

## 75% Diet Of Brown Bear In Kashmir Is Plastic, Chocolates And Biryani

Auqib Javed

In a shocking revelation, the Jammu & Kashmir Wildlife Protection Department has found that 75% of food items consumed by Himalayan brown bears were scavenged from garbage, including plastic carry bags, milk powder, and chocolate wrappers, besides biryani. The department has carried out an extensive survey on Himalayan Brown bear distribution and feeding patterns between the months of May and October 2021 along with Wildlife SOS—a non-profitable

organization.

The official report titled "Himalayan Brown Bear Ecological and Human-Bear Conflict Investigation In Kashmir With Special Reference To Bear Habituation To Garbage Dumps In The Central Wildlife Division" was published recently.

"The most riveting and desolating finding in the report is that the Himalayan Brown bears are raiding garbage, and are rapidly becoming accustomed to this," the study said.

The copy of the study which lies with the Kashmir Observer, reveals that "On studying 408



scat samples of brown bears, the team found out that 86 scats have excreted plastic

carry bags, milk powder, and chocolate covers. Some scats even had remnants of glass!

**6** DUE TO THE REMOTE TERRAINS THEY OCCUPIED, THE HIMALAYAN BROWN BEARS WERE A RARE sight for the last 2 decades. Recently, however, brown bears have increasingly come into the purview of humans as they venture into lower altitudes in search of food."

The frequency of occurrence of garbage was 75% higher than wild plant matter, crop raids, and hunted sheep."

The study area, according to the report included Thajiw (Baltal) Wildlife Sanctuary, Sonamarg, Laxpatri, Nilgrath

and Sarbal villages since they are critical bear habitats and prime tourist destinations. Sonamarg in particular was chosen due to its role as a bear habitat extending up to the Zojila.

According to the report, the Himalayan **More on P6**

## Last Days Of This Year To Bring Rain, Snow: MeT

Agencies

**Srinagar:** The weather department on Monday predicted light to moderate rain or snowfall during the 'last few days of 2022.'

"The weather is expected to be dry till December 25," a meteorological department official here said, adding, "As per Today's model analysis, weather mostly cloudy with chances of light to moderate rain/snow over isolated places of Jammu to scattered places of Kashmir specifically over middle & higher reaches during last few days of 2022."

Meanwhile, sub-zero temperatures continued in the Valley with Pahalgam recording a low of minus 4.8°C on Monday.

The meteorological department official said that Srinagar recorded a low of minus 3.1°C against the previous night's minus 3.2°C. While the mercury was 1.6°C below normal during this time of the year, it was five notches less than this season's lowest of minus 3.6°C recorded on Friday last, the official said.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 3.2°C against minus 2.8°C on the previous night. He said that **More on P6**

## Waqf Board Cracks Whip On Local Auqaf Committees

- Takes Over Control Of All The Shrines And Other Religious Places Across J&K
- Jamia Masjid Srinagar, Shia Auqaf Exempted

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**Srinagar:** The Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board cracked a whip on local Auqaf Committees and took over the control of all the shrines and other religious places across the Union Territory.

The dissolution of local Waqf or Auqaf Committees was announced by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) J&K Waqf Board in an order issued on December 17. The order has left all the local Waqf or Auqaf Committees as void ab-initio throughout J&K.

The order reads that all local Auqaf Committees from now on will have no legal standing in Jammu and Kashmir.

"In Pursuance to Waqf Act, 1995 extended to Jammu & Kashmir (UT) with the constitution of new J&K Waqf Board has taken overall control of all the Shrines including other Assets / Properties under the Muslim Specified Waqf in whole UT of Jammu & Kashmir, the order, a copy of which lies with Kashmir



Observer reads.

It said that no association or self-styled local Auqaf committee or management has any legal standing under the provisions of the Central Waqf Act, 1995.

"No such Committee has any kind of registration of validation from J&K Waqf Board," the order said.

The order informs all government departments & the general public not to entertain any communication of any such local committee at any Waqf Unit "This order is issued to ensure a smooth, systematic, transparent & legally viable management system, at all the Waqf Units throughout Jammu and Kashmir," the order adds.

However talking to Kashmir Observer, Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi clarified that the order doesn't apply to the local Mohalla Intezamia Committees and the Anjuman-e-Auqaf Jamia Masjid which manages the historic Jamia Mosque of Srinagar.

"Jamia Auqaf doesn't fall under Waqf Board as of now and let me clarify the order applies only to those properties that fall under Waqf Board," she said.

She further clarified that the order doesn't apply to the local Masjid committees or Shia Auqaf. Andrabi further informed that there are **More on P6**

## LAC STALEMATE

### Army Won't Let China Change Status Quo: EAM

Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** Indian Army will not let China change the status quo along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) "unilaterally" and its current deployment along the frontier was not seen before, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday, rejecting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's criticism of the government's handling of the border row.

Jaishankar said the deployment of the Army was made on the orders of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Army did not go to the frontier region because Gandhi asked them for it.

"Today we have a deployment of the Indian Army on the China border that we have never had. It is done in order to counter Chinese deployment which was scaled



up massively since 2020," Jaishankar said.

He was replying to a question during India Today's India-Japan conclave.

"If we were in denial then how is the Army out there? The Army did not go there because Rahul Gandhi asked them to go. Army went there because the prime minister of India ordered them to go," Jaishankar said, replying to Gandhi's allegations that the government was hiding the fact that China **More on P6**

**6** WHEN SOMEBODY SAYS WHY IMPORTS ARE coming out of China, there are imports coming out of China because for 30 years, you did not give your industry the kind of support and protection you should have,"

## Terror Incidents Down By 168% In J&K: Minister Thakur

Observer News Service

**New Delhi:** Reiterating Government of India's policy is focused on zero tolerance against terrorism, the Union Minister Anurag Thakur said on Monday that "terror incidents in Jammu and Kashmir decreased by 168 per cent, while 94% conviction rate has been achieved in terror financing cases

"The Governments resolve against terror has been displayed time and again from Surgical Strike to Balakot Strike. The action by our armed forces has caused a significant 168%



drop in terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir. Similarly, we have achieved a 94% conviction rate in terror financing cases," Thakur told journalists here on Monday.

On the efforts **More on P6**

## Every Institution Used for Militancy Being Identified: DGP

Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Dilbag Singh Monday said due to a strong security grid there was a decline in infiltration of terrorists from Pakistan in 2022 compared to previous years.

Identification of properties raised in the name of terrorism or being used to fund terror activities is in progress and appropriate action such as seizure or in certain cases demolition of such structures is being taken as per law, the police chief said.

Singh, who was in Kathua to inaugurate a T20 cricket tournament being organized by the police, said terrorist training camps are active in different areas on the other side of the border with Pakistan.

"The number of training camps goes up and down but



such centres are never closed down completely. There might be no training centre opposite Kathua but these are present in other parts," the DGP said.

The cricket tournament is being held to pay tributes to police personnel who laid down their lives fighting terrorism over the past three decades.

"Infiltration (of terrorists from Pakistan) has come down this year compared **More on P6**

## Unemployment Rate In J&K Declined During 2019-2021: GoI

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The government of India on Monday said that the unemployment rate in Jammu & Kashmir has declined in two successive years from 2019 to 2021.

Responding to a question raised by National Conference MP Hasnain Masoodi regarding the reasons for increase in "unemployment rate at 22 per cent in the month of October in Jammu and Kashmir as against the national average of 7.11 per cent", Ministry of State, Labour and Employment, Rameswar Teli, said that the

data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18.

As per the latest available Annual PLFS reports, Teli said, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status in Jammu & Kashmir was 6.7% and 5.9% during 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively, "which shows that the unemployment rate in Jammu & Kashmir has declined."

"Employment generation coupled with improving

employability is the priority of the Government," he said in his reply.

Accordingly, he said, the Government of India has taken various steps for generating employment in the country. "The Government of India has announced Aatmanirbhar Bharat package to provide stimulus to business and to mitigate the adverse impact of Covid 19."

Under this package, he said, the Government is providing fiscal stimulus of more than Rupees Twenty Seven lakh crore. "This package comprises of various long term schemes/programmes/ **More on P6**

## Cong Demands Debate On J&K Situation In LS

**Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury** on Monday demanded a debate on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the Lok Sabha, saying innocent citizens were losing their lives in the valley. Raising the matter as the House took up "issues of urgent public importance", Chowdhury said, "Innocent civilians are losing lives in Jammu and Kashmir, and it is not stopping." **More on P6**

### OGW Arrested In Baramulla: Police

The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday claimed to have arrested a terror associate of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) from North Kashmir's Baramulla district. The alleged terror associate Mohd Ishaq Lone of Nadihal was arrested by a joint team of police and army during an operation carried out on Sunday in village Chakloo of the district, a police spokesperson said. On Lone's disclosure, he said, one Canister IED, 1 pistol, 1 pistol magazine, 18 rounds of pistol and 8 meters of Electric Wire were recovered near a Ziyarat in Chakloo Ziyarat, Village Chakloo. "In this regard, a case FIR u/s of Unlawful Activities **More on P6**

### Mughal Road Reopens After 12-Hrs



Mughal road, connecting twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri with Shopian, reopened after remaining closed for 12 hours due to stone-slide at Shakargarh. Reports said that the historic thoroughfare reopened for traffic a short while ago. DySP Traffic Rajouri Poonch Range Aftab Bukhari confirmed it. **More on P6**

### Fire Breaks Out In Uri Forest



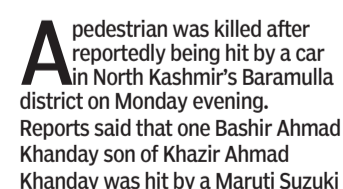
Fire broke out in a forest compartment that was brought under control by firefighters after hard efforts in the Uri area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district. A forest official told news agency Kashmir News Trust that a fire broke out in Forest Compartment number 77 in Nambla Uri. He said firefighters with the help of forest employees and policemen controlled the fire and stopped it from **More on P6**

### Labourer Killed As Tractor Overturns



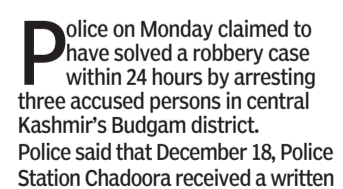
A labourer was killed and a driver injured on Monday when a tractor they were travelling in, overturned in Budgam district of Central Kashmir. Afaq Ahmad Gazi of Nursingpora Khag was killed on the spot when the tractor turned turtle in Malpora area of the district on Monday morning, reports said. The tractor driver sustained injuries in the accident. **More on P6**

### Pedestrian Crushed To Death



A pedestrian was killed after reportedly being hit by a car in North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Monday evening. Reports said that one Bashir Ahmad Khanday son of Khazir Ahmad Khanday was hit by a Maruti Suzuki (Ritz) bearing registration number JK01Q-7136 at Kunzer Manglora. The person was evacuated from the spot to a nearby hospital, where the doctors declared him as brought dead on arrival. Confirming the death of the individual, a police official told a local news agency GNS that the driver alleged to be involved in the accident has been detained and his vehicle also seized. **More on P6**

### 3 Robbers Arrested In Budgam: Police



Police on Monday claimed to have solved a robbery case within 24 hours by arresting three accused persons in central Kashmir's Budgam district. Police said that December 18, Police Station Chadoora received a written complaint from one person that he along with his brother were returning from Srinagar and on reaching Badipora Chadoora, one Tata Mobile (Load carrier, JK04H-2086) in which three unknown persons were onboard stopped their auto load carrier and attacked them due to which they sustained injuries. "Besides, the attackers/robbers snatched cash amount of Rs 20,000 from the driver of **More on P6**

## SHORT TAKES

# Can Sending Fewer Emails Or Emptying Your Inbox Really Help Fight Climate Change?

## The Conversation

The massive carbon footprint left behind by emails has been widely discussed by the media, but most of the time these discussions are exaggerated.

According to Agnes Pannier-Runacher, the French minister of energy transition, reducing the number of emails that are sent and deleting them would reduce the individual carbon footprint. News stories have voiced these ideas as well.

In a recently published paper, we found that some iconic digital activities, such as sending email, contribute marginally to the annual carbon footprint of information and communication technology users.

As researchers working on the environmental impacts of our actions, we believe it is important to dispel this myth, which has persisted for several years, so that we can focus on curbing the bigger sources of carbon footprints.

The carbon impact of emails

The idea that sending less emails would reduce a significant amount of greenhouse gases (GHG) was popularised by Mike Berners-Lee's book 'How Bad Are Bananas? The Carbon Footprint of Everything'.

The book mentions that a person's average annual email usage produces between three to 40 kilograms of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases or Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e), which is the equivalent of driving between 16 to 206 kilometres in a small petrol car. These figures were picked up by several media outlets around the world,

which helped to reinforce this idea.

Carbon values, as seen in Berners-Lee's book, have varied from 0.3 to 500 grams of CO<sub>2</sub>e per email. But these numbers are constantly changing and seem minute when compared to the carbon footprints of the so-called solutions.

Quantifying the carbon footprint of sending emails, or any other digital service, is not an easy task. The results depend heavily on the assumptions made and the data used. And the energy efficiency of data transmission and storage is constantly improving.

### Can sending fewer emails or deleting them really help?

So, what would happen if we decided to send drastically fewer emails or delete emails that are no longer useful? Apart from freeing up some space in the servers that host them, there is no evidence that we could substantially reduce the energy consumption of digital infrastructure. Here is why:

Digital data storage and transmission systems operate 24/7, with a more or less constant base load of energy, even when not in use. Regardless of whether the email is sent or not, networks would use about the same amount of energy.

An incredible number of spam emails (122 billion in 2022) and genuine emails (22 billion) are sent every day. While these numbers seem alarming, email exchanges represent only one per cent of Internet traffic. In comparison, video streaming services account for about 82 per

cent of internet traffic and could increase further in the coming years.

Knowing that 85 per cent of email traffic is actually spam, sending fewer emails at the individual level would have a limited influence on decreasing the amount of email traffic on the web.

Regardless of whether an email is sent or not, our computers and routers are always on. Electricity consumption associated with electronic devices, therefore, would remain more or less always the same. Very rarely do we turn on a computer just to send an email.

Impacts that are associated with the use of data centres and transmission networks are extremely low. To give you an idea, driving a kilometre in a compact car emits as much CO<sub>2</sub>e as the electricity that is used to transmit and store 3,500 emails of five MB. The electricity needed to heat a cup of tea in a kettle consumes as much electricity as transferring and storing about 1,500 emails of one MB.

Deleting 1,000 emails would have a carbon benefit of about five grams CO<sub>2</sub>e. However, the impact of using a laptop for 30 minutes (to delete these emails) emits 28 grams of CO<sub>2</sub>e in provinces like Alberta that use high-carbon electricity. In Quebec, where the electricity production sector has one of the lowest carbon footprints, this figure amounts to about five grams of CO<sub>2</sub>e. So, manually deleting emails can actually have a greater carbon impact than simply storing them, since you spend more time using the computer.

## Public Notice

It is notified for the information of general public that in my passport bearing No. H3626535 my name Mudasir Bashir Wani, fathers and mothers name is mentioned as Bashir Ahmad Wani and Zubaida Bashir, however in my matric certificate Bashir Ahmad and Zubaida and as per Aadhaar card my name is mentioned as Mudasir Bashir, my father's name and mothers name is mentioned as Bashir Ahmad Wani and Zubaida Bano. Now I am applying for reissue of my passport and shall continue my father's name as Bashir Ahmad Wani and mothers name as Zubaida Bano, as it is also mentioned in Aadhaar cards. If anyone has any objection regarding this, the same be filed with passport office Srinagar within seven days of this notice.

**Mudasir Bashir**

S/O Bashir Ahmad Wani | R/O Zoorigund, Budgam

## JAMMU & KASHMIR BANK OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (KASHMIR) (Affiliated to AIBOA)

M. A. Link Road Srinagar, Jammu And Kashmir

Ref: No: JKBOA(K)/ 5

Dated: 18.12.2022

### Press Release

The extended executive meeting of the Association was held today at Srinagar which was attended besides executive committee members by District bodies office bearers, office bearers and central committee members from Association in The All India JK Bank Officers Federation and also special invitees from all over Kashmir. The participants deliberated upon the issues of slow growing economy of the country resulting in no employment generation, unregulated concentration of wealth generation in pockets of society, continuing inflationary pressures affecting purchasing power of masses which was described as policy of misdirected policies of present ruling class. The impact of these policies on country's banking was termed as disastrous which has resulted in bringing stress on bank staff who continue to be victims of high handed policies of the bank managements coercing to achieve highly ambitious and unreasonable business targets in banking. The meeting concluded with adoption of various resolutions to set its future agenda which include calling upon The Federation office to formulate a strong response against the high handedness of Bank Management executives, synchronizing its member's struggle with working class of the country against exploitive policies of ruling class under leadership of All India Bank Officers Association and ensuring of implementation of bilateral understandings with Management of The bank which has stood test of time to establish industrial peace.

.....Sd/.....  
Mufti Shujat  
Gen Secretary

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for a new passport and I have provided a Diving licence as address proof. But mistakenly the name of my father has been mentioned as Ghulam Mohammad Shah while my father's name is Ghulam Mustafa Shah which is mentioned in the Adhar Card. Now I want to correct the same. Anyone having objection may submit the same to the Passport Office Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

**Gulzar Ahmad Shah** SS  
S/o Ghulam Mustafa Shah  
R/o Reshkolbal, Logripora, Pahalgam Anantnag Kashmir

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**Subject: - Revised Final Seniority List of T.B Inspectors of Kashmir Division.**

Whereas, the 1st-2nd & 3rd tentative seniority list of T.B Inspectors of Kashmir Division was issued/ circulated vide this office No: DHSK/Est-4/NG-449/S.List/T.B Insp/2735-60 dated: 28-08-2021, No: DHSK/Est-4/NG-449/S.List/T.B Insp/4809-39 dated: 29-11-2021 B1 No: DHSK/Est-4/NG-449/S.List/T.B Insp/261-90 dated: 17-01-2022 amongst all the concerned officials through their respective controlling officers for information as well as published through print media for inviting objections, if any, which should be duly authenticated by their respective controlling officers, but nothing has been received by this Office till date in this behalf.

Now, therefore the Revised Final seniority list of T B Inspectors of Kashmir Division is hereby framed and circulated amongst all the concerned Controlling Officers/DDOs for favour of information and which will be also available on official website. authority.

S.No	Name of the official	Designation	D.O.B	Date of 1st Apptt/ Regul	Present place of Posting
1	Mohd. Ishiyayq Ahmad	T.B Insp.	25-03-1963	20-07-1984	STDC Srinagar
2	Bashir Ahmad Dar	T.B Insp.	04-04-1964	11-09-1989	STDC Srinagar
3	Rouf Ahmad Mir	-do-	08-12-1969	11-09-1989	DHSK

Note: 1. Date of Birth as shown in the seniority list shall not be taken authentic for calculation of age/ superannuation or any other purpose unless its verification/ authentication in accordance with Matriculation Certificate issued by State Board of School Education J&K, Srinagar.  
2. Further, all the CMO's/ Medical Superintendents and other DDO's shall ensure that the DOB & Date of 1st Apptt, Date of Promotion as well as service particulars furnished by them in respect of each official is correct & each official has been appointed/ regularized by the competent authority  
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Sd/- Director Health Services, Kashmir

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**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
e\_NIT\_No\_41/Hyd/Uri\_of\_2022-23 Dated: 17/12/2022

For and on behalf of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, e-Tenders on item rate basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Jammu and Kashmir UT Government, for the following works: -

Position of AAA: Accorded  
Position of Funds: Demanded/Committed

S.No.	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	Major Head	Cost of Tender document (In Rs.)	TENDER-ID
1	Construction/Improvements to leakage on Lower Larri Gingle Khul at RD 680-780mtrs.	4.79	9580/-	20-days	DEE	5475-BADP	200/-	2022_IFC_199975_1
2	Construction of steel flume on Putkhah Kanza khul.	2.90	5800/-	20-days	DEE	5475-BADP	200/-	2022_IFC_199975_2
3	Construction of Steel Flume on Lower Larri Gingle Khul at RD-485	2.95	5900/-	20-days	DEE	5475-BADP	200/-	2022_IFC_199975_3
4	Construction/Improvements to leakages on Limber Tathamulla Khul at RD 4100 m.	1.76	3520/-	15-days	DEE	5475-BADP	200/-	2022_IFC_199975_4
5	Construction/Improvements to the leakages on Limber Tathamulla Khul at RD 2275.	1.18	2360/-	15-days	DEE	5475-BADP	200/-	2022_IFC_199975_5
6	Construction/Improvements to the leakages on Limber Tathamulla Khul at RD 1200m onwards.	10.54	21080/-	30-days	CEE/DEE	5475-BADP	600/-	2022_IFC_199975_6
7	Construction of Pacca Masonry R/wall Protection to flume at RD 1550 mtrs at Lachipora B.	4.57	9140/-	20-days	DEE	5475-BADP	200/-	2022_IFC_199975_7
8	Construction/Improvements to leakages on Bachi Lari Khul at RD 0-150mtrs.	3.29	6580/-	20-days	DEE	5475-BADP	200/-	2022_IFC_199975_8
9	Construction/Improvements to leakages on Lachipora B Khul at RD 250-550mtrs.	11.69	23380/-	30-days	CEE/DEE	5475-BADP	600/-	2022_IFC_199975_9
10	Bed Treatment of Niloosa Nallah.	7.00	14000/-	30-days	CEE/DEE	PRI-Grants	300/-	2022_IFC_199975_10

The NIT consisting of Qualifying information, eligibility criteria specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in):-

Publishing Date	19/12/2022 from 10:00AM
Download Date Start	19/12/2022 from 10:00AM
Tender Submission date Start	19/12/2022 from 10:00AM
Tender Submission date Ends	24/12/2022 up to 04:00 pm
Date of Opening	26/12/2022 at 12:00PM, in the Office of the Executive Engineer Hydraulic Division Uri (H.Q. Chandanwari)

- Tenders must be accompanied with cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Hydraulic Division Uri, payable at Treasury Office.
- The Tenders for the works shall remain valid for a period of 90 (Ninety) days from the date of opening of Tenders.
- The Tenders shall be deposited in Electronic format on the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)
- The Tender uploaded on the website upto due date and time will be opened on the schedule date and time and any other date consent to the tender opening authority in the office of the Executive Engineer Hydraulic Division Uri H.Q Chandanwari, in presence of the Tenderers who wish to be present. In case of holiday or office happening to be closed on the basis of the opening of the Tender/date of submission of Hard copies, the same will be on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited if:-
  - Any Tenderer withdraws his Tenders/tender during the period of Tender validity or makes any modification in terms and conditions of the Tender.
  - Failure of Successful tenderer to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
- The tenderer shall have to execute the agreement within 10-days after fixation of contract.

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir.  
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## Workshop On 'Digital Transformation Of Education In JK' Begins At SKICC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The two-day workshop on 'Digital Transformation of Education in J&K' began on Monday at SKICC in Srinagar. The event is being jointly organized by Move Beyond, UNICEF India, and innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IIEDC), National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The event was presided over by Commissioner Secretary to Govt. Science & Technology Department, Mr Saurabh Bhagat, IAS, who was Chief Guest on the occasion, while Prof MF Wani, In-charge Director NIT Srinagar, and Bilal Ahmad, Joint Director JKSTIC were the Guests of Honour on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Saurabh Bhagat, IAS said NIT Srinagar is playing a vital role in bridging the technological gap in society and stated that the institution is working on the latest technologies that will benefit the common people.

"Providing quality education to every student is the priority of the UT Government. We will continue to support NIT Srinagar for their technological initiatives in the future," he said.

On the occasion, Incharge Director Prof. MF Wani said they are already working closely with many educational initiatives under the Unnat Bharat Mission and have adopted many villages to reach the ground level.

"I am sure that we will address the career concerns of students in the region. We will help them and find the right direction leading to educational ambition, Prof. Wani said.

In his message, Prof. Rakesh Sehgal said that NIT Srinagar has done every bit towards the nation's technological manpower capability building.

"Both Move Beyond and IIEDC are doing appreciable work. I hope they will continue serving society and this work-

shop will act as a platform for high-end ideas to overcome challenges in the digital transformation of education," Prof. Sehgal said.

Guest of Honor, Mr. Bilal Ahmad, Joint Director JKSTIC said the two-day workshop is aimed to improve awareness of the rising potential of digital tools in education.

Institute's Registrar Prof. Syed Kaisar Bukhari was also expected to attend the conference as a Guest of Honor but due to his engagements with the Ministry of Education could not attend the workshop.

In his message, Prof. Bukhari said holding such workshops on vital Digital transformation of Education in JK is the need of the hour.

"The mega event will bring synergy in finding novel and innovative solutions to the problems faced by the students in the region," he said.

Prof. Bukhari said there is no dearth of talent among the youth of Kashmir but there is a need for proper guidance, counselling to enhance and encourage their capabilities.

CEO Move Beyond, Dr Saad Parvez, Head IIEDC, NIT Srinagar said the workshop is aimed to identify synergies between J&K's ongoing digital learning initiatives.

"Showcase best practices in digital learning from across the country and internationally and devise a roadmap for the digital transformation of education in J&K," he said.

Head IIEDC, NIT Srinagar, Prof Saad Parvez said IIEDC has the mandate to reach out to local youth. "This collaboration will provide an opportunity to connect us on the ground and offer solutions to students facing challenges in their careers," he said.

Danish Aziz, Education Specialist, UNICEF India also highlighted the importance of Digital education and stated that they are already working closely with the Department of School Education, J&K Govt, in many educational initiatives.



## Div Com Reviews Heritage Conservation Under UNESCO's Creative City

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In connection with the UNESCO's Creative City Network, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Monday convened a meeting to review the heritage conservation and development of Srinagar Creative City.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and Deputy Commissioner Budgam virtually and SMC Commissioner, Director H&H, Chief Town Planner, officers of Tourism Department, JTRF, institute of Music & Fine Arts besides representatives of INTACH, KCCI etc. in person.

The meeting held threadbare discussion on the identification of houses, setting of International Trade Centre, connecting with different cities, reuse of Resham Khana, revival of languishing crafts, GI certification, financial support to craft based SHGs, development of historic streets,

revival of water channels etc. While speaking on the occasion, Pole asked Deputy Commissioner Srinagar to expedite the acquisition of few private heritage houses on the Nigeen Road.

Regarding acquiring of heritage buildings in Aali Kadal and Zaina Kadal, Div Com asked Dir Handloom & Handicrafts that instead of acquisition of houses at those places, the owner of such structures should be incentivized for conservation of the building and use for commercial purpose with the conditions.

Also, he asked the SMC Commissioner to facilitate the process of permission for change in use.

To introduce Creative models with hints of heritage, Pole asked the SMC Commissioner to constitute a Heritage cell and hire consultants to process building plans.

For the setting up of the International Trade Centre, Div Com said that about 100 kanals of land will be identi-

fied in District Budgam near Ring Road for ITC.

Further, Pole directed for holding virtual meetings of craftsmen of different cities for the exchange of experience, knowledge and innovations between them that would benefit them in promotion of products and widening of markets.

Apart from holding awareness programmes, Pole asked for the starting of a separate department of music and fine arts in Kashmir University. This, he said, shall preserve the art and music besides would provide employment to youth.

Informing the meeting, Director H&H, Mehmood Ahmad Shah said that the department is reviving fifteen centers of seven crafts which are at the verge of extinction under languishing projects.

Pole also directed concerned officers for registration of all the craft developing SHG Societies under a single platform.

## KU To Get Key Technical Education Programmes Accredited By NBA

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The University of Kashmir will soon have its key technical education programmes accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) to further increase its visibility and standing at the national level.

In this connection, Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan Monday chaired a high-level meeting to review the status of programmes being offered by the departments including Management Studies, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Computer Sciences, besides Institute of Technology Zakura Campus, which fall within the ambit of proposed NBA accreditation.

The NBA is an autonomous body that assesses technical education programmes to ensure their relevance to the market needs.

Emphasizing the need to have these technical programmes assessed and accredited by NBA at the earliest, Prof Nilofer said such an exercise will help the University to evolve standards and benchmarks in technical education as per the national standards and requirements of the future. This, she said, will in turn help the students passing out from these departments in securing better job prospects.

The NBA accreditation will also enable the University to secure better rankings in NIRF and NAAC, and resultant, better visibility at the national and international level, the VC said.

The Vice-Chancellor instructed the concerned Heads of Departments/Institutes to immediately frame committees and a roadmap on applying for AICTE/NBA recognition, as the case may be, so that the entire exercise is completed within the set timelines.

## Tourist Found Dead Inside Hotel

Agencies

Srinagar: A domestic tourist was found dead in a hotel in Kashmir capital Srinagar.

Sources said that the dead body of a 45-year-old domestic tourist named

Jatinder Kumar of Dhaloti Kathua Jammu was found in the room of a hotel in Srinagar where he was staying.

Sources added that prima facie it seems a natural death. Police have taken cognizance of the incident and registered a case under relevant sections of law. [KNT]

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## This Day In History

- 69 - General Vespasian's troops occupy Rome after 1448 - Pope Nicholas V appoints Rudolf of Diepholt, Bishop of Utrecht, as cardinal.
- 1522 - Suleiman the Magnificent accepts surrender of the surviving Knights of Rhodes, who are allowed to evacuate. Eventually settle in Malta, become known as the Knights of Malta.
- 1585 - English fleet & Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, reach Vlissingen.
- 1626 - Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand II and Prince of Transylvania Gabor Bethlen sign Peace of Pressburg (Bratislava).
- 1661 - Corporation Act enforced in England.
- 1669 - 1st jury trial in Delaware; Marcus Jacobson condemned for insurrection & sentenced to flogging, branding & slavery.
- 1688 - Prince William of Orange's troops arrive in London.
- 1694 - Frederik van Brandenburg flees Schweiben
- 1699 - Russian Tsar Peter the Great ordered Russian New Year changed from Sept 1 to Jan 1.
- 1780 - Britain declares war on Holland.
- 1790 - 1st successful US cotton mill to spin yarn (Pawtucket, RI).
- 1830 - Great Britain, France, Prussia, Austria and Russia recognize Belgium.
- 1860 - South Carolina secedes from the Union (US Civil War).
- 1879 - Tom Edison privately demonstrated incandescent light at Menlo Park.
- 1880 - Battle at Bronker's Spruit, Transvaal: Farmers beat Britten.
- 1892 - Pneumatic automobile tire patented, Syracuse, NY.
- 1900 - Giacobini discovers a comet (will be 1st comet visited by spacecraft).
- 1915 - Russian troops overrun Qom, Persia
- 1917 - Cheka formed - Soviet state security force and forerunner to the KGB, under Felix Dzerzhinsky after decree by Lenin.
- 1922 - 14 republics form Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).
- 1924 - Adolf Hitler freed from jail early.
- 1933 - Bolivia & Paraguay sign cease fire
- 1938 - Vladimir K Zworykin (Penn) receives patent on Iconoscope TV system.
- 1941 - Japanese troops lands on Mindanao.
- 1941 - World War II: First battle of the American Volunteer Group, better known as the "Flying Tigers" in Kunming, China.

## From KO Archives

### Qaum Ka Gam Khatayhain, Dinner Key Saath

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Iftar parties being hosted by every Tom, Dick and Harry in this capital city these days have become a source of avoidable inconvenience to the general public. Amazingly the "worthy" hosts are least bothered by what their lavish feasting by debit to the empty state exchequer meant to the city dwellers at a time when they hurry back to their homes after a day's work.

Residents of various downtown localities here had a taste of their rulers' indifference on Saturday when they found the busy Maulana Azad Road blocked to vehicular traffic for most of its stretch. Lo and behold, it was the peak hour for all the commuters to rush back home to join their waiting, generally anxious, families over Iftar.

Location of what is known as the Banquet Hall in the premises of the erstwhile chief minister's official residence on the main Civil Lines artery was the reason why vehicular traffic was diverted towards Regal Chowk for onward journey through the equally crowded SP higher secondary school. Traffic police authorities may know better why its own 'one way' restriction was eased to choke the awfully narrow roads. Obviously, caught in a nasty traffic jam, hundreds of people on fast found them "selves helpless at the Iftar time. Mercifully, some citizens came out to serve some eatables to the stranded hundreds on the road.

"The ministers and bureaucrats hosting the Iftar parties at state expense should hang their heads in shame for subjecting innocent people to inconvenience during the holy month", an agitated downtown resident was heard saying.

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## Acrimony At The UN

The last week witnessed the bitterest diplomatic exchange ever between India and Pakistan at the United Nations. It overshadowed all the earlier angry diplomatic duels between the two neighbours at the world body. First Pakistan foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari raised the issue of Kashmir during a debate over the reformed multilateralism. In response, foreign minister S Jaishankar reminded the world of Pakistan hosting Al Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden and carrying out an attack on India's parliament. Subsequently, Bilawal launched a personal attack on prime minister Narendra whose language was unparliamentary. India, in response, once again highlighted Islamabad's role in fomenting terrorism in the region. India also drew attention to Pakistan's FM's language, saying it was "a new low for Pakistan itself."

If anything, the exchange has once again underlined the extent to which the relations between the two countries have deteriorated. And from hereon it seems hardly possible that the neighbours could reach out to each other let alone institute a dialogue. The decline in their relationship began after New Delhi revoked Article 370 that gave Jammu and Kashmir a semi-autonomous status within Indian Union. But surprisingly enough, even during this period, the neighbours did engage reportedly on the back-channel and went back to observing ceasefire along the Line of Control which has since been holding. According to the latest defence ministry figures, only three minor incidents of "violations" were recorded along the LoC. In comparison, 4,645 ceasefire violations were recorded during its peak in 2020. The ministry said the situation along the international boundary in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab largely remained peaceful.

At the same time, the ministry made it clear that Pakistan continued to retain the "proxy war infrastructure" and "functionality" of militant training camps as well as the presence of terrorists in militant "launch pads." It also said that Pakistan exploits the "narco-terror nexus" to radicalise and motivate youth to target vulnerable civilians.

The takeaway from this is that the situation remains very uneasy and uncertain. And making it more fraught is that the deeply estranged neighbours are left with no diplomatic tools to handle a crisis. We can only hope that the current climate of distrust and antagonism doesn't lead to further escalation of tensions. More so, when due to suspended talks, the two countries lack the means to manage the fallout. It is therefore important that the two countries get back to some form of engagement and work towards the resolution of their longstanding issues for durable peace in the region.

OTHER OPINION

## Why we need to listen to Shah Rukh Khan

Insights, when they are repeated for long enough, become clichés and lose their power to provide perspective. But context and creativity can rescue them. So, when Shah Rukh Khan spoke about social media being driven by a "narrowness of view" on December 15 at the Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) he was, in a sense, merely rephrasing a theme social scientists have long studied. But in the current moment, his words have a larger resonance — both for the film industry of which he is a champion and society at large.

In the days before his comments at KIFF, there were calls for Khan's upcoming film Pathaan to be boycotted. The stated reasons for taking offence seem terribly contrived — from objections to the orange colour of actor Deepika Padukone's clothing to "hurt sentiments" of the majority. More striking was the predictability of this controversy. Padukone has been painted as a "supporter" of the "tukde tukde gang" ever since she showed up at JNU in 2020 to extend solidarity to agitating students amid protests against the CAA-NRC. In a polarised climate that is increasingly infecting the worlds of art and cinema too, Khan has also been a regular target of vicious trolling.

Khan is right when he says that "negativity increases social media consumption, and thereby increases its commercial value as well. Such pursuits enclose the collective narrative, making it divisive and destructive". Divisiveness is indeed rewarded on the internet. But, unlike so many of his colleagues, Khan is not despondent nor does he give in to cliché or abdicate responsibility. "Cinema has an even more important role to play now...Cinema exposes the vulnerability of human nature", says Khan. If only the trolls and those certain of the righteousness of their prejudice could hear him.

Indian Express



## A Teacher's Urgent Plea

Syed Mustafa Ahmad

**“Weighing them on the basis of a shallow grading system must be shunned. Their individual differences must be taken into account. Suicidal tendencies are on rise. Self harm is omnipresent. We must take care of them. Reproaching or rebuking won't work. Love, care and affection can do miracles.”**

It has been eight months since the educational institutions reopened after the Covid-19 hit the world in the most horrible manner. Almost two precious years were lost. Compensating them is not a one day affair. It will take a long time to fill the void which is widening day by day. Yes, they do go to educational institutions. There they attend classes. However, education is what they are unable to get. As a private teacher, I have been observing students for 8 months. There is no apparent improvement in their overall studies. The past is still on their minds. Erosion of basic skills is visible from a distance. They are uninterested in learning. Fun and frolic has become their main thing.

In 2020, the Central Government came up with a novel NEP 2020. The main objective of this is to make education a life-grooming process; rather than a life destroying phenomenon. It wants to make a student, socially, economically, politically and morally productive. It also emphasizes on doing away with rote-learning and striving for critical thinking and learning. It is a nice initiative to make education sustainable and productive. However, on the ground level, for two years, no real change has been noticed. Barring the shifting of academic sessions, students are where they were. In my opinion, students are unable to comprehend the benefits of the NEP 2020. It is wrong to say that the initiators of the new beginning in the educational system, are themselves unaware of the advantages of innovation.

It is a fact that the model educational system needs many things to prosper. Every sane person has to contribute to it. Both the Government as well as the public has to take pains in making the educational system productive and sustainable. Policies and releasing of funds cannot suffice. Students are going through the grind. In the age of knowledge explosion, they are lost. They are unable to understand themselves and the environment in which they are living. So, in order to realize their full potential, it becomes necessary to think collec-

at its lowest. Virtual reality has become the order of the day. Uncertain future is staring them in the face. Cut-throat competition in the absence of opportunities has made them depressed. Day-dreaming has become a norm.

Everyone should think about students. Treat them according to the present needs. Weighing them on the basis of a shallow grading system must be shunned. Their individual differences must be taken into account. Suicidal tendencies are on rise. Self harm is omnipresent. We must take care of them.

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tively and efficiently. Implementing any innovative idea is fine till all the stakeholders and conditions are taken into account. Ask any student about the shifting of academic session. He or she will be unable to answer. His or her mind is preoccupied with the things that are more fascinating than dry and rote-learning. The present situation of students is quite disheartening. More than education, they need counseling.

I think teachers too need counseling at the earliest. Behavioural changes have taken place in teachers. Students as well as teachers have become impatient. They have become socially and mentally upset. Their emotional intelligence is

Reproaching or rebuking won't work. Love, care and affection can do miracles. A teacher must teach in an environment friendly atmosphere. They must become a counsellor, teacher, guide, doctor, engineer, parent first. The need of the hour is to save our future generation. They commit mistakes. However, they mustn't be taken to task on minor mistakes. Don't humiliate them. Instead, understanding is what they want.

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## The Urdu Paradox

This is in response to an article published in Kashmir Observer on December 9th 2022 "Urdu the language of Heart" by Aamir Suhail Wani. It is disheartening to know that Urdu is being pushed to the wall not only by the Government but Kashmiri so-

ciety also is not bothered to protect and preserve this lovely language. For Revenue Department officials Urdu used to be a mandatory language while conducting exams but that is not the case now. I am unable to understand how will the non urdu knowing Patwaris or Naib Tehsil-

dars be able to go through the land revenue extracts in future as all this record is available in Urdu? The author has very well said that languages take centuries to secure a place of prominence before they become the official language. Same is the case with Urdu. It took centuries for this

language to evolve as the official language of Jammu & Kashmir, but now it seems this language is not going to live long.

Sajad Hussain Mir  
Alamgari Bazar Srinagar

## Messi Magic

The MESSIAH has finally accomplished what he had been dreaming, hankering and chasing for years — the coveted FIFA World Cup. After a shaky start against Saudi Arabia, Messi and his mates regrouped like a well-oiled machine to decimate the opponents one after the other in a business-like manner, and laid low

the defending champion France with a 4-2 penalty shootout in the finals. The La Albiceleste's road to WC triumph was resolutely scripted by a genius who is destined to entertain soccer fans across the world with his magical feet. During the twilight of his career, Messi can finally add the prestigious FIFA world cup trophy to his long list of honours. Any triumph

for Argentine football is not complete without invoking the late soccer legend Diego Maradona, whose blessings from eternity must have played its part in the La Albiceleste's historical win after 36 years. For a nation which is battered by inflation and facing months of economic and political uncertainty, Argentina's third world cup win, which is an all-time

classic thriller, couldn't have been more appropriate and timely. Messi & Co's memorable triumph is all the more significant and exhilarating for the sub-continent nations, whose obsession with Argentine football has been as deep as an ocean, and from now on it will grow thicker than ever.

Ranganathan Sivakumar

# Japan Announces Big MILITARY PUSH

After Germany, Japan becomes the second country to overhaul its military in the backdrop of the Russia-Ukraine war and increasing Chinese belligerence

Asad Mirza

It seems as if the Russia-Ukraine indirectly and the Chinese belligerence in the region directly has forced another country to give up its long-standing stand of being a non-military nation.

Pacifist Japan has said it would soon start a once-unthinkable \$ 320 billion military build-up that would arm it with missiles capable of striking China and ready it for a sustained conflict as regional tensions and Russia's Ukraine invasion stoke war fears, globally.

Last week, Japan approved a new national security strategy – one of the country's largest defence shake-ups since World War II. This is a marked shift from the country's pacifist approach, which has dominated its political discourse for decades.

Fumio Kishida's Japanese government worries that Russia has set a precedent that will encourage China to attack Taiwan, threatening nearby Japanese islands, disrupting supplies of advanced semi-conductors, and putting a potential stranglehold on sea lanes that supply Middle East oil.

The newly released National Security Paper spells out that Russia's invasion of Ukraine is a serious violation of laws that forbid the use of force and has shaken the foundations of the international order, and the strategic challenge posed by China is the biggest Japan has ever faced.

In its sweeping five-year plan and revamped national security strategy, the Japanese government said on 16th December, that it would also stockpile spare parts and other munitions, reinforce logistics, develop cyber-warfare capabilities, and cooperate more closely with the United States and other like-minded nations to deter threats to the established international order.

#### NEIGHBOURS' REACTION

Neighbouring South Korea issued a strong protest against Japan's territorial claim over disputed islands made in a national security paper, while cautiously responding to Tokyo's plans for an unprecedented military build-up.

South Korea's foreign ministry has demanded an immediate removal of the territorial claims from Japan's national strategy documents, saying in a statement that the move did nothing to help "building a



future-oriented relationship" between the two countries, and it hoped the implementation of Japan's new security policy will be transparent and contribute to regional peace and stability while continuing to uphold the spirit of its pacifist constitution.

On his part, South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol who took office in May has tried to improve ties with Tokyo, which have been marred by the territorial row over the islands and historic disputes stemming from Japan's 1910-1945 occupation of Korea.

However, President Yoon, had said in an interview in November that it was understandable for Japan to boost its defence spending given the growing threat from North Korea's ballistic missile programme.

Meanwhile, China has said that hyping up the threat posed by Beijing to back its military build-up "is doomed to fail." Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Wang Wenbin has said that Japan's new defence policy ignores facts, deviates from its commitment to China-Japan relations and the common understandings between the two countries, and groundlessly discredits China's defence building and normal military activities. China resolutely opposes this and has made serious demarches to the Japanese side through diplomatic channels.

#### AMERICAN PRAISE

US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan has praised Japan's new national security

and defence strategies, saying they will also support the US-Japan alliance.

Sullivan also praised Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's commitment to international peace, nuclear non-proliferation, and his leadership, including support for Ukraine.

The reason for United States to welcome the Japanese decision stems from the prism, which it uses to view China. United States sees China as "the only competitor with both the intent to reshape the international order and, increasingly, the economic, diplomatic, military, and technological power to advance that objective." Washington has positioned the next decade – the same period covered by Japan's three new security documents – as

a critical period.

#### JAPAN BECOMES 3RD-BIGGEST MILITARY SPENDER

Unthinkable under past administrations, the rapid arming of Japan, which already hosts U.S. forces, including a carrier strike group and a Marine expeditionary force, has the backing of most voters, according to opinion polls. Some surveys put support as high as 70 percent of voters.

Kishida's plan will double defence outlays to about 2 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) over the next five years, and increase the defence ministry's share to about one-tenth of all public spending.

It will also make Japan the world's third-biggest military spender after the US and China, based on current budgets.

The five-year spending roadmap did not come with a detailed plan for how Kishida's administration would pay for it, as ruling Liberal Democratic Party lawmakers continue to discuss whether to raise taxes or borrow money.

Having seen Russia's and Ukraine's enormous expenditure of munitions and material, the Japanese government is focused on buying munitions, spare parts, and other equipment that the Japanese forces will need if a conflict breaks out in the next few years. In addition, Japan will acquire new capabilities, such as long-range missiles that can strike enemy missiles on the launchpad, and it will invest in future high-tech capabilities in realms such as cyber and space. In toto, Japan's armed forces will fast become much more formidable in the near future.

In fact, Japan becomes the second country after Germany to give up its post-WW II stance on being a military power, in the backdrop of the Russia-Ukraine war. But the notable point is that in both cases the U.S. has welcomed the decision of both the governments, as it will translate in big business for its armaments industry.

In reality the Japanese decision may lead to an end to the ear of non-alignment and efforts to establish world peace sans armaments.

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## Dress It Up How You Want, Messi Is Simply The Bisht

Oliver Brown

When you are as luminous a star as Lionel Messi, everybody seeks to bask in your glow. Even, it seems, the Emir of Qatar, who chose the moment of Messi's investiture as a World Cup winner to envelop him in a black bisht, a traditional cloak worn in Arab societies for thousands of years. A kind interpretation is that his hosts were presenting him as somehow eternal, tying him to the trappings of royalty. Or perhaps they just wanted to leave their own indelible imprimatur on this headiest of sporting nights.

Messi as the match winner in the greatest World Cup final: it was the type of ending that, for Qatar's ruling al-Thani family, not even \$300 billion could buy. For it conferred immortality on a tournament that, for 12 years, had looked fated to be recalled for everything but sport. Messi, in timeless fashion, dictated otherwise, grasping the most important match of his life by the throat and ensuring that here, amid the sparks, politics and unrelenting noise of his adoring Argentinian fans, his career would end complete.

It is, arguably, the most stirring act of resolution sport has ever seen.

The will for Messi to win the World Cup had become almost a universal yearning, resisted only by Cristiano Ronaldo and his apologists. But the strength of public feeling seldom guarantees that the desired conclusion will come to pass. The late Diego Maradona, in whose Buenos Aires back garden Argentina's triumph was greeted with particular fervour, had the self-destructive impulses that led him off the rails in disgrace. Messi, though, is made of more resilient material. Where Maradona was his own worst enemy, his heir brings only an exquisite sense of control.

The abiding impression of the evening was that Messi simply would not let this chance pass him by. You felt it in the smoothly dispatched penalty with which he set this wonderful final alight, and in the snatched extra-time



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goal that seemed sure, without Kylian Mbappe, to be the decisive strike. It was an unusually frantic intervention by Messi's standards, but he still needed the presence of mind to pull the trigger. As he peeled away in jubilation, you sensed the stars aligning.

As Gonzalo Montiel fired the winning spot kick beyond Hugo Lloris, Messi dropped to his knees in gratitude, his teammates surrounding him and cradling his head like the

nation's prodigal son. This Messi mission had been a collective enterprise, with Argentina's players appearing as relieved that they had delivered for him as for themselves. It is the most rarefied of realms that he inhabits, as a living deity of the game. As such, he merits exceptional treatment, whether through his fans bowing before him in prayer or the most powerful man in Qatar trussing him up in a bisht.

Somehow, Messi did not dissolve in tears. It was as if, in common with the 89,000 inside the stadium, he was too emotionally scrambled to compute what was happening. There were too many sensations to process,

too many glad-handers to acknowledge. Across this confounding epic of a match, he had gone from joy to desolation and back again, twice. Only when Messi is permitted a few seconds alone with his winner's medal can he absorb the full magnitude of what he has achieved.

The magnificence of Messi is defined less by what he does with the ball at his feet than by how he makes people feel. This was true even before the final, when one Argentinian journalist told him the result was insignificant, given all the millions of children he had inspired. He nodded appreciatively, but in a way that sug-

gested he did not quite agree.

After all, Messi had made this trophy his lifetime's ambition, only to see it ebb away in the 2014 final. Here, he resolved that he was not about to experience the same nightmare twice. As is his wont, he waited and hovered, only to explode at the crucial junctures to shape the course of history.

Chants of "Messi, Messi" filled the night sky as the champions paraded down Lusail Boulevard. The revelries were so raucous, you suspected Argentina would not be finished by Christmas. It is not typical for any supporters' love to be focused so disproportionately on one figure. But in this, his fifth and likely final World Cup, Messi has made a habit of subverting the rules. He has scored in every round of the tournament at the age of 35. He has defied the pain of a nagging leg injury. And he has galvanised Argentina to seize the greatest prize of all after they lost their first game to Saudi Arabia.

He had a hand in everything in this final. He rode the rises and falls, bidding his time for when he could exert the maximum influence. And then, after 2½ hours of unrivalled theatre, he had his reward, celebrating the consummation of his dream alongside his three sons.

It was an hour before he could make it official at his audience with the Emir. A complex ribbon-shaped stage had to be built, and the bisht ceremonially bestowed. The photographers would have preferred that he had worn only his blue-and-white Argentina shirt, but for an icon of Messi's stature, there are certain protocols to indulge. He has brought down the curtain on a complex World Cup and on a sporting life of unbroken brilliance. As the ticker-tape fell, you honestly could not have asked for more.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer. The article was originally published by The Sydney Morning Herald



## Heavy Investments In J&K Post-2019 A 'Lie': Mehbooba

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said the claim made by the government about heavy investment flow into Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 is a "lie".

"Despite GOIs tall claims of heavy investment flow into J&K post abrogation of Article 370, the figures presented by them in the Parliament prove otherwise. 840 crores in 2017-18 vis-a-vis 376 crores in 2021-22. A lie has no legs," Mehbooba Mufti tweeted.

The former chief minister was reacting to the government's figures on year-wise investments in Jammu and Kash-



mir for the past five years.

Article 370, a temporary provision in the Constitution, gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir while Article 35-A prohibited people from the rest of India to buy properties in the erstwhile state.

Both provisions were abrogated on August 5, 2019, and the state was divided into two Union Territories -- Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

## Newly Appointed DAP's Jammu Provincial Secretary Resigns

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Days after being appointed as Jammu Provincial Secretary, Democratic Azad Party (DAP) leader Jai Singh on Monday submitted his resignation from the post, citing "personal reasons".

DAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad made various appointments in the party over the past two days - nearly three months

after its launch in Jammu.

"Due to my personal reasons, I am not in a position to carry forward political activities, so I hereby resign from the post of Provincial secretary DAP Jammu with immediate effect," Singh said in a communique to the party chairman.

Singh along with eight other leaders were appointed as provincial secretary, Jammu on Sunday.

## JKPCC President Trains Guns At Azad

Says Ex-CM Should Be Stripped Of Padma Award For 'Compromising National Security'

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Vikar Rasool Wani on Monday said former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad should be stripped of his Padma award for "compromising national security".

Former Congress leader and Democratic Azad Party chief Azad had recently said that when he was the J-K chief min-

ister, he had informed then Union Home Minister Shivraj Patil and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh about the links of some leaders with terrorists.

"If there were people in his cabinet who were involved in militancy, his MLAs were involved, why did he not take action against them? It means he (Azad) compromised the national security and such a person does not deserve an (Padma) award," Wani told reporters after a party convention in Kulgam district of south Kashmir.

Wani said the Azad should be stripped of his award and action should be taken against him.

"I demand that President of

India should recall his award and initiate action against him," Wani, who was minister of state in the government headed by Omar Abdullah, added.

Addressing the party workers, the PCC president without naming Azad said the former chief minister was the "biggest traitor" if he did not take action against his ministers involved in militancy.

"Why did you not take action? You are the biggest traitor then. You were the home minister as well as chairman of the unified headquarters. For what did you get the award then? Does a person deserve an award who compromises national security?" he said.

## Govt Okays Policy For Non-Timber Forest Products In J&K

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, accorded administrative approval to the policy for sustainable collection and utilization of Non-Timber forest Products NTFP in J&K.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting.

This policy is aimed at ensuring sustainable collection and utilization of Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP), including medicinal plants, while

providing livelihood support to the people residing in and around forests by promoting sustainable extraction, value addition and development of market linkages.

The policy is in sync with the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Forest Policy 2011. This intervention of the Government will lead to dispensing of the existing practice of auction of non-timber forest produces and will per-



mit local people to collect these resources from wild on sustainable basis so that they can share the benefits equitably amongst themselves.

This policy will result in enhancement of income of the local communities, value addition of these products besides Forest Department will also extend support for market linkages.

### NEW LAND LAWS

## 58 Out Of 59 Structures In Gulmarg Set To Face Axe: Hoteliers



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Gulmarg—a famous ski-resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, witnessing a huge flow of tourists throughout the year, especially in winters, will face a serious ramifications in case there is no revocation of the decision taken by the government about ending the owners right to hold on to properties on lease in Jammu and Kashmir.

The hoteliers in the Valley are expecting a positive response from the government in a bid to ensure that the livelihood of hundreds of families is not affected.

"Of total 59 structures in the shape of hotels, restaurants and others in Gulmarg, 58 will have to be closed as the lease has ended. In case there is no change to the government directive, the families of all those employees as well as the hoteliers will get directly

affected," Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya, a well-known hotelier of Kashmir, and Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Hoteliers Club, said.

"The major impact will be on hoteliers in Gulmarg. But, like other parts of the country, we are expecting the government to come up with a favourable decision so that the endeavour of the government to increase the employment avenues and also reduce the unemployment rate will not get affected," he said.

"We have no dispute with the government, but want a peaceful solution to the issue. The hoteliers are ready to pay even enhanced rates to extend the lease to them. We know the lease has ended and want the government to look into the issue and come up with a favourable decision," he said.

Chaya appealed the government to take some measures favouring the hoteliers, so that they could heave a sigh of relief.

## Admin Proposes 'Shukpa' And 'Tsernsnon' As State Tree, Flower Of Ladakh

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** The Ladakh administration has proposed Bhoti 'Shukpa' and Bhoti 'Tsernsnon' as the state tree and state flower of the union territory of Ladakh, officials said.

The proposed state tree and state flower for the union territory of Ladakh are placed in the public domain for suggestions and comments from experts and the general public by the committee constituted for the purpose, Chairperson State tree and flower committee, Dr Padma Gurmet said.

After the detailed deliberations, the experts suggested Juniperus polycarpus (Shukpa) as the state tree and Meconopsis acauleta (Tsernsnon) as the state flower of Ladakh, Dr Gurmet said.

Before submitting the final proposal for approval, the panel has sought

views and suggestions of the general public and experts before January 7 next year, Chairperson said.

Shukpa is from the cupressaceae family and is commonly known as "Himalayan pencil cedar", officials said. The plant is locally known as 'Shukpa' in Buddhist communities and 'Chilgi' among the Brokpa tribes of Ladakh.

The tree, which is confined to dry tracts of western and north-western Himalayas between 2,800 to 3,800 meters above sea level, is declining in its population due to low germination of seeds and over-exploitation, they said.

Similarly, Tsernsnon belongs to the "Papaveraceae" family and is commonly known as "The Himalayan blue poppy". Both the plant and flower are used as medicine in the Sow-Rigpa system, they said.



## GMS Onagam Gifts Woollen Sweaters To Girl Students



Observer News Service

**BANDIPORA:** The Government Girls Middle School Onagam gifted 25 girl students of classes 6th, 7th and 8th woollen sweaters today at a simple ceremony held in the premises of the school.

The ceremony was chaired by Dr Shiekh Mushtaq, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Bandipora. Prominent Social Science teacher and ex headmaster Mr Nissar Ahmad Jan was the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Shiekh Mushtaq urged the students of GMS Onagam to take their studies seriously. Sharing story of his own education journey, he informed the students that he has got his education throughout his career from government institutions. He commended the headmaster of the school for his novel approach and initiatives to provide quality education to the students.

Javid Jawad headmaster of the school in his welcome address while referring to the recent horrific suicide incident of Sopore teenage girl appealed all the teachers to at least adopt one student from their respective neighbourhoods and take care of their all expenses.

He suggested that every well off family should adopt one poor family so that Sopore like incidents would not repeat.

## PM KUSUM, Rooftop Solar Schemes Saurabh Bhagat Inaugurates Awareness Programme In Pulwama

Observer News Service

**PULWAMA:** The Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development (JAKEDA), Department of Science and Technology on Monday conducted an awareness programme to sensitize the farmers regarding use of Solar Energy for powering irrigation pumps.

The programme was conducted under the chairmanship of Commissioner Secretary, Science & Technology, Saurabh Bhagat here at Pulwama.

Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Baseer-ul-Haq Choudhary, Additional Director J&K Science Technology and Innovation Council, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, JAKEDA, Executive Officers, JAKEDA, besides officers from Horticulture and Agriculture Departments, district administration Pulwama and officials of JAKEDA attended the awareness programme.

During the programme, Saurabh Bhagat informed the officers and the farmers about various benefits and incentives being extended by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy under PM KUSUM scheme, which is primarily meant to uplift the farmers.

Commissioner Secretary said that the scheme allows the farmers to install subsidized Solar Powered Pumps up to 10 H.P capacity, for irrigation purposes with a choice of AC/DC Surface and Submersible Pumps.

Commissioner Secretary also informed about the Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Scheme, under which a collective subsidy of 65% shall be provided to the domestic consumers of DIS-

COMs for installation of Rooftop Solar Plants for offsetting their electricity bills under the Net-Metering mechanism.

Regarding the Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Scheme, Commissioner Secretary said that such schemes are the only and viable solution to the existing strain on the electricity availability in whole of the UT. He added that such schemes will be implemented in the DC office complex Pulwama and in all government offices in near future to end the dependency on electricity. That will set an example for the general public to reap the benefits out of the highly subsidized scheme of Government of India, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner said installing such pumps will relieve the farmer community of the burden of electricity charges and will thereby strengthen them economically. This will in-turn increase the net income of the farmers.

Pertinently, PM KUSUM scheme has broadly two main components. Under Component "B", the Diesel Powered Pumps could be replaced by Solar Pumps and New pumps could also be installed in No-Grid areas under decentralized application, whereas under Component "C", Electrical Pumps could be replaced with Solar Powered Pumps by the farmers. Under both categories, the Ministry provides a subsidy of 50% of the cost of the pump, 30% of the cost is being provided by the Government of J&K and the beneficiary/farmer has to bear only 20% cost of the pump, which can also be financed by any bank at meager interest rates.

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Subject: Filling up of the posts of Scientific Officers in FSL, J&K in Home Department -Result of Written Test reg;

Notification No. PSC/Exam/2022/ 38  
Dated: 19.12.2022

In pursuance of Rule 32 of J&K Public Service Commission (Conduct of Examinations) Rules, 2005 read with Rule 31 of J&K Public Service Commission (Business & Procedure) Rules, 2021, the candidates as per Annexure-A to this notification are hereby declared to have qualified for the Oral Test/Viva Voce for the post of Scientific Officers in FSL, J&K in Home Department on the basis of their performance in the Written Tests which was held w.e.f. 14.11.2022 to 18.11.2022. The notification with respect to the dates of Interview/Viva-Voce shall be notified separately.

### NOTE:

- For checking the result, candidates are advised to access the official website of the Commission i.e. <http://www.jkpsc.nic.in>.
- The candidature of candidates shown in Annexure -A is purely provisional and in case any discrepancy with regard to age/qualification/experience and other eligibility condition is noticed at the time of interview or thereafter, the candidate shall not be allowed to appear in the interview or where the candidate has already appeared in the interview, the candidature shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio.
- Only eligible candidates, possessing requisite qualification prescribed under rules, shall be allowed to appear in the Oral Test/Viva-Voce subject to the condition that they are within the prescribed age limit on the cut-off date.
- Candidates possessing Degrees obtained through Distance Mode shall be allowed to appear before the Interview Board subject to their satisfying the conditions prescribed under Government Order No. 252-HE of 2012 dated: 30.05.2012 & production of the documentary evidence in this regard.
- The candidates shall produce their original certificates/testimonials on the date of oral test/Viva-Voce.

This is subject to the outcome of writ petition, if any, pending disposal before any competent Court of Law.

No: PSC/Exam/PSL/2021  
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### Annexure-A to Notification No. PSC/Exam/2022/38 Dated:19/12/2022

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Post: Scientific Officer Biology/Serology	
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## Provincial Level Table Tennis Tourney Begins

Observer News Service

**SHOPIAN:** The Department of Youth Services & Sports, District Shopian on Monday organised the Provincial Level, Inter-District Competitions of Table Tennis for Boys U-17 and U-19 at Bismillah Hotel Shirmal, here.

In the competition, all 10 districts of Kashmir Division are participating which include 86 student players.

The inaugural function was attended by the Additional Dep-

uty Commissioner Shopian, Yar Ali Khan, District Youth Services & Sports Officer Shopian, Syed Noor Ul Haq and the Activity Incharge DYSSO Shopian, Riyaz Ahmad Wachkoo.

The function started with ADC Shopian administering the pledge to fight against the drug abuse. ADC highlighted the ill effects of drug abuse and insisted the student players to participate in the sports with dedication and pursue career in sports and remain away from the drug abuse.

## South Kashmir Volleyball C'ship Starts In Kulgam



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** A three-day long South Kashmir Volleyball Championship was inaugurated by Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull in Badru, Kulgam on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion Nuzhat Gull emphasised on the role of the civil society and parents on curbing the growing drug menace. She said that while drug addiction is devouring young lives, sports is the hope to chain the devil.

Speaking about fake sports associations, Secretary Sports Council said we have put a transparent mechanism in place to filter chalk from the cheese and as of now fake associations have almost disappeared from the scene.

More than 12 teams including both women and men drawn from all the four districts of South Kashmir are participating in the event. The event is part of special sports initiative My Youth My Pride.

## Messi, Mbappe Give Qatar The Perfect World Cup Ending



Agencies

**DOHA:** The power of money was on full display in the Qatari city of Lusail on Sunday as Argentina beat France 4-2 on penalties to become world champion for the third time and end Lionel Messi's pursuit of the one major trophy that had eluded him in his storied career.

One of the most thrilling finals in the tournament's 92-year history finished 3-3 through extra time, with Messi scoring twice and Kylian Mbappé completing a hat trick.

In the end it was not a bad return for Qatar, which spent an estimated \$200 billion on staging soccer's most prestigious event.

Hundreds of millions more have been paid out to take superstars Messi and Mbappé to Qatari-owned Paris Saint-Germain.

On a temporary stage in the middle of the field, Qatar's emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, gave Messi a Qatari ceremonial robe to wear over his Argentina shirt for the traditional World Cup trophy lift.

Messi was beaming with pride as he tenderly kissed the cup of solid gold. Perhaps predictably, FIFA president Gianni Infantino described it as the "best World Cup ever."

However, he is not the only one to speak about it in positive terms.

Qatar will forever be associated with Messi after he finally won the World Cup and further strengthened his case to be considered the greatest player of all time.

"It took so long, but here it is," Messi said. "Obviously, I wanted to complete my career with this, (I) can't ask for more."

At 35, Messi was the story of what is likely his last World

Cup, and the narrative became more compelling with every win, every goal and every assist that provided flashes of the brilliance he produced with more regularity during his peak years.

That the final developed into a personal duel between him and PSG teammate Mbappé added another thread to a captivating contest.

Mbappé is the natural heir to Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo as soccer's next superstar and he scored the first hat trick in a World Cup final in 56 years.

He was also the tournament's leading scorer with eight goals, ensuring another of Qatar's great investments was on the podium to collect a trophy in the end.

But the enduring image of a World Cup was one of the world's greatest ever players, in traditional Qatari dress, lifting the sport's biggest prize of all. (AP)

## England's Rehan Ahmed Becomes Youngest To Take 5 On Test Debut

Agencies

**KARACHI:** England's debutant leg-spinner Rehan Ahmed completed a five-wicket haul on Test debut in Karachi in the third and final Test of the series against Pakistan, becoming the youngest Test bowler in history to get a fiver on debut.

At 18 years and 126 days, Rehan became the youngest bowler in men's Test history to take a five-wicket haul on debut. The leg-spinner beat the record held by Pat Cummins when he picked up his fifth wicket on day three of the Karachi Test. Cummins was 18 years, 193 days old when he took 6/79 against South Africa back in 2011.

Babar Azam and Saud Shakeel were putting together a fine partnership for Pakistan when Rehan turned the advantage firmly in England's way with the wickets of Azam (54), Mohammad Rizwan (7) and Shakeel (53) in a six-over stretch. He cleaned up the last two scalps of Mohammad Wasim and Agha Salman to finish with a five-for on debut as Pakistan were bowled out for 216 in their second innings, setting England a target of 167.

Earlier, electing to bat first, Pakistan had posted 304 in their first innings, with fifties by skipper Babar Azam (78) and Agha Salman (56).



Spinner Jack Leach (4/140) was the pick of the bowlers for England. England gained a 50-run lead in the match and they were bundled out for 354 in their first innings. Harry Brook (111) and Ben Foakes (64) were the leading batters for the visitors. Nauman Ali (4/126) and Abrar Ahmed (4/150) were stand-out bowlers for Pakistan.

Rehan became the 53rd England bowler to take a five-wicket haul on Test debut, a feat that Will Jacks had achieved earlier in the series. However, Rehan's age made him the youngest to take the feat on Test debut. Rehan had earlier become England's youngest Test debutant when he was handed a cap for the third Test of the series.

Earlier this year, Ahmed impressed in the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup as England's second-highest wicket-taker with 12 wickets in four matches at an average of 12.58. (ANI)

## Sharma Ruled Out Of 2nd Bangladesh Test: Sources

Agencies

**DHAKA:** India skipper Rohit Sharma has reportedly been ruled out of the second and final Test match of the two-game series against Bangladesh to be played in Dhaka starting from December 22. As per sources close to ANI, Rohit, who missed the first Test after sustaining a thumb injury during the second ODI against Bangladesh, will no longer be travelling to Dhaka.

India skipper Rohit Sharma missed the third and final ODI against Bangladesh with a finger injury sustained in the second match and could not make it to the ongoing first Test match being played at Chattogram. After a special consultation in Mumbai, it was found out by the medical team that this persistent injury was keeping him out of action, and even forced him out of the first Test against Bangladesh.

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