	30 days	Accorded

Terms and Conditions:

Sd/

District Social Welfare Officer

(Member Secretary) Kulgar

The tender documents for the above job can be seen on the website <u>www.jktenders.gov.in</u> from **05-11-2022** (1200Hrs)

The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website from 05-11-2022 (1200Hrs) onward

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on website www.jktenders.gov.in from 05-11-2022 (1200Hrs) 3. upto 28-11-2022 (1630Hrs) only.
- The uploaded Pre-Qualification bids in the first instance on the website will be opened on 29-11-2022 (1200Hrs). In 4. case of holiday on the date of opening of bid, bids will be opened on the next working day. The financial bids of only those firms shall be opened who qualify in pre-qualification bid, intimation in respect of opening of financial bids shall notified separately.
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of <u>Bank Receipt with seal and signature of bank</u> official in favor of Project Engineer (K) SICOP Srinagar Kashmir in Account No CC-0148020100001980 , IFSC Code JAKA0KARRAN , J&K Bank Branch Karan Nagar Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (<u>The Date of bank receipt</u> should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Project Engineer (K) SICOP Srinagar Kashmir, (tender receiving authority) and EMD 2% of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Design Engineer (K) SICOP Project Engineer, SICOP Kashmir
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Project Engineer, SICOP Kashmir) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period(DLP) of the work. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape CDR/FDR of the successful Bidder shall be
- sed after receiving Performance security @3% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall released after successful completion of Defect liability period (DLP) of the work.
- The advertised shown above is inclusive of 10% SICOP service charges and other taxes as admissible.
- Complete bidding process will be online (price bid not to be submitted in physical form)

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Dated: 07-11-2022	SICOP Kashmir

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Twitter's 'Massive' Revenue Drop Adds To Its Heavy Debt Burden, Here's Why

Reuters

NEW YORK: Elon Musk's revelation that Twitter has suffered a "massive" revenue drop since he took over 10 days ago underscores the precarious nature of the social media company's finances after he saddled it with \$13 billion in debt, credit experts say.

Elon Musk tweeted on Friday that Twitter was losing more than \$4 million a day, largely because advertisers started fleeing once he took over. He has blamed civil rights activists pressuring advertisers, though many in the advertising industry say his tweets spreading conspiracy theories have contributed.

Yet even before this upheaval, Musk had engineered an acquisition that pushed the San Francisco-based company's finances to the edge.

Twitter faces interest payments totaling close to \$1.2 bil-lion in the next 12 months on the debt that Musk piled on it, following a string of interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve, an analysis of the financing terms disclosed in regulatory filings shows.

The payments exceed Twitter's most recently disclosed cash flow, which amounted to \$1.1 billion as of the end of June, according to financial disclosures Twitter made before Musk took it private on October 27.

Hafeez Asks Tourism **Stakeholders To Work Closely With Tourism Deptt**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Representatives of various travel and tour bodies' today called on the Secretary, Tourism, Sarmad Hafeez here and discussed the obtaining tourism scenario in the UT.

Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Fazlul Haseeb, other officers of the Tourism Department and representatives of travel and tour operators were present in ones to people outside so that



Some aspects of Twitter's current financial health are uncertain, because the company hasn't made enough disclosures. It's not clear how much of the \$5.29 billion debt Twitter had before the acquisition was refinanced or remained with the company. It's also not clear how much of the \$2.7 billion in cash that Twitter held as of the end of June it got to keep once it

went private. Debt investors and analysts said Musk needs to ensure the company is profitable enough to meet its debt payments or it will require a cash infusion.

"Leverage could spike into the double digits unless Mr. Musk contributes significantly more equity than previously contemplated or significantly improves profitability," S&P Global analysts wrote in a credit research note. They have given the company a "junk" B-minus rating.

Efforts To Bring Down NPAs Bearing Fruits: FM Sitharaman

'Profits of public sector banks soar to Rs 25,685 cr in Q2'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said the government's efforts to reduce bad loans are yielding result with 12 public sector banks reporting a 50 per cent jump in combined net profit at Rs 25,685 crore in the second quarter ended September.

In the first half of FY23, the cumulative net profit of all public sector banks (PSBs) in-creased by 32 per cent to Rs 40,991 crore. During the second quarter,

the SBI reported the highestever profit of Rs 13,265 crore. On year-on-year basis, this was 74 per cent higher than the same quarter a year ago.

"The continuous efforts of our govt for reducing the NPAs and further strengthening the health of PSBs are now showing tangible results. All 12 PSBs declared net profit of Rs 25,685 cr in Q2FY23 & total Rs 40,991 cr in H1FY23, up by 50% & 31.6%, respectively (y-o-y)," Sitharaman said in a tweet



She further said Canara Bank reports an 89 per cent jump in profit to Rs 2,525 crore as compared to second guarter of the previous fiscal.

UCO Bank Kolkata-based posted a 145 per cent surge in profit to Rs 504 crore while Bank of Baroda's profit increased by 58.70 per cent to Rs 3,312.42 crore in the second quarter, she said in an another tweet.

Two of the 12 lenders -- Punjab National Bank (PNB), and Bank of India -- reported profit declines

ranging from 9-63 per cent. These lenders' declining profits have been ascribed to higher provisioning for bad loans.

PNB said the main reason behind the decline in the net profit was higher provisioning towards bad loans. The bank's provisioning for Q2FY23 rose to Rs 3,556 crore, as against Rs 2,693 crore in the year-ago period.

Another state-owned lender Bank of India (BoI) said total provisions doubled to Rs 1,912 crore in the quarter from Rs 894 crore a year ago. A majority of the provisions came on standard accounts belonging to state governments in which payments were delayed and hence provisions had to be made after a Reserve Bank of India (RBI) inspection.

Ten lenders have recorded profit ranging from 13-145 per cent during the second quarter of FY23. The highest percentage growth were recorded by UCO Bank and Bank of Maharashtra at 145 per cent and 103 per cent over the same quarter of previous fiscal

Festive Fervour Puts Automobile Retail Sales In Fast Lane In October

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Aided by robust festive season offtake, automobile retail sales in India witnessed a 48 per cent annual jump in October, the automotive dealers' body Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations said on Monday.

The total retail sales last month stood at 20,94,378 units, up 48 per cent from 14,18,726 registrations in October 2021. The registrations last month were even better by 8 per cent as against October 2019, a pre-COVID month.

period. Passer stood at 3,28,645 units last month, up 41 per cent from 2,33,822 units in October 2021. Similarly, two-wheeler registrations witnessed a 51 per cent jump last month at 15,71,165 units compared with 10.39.845 units in October 2021. Commercial vehicle retail sales were up 25 per cent at 74,443 units last month, as against 59,363 units in the year-ago period. Three-wheeler and tractor retails were up 66



ly over October 2021.

tive across all categories of Federation of Auto-(FADA) President Manish Raj

months, he added. every segment came out in

'Lot of scope for agriculture-allied sectors in J&K for projects under these schemes'

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo Monday chaired a meeting of officers to review the status of several Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

The ACs held a detailed review of district-wise and project-wise status of CSSs including Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) and Fisheries & Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) schemes and projects of National Horticulture Board (NHB) being taken in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Directors of Agriculture, Directors of Horticulture, Directors of Animal Husbandry, and Directors of Sheep Husbandry from both the divisions of Jammu and Kashmir besides the Director of Fisheries, representatives of UTLBC

and other concerned officers. The Kashmir-based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing. During the meeting, it was

informed that under AIF 214 applications were received on the portal, of which 48 were verified with 24 applications sanctioned amounting to Rs 4.21 crore while as an amount of Rs 2.16 crore has been disbursed in different projects across J&K.

Similarly, under AHIDF, the meeting was told that so far 106 applications have been received, of which 17 were picked up for screening while as six applications have been approved by PAC under the scheme.

In another presentation, Deputy Director NHB, Sansar Ahmed gave a detailed presentation about the current status of financial and physical status of the projects.

He informed the meeting that in Jammu division, applications for 11 projects have been received wherein in several term loans have been sanctioned and IPA were also issued in various other projects. Likewise, in Kashmir division, he said that NHB received 36 applications in different agriculture and horticulture sector projects.

MIDH, RKVY, ATMA Like **Schemes Boosting Commercial** Floriculture Sector In J&K: Govt

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Commercial Floriculture in Jammu and Kashmir is helping the farmers to multiply their profits with the help of Government sponsored schemes and other related interventions, a government spokesperson said on Monday. Commercial Floriculture, a specialized form of Horticulture aimed at augmenting the in-

come of Growers and generating employment opportunities involves setting up of Ornamental Nurseries, Aromatic oil crop farming like Lavender, Cut flower production of Rose, Carnation

their own business in loose and cut flower production, aromatic plant cultivation, ornamental nursery and use of integrated farming for their employment and revenue generation.

Floriculture products mainly consist of cut flowers, pot plants, cut foliage, seeds bulbs, tubers, rooted cuttings and dried flowers or leaves. The important floricultural crops in the international cut flower trade are Rose, Carnation, Chrysanthemum, Gargera, Gladiolus, Gypsophila, Liatris, Nerine, Orchids, Archilea, Anthurium, Tulip, and Lilies.

Notably, cultivation of lavender as part of commercial Flor culture has changed fortunes of farmers in Jammu and Kashmir under 'Aroma Mission or Purple Revolution', an initiative of the Central government towards transforming lives of UT's farmers community.

The festive season this year turned out to be the best for the industry in the last four years.

Last month, all the vehicle segments like passenger and commercial vehicles, twowheelers, tractors and threewheelers performed better as compared to the year-ago

added. ing 2020 numbers by 2 per cent. When compared to pre-COVID festive season of 2019, overall retails were up by 6 per cent," Singhania said. and 17 per cent respective- witnessed a growth of 6 per

"With most of the month under festive period, the sentiments were extremely posidealership. Even when compared to pre-covid month of 2019, overall retail sales for the first time closed in green." mobile Dealers Associations

Singhania said in a statement. The extremely robust demand due to festivities last month brought cheer to the od this year, total retail sales industry as customers in stood at 28,88,131 units, up

Commenting on the PV

The representatives put forth different issues and suggestions for tourism promotion with respect to their concerned fields in the Kashmir valley. They thanked the Department for its continued support in promoting the sector by taking several path breaking initiatives.

Speaking on the occasion, the Tourism Secretary impressed upon the stakeholders to work closely with the Department for obtaining maximum results for the sector and the trade. He informed the group that the Department is working round the clock to maintain the lead Jammu & Kashmir has attained

the Union Territory maintains its number one tourist destination tag in the country.

ism sector in the country and

sought their active involvement

Sarmad Hafeez maintained

that J&K has a huge potential

in terms of tourism and recre-

ational activities where the local

stakeholders from the tourism

sector would offer and adver-

tise offbeat tourist destinations

besides the already established

and feedback.

The Tourism Secretary informed the group that a series of roadshows and promotional events, at national and international levels, have been planned by the Department for the coming days and months so that the tourist footfall to the UT is not only maintained but also increased. He said besides Gulmarg destinations Sonamarg, Doodhpathri like and Yousmarg would be kept open in coming winters and many snow activities are being planned to attract more tourists

during winters.

29 per cent from 22.42. good numbers making it the units. best in the last four years, he

Passenger vehicle retails rose 34 per cent to 4,56,413 "As anticipated earlier, the units, as against 3,39,780 PV segment saw the best units in the festive period year in a decade by outgrowlast year.

cent in retail sales last month,

as compared with October

2019, a pre-COVID year, Sing-

Deepawali majorly falling in

a single month, the month of

October saw double footfall

Sentiments have also start-

In the 42-day festive peri-

ed to improve at the rural

level but the same needs to

sustain for at least next 3-4

at dealerships," he noted.

With both Navratri and

hania said.

Two-wheeler registrations rose to 21,55,311 units during the period under review, from 17,05,456 units last year, an increase of 26 per cent. Similarly, three-wheeler,

segment, he noted that sports commercial vehicle and tracutility vehicles continue to tor sales increased by 68, 29 see extremely high demand. and 30 per cent respectively over the festive season last The two-wheeler segment year, FADA said.

Gerbera ,Lilium, among others as well as Bulb production of Iris, Daffodils, Dahlia, Lilium, Gladiolus, Peonia, Cyclamen, Ranunculus, etc.

Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) like MIDH, RKVY, and ATMA are being implemented for the promotion of the commercial Floriculture Sector in J&K. The department is organizing regular sessions of training within and outside J&K for farmers/growers in order to make them aware of modern trends in Floriculture Sector. Unemployed youths and

farmers register themselves under these schemes and started

As per official data, Purple or Lavender Revolution was launched in 2016 by the Union Ministry of Science & Technology through the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research's (CSIR) Aroma Mission. The aim of the mission is to support domestic aromatic cropbased agro-economy by moving from imported aromatic oils to home-grown varieties

iPhone Supplies Hurt By Anti-Virus Curbs In China: Apple

BEIJING- Apple Inc. is warning customers they'll have to wait longer to get its latest iPhone models after anti-virus restrictions were imposed on a contractor's factory in central China.

The company announcement Sunday gave no details but said the factory operated by Foxconn in the central city of Zhengzhou is "operating at significantly reduced capac-

ity." "We now expect lower iPhone 14 Pro and "We now expect lower iPhone 14 Pro and iPhone 14 Pro Max shipments than we previously anticipated," the company said.

"Customers will experience longer wait times to receive their new products."

Foxconn Technology Group said earlier it imposed anti-virus measures on the factory in Zhengzhou following virus outbreaks.

Apple and Foxconn previously hadn't responded to questions about how iPhone production might be affected.

Last week, access to the industrial zone where the factory is located was suspended for one week following a surge in infections in Zhengzhou and the departure of workers from the factory.

The lockdown is expected to cause further disruptions to the plant, which in recent weeks has seen a spate of coronavirus infections and an exodus of workers, some of whom fled the factory on foot. AP

Large Scale Layoffs Coming At Meta: Report

NEW YORK- After job cuts at Twitter, Facebook's parent company Meta is planning to begin "large-scale layoffs" this week in what could be the largest reduction to date at a "major technology corporation in a year that has seen a tech-industry retrenchment," a media report said. The Wall Street Journal reported that the layoffs at Meta, which has more than 87,000 employees, are expected to affect "many thousands of employees" and could come as soon as Wednesday.

The WSJ report said that company officials have told employees to cancel nonessential travel beginning this week.

"The planned layoffs would be the first broad head-count reductions to occur in the company's 18-year history. While smaller on a percentage basis than the cuts at Twitter Inc. this past week, which hit about half of that company's staff, the number of Meta employees expected to lose their jobs could be the largest to date at a major technology corporation in a year that has seen a tech-industry retrenchment," it said. Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg has said that the company would "focus our investments on a small number of high-priority growth areas."

"So that means some teams will grow meaningfully, but most other teams will stay flat or shrink over the next year," Zuckerberg had said on the company's third-quarter earnings call last month. PTI

Sensex Revisits 61K Amid Upbeat Global Cues

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MUMBAI-Equity benchmark Sensex climbed over 230 points to reclaim the 61,000-mark on Monday, propelled by robust buying in bank, auto and metal stocks amid a firm trend in global equities.

A strong rupee against the US dollar and persistent foreign capital inflows also supported the domestic equities, traders said.

Rising for the second straight day, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 234.79 points or 0.39 per cent higher at 61,185.15 after a choppy session. The index witnessed a high of 61,401.54 and a low of 60,714.36 during the session. The broader NSE Nifty rose by 85.65 points or 0.47 per cent to end at 18,202.80 points.

State Bank of India (SBI) topped the Sensex gainers' chart, jumping 3.44 per cent, after the country's largest lender on Saturday posted its highest-ever quarterly profit at Rs 13,265 crore, up 74 per cent year-on-year, for the September quarter, buoyed by robust loan sales, higher interest income and lower provisions.

Tata Steel, ICICI Bank, UltraTech Cement, M&M, Maruti, PowerGrid and HDFC Bank were among the other major winners, climbing up to 1.81 per cent.

In contrast, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finserv, Sun Pharma, Titan, Kotak Bank and Dr Reddy's were among the laggards, dropping as much as 2.37 per cent. PTI

Govt Clears 23rd Tranche **Of Electoral Bonds**

NEW DELHI- Ahead of assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, the government on Monday approved issuance of the 23rd tranche of electoral bonds that will open for sale on November 9.

The Gujarat assembly elections will be held in two phases on December 1 and 5, while Himachal Pradesh will go to polls on November 12.

Electoral bonds have been pitched as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of efforts to bring transparency in political funding.

State Bank of India (SBI), in the 23rd phase of sale, has been authorised to issue and encash electoral bonds through 29 authorised branches from November 9-15, the finance ministry said in a statement.

Usually, electoral bond tranches are open for sale between 1-10 of a designated month. For instance, the 22nd tranche of bond sales took place from October 1-10, 2022 while 21st tranche was from July 1-10, 2022.

Sale of the first batch of electoral bonds happened from March 1-10, 2018.

The authorised SBI branches include those in Lucknow, Shimla, Dehradun, Kolkata, Guwahati, Chennai, Patna, New Delhi, Chandigarh, Srinagar, Gandhinagar, Bhopal, Raipur, and Mumbai. SBI is the only authorised bank to issue electoral bonds. PTI

'Taxpayers Should Check AIS Quarterly, Report Discrepancies'

NEW DELHI: Taxpayers should check their annual information statement every quarter and flag any discrepancies to help curb instances of wrongful HRA deductions, a senior finance ministry official said on Monday.

The income tax department had in November last year rolled out a new Annual Information Statement (AIS) on its portal that provides a comprehensive view of taxpayer information and an option to submit feedback. It includes additional information related to interest, dividend, securities transactions, mutual fund transactions and foreign remittance information.

"You must keep on checking your AIS not only at the time of return filing, but quarterly. You should check your AIS and (report) if anything wrong is reported so that the other person who is wrongly claiming some kind of benefit should be caught," Joint Secretary in the finance ministry Kamlesh Varshney said at an event here.

He said AIS has played an important role in ensuring voluntary compliance as it provides details of all financial transactions to assessees while filing their income tax returns (ITR).

"We all know how people have started showing saving bank interest (in ITR) after AIS. There is another big leakage which happens in House Rent Allowance (HRA)," Varshney said. PTI

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37% Of Delhi Women Drinking More Alcohol Since Pandemic: Survey

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Over 37 per cent of women in Delhi believe that their consumption alcohol has increased in the last three years, indicating the impact of the pandemic on alcohol habits, a survey has claimed.

Over 45 per cent women said that the reason for their increased drinking frequency was "stress," the survey said.

The survey conducted by the Community against Drunken Driving (CADD), an NGO, cited the pandemic, the ensuing lockdown, increased availability of alcohol, and changed expenditure pattern, as factors that contributed to the increased drinking among women.

Out of the 5,000



on more occasions and

women surveyed, 37.6 and per cent of women agreed that their alcohol consumption has ining to make up for lost creased, the CADD said in time, since early 2022 when things started opening up and thus a statement. "42.3 per cent women alcohol was being had

considered their increase more sporadic

occasion-based. in more quantities," the statement read. Respondents also agreed that many were also try-

per cent.

Increased availability of alcohol was cited as the reason for increased drinking among women in 34.4 per cent, and notably, boredom, in 30.1

Jamia set to reopen hostels after over 2 yrs

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Road safety expert and

activist Prince Singhal,

also CADD founder, said

a liberal view presented

of alcohol drinking on TV

and its putative ability to

cure stress are two of the

factors responsible for

grow by 25 per cent over

the next five years as per

the Centre for alcohol

studies, the government

"Pinking of the alcohol

market, combined with

sustained messaging in

movies and on TV that

alcohol is the best way

for women to relax and

reward themselves, com-

fortable retail experi-

ence besides the already

prevalent reasons are

all adding up to the rise

in alcohol consumption

among women," he said.

alcohol

the phenomenon.

"Women's market is expected to

of India.

New Delhi: After an over twoyear-long gap, the Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) has begun the process of reopening its hostels by starting the renewal of hostel admission for the 2022-23 academic session.

However, no notification has been issued so far for the allotment of rooms to the firstyear students. The hostels were closed after the nationwide pandemic-induced lockdown in March 2020.

Last week, provosts of several hostels issued notices informing students that applications are invited from eligible residents for renewal of hostel admission for the session 2022-23.

"The application completed in all respect should be submitted to their respective Provost's Office latest by 20 November 2022," the notices read.

The notifications come after hundreds of students staged a protest on the campus, demanding the reopening of the hostel which has been lying shut for over two years. On Thursday, students staged

a protest to which the varsity officials assured them that hostels will be reopened soon. "The officials came to the protest site and assured us that the process of reopening hostels has already been started. However, the allotment to the first-year students has not begin yet. We have told them we will wait till November 9 and if no notification is issued till then, we will resume the pro-

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third-year student. On Thursday, the university issued a statement saying that vice-chancellor Najma Akhtar has given a go-ahead for the reopening of all the hostels.

"All Provosts of the Hall of Boys' and Girls' Residences are, therefore, requested to start the process of renewal/new allotment in a time-bound manner so that students may use the hostel facilities after winter vacation." it added.

Delhi air quality 'very poor' for 3rd day on trot; primary schools to reopen Nov 9

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Delhi recorded its air quality in the very poor category for the third consecutive day on Monday and it is likely to deteriorate further in the coming days due to unhelpful meteorological conditions, forecasting agencies said.

The capital's 24-hour average air quality index worsened from 339 on Sunday to 354 on Monday. It was 381 on Saturday. Farm fires in Punjab re-

bounded -- 2,487 incidents were reported on Monday as compared to 599 a day ago.

However, their share in Delhi's PM2.5 pollution dipped from 18 per cent on Sunday to 14 per cent on Monday, according to data from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute and SAFAR, a forecasting agency under the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences.

Delhi government on Monday decided to reopen primary classes from November 9 and revoke the order asking 50 per cent of its staff to work from home in view of improvement in the city's air quality over the last two days.

However, plying of BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel fourwheelers in Delhi will remain banned under stage 3 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai told a press conference.

With air pollution ameliorating in Delhi, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Sunday directed authorities to lift the ban on plying of non-BS VI diesel light motor vehicles in the region and the entry of trucks into the capital imposed under the final stage of the GRAP.

It had also banned construction work in public projects such as highways, flyovers, power transmission, and pipelines in Delhi-NCR.

The CAQM order recommending the restrictions was issued on Thursday.

Restrictions under stages 1 to 3 of the GRAP, will, however, remain in place. The plan is a set of anti-air pollution measures followed in the capital and its vicinity according to the severity of the situation.

NIA says D-company sent money via hawala for 'terror acts' in India, has unit to target politicians

Press Trust of India

Mumbai: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has alleged fugitive underworld don Dawood Ibrahim had sent a "huge amount of money" through hawala channels to accused arrested in a case pertaining to aiding terrorist activities of 'D-Company' in India.

These activities related to carrying out terrorist attacks in Mumbai and other parts of India to strike fear among people. The D-Company has established a special unit to strike terror in people of India by attacking eminent personalities, including political leaders and businesspersons, the probe agency further claimed.

The NIA has made these claims in a charge-sheet filed last week before a special court here in the case related to a global terrorist network and a transnational organised criminal syndicate, namey D-Company, which it claimed is involved in various terrorist and criminal activities in India.

The D-Company refers to the network of the underworld don



and one of the most wanted terrorists in India, Dawood Ibrahim.

Ibrahim and his close aide Chhota Shakeel have been shown as wanted accused in the charge-sheet, in which the NIA has named five accused. The three others charge-sheeted in the case are Arif Abubakar Shabbir Abubakar Shaikh. Shaikh and Mohammad Salim Qureshi -- all Mumbai residents and arrested in the case.

The central probe agency claimed that evidence collected during investigation revealed the arrested as well as wanted accused were active members of an organized crime syndicate working as a terrorist gang. "It is established that the ar-

rested accused persons also received a huge amount of money through Hawala (an illegal method for transferring money) from the absconding accused,

based abroad. It is evident from the statement of witness and previous conduct of absconding wanted accused (Ibrahim and Shakeel) that the money is meant for planning and triggering some big/sensational incidents (terrorist acts) in Mumbai and other parts of India so as to create terror and panic in the minds of people," said the NIA.

Further, the investigation revealed Rs 25 lakh in cash was sent

to arrested accused Arif Shaikh and Shabbir Shaikh through hawala channel from Pakistan via Dubai to Mumbai, it said.

The probe agency claimed the arrested duo had received mon-

ey from Shakeel at the instance of Ibrahim which was proceeds of terrorism.

It further alleged the D-Company under Ibrahim and his associates has established a special unit for striking terror in people by attacking eminent personalities in India, including political leaders and businesspersons, by using explosive/firearms and other lethal weapons.

The gang was planning to instigate and trigger incidents which may lead to onset of violence in various parts of India, including the National Capital Region, Mumbai and other major cities, the NIA said.

The anti-terror agency said its investigation has also revealed the nature of illegal activities performed by the arrested accused and other members of the organized crime syndicate was not limited to gaining pecuniary benefits, but also to obtain undue economic or other advantage.

The NIA investigation revealed that in 2011 and thereafter, accused Salim Qureshi, on the directions of Shakeel and Ibrahim, had grabbed unnamed original allotment letters of two flats in Mumbai by threatening the victims. The flats, valued at around Rs 2.70 crore, were taken as a token of assurance from the victims against demand of extortion, the NIA said.

Similarly, Qureshi, also known as 'Salim Fruit', had extorted Rs 53.75 lakh from another victim by putting him in fear of death and grievous hurt. Qureshi was one of the main persons handling terrorism and criminal activities of the D-Company, it said.

The NIA claimed there were several instances, wherein the arrested and wanted accused were furthering the activities of D-Company by extorting money and thereby raising/collecting funds for terrorist activities.

test," said Swaleh Ansari - a

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Perhaps, that's why experts are calling for more awareness among people about organ-donation. There is a unanimous agreement among experts in Kashmir that organ donation can be increased by awareness created through textbooks, internet, open discussions and improving doctor-patient relationship.

"We've to generate awareness among people. Despite a religious go-ahead, there hasn't been much acceptance among people regarding organ-donation. People are reluctant not only in categoric donation but also in live donation. This can only be tackled with education and awareness among people. Not much effort has been put in by departments and hospitals. A push from religious bodies is also required," said Dr Nisar ul Hassan, adding that when it comes to saving a human life, nothing should stop us.

Even Dr Khursheed says that people are still hesitant about donating organs. "So, a huge gap exists between transplants awaited and organs available. This lack of awareness and lack of care has to end," Dr Khursheed added. Not only that, even religion is another factor that repeatedly comes up in the minds of experts. While many religious scholars consider organ donation a permissible act, some scholars in Kashmir still suggest organ donation has no mention in the Islamic scriptures and thus needs to stop.

4% DA Hike

pensioners Pensioners/Family in two equal installments (one in November and other in December) and shall form part of pension /family pension from November onwards.

"Other provisions governing the grant of Dearness Allowance on pension/family pension such as the

regulations of Dearness Allowance during employment Ire-employment, where more than one pension is drawn etc. and other provisions of the existing rules/orders(as are not in conflict with provisions of this order). shall continue to remain in force," the order reads.

Leh Highway,

status of the road from TCUs Jmu 0191-2459048, 0191-2740550, 9419147732), 0194-2450022, 2485396, 1800180709, Rbn 9419993745)," traffic department said. A traffic department official said that intermittent shooting stones continue to occur at Mehar Ramban due to rainy weather.

ASI, CRPF

in Haryana contacted the other touts based in J&K for soliciting candidates for sale of leaked question paper.

"The touts of J&K allegedly took the candidates from Jammu to Karnal (Haryana) one day before the examination. It was also alleged that vehicles for transporting the candidates to Karnal were arranged by the said ASI.'

It reads that it was further alleged that the Karnal based accused arranged the hotel for providing leaked question paper to candidates at Karnal. "The said constable of CRPF alleg-

edly provided leaked question paper to certain candidates. The arrested accused are being produced today before the court of CJM, Jammu," it reads.

The J&K administration cancelled the police sub-inspector recruitment in July following allegations of irregularities and recommended a CBI probe. "The results were declared on 04.06.2022. There were allegations regarding malpractice in the examination. The Jammu and Kashmir government had constituted an inquiry committee to look into the same," the

CBI had said in a statement following searches on August 5.

"It was alleged that the accused entered into a conspiracy amongst officials of the JKSSB, Bengaluru-based private company, beneficiary candidates and others, and caused gross irregularities in conduct of written examination for the posts of sub-inspectors," it had said.

The inquiry report showed that there was an "abnormally high percentage" of candidates who were selected from Jammu, Rajouri and Samba districts, the agency had said.

"Violation of rules by JKSSB was allegedly found in assigning the task of setting the question paper to a Bengalurubased private company," it had said.

Multi-Pronged

Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction and maintenance of border fencing, and construction of culverts and

bridges on nullahs. The efforts of the security forces

were further helped by proving of improved technology, weapons and equipment, improved intelligence and operational coordination, installation of floodlight on the International Border and synergizing intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against terrorists within the Union territory, the report said.

The government has adopted various counter measures to neutralize the efforts and capabilities of militants to disturb peace, besides encouraging policies to mainstream the youth, including providing employment opportunities to wean them away from militancy.

While the number of infiltration bids in 2017 stood at 419 with 136 estimated infiltrations (terrorists who managed to cross over), the figure dropped to 73 infiltration attempts with 34 terrorists possibly slipping into the valley, according to the report.

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Dcup squad for Qatar, in-

cluding 39-year-old defender Daniel Alves while leaving out

Liverpool forward Roberto Fir-

mino as the five-times champi-

ons prepare for the tournament

The Brazil boss will be tak-

ing only four centre-backs, with

Juventus' Bremer behind Mar-

quinhos, Thiago Silva and Eder

Militao, while leaving Roger

Ibanez (Roma) and Gabriel Mag-

starting on Nov. 20.

alhaes (Arsenal) out.

named his 26-man World

J&K Win Sardar Patel National Divyang T20 Cup

Agencies

LUCKNOW: Team Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) lifted the trophy of the 2nd season of Sardar Patel National Divyang T20 Cup which culminated on Monday. Brajesh Pathak, Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, handed over the trophy to the winners at the K D Singh Babu Stadium, Lucknow.

After a heartening support from UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the second season of the tournament commenced a week ago on October 31, 2022 in Lucknow. The Divyang Cricketers were at their best and the spectators witnessed some thrilling matches.

Some of the highlights in-

smashing 5 sixes in their match against Karnataka. In the end, Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir made it to the finals and Jammu & Kashmir emerged victorious. The final scores were - J&K at 87/10 in 16.2 overs, while Haryana made 71 /10 in 18.3 overs. J&K beat Haryana by 16 runs. The performance of Aamir Hassan from J&K was outstanding, and he was named man of the match for scoring 29* in a lowscoring match and then taking crucial 3 wickets.

J&K's Wasim Iqbal was adjudged the 'Man of the Series' for his great all-round performance. The tournament was the biggest ever cricket platform for differently abled cricket players and had the highest amount of



volved Hyderabad team's S Prashanth claiming 5 wickets in 5 balls against Karnataka, and Maharashtra's Ravindra Sante

prize money ever given. Nearly 400 players and officials from 20 different states participated in the tournament. (ANI)

A-Division League Matches Today, Conditions Apply*



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The District Football Association (DFA) Srinagar on Monday released a statement confirming that A-Division League 2022 will resume today, November 8.

Earlier, the Monday's fixtures

AL-Hilal FC and Real Cosmo FC at 1.30 PM. The second match will be played between Spartans FC and Ali Jana B at 3 PM," the DFA added. However, the association did

lay some conditions. "In case of bad weather tomorrow, the teams will be in**'Everyone Would Love To** See India-Pakistan Final'



Press Trust of India est T20 knocks.

MELBOURNE: The anticipation, drama, energy and faninvolvement is completely different in an India-Pakistan game and the possibility of a dream T20 World Cup final between the two biggest rivals in cricket has got former Australia all-rounder Shane Watson excited.

The Asian rivals have already clashed once in the much talked-about Group stage match of the ongoing tournament at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), where Virat Kohli conjured up one of the great-

The close match had millions of fans glued to their TV sets while the ones who watched the heart-stopping action unfold before their eyes at the venue, considered themselves the luckiest. Now that the two teams

have reached the semifinal stage, albeit by taking contrasting routes, an India-Pakistan title clash is being anticipated.

India will clash with England on Thursday in Adelaide, a day after New Zealand take on Pakistan in Sydney. "Everyone would love to

quoted as saying by the official website of the event.

"I unfortunately missed that first (Super 12) game at the MCG, as I commentated the game previously between Australia and New Zealand.' Watson said he knows what he missed and would love to see a re-match.

"But from all reports, all the people that went along to that game said it was something very special and the game was obviously an amazing game to watch on TV as well. They played in the T20 World Cup final in 2007 and everyone would see Pakistan and India in the love to see it again," he said.

T20 WC: Kiwis Not Changing **Approach As Pakistan Await In Semis**

Reuters

SYDNEY: Bowler Tim Southee said New Zealand will not underestimate Pakistan in the Twenty20 World Cup semifinals despite the South Asian side's struggles to make it through the group phase.

Pakistan looked set to exit the competition until the Netherlands pulled off a surprise 13-run win over South Africa on Sunday that meant victory over Bangladesh later in the day took Babar Azam and his team into the knockout rounds.

said Southee.

we know they're a dangerous side.

but they put on another good



ney would take New Zealand ing, it's what you turn up for, to to a final against either England or India in Melbourne but be here in these last couple of Southee said the Black Caps, games. Hopefully we can conwho lost to Australia in last tinue the way that we've been playing and have another good year's final, were taking it one game at a time. performance in the semi.

"There's still a lot of cricket to be played until we get to of the side is the way we ap-' he said "Pakistan are a quality side and we're going to have to be on the top of our game to get past them on Wednesday.



Premier League. The Brazilian FA also announced that former PSG man-

ager Ricardo Gomes will join Tite's staff as an assistant. The squad and Tite will gather on Nov. 14 at Juventus' training facilities in Turin, where Bra-

zil will hold a five-day training

maraes (Newcastle), Casemiro (Man. United), Everton Ribeiro (Flamengo), Fabinho (Liverpool), Fred (Man. United), Lucas Paqueta (West Ham).

camp before flying to Doha on

Cup campaign against Serbia on

Nov. 24 and also face Switzer-

land and Cameroon in Group G. Brazil's 26-man squad for the

Goalkeepers: Alisson (Liver-

Defenders: Bremer (Juventus),

pool), Ederson (Man. City), We-

Eder Militao (Real Madrid) Mar-

quinhos (PSG), Thiago Silva (Chel-

sea), Danilo (Juventus), Daniel

Alves (Pumas), Alex Sandro (Ju-

Midfielders: Bruno Gui-

ventus), Alex Telles (Sevilla).

2022 Qatar World Cup:

verton (Palmeiras).

Brazil will open their World

Forwards: Antony (Man. United), Gabriel Jesus (Arsenal), Gabriel Martinelli (Arsenal), Neymar Jr (PSG), Pedro (Flamengo), Raphinha (Barcelona), Richarlison (Tottenham), Rodrygo (Real Madrid), Vinicius Jr (Real Madrid)

A champions AC Milan and the

Bundesliga's Borussia Dort-

Manchester City, who were un-

beaten in the group stages as

they chase their first-ever Eu-

ropean Cup crown, will take on

Fans will have to wait a while

for the next round of this sea-

son's competition, with the first

German side RB Leipzig.

Premier League champions

mund respectively.

Madrid-Liverpool, PSG-**Bayern In CL Last-16**

Agencies

NYON: Real Madrid will play Liverpool, again. Bayern Munich will play Paris Saint-Germain, again. Two rematches of recent Champions League finals were set up Monday by the draw for the round of 16 as some of Europe's top heavyweights were paired together.

Madrid beat Liverpool in the

champion for the sixth time.

One of the pre-tournament favourites Bayern and PSG will

not go all the way, as the duo meet next, in a season that

could be veteran PSG forward

Lionel Messi's last chance to

add to his four crowns won with

English Premier League sides

Tottenham Hotspur and Chel-

sea have been given tough as-

signments despite winning

their groups, taking on Serie

Barcelona.



"When you get to the top four every side has a chance," "We've played a lot against Pakistan in recent times and

"Credit to them, they probably turned up thinking they didn't have much of a chance



final," an excited Watson was

were cancelled due to inclement weather and will now be played today at Synthetic Turf TRC.

"In continuation to the notice earlier today, the A Division matches which got postponed due to bad weather today will now be played on 8th November at TRC Synthetic Turf Ground," the DFA statement said.

'The first match on 8th Nov at TRC Turf will be played between

formed accordingly," it added. These will be the last set matches in the second round of the competition. The six competing teams will decide the final four sides that will meet in the A-Division semifinals. scheduled to be held this week. The A-Division League 2022 is being organised by DFA Srinagar in collaboration with Jammu &

Kashmir Sports Council.

3-Day Jujutsu C'ship **Concludes At Bandipora**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A three-day long Kashmir division Jujutsu Championship concluded on Monday at Multipurpose Indoor Sports Hall Shadipora, Sumbal, Bandipora. The championship was organised by J&K Sports Council in collaboration with J&K Jujutsu Association under My Youth My Pride special sports initiative.

More than 300 participants comprising boys and girls in different weight categories were part of the three-day programme.

The championship was aimed at tapping talent besides providing a platform for budding players to get first-hand experience of the competitive event and cope with the pressure of such competitions.

Bashir Ahmad Bhat Joint Secretary, Sports Council presided over the closing ceremony as the chief guest while Surinder Mohan, SDPO Sumbal along with Nazir Ahmad Tehsildar were the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion. Bashir Ahmad Bhat said that through the medium of its special sports initiative My Youth My Pride, Sports Council has been able to achieve encouraging results both in terms of athlete participation as well as tapping the talent from the peripheries of the UT.

The seeds sown now shall bear fruition in the times to come once these talented athletes reach the bigger stages and the day is not far away when we shall be among the leading medal winners in national tournaments, he added.

SDPO and Tehsildar Sumbal appreciated the role of the Sports Council in reaching out to the athletes at their doorsteps and the way these programs are helping in mobilizing support for curbing the menace of drug addiction.

Many spectators were also present on the occasion along with other officials from the Sports Council besides the office bears of J&K Jujutsu Association.

performance and they'll be a massive threat come the semi-final." A win over Pakistan in Syd-

proach things is pretty much the same, no matter what game it is. That's something to come back to and that's something we're very good at."

"Semi-final cricket is excit-

"One of the consistencies

England's Malan Doubtful For Semi-Final

Agencies

ADELAIDE: England batter Dawid Malan is a doubtful starter for his side's T20 World Cup semi-final against India on Thursday after picking up an injury during the team's final Super 12 game.

Malan sustained a groin injury in England's four-wicket win over Sri Lanka on Saturday. The former World No. 1 T20I batter hobbled off the field during the Sri Lankan innings and did not return to bat in England's run chase. Vice-captain Moeen Ali said

Malan's injury doesn't look good.

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team player Danushka

Gunathilaka from all

forms of cricket with

immediate effect af-

ter he was arrested in

Australia on charges of sexual assault during

the country's campaign in the T20 World Cup

The 31-year-old Gu-

nathilaka was arrested

in Sydney in the wee

hours of Sunday fol-

lowing an investigation

a woman on November 2.

national

suspended

there

been for a number of years," Ali told the 'BBC'.

"He has been one of our best players. I don't know but it (Malan's injury) doesn't look great." (PTI)

England, who finished second in their Super 12 Group 1, will clash with Group 1 toppers India on Thursday.

"It doesn't get bigger and better than playing India anywhere in the world because of the crowds and they are such a big side and force in cricket," Ali said.

Phil Salt, the only spare batter in the squad, is the likely replacement if Malan does not take the field.

cal media reports,

Gunathilaka and the

woman were in touch

connecting via an online dat-

ing app. (PTI)

2018 and 2022 finals, to exlegs taking place on Feb. 14-15 tend its competition record to and Feb. 21-22, and the re-14 titles, and Bayern beat PSG turn fixtures on March 7-8 and in 2020 to become European March 14-15.

Draw in full:

RB Leipzig v Manchester City Club Brugge v Benfica Liverpool v Real Madrid AC Milan v Tottenham Hotspur

Eintracht Frankfurt v Napoli Borussia Dortmund v Chelsea Inter Milan v Porto Paris St Germain v Bayern Munich *Team mentioned first will

host the first leg

Referee Hands Out 10 Red Cards In Fiery Argentine Final



Agencies

orld Cup referee Facundo Tello dished out 10 red cards in Argentina's Champions Trophy final on Sunday after Racing Club midfielder Carlos Alcaraz sparked a melee in front of the Boca Juniors fans with his match-winning goal celebration.

With the teams level at 1-1 in the final minutes of extra time. Alcaraz directed a header into the corner of the net to win it for Racing. However, his extended celebration in front of the opposition's fans infuriated the Boca players, with video showing them grabbing Alcaraz by the ear and throwing a ball at him.

Tello, who will be one of the officials at the World Cup in Qatar, sent Alcaraz off and dished out five red cards to Boca players after the scuffles.

In all, seven red cards were shown to Boca players and three from Racing over the course of the match.

Norberto Briasco had opened the scoring for Boca before Racing's Matias Rojas equalised in the first half.

decided to suspend national **COLOMBO:** The Sri Lankan player Danushka Gunathilaka cricket board on Monday from all forms of cricket with

SLC Suspends Gunathilaka After Arrest

"He is a big player and has



immediate effect and will not for a number of days after into alleged sexual assault of consider him for any selection after being informed that Mr. "The Executive Commit-

tee of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) Gunathilaka was arrested and charged with sexual assault of a woman in Australia," the Board said in a statement. The Sri Lankan team had left Aus-



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Tirupati Temple Richer Than Wipro, Nestle, ONGC



State-owned oil behemoths Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

(ONGC) and Indian Oil Corpora-

tion (IOC) too were valued less

than the temple trust and so was

power giant NTPC Ltd, auto mak-

ers Mahindra and Mahindra and

Tata Motors, world's largest coal

producer Coal India Ltd, mining

conglomerate Vedanta, real es-

tate firm DLF and several others.

nies have market valuation larger

than the temple trust's networth.

dustries Ltd (Rs 17.53 lakh crore),

Tata Consultancy Services (Rs 11.76 lakh crore), HDFC Bank (Rs

8.34 lakh crore), Infosys (Rs 6.37

lakh crore), ICICI Bank (Rs 6.31

lakh crore), Hindustan Unilever

Ltd (Rs 5.92 lakh crore), State

Bank of India (Rs 5.29 lakh crore),

Bharti Airtel (Rs 4.54 lakh crore)

Tirumala Tirupati Devast-

hanams (TTD) is growing richer

and richer as the cash and gold

offerings made by devotees at

the hill temple continue to rise

and fixed deposits in banks are

also generating more income in

view of increase in interest rates,

and ITC (Rs 4.38 lakh crore).

Only about two dozen compa-

These include billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance In-

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rupati's world famous Lord Venkateswara temple's net worth of over Rs 2.5 lakh crore (about USD 30 billion) is more than the market capitalisation of IT services firm Wipro, food and beverage company Nestle and stateowned oil giants ONGC and IOC. Tirumala Tirupati Devast-

hanams, keeper of the temple dedicated to Tirupati's presiding deity, for the first time since its founding in 1933 declared its net worth.

Its assets include 10.25 tonnes of gold deposits in banks, 2.5 tonnes of gold jewellery, about Rs 16,000 crore of deposits in banks, and 960 properties across India. All these total to over Rs 2.5 lakh crore.

At current trading price, the networth of Tirupati temple is more than several blue-chip Indian firms, according to stock exchange data.

Bengaluru-based Wipro had a market cap of Rs 2.14 lakh crore at close of trading on Friday, while UltraTech Cement had a market value of Rs 1.99 lakh crore.

Swiss multinational food and drink major Nestle's India unit, with a market cap of Rs 1.96 lakh crore, too was valued below it.

Lab-Grown Blood **Given To People In** World-First Clinical Trial

researchers said.

tions, they said.

If manufactured cells last lon-

ger in the body, patients who

regularly need blood may not

need transfusions as often, re-

ducing iron overload from fre-

quent blood transfusions, which

can lead to serious complica-

trial is a huge stepping stone for

manufacturing blood from stem

cells," said Ashley Toye, a profes-

sor at the University of Bristol.

"This challenging and exciting

"This is the first-time lab

grown blood from an allogeneic

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cientists in the UK have in-S fused blood cells grown in a laboratory into people in the first such clinical trial in the world. If proven safe and effective, manufactured blood cells could

in time revolutionise treatments for people with blood disorders such as sickle cell and rare blood types, the researchers said. It can be difficult to find

enough well-matched donated blood for some people with these disorders, they said. The team, including researchers

from the University of Cambridge in the UK, said the blood cells were grown from stem cells from donors. The red cells were then transfused into healthy volunteers.

This is the first time in the world that red blood cells that have been grown in a laboratory have been given to another person as part of a trial into blood transfusion, they said. "We hope our lab grown red

blood cells will last longer than those that come from blood donors," said chief investigator Cedric Ghevaert, a professor at the University of Cambridge and NHS Blood and Transplant.

"If our trial, the first such in the world, is successful, it will mean that patients who currently require regular long-term blood transfusions will need fewer transfusions in future, helping transform their care," Ghevaert said in a statement. The trial is studying the lifespan



of the lab grown cells compared we are excited to see how well with infusions of standard red the cells perform at the end of the clinical trial," Toye said. blood cells from the same donor. The lab-grown blood cells are

For the foreseeable future, manufactured cells could only be used all fresh, so the trial team expect them to perform better than a for a very small number of patients similar transfusion of standard with very complex transfusions donated red cells, which conneeds, the researchers said. tains cells of varying ages, the

Two people have so far been transfused with the lab grown red cells. They were closely monitored and no untoward side effects were reported, they said.

The participants are well and healthy. The identities of infused volunteers so far are not currently being unveiled, to help keep the trial 'blinded'.

The amount of lab grown cells being infused varies but is around 5-10 ml - about one to two teaspoons.

Donors were recruited from a blood donor base. They donated blood to the trial and stem cells were separated out from their blood.

This Gurugram High-Rise Has "Deficiencies Beyond Repair", To Be Razed

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tower of Chintels Paradiso society in Gurugram, which had partially collapsed in February killing two women, will be demolished, the district administration said on Saturday citing a report of an IIT Delhi team that found structural deficiencies "beyond repair".

KASHMIR OBSERVER

Two women were killed after the dining room floor of a sixthfloor apartment of the Tower D at Chintels Paradiso in Sector 109 came down on February 10, triggering the collapse of roofs and floors directly under it, till the first floor. The 18-floor tower has 50

flats. Gurugram Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav, while sharing the report of the IIT team on Saturday, said the team has found structural deficiencies in the construction of the tower, whose repair is not possible on technical and economic grounds. "Therefore, the entire Tower D of Chintels Paradiso society should be demolished," Yadav said.

The deputy commissioner is likely to fix the date of demolition on Monday.



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