

## High-Level Delhi Meet Reviews J&K Situation

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**New Delhi:** Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Tuesday reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said, days after a militant group released a "hit list" of 56 employees belonging to the Kashmiri Pandit community.

The meeting was also attended by other senior officials of the ministry, paramilitary forces, the Jammu and Kashmir administration and police.

The meeting took stock of the prevailing security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, an official said.

It is a routine monthly review meeting and some of the representatives of the Jammu and Kashmir administration attended it through video conferencing, another official said.

There have been reports that people from the Kashmiri Pandit community working in



the valley are in a state of panic after a militant group released a "hit list" of 56 employees from among them.

A blog linked to The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, published the list of 56 Kashmiri Pandit employees

who were recruited under the Prime Minister's Rehabilitation Package (PMRP), and warned of mounting attacks on them.

In the aftermath of targeted killings by militants, several Kashmiri Pandits employed in the valley under the PMRP have shifted to Jammu and are on a protest

for over 200 days demanding relocation of the rest of them.

There have been sporadic incidents of violence in Jammu and Kashmir in recent months that include attacks on innocent civilians, security personnel and infiltration bids from across the border, officials said.

The government had informed Parliament that as many as 118 civilians, including five Kashmiri Pandits and 16 other Hindus and Sikhs, were killed in Jammu and Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 till July 2022.

The killings of Kashmiri Pandits had triggered protests by the members of the community and they demanded enhanced security and transfer of government employees to safer locations.

In May, four pilgrims were killed and at least 20 injured when their bus caught fire near Katra in Jammu. | [More on P11](#)

'Sense Of Duty Among Citizens Can Help Society Prosper'

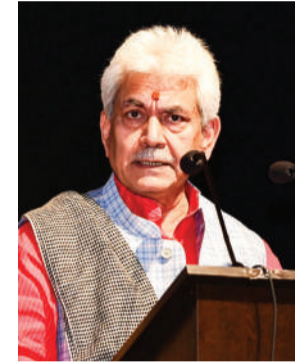
## Public Services, Facilities Not Free For All: LG

Observer News Service

**Jammu:** The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that the people need to understand that public services and facilities are not free for all and those who are able should come forward to pay for the government services.

Speaking at the ongoing 'My Town, My Pride' Programme at Gulshan Ground here on Tuesday, the LG said that through public outreach programme, his administration was putting people at the heart of urban transformation & unlocking cities' full potential to drive growth, empower local governance and to ensure seamless delivery of services at the doorsteps.

"People participation is a decisive factor for developmental initiative because



every city's challenges & opportunities are different. During the MTMP event, senior officials are visiting the towns & enabling direct communication and creating a system that is responsive to local needs," Sinha said.

The LG termed public-private partnership & public-participation as the two important aspects of urban transformation | [More on P11](#)

## Little Respite From Cold Conditions In Kashmir

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**Srinagar:** There was some respite from the intense cold wave conditions in Kashmir but the mercury settled below the freezing point across the Valley which braces for a brief wet spell later this week, officials said here on Tuesday.

Srinagar, which had on Monday recorded the coldest night of the season at minus 3.4 degrees Celsius, witnessed a low of minus 2.2 degrees Celsius last night, an official of the MET department here said.

The night temperature was lower at the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, which recorded a low of minus 3.5 degrees Celsius, a slight drop from minus 3.2 degrees Celsius recorded on Monday.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra, was the coldest recorded place in the valley at minus 3.8 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund, the gateway town to the Valley, recorded a minimum of minus 2.2 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag town registered a low of minus 0.8 degrees Celsius. | [More on P11](#)

## FAKE EXAM CENTRE

### CB Files Charges Against 3 Dead Persons In 17 Yr-Old Case

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The Economic Offence Wing of Crime Branch on Tuesday filed charges against six people, including five board employees; three among them dead, for establishing a fake examination centre in North Kashmir's Kupwara district 17 years ago.

The charge-sheet was produced by the Crime Branch before the Court of Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Kralpora, Kupwara against Ali Mohammad Badyari, Retired Assistant Secretary J&K BOSE Kupwara, Abdul Khaliq Dar, the then Senior Assistant BOSE. | [More on P11](#)

## J&K's Annual Budget For 2023-24 To Be Presented In Parliament

Union Finance Ministry Seeks UT's Proposals From MHA

Agencies

**Srinagar:** Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory's annual budget would be presented in the parliament for the fourth consecutive year.

Highly placed government sources told a local news agency KNO that the Union Finance Ministry has asked the Ministry of Home Affairs to submit Jammu & Kashmir's budget proposals for the next fiscal. "We have requested the MHA to submit J&K's budget for 2023-24 for seeking its approval from the Parliament," a senior official in the Union



Finance Ministry said.

He said the Parliament has to approve J&K's budget before March 31, 2023.

"J&K is under the President's rule from June 20, 2018 and there is unlikely to be any change in the current status till March 31, 2023. So we have asked the MHA to submit the UT's budget proposals for the next fiscal," he said. | [More on P11](#)

## Meets UNICEF India's Chief Of Field Services

**M**s. Jalpa Ratna, Chief of Field Services, UNICEF India on Tuesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here at Raj Bhawan. Ratna apprised the Lt Governor about UNICEF India programmes in J&K and the work being done in collaboration with Government departments, an official spokesperson said. He said that discussions were also held on supporting | [More on P11](#)

**A NATION IS RUN BY THE CONSTITUTION,** by the law and people need to create a fine balance between rights and duties. Welfare of the poor is among our top priority but the people who are capable and rich must accord top priority to discharge their duties towards society and the nation."

## Kashmiri Driver Returns Gold Worth Rs 10L To Tourist

Agencies

**Srinagar:** A driver in Pahalgam area of South Kashmir's Anantnag on Tuesday returned gold worth Rs 10 lakh to a Hyderabad tourist.

Abdul Rashid Wani, president Taxi Stand Movera Pahalgam said that Aakash Farooq Wani, a Tavera driver, returned gold worth Rs 10 lakh to a Hyderabad tourist, who was on a visit to Pahalgam and forgot the gold in Akash's vehicle yesterday, reported news agency KNO.

He said the tourist had already informed the | [More on P11](#)

## J&K To Bolster Cyber Crime Cell, Set Up Helpline

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**Jammu:** The Jammu and Kashmir administration will strengthen the cyber crime cell and set up a helpline to record and address citizens' grievances related to cyber frauds and pornography.

Under the recently launched Cyber Security Policy, the administration is also taking various steps such as modifying the curriculum for high schools to include aspects of cyber security relevant to children.

"The UT of Jammu and Kashmir will augment the existing specialised cyber crime cell (of home department) for investigating complaints pertaining to offences under the Information Technology Act.

"The Government shall further strengthen this unit to simplify and galvanize reporting, tackling and tracking progress on cyber-crimes. The UT will strive to create a cyber space free of pornography (especially

child pornography), cyber bullying and sexual harassment. The cyber grievance system will be put in place to lay special emphasis on these crimes," reads the policy document.

It said J&K would collaborate to establish a digital forensics lab to analyze and investigate cyber crimes to assist in the recovery and preservation of digital evidence.

"A data recovery lab will be established to recover corrupted and deleted data that are not available for intended use as a result of cyber-crime. In line with capacity building efforts, there will be a provision for developing data experts who can handle forensic and related requirements," it said.

According to the policy, a digital evidence preservation facility would also be created to have a secure environment for retention of digital evidence.

It said J&K would establish a cyber security | [More on P11](#)

## HC Calls For Respectful Language For Specially-Abled Persons

Auqib Javeed

**Srinagar:** The High Court of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh on Monday directed the government to treat the specially-abled persons in the Union Territory properly by the language recognized internationally.

The court in an order said that it expects the government to ensure full respect and honour to all the citizens in terms of their personality without letting them suffer any impression that the society and state sees and addresses the physically and mentally challenged persons as liabilities carrying personalities.



The court said while responding to a Public interest Litigation (PIL) filed by advocate Badrul Duja.

Advocate Duja also sought direction for suitably amending the laws, using the words mentally retarded in the

Multiplicity Disability Act, 1999, as also some other laws on the subject.

In the PIL, Duja prayed that the government along with general public be restrained from mentioning or referring persons with disabilities or specially able persons as mentally retarded, sick, unfortunate, handicapped person, abnormal, mental, poor, unfortunate person, crippled, deformed, mad person, dwarf, wheelchair bound, dwarf, albino, disabled, mongoloid, midget, deaf and dumb, troubled person in official internal and external communications, judicial orders, notifications. | [More on P11](#)

**WE DIRECT ALL THE RESPONDENTS TO ENSURE** expeditious recognition of the claim of the petitioner for the specially-abled persons. We also hope and trust that the society as a whole shall recognize their rights as guaranteed under the Constitution. The specially-abled persons be treated properly by the language recognized internationally."

## JKP DySP Loses Promotion Over Second Marriage

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**Jammu:** The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday imposed a penalty to withhold promotion for a period of two years of a deputy superintendent of police for contracting second marriage without first obtaining the permission of the government, officials said.

An order in this regard was issued by Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Home Department, Raj Kumar Goyal.

"The competent authority, being satisfied with the inquiry and the procedure followed in this case, arrived at a decision of imposing a penalty of withholding two increments without cumulative effect and withholding promotion for a period of two years of DySP Basharat Hussain Dar as per rule 30 of the J&K civil services (classification, control and appeal) rules, 1956, for violating rule 22(1) of the J&K government employees (conduct

rules, 1971," the order read.

Two annual increments of Dar shall be withheld for a period of two years without cumulative effect from the date of issue of this order and his promotion shall be withheld for a period of two years from the date of issue of this order, it said.

The order said departmental proceeding was initiated against the DySP based on the recommendations of the DGP for having contracted second marriage without first obtaining the permission of the government.

The probe was held against Dar and due process was followed by serving him with memo along with the statement of imputations in support of the charge and other connected documents in 2017, it said.

Dar had denied the charge as baseless and unfounded. He, in his response, further stated that he contracted the second marriage after | [More on P11](#)

## SHORT TAKES

### Justice Rabstan Appointed Acting CJ

**P**resident of India on Tuesday appointed Justice Tashi Rabstan, senior-most Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to perform the duties of the office of the Chief Justice of the High Court from December 8. The order comes a day before incumbent Chief Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey lays down the robes.

"In exercise of the power conferred by Article 223 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint, Justice Tashi Rabstan, senior-most Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to perform the duties of the office of the Chief Justice of the | [More on P11](#)

### Police Arrests Journalist Khalid Gul

**A** senior journalist from South Kashmir's Anantnag district has been arrested by the Police, officials said here on Tuesday. News agency KNO quoting a top police official reported that the senior journalist Khalid Gul of Anantnag has been arrested. He said he was arrested in an old case filed in 2017. Khalid Gul was associated with Greater Kashmir for the last many years. He ended his association with the newspaper earlier this year.

Notably, his residence was searched by Police on November 19 in connection with the investigation of a case related to online threat to journalists in Kashmir.

### PSA For Timber Smuggling In Shopian

**T**he District Magistrate (DM) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya Tuesday held a meeting of all Executive Magistrates and Forest department officers to discuss and take stringent measures against timber/forest smuggling in the district.

The departments intimated about the measures being taken by them to curb the smuggling in the district. It was apprised during the meeting that through joint efforts of departments, 13 PSAs, 49 FIRs, 79 court challans have been registered against the smugglers. Besides, 2292 Cfts of timber along with confiscation of 29 horses and 07 vehicles have been taken which has reduced | [More on P11](#)

### Drone Like Object Seen Along LoC

**A** drone-like object was spotted along the Line of Control (LoC) in Baloni Sonagali area of Mendhar in Poonch on Tuesday, officials said.

They said that the drone-like object was spotted at around 1740 hours and it later moved back towards Pakistan. Further investigations into the matter is underway, the official told a local news agency GNS.

### Arms Cache Recovered In Uri

**T**he government forces on Tuesday recovered a cache of arms and ammunition in Uri Sector of Baramulla district.

Acting on specific input, police and army's 16 SIKHLI launched a joint cordon and search operation in the village Chauranda of Uri, a police spokesperson said. During the search operation, he said, the joint team recovered a cache of ammunition including 200 AK rounds, eight Chinese grenades and IED material.

"Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Uri and further investigation set into motion," the spokesperson added.

### BSF Shoots Dead Pak Infiltrator

**A** Pakistani infiltrator was shot dead by the Border Security Force (BSF) near Shri Karanpur in Rajasthan's Ganganagar district, sources said on Tuesday. The body was handed over to Pakistan on Tuesday evening after identification, the BSF sources said.

The incident took place in the early hours of Monday at Harmukh post near Majhiwala village, they said.

The man crossed the border and was carrying a torch. He was spotted by BSF troops who challenged him. The man did not stop and moved into the Indian territory following which firing was done, according to the BSF sources. | [More on P11](#)

# Green Tea Extract May Be Harmful To Liver; Check Out Why

ANI

**L**ong-term consumption of high-dose green tea extract may provide some protection against cancer, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and type 2 diabetes, according to one study, but it may also cause liver damage in a small percentage of people.

Who is in danger? The first concrete hint comes from Rutgers research, published in The Journal of Dietary Supplements: two genetic variations that predict some of the dangers.

"Learning to predict who will suffer liver damage is potentially important because there's growing evidence that high-dose green tea extract may have significant health benefits for those who can safely take it," said Hamed Samavat, senior author of the study and an assistant professor of nutrition sciences at the Rutgers School of Health Professions.

Using data from the Minnesota Green Tea Trial, a large study of green tea's effect on breast cancer, the researchers looked to see if people with certain genetic variations were more likely than others to show signs of liver stress after consuming 843 milligrammes per day of the primary antioxidant in green tea, a catechin called epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG).



Researchers led by Laura Acosta, then a PhD student and currently a graduate student, chose the two genetic polymorphisms in issue because each regulates the manufacturing of an enzyme that breaks down EGCG. The Minnesota Green Tea Trial was selected because it was a large, well-designed trial of a distinct

demographic. The year-long, placebo-controlled experiment included over 1,000 postmenopausal women and gathered data at three, six, nine, and twelve months.

An analysis by researchers showed that early signs of liver damage were somewhat more common than normal

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in women with one variation in the catechol-O-methyltransferase (COMT) genotype and strongly predicted by a variation in the uridine 5'-diphosphoglucuronosyltransferase 1A4 (UGT1A4) genotype.

On average, participants with the high-risk UGT1A4 genotype saw the enzyme that indicates liver stress go up nearly 80 per cent after nine months of consuming the green tea supplement, while those with low-risk genotypes saw the same enzyme go up 30 per cent.

"We're still a long way from being able to predict who can safely take high-dose green tea extract," said Samavat, who noted the risk of liver toxicity is only associated with high levels of green tea supplements and not with drinking green tea or even taking lower doses of green tea extract. "Variations in this one genotype don't completely explain the variations in liver enzyme changes among study participants. The full explanation probably includes a number of different genetic variations and probably a number of non-genetic factors." "Still," Samavat continued, "we do think we have identified an important piece of the puzzle and taken a step toward predicting who can safely enjoy any health benefits that high-dose green tea extract provides."

## Scientists Advance Insights Into Cause Of Ripples On Icicles

ANI

**E**xperimental physicists growing icicles at the University of Toronto are closer to understanding why some form with ripples up and down their outsides, while others form with smooth, slick, even surfaces. As described in a study published in Physical Review E, by growing icicles from water samples with different contaminants like sodium chloride (salt), dextrose (sugar) and fluorescent dye, the researchers discovered that water impurities become entrapped within icicles as they form and subsequently create chevron patterns that contribute to a ripple effect around their circumferences.

"Previous theories held that the ripples are the result of surface tension effects in the thin film of water that flows over the ice as it forms," says Stephen Morris, a professor emeritus in the Department of Physics in the Faculty of Arts & Science at the University of Toronto and a co-author of the study describing the phenomenon. "We now see that the ripple formation does not depend on surface tension. It does not even depend only on features external to the ice, but rather is connected to patterns of impurities inside the ice." "The external shape and internal patterns are different aspects of the same -- so far unexplained -- problem."

The findings build on an earlier discovery by Morris and his research team that found the presence of salt in water was responsible for the irregular, rippled shapes of icicles grown in the lab. The new results show that it is not the type of impurity that leads to the ripples, but just the fact that there is something foreign in the water. "We tested various species of impurities, and the phenomena are unchanged as long as their concentrations are similar," says John Ladan, a PhD student working with Morris and lead author of the study. "This is consistent with the idea that only physical, as opposed to chemical, processes are involved."

While their motivation for unlocking the secret behind the ripples is pure curiosity about natural patterns, the study of ice growth has serious applications, including ice accumulation on airplanes, ships and power lines. However, for example, the results show that existing engineering models of ice accretion on power lines do not account for the entire problem. The researchers note that the findings do not resolve the mechanism of the ripples, but rather just add new aspects to the phenomena to be explained. "We get a more profound appreciation for the complexity of natural ice formations," says Morris.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**ANANTNAG PWD(R&B) DIVISION KHANABAL**

NIT NO 183 OF R&B/Khanabal/2022-23 /E-TENDERING/19698-707 DATED 05-12-2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Time of Completion	Class of Contractor
1.	Maintenance of main DC Office Complex Anantnag.	7.78	300	15560	25 Days	CEE, DEE Class & MSME's Only

1. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of Quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:

S.No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	05-12-2022
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 06-12-2022 (09:00AM) To 12-12-2022 (04:30PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 06-12-2022 (09:00AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 12-12-2022 (04:30PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	13-12-2022 (10:00AM)

In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal (Tender receiving Authority).

3. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.

4. The 1<sup>st</sup> lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarment of the Contractor be forwarded to Higher Authorities for a period of 01 Year.

5. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @3% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.

6. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid

8. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

9. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to acquaint bid submission process.

10. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

11. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

12. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

13. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

14. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.

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

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

16. Scanned copy of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document), EMD and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

17. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

18. Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

19. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

20. All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

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طارق احمد تیلی ولد بشیر احمد	32	contractual employee
رفیقہ بیگم زوجہ طارق احمد	30	گھریلو کام
محمد اماد پسر طارق احمد	4	بچہ تعلیم
رفیقہ بیگم زوجہ بشیر احمد	25	زیر تعلیم
نصرت بیگم زوجہ بشیر احمد	24	زیر تعلیم
ناظمہ بیگم زوجہ بشیر احمد	19	زیر تعلیم
شازیہ بیگم زوجہ بشیر احمد	18	زیر تعلیم
منگلی بیگم زوجہ عبد کبیر	70	عمر رسیدہ

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# KU To Host 'ROSHNAAS TECHFEST' 2022

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Srinagar: Roshnaas, the Inaugural version of the annual tech fest of the Institute of Technology, University of Kashmir, Zakura Campus is scheduled to start from 8th to 12th December 2022.

The event will mark a unique amalgamation of culture and innovation which will take place at the University of Kashmir, the main campus. The 5-day mega tech fest comprises a special series of events focusing on the radical implications of technological advancements

and their potential to reshape society.

A diverse group of expert panelists including innovators, scientists, engineers, artists, and entrepreneurs will lead a wide array of conversations sharing their discoveries, endeavors, and insights amongst the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

Roshnaas roughly translates to companion. It focuses on unifying and diversifying several departments of the university that will come together and work as a unit to make this technology fest one of the best events in the UT.

"It is a unique exhibition of the intelligence and capabilities of our students who evolve ideas into factual projects of interest. It aims to motivate our students and push them to achieve their goals with determination, hard work, and inspiring creativity, technical prowess, and passion" an official said.

"Roshnaas will connect students from various institutions to pursue their passion within a distinguished community of mentors. This event would feature representatives from a wide range of sectors, allowing students to gain exposure to new developments, ideas, and possibilities for improved career planning" he added.

Pertinently, the upcoming event will have more than 30 exciting competitions, project presentations, workshops, and seminars integrated with a fair dose of fun filled activities.

More than 70 colleges and 100 schools of the Kashmir valley have been invited to the fest. The Techfest would also give young and graduating students an opportunity to showcase their skills and provide them with entrepreneurial exposure that is very rare in the valley.

## Public Outreach Programme "My Town My Pride" Concludes

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A Mass Public Outreach Programme "My Town My Pride" 2.0 which began on Monday concluded on Tuesday in Srinagar amid participation of about 70000 citizens including School/ College Students across the District.

On Day 2nd, the ambitious programme of the Government witnessed a series of activities organised by the District Administration, Srinagar under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad during which visiting Officers took detailed assessment of public aspirations to ensure doorstep delivery of services and successful conduct of MTMP 2.0 programme.

Speaking about the successful conduct of the MTMP-2.0,

the Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad termed it a festival of Public Service Delivery, a connection between Community and Administration aimed to bring Administration at the door steps of the people and take detailed assessment of public aspirations and address their issues. The DC appreciated the efforts made by all line Departments in making MTMP-2.0 successful.

During the programmes, Departments including Health, Education, SMC, SDA, Jal Shakti, Animal Husbandry, Social Welfare, CSC, DIC, Labour, Employment, Animal/ Sheep Husbandry, Agriculture and Horticulture and Banks etc had established their stalls at designated locations in the City for public awareness, grievance redressal, enrolment under beneficiary schemes and

other programmes involving developmental works in City.

Various activities were conducted under MTMP-2.0 including resolution of public welfare and other developmental issues, besides special events under sports, painting, plantation etc were also held with regard to drug de-addiction under Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan.

As many as 45000 students from different Educational institutions also were the part of the MTMP programme who exhibited their talent through sports, cultural, competitions, NSS and other activities.

In addition, SMC, LCMA and SDA also conducted several programmes under "Shehri Jan Abhiyan(MTMP 2.0)", while plantation drives were also conducted by Forest Department in all SMC Ward of the City.

## Police Recovers Kidnapped Girl

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar Police on Tuesday said that they recovered a minor girl in less than 24 hours.

A police spokesman in a statement issued to the news agency Kashmir Observer said that on 05-12-2022, Police Station Pantha Chowk received a written complaint from one person (details withheld) to the effect that his minor daughter who left home for school has not returned home after school hours.

On this, a case under FIR number 132/2022 under section 363 IPC was registered in Police Station Pantha Chowk and investigation was taken up, police said.

"During the course of investigation, a Police team headed by SHO Pantha Chowk Insp Syed Owais Geelani was constituted under the supervision of Incharge SDPO Pantha Chowk Shivam Siddharth. During the investigation, using technical analysis of a suspect number, a Police team of Police Station Pantha Chowk was rushed to Bomai Sopore from where the kidnapped girl was recovered and the accused, who is a juvenile (name withheld), involved in the commission of crime was arrested within 24 hours," police said.

## 2- Day Houseboat Festival To begin Today

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Department of Tourism is organizing a two day Houseboat festival beginning Wednesday.

The festival would have components of local Music, food, art, culture besides showcasing and emphasising the heritage value of Houseboats.

The main highlights of the two day festival would be display of live music, putting up an Art gallery besides showcasing varied culinary and cuisine specialities.

Traditional folk music, a Floating stage and water screen on Dal waters, illuminated shikara carnival and live musical performances would also be part of the two day festival.

In this connection, Director Tourism Kashmir, Fazlul Haseeb on Tuesday reviewed the arrangements put in place for holding the festival and showcasing varied components of tourism to the visitors.

Addressing the meeting, the Director Tourism said Houseboats have played a unique role in attracting tourists from across the globe. He said the Kashmir Valley's famed and intricately carved houseboats, which over the decades have emerged as dream stay for honeymooners, will be this winter season's main attraction.

Fazlul Haseeb reviewed the logistics and creative components of the two day festival and impressed upon the concerned to synergise their ideas to make the festival a grand success.

## Sanitation Drive Held In City

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Mayor Srinagar Junaid Azim Mattu and Principal Secretary Housing and Urban Development (H&UDD), Dheeraj Gupta along with Commissioner SMC launched a massive sanitation drive at Zero Bridge, Srinagar.

On the occasion, the Mayor asked Commissioner SMC to issue directions to Urban Forestry for developing the landscape around Jhelum bund. He also asked for a plantation of Pines on both sides of the river.

Later, the Mayor along with the Principal Secretary visited DYSSO Srinagar and took pledge on Nasha Mukht J&K besides flagging off a Nasha Mukht rally at DYSSO Srinagar.

Later, a meeting was convened by Mayor Srinagar to discuss development activities done under "My Town My Pride" programme and projects taken up under Smart city.

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

**MESSAGE**

The Armed Forces Flag Day observed on 7th December every year is an important occasion when the Nation remembers the gallant officers and men of Armed Forces for their sacrifices, dedication to duty and maintaining an eternal watch to safeguard the frontiers of the country. On this day, the Nation pays homage to those who made the supreme sacrifice to preserve territorial integrity of the country.

Our Armed Forces have always remained at the forefront, ever ready to serve the Nation with commitment, dedication and render valuable service during natural calamities. In Jammu and Kashmir, the Army has been playing a crucial role in combating terrorism and providing a secure environment to the people, particularly those living along the borders and in remote and far-flung areas of the UT.

In addition to expressing gratitude to our valiant soldiers, this day provides an opportunity to our citizens to associate themselves with our valiant soldiers and families of the martyrs. To remember brave deeds of our soldiers and to pay gratitude to our valiant Armed Forces personnel and their families, I appeal to the people of the UT of J&K, particularly the privileged sections of the society, to donate liberally to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund, as a token of remembrance and expression of gratitude.

I convey my best wishes to all serving and retired Armed Forces personnel and their families on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day.

*Manoj Sinha*  
**(Manoj Sinha)**

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**CHIEF SECRETARY JAMMU & KASHMIR**

**MESSAGE**

I am pleased to learn that J&K Rajya Sainik Board is observing the Armed Forces Flag Day on 7th December 2022. I convey my warm greetings and good wishes to all the serving and retired Armed Forces personnel and their families on this occasion.

The day provides us an opportunity to express our gratitude to the serving soldiers and Ex-servicemen. The Nation cannot forget the supreme sacrifices made by our soldiers during the course of duty while serving the motherland. The Armed Forces have earned the respect and affection of citizens for their valour, professionalism and spirit of sacrifice by ensuring continuous safety and security of the Nation.

On this occasion, I convey my best wishes to all ranks of the Armed Forces and those associated with the Flag Day Celebrations. I appeal to the people of UT of J&K to contribute generously to the Armed Forces Flag Day. Their contribution would facilitate the implementation of various schemes aimed at the welfare of ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and their families.

*Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta*  
**(Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta)**

**Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Home Department Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar**

**MESSAGE**

Every year 7th December is observed as the Armed Forces Flag Day throughout the country. It is a day to remember the services and sacrifices of valiant personnel of our Armed Forces viz the Army, Navy and the Air Force. They have distinguished themselves equally in war and in peace. So many officers and men have often made the supreme sacrifice so that their fellow countrymen can live freely with honour and peace.

The Armed Forces Flag Day provides the citizens, an opportunity to express their gratitude to the Armed Forces by donating liberally for the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund, which is utilized for rehabilitation and welfare of war-widows, widows, disabled and needy ex-servicemen and their dependents.

I appeal to everyone donate generously to this noble cause.

JAI HIND

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**MESSAGE**

- Armed Forces Flag Day is an occasion for the citizens to honour the sacrifices made by the personnel of the Indian Defence Forces during the course of their duty and to contribute for the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund. This Fund is utilized for the welfare and rehabilitation of ex-servicemen, disabled veterans, widows and their dependents. Various govt schemes initiated for resettlement and welfare of ex-servicemen and families of Battle Casualties are augmented by contributions of the citizens towards the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.
- All contributions, being of charitable nature, are exempt from Income Tax, under Section 80-G (5) (vi) of Income Tax Act 1961. Contributions may be sent through crossed Cheque/Demand Draft in favour of Secretary, J&K Rajya Sainik Board or Armed Forces Flag Day Fund, at following address:- **Directorate of Sainik Welfare Department Ambphalla, Jammu, PIN - 180005**
- Payments through NEFT can be made in following accounts :-  
(a) Secretary J&K Rajya Sainik Board J&K Bank, Ambphalla, Jammu A/C No 0493040100000784, IFSC - JAKA0AMPHLA  
(b) Armed Forces Flag Day Fund AU Small Finance Bank, Jammu A/C No 2181246936463378, IFSC - AUBL0002469  
(c) Secretary J&K Rajya Sainik Board Axis Bank, GS Road, Jammu A/C No 920010021134652, IFCS - UTIB0001011
- Payments can also be made through UPI at all offices of Sainik Welfare Deptt in J&K.
- We are proud of our citizens who have participated in various programmes initiated by Sainik Welfare Department, to exhibit their solidarity with the Armed Forces of India and the families of those soldiers, who sacrificed their life for the Motherland.
- I appeal to all fellow citizens to proudly wear the 'Armed Forces Token Flag' and donate liberally for the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.

JAI HIND

*Brigadier Gurmeet Singh Shan*  
**(Brigadier Gurmeet Singh Shan) Director Sainik Welfare Department, J&K**

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Fresh Threats

After targeted killings of the minorities and the migrant labourers over the last three years, Kashmiri Pandits have received fresh threats from the militants. The threat to Pandits follows the one against Kashmiri journalists which led to resignation of about five journalists from their jobs. The Resistance Front (TRF) has asked the Valley's Hindus to leave the region, saying that non-locals and Kashmiri Hindus were taking away jobs and land in Kashmir. In fact, the list of Kashmiri Pandits, the TRF plans to target is the same one that the government had decided to employ under the prime minister's scheme. This has been a source of deep concern for security agencies and also among the people. The disclosure of names is being seen as a big breach of security as questions are being raised as to how the TRF got access to this confidential document. The Jammu and Kashmir police have taken cognizance of the threat and begun an investigation, which hopefully should reveal the truth.

However, the government needs to take the threat very seriously. So far, twenty four people have been killed in Kashmir over the last year, the victims including Kashmiri Pandits, migrant labourers and security personnel returning for holidays to their homes. This is a distressing situation. The civilian killings in Kashmir have become a big issue in the Valley and across the country. In the Valley, the killings have become a deep source of worry for security forces who are already stretched.

The threat to Pandits poses a fresh challenge. According to an estimate, there are around 8000 minority employees including Kashmiri Pandits who are posted in Kashmir. Hence the serious concern expressed by the various political parties including also by Kashmiri Pandit groups is understandable.

Pandit employees are demanding that the government waive off the bond requiring them to remain permanently posted in Kashmir. And if the government gave in to their demand, it would defeat the very purpose of the Pandits' employment in Kashmir: the purpose behind this is to somehow incentivize the return of Pandits to their homeland. This is, thus, a very tricky situation and the government needs to do a tightrope walk to ensure both of its ends are served: killings and threats stop altogether and Pandits also don't leave. So, the administration needs to do more to provide a sense of security to the community and take firm steps to stop threats and killings.

OTHER OPINION

A Small Uptick

India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues grew almost 11% this November to nearly 1.46 lakh crore. While this is only the tenth such occasion since the onset of the GST in July 2017 that revenues have been over 1.4 lakh crore, that mark has been consistently topped for nine months now. The two highest GST monthly receipts so far — over 1.67 lakh crore in April and 1.51 lakh crore in October — were partly bolstered by taxpayers filing quarterly returns. Discounting periodic spikes in compliance, one can possibly peg the 1.4 lakh crore as the new normal baseline for monthly GST revenues hereon. With almost 12 lakh crore already in the GST kitty this year, the Government is likely to end up with a not-insignificant surplus over its Budget. This is welcome fiscal headroom, especially since the Centre's subsidy bill on items such as fertilizers and foodgrains has also surpassed the Budget math, and may help the Government stick to its fiscal deficit target. On the flip side, however, November's GST revenues are not an enthralling indicator about the state of the broader economy.

The 10.9% overall GST revenue growth in November, reflecting transactions undertaken in October when the major festivals, including Deepavali, occurred — is the slowest uptick recorded since June 2021. November revenues were the lowest in three months and marked a nearly 4% dip from October's kitty. E-way bills generation, broadly indicating outflow of goods from producers to the wholesale and retail supply chains, dropped a steeper 8.6% sequentially, perhaps as factories recorded higher downtimes amid extended holidays. One would have expected festive consumption to spike the GST intake despite the e-way bills decline, as inventories were already built up in anticipation. That effect appears muted and it is quite puzzling that revenues contracted year-on-year in as many as seven States, including Gujarat and Kerala. Growth in inflows from domestic transactions slowed from 18% in October to 8% last month, while revenues from imports of goods rose to 20% in November — a possible sign that the consumption recovery remains uneven, with goods consumed by higher income groups seeing a better rebound. December's post-festival GST collections could yield a clearer picture, both on the sustainability of the headline revenue numbers and the growth trajectory of the economy. The GST Council, meeting this month after another prolonged gap, must expedite long-awaited action on pending issues to bolster compliance, and not lose sight of the larger, currently-deferred plan to rationalise the tax rates with a view to spur broad-based and sustainable consumption growth.

The Hindu



Occupying the Presidency of the G-20 and UNSC offers India a unique chance to leave its legacy and make the voice of the Global South and developing world heard at these two august fora

By assuming the Presidency of the G-20 and UNSC, for one year and one month respectively, for next one-year India gets a unique opportunity for the country to contribute to the global agenda on pressing issues of international importance.

G-20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation representing around 85 percent of the global GDP, over 75% of the worldwide trade, and about two-thirds of the world population. During the G-20 Presidency, to show its resolve to focus on those issues which are dear to it, India will hold about 200 meetings in 32 different sectors in multiple locations across India. The G-20 Summit to be held next year would be one of the highest-profile international gatherings to be hosted by India.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, defining its agenda for G-20 and UNSC has said that New Delhi would like to use the presidency of the group to reflect interests and concerns today of the global south.

As India formally assumed the G-20 presidency PM Modi said he will work to further global good through an inclusive, action-oriented and decisive agenda. In a write-up PM Modi said India could catalyse a fundamental mindset shift to benefit humanity as a whole? "I believe we can," he wrote.

The PM stressed that India's G-20 presidency theme - 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' - is not just a slogan as it takes into account "recent changes in human circumstances", adding that India's G-20 presidency will work to promote a universal

# India To Stamp Its Legacy At G-20

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sense of one-ness.

India looks forward to working on encouraging sustainable lifestyles, depoliticising the global supply of food, fertilisers and medical products among other subjects, the prime minister said.

For imbuing hope in our future generations, India will encourage an honest conversation among the most powerful countries on mitigating risks posed by weapons of mass destruction and enhancing global security, in addition to climate change, terrorism, and pandemics - which could be solved not by fighting each other, but only by acting together he wrote.

### India's forward plan

Indeed, the issues outlined by the prime minister and the EAM sound impressive, yet the real challenge will be on how to transform these into real achievements over the next one-year. How India could contribute to changing the global stand on various pressing issues, including: controlling inflation, affirmative action on climate change and pandemic threats, besides producing an inclusive governance model.

There is hope that India can make meaningful contributions to the global economy and can help improve the current unstable geopolitical state of affairs during its reign as G-20 president.

The world is staring at a recession following the Covid induced economic down-

**“This is also a historic time for the G-20, which will now be led by a nation that has always placed “dialogue and diplomacy” at the centre of its approach to international relations. India's diplomatic and economic policies have helped the country achieve significant growth at a time when other economies have failed or are struggling**

turn and supply chain issues which have been further exacerbated by the Russia-Ukraine conflict, fuelling runaway inflation. Global growth has hit a major roadblock. While the world grew at 6 per cent in 2021, the growth rate is projected to drop to 3.2 per cent in 2022 and will further slip to 2.7 per cent in 2023.

The global inflation rate, which stood at 4.7 per cent in 2021, is expected to rise to 8.8 per cent by the end of 2022. India, however, is expected to grow by 6.8 per cent in the current fiscal year and by 6.4 per cent in the following year. India is a model for others in achieving similar economic growth and stability.

The G-20 declaration, which predominantly echoed Indian ideas, vowed to push for global macro-economic stability by giving nations, particularly disadvantaged ones, a platform to improve their financial resilience.

Indian economists have a better understanding of middle-income and low-income countries. India, with its unique perspective, can help the G-20 achieve its goal of enhancing the financial resilience of these nations.

India's economic model, which has advocated for open, liberal markets that provide opportunities to even the most vulnerable, has garnered praise from countries and organisations throughout the world.

**Diplomatic tightrope**  
Over the last one year particularly India, has been able to maintain cordial relations with two U.S. administrations, in addition to Russia and Iran, and despite mounting global pressure, has been able to maintain positive diplomatic ties with all countries and factions.

This is also a historic time for the G-20, which will now be led by a nation that has always placed “dialogue and diplomacy” at the centre of its approach to international relations. India's diplomatic and economic policies have helped the country achieve significant growth at

a time when other economies have failed or are struggling.

The Indian presidency has received support from various quarters, the latest being from the U.S. and France. The American and French presidents in their tweets have declared their support to India's chair at these two fora.

Thus, India seems to have the full support of the global powers also, for initiating new thinking on tackling the global issues besides also an opportunity to become the voice of the Global South and help the UN to achieve more on its SDGs. Thus, at the moment the plate seems full for India and we really hope that India will be able to leave its mark both diplomatically and politically on the G-20 by acting in a pragmatic manner to solve the issue facing the global world.

It would be prudent for the Indian leadership to pursue those issues which will have a bearing on the future of the world, like climate change related activities, pursuing net zero, to find ways to establish a modified economic system which considers poor countries much more benignly and also empower the world organisations like the United Nations and make sure that it leaves a new apparatus through which voices of the poor could be heard and action taken on them, much more effectively.

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## Addressing Obesity

It is well known that a large population of the country is battling obesity, the root of all diseases, due to which diseases like diabetes, thyroid, and high blood pressure have increased not only among adults, but also in adolescents and children. The good thing is that like the epidemic, now the government has also become alert about the increasing obesity. NITI Aayog, the country's policy-making body, has recommended to identify the major factors of its growth such as sugar, salt and fat-rich foods and increase the excise duty on these foods to make citizens free from obesity. In this episode, it has been said to take steps like 'front of the pack labeling' on products, so that people can be warned about the danger of obesity. The purpose is that people should be careful while choosing food items and they should know what is dangerous for their health. The report of the Research Institute of NITI Aayog for the year 2021-2022 warns that the prob-

lem of overweight and obesity among children, adolescents and women is increasing continuously in the country. NITI Aayog is taking steps in this direction in collaboration with the country's Institute of Economic Development and the Public Health Organization of India. In fact, Indian food has traditionally been a trend of namkeen, chips, bhujia, etc., but in recent years, in the name of snacks, there has been an increase in the popularity of such foods which are injurious to health. It should be a matter of our concern that according to the National Family Health Survey, the number of women suffering from obesity in the country has gone up to 24 percent, while the figure for men is 22.9%. In such a situation, the need of the hour should be said that the government should take steps in this direction. Undoubtedly, obesity is the root of all diseases and the Indian medical system feels the pressure due to the diseases caused by it.

Actually, due to change in urban lifestyle and eating habits, the problem of obesity has become worrying. Talks continued about this problem, but no serious initiative was seen in this direction. Due to the market gimmicks, the use of junk food and packaged food items increased in the country. In this, the producers searched the market but did not care about the health of the common man. The irony was also that there was mention of factors that increase obesity, but serious efforts were not seen to stop them. The steps taken to stop them were only symbolic. The market is full of such foods which are tempting in taste, but are heavy on health. They have a long-term harmful effect on health, due to which obesity increases and under its guise serious diseases ranging from diabetes to heart disease start growing. Which over time takes a frightening form due to neglect. Undoubtedly, the need of the hour is to strictly regulate the factors causing obesity. People

should know that what they are consuming affects their health. In fact, due to the change in eating habits, the problem of obesity in developed countries has started spreading rapidly in India too. In India, such a problem assumes a formidable form because people are not conscious in time. We have failed to create awareness among the general public about obesity. We do not care when the factors that increase obesity have become a part of our daily life. Also which foods are really fattening. When the body becomes a home of deadly diseases due to such carelessness, the person does not even realize it. But while taxing such food items, keep in mind that the lives of common and poor people are not affected. Along with this, there is also a need to run an awareness campaign against obesity in the country.

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# 'Sat Rang'

## The Rainbow of Kashmir's Creative Campus

### How Green Valley Educational Institute's Art Exhibition Showcased Hidden Talent Among Children



Farooq Shah

**B**adrin Nisa, a research scholar at the University of Kashmir, Department of English, recalls listening to her grandfather recite the poems written by Saadi and Hafiz as a young girl.

Her artwork, which focused on spirituality and Sufism, were immensely appreciated by the visitors to the two-day art exhibition organized by one of the valley's top schools on 29-30 November at the Tourism Department's Nigeen Club in Srinagar.

The exhibition themed "Sat Rang," meaning "seven colours," featured some 400 art-pieces created by the students of Green Valley Educational Institute, some of whom were as young as eight years old.

The exhibition provided the visitors with a rare opportunity to recognize the hidden potential of the children as they browsed through the many sections, which included bone-carving, watercolour painting, calligraphy, and pencil sketching.

Numerous dignitaries, including the popular cartoonist Bashir Ahmad Bashir and well-known national artist Deepa Soni visited the exhibition.

Quoting the Italian polymath Leonardo da Vinci, "Painting is poetry that is felt rather than seen, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen," Nisa described how her love for Sufi poets and personalities, notably

Maulana drove her into painting.

In one of the paintings in which she portrays a turbaned mystic with folded hands, she strives to establish a link between the guide and the seeker while keeping in mind the enduring relationship between Amir Khusrau and Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya.

Khusrau, an Indo-Persian Sufi singer, musician, poet, and scholar who lived under the Delhi Sultanate in the thirteenth century, is a legendary character in the history of the Indian subcontinent.

Nisa said that while speech and writing can be susceptible to many different types of censorship, art transcends both restrictions and constraints and offers a platform unlike any other for expressing the pent-up feelings.

"People of straw will never really get the beauty or complexity of the art, and those who do will fully comprehend the struggles that people in that specific age or epoch face," Nisa said. "The event planners deserve praise for putting together such a diverse display serving well in providing a right platform amid living in a choked environment."

Showkat Kathjoo, a teacher at the University of Kashmir's Institute of Music and Fine Arts, concurs with

Nisa in saying that art is perceived as a challenging authority at the face of the hegemony of whatever nature which, in essence, it is not. After going through a "disturbing" period in his personal life, Kathjoo—who compares art

to a "liberating force"—says that "it has given me a new lease of life, or perhaps I should say a rebirth."

"My upbringing was somewhat upsetting, and because my point of view was not always appreciated, I may have developed a rebellious streak," Kathjoo said. "I would attribute my resurgence to the calling of art after wasting some of the precious years of my life in the most reckless way possible."

In order to get through that 'terrible' time, Kathjoo used to occasionally hide behind closed doors for fear of retribution from various quarters, and was compelled to read literature and paint a lot.

"Art has always contested hegemony of some type, as opposed to the state's power, which is, in my opinion, a positive indicator in a vibrant society," he said. "We need to instill in our young generation a sense of questioning rather than being complacent about things remaining still, without entering into the violent territory though."

If younger children are given the chance to express themselves freely through art and other recreational activities without the authoritative control, some undesirable areas—drugs, corruption, moral turpitude, intolerance, aggression, etc.—can easily be avoided, noted Kathjoo.

"Given the significant contributions that Muslims have made to music and art, it is ludicrous for some to believe that some activities are prohibited by Islam," he said. "Any society that lacks a creative output via its youth is doomed to perish."

CEO of Green Valley, Mohammad Yousuf Wani, while commenting on the need to offer the children a fair platform, stated that every child around us is an artist.

"As a result of Green Valley Educational Institute's leadership in encouraging initiatives that bring out the best in kids, you may witness artists as young as eight taking part in the show," Wani said. "Without supporting our artists, we'll end up sacrificing our imagination on the altar of primitive reality."

Wani commended the activity department of his school in pulling up such a fantastic event on a brief notice.

Shaheena Parveen, who heads the art department, said that ever since she graduated from the Fine Art College, she has yearned to

pass the torch to the next generation.

"Be it engineering, medicine, design, literature, or any other field, the application of art is evident in many facets of life," she said. "We didn't have the right opportunities when we were young to develop any creative traits, but children nowadays have easy access to the tools they need to develop their artistic ability."

Hina Arif, who is a recent hire in the art department, has been a

part of several exhibitions held in India and has put at least 10 of her paintings for display. Her artwork, especially the one showing an aged Kashmiri Pandit woman depicting the plight of her community, was the event's main draw.

Hina feels encouraged by the likelihood that students would pursue art in shaping their perspectives.

"I find it really encouraging that young children have a talent for choosing the proper colour, and I've had some luck explaining to them the feelings that a specific colour conjures up," Hina said. "We made sure the children had the right knowledge of how colours are used and the feelings they convey before we went to the show."

According to Nusrat, a colleague of Hina's, child art is more successful at highlighting a child's true nature since kids don't go deeply into the details. Another colleague, Mufra advocated for more such exhibitions to free the genie of creativity bottled up for whatever reasons.

A shy-looking Muntasir whose pencil sketches enthralled the visitors said he discovered the art of sketching all of a sudden when his elder brother asked for a birthday

gift.

A 10th class student, Zainab Zargar said that she felt over the moon and thanked her school for organizing such an event while likening it to a dream-come-true experience.

"This type of event should occur more frequently since, for whatever reason, Kashmir lags behind other places in this area," she said.

In response to Zainab's concern, Director of School Education, Dr. Tasaduq Hussain, who visited the exhibition on the second day, said he would assist in planning a larger event in the future.

"Sadly we have not been



able to showcase the talent of kids at a higher level and the need of the hour is to propagate this on a larger scale," he said.

"Moreover, the new education policy, NEP-2020, lays emphasis on vocational education and exhibitions such as these can act as a guiding force."

Nisa shares the director's skepticism that more needs to be done in this area with a shift in perspective among the parents and the civic society.

"Unfortunately, these days, we are more into materialism than spirituality," she said. "In reality, we are spiritual beings first, human beings later."

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## Researchers Suggest New Way Of Treating Spinal Cord Injury

Spinal Cord Injury remains one of the most debilitating traumatic injuries a person can sustain during their lifetime, affecting every aspect of the person's life

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An innovative new substance created at the University of Limerick in Ireland has shown a great deal of potential in the treatment of spinal cord injury.

The research conducted at UL's Bernal Institute—published in the journal *Biomaterials Research*—has made exciting progress in the field of spinal cord tissue repair.

New hybrid biomaterials developed at UL in the form of nanoparticles and building on existing practice in the tissue engineering field, were successfully synthesised to promote repair and regeneration following spinal cord injury, according to the researchers.

The UL team led by Professor Maurice N Collins, Associate Professor, School of Engineering at UL and lead author Aleksandra Serafin, a PhD candidate at UL, used a new kind of scaffolding material and a unique new electrically conducting polymer composite to promote new tissue growth and generation that could advance the treatment of spinal cord injury.

"Spinal Cord Injury remains one of the most debilitating traumatic injuries a person can sustain during their lifetime, affecting every aspect of the person's life," explained Professor Collins.

"The debilitating disorder results in paralysis below the level of injury and, in the US alone, the annual healthcare costs for SCI patient care are \$9.7 billion. As there is currently no widely available treatment, continuous research into this field is crucial to find a treatment to improve the patient's quality of life, with the research field turning towards tissue engineering for novel treatment strategies.

"The field of tissue engineering aims to solve the global problem of shortages of donated organs and tissues, in which a new trend has emerged in the form of conductive biomaterials. Cells in the body are affected by electrical stimulation, especially cells of a conductive nature such as cardiac or nerve cells," Professor Collins explained.

The research team describes a growing interest in the use of electroconductive tissue engineered scaffolds that has emerged due to the improved cell growth and proliferation when cells are exposed to a conductive scaffold.

"Raising the conductivity of biomaterials to develop such treatment strategies typically centres on the addition of conductive components such as carbon nanotubes or conductive polymers such as PEDOT:PSS, which is a commercially available conductive polymer that has been used to date in the tissue engineering field," explained lead author Aleksandra Serafin, a PhD candidate in the Bernal and at UL's Faculty of Science and Engineering.

"Unfortunately, severe limitations persist when using the PEDOT:PSS polymer in biomedical applications. The polymer relies on the PSS component to allow it to be water soluble, but when this material is implanted in the body, it displays poor biocompatibility.

"This means that upon exposure to this polymer, the body has potential toxic or immunological responses, which are not ideal in an already damaged tissue which we are trying to regenerate. This severely limits which hydrogel components can be successfully incorporated to create conductive scaffolds," she added.

Novel PEDOT nanoparticles (NPs) were developed in the study to overcome this limitation. Synthesis of conductive PEDOT NPs allows for the tailored modification of the surface of the NPs to achieve desired cell response and increasing the variability of which hydrogel components can be incorporated, without the required presence of PSS for water solubility.

In this work, hybrid biomaterials composed of gelatin and immunomodulatory hyaluronic acid, a material which Professor Collins has developed over many years at UL, was combined with the developed novel PEDOT NPs to create biocompatible electroconductive scaffolds for targeted spinal cord injury repair.

A complete study of the structure, property, and function relationships of these precisely designed scaffolds for optimised performance at the site of injury was carried out, including in-vivo research with rat spinal cord injury models, which was undertaken by Ms Serafin during a Fulbright research exchange to the University of California San Diego Neuroscience Department, who were a partner on the project.

"The introduction of the PEDOT NPs into the biomaterial increased the conductivity of samples. In addition, the mechanical properties of implanted materials should mimic the tissue of interest in tissue engineered strategies, with the developed PEDOT NP scaffolds matching the mechanical values of the native spinal cord," explained the researchers.

Biological response to the developed PEDOT NP scaffolds was studied with stem cells in-vitro and in animal models of spinal cord injury in-vivo. Excellent stem cell attachment and growth on the scaffolds was observed, they reported.

Testing showed greater axonal cell migration towards the site of spinal cord injury, into which the PEDOT NP scaffold was implanted, as well as lower levels of scarring and inflammation than in the injury model which had no scaffold, according to the study.

Overall, these results show the potential of these materials for spinal cord repair, say the research team.

"The impact that spinal cord injury has on a patient's life is not only physical, but also psychological, since it can severely affect the patient's mental health, resulting in increased incidence of depression, stress, or anxiety," explained Ms Serafin.

"Treating spinal injuries will therefore not only allow for the patient to walk or move again but will allow them to live their lives to their full potential, which makes projects such as this one so vital to the research and medical communities. In addition, the overall societal impact in providing an effective treatment to spinal cord injuries will lead to a reduction in health care costs associated with treating patients.

"These results offer encouraging prospects for patients and further research into this area is planned.

"Studies have shown that the excitability threshold of motor neurons on the distal end of a spinal cord injury tends to be higher. A future project will further improve the scaffold design and create conductivity gradients in the scaffold, with the conductivity increasing towards the distal end of the lesion to further stimulate neurons to regenerate," she added.

## Get Your Posture Right While Using Mobiles Or Be Ready To Suffer Back, Neck Pain

IANS

With the growing addiction of mobile phones, people are also becoming victims of degenerative spinal changes, especially in the cervical, thoracic and lumbar regions.

Our posture at the time of receiving and making mobile calls can potentially give rise to musculoskeletal issues. A host of studies have linked the wrong posture while using phones with pain and dysfunction.

The joints of the body suffer from wear and tear process while it is active and it gets repaired during the period of rest. If we use the joints in abnormal posture for long time or pressure the joints in a single posture for long times, it will suffer for more wear and tear and one point will come where the wear and tear will be more in comparison with the repairs and the degeneration will start in the joints, Dr Uma Kumar, Head of Department, Rheumatology, AIIMS, told IANS.

"When we hold the mobile in

hands, not only the fingers are used but our hands, elbow, muscle and neck are involved as we usually watch the mobile while bending the neck from natural position which is over the head and complete straight," Dr Kumar said.

AIIMS doctor said that there is a constant weight of brain, skull and muscles over the neck which falls on cervical spine. So if we work or watch the mobile in wrong way, the weight proportionally increase the pressure on the spine and muscles creating pains.

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No : JKHPMC/eNIT 109 of 2022  
Dated: 05-12-2022

Subject: Corrigendum-2 with respect to eNIT No. 109 of 2022, dated: 03-09-2022, re-tendered on 21-11-2022.

In respect of the e-Tender for "Request for Proposal for Re-tender for Selection of Agency for Operation and Management (O&M) of Incubation Centres established under PM FME Scheme at CIC - Doabgah, Sopore, Baramulla (Package -1), CIC - Achabal, Anantnag (Package -2) and CIC - Narwal, Jammu, (Package -3) in J&K, the following Changes shall take immediate effect:

"Section 2.8 RFP Highlights" shall now be read as:

iii. Performance Security "Rs 2,50,000/- for each CIC, Renewable after each year" instead of "Rs 5,00,000/- for each CIC, Renewable after each year"

v. Minimum Reserve Price "minimum Rs 5,00,000/- per year for each CIC..." instead of: "minimum Rs 8,00,000/- per year for each CIC..."

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## Sterlite Power Acquires Kishtwar Transmission Project In J&K



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**JAMMU:** Sterlite Power, an integrated power transmission developer and solutions provider, on Tuesday said it has acquired a Kishtwar transmission project for a period of 35 years. Kishtwar Transmission Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) from PFC Consulting Business, Sterlite Power, Manish Agarwal said they are committed to empowering humanity by ensuring power connectivity through its power transmission projects. "With Kishtwar transmission project, we aim to further strengthen the power infrastructure and usher economic development in the J&K region," Agarwal said. This will be Sterlite Power's 17th power transmission project in India under the tariff-based competitive bidding.

Hydro Electric Project to the Kishtwar sub-station," the official said, adding, "through the Kishtwar Transmission Limited SPV, the company will build, own, operate and maintain a critical transmission project in Jammu and Kashmir for a period of 35 years." Director and Chief Executive Officer - India Transmission Business, Sterlite Power, Manish Agarwal said they are committed to empowering humanity by ensuring power connectivity through its power transmission projects. "With Kishtwar transmission project, we aim to further strengthen the power infrastructure and usher economic development in the J&K region," Agarwal said. This will be Sterlite Power's 17th power transmission project in India under the tariff-based competitive bidding.

## Toyota Kirloskar Recalls Around 1,000 Units Of Urban Cruiser Hyryder



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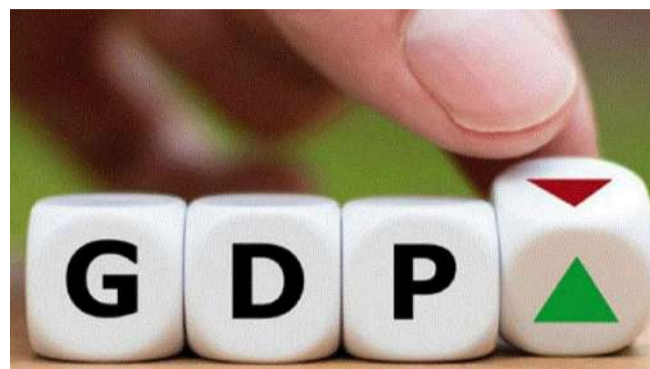
**NEW DELHI:** Toyota Kirloskar Motor on Tuesday said it is recalling around 994 units of its recently launched mid-sized sports utility vehicle Urban Cruiser Hyryder to fix a faulty seat belt part. In a statement, the company said it has initiated a voluntary recall campaign for certain Urban Cruiser Hyryder units to investigate for a possible issue with front seat belt shoulder height adjuster plate assembly. Around 994 vehicles of the specified models may have been impacted by this concern, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) said in a statement. The front seat belt shoulder height adjuster plate assembly will be replaced from the suspected vehicles, it added. The recall is being initiated in-line with the company's commitment to customer safety and satisfaction, the automaker said.

Till date there have been no reported failures of the affected part, it added. TKM had launched Urban Cruiser Hyryder in July this year. The model is priced between Rs 10.48 lakh and Rs 18.99 lakh (ex-showroom). Earlier, in the day Maruti Suzuki India said it is recalling 9,125 units of its models Ciaz, Brezza, Ertiga, XL6 and Grand Vitara to fix possible defects in a part of the front row seat belts. The affected vehicles were manufactured between November 2-28, 2022, the automaker said in a regulatory filing. TKM has recently phased out the Urban Cruiser compact sports utility vehicle (SUV) from its product portfolio in the country. The automaker introduced the model, a rebadged Maruti Vitara Brezza, in September 2020 and it registered cumulative wholesales of over 65,000 units till date.

## World Bank Revises Upwards India's GDP Growth Forecast To 6.9% For FY23

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**NEW DELHI:** The World Bank on Tuesday revised upwards its GDP growth forecast for India to 6.9 per cent for 2022-23, saying the economy was showing higher resilience to global shocks. In its India Development Update, the World Bank said the revision was due to higher resilience of the Indian economy to global shocks and better-than-expected second quarter numbers. India's economy grew at 6.3 per cent in September quarter 2022-23 as compared to 13.5 per cent in the preceding June quarter, mainly on account of contraction in output of manufacturing and mining sectors. This is the first upgrade of India's growth forecast by any international agency amid the global turmoil. In October, the World Bank had cut India's GDP growth forecast to 6.5 per cent from 7.5 per cent earlier. Now, it has upgraded the projection to 6.9 per cent for 2022-23 (April 2022 -March 2023). The report titled 'Navigating the Storm', said while the deteriorating external environment will weigh on India's growth prospects, the economy is relatively well positioned to weather global spillovers compared to most other emerging markets.



Impact of a tightening global monetary policy cycle, slowing global growth and elevated commodity prices will mean that the Indian economy will experience lower growth in 2022-23 compared to 2021-22 (8.7 per cent), it said. Despite these challenges, it said, the update expects India to register a strong GDP growth and remain one of the fastest growing major economies in the world, due to a robust domestic demand. "The World Bank has revised its 2022-23 GDP forecast upward to 6.9 per cent from 6.5 per cent (in October 2022), considering a strong outturn in India in second quarter (July-September) of 2022-23 financial year," the India Development Update said. "India's economy has been remarkably resilient to the deteriorating external environment, and strong macroeconomic fundamentals have placed it in good stead compared to other emerging market economies," World Bank's Country Director in India Auguste Tano Kouame told reporters here. However, he said, continued vigilance is required as adverse global developments persist. The report projected that the Indian economy will grow at slightly lower rate of 6.6 per cent in 2023-24. "A challenging external environment will affect India's economic outlook through different channels...rapid monetary policy tightening in advanced economies has already resulted in large portfolio outflows and depreciation of the Indian rupee while high global commodity prices have led to a widening of the current account deficit," it said.

## Fitch Expects Windfall Tax To Be Phased Out In 2023

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**NEW DELHI:** Fitch Ratings on Tuesday said it expects the five-month-old tax on windfall profits made by oil companies to be phased out in 2023 on the back of moderating oil rates. The government had on July 1 levied a new tax on domestically-produced crude oil as well as on the export of petrol, diesel and jet fuel (ATF) to take away windfall gains accruing to oil companies from a global surge in energy prices following Russian invasion of Ukraine. The tax rates are revised every fortnight based on prevailing international rates. The levy on petrol export has since been abolished. "We expect the windfall taxes on domestic crude oil production levied by the government in 2022 to be phased out in 2023 with moderating prices," Fitch said in its APAC Oil & Gas Outlook 2023. Domestically-produced crude oil, which makes up for 15 per cent of all oil consumed in the country, is priced at international rates. With global oil prices rallying to a decade high in the aftermath of the Russia-



Ukraine war, state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd (OIL) raked in windfall profits. Fitch projected USD 85 per barrel price for Brent crude oil, down from USD 100 in 2022. It expected India's petroleum product demand recovery to be supported by a GDP growth estimate of 6.7 per cent. "We also expect oil marketing companies (OMCs) marketing margins to recover and partly recoup 2022's losses, given our modestly lower crude-price assumptions," it said. The three OMCs - Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) - posted back-to-back quarterly losses this fiscal year as they froze petrol and diesel prices to help the government contain inflation. "However, refining margins may ease to mid-cycle levels from all-time highs though still remaining healthy, which should support improvement in OMCs' credit metrics," Fitch said adding upstream companies will see robust cash flow despite some moderation from very high levels in 2022 and higher domestic gas prices. "We expect ONGC's upstream production volumes to rise by 3 per cent during financial year ending March 2024 (FY24), driven by production ramp-up at its KG basin; OIL's upstream volumes are likely to grow by 4 per cent on volume-enhancement projects at existing fields," Fitch said.



## Why Plan To Revive Jet Airways Is In A Mess

Bloomberg

**NEW DELHI:** Lenders to bankrupt Jet Airways India Ltd. are resisting a court-approved resolution plan, further delaying the former No. 1 private airline's return to the skies, according to people familiar with the matter and email communications seen by Bloomberg News. The primary dispute is about whether the new owners of Jet Airways need to pay more money into the pension funds of ex-employees, the people said, asking not to be identified because they're not authorized to speak publicly about the matter. Banks, led by State Bank of India, say Jet Airways' new buyers -Dubai-based businessman Murari Lal Jalan and Florian Fritsch, chairman of London-based Kalrock Capital Management Ltd. - should pay an additional 2.5 billion rupees (\$30.1 million) into the retirement kitty, the people said, an ask supported by the email exchanges reviewed by Bloomberg. The new owners meanwhile have indicated that extra money wasn't part of the already agreed upon resolution plan and instead must be taken out of the banks' dues, the people said. All parties are now awaiting fresh guidance from the bankruptcy court due Tuesday, the people said. A representative for Jet Airways, which also represents the consortium led by Jalan and Fritsch, declined to comment. State Bank of India and Ashish Chharia, the court-appointed professional running the carrier's insolvency, didn't immediately respond to messages and phone calls seeking comment. A revival of Jet Airways, previously majority owned by former billionaire Naresh Goyal, is key to burnish the image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is projecting himself as a market-friendly leader keen to reduce state interference in private enterprise ahead of elections in 2024. For Jet Airways, a second coming could exemplify how new bankruptcy rules can allow beleaguered carriers to spring back in the South Asian nation, known for its cut-throat aviation market and fare wars that have killed off several high-profile players over the years. Jet Airways collapsed in 2019 under a lot of debt after years as India's top private airline. It had promised to start flying again in March this year but has struggled to order new aircraft because lenders have been reluctant to take on fresh liabilities. Its new owners also still haven't reached an agreement about formally taking over the airline, the people familiar with the matter said, limiting the ability of Jalan and Fritsch to infuse more funds and order planes. The issue of paying more money into the pension funds of former employees came about after a fresh case was filed at the tribunal after the court-approved resolution had been finalized.

## Global Airline Industry Set To Post \$6.9 Billion Loss In 2022: IATA

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**GENEVA:** The global airline industry is projected to report a lower loss at USD 6.9 billion in 2022, mainly due to stronger passenger yields and cost control by carriers amid rising fuel prices, according to industry body IATA. In June, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) projected the industry loss at USD 9.7 billion. In October 2021, it forecast a loss of USD 11.6 billion for this year. On Tuesday, IATA said the global airline industry is expected to return to profitability in 2023 and post a small net profit of USD 4.7 billion. After being significantly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, the airline industry is on the recovery path. In 2022, airline net loss is expected to be USD 6.9 billion. This is significantly better than the loss of USD 42 billion and USD 137.7 billion in 2021 and 2020, respectively, it said. "We are on the right path... but still a long way to go," IATA Director General Willie Walsh said at a briefing here on Tuesday. For 2022, IATA said the improved prospects stem largely from strengthened yields and strong cost control in the face of rising fuel prices. "Passenger yields are expected to grow by 8.4 per cent (up from 5.6 per cent anticipated in June). Propelled by that strength, passenger revenues are expected to grow USD 438 billion (up from USD 239 billion in 2021)," it noted. In the Asia Pacific region, airlines are projected to post a loss of USD 10 billion this year and the loss is expected to narrow to USD 6.6 billion in 2023. The Asia Pacific region, IATA said, is critically held back by the impact of China's zero COVID policies on travel. "In 2023, passenger demand of 59.8 per cent is expected to outpace capacity growth of 47.8 per cent. Over the year, the region is expected to serve 70.8 per cent of pre-crisis demand levels with 75.5 per cent of pre-crisis capacity," the industry grouping said. IATA is a global grouping of around 290 airlines.

## SHORT TAKES

### Airtel Phases Out International Roaming Packs

**NEW DELHI:** Eyeing overseas travellers, Bharti Airtel has phased out its international roaming schemes and introduced a new plan, World Pass, covering 184 countries, and slashed basic data rates by 99 per cent in the listed roaming nations, according to a company's statement and sources. The company is allowing post-paid customers to shift to new plan without paying extra on their existing international roaming plans. "The feedback that we have heard on international travel related concerns has compelled us to launch a defining proposition for our customers -- the Airtel World Pass. The new postpaid plans under World Pass range between Rs 649 and Rs 14,999 with validity ranging from 1 to 365 days. The new pre-paid plans will cost between Rs 649 to Rs 2,997 with validity in the range of 1 to 365 days. The company's website shows that it has slashed basic data rates in the countries covered under "World Pass" to Rs 1.5 per megabyte (MB), or Rs 1,536 per GB, in 119 countries like US, UK, Nepal, China, Russia, UAE, Saudi Arabia etc, and to Rs 3 per MB, or Rs 3,072 per GB, in 65 countries like South Africa, Mauritius, Maldives, Mali, Egypt etc. The new rates reflect over 99 per cent reduction in standard basic data rates of international roaming (IR) packs. **PTI**

### Sebi Relaxes Rules For Govt For PSU Disinvestment

**MUMBAI:** Capital markets regulator Sebi can calm down regulatory norms for the central government in relation to strategic disinvestment of public sector undertakings (PSUs), in response to a notification. "The Board (Sebi) may after due consideration of the interest of the investors and the securities market and for the development of the securities market, relax the strict enforcement of any of the requirements of these regulations if an application is made by the Central Government in relation to its strategic disinvestment in a listed entity," Sebi mentioned in a notification made public on Tuesday. To give this impact, the regulator has amended LODR (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) norms. Earlier in September, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) had determined to dispense with a requirement for calculating open provide value with respect to the disinvestment of PSUs. As per Sebi norms, one of many parameters prescribed to find out the open provide value of a often traded scrip is Volume-Weighted Average Market Price (VWAMP) for 60 buying and selling days instantly previous the date of the general public announcement. The board of Sebi permitted amending the takeover rules within the context of strategic disinvestment of PSUs and consideration payable below open provide. **PTI**

### FPO Office For Trout Fisheries Inaugurated At Anantnag

**ANANTNAG:** Glacial Trout Fisheries FPO promoted under NABARD's FPO scheme was Tuesday jointly inaugurated by DDM NABARD Roush Zargar and Deputy Director Fisheries Mohamad Sideeq in presence of Board of Directors (BoDs) of FPO, fish farmers and field staff of fisheries department at Seer Anantnag. On the occasion, a five day training programme was also kick-started for the Board of Directors and the CEO of the FPO. It is worth mentioning here that the said FPO was recently incorporated as J&Ks first fisheries FPO under the name "Glacial Trout FPO" under a grant based project by NABARD. The FPO has been promoted by the Human Welfare Foundation NGO and is being guided by the Department of Fisheries. Highlighting the importance of FPOs, DDM NABARD said that the Government is keen to promote FPO in every commodity to upscale the production and control the prices by farmers. He said that FPOs can instill business sense in farmers and make them realize the best price for their commodities without having to rely on the middlemen. On the occasion, Deputy Director Fisheries, Mohamad Sideeq highlighted various centrally sponsored schemes and flagship programs run by the Fisheries Department for the welfare and development of the fishermen community of the region. **ONS**

### Dir Agri Chairs Meeting Of Organic/ Bio Fertilizer Companies

**SRINAGAR:** The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal Tuesday chaired a meeting of organic/bio-fertilizer companies at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi, here. The meeting was attended by Deputy Controller Fertilizer J&K Mohammad Sayeed Peer, Deputy Director Law Enforcement Srinagar, Assistant Director Law Enforcement Srinagar, District Law Enforcement Officer south/north, representatives of organic/bio fertilizers companies, representatives of Ms IFFCL, IFFCO, NFL, IPL, KRIBHCO and other concerned stakeholders. During the meeting, various issues related to smooth supply of fertilizers through the rabi 2022-23 were discussed threadbare. Speaking on the occasion, the Director highlighted the importance of smooth and timely supply of fertilizers to the farmers of the region. He further exhorted upon the fertilizer supplying companies and officers of the department for liquidation of all pending stocks held in POS machines. Director marked the importance of quality inputs especially fertilizers for the successful agriculture season in the UT. He asked the stakeholders to work in close coordination and ensure to put in all the efforts to secure the farmers' economic interests. **ONS**

### Markets Settle Lower; Sensex Falls For Third Day

**MUMBAI:** Benchmark indices ended the day in the negative territory on Tuesday amid weak global market trends and rising crude prices. Falling for the third day running, the 30-share BSE benchmark ended 208.24 points or 0.33 per cent lower at 62,626.36. During the day, it tumbled 444.53 points or 0.70 per cent to 62,390.07. The broader NSE Nifty declined 58.30 points or 0.31 per cent to end at 18,642.75. "Bears kept pushing domestic indices lower amid unfavourable global cues, with significant selling in metal and IT stocks. The mood was dampened by renewed concerns over policy tightening by the Fed in response to strong economic data out of the US. However, while easing COVID curbs in China benefited the demand outlook, fresh sanctions on Russian oil further added volatility to global oil markets. Investors at home await the RBI policy meet tomorrow," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. Among the Sensex pack, Tata Steel, Dr Reddy's, Infosys, State Bank of India, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, IndusInd Bank, Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, HCL Technologies and Maruti were the major laggards. Hindustan Unilever, UltraTech Cement, Power Grid and Nestle were among the winners. **PTI**

## Real Kashmir Beat Deccan 2-1 To Top I-League Table



**I-LEAGUE:** Real Kashmir's Ghanaian import Issahak Nuhu Seidu jumps highest as Sreenidi Deccan players jostle for the ball. Seidu was replaced by the eventual match winner Ibrahim Nurudeen, who scored a half-volley in the 94th minute, much to the joy of the jam-packed TRC.

### Press Trust of India

**SRINAGAR:** Ibrahim Nurudeen struck a brace to guide Real Kashmir to a 2-1 victory over Sreenidi Deccan in a sixth-round match of the I-League, here on Tuesday.

The 'Snow Leopards' trailed until the hour mark after Sreenidi Deccan struck through Asheer Akhtar in the 12th minute but the home side made a remarkable comeback to notch up its fifth win of the season at the TRC Stadium.

Nurudeen restored parity in the 61st minute by converting from the spot and scored the winner in the stoppage time to hand his side all the three points.

The win saw Real Kashmir maintain their top spot in the I-League table with 16 points. They have been unbeaten this

season with five wins and one draw. Sreenidi Deccan took the lead against the run of play after a corner kick taken by Faysal Shayesteh was flicked onto the far post by captain David Castañeda. It found Asheer Akhtar, who volleyed it into the open net.

Real Kashmir went close to scoring the equaliser in the 26th minute. Set-piece specialist Nozim Babadzhanov laid his corner for Lalnuntluanga Bawitlung on the edge of the penalty area but the midfielder skied his shot above the bar.

Real Kashmir brought in Ibrahim Nurudeen, who had made a positive impact from the bench in his previous outing, in the second half in place of Nuhu, which proved to be the master-stroke.

The Ghanaian substitute went close with his first touch in the 51st minute, his header from Babadzhanov's corner going just wide of the post.

Five minutes later, Nurudeen was again in the thick of things as he found himself with ample space in the Sreenidi half. The striker then pulled the trigger from over 25 yards out but his powerful shot was tipped over the bar by the visiting goalkeeper Lamba.

At the hour mark, Real Kashmir were awarded a penalty kick. Pulamte's shot from inside the box was handled by Sreenidi defender Awal in his attempt to block the effort. Nurudeen stepped up to take the penalty, sending Lamba the wrong way to bag the equaliser for the home side.

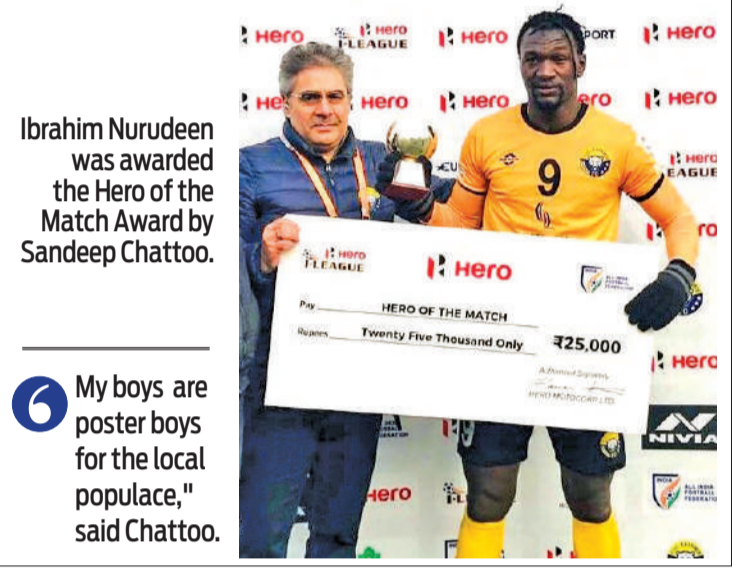
Nurudeen then won the match for

Real Kashmir right at the death. Wadudu sent a chipped ball for the striker in the box, who unleashed a powerful half-volley into the top corner, leaving Lamba with no chance in the Sreenidi Deccan goal.

"The boys simply lived up to the occasion and gave their best to keep the flag of Snow Leopards flying," said RKFC coach Mehrajuddin Wadoo.

"It was a formidable challenge to beat a team like Sreenidi Deccan. The team played exceptionally well to stage a comeback after being down 0-1 in the first half," said RKFC chairman Sandeep Chattoo, who thanked the local people and administration for their support.

"After all my boys are poster boys for the local populace," the top boss said.



Ibrahim Nurudeen was awarded the Hero of the Match Award by Sandeep Chattoo.

My boys are poster boys for the local populace," said Chattoo.

## Ladakh Football Team All Set To Make History

### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** UT Ladakh's senior men's football team is set to make history by making its debut in the upcoming 73rd Santosh Trophy. The selection trials of the team came to an end with around 25 probables being shortlisted for a training camp before the national championship.

The selections trials were held under the supervision of International Football Coach from Jammu and Kashmir and AFC Coach Educator, Sajid Yousuf Dar. His services were utilised to help LFA shortlist and finalise the squad for the camp.

"Sajid with his vast experience in the field of football will surely help and guide LFA to develop the game of football in Ladakh region and we hope he will provide us all his technical support whenever needed. We are also thankful to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofar Khan and Registrar Dr Nisar Ahmed Mir for deputing Mr Sajid on short no-



stice in these climatic conditions of Leh and providing us the much needed support required to select the team for the upcoming Santosh Trophy to be held at Delhi from 23rd December," the LFA said in a statement.

"We hope that the competent authorities of University of Kashmir will keep on supporting us to uplift and develop the sports culture in UT of Ladakh," said Ravinder Kumar, Secretary LG Ladakh and Secretary Youth Services and Sports.

This is the first time in the history of Ladakh football they will be framing their own team in a

prestigious tournament of the country.

"I have seen some talent over here but it's too early to say how they will perform and respond to the conditions. Our job was to select/shortlist the best possible side out of the squad what we have got. We have shortlisted 25 players who will go under two weeks camp before the team leaves for Delhi and I hope that LFA with the support of the administration will land up in Delhi a week before in order to get themselves acclimatised," Coach Sajid said.

"The team has got the young and talented coach Harpreet Bedi with

them and I believe during these two weeks he will prepare them well for the competition. Hats off to LFA and Ladakh Administration for showing the faith and confidence in providing such a big platform to the players of Ladakh.

"By participating in these kind of tournaments will surely boost up the moral and motivate the players of Ladakh region. I would also like to add here that our department will always try to provide all its technical support and guidance to develop the sports in Ladakh region whenever needed.

My best wishes to LFA and all the members of Ladakh Football Team for the upcoming Santosh Trophy."

EC, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chospel along with LFA Chairman Tashi Khachu discussed the future roadmap of football development in Ladakh. Development of infrastructure being the top most priority. Special focus projects on the grassroots were identified as the key points for the talent identification and development of football at block and district level.

## India Faces Heat In Must-Win 2nd ODI

### Press Trust of India

**DHAKA:** Trying to pick up pieces after a demoralising defeat, India's decorated top-order will be desperate to change the narrative and give a better account of itself in the do-or-die second ODI against Bangladesh in Mirpur, Dhaka on Wednesday.

Having failed to take the last wicket when Bangladesh needed more than 50 runs, India's bowlers could not deliver but there is no denying the fact that a star-studded batting lineup needs to show more responsibility.

The last time India played a bilateral series in Bangladesh was back in 2015 when under the Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the team lost the three-match series 1-2 and the only win came in the dead third rubber.

History could repeat itself at the Sher-e-Bangla Sta-



The talks around adopting a 'fearless approach' has been going on for some time but its implementation has only been sporadic. At times, adapting to conditions and reacting to situations has got more prominence.

The track at Mirpur wasn't exactly a batting beauty but it also didn't warrant a score of 186.

The erstwhile selection committee's decision to rest both Shubman Gill and Sanju Samson for this series has been equally baffling.

The logic given by the former chairman of selectors Chetan Sharma was that due to a short turnaround from New Zealand, they have picked a fresh bunch of players for the series.

Gill wasn't a part of T20 World Cup and also didn't play the T20 series in New Zealand (he was part of the squad though) and hence leaving him out was baffling.

## LG's Rolling Trophy: Ganderbal, Anantnag Enter Semi-Finals

### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In the ongoing LG's Rolling Trophy Cricket, Department of Youth Services & Sports District Anantnag held the Day 5 Pool A and B matches at two venues on Tuesday.

At Sports Stadium Mattan, District Kupwara played District Anantnag for the league match of Pool B to secure a spot in the Semi-Final of the competition. Batting first, Kupwara was restricted to 152 runs in the allotted 20 overs game. Junaid and Anwar were top scorers for Kupwara with 53 and 44, respectively. For Anantnag, Aamir and Tabraiz claimed 3 and 2 wickets, respectively.

In response, the Anantnag batters played well with Tabraiz (40 in 18 balls) and Jasif (36 runs) keeping the team afloat. The power hitting of Tabraiz (Asif Mughal) secured easy win for District Anantnag, as the team won the match by six wickets. Tabraiz was declared man of the match for his

brilliant all round performance. The Anantnag side has remained unbeaten in this tournament.

In the second match, District Ganderbal sealed its place in Semi-Finals from Pool A at Lelhar Open Field Pulwama by defeating Budgam.

Budgam after winning the toss decided to bat first and scored 172 runs for 9 wickets in their allotted 20 overs as Tajamal scored 46 runs. Ganderbal achieved the target in the last over. Danish Muzaffer was the top scorer from the side with 52 runs and was declared man of the match.

In another match at Sports Stadium Pulwama, Shopian played Baramulla. Winning the toss, Shopian decided to bat first and scored 153 runs for the loss of 6 wickets. Saleem made 77 of 45 runs. In reply, Baramulla won the match by 5 wickets as Muntazir was the top scorer with 77 runs of 55 balls. Muntazir Mir was declared man of the match for his magnificent 77 runs of 45 balls and 1 wicket.

## NIT Srinagar Enters Inter-NIT Faculty Cricket Final

### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In the ongoing, All India Inter-NIT Faculty and Staff Cricket Tournament played at DNC Cricket Academy Ground Nagpur, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Tuesday defeated NIT Jaipur by three runs and entered the finals of the mega tournament.

The tournament is being hosted by Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (NIT) Nagpur and 20 NITs from across India are participating in the mega event.



Batting first, NIT Srinagar scored 157 runs in which Captain Faisal Irshad (Dy Registrar Administration) played a vital knock of 49 runs and Dr. Tanveer Rasool scored quick fire 38 runs.

NIT Jaipur failed to chase the target 157 runs set by NIT Srinagar and the contest proved to be nail biting as NIT Srinagar triumphed

on the last ball and won the match by 3 runs.

In the bowling department, Dr. Shakeel Waseem took 5 wickets in his allotted quota of 4 overs. Other bowlers also helped to restrict the opposition below the target.

In the first match on Tuesday morning, NIT Srinagar defeated NIT Kurukshetra and entered into the Semifinals. After winning the toss, NIT Srinagar opted to bat first and scored 160 runs in the allotted quota of 16 Overs.

Captain Faisal Irshad (Dy Registrar Administration) played an un-

beaten knock of 88 of 52 deliveries. While chasing NIT Kurukshetra were bundled out for a meager 93 runs. Dr. Shakeel Waseem bowled with a nagging line and length and took 6 wickets in 3.2 overs.

Director NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal congratulated the team and said it is a proud moment for the entire institute.



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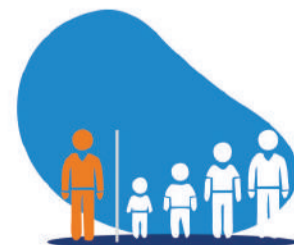
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