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

**Auqib Javeed** 

n 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

The official report titled Himalayan Brown Bear "Himalayan 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!

**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 Thajiwas (Baltal) Wildlife Sanctuary, Sonamarg, Laxpathri, 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 Himalavan 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 Augaf Exempted

**Auqib Javeed** 

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

The dissolution of local Waqf or Augaf 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 Augaf 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 Augaf 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.

"It is hereby notified that all the local Waqf / Auqaf Committees shall be deemed as void ab-initio throughout I&K & any kind of interference by such local Waqf Committees be reckoned illegal & to invite action under Law on all the Waqf Units managed by J&K Waqf Board," it adds

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 Anjumane-Augaf 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 Augaf. Andrabi further informed that there are More on P6

# **Every Institution Used for**

**Observer News Service** 

**Terror Incidents Down By** 

168% In J&K: Minister Thakur

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

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

ongress 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

# 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

### 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

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,"

### **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 that 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

### **SIT Formed To Probe Rajouri Killings**

Agencies

Srinagar: Investigation Team (SIT) has been formed by the Range Police Headquarters (RPHQ) to probe the recent killings of two civilians outside an army gate along Poonch-Rajouri highway.

Quoting official sources, a local news agency KNO reported that a SIT has been constituted by Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rajouri Poonch range, Dr. Haseeb Mughal to the recent killings.

SIT will work under the supervision of Senior Superintendent of Police Rajouri Muhammad Aslam and will be headed by Deputy SP Headquarters Rajouri Chanchal Singh while it's members wil be Inspector Danish Maqbool, PSI Jatinder Sharma and two Head Constables," they said.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been asked to update day to More on P6

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

**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 Iammu & Kashmir has declined. "Employment genera-

tion 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

### **OGW Arrested In Baramulla: Police**

he 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**



ughal 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 throughfare 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

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ire 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**

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labourer was killed and a driver injured on Monday when Adriver 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**

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**

Olice 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

Monday - Saturday (9am - 6pm) No 5- Dal Lake Boulevard Srinagar, 190001, Kashmir

### **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, 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

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 (CO2e), 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 cent of internet traffic and

Carbon values, as seen Berners-Lee's book, have varied from 0.3 to 50 grams of CO2e 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

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

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 CO2e 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 CO2e. However, the impact of using a laptop for 30 minutes (to delete these emails) emits 28 grams of CO2e 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 CO2e. So, manually deleting emails can actually have a greater carbon impact than simply storing them, since you spend more time using the

### **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 result 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 have stood test of time to establish industrial peace.

...Sd/-.... Mufti Shujat **Gen Secretary** 

Demanded/Committed

Position of Funds:

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

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



پُھٹی آمدہ ایس ڈی ایم صاحب زیر نیمری SDMP/EFP-38/2022-3 مورن SDMP/EFP-38/2022-3 يينية نٺ سرڻفيکيٺ تجق وارژ ان غلام حسن متو في شتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام معاملہ بذیل کے نسبت ریپورٹ پٹواری طلب کی گئی مطابق ریپورٹ غلام<sup>ح</sup>سن دَارمورن20220-11-06 كوفوت ہو چكاہے اور متو في محكمه Health میں بحثیت mts کام کراہاتھااور دوارن ملازمت فوت ہو چکاہے لفکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں کوئی عذر بااعتراض ہوتو وہسات دن کےاندراندرا پنااعتراض

Govt, of Jammu & Kashmir

### **DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES 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 81 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.

S. No	Name of the official	Designation	D.O.B	Date of 1st Apptt/ Regul	Present place of Posting	
1	Mohd. Ishtiyaq Ah- mad	T.B Insp.	25-03-1963	20-07-1984	STDC Srinagar STDC Srinagar	
2	Bashir Ahmad Dar	T.B Insp.	04-04-1964	11-09-1989		
3	Pouf 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

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

No: DHSK/Est-4/NG-449/S.List/TB.Insp/8493-96

DIPK-15318/22 Dated: -17-12-2022

Sd/- Director Health Services, Kashmir

### Government of Jammu and Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER HYDRAULIC DIVISION URI

email: urihydraulic@gmail.com **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER** 

e\_NIT\_No.\_41/Hyd/Uri\_of\_2022-23Dated: 17/12/2022

For and on behalf of Hon'bleLieutenant 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

S. No.	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of Comple- tion	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 Kanzna 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 Massonary 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 Khulat 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.infrom:

Publishing Date	19/12/2022 from10:00AM
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

The Tender uploaded on the website upto due date and time will be opened on the schedule date and timeorany other date convenient 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.

1.1. Failure of Successful tenderer to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit. 1.2. 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.

NO: HDU/CC-02/4367-87 DIPK-15310/22 DATED: -19/12/2022

(Er. Shabir Ahmad Bhat) Executive Engineer, Hydraulic Division Uri

### Office Of The Medical Superintendent District Hospital Shopian **AUCTION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the interested persons for Auction of items/instruments/scrap of various Hospital items. Interested Parties will attend the auction on 26-12-2022 in District Hospital Shopian premises. The bid will start at 11:00 am up to 2:00 pm. The successful bidders shall deposit the whole amount on spot against proper receipt.

1. That only those parties woud be eligible for participation in open auction who have deposited CDR of Rs.5000/- in the name of Medi-

cal Superintendent D H Shopian up That each bidder is entitled to furnish respective registered firms.

3. That each bidder will be allowed at the most to have one helper with him in the auction day.

4. Tha the auction committee should be at liberty to accept or reject the bids wihout assigning any reasons thereof.

5. That the GST rates as applicable shall be charged over and above the value of the highest bid. 6. The list o deadstock items for auction will be available in the office of Medical Superintendent District Hospital Shopian

No: Est/MS/DH/SPN/3461

DIPK-15337/22 Dated: 19-12-2022

Medical Superintendent District Hospital Shopian

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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**

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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 identified 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.

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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 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,
- 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 Socialistic 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.

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### Qaum Ka Gam Khateyhain, Dinner Key Saath

**Observer News Service** 

RINAGAR: The Iftar parties being hosted by every Tom, RINAGAR: The man parties being notice 2. come 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 forall 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 premis-es of the erstwhile chief minister's official residence on the main Civil Lines artery was the reason why vehicular traffic was di-verted 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.

(Kashmir Observer, 20 December, 2000)

### **KU To Get Key Technical Education Tourist Found Dead Inside Hotel Programmes Accredited By NBA**

Agencies

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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 resultantly, 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.

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# Acrimony At The UN

he 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 OPINON

# Why we need to listen to Shah Rukh Khan

nsights, when they are repeated for long enough, become cliches 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.

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# 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.

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 lifegrooming 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 tion 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. Daydreaming 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.

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

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

his 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 Tehsildars 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**

he 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

t 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 nonmilitary 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

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 is 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 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

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

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

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 thirdbiggest 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 bor-

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 arma-

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

**Oliver Brown** 

Then 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

t 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

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 ju-

bilation, you sensed the stars aligning. As Gonzalo Montiel fired the winning spot kick beyond Hugo Lloris,

Messi dropped to his knees in grati-

tude, 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 de-

fined 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 suggested 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, biding 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.

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# National Medical Commission Warns Against Using Stem Cell Therapy For Treating Autism

**Press Trust of India** 

**New Delhi:** The National Medical Commission (NMC) has warned against the use of stem cell therapy for treating autism due to inadequate scientific evidence on its efficacy and said its promotion and advertisement will be considered as "professional misconduct".

The Ethics and Medical Registration Board (EMRB) of the NMC said more research needs to be conducted and encouraged in terms of well-designed double-blind randomised controlled trials to explore the safety and efficacy of stem cell therapy (SCT) in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The recommendations by a committee of experts constituted by the EMRB of the NMC to examine the issues related to prescription, recommendation of administration of SCT for ASD have come following a court order as their use has become prevalent despite there being not much of scientific evidence on its efficacy, Yogendra Malik, EMRB member told PTI.

National and international guidelines, including those by the ICMR, are uniform in their



conclusion that there is insufficient evidence for SCT in ASD. The guidelines do not recommend it as a treatment for ASD and call for more high-quality research, the committee said in its report.

Several experts in the field have noted prevailing unethical practice of offering SCT as a treatment for ASD. They have also expressed concern and warned about its indiscriminate promotion, it said.

Five randomised controlled trials/controlled clinical trials of SCT in ASD have so far been conducted. The largest and a well-designed double-blind randomised placebo controlled study was by Geraldine Dawson

in 2020, the committee said.

In this study of 180 children with ASD, SCT was given to 119 children with ASD, with 61 controls. At the end of 6 months, there was no difference between cases and controls on any of the primary outcome measures, it said.

Another controlled trial by Chez from the US also did not find any difference between SCT and placebo. The other three trials -- one from Iran and two from China -- did find some benefit, the committee said in its report.

However, these studies were found to be inadequate in terms of their methodological rigour and therefore the reliability of their results is questionable.

Thus, it can be safely concluded that as of now there is

cluded that as of now, there is no clear evidence that SCT is efficacious in ASD, it said.

Predatory marketing of SCT in ASD leading to creation of false hopes, unrealistic expectations, and exploitation of the affected population and their families, the committee said.

"These recommendations are in response to the court case where the court wanted us to constitute a committee and give recommendation whether stem cell procedure should be used in autism or not because its use has become very frequent despite the fact that we don't have so much of scientific evidence for use of stem of therapy in autism treatment," Malik said.

"That's why the NMC has come up with these recommendations," he said.

There is no treatment that can "cure" ASD. Parent and caregiver education and counselling is the first step, so that it helps them to understand, accept and cope with their child's problem and also learn how to be part of home-based parent mediated intervention, the committee said in its report.

A number of management approaches have been found to be beneficial in improving the core manifestations of ASD, improving their skills and competencies, and reducing comorbid problems, it said.

These include behavioural interventions such as Applied Behavioural analysis (ABA), Naturalistic developmental behavioral interventions such as early start denver model, speech /language therapy, occupational therapy, educational approaches, and pharmacological management of comorbid problems such as epilepsy, sleep disorders, and behavioural/psychiatric problems.

The physical investigations varies from case to case and may include genetic, metabolic, electrophysiological and neuro-imaging studies. Genetic counselling needs to be carried out whenever needed. To conclude, ASD is multifactorial in origin with no established cure, the committee said in its report.

Existing evidence supports the role of behavioural, developmental, and educational interventions as the primary therapeutic modalities for children with ASD, the report said.

### Godrej Appliances Launches Air Conditioners With Hot & Cold Technology

**Srinagar:** Godrej Appliances, business unit of Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group has launched Godrej Hot & Cold Air Conditioners to maintain the desired room temperature in both summers and winters. The AC can cool your room in the scorching summer heat when temperatures can soar higher than 50°C, and can warm the room in chilling winters even as the ambient temperature reaches sub-zero temperature sas low as -7°C. The ACs are well suited for territories which tend to use heaters during winters.

Godrej Hot and Cold Air Conditioners are available in 1.5 Tr. 3-Starwith Twin Rotary Inverter Compressor for efficient refrigerant flow. It uses Quick Defrost Technology for a shorter defrost cycle and its 5-in-1 Convertible Technology gives you 5 different cooling levels to set your desired cooling/ heating requirement basis the weather, number of people in the room and your personal temperature preference.Other key features include Nano Coated Anti-Viral filter that eliminates 99.9%\*+

viral particles from the air to provide safety to the consumers, 100% Copper coils and connecting pipe for more efficiency and durability, Anticorrosive blue fins that resist corrosion for a longer time.In keeping with Godrej's commitment to the environment, this AC uses eco-friendly R32 refrigerant that has zero ozone depletion and low global warming potential.

Speaking about the new ffering, Kamal Nandi, offering, Business Head and Executive Vice- President at Godrej Appliances, a flagship company of Godrej & Boyce, said, "Our new Hot & Cold ACs will provide greater comfort to consumers throughout the year and have been designed thoughtfully with a curated set of features. Our strength in service is an added advantage for us when it comes to this segment.Owing to its relatively niche nature, this segment has lesser offerings and we wanted to give more options to the consumers. The offering is more efficient and in sync with consumer's lifestyles compared to the currently used option of heaters."

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### **75% Diet Of Brown**

brown bear population in Kashmir has been a mystery for wildlife conservationists and researchers due to its restricted distribution in the alpine meadows of the Himalayas.

"Scant information exists about the Himalayan brown bear and almost no research exists on these bears in the Kashmir region," the study notes.

The study was conducted to assess the anthropogenic pressure on brown bear habitat, evaluate and mitigate human-bear conflict, and the dependence and habituation of brown bears on garbage dumps.

"The research team also found evidence of other species like the Himalayan marmot and the elusive Asian Ibex munching on trash. Such evidence points toward the alarming need to implement mitigation measures promptly," it

The Wildlife SOS further said that they will also be initiating a project to radio collar the brown bears of J&K to understand their movement patterns and ecology.

Suresh Kumar Gupta, Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K said "Wildlife SOS in collaboration with Department of Wildlife Protection J&K has been able to work out an insight to suggest site specific mitigative measures both on a short and long-term basis."

Aaliya Mir, Project Manager and Education Officer at Wildlife SOS said "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."

Swaminathan S, Wildlife SOS Senior Biologist, said "The findings from scat analysis were strengthened by data gathered from camera traps—62% of which have captured bone-chilling sequences of Brown bears foraging for food at garbage dumps. Such items from waste can be harmful to the gastric intestinal structure of the brown bear, leading to severe ailments and shortening their life span. Such behaviour can also be passed from mother to infant, leading to complete loss in natural foraging traits."

It further notes that, threatened by habitat destruction due to various anthropogenic pressures such as habitat encroachment, tourism, and grazing pressure, the Himalayan Brown bear population has been steadily declining in the past century with only an estimated 500-750 bears left in India. They are listed as "Critically Endangered" on the IUCN Red List.

### **Last Days Of**

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 4.8°C against minus 4.5°C on previous night and it was 0.4°C below normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kokernag recorded a low of minus 1.8°C against minus 0.7°C as on the previous night and it was 0.1°C below normal for the place, he said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 2.5°C against minus 1.5°C on the previous night, the official said. It was 2.3°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, the official told GNS.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at minus 3.5°C against minus 3.7°C on the previous night, the official said. It was 1.1°C below normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 7.4°C against 7.2°C on the previous night. It was 1.5°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of minus 0.4°C (below normal by 1.9°C), Batote 3.3°C (0.1°C below normal), Katra 7.8°C (0.2°C above normal) and Bhadarwah 1.2°C (0.8°C above normal).

Ladakh, Leh recorded minus 10.8°C while details regarding Kargil were not immediately available, the official said. (GNS)

### SIT Formed

day progress of investigation with Range Police Headquarters.

Sources said that the team will investigate the incident of firing that took place at Alfa gate army camp in Phalyana area of Rajouri town in which two local men Surinder Kumar and Kamal Kumar, both residents of ward 15 Phalyana, got killed while Anil Kumar from Uttrakhand got injured and is under treatment in GMC Rajouri.

Massive protests had rocked the Rajouri town areas after the incident—(KNO)

### **Waqf Board Cracks**

around thirty thousand properties in J&K that fall under Waqf Board.

When asked what was the logic behind the move, Andrabi said "Since the new body is heading the Waqf, she wants new committees and new faces to run the affairs of the Waqf."

"All the previous committees stand dissolved now," she added.

### **Army Won't**

took Indian territory along the LAC.

The Indian and Chinese troops were engaged in a fresh clash in Yangtse area of Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang sector on December 9.

The incident came amid the over 30-month border standoff in eastern Ladakh.

"People will say things; they may not be credible, they may sometimes contradict their own positions, their own behaviour. All that could happen. But the fact is what is finally the proof of the pudding. The proof of the pudding is that the Indian Army is deployed today to counter any attempt to unilaterally change the LAC." Jaishankar said.

The external affairs minister said it is the commitment of the Indian Army to not let China change the LAC unilaterally.

"I am saying that it is the obligation of the Indian state and that is the duty and commitment of the Indian military that we will not let any country, and in this case China, change the LAC unilaterally," Jaishankar said.

"I think it is fairly obvious and most people in the country see that. You can make your polemical points. I think people will treat it as politics," he added.

Asked about Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's criticism of the government for increasing trade volume with China notwithstanding the border row, he said that India continues to import from that country because there was no adequate focus on the manufacturing sector.

Jaishankar said not much attention was given to the MSME sector and building supply chains as well after India opened up its economy in 1991.

"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," Jaishankar said.

"It is only now in recent years that you have

"It is only now in recent years that you have started to do it. Now you cannot reverse in five or 10 years what you have done in 30 years," he said.

Speaking at the conclave, Jaishankar made 12 points about India-Japan ties and said the two countries have a "positive history" that will be an asset in the coming times.

He said Japan is perceived in India as a model

of harmonising modernity and tradition, adding there is a strong national consensus in India on developing ties with that country. "Traditionally, this was an economic rela-

tionship. In the past, global strategy had little impact on India-Japan ties," he said. "Businesses have long had a footprint in each other's economy. But, this did not become a

other's economy. But, this did not become a deep one. Japan started approaching India with a strategic outlook under former PM Shinzo Abe," he said.

Jaishankar said Japan has been a catalyst of

"change" and referred to Maruti bringing a lifestyle shift and Metro networks, an urbanization experience. "Bullet Train will have major consequences," he said.

Japan has been significantly supporting the Delhi Metro network.

"Our strategic compulsions are much stronger today as we are united to secure a multipolar Asia. And to ensure that Asian diversity is reflected in its power structure," the minister said.

He noted that the maritime convergence

between India and Japan is particularly strong and will grow in the years ahead.

"The energy of the Quad will charge up our bilateral ties and reinforce them for mutual benefit," he said, adding the big question is whether Japan will see India's growth as a strategic goal.

### **Terror Incidents**

of curbing counter terrorism, Thakur said that while government has worked on the legal front by strengthening UAPA, at the same time it has also taken steps at the enforcement level by giving National Investigation Agency a truly federal structure by introducing National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Act and the collective effect of these measures has been a weakening of the ecosystem of terrorism.

Highlighting that India has raised its concerns at the highest global levels, he said that in international conferences and meetings, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always pressed the world to unite against terror.

"The 90th Interpol General Assembly witnessed a participation of over 2000 foreign delegates and culminated in the announcement of 'Global Action Against Act of Terrorism," the Union Minister said.

Speaking about government's efforts towards

creating an atmosphere of peace in North East, Thakur said that an era of peace has dawned in NE since 2014 when insurgency violence has seen a sharp decline of 80 percent and civilian deaths have seen an 89 percent drop. "Added to this is the achievement of sur-

render by six thousand militants since 2014, the Union Minister said, "adding "The efforts of the Government to diminish capabilities of Left-wing extremists have caused a 265 percent drop in violent incidents,"

Thakur further said that the Government

Thakur further said that the Government is committed to go beyond armed action to counter terrorism and has worked to create an atmosphere of lasting peace across the region.

"These peace treatises are a legacy of the achievements of the Government," he said, while listing peace agreements signed by the government, including Bodo Accord in January 2020, Bru-Reang Agreement in January 2020, NLFT-Tripura Agreement in August 2019, Karbi Anglong Agreement Sept 2021,

And Assam-Meghalaya Inter State Boundary Agreement in March 2022.

Speaking on the Armed Forces Special Powers Act(AFSPA), the Minister said that AFSPA roll back has been only a matter of discussion all this while but the Government rolled it back from a large part of North East including the whole of Tripura and Meghalaya.

"It remains in force in only 3 districts of Arunachal Pradesh, 60 percent of Assam is free of AFSPA, 15 police stations under 6 districts have been taken out of the category of Disturbed Area, Disturbed Area notification has been removed from 15 police stations in 7 districts." he added.

The Minister also delved into the rescue operations run by the Government over the years. "India is increasingly being seen as a country

"India is increasingly being seen as a country that readily offers all assistance to other countries in their times of crisis and also as one that acts strongly against terrorism, while a neighboring country is only seen as one sheltering terrorism and propounding values of violence," he added.

### **Cong Demands**

"At times by the terrorists' bullet, and at times due to the mistakes of the forces, innocent people are losing their lives.

"They had said in the House that after abrogation of Article 370, we will capture PoK, and Aksai Chin. But today, Pandits are being forced out of the valley, lists are being made by terrorists to eliminate Pandits," Chowdhury said.

"We want a detailed discussion in Lok Sabha on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir," the Congress leader said.

He also mentioned a recent incident from Jammu's Rajouri town, where two civilians were shot dead and a third was injured on Friday morning near the gate of an Army facility.

"Innocent people have lost their lives in

Rajouri due to the Army's mistake, the government should at least give a statement," Chowdhury added.

### **Every Institution**

to previous years because our border (security) grid is working very strongly. The antiterror grid is also doing a commendable job and we will crush all the conspiracies being hatched from across the border," the police chief told reporters.

Asked about the recent demolition of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed commander Ashiq Nengroo's house in the Pulwama district of south Kashmir, Singh said the enemies of peace in Jammu and Kashmir and their supporters have raised properties in the name of terrorism.

"These properties include institutions and buildings that are being used to keep terrorism alive. One by one all such structures are being identified and stern action will be taken against such properties as per the law," he said.

According to officials, Nengroo's house was allegedly built on a piece of encroached government land at New Colony, Rajpora, and was demolished as part of an anti-encroachment drive

The DGP said a drive is on to seize or seal such properties and in a case where there is also a violation of government rules or norms, such structures will be demolished following the law

Over a series of hit lists of Kashmiri migrant pandit employees issued by The Resistance Front (TRF) -- an offshoot of terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Singh said it is aimed at creating panic and confusion among the people.

"The TRF is on our radar and we have dealt a severe blow to the group in the past and our actions will continue to finish it off. TRF is a mouthpiece of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and is working on behalf of various terror groups," he said.

He claimed that Pakistan has ruined the lives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir over the past 30 years by sponsoring terrorism from its soil and has now added one more dimension in the form of smuggling narcotics to ruin the youth and society.

"Drugs are coming in large numbers (from Pakistan) which is evident from the recovery done by the police."

Asserting that the campaign against the drug menace will continue, the DGP said police are also playing a major role in helping the drug addicts who are being rehabilitated in the deaddiction centres.

"We are here to support the public who are demanding more such facilities. Many drug de-addiction centres are operational in Jammu, Srinagar and at zonal levels. Another major drug de-addiction centre is coming up in Jammu," he said.

### **Unemployment Rate**

policies for making the country self-reliant and to create employment opportunities," he said, adding, "The Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) was launched with effect from 1st October, 2020 to incentivize employers for creation of new employment and restoration of loss of employment during Covid-19 pandemic."

The terminal date for registration of beneficiaries was 31.03.2022, he said. "Since inception of the scheme, till 28.11.2022, benefits of Rs. 7855.07 Crore have been provided to 60.13 lakhs beneficiaries under the scheme," he said, adding, "In Jammu & Kashmir, benefits of Rs. 35.39 Crore have been provided to 19.34 thousands beneficiaries under the scheme till 28.11.2022."

He said government is also implementing Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbharNidhi (PM SVANidhi Scheme) since June 01, 2020 to facilitate collateral free working capital loan to street vendors to restart their businesses, which were adversely impacted during the Covid-19 pandemic. "As on 02.12.2022, 37.68 lakh loans amounting to Rs.4,378 Crore have been disbursed under the scheme."

In Jammu & Kashmir, he said, 17.95 thousands loans have been disbursed under the scheme as on 02.12.2022. "The Government of India is encouraging various projects involving substantial investment and public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)etc. for employment generation," he said, adding, "Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) was launched by the Government for facilitating self-employment."

Under PMMY, he said, collateral free loans upto Rs. 10 lakh, are extended to micro/small business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities.

"Upto 25.11.2022, an amount of Rs 15.56 lakh crore was disbursed in 37.76 crore loan accounts sanctioned under the scheme," he said, adding, "In Jammu & Kashmir, an amount of Rs. 4,209.69 crore was disbursed in 1.89 lakh loan accounts sanctioned during 2022-23 (till 25.11.2022) under the scheme."

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes is being implemented by the Government with an outlay of Rs. 1.97 lakh crore, for a period of 5 years starting from 2021-22 which have potential for creating 60 lakh new jobs, he said. "All these initiatives are expected to collectively generate employment in the medium to long term through multiplier-effects."

### **OGW Arrested**

(Prevention) Act (UAPA), Explosive Substances Act and Arms Act has been registered in Police Station Baramulla and investigation taken up," the spokesperson said.

He further said that with Lone's timely arrest, major terror attacks like targeted killings in Baramulla/ adjoining areas, targeted attacks on convoy vehicles of SFs have been averted thus saving the precious lives of innocent civilians.

### Mughal Road

Meanwhile authorities said that traffic was plying on Jammu-Srinagar highway, the only surface link connecting Kashmir Valley with the outside world. SSG Road was through for the traffic, they added.

### Fire Breaks

spreading to other areas.

A police official said that a case has been registered and the cause of the fire is being ascertained.

### **Labourer Killed**

The injured driver was removed to Srinagar's SMHS for treatment. His condition is said to be stable.

Meanwhile, police has registered a case under relevant sections of law in this regard.

## **Pedestrian Crushed**"A case has been registered in this regard for due investigations", the official further said.

**3 Robbers Arrested**load carrier and fled away from the spot,"

police said in a statement. According to police spokesman, upon this information, a Case FIR Number 204/2022 under relevant section of laws was registered at Police

Station Chadoora and investigation taken up.
"During the course of investigation, police while working on various leads, obtained details of suspected vehicle and succeeded to arrest all three persons involved in the commission of crime and recovered the snatched cash from their possession," police said, adding, "The vehicle used for Commission of crime has also been seized." The involved arrested persons have been identified as Nasir Hussain Malik, Mohammad Saleem Bhat of Charar Sharief and Irfan Ali of Hufroo Charar Sharief. "Further investigation into the matter is going on." he said.

### **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.

### **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 the government to increase the 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 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.

# **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-

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 off his award and action should be taken against him.

"I demand that President of

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

support to the people residing in and around forests promoting sustainable extraction, value addition and de-

velopment 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.

### Nine J&K Students Participate In **Global Asteroid Search Campaign** As Part Of NASA Project

**Press Trust Of India** 

**JAMMU:** In the first, nine students of a private school in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district participated in a global asteroid search campaign as part of NASA's citizen science project.

The campaign was organised by Delhi-based Homi Lab in association with the International Astronomical search collaboration (IASC) from October 21 to November 15, Homi Lab said in a press release here.

A spokesperson of the lab said this was the first time that a school from the Kathua district has participated in the NASA Campaign.

It said Sĥrnya, Abhay Pratap Singh, Divum Bharti, Rashi Sharma, Alyssa Sardhalia, Samar Pratap Singh Bhadwal, Mehul Sharma, Mrigan Kamouli Vaishisth and Pranaya Mahajan from Spring Dales English School Kathua participated in the Kalam Asteroid Search Campaign.

"As part of NASA's citizen science project that is conducted by Hardin Simmons University, USA, under this programme, IASC and Homi Lab deployed a unique platform that gave selected participants a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to discover real near-Earth objects and Main Belt asteroids. Outreach and training support was extended by Kalam Centre, Delhi," the release said.

It said a total of 105 participants from nine countries were selected across the globe through a rigorous screening process and were later trained to analyse data and spot poten-

tial asteroids close to the earth. "At the end of the campaign, young minds made path-breaking contributions to NASA's Near-Earth Object (NEO) Programme and discovered three preliminary asteroids. Preliminary discoveries are the first observations of asteroids found in the main belt located between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter which need further confirmation to go to provisional status," the release said.

It said this usually takes up to five years after which the asteroid can be officially catalogued by the Minor Planet Center, International Union (IAU).

The release said selected participants were provided highly specialised training in order to operate the advanced astronomical software, Astrometrica.

This software is used to analyse images from the Pan Starrs' (The Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System) telescope, located in Hawaii, USA. It uses a 1.8 m (60 inch) telescope to survey the sky to look for asteroids, comets, and Near-Earth Objects

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Homi Lab, Srijan Pal Singh, congratulated the students and said "these discoveries are crucial contributions to our knowledge of the cosmos around us.

"Knowing the asteroids around and mapping them is an important element in our bid to understand and monitor these travelling rocks from distant worlds around our planet."

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

**Press Trust Of India** 

**JAMMU:** The Ladakh administration has proposed Bhoti 'Shukpa' and Bhoti

'Tsersnon' 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 poly-

carpos (Shukpa) as the state tree and Meconopsis aculeata (Tsersnon) as the state flower of Ladakh, Dr Gurmet said. Before submitting the final proposal for approval, the panel has sought

public and experts before January 7 next year, Chairperson said. Shukpa is from the cupressaceae ily and is commonly known as "Himalayan

views and suggestions of the general



tribes of Ladakh. The tree which

in its population due to low germina-

Similarly, Tsersnon belongs to the Rigpa system, they said.

#### pa' in Buddhist communities and 'Chilgi' among the Brokpa

confined to dry tracts of western and northwestern Himalayas between 2,800 to 3,800 meters above sea level, is declining

pencil cedar", officials

said. The plant is lo-

cally known as 'Shuk-

tion of seeds and over-exploitation, they said.

"Papaveraceae" family and is commonly known as "The Himalayan blue poppy". Both the plant and flower are used as medicine in the Sow-

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Filling up of the posts or Scientific Officers in FSL, J&K in Home Department Subject:

### 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 Voice for the post of Scientific Officers in 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

### **NOTE:**

shall be notified separately.

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 The documents of the candidates will be verified at the time of interview 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 I heir 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 Dated: 18-12-2022

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

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### **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. Prominant 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.

Javaid 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, Sci-

ence & 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 admin-

tended 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.

istration Pulwama and officials of JAKEDA at-

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, un-

der which a collective subsidy of 65% shall be

provided to the domestic consumers of DIS-

Pertinently, PM KUSUM scheme has broadly

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.

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.

two main components. Under Component "B", the Diesel Powered Pumps could be replaced by Solar Pumps and New pumps could also be



### **Provincial Level Table Tennis Tourney Begins**

**Observer News Service** 

**SHOPIAN:** The Department of & Sports Officer Shopian, Syed Youth Services & Sports, District Noor Ul Haq and the Activity Shopian on Monday organised Incharge DYSSO Shopian, Riyaz the Provincial Level, Inter-Dis- Ahmad Wachkoo. trict Competitions of Table Tennis for Boys U-17 and U-19 at Bismillah Hotel Shirmal, here.

In the competition, all 10 disparticipating which include 86 student players.

uty Commissioner Shopian, Yar Ali Khan, District Youth Services

The function started with ADC Shopian administering the pledge to fight against the drug abuse.

ADC highlighted the ill effects tricts of Kashmir Division are of drug abuse and insisted the student players to participate in the sports with dedication and The inaugural function was pursue career in sports and reattended by the Additional Dep- main away from the drug abuse.

### **South Kashmir Volleyball** C'ship Starts In Kulgam



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** A three-day long retary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull in Badru, Kulgam on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion the scene. 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 South Kashmir Volleyball Cham- transparent mechanism in place pionship was inaugurated by Sec- to filter chalk from the cheese and as of now fake associations have almost disappeared from

> 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 fist 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 fifer on debut.

At 18 years and 126 days, Rehan became the youngest bowler in men's Test history to take Spinner Jack Leach (4/140) was the 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 land bowler to take a five-wickturned the advantage firmly in et haul on Test debut, a feat that England's way with the wickets Will Jacks had achieved earlier of Azam (54), Mohammad Riz- in the series. However, Rehan's wan (7) and Shakeel (53) in a age made him the youngest to six-over stretch. He cleaned up the feat on Test debut. Rehan the last two scalps of Moham- had earlier become England's mad Wasim and Agha Salman to youngest Test debutant when he finish with a five-for on debut as Pakistan were bowled out for 216 Test of the series. in their second innings, setting England a target of 167.

Earlier, electing to bat first, Pakistan had posted 304 in their first in-second-highest nings, with fifties by skipper Babar with 12 wickets in four matches Azam (78) and Agha Salman (56). at an average of 12.58. (ANI)



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 standout bowlers for Pakistan.

Rehan became the 53rd Engwas handed a cap for the third

Earlier this year, Ahmed impressed in the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup as England's wicket-taker

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

**Agencies** 

DHAKA: India skipper Rohit against Bangladesh with a fin-Sharma has reportedly been ger injury sustained in the secruled out of the second and final Test match of the two-game it to the ongoing first Test match series against Bangladesh to be being played at Chattogram. played in Dhaka starting from After a special consultation in December 22. As per sources Mumbai, it was found out by close to ANI, Rohit, who missed the first Test after sustaining a thumb injury during the second out of action, and even forced ODI against Bangladesh, will no him out of the first Test against longer be travelling to Dhaka.

India skipper Rohit Sharma missed the third and final ODI ond match and could not make the medical team that this persistent injury was keeping him Bangladesh.

