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Says Separatists Used Youth As Cannon Fodder, Sent Their Wards Abroad For Education

Article-370 Abrogation

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Jammu: The Union Territory

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj

Sinha on Monday accused

separatists of misguiding

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"Article 370 gave seces-

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ruption to Jammu Kashmir.

Article 370 denied due

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Director General of

Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on

56 Foreign Terrorists

Killed In 2022: DGP

a normal life

Trouble In Tawang Sector 6 Soldiers Injured In Clash With **Chinese Army**



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Indian and Chinese soldiers clashed at a location along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh on December 9, resulting in minor injuries to at least six Indian soldiers, military sources said on Monday.

They said the Indian troops resolutely confronted the Chinese PLA soldiers.

"On December 9, PLA troops contacted the LAC in Tawang

AS A FOLLOW UP TO THE INCIDENT, our Commander in the area held a Flag Meeting with his (Chinese) counterpart to discuss the issue in accordance with structured mechanisms to restore peace and tranquillity."

Delhi Court Denies Bail To Nayeem Khan

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: A Delhi court has denied bail to separatist leader Nayeem Ahmad Khan in a terror-funding case involving Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) chief and 26/11 Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed Special Judge Shailender Malik dismissed Khan's bail application, saying there were "prima facie" evidence against the accused. Hurriyat Conference leader Khan was arrested on July 24, 2017 and is currently in judicial custody. In an order passed on December 3, the court noted that the charges against the accused ware framed in March 2022, and that order has not been stayed or set aside, despite challenge in the High Court. It noted that the accused was prima facie involved in terror funding activities and had led a pro-ISIS rally and visited the area where terrorists were killed. The judge said that at the time of framing of charges it was held by the court that there was sufficient evidence available on the record raising "grave suspicion" of involvement of accused in different offences.

Sector which was contested by our troops in a firm and resolute manner. This face-off led to minor injuries to few personnel from both sides," said a source.

They said that at least 6 soldiers injured in the clash were brought to Guwahati for treatment. The sources said both sides im-

mediately disengaged from the area. "As a follow up to the incident, our Commander in the area held a Flag Meeting with his (Chinese) counterpart to discuss the issue in accordance More on P6

Monday said 56 foreign terrorists have been killed by security forces this year so far in Jammu and Kashmir. He also said that 86 of the 102 local youth, who had joined terrorist ranks this year, have been neutralised.

Jammu Hoteliers Rue Business

Losses, Want 'Darbar' Back

Terming the death threats issued by terrorist outfits



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Pakistan to spread ter-

rorism. Prime Minister

Narendra Modi with its ab-

rogation ushered More on P6

as a handiwork of Pakistan intelligence ISI and its agencies promoting More on P6

'No Talks With **Pakistan Until It Rejects Terrorism'**

ieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said no talks will be held with Pakistan unless it does not reject and openly criticise terrorism. He said terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir is taking its last breath as its backbone has been completely broken. "Some people are often batting for talks with Pakistan. They More on P6

'J&K Marching Into Golden Age'

rging the people to discharge their responsibilities to accelerate the process of development in the Union Territory, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Monday that Jammu Kashmir is marching into its golden age with core values of people-first and ideas and ideals of forefathers. Sinha made More on P6



Mercury Falls In Kashmir After Wet Spell

Agencies

Srinagar: Night temperatures recorded a dip at most places in Kashmir Valley with Gulmarg being the coldest place at minus 4.4°C on Monday.

A meteorological department official said Srinagar saw a fall by nearly two degree Celsius, recording a low of 1.6°C against 3.5°C on the previous night. The temperature was 2.2°C above the normal for this time of the year in Srinagar, he said, as per news agency GNS.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 0.2°C against 2.6°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.6°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

He said that Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 2.6°C against minus 5.0°C on previous night and it was 0.6°C above normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, he said.

Kokernag recorded a low of0.3°C against 1.3°C on the previous night and it was 1.0°C above normal for the place, he said. Gulmarg recorded More on P6

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Govt Sets Up Panel To Probe Irregularities In F&ES Dept

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir administration Monday constituted a threemember committee to look into alleged irregularities in the selection process in the fire and emergency department two years ago.

General Department, Piyush Singla.

Several political parties, including BJP, Congress and Aam Aadmi Party have been firemen and firemen drivers demanding the cancellation following a 2013 advertiseof the selection process and ment. As many More on P6

handing over the case to CBI. Financial Commissioner (additional chief secretary), home department, will head the committee which was asked to submit its report within one month, read an order issued by Secretary,

Administration About 60,000 aspirants had applied for 870 posts of

"I am of the opinion that once evidence has been found to be sufficient for framing of charge for above said offences, one can easily More on P6

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Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Hotel and lodge owners here on Monday raised concern over the loss of business over the past several years and demanded immediate restoration of 'darbar move', a practice under which the government functioned six months each in Jammu and Srinagar.

The Lt Governor Manoj Sinha-led administration stopped the age-old practice in June last year after moving to e-office to ensure smooth functioning of the Civil Secretariat

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in the twin capitals in all the 12 months, thus saving Rs 200 crore per year on shifting of offices.

"The business in Jammu used to thrive before the start of the direct train to Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi shrine (in 2014). The COVID-19 outbreak and the government decision to end the darbar move has dealt a severe blow to our business." President All Jammu Hotels and Lodges' Association Pawan Gupta told reporters here. He said the pilgrim More on P6



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SRK Pays Obeisance At Vaishno Devi

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan offered prayers at the revered shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, an official said on Monday. Khan, dressed in complete black with hooded jacket, reached the shrine late Sunday night to pay his obeisance, the official said. "The superstar was at the shrine around 11.30 pm and offered his prayers before returning back," the official said.

A brief video, purportedly showing the 57-year-old actor moving towards the Bhawan along with his personal staff and some policemen, is making rounds on the social media. Earlier this month, Khan was photographed performing Umrah in Mecca after the schedule wrap of his film "Dunki" in Saudi Arabia. The actor will next be seen in Yash Raj Films' actioner More on P6

Two JKAS Officers Transferred

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wo JKAS officers were transferred in the interest of administration with immediate effect on Monday. According to an order, Udham Dass. JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Jammu (North), has been transferred and posted as Additional Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat. Mayank Sharma, Jr. JKAS, Under Secretary to the Government,

School Education Department, according to the government order, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

4 Gamblers **Held In Baramulla**

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Dolice on Monday claimed to have arrested four alleged gamblers in a raid in Pattan area of Baramulla district. Acting on specific information, a team from police post Mirgund carried out a raid in Shalboni area of Hanjiwera in Pattan and arrested four gamblers from the spot, a police spokesperson said Monday. Besides playing cards, he said, an amount of Rs 1500 was recovered from the alleged gamblers. Police identified the accused as Shabir Ahmad Bhat, Mohammad Igbal Sheikh, Mohammad Ashraf Bhat and Hilal Ahmad Wani, all residents of Hanjiwera Pattan. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody," the spokesperson said, adding "Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Pattan and investigation has been taken up,"



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Conservation Actions Work To Save Species

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Research shows species on the brink of extinction have successfully been saved. Applying the same approaches more broadly could help the planet.

It was a target the world spectacularly missed: By 2020, the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained.

It was an Aichi Target, set in 2010, that stemmed from the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity.

By the time of a 2020 review, most indicators of the 20 Aichi Targets had continued to decline.

But research from 2020 shows the goal is in fact, eminently feasible. Conservation efforts between 1993-2020 prevented the extinction of 2848 bird and mammal species.

Were the same approach applied to other creatures many could be saved from extinction. It's information that augurs well for the future of other threatened species

Researchers around the world collaborated on the study, which was published in the journal Conservation Letters, and featured in the Convention's 2020 review.

To be included in the study, species had to have been listed on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Red List' of threatened species at any time since 1993.

The researchers looked only at birds and mammals listed in the categories of extinct in the wild. critically endangered or endangered at some point since 1993. They also needed to have ongo-

ing threats at that time, and to have benefitted from conservation action.

Frogs, lizards, fish, plants and other life are still hugely important to ecosystems around the world, but the researchers focused on birds and mammals because they had the most comprehensive Red List data available to make realistic and comparable assessments.

These criteria left them with a shortlist of 39 birds and 21 mammals.

At least 2848 bird and mammal extinctions were prevented between 19932020. At the same time, 15 confirmed or strongly suspected bird and mammal extinctions were documented, including one since 2010, a pretty brown bird called the Alagoas foliage-gleaner (Philydor novaesi), that lived in the forests of Brazil.

This means the number of extinctions would have been up to 4.2 times higher for 19932020, had conservation efforts not intervened.

For some species, such as the Hawaiian crow or ?alala (Corvus hawaiiensis), it was clear how humans had intervened: these creatures were extinct in the wild' meaning their only remaining examples were in zoos and conservation breeding programs.

Captive breeding programs helped 63 percent of species overall.

For many of the creatures, their remaining population was on islands, where they were able to persist away from invasive predators, such as cats and rats. Controlling invasive species helped 66 percent of species.

The other winning strategy was to protect the remaining habitat of the threatened species, as human expansion through hunting and farming were two of the biggest threats.

Introducing legislation to protect animals from hunting or collecting was especially helpful for the mammals in the study.

Two formerly extinct in the wild species were successfully reintroduced to their former homelands since 1993: Przewalski's horse (Equus ferus) and Guam rail (Hypotaenidia owstoni).

Not all species in the study have been complete conservation successes. For example, for the vaquita (Phocoena sinus), a Mexican porpoise, just six individuals were known to remain in September 2018.

A costly ban on gill-net fishing may have slowed the catastrophic decline but with illegal use still rife, it appears to be failing to halt it.

Conservation may have avoided extinction so far, but it is still a significant possibility, if not likely.

The conservation actions were implemented by a combination of governments, non-government organisations, zoos, scientists, volunteers and others.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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Gist of e -NIT NO: MHCHD/TS /2022-23 /165/e-tendering Dated:-10.12.2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from Authorized dealers of Suggested makes of Split ACs or Registered/ Reputed and experienced firms for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work	Est. Cost	Cost of	Time of		TS.NO	EMD
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ing of Hot and Cold split type (reversible				2022-23,	Dated 12/22	
ACs) in MED Complex, Shalteng, Srinagar.				,		1800
				Dt:06-12-2022		

The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities 1. (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 from 10.12.2022 (18.00 hrs).

- 2. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 11.12.2022 (10:00hrs) to 16.12.2022 (14:00 hrs) in two (02) cover.
- The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 16.12.2022 (16.00 hrs) or any date 3. convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar,

Sd/-**Executive Engineer**, MHCHD, Srinagar

No: MHCHD/ TS/8204-07 DIPK-14935/22 Dated:12-12-2022

Antiviral Defence Regulates Intestinal Function And Overall Gut Health: Research

ANI

Besides the skin, the digestive tract is the tissue that is most exposed to environmental influences such as bacteria and viruses. Therefore, cells that form these barriers to the interior of the body also have special

defence mechanisms. A research team led by Professor Dr Thorsten Hoppe has now shown that RNA interference, or RNAi for short, which is known to be a viral defence mechanism, also prevents the overproduction of the body's own proteins in intestinal cells. The study 'ER-Associated **RNA Silencing Promotes** ER Quality Control' has been published in

tween RNAi and previ-

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENIGNEER ESTATES DIVISION, SRINAGAR.**

B SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER E-TENDER NIT NO.138/XEN/EDS/2022-23 OF 12/2022

Executive Engineer Estates Division Srinagar on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory J&K invites tenders by E-tendering on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Registered Contractors with Union Territory J&K /CPWD/Railways and other State/Central Governments for the

S. No.	Name of Work	CDR for Successful Bidder	Cost of T/ Doc. (Amt In Rs)	Earnest Money		Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Annual Maintenance (Stage) by way of Sanitary fittings and Plumbing of various dwellings of Estates Depart- ment for the year 2022-23 at New Secretariat and New Assembly Complex Srinagar.	7500/-	500/-	5000/-	As and when required For the year	DEE	2216 Non Plan
2			500/	5000/		DEE	
3		7500/-	500/	5000/		DEE	
4		7500/-	500/	5000/		DEE	
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6		7500/-	500/	5000/		DEE	
7	Annual Maintenance (Stage) by way of Sanitary fittings and Plumbing of various dwellings of Estates Depart- ment for the year 2022-23 for Bemina Quarters Northern and Sothern Side and Anti-corruption Bureau Peer Bagh Srinagar.	7500/-	500/	5000/		DEE	
a n N	and Plumbing of various dwellings of Estates Depart- nent for the year 2022-23 for Budshah, Nursing Garh and Magarmal Bagh Flats Srinagar.	/500/-	500/	5000/	As and when required For the year	DEE	2216 Non Plar
9 A a n		/500/-	500/	5000/	upto ending 25-March 2023	DEE	

Subject:- Grant Of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & Style "M/S LIST **EXPORTS** Situated at **Magam**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas I Sindu Devi S/D/O Ashk Kumar Bhat R/o Wussan Bangil Kashmir intends to apply in the department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel unit under the name and style "M/s LIST EXPORTS Situated at Magam Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Before the case is processed for registration by the competent authority the matter is hereby notified for information of general public / Financial Institutions / Bank/ Organization, Etc For Objection, If Any And The Same Should Reach To The Deputy Director Tourism registration (email: ddtreg123@gmail. com) within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT SRINAGAR

WP(C) NO: 2402/2022 (Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitut (Subject matter pertains to District Baramulla) IN THE CASE OF: Gh, Mohammad Ganie Age: 60 Years S/o Mohammad Jabbar Ganie R/o Village Pathseer Tehsi Sopore Secretary Markazi Auguaf Committee Seer Jagir Sopore Kashmir. Tariq Ahmad Dar Age 45 Years S/o Abdul Ahad Dar R/o Seer Jagir Sopore Kashmir. Altaf Rasool Hajam Age 40 Years S/o Haji Gh. Rasool Hajam R/o Seer Jagir Sopore "PETITIONERS

waste and extensive negative consequences for the physiology and functionality of the cell as well as the tissue.

'We observed that the RNAi mechanism specifically degrades messenger RNAs at the ER before the protein is even produced. This serves to protect the ER from being overloaded by too much production,' said Dr Franziska Ottens, one of the first authors of the study. The scientists thus found a new mechanism to regulate protein production.

The interplay be-

subject to a strict quality control. Deficient proteins are exported from the ER and degraded to avoid cellular

the journal Nature Cell Biology.

ously known ER quality



The body's own protein production starts with the copying of DNA and the creation of the template molecule, also known as the messenger RNA (mRNA), in the cell nucleus

RNAi is able to recognise, bind, and ultimately degrade RNA from viruses. This prevents the production of viral proteins. With the help of green fluorescent proteins and further analyses in the nematode Caenorhabditis elegans, the UoC research team was able to show that RNAi also intervenes in cells during protein production to maintain the protein balance (protein homeostasis) of the intestinal cells.

The body's own protein production starts with the copying of DNA and the creation of the template molecule, also known as the messenger RNA (mRNA), in the cell nucleus. The mRNA is then taken to the endoplasmic reticulum (ER), where a protein is produced from the template molecule. As in a factory, the manufactured proteins are

control systems appears to be important for overall intestinal health. This is shown by the fact that simultaneous failure of both mechanisms impairs the important barrier function of the gut. The study results also suggest a link between ER functionality and quality control, which are important for protection against viral infection. For example, RNA viruses such as SARS-CoV use the ER for replication. 'We were able to

significantly suppress viral loads by specifically overstressing the ER. The interplay of protein homeostasis, RNAi, and viral infection could be an important approach for the prospective research and treatment of viral diseases,' said doctoral candidate Sotirios Efstathiou, a member of Thorsten Hoppe's team and another first author of the study.

Position of AAA:

Position of funds: Available

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, 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.jktende s.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	09-12-2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	10.12.2022 from 10.00 AM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	10.12.2022 from 10.00 AM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	16.12.2022 upto 3.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	16.12.2022 at 3.05 PM. In the office of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under Major Head-0216/Revenue (others) in favour of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan/Earnest Money should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority). 3. All bidders must upload EMD in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division Srinagar @2%

All bidders must upload EMD in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division Srinagar @2% of advertised Cost (Shown in the column-5) and the 2% EMD shall be Released in favour of the successful bidder only after the receipt of 3% performance security. The Jst lowest Bidder has to produce the CDR amount chown in the column-3 of the NIT as nerformance Security in character CDP. (CDP.)

The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce the CDR amount shown in the column-3 of the NIT as performance Security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 Days of declaration of 1st lowest and shall be released after successful completion of work/DLP is over. 5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in a

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site 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

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

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority). 5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period 7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process 7.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission m Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website ders.gov.into acquaint bid submission process. www. 7.2.

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 Vendor.
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- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.
- Extension of time shall be also admissible in the event of temporary suspension of work
- The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

a. 8. 9. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form) and detailed NIT issued by this office time to time.

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- Development Department Civil Secretariat Srinagar/ Jammu. 4. Divisional Commissioner Srinagar Kashmir. 5. Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Kashmir. 6. A d d i t i o n a I Deputy Commissioner Sopore, 7. Director Industries and Commerce, Kashmir Division Srinagar & Director Rural Development Department Srinagar Kashmir. Chairman J&K Bank Srinagar Kashmir 10. District Manager, Industries and Commerce Baramulla. 11. District Officer, Rural Development Department, 12. Regional Transport Officer Sopore. 13. District Manager J&K Bank Baramulla 14. Superintendent of Police Sopore. 15.Tehsildar Agrarian Sopore.RESPONDENTS

RESPONDENTS (Office of the Registrar Judicial, Srinagar) WP© No.2402/2022 Ghulam Mohammad Ganaie and Others

Ghulam Mohammad Ganale and Others V/s UT of J&K and Others <u>NOTICE UNDER ORDER 1 RULE 8 OF CPC</u> Whereas, one Ghulam Mohammad Ganie Age 60 years S/o Mohammad Jabbar Ganie R/o Village Pathseer Tehsil Sopore Secretary Markazi Augaf Committee Seer Jagir Sopore Kashmir alongwith other two persons through their counsel Mr Aijaz Ahmad Chesti, Advocate have filed the above titled orner two persons through their counse in Ajaz Anmao Cresti, Advocate have filed the above titled writ petition in the representative capacity on behalf of Inhabitants of Village Pathseer Tehsil Sopore have common interest in the subject matter of the writ petition; that they are in possession of a big chuni of land situated at Seer Jagir Sopore recorded as Shamilat under Boon 5 entered into the revenue agencies as Shamilat Deh during the time of Maharaja which land is under their use since time. agencies as Shamilat Deh during the time of Maharaja which land is under their use since time immerorial; that they are aggrieved of Government Order No.232-Rev(s) of 2017 Dated 25.09.2017 whereby sanction has been accorded to the transfer of the state land in favour of the Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj indicating Shamilat Land under Boon 5 and that the said act on part of the respondents is not only in violation to the Provisions of the Agrarian Reforms Act,1976 but also operating harsh to their rights thereby constrained them to file the above titled writ petitioners have sought the following reliefs:-1. Writ of Certiorari for quashment of Impugned Government Order No.232-Rev(s) of 2017 Dated 25.09.2014, Inecfer as it relates to Scho & iscuud by the Deencedrate No.1 and the impugned

- Writ of Certiorari for quashment of impugned Government Order No.232-Rev(s) of 2017 Dated 25.09.2017 Insofar as it relates to Sr.No.6 issued by the Respondent No.1 and the impugned entries made In revenue records being in-effective and In violation to the Provision of the Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976. Writ of Mandamus:- commanding the respondents no.10 to 14 not to interfere or cause any kind of Interference into the Shamilat Land under Rule-S under Khasra No.1863-A and 1863 Alif
- situated at Seer Jagir Sopore. Any other writ/order or direction as the Hon'ble Court deems fit may be issued in favour of the

Any other writ/vorder or direction as the Hon'ble Court deems fit may be issued in favour of the
petitioner and agains the respondents.
Whereas, Hon'ble Court, upon hearing the above titled matter on 25.11.2022, has been pleased
to direct for issuance of notice under Order 1 Rule 8 CPC, for publication in two leading newspapers
having large circulation in the area.
Now, therefore, in compliance to the Hon'ble Court Order Dated (Supra), this publication notice
under Order 1 Rule 8 CPC, is hereby issued calling upon Inhabitants of Village Pathseer Tehsil
Sopore or any of them, to file heir /his/her objections, if any, in the above titled matter.
Take note the matter is listed on 24-02-2023

No. 34572 Dated: 08.12.2022

Sd/-Registrar Judicial

Office Of The Principal Government Higher Secondary Institute Kunzer District Baramulla Tel: 01954-255192 email: hasskunzer@gmail.com No. HSSK/ 5008 Date:-12/12/2022 TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders affixed with Rs. 5/- revenue stamps are invited from registered printing presses for publishing school Annual Magazine, the details of which can be held from the office of the undersigned. The tenders should reach this office by or before 17-12-2022 up to 3:00 PM BMG Principal

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Srinagar: In order to review the progress of Migrant Transit Accommodations, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad .

Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of the process regarding construction of Migrant Transit Accommodations of 936 flats comprising 39 blocks being executed at an estimated cost of Rs 124 crore in the District.

On the occasion, the DC asked the concerned Revenue authorities to allot additional 20 kanals of land adjacent to 93 kanals of land already allotted for the Migrant transit accommodation at Zewan.

The DC also asked the concerned for exploring feasibility of another patch of of land at Gasoo in Tehsil North of the Cty. The DC also directed the con-

cerned executing agency to start physical work on the project by or before December 20, 2022.

Later, in the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the disposal status of migrant grievances and instructed all the Tehsildars to pay special thrust on the complaints registered on the portal/offline to ensure quality redressal to the best satisfaction of the complainants.

The DC further asked the officers to work with added zeal and dedication while redressing the grievances to ensure their time bound, prompt and quality disposal.

While reviewing Tehsil wise status of grievances, the DC sets Tehsil wise deadline to





On the occasion, the DC was informed that out of total 1864 complaints received only 271 are pending which are being addressed on fast track basis.

The Deputy Commissioner also asked the Assistant Commissioner Revenue to further activate the dedicated helpline so that applicants are provided first-hand information about their registered complaints. He also asked him to monitor the functioning of the Migrant Grievance Redressal Cell to keep proper track of the registered grievances for their timely disposal.

SMC Sweeper Killed In Soura Accident, Driver Arrested

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A sweeper working in Srinagar Municipal Corporation died in a road accident in Soura area of Srinagar while Police on Monday claimed to have arrested the driver and said that his vehicle has also been seized

An official said that Feroz Ahmad Sheikh of Bijbehara, currently Aachar Soura, was

ment, however, he succumbed to his injuries.

Meanwhile, Police in a tweet informed that the driver involved in the road accident has been arrested while his vehicle has also been seized.

accused namely "One Arif Abdullah Rather S/o Mohd Abdullah R/o zaloora Sopore arrested for hitting with his scorpio car a SMC employee, who later succumbed

JPA CASE **HC Orders Personal Appearance Of Registrar KU**

Agencies

Srinagar: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has again directed for personal appearance of the Registrar of the Kashmir University (KU) for the second time in 15 days related to a alleged case of delay by the University in regularization of a petitioner applicants as Junior Professional Assistants (JPA).

"Registrar, University of Kashmir, shall appear in person on the next date of hearing," a bench of Justices Moksha Khhajuria Kazmi and Sanjeev Kumar said in the judgment on December 5, 2022, when the Registrar of the University was already present in person in compliance with the earlier court direction of November 23, 2022.

On November 23, a bench of Justices Rajesh Sekhri and Tashi Rabstan had directed for personal appearance of the Registrar KU on the next date of hearing (December 5) when the KU's Counsel, Mr. T H Khwaja, prayed for grant of 10 days time "to do the needful" in terms of Order dated 01.09.2022.

"We feel that the respondents are in the process of implementation of the judgment. but have delayed the same with reference to some administrative difficulties. On further consideration of the matter, we are of the considered view that there is no scope for the respondents (University of Kashmir) to delay implementation of the judgment by addressing other issues of some other person(s)," the court of Justices Mohammad Akram Choudhary and Ali Mohammad Magray had pronounced in their judgment on 1.09.2022, granting fourweeks time to the respondents to submit the regularization order of the petitioner(s), as directed by the Court and the Division Bench of the Court, "failing which the Court will have no option but to frame rule against the respondents on the next date of hearing, on which date, in the event compliance is not filed, respon-

dent no2 (Registrar, KU) shall appear in person."

Hussain, Masooda Bano and Zeenat-ul-Nissa came to be engaged on contractual/casual basis by the University of Kashmir. Zahoor was engaged vide order on 29-08-2007, and Zeenat-ul-Nissa vide order on 27-12-2007 and Masooda Bano vide order on 13-12-2007. The petitioners have claimed that they were engaged as JPAs on sanctioned posts though on casual contractual/basis, whereas the respondent KU claims that the writ petitioners were engaged on casual basis for rendering help like

orderlies and that they were

not engaged against the sanc-

tioned posts of JPAs. "It is not in dispute that the aforementioned three writ petitioners continued to work on contractual/casual basis for more than seven years. It appears that the KU invited applications of the posts of JPAs on a few occasions, setting into motion the process of regular selection, to which even the writ petitioners responded. But it seems that the KU did not take forward the selection process and ultimately invited fresh applications for filling up the posts of JPAs in terms of its Advertisement Notification No V of 2014 dated 09-05-2014. On 4th March 2015, notice was issued by the authorities of KU for conducting written test for posts of JPAs, and it is at this stage that the writ petitioners filed SWP challenging the above advertisement notice and notice dated 4.-03-2015.

The writ petitioners have claimed that they are entitled to regularization of their appointment as JPAs in terms of Notification dated 3rd September 2014 issued by the University of Kashmir and sought a direction to this effect in the writ petition.

The KU contested the writ petition by filing reply thereto, and took a stand that the regularization policy was issued vide Notification Dated 3rd September 2014 pertains and applies to regularization against Class IV only and not to the higher posts of JPAs.

It was further claimed that only writ petitioner Zahoor Hussain was appointed on contractual basis against the post of JPA, wheare-as, other on casual basis to perform duties of orderlies, and, as such, they cannot claim regularization against the posts of JPAs. It was further contended

by the KU that notification dated 3rd September 2014 owes its origin to the resolution dated 11.10.2013 passed by the University Council which does not envisage regularization of services of the writ petitioners against JPAs but he same envisages regularization against Class IV posts only.

"During the pendency of the writ petition, Rehana Nazir and Saba Ali, upon making application for impleadment, were impleaded as respondent No 7 and 8 to the writ petition. Both had participated in the selection process that was set into motion by the University pursuant to impugned advertisement notification No V of 2014 dated 09-05-2014, and, according to then, respondent Rehana Nazir had secured merit position No 8 in the select list. These newly-added respondents also filed their response to the writ petition contending therein that they have undergone proper selection process and, as such, have right of consideration for appointment to the posts of JPAs and the same cannot be denied to them.

During the pendency of these intra-court appeals, the above named candidate Sabha Ali filed a writ petition whereby she challenged the policy of regularization as notified by the KU on 3rd September 2014 and on the ground that the impugned policy seeks to legitimize backdoor appointment and perpetuates illegalities and irregularities in the appointments.

On 7-11-2022, the University of Kashmir filed a Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court to challenge the High Court verdict. However, soon after the petition was called on for hearing, a bench of SC Justices Krishna Murari and S. Ravindra Bhat upon hearing the counsel observed that "there is an inordinate delay of 113 days in filing the SLPs which has not been explained satisfactorily. The SLPs are accordingly dismissed on the grounds of delay. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of"



This Day In History

- 1294 Saint Celestine V abdicates the papacy after only five months: Celestine hoped to return to his previous life as an ascetic hermit.
- 1545 Council of Trent (19th ecumenical council) opened by Pope Paul III
- 1570 Sweden and Denmark signs Peace of Stettin
- 1572 Spanish army beats Geuzen fleet (confederacy of
- Calvinist Dutch nobles) under admiral Lumey 1577 - Sir Francis Drake sets sail from England on a
- circumnavigation of the world 1643 - English Civil War: The Battle of Alton takes place in Hampshire.
- 1668 Jean Racine's "Britannicus" premieres in Paris.
- 1734 Britain & Russia sign trade agreement
- 1861 Battle of Alleghany Summit, WV
- 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg, VA (Marye's Heights)
- 1864 Battle of Ft McAllister, GA
- 1916 Avalanche kills 10,000 Austrian & Italian troops in 24 hrs in Tyrol.
- 1918 US army of occupation crosses Rhine, enters Germany. 1920 - League of nations establishes International Court of Justice in The Hague.
- 1920 Netherland breaks contact with Kingdom of Serbia, Croatia & Slavia forbid National Front & Netherland Union.
- 1941 Lawine battlers destroy Haaraz, Peru; about 3,000
- 1962 Relay 1 communication satellite launched.
- 1966 1st US bombing of Hanoi part of Operation Rolling Thunder during the Vietnam War.
- 1966 1st battle for Bijlmer flats Amsterdam.
- 1974 Malta becomes a republic. 1982 - Earthquake hits Northern Yemen; 2,000 die.
- 1988 Arafat addresses UN in Geneva.
- 1993 Space shuttle STS-61 (Endeavour 5), lands President.

Writ petitione

injured after being hit by a vehicle in Soura on Monday.

He said the locals rushed him to SKIMS Soura for treatto injuries. In this regard FIR no 109/279 u/s 279, 337, 304-A IPC was registered in Soura PS. Vehicle also seized in case,' Srinagar Police tweeted.

E-Rickshaw Drivers Hold Protest **Against Derailed Movement**

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Scores of E-Rickshaw drivers protested outside the office of Regional Transport Officer against what they called 'not allowing them to ply from Jehangir Chowk to Dalgate' on Monday.

The E-Rickshaw drivers said that they have been plying on the Jehangir Chowk to Dalgate route for the last six months. However, they said the authorities are not allowing them to ply on the route anymore.

Drivers said their vehicles have been seized and fined for plying through the city centre.

'We were fined for plying on the Jehangir Chowk- Dalgate route and our e-rickshaws were seized as well. We are being told to take alternate routes and ply through narrow lanes" said a driver.

Drivers further said that this mode of transportation is non-polluting and they carry multiple passengers in one go.

"We fail to understand why authorities are irked by our presence" said a driver on anonymity. "We have purchased these e rickshaws on heavy loans, some of us have even sold jewellery of our spouses and we are poor people'

They called on the administration to ply them on the Jehangir Chowk- Dalgate route.

However, the authorities say the E- Rickshaw drivers have been violating traffic norms and regulations.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, SSP Traffic Srinagar Muzaffar Ahmad Shah said that the E-rickshaw drivers have been plying in violation of the route permits.

"The drivers do not ply on the designated routes and the number of the E rickshaws has increased over the period of time" Muzaffar said.

"They were not supposed to ply on M.A. road in the first place. So action was initiated against them" he added.

Sanction Issued For Prosecution Of 5 SMC Officials

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Commissioner SMC, Athar Aamir Khan on Monday issued sanction for prosecution of 5 in-service officials of Srinagar Municipal Corporation for offences punishable under

prevention of corruption act and the penal code.

The sanction for prosecuion will enable ACB to take further action. The officials include Ward Officers, Building Inspector and former Chief Enforcement Officer.

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2001 - The Indian Parliament Sansad is attacked by terrorists. 15 people are killed, including all the terrorists. 2002 - Enlargement of the European Union: The European Union announces that Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia will become members from May 1, 2004. 2003 - Former Iragi President Saddam Hussein is captured near his home town of Tikrit, during Operation Red Dawn by US forces.





Observer News Service

rinagar- Six persons, including a BSF jawan, a National Conference block president and a Beupar Mandal president were killed in the latest spurt in violence across the state since lasst evening.

Suspected militants shot dead a block president of ruling National Conference here this morning. Reports said unidentified gunmen intruded into the house of one Mohammad Ramzan Wani son of Ghulam Qadir at Baghat Kanipora and fired at him from close range. The profusely bleeding Ramzan was removed to hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. The incident took place at around I 1-30 a.m. this morning. Ramzan was affiliated to nil-lag National Conference and was serving the party as its block president.

In another incident a president of Beupar Mandal was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Anantnag district Mohammad Maqbool Shah of Arabal, Dooru president of Mandal was shot and killed and his son injured by unidentified gunmen last evening, at their house in Doom, reports said.

While Maqbool died on the spot, his son was removed to hospital in an injured condition.

Two BSF personnel were killed when militants ambushed a BSF patrol near Mattan Chowk last evening, a CNS report said. The report said militants with AK rifles attacked a BSF patrol that set out for patrolling the Mattan town last evening. Police however in Srinagar said only one BSF jawan died in the ambush and identified him as Jay Baghwan who it said was seriously injured in the attack and died later in the hospital.

This morning security forces conducted house to house searches to nab the militants who launched an attack. Local residents alleged they were beaten up during the search operation

Two militants believed to be foreigners were killed in a gun-battle with the security forces at Khour, Rangli Tehsil in Udhampur district yesterday. Two AK rifles and one wireless set was recovered on the dead, police claimed.

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Bracing For Chilla Kalan

hree weeks after the power distribution corporation announced a 31-hour to 56hour per week power curtailment schedule, the electric supply has been further reduced. People across the Valley are complaining of longer and unscheduled power cuts. Making things tougher is that the power department has already hiked monthly power bills by 8 to 22 percent. Officials of the corporation, however, have justified the increase and the power cuts with the standard excuse: that people are consuming electricity way beyond their registered loads.

The demand right now in Kashmir is over 1900 MW and it is expected to peak beyond 2000 MW in January. But the supply is only 1600-1700 MW, a majority of which is brought from the central pool. The local production has dwindled to just 150 MW due to the reduction in the water level in river Jhelum.

The dismal state of power supply doesn't reflect well on the power corporation. The argument that people consume more power than their registered loads is not valid when they are ready to pay for it. More so, when earlier this year we were told that areas with smart meters, which are being installed in many areas, will be made free of any power cuts.

Compared to past winters, nothing has changed for the better on the ground. In fact, in some aspects, the situation is only worse off. The power supply has been reduced to a trickle in parts of the Valley, with long unscheduled power cuts the order of the day. Both metered as well as unmetered areas have already been slapped with a load-shedding schedule - albeit, in some urban areas, the power supply has been relatively better.

Now that the Valley is bracing for the harshest forty day period of Chilla Kalan beginning from December 20, there is hope that the government will make sure that the things improve from hereon. One can soon expect heavy snowfall in the plains which can throw life haywire. Meanwhile, the night temperature in the Valley is hovering around minus 4 to 5 degree of Celsius and the use of electricity is not just a source of light or warmth. It becomes, perhaps, the only sign of life through the dark, cold nights and frosty, overcast days. But the government pretends as if power curtailment in winter is an accepted fact of life in the union territory. It shouldn't be. The current administration is capable of making a positive difference to the existing state of affairs. It is time it stepped up to the challenge.

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How Morocco in the

Cultivating Friendship with Maths & Science

Aavishkar is an example for all

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

athematics phobia or math anxiety is a reality. It affects the way our children learn and understand this subject. A new term has been coined called Mathophobia, which makes it clear that math anxiety is a serious problem. A majority of school children have always been worried about mathematics. The fear of this subject was there in the past. It continues to haunt our children in this digital era as well.

In-spite of the fact that we have better access to information technology and the internet in our country, we still see a huge gap with regard to understanding the basic concepts of this subject. As per the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2018 of Pratham, a reputed NGO working in the education sector in India, around 70% of the students in class 5th are not able to do even basic division. The situation has not become better as our children have had to do homeschooling for almost two years during the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

In Jammu & Kashmir, students have suffered more, as all the schools were shut down from August 2019 to March 2020 after the abrogation of Article 370. When it comes to science subjects, students are not much worried about it like mathematics. However, basic understanding of the subject is missing.

Aaviskhar, the Discovery

With an aim of developing friendship with math and science, a couple from Bihar who were working as engineers in the US for 20 years, decided to return back to India around 2010. Sandhya and Sharat didn't want to settle down in big cities like Delhi, Mumbai or Bengaluru. They instead chose to live in a village around the hills of Palampur in Himachal Pradesh. They set up an NGO called Aavishkar in 2012.

After interacting with government school children and teachers around Palampur, the couple found it necessary to set up an institution that would help to strengthen skills related to maths and science of both students and teachers. The couple were in search of a good school for their daughter around Palampur. They finally ended up admitting her in a local government primary school near Palampur. The couple would daily go to the school and stay there. This is how they got to know that the situation in the school was not good. They discovered that a lot of work needs to be done to strengthen teaching learning processes related to maths and science in government schools. In October this year, I visited Aavishkar located in the remote village of Kandbari. This village is situated around eight kilometers from Palampur city. I stayed in the campus for a few days and had detailed interactions with Sandhya and her husband Sharat. I interacted with students and teachers who had come from Noida for 5 days camp. Sandhya &

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Traditional ways of teaching science and mathematics are generally teacher-directed. This style of teaching is obsolete now. Traditional teaching techniques are not going to provide students with valuable learning skills

Sharat shared that there are some to d elite schools in Himachal, espe-

cially around Palampur. However, the way students are educated in these schools didn't suit the couple, they told me

Need for an Alternative

Sharat believes that most of the private schools focus on maintaining silence, discipline and English language. Teachers feel proud of classrooms where you have pin-drop silence. At Aavishkar this is not the case. Students from various schools who visit this centre during summer camps or any other programmes enjoy their stay, which lasts for a week, ten or fifteen days. Even the Govt school teachers who are trained by Aavishkar are motivated to give freedom to children in schools. Teachers who teach and volunteer at Aaviskhar are voung men and women who are passionate about teaching. Most of them are Teach for India (TFI) fellows. Some are graduates from reputed institutions and universities. I could see students learning things by doing a lot of activities around the campus. It was all fun and learning as well. Child psychologists and educators earlier used to say that math anxiety first appears when children begin to learn complicated mathematics like algebra. This would mean that young school students who do not yet do complicated math sums do not experience mathophopia. However, recent research shows that children as young as six years old have anxiety once they are asked

to do math sums.

In order to strengthen Aaviskar's work, Wipro Foundation has been supporting them for the last five years. This support has been critical in reaching out to government school teachers and students. This has helped government school teachers and school children becoming aware of Aavishkar's innovations in making learning maths and science fun and easy.

In order to reach out to government school teachers, Aavishkar works with several District Institutes Education & Training (DIET) centres. In the last 3-4 years, more than 8,000 teachers across Himachal Pradesh have bene trained by Aavishkar with heart. The feedback from teachers was amazing. More than 95% of the teachers found the sessions to be relevant and useful. More than 96% of the teachers are confident to apply the learnings in their instructions with regard to science.

Teachers shared that there has been a change in their idea of an ideal science classroom after the camp. The feedback about math classes was also great. More than 95% of the teachers found the sessions engaging. More than 96% of the teachers found the sessions to be relevant and useful, and 90% of the teachers found the sessions to be effective and understandable. 92% of the teach-

World Cup football semi finals is not a fluke

or decades now, while players with African roots have been the jewels that have sparkled for their adopted countries, the teams from the second largest continent have briefly flickered but eventually faded at the biggest sporting stage of the worlds' most popular sport. Even in this World Cup, more than 50 Africa-origin players are representing 11 non-African teams. Mass migration from Africa to Europe has played a big role in refreshingly inclusive teams like France carrying home the Cup.

This time around Morocco seems on a mission to set the record straight. They have wiped off three decades of hurt for the football-obsessed continent and asserted their superiority over Europe. They beat title contenders Belgium, Spain and Portugal, and held fellow semifinalists, Croatia. Their win over Portugal in the quarter-final has set off a series of firsts: the first African nation in the semifinals of the World Cup, the first Arab nation to enter the last four and the first team with an Arab coach, Walid Regragui, at the helm to reach this far. African players, it used to be generalised rather lazily, had the physical strength and the stamina to outlast their opponents but lacked the tactical nous, mental strength and discipline required to win big games; that they had skills but lacked strategy. Morocco has shattered these stereotypes. They haven't reached this far by fluke. Regragui has a plan for each team and his players have executed it to the T. In each of those matches, it was their off-the-ball tactics that shone, making defending look like an art rather than an act of desperation. They have also been creative and ruthless in converting the few chances that have come their way.

There have been many instances in the past that suggest this could be another false dawn for African football: The great Cameroon, Senegalese, Nigerian and Ghanaian sides of the past had flattered to deceive. But this Moroccan side has the skills, stamina and tactical nous to not only dethrone world champions France, who they face in the semis, but also go all the way. Pele's prophecy regarding an African side becoming champion can become a reality. It was in the late 1970s that the Brazilian great said "an African nation will win the World Cup before the year 2000". The prediction failed the test of time but the Atlas Lions at Qatar have taken a giant step towards that African dream. And not just Pele, now the world believes in Morocco, and Africa.

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support from Wipro Foundation. In addition to this, several government schools around Palampur have also been adopted by the organization where they make students learn math and science in a non-traditional way.

Teachers' Feedback

This year in July, several Tibetan School teachers had come to Aavishkar to attend teacher training camps under the Hamaari Kaksha programme. This 5-day science and mathematics camp was exclusively meant for Tibetan government school teachers from across the Indian sub-continent, who are handling middleschool science and math.

The camps were designed and executed by Aavishkar. Their objective was to support the teachers in exploring the world of inquiry and discussion-based learning, keeping conceptual clarity at the ers were confident to apply the learnings in their instructions. 94 % Teachers said that they would recommend other math teachers to attend such camps.

Conclusion

Traditional ways of teaching science and mathematics are generally teacher-directed. This style of teaching is obsolete now. Traditional teaching techniques are not going to provide students with valuable learning skills. Non-traditional way of teaching math and science, which is done by Aavishkar, is helpful to reach out to children. I wish other schools would follow the same model.

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Vanquished Stars at FIFA

s much as it can bring a lot of bliss and happiness, sports can equally be cruel and devastating, as losses in big knockout games in global tournaments viciously force players to end their careers in moments that bring misery and desolation to them and their teams. The FIFA world cup 2022 exemplifies this fact in no small measure as both Neymar and Ronaldo will vouch for it after they shed tears following their teams' agonizing losses in quarterfinals. For both these star players, the saddest thing, perhaps, is that the defining image of the 2022 world cup will be their tears and not the happy moments of their goals for the ages. It won't be the dancing or the flicks or all the fun they had until this point. It will always come back to that wrought scene when both gave into their emotions. Sometimes the penalty shootouts can be brutal and savaging as one miss with one inch the wrong way, and a whole legacy is redefined. And these were the exact moments when Neymar realised he would not be winning the world cup that meant everything for him and Brazil.

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Understanding Right to Dignity in Islam

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uman dignity is recognition that human beings possess a special value intrinsic to their humanity and as such are worthy of respect. It unfolds that a person is inherently and by nature venerable and honorable. None has the right to humiliate, insult and diminish the respect of any human being irrespective of the reasons and circumstances. Human dignity is a fundamental value that elevates a person's feeling of being revered. Everything that diminishes human dignity contradicts the principle of honor and respect such as torture, insult and humiliation. But unfortunately, the world is witnessing a visible violation of human rights in contemporary times. The status of human life as well as its dignity is largely depreciated. However, the Quran says: "And We have certainly honored the children of Adam and carried them on land and sea and provided them with good things and preferred them over many of those whom We have created" (Al-Isra:70). Human dignity is a basic principle upon which not only the principles of human rights are based but also all the principles of the divine religions endorse the same. This dignity is equal for every human being irrespective of his cast, creed and gender.

However, Islam came with the message of equality without affecting differences in livelihoods, ages, colors and races centuries before the formulation of modern human dignity theories. It was a manifestation of the greatness of the Creator and His wisdom in the construction of the universe within a framework of coexistence, cooperation and integration. The Quran explicitly defines this concept in the following verse: "O people, indeed We created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes so that you may know one another. Indeed, the most honorable of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you" (Al- Hujrat:13). In other verse it is mentioned: "And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your languages and colors. Indeed, in that are signs for those of knowledge" (Al- Rome:22). The quality of life of the corporeal being is depended on food and nourishment while as the souls or ethereal being is depended on honor which diminishes by humiliation, oppression and disrespect. Therefore, the Prophet # forbade striking on anybody's face because it



is a subject of one's dignity. Similarly, Almighty forbade any action which degrades or lowers human dignity by saying: "O you who have believed, let not a people ridicule another people, perhaps they may be better than them, nor let women ridicule other women, perhaps they may be better than them, and do not insult one another and do not call each other by offensive titles. Wretched is the name of disobedience after one's faith. And whoever does not repent then it is those who are the wrongdoers" (Al-Hujrat:11). The aforementioned verses depict that almighty Allah forbade the believers from making fun of others by mocking them and looking with contempt. Moreover, He forbade cursing anyone with unpleasant words because that becomes a catalyst of hatred and

lead people to ignorance. Thus, sarcasm and mockery does not emanate except from a soul polluted with arrogance and it is a tool for destroying human relations. The Almighty states: "And speak kindly to people". (Al- Baqarah:83)

Allah commanded mankind not to be suspicious of any human being including slaves and not to spy on their private lives and follow their shortcomings. Furthermore, He also commanded not to talk ill about them or make backbiting in order to corrupt their image. Allah terms these social evils equivalent to eating the flesh of one's own dead brother. On the contrary, He commanded us to protect ourselves from these reprehensible things and to stamp out the root of these evils. On the authority of Al-Ma'rur bin Suwaid, he said, "I met Abu Dhar who HUMAN DIGNITY IS A ONE OF THE BASIC SPIRITS OF ISLAM, it obligated Muslims to observe the human dignity that Almighty Allah bestowed to man with His bounty and mercy in which He did not differentiate between Muslims and non-Muslims

was wearing a cloak and his slave too was wearing a same so I asked him about the reason. He replied: I insulted a man by cursing his mother so the Prophet ^{ask} said to me: O Abu Dhar, you still have some characteristics of ignorance. Your slaves are your brothers..." (Bukhari). Human dignity is a one of the basic spirits of Islam, it obligated Muslims to observe the human dignity that Almighty Allah bestowed to man with His bounty and mercy in which He did not differentiate between Muslims and non-Muslims. The Prophet 📽 resoundingly and reverberatory said on farewell pilgrimage: "O people, your Lord is one, your father is one, and there is no superiority for an Arab over a non-Arab, nor for a non-Arab over an Arab, nor for a white over a black, nor for a black over a white except with piety." (Bukhari)

Islam commanded its followers to preserve the dignity of non-Muslims and respect their feelings and sentiments. The Almighty Allah says: "And do not argue with the People of the Book except in a way that is best, except with those who do wrong among them" (Al Ankabut:46). In Islamic perspective man is honored being regardless of his ethnicity, culture, origin, religious belief and his position and value in the society. Almighty said: "And do not insult those who invoke other than Allah, lest they insult Allah as an enemy without knowledge" (Al-An'am:108). There is an explicit prohibition against harming the gods of the other faiths in order to preserve human dignity, freedom, and to respect their religious sentiments and emotions. While interpreting this verse Imam Al-Qurtubi says, it is not permissible for a Muslim to insult their students, their religion, or their churches and not expose anything that leads to that as it is the way that leads person to sin.

Preserving human dignity is evident to us in the Prophet's ^{see} dealings with non-Muslims even with the dead among them. On the authority of Jabir bin Abdullah, he said: "A funeral passed by us, so the Prophet ^{see}stood up for it, and we also did the same, so we said: O Messenger of God, it is the funeral of a Jew! He said: "If you see the funeral, stand up." (Bukhari). This depicts that Islam is a religion of peace, mercy and justice that seeks to guide people and bring them out of darkness into light.

In numerous hadiths, Prophet # urged Muslims to uphold the divine morals and to deal others with mercy as Allah is merciful to his servants. In other traditions Messenger # of Allah says: "Those who are merciful will be shown mercy by the Most Merciful, and have mercy on those on earth and He who is in heaven will have mercy on you" (Tirmidhi). He also says: "He who does not have mercy will not be shown mercy" (Muslim). Thus, Islamic law preserve human dignity and considers all those acts against the spirit of Islam that undermine human dignity.

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Channelising Emotions

Zahoor Farooq

o give in under reaction or no reaction at all is better than resorting to over reaction. A person requires a lot of energy to create an emotion. That is why most of our emotions carry our life and in many instances, our emotions keep stirring us to act. If an emotion is negative, yet potent and intense, its negativity can be leveraged to bring about positive results. For instance, a father is aware of child's sickness, since he is the lone earner of his family, he can channelise this emotion of sadness and work more to meet the current expenses of his family in order to overcome this problematic situation at home. Emotions channelised in a proper way can generate unbounded motivation. The more emotional you are, the more you get to experience the intensity of life and in this way, more depth is added to your life. Life without emotions becomes tedious and colourless, however, to experience emotions, it is not necessary to disclose them to people. When they are externally expressed, you become disempowered. To manage emotions properly, neither do you need to vent them out nor do you require to keep them suppressed so they become infertile, but like water you have to store your emotions and learn to recycle them. Water, if let loose, flows endlessly downwards or if it is repressed, it wells up taking its own course. However, when it is rightly stored, it can be used for a long time. Emotional reaction is like water stirred on a pan, whenever joy, grief and pain is externally expressed, this expression discards both positive and negative aspects of the emotion. In order to utilise and channelise emotions for longer periods, you do not need to react but observe emotions remotely keeping ourselves apart. Which can be done by following six ways:

1. Meditate on your feelings:

You have to keep check on the flow of emotions, though, they shouldn't be retained nor should they be constrained but consciously observed. laughter and tears are to be meticulously meditated. When sadness befalls, instead of reacting externally, sit around and meditate on these negative feelings. And when you feel joyous, internalise this joy. Whether you are depressed or cheerful, with time you will learn to control your emotions. Pangs of depression will be the



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stairs to joy, when the light of consciousness is gleamed on it.

2. Invite your emotions to your home:

Emotions require to be treated as guests. Before a person is invited to home, he is paid heed in order to be acquainted with him. Emotions are no less than guests, they can be taken under control as long as they are not consciously attend to like guests. In this way, you will come to know that each emotion has to a distinct personality, subsequent every emotion has to be diversely managed.

3. Be the master of chaos:

Chaos is something that troubles or upsets us. If you do not revel in chaos or you are not used to managing a mess, you will most likely fail to sustain the intensity of your emotions. If you cannot grapple with your lows and darkness, you will remain unqualified for your peaks and light. It is a skill to be gradually developed to leverage emotions to your benefit for being more productive. So you need to create a mindset that can normalise chaos of any level.

4. Trigger a continuous supply of the desired emotion:

Here you have to recall the darkest hours

and the brightest times of your life, attempting to know why and how you were sad or happy at a particular point of your life? What was your highest and lowest point? And which emotions manoeuvred you into those directions? Had the same emotional state been experienced at every moment, you would have been much wiser and productive. Every inner moment would be rejoiced at its most. You would have amused vourselves taking insights from sadness and that is also a major goal of Yoga, how a desired state can be evoked and keep the inner world aligned with the outer world. You should live with this fact in your head that everything in this world which saddens or excites us is a lie, thereby taking no emotion on long rides. Thus they don't have to be taken for terror or power. It becomes easy to control them when a change is brought about in perception. This is what author Thibaut Meurisse talks about in his book 'Master your Emotions'.

5: Only be loud when you are overflowing:

Expressing emotions externally can be unproblematic in those cases when you find yourselves overflowing through the emotions. People, whose joy and sadness is fleeting, cannot afford to be externally loud and expressive. If you notice, your lives are mostly abound with momentary emotions. You feel terrible at one moment and on clouds nine at other. When an emotion cannot survive for long, it is not wise to neutralise the emotion by releasing it but you have to resort to non reaction.

6. Work more whenever you are emotionally excited:

Your mood and emotions keep on changing on a daily basis. To exploit emotions productively, you can avail of them by shifting your work in between these specific time periods. For instance, most of the people are energized and emotionally charged in the morning, that's the reason difficult assignments and tough projects are done in the morning. Some feel emotionally charged at night, so it becomes convenient for them to do more work then. This is a simple and straightforward way to channelise your emotions. If you perceive your emotion like an energy drink or powerful drug, then you will realise that internalising and channelising emotions is a lot better than externally expressing them and having them neutralized.



AAP Will Give Successful Govt In J&K: Baaghi

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Aam Aadmi Party leader and social activist Gurmeet Singh Baaghi said that the people of Jammu & Kashmir want development and a positive environment in the UT like AAP Government provides in Delhi & Punjab.

"People from Jammu & Kashmir say that the way AAP government worked in Delhi & Punjab they should come to power in Jammu & Kashmir too," said Baaghi in a statement. "The people of Jammu

Kashmir want that the way Aam Aadmi Party worked in Delhi for electricity, water, education, health, and employment, same should be done here. The people of Jammu and Kashmir put their trust and faith in every party and gave them a chance, but these parties stabbed the people in their backs. The people of the J&K are unhappy with current ruling and alleged that the BJP government did not do anything for the welfare of the state. The people of J&K have already seen and experienced the working models of other parties – from BJP, NC, PDP to Congress. They are all uniformly and equally uninterested in the welfare of the citizens, and single-mindedly focused on increasing their personal wealth and power," he said.

Baaghi further said that the Aam Aadmi Party is committed

to continuing to work for the people's. The visible improvements in Delhi and Punjab are proof that the AAP model works. The people of Jammu and Kashmir want that kind of

change in Jammu and Kashmir too. Aam Aadmi Party has concentrated on delivery of public goods and government services, efficiently and without corruption. Aam Aadmi Party is stayed away from divisive politics and focused on, the politics of working for the people. This time people of Jammu and Kashmir will have a real choice, a choice of voting for a new corruption free party that has an amazing track record of delivering more public good in ten years than other parties have done in the

past 75 years. Baaghi said that the people of J&K are suffering due to joblessness, inflation, poverty and fed up and want early elections to install a democratically elected government. The inordinate delay in restoration of democratic govt in J&K is unconstitutional, the people were aspiring for an elected government in Jammu and Kashmir to get their grievances redressed.

He urged Union Government to initiate electoral process in the J&K region & free and fair election should be held in Jammu and Kashmir as an earliest so that the sufferings of the people are alleviated & the developmental works are implemented without any delay.

Delhi Airport Congestion: Authorities To Reduce Peak Hour Flights; Real-Time Monitoring Of Crowd At Gates

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: To address Delhi airport congestion, authorities on Monday put in place an action plan whereby flights during morning peak hours will be reduced and efforts will also be made to move some flights from Terminal 3.

The latest action plan follows civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inspecting the arrangements at Terminal 3 (T3) to deal with the congestion. Apart from posting real-

time updates on waiting time on social media, a command centre will monitor crowding at the gates on a real-time basis, officials said. Crowd managers and ush-

erers will guide travellers. Further, airlines will be notified about the crowd numbers so that check-in points can be made congestion-free, they added.

Amid rising passenger com-plaints about long queues and waiting hours at the country's largest airport in recent days, the civil aviation ministry and the stakeholders have taken various measures to deal with the situation. The officials said an ac-

tion plan has been drawn up after the visit of the minister to T3 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) on Monday morning. After the visit, Scindia told

a television channel that various measures have been



taken and that the situation would be resolved in the coming days.

As part of the action plan, number of flights during 5 am to 9 am will be reduced and it will also be explored to move some flights to T1 and T2 or to non-peak hours at T3, they said.

The peak hours are from 5 am to 9 am and 4 pm to 8 pm. IGIA has three terminals

- T1, T2 and T3. All international flights and some domestic services operate from T3. On an average, it handles around 1.90 lakh passengers and about 1,200 flights daily.

At T3 domestic, additional ATRS (Automatic Tray Retrieval System) machines for baggage check will be deployed to help reduce the congestion, the officials said.

pandemic, there were 13 ATRS machines installed on the ground -- 11 for pas-sengers + 2 for crew and specially-abled.

This number has been increased to 16 (10 ATRS + 6 conventional X-ray machines) in the last few days. This will be increased further to 17 soon, and subsequently to 20, the officials said.

Further, they said an analysis of the manpower requirements at immigration counters will be undertaken immediately, and if required, additional manpower will be deployed. Among other steps, all air-

lines will be required to keep their counters completely manned, especially during peak hours.

According to the officials, digital display boards showing waiting time at each entry gate

and at least one waiting time board at the terminal checkpoint will be put in place.

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Over the past few days, passengers have been complaining about long waiting hours at the airport and some also shared pictures of the crowd at the airport on social media. On December 7, Scindia held a detailed discussion with

heads of all major Indian airports, CISF and immigration officials on capacities deployed. The discussion was also on the capacities required at ev-

ery point to process domestic and international passengers smoothly through the peak travel season. During the meeting, vari-

ous initiatives, including plans for peak hour capacity based on passenger processing capacity at each airport, were also discussed.

IUST Celebrates Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas

Observer News Service

Awantipora: Islamic University of Science and Technology celebrated Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas in order to create language harmony and a supportive atmosphere for learning Indian languages.The program orga-nized by Dean of Students, IUST hosted multipleactivities in wherein the students and staff participated.

The activities organized included sessions on the promotion of the Kashmiri language, stage plays reflecting Kashmiri Culture, and Quiz Programs. Besides, Cultural Programs andexposure visit of students was also organized. The aim of the exposure visit to the School of Engineering and Technology was to give the students handson training about language learning tools and software technologies.

On this occasion, Prof. Majrooh Rashid, Director Centre for Kashmiri Language and Literature suggested strengthening multilingualism as it encourages people to learn more languages and makes them experience unity in diversity.

Dr. Asifa Baba, Dean of Student, IUST emphasized increasing cultural awareness and inclusivity among individuals and society for national harmony.

Shaiqa Nasreen, Dr. Coordinator Cultural Committee highlighted the importance of cultural Connect and its relevance in empowering the com-munities. The day-long pro-gram concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Peer Bilal (Senior faculty, Department of Actuarial Mathematics IUST).

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6 Soldiers Injured

with structured mechanisms to restore peace and tranquillity," the source said.

"In certain areas along the LAC in the Tawang Sector in Arunachal Pradesh there are areas of differing perception, wherein both sides patrol the area up to their claim lines. This has been the trend since 2006," the source said.

PM Ushered

a new era of peace, progress and prosperity in J&K," the LG said.

He made these remarks while releasing the docu-drama 'Ehad-e-Kashmir', produced by JK News Today, during an event held at the Convention Centre here on Monday.

The people of J&K always wanted peace, but the Pakistan's exported terrorism and its sympathizers tried to destroy this paradise on earth. The situation has changed. The paradise on earth is now achieving new heights of development and there is greater ease of living in the lives of citizens," Sinha said. Reiterating the government's commitment to achieving new milestones with respect to growth and inclusive development, the LG said that all the tools of governance are working for the welfare of people. "Today, the world has started to understand that there is no Good Terrorism or Bad Terrorism. Terrorism in any form is the biggest atrocity against humanity," the LG said. "The separatists working on the behest of the enemies conspired against J&K, misguided our innocent youths, and used them as cannon fodder, while their own children went to Delhi, Mumbai and abroad to get education and lead a normal life." he added. Asserting that a befitting reply is being given to Pakistani terrorist organizations and their supporters, the LG said that the government does not believe in buying peace. "We believe in establishing peace and determined to eliminate the entire terror ecosystem. We have been successful in curbing terror financing & recruitment to great extent," he said.

Kashmir in different time zones and present the statement of humanity through our endeavour, she added.

'No Talks With

say security and normalcy cannot return here (Jammu and Kashmir) unless there are talks with them (Pakistan). I strongly reject this notion," Sinha said.

He was speaking at a function here on Monday evening.

"As per the policy of the government of India, there is no question of holding talks with Pakistan unless and until it doesn't reject terrorism and criticise it openly," the Lt Governor

They (some politicians) try to raise it by saying that that is the only right path, he added.

He lashed out at those "spilling blood of in

Zorawar Singh on his martyrdom anniversary. "One of the greatest military commanders of the world, General Zorawar Singh made the country proud by his unparalleled bravery & military tactics. He will continue to inspire generations to come," the LG said.

"He is the embodiment of India's strength and self-confidence. His valour, discipline, and devotion towards duty is a testimony that for the brave, nothing is impossible and infinite possibilities open up for the warrior," he added. Sinha termed General Zorawar Singh as an

icon for generations and said that his name evokes a strong feeling of love, reverence and sacrifice for the motherland. He said it should be our collective endeavour to fully recognise his contribution and significance in India's history.

"The historians, writers should pay attenon to the historic accomplishment true national hero, General Zorawar Singh and new generation must be reminded of his military campaigns in Ladakh, Baltistan, Tibet and immense contribution to the expansion of the Dogra Empire under Maharaja Gulab Singh ji," Sinha said.

as 14,000 were shortlisted after a physical standard test followed by a written examination by the recruitment board.

However, the interview could not be held in 2014 due to floods and the recruitment process was cancelled in 2017 on the directions of the then chief minister. The candidates approached the high court which directed the government

to hold the recruitment process afresh. In 2018, a physical test of 14,000 aspirants was conducted and 7,000 of them passed and appeared in the written examination. It was again cancelled on court directions amid allegations of irregularities and mass copying which was substantiated by an official inquiry panel

A fresh examination was conducted again on September 20, 2020, and the selection list was issued. The recruitment process was completed the next month despite protests by unsuc cessful candidates, alleging irregularities and paper leak. The demand for cancellation of the selection list in fire and emergency services gained momentum after the Jammu and Kashmir government cancelled the police sub-inspector recruitment process in July and handed over the case to CBL

Khalistan or Kashmir, the mother is one. It is she who is running it. We and Punjab Police work together whenever such instances come to the fore," he added.

Noting that dropping of weapons by drones is a big challenge, Singh said police have been able to solve some of the cases.

"IEDs and other things have been recovered and we are trying to effectively deal with it."

Delhi Court

conclude that accusation against the accused appears to be prima facie true and therefore on this count itself application of accused can be declined," the judge said.

The court further rejected accused's claim of delay in trial, saying, "It be noted that right from the day when different charge sheets were filed in this case till date, there has been no delay in the trial' A 12,794-page charge sheet was filed by the NIA against Hafiz Saeed, Hizbul Mujahideen leader Syed Salahuddin and others for "conspiring to wage war against the government" and fomenting trouble in the Kashmir Valley. Saeed was also accused of using the services of Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Watali, a coaccused in the case, for passing on the money to the separatists and some individuals who were actively indulging in stone-pelting in various areas of the Valley, the NIA said in the charge sheet. The agency has charged Pakistan-based terrorists Saeed and Salahuddin, besides others, with criminal conspiracy, sedition, and under stringent provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

"We have tried to depict the situation of

said

Before the coronavirus

He also said that a handful of people are trying to spread a false narrative and misguide the youth.

"These people must remember that Governance should be for the common man and not for the select few elites. We need to ask questions how families of terrorists were recruited in the government services earlier? How secessionists were given jobs earlier? Those responsible for such heinous act must introspect before raising questions on transparent and merit based recruitments happenings now," he added.

Replying to a question on the power scenario in Kashmir during his interaction with the media persons, the LG said that the government is providing 5 % more power to the valley than the previous year.

"I am taking day-to-day report on the power supply," he said.

Appreciating JK News Today group for the sincere effort to depict the story of Kashmir, the LG said that the docu-drama captures the story of Kashmir and changes it has witnessed over the years.

"The film shed lights on new dawn of development, people's aspirations and decisive action against Pakistan-sponsored terror ecosystem." Sinha said.

Binoo Joshi, senior Journalist and Director & Producer of the 'Ehad-e-Kashmir', in her welcome address briefed the gathering about the docu-drama.

nocents on this land".

Quoting Abhimanyu in Mahabharata, he said, "Security forces dismantled and broken six barricades of terrorism. Now only the seventh barricade remains. I hope that this 7th barricade is broken fast." Asserting that peace and normalcy cannot be bought to Jammu and Kashmir through "bargaining", Sinha said,

"GoI has a clear-cut policy that one cannot buy peace but it has to be established. We are following that." He said at one point in time "bargaining" was done to buy peace in Jammu and Kashmir. "That era has passed away. Now it is time to establish durable and long-lasting peace." "That time has gone when there were incidents of stone pelting (in the valley) and our neighbouring country used to issue calendars for strikes. Schools, colleges and universities used to remain shut." he said

Today, the common man is living in peace and earning his bread and butter in normalcy, the Lt Governor added.

"Security forces have been able to dismantle terror financing. Now houses are also being dismantled. This process will continue till the last sign of terrorism is wiped out here. We will be successful in ensuring peace, progress and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Sinha said some people used youths as cannon fodder to mislead them to engineer stone pelting and "give sacrifices", while their children were studying in peace in other parts of the country and abroad.

Lives of thousands of people were lost and Kashmiri Pandits faced the worst as they had to flee their homes in the valley due to terrorism, he said.

However, there is change now. After a long time, youths are watching films in cinemas in Shopian and Pulwama districts, he added.

"At least 10,000 youths took out a tiranga vatra in Pulwama and raised 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'logans, while 8,000 youths took out a yatra in Tral. This could not have been thought in the past. As many as 500 startups have been started in Kashmir," Sinha said.

Hitting out at people raising questions on the administration and governance, he said they used to get personal benefits in the past. "Efforts are being made so that common people don't face any problem. Some selected people who benefited from the governance should know that it is for general people but not for the select few. Such governance will continue here henceforth." (PTI)

'J&K Marching

these remarks during an event organised here to pay tributes to Dogra military general

He also spoke on the transformational journey of Jammu Kashmir.

"Jammu Kashmir is marching into its golden age with core values of people-first and ideas and ideals of forefathers. General Zorawar Singh had envisioned a strong and prosperous J&K, in which every citizen can live a life of dignity and self- respect. We are committed to creating a prosperous and inclusive society," the LG said

He also urged the people to discharge their responsibilities to accelerate the process of development.

On the occasion, famous sculptor Ravinder Singh Jamwal and specially-abled power-lifter Anmol Bhardwaj were felicitated by the Lt Governor.

Devinder Singh Kaluria, Chairman, General Zorawar Singh Memorial Educational and Charitable Trust; Ms Diksha and Ms Riya Kaluria, trustees of General Zorawar Singh Memorial Trust; Rajan Singh Happy, President Yuva Rajput Sabah; Ritu Singh; members of the trust and Yuva Rajput Sabha, and prominent citizens were present on the occasion at General Zorawar Singh Chowk.

Mercury Falls

a low of minus 4.4°C against minus 4.5°C on the previous night, the official said. It was 0.7°C below normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, the official said.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at 2.2°C against 2.4°C on the previous night, the official said. It was 4.0°C above normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 9.1°C against 8.9°C on the previous night. It was 0.9°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 0.6°C (below normal by 1.5°C), Batote 3.6°C (0.4°C below normal), Katra 9.1°C (0.5°C above normal) and Bhadarwah 2.7°C (1.4°C above normal).

In Ladakh, Leh recorded minus 9.0°C and Kargil minus 9.8°C, the official said.

Mainly dry weather has been predicted till December 20 in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. However, brief spell of light rain or snow may occur at isolated places over higher reaches, the MeT official added.

Govt Sets Up

On November 12, CBI filed a charge sheet against 24 people accused of targeting aspirants willing to cough up Rs 20-30 lakh to get through the recruitment process.

56 Foreign Terrorists

terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, Singh said there is no need to fear as stern action is being taken against those involved in issuing such diktats.

"As many as 56 foreign terrorists have been killed this year. This is the largest number in last several years," the DGP told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

He said 86 out of the 102 new militant recruits have been eliminated so far, reducing the number to just 23.

"Those who choose the path of terrorism, their life is not too long. Youths should take the path of peace and prosperity and leave the path of terrorism. There is no benefit in going towards this path," Singh said.

Replying to a question on death threats being issued by terror outfits, the DGP said these people are mouthpieces of Pakistan's ISI and its agencies that are running terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The militancy is taking its last breath. Stern action is being taken against those involved in giving such threats. Such blogs and websites are under our watch. FIRs have been registered against them. Action is being taken against their supporters as well," he said.

The DGP said that there is no need to fear. "It is a routine conspiracy of those who feel unhappy with peace and prosperity. We will finish all such remaining outfits involved in giving such threats," he said.

On security measures, Singh said, "We are taking all types of precautions. I hope everything will be alright everywhere. There will be no loophole in our security."

"There are people still in the training camps across the border. There are militants who are being made to infiltrate to this side. Forces on the border are vigilant and alert. If some sneak inside, they are neutralised," he said.

Asked about a link between Khalistani and Kashmiri terrorists, Singh that, "Their mother is one, that is Pakistan."

"Whether it is terrorism in the name of

Jammu Hoteliers

traffic to Vaishno Devi is expected to cross 90 lakh this year but it has no benefit for the business community of Jammu which is facing the worst situation as only 10 to 15 percent of the pilgrims visit Jammu citv.

'The government should deliberate and discuss the losses being suffered by the business community in Jammu and take necessary measures for our survival," he said.

Gupta said various government projects like Artificial Lake and Mubarak Mandi heritage complex were tipped to make Jammu an independent tourism attraction but these projects are moving at a snail's pace.

His deputy Pritam Sharma was quite vocal in his demand for restoration of darbar move and said it is imperative for the survival of the Jammu business community.

"The business in Jammu is going through its worst phase as all hotels and lodges are running in losses due to no occupancy. If you are concerned about the people and restoration of our economy, restore the practice of darbar move," Sharma urged the Lt Governor-led administration.

On September 26, Democratic Azad Party (DAP) chairman and former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad had also vouched for the restoration of the darbar move.

"The darbar move was beneficial for the economy in Jammu. During my chief ministership I also thought of saving the money (by stopping darbar move). The businessmen in Jammu requested me not to think of it as people from Kashmir come (in winters) and their sales go up by 1000 times," he had said.

SRK Pays

"Pathaan" alongside Deepika Padukone and John Abraham. The Siddharth Anand-directed movie is scheduled to be released on January 25.

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DAP, Cong Back Demands Of Protesting KP Employees

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Congress and the DAP have lend their support to the Kashmiri Pandit employees who are on a protest here for over 200 days, demanding relocation from the Valley following a series of targeted killings by militants.

The Democratic Azad party (DAP) led by veteran leader Gulam Nabi Azad reached out to the employees sitting on a dharna for the past 215 days at Relief Commissioner's office here and assured its full support to them.

DAP leaders R S Chib and G M Saroori, who are former ministers, criticised the BJP and the LG administration for their aland cry across the country over Kashmiri Pandits and leaves no chance to politicise the issue for electoral gains, has failed to ensure their rehabilitation and security," Saroori said.

DAP leader Salman Nizami said the party will continue to stand by the community and will keep raising its voices at every forum. It is a gross violation of human rights that their salaries have been withheld, he said.

A congress delegation led by senior party leader Hira Lal Pandita, who visited the venue of the protest, batted strongly for the demand of the relocation of Pandit employees from the valley.

"We don't want KP employees to be made sacrificial goats.



leged cold shoulder approach to "this grave human issue"

Hitting at the BJP-led central government for allegedly failing the Kashmiri Pandits, the leaders said it should immediately take measures for the security and rehabilitation of the minority community in Kashmir.

"It has been several months that Kashmiri Pandits are protesting in Jammu. But the government seems unmoved. How long can the government be insensitive to their genuine demands," Chib told reporters here.

He said DAP founder and chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad had vowed to work for the return and rehabilitation of the community with dignity and security if his party comes to power in J-K.

"But it is unfortunate that the BJP, which is making hue

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Unique Family ID Another

'Surveillance Tool': Mehbooba

On one side, terrorists issue hit lists against them and on other side, the administration stops their salaries," Pandita said. Kashmiri Pandit employees' leader Yogesh Pandita said the government has turned a blind

eye to their miseries. The protest by Kashmiri migrant Pandits, employed under the Prime Minister's package in the valley, intensified after their salaries were withheld by the administration.

They have stopped our salaries and now came out with this suppressive order to break our protest. We want the government to give us an assurance that no Kashmiri Pandit will be targeted by terrorists in future and if it is not in a position to give such an assurance, please accept our demand and relocate us from outside Kashmir," an employee leader said.

LG Chairs Meeting Of Vaishno Devi Shrine Board

Directs To Speed Up Work On Durga Bhawan, Skywalk



an integrated digital solution.

The Board approved the establishment of New Registra-

tion Counter at Railway Sta-

tion, Katra to decongest the

existing registration counters

and provide convenience and

comfort to the pilgrims. The

Lt Governor also issued direc-

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While taking the appraisal

Durga Bhawan & Skywalk, the

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effort must be made to com-

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in an expedient manner. The

Board impressed for making

maximum use of green tech-

nologies, rain water harvesting

slope stabilisation and other

upcoming projects includ-ing redevelopment of Parvati

Bhavan and separate exit track

from the Bhawan and remod-

Discussion was also held on

and solar power harnessing.

The Board appreciated and

the-art Registration centre.

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired the meeting of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) at the Raj

of the Shrine Board, launched various initiatives to provide diverse facilities to the pilgrims and devotees. He also ascertained progress of the work for ease of devotees and laid emphasis on timely completion of all projects.

Further, the Board discussed,

also presented with a compliance report on the directions passed for short term and long term measures initiated for yatra regulation and crowd management.

The CEO, SMVDSB apprised the actions initiated on diverse fronts for hassle free pilgrimage including issuance and verification of RFID cards, effective crowd management, augmentation of holding areas, plans for decongestion of the entire track, separation of entry, exit routes at Bhawan and surveillance through dedicated CCTV network of over 500 cameras.

'There should be no intertwined movement of the devotees. All the facilities like lockers, bathing areas etc. should be at the same place in the new bhavans. All aspects should be taken into account for the construction of Passenger Ropeway between Tarakote Langar and Sanjichhat," Sinha said.

The LG directed the CEO to take all necessary measures for the safety and security of the pilgrims. "Safety, convenience and

ease of the devotees visiting the shrine remains the top pri-

elling of Manokamna area. ority of the Shrine Board.Keep The Board also ratified several cilities for the pilg monitoring on pilgrimuitiatives for welfare of Board's

age through RFID and CCTV employees and creation of new cameras," he said. To reform and enhance func-

posts for the operationalization of Durga Bhawan. Approval was tions of various departments at also accorded to enhancement in financial assistance for the the shrine, the Board approved implementation of Enterprises marriage of girls and grant of Resource Planning (ERP) softscholarship for meritorious students of ex-Baridar families. ware through TCS (Tata Consultancy Services) to provide

The Board took appraisal of SMVD Charitable Society and approved grant in aids and financial assistance by the Board to educational institutions.

During the meeting, the Board took note of numerous steps aimed at rejuvenation of the Banganga and asked the CEO to prioritize such initiatives.

The Board also desired to complete the construction of Shankaracharya Temple near Katra in an expedient manner by resolving all pending issues with the help of concerned stakeholders.

for the benefit of Divyangjan. The facilities will include Later in the meeting the provision of complimentary Board members were also given pony and battery car services, a powerpoint presentation on special priority darshans at the development of the Shrine of Shiv Khori at Reasi. Divisional sanctum sanctorum during all Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh The meeting also decided to Kumar apprised the chair on the proposed works and plan invite doctors willing to serve the devotees at the Shrine on for developing the shrine. volunteer basis through adver-

The meeting was attended by all members of SMVDSB Mahamandleshwar Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriji Maharaj; Baleshwar Rai; Dr Ashok Bhan; Kul Bhushan Ahuja; Dr Neelam Sareen: K K Sharma: Suresh Kumar Sharma (Retd.

Judge) and Raghu K. Mehta. Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary and Sh. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine Board were present.

Earlier, , the LG launched a Cottage Policy, Aarti Darshan Policy, 1st edition of 'Panchang Calendar-2023' of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.

He laid the foundation stone of accommodation facilities for Shrine Board's employees at Adhkuwari & Banganga and launched multiple donation fa-

Crackdown On

Late Comers,

Absentees In

58 Offices Inspected, 92

Employees Found Absent

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The District Ad-

ministration Anantnag Monday

cracked the whip on employees

coming late to offices and re-

maining absent without sanc-

tioned leaves during a district

wide drive held on the directions

of Deputy Commissioner (DC)

Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom.

cials from District Administra-

tion inspected 58 offices and

Chief Education Office, Chief

Horticultural Office, ACD, REW,

DSHO, Fisheries, FCD Anantnag,

ARTO, SD Hospital Kokernag,

MC Bijbehara, SDM Bijbehara,

Girls HSS Bijbehara, Tourism

Pahalgam, BDO office Larnoo,

TSO office Larnoo. BMO Office

Larnoo, HSS Kokernag and HSS

Devalgam were some of the of-

fices where the inspection teams

The DC said that there is a

zero tolerance policy towards

absenteeism and lack of punc-

tuality. He said that biometric

attendances have been installed

in most of the offices in the Dis-

trict. He said that any official still

flouting norms will be taken to

task. He said that such surprise

directions to the concerned

officials to initiate disciplin-

ary action against employees

found absent. The District

heads of these offices have

also been asked to explain

lack of supervision.

The DC office has issued

checks will continue in future.

checked the attendance today.

found 92 employees absent.

During the drive, senior offi-

Anantnag

4 Arrested For Running Fake Driving Licence Racket In Reasi

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A fake driving licence racket was unearthed with the arrest of four persons in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, police said on Monday.

On a complaint by Haq Nawaz of Mahore, who claimed that a gang of agents took Rs 35,000 from him for providing him a licence, a case was registered at the Reasi police station.

During the course of investigation, police arrested Rajesh Kumar alias Happy and Sham Lal, who promised the licence

in lieu of money.

Police found that Rajesh Kumar and Lal along with two others identified as Jarnail and Deepak Sharma allegedly cheated the complainant by providing him a fake license issued by Transport officer of Aalo in Arunachal Pradesh, they said.

A police team carried out raids and arrested Deepak Kumar from Akhnoor while the others were held from Reasi.

SSP, Reasi, Amit Gupta said further investigations in the case are underway and more arrests cannot be ruled out.

Techfest 'Roshnaas' Concludes At KU

VC calls for hand-holding of young innovators to secure their future prospects



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan Monday chaired the valedictory ceremony of the five-day techfest 'Roshnaas' and called for hand-holding of young and aspiring entrepreneurs to secure their future

prospects The multi-event programme was organised by the Institute of Technology (IOT), Zakura Campus, to encourage the youth of J&K, especially students from various academic institutions, to showcase their creative abilities and passion for innovations and entrepreneurship.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was the chief guest at the closing session, said the IOT must go for "hand-holding" of young students from various schools and colleges who showcased their scientific models and innovations during the techfest. These young students have the

potential to become big innovators and scientists in future and t's therefore the responsibility of the University to groom and nurture their passion in the right direction, she said, and complimented the IOT Zakura for holding the important programme.

The VC also appreciated young boys and girls, who had set up their stalls in the University, for working hard to promote their entrepreneurial ventures and assured the University's full support in this regard.

The VC also felicitated winners of various completions and members/students of IOT who were granted three patents recently.

Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, who was a guest of honour, said the University's IOT has been tasked with identifying grassroots innovators, especially in far-off areas of Kashmir, for which the University shall provide the necessary support. He said the University has set itself on the path of promoting innovations, incubations and start-ups with policy interventions.

Director IOT Zakura Prof Gowhar Bashir Vakil delivered the welcome address, while Assistant Professors at IOT Mr Adil Muddasir Khan and Mr Malik Younis Ahmad conducted proceedings of the closing ceremony and highlighted the objecives of the techfest respectively The techfest included a range of events in different domains like art, creativity, quiz competition, project exhibition, call for ideas and 'open mic'.

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said the Jammu and Kashmir administration's plan to create a unique family ID' for residents of the Union Territory was em-

blematic of the widening "trust deficit" after the 2019 abrogaby the BJP but slammed by other parties which raised concerns over personal data safety. At the recent national conference on e-governance in Katra in Reasi district, Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoi Sinha and Chief Minister of Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar released the 'Digital J&K Vision Document', unveiling the government plan to create an authentic, verified and reliable database of all families of the Union Territory. According to the vision document, "Each family will be provided with a unique alpha-nu-meric code called JK Family ID. The data available in the family database would be used to determine eligibility through automatic selection of beneficiaries for receiving social benefits."





ratified, gave in principle approvals for a total of 46 agenda items. The Board members were

tion of Article 370 The former chief minister said Kashmiris are viewed with suspicion and dubbed the unique family ID as another "surveil-

lance tool". "Creating a unique family ID' for I&K residents is emblematic of the widening trust deficit esp post 2019," Mufti tweeted.

"Kashmiris are viewed with deep suspicion & this is another surveillance tactic

to tighten the iron grip on their lives," she added.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration is planning to create an authentic database of all families in the Union Territory with each of them having a unique alpha-numeric code, the objective being easy selection of eligible beneficiaries of various social welfare schemes. The proposed move to allot

Science Filmmaking Workshop Begins At DCJ CUK

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: Five-day workshop on "Science Filmmaking" organised by the Department of Convergent Journalism (DCJ), Central University of Kashmir (CUK) under the project 'Science Communication, Popularization and Extension (SCoPE) in Urdu & Kashmiri began at Tulmulla campus here on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, Dean School of Media Studies and SCoPE Project Coordinator, Prof. Shahid Rasool said the idea of the workshop is to create scientific temper among masses. He added that unless scientific knowledge does not reach the common people, scientific temper cannot be created. About the workshop, he said that it will provide a platform for the scientists and the filmmakers and understand how the technology can be used for reaching out to the masses. He asked the students to create short videos in local languages that can help disseminate scientific in-

formation among people, and the same would be screened at the end of the workshop.

Addressing the participants, independent filmmaker, Mr Jalalud-Din Baba said "filmmaking is basically a social activism." "Everyone, regardless of the field they are in, can and should make science films." He added that science filmmaking is a complete social transformation in a sense that it can be used to highlight health, environmental and other issues prevalent in the society.

Sharing his experience on filmmaking, senior producer, EMMRC, Dr Tariq Abdullah, instructed the participants to think of their audience in terms of an individual. "The message conveyed by the film should be clear and in simple language.

HOD, DCJ, Dr Arif Nazir, said the purpose of the workshop is to train the students about the basics of filmmaking with the use of gadgets like mobile phones.

Apni Party Holds Public Rally In Hajin

Strengthening Grassroots Democracy Will Fetch Political And Economic Empowerment To J&K People: Bukhari

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari Monday said that only a strong democratic system at the grassroots level will fetch political and economic empowerment to J&K people. He was addressing a largely

attended public rally in the Hajin area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district, wherein he received a warm welcome from the people and his party workers on his arrival at the venue.

ed his gratitude to the Hajin people for electing Apni Party backed candidate Naza Begum in recently held DDC polls. He also greeted Naza Begum for her win.

While addressing the gathering, Apni Party President emphasized on strengthening the grassroots democracy and said. "Democracy entitles people to choose their own representative to place them at the helm of affairs. Apni Party will keep striving to ensure that J&K has a strong democratic system required for the people's political

He added, "During the past 75 years, J&K has mostly been ruled by political families, who weakened our democratic system and disempowered people for their political gains. These political families have always exploited the masses through emotional slogans and fake promises.'



He assured that, unlike the traditional political parties, Apni Party will never try to deceive or mislead the people for its political gains. He said, "Apni Party believes in the politics of truthfulness. We will never try to mislead you with fake promises and emotional slogans. We pursue an unambiguous agenda to ensure sustainable peace, prosperity, and development in Jammu and Kashmir, and the political and economic empowerment of its people. And, we know that these goals are achievable."

He explained, "Almighty has bestowed Jammu and Kashmir everything in terms of natural resources that are required for sustained prosperity and development of this land. We have enough resources to pave the way for development and create employment opportunities here.'

"But need sustained peace, social justice, and strong democratic institutions here so that we can explore our potential fully." He added.

HEPATITIS OUTBREAK **Chairman DLSA Kulgam Takes Suo-Moto Cognizance**

Asks Director Health Services Kashmir To **Ensure Timely Intervention**

Observer News Service

KULGAM: Taking suo-moto cognizance of the news about the spread of Hepatitis-A in Kulgam especially in village Turkatachloo of Block Qaimoo, the Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kulgam, Mohammad Ashraf Bhat who is also Principal & District sessions Judge (PD&SJ) Monday asked the Director Health Services. Kashmir to take serious note of this deadly disease and ensure timely intervention into it.

The PD&SJ also asked the Director Health to take necessary precautionary measures with the concerned agencies to prevent the spread of this disease in District Kulgam.

It is important to mention here that so far two of the minor children have succumbed due to this disease and many infected children are under observation.

The Chairman DLSA also passed directions to Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Kulgam to constitute the expert team of doctors and technical staff governing the field and depute them forthwith to the affected area 24X7 and take all necessary steps in collaboration with District Administration to contain this disease at the very threshold.

He also directed the CMO to submit the detailed report with regard to steps taken for prevention of this disease in District Kulgam within a week's time.

Moreover, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) department Kulgam was directed to gear up his men and machinery for providing safe drinking water to the whole public of Kulgam especially to the affected areas forthwith with further direction that water purity tests of all the tube-wells and reservoirs used by the public of District Kulgam be conducted throughout the district to contain further spread of this disease. Tests conducted and reports prepared thereof be placed before this authority.

The Deputy Commissioner and Sr. Superintendent of Police Kulgam were also requested to monitor the preventive measures taken on ground by the concerned departments to contain this disease at the very hreshold.

Moreover, Secretary DLSA Kulgam was directed to depute the Para Legal Volunteers to the affected areas forthwith who shall submit the detailed report on daily basis before the Secretary DLSA with regard to number of persons infected, treatment if any provided to those persons/children and the precautionary measures taken on ground by the District Administration and Director Health Services Kashmir.

According to a press note issued here, Bukhari extend-

and economic empowerment."

SPORTS

Real Kashmir Loses 1-0 To Punjab In I-League



chance of the half when Samuel

James Lyngdoh found an unmarked

Jerry Pulamte unmarked in the box

but the latter lashed on to the shot.

broke the deadlock in the 21st

minute with Krishnananda Singh

finding Pranjal Bhumij inside the

box on the far post who just had

their lead in the 36th minute.

Krishnananda Singh again found

space down the left and dribbled

RGPFC could have doubled

An attack from the left wing

Press Trust of India

SRINAGAR: Pranjal Bhumij produced the solitary goal as RoundGlass Punjab FC overcame a nine-men Real Kashmir FC 1–0 in an I League match at the TRC Stadium here on Monday.

With this win, RGPFC jumped to the second position on the totap in to give RGPFC the lead. table, while ending Kashmir's unbeaten run in tournament.

Both teams tried to control possession from the beginning in cold conditions. RKFC had the first inside only to hit his shot wide.

LoneStar Kashmir Enters Christmas Gold Cup Semis



Observer News Service

JAMMU: LoneStar Kashmir FC on Monday defeated Jammu United FC 2-0 in the first quarter-final match played at GGM Science College.

Žubair scored the 1st goal in 23rd minute to give his side the lead. LoneStar then doubled its lead when Munsif scored the second goal of the match in 59th minute. In a fiercely contested match of DFA Jammu.

up, Jammu United saw one of its players sent off, as Abhishek Singh received two yellow cards in 25 minute and 40th minute. In the other quarter-final match scheduled for today, December 13, J&K Bank will take on Sainik Colony FC at 2:30 pm. The tournament is being organised by All J&K Sports & Cul-

tural Association under the aegis

FIFA World Cup Finals: Argentina Face Croatia Today



Agencies

DOHA: Momentum is building behind Lionel Messi's push to cap his career with the

biggest prize in the game. The 35-year-old Argentina playmaker has carried his team to the semifinals, almost in the same way Diego Maradona - the man with whom Messi is so often compared – led the South American nation to its second and most recent World Cup title in 1986. Now in Argentina's way

is Croatia, a country with a population of 4 million which is establishing a reputation as the most stubborn and durable of opponents while also boasting one of soccer's most graceful

players in Luka Modric. The teams go head to head at Lusail Stadium — also the venue for Sunday's final — in

a meeting between the last two runners-up at the tournament: Argentina in 2014 and

Croatia in 2018. teams Both have come uncomthrough fortable moments. Argentina's darkest time was right at the start of the tournament, after a 2-1 loss to Saudi Arabia in what will go down as one of the World Cup's biggest upsets. Inspired by Messi and

one of the most fervent fan followings in Qatar, Argentina won its final two group games, ended up squeezing

past Australia 2-1 in the round of 16 and then required penalties to get past the Netherlands in a wild quarterfinal match. Modric is a case in point.

He might not have scored a goal. He hasn't even had an assist. But don't underestimate the importance to Croatia of the little magician who keeps things ticking in midfield and manages to assert some control for a team which fights until the last minute.

Containing Messi will be key and much of the responsibility there lies with holding midfielder Marcelo Brozovic, who protected Croatia's defense so well against Brazil.

Argentina will be without two players because of sus-pension: left back Marcos Acuña and right back Gonzalo Montiel.

The match starts at 12:30 AM (Wednesday). (AP)

England Beats Pakistan By 26 Runs In 2nd Test

ball in the same area.

MULTAN: Mark Wood destroyed Pakistan hopes with his fearsome pace and led aggressive England to a sensational 26-run victory inside four days in the second Test here on Monday.

Agencies

Pakistan, in pursuit of a challenging victory target of 355, was bowled out for 328 within an hour after lunch on Day 4 to send England into the third match with an insurmountable 2-0 lead in its first Test tour of Pakistan in 17 years.

England won the first Test by 74 runs in dimming light on the last day through the aggressive approach that has now brought them eight victories in their past nine tests under new coach Brendon Mc-Cullum and captain Ben Stokes.

Wood grabbed 4-65 including a contentious, game-changing, caught behind decision which denied lefthander Saud Shakeel (94) his maiden Test hundred before lunch.

nearly pulled off Pakistan's highest-

Wicketkeeper Ollie Pope took a low catch down the legside after Wood got Shakeel tangled. The third umpire, Joel Wilson of the West Indies, ruled in the bowler's favor after viewing several replays, after onfield umpire Aleem Dar referred the decision with a soft signal of out.

Shakeel and Nawaz stifled England for nearly 22 overs before Wood struck twice in quick succession to raise England's hope of clinching the three-match series.

Pakistan lost Faheem Ashraf (10) in the day's sixth over when Joe Root had the lefthander caught at slip as captain Ben Stokes chose to deploy spinners from one end.

But Shakeel, resuming on 54, and Nawaz, thwarted England's seam and spin bowlers, rising in confidence even after England took the second new ball with Pakistan still needing 109 runs.

Fast bowler Ollie Robinson thrice went past Nawaz's bat, but Shakeel's patient, third successive the lefthander showed aggression half century in just over five hours against Root and leftarm spinner Jack Leach with some crisp bound-



ever successful chase in a home test aries before Stokes turned to the after the hosts resumed on Day 4 on 198-4, needing a further 157. Shakeel shared 80-run stand

with Mohammad Nawaz (45) be-

fore Wood struck in his first over

with the second new ball. He first

had Nawaz caught down the legside

pace of Wood late in the first session and gained two crucial wickets.

Abrar Ahmed, who took 11 wickets in his debut test, made a brisk 17 that featured three extravagant boundaries against Wood after lunch before England seamers Roboff a short ball and then ended Sha- inson (2-23) and James Anderson keel's defiance with another short (2-44) wrapped up the tail. (AP)





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