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## Plot Thickens: Is Cartoon Lullaby Killing Kashmir's Indigenous Storytelling?

#### **Mohammad Tawheed**

nside the living-cum-dining room at Khursheed Ahmad's home in Anantnag, a habitual scene has been emerging for the last couple of years.

The headman sits with his back against the wall, scrolling through social media feeds on his phone and in the middle of the room, his toddler son switches between the ring and long sitting positions while waving his hands and liking the light, sounds and movements on the TV screen.



Distracted when his son giggles upon recognizing familiar characters and voices on the screen, Khursheed often ponders



"Raising a child is not an easy

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task," Khursheed remarks apprehensively. "However, both my wife and I are hopeful of being the best possible parents that we can be for our son." Reminiscing about his up-

bringing and how parents in

Kashmir would impart life lessons to children at home, Khursheed fondly recollects that as child he routinely heard his grandparents and parents tell him different kinds of stories. "In fact," he says, "one of the

most cherished parts of childhood for the Kashmiris used to be their parents tucking them inside their pheran and telling them padshahkath."

Padshahkath are the folktales of Kashmir with characters ranging from gagar (rats) and shal (jackal) to navid (barber) and peer-darwesh (saints). Also called luke kathe,Padshahkath was Kashmir's favourite winter pastime. Professional storytellers, Kise-khan or Daleelgor, would enliven the tedious work of shawl More on P6

#### Govt Winds-**Up J&K Social** Welfare Board

#### **Observer News Service**

**Srinagar:** The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, accorded its approval for winding up the Jammu and Kashmir Social Welfare Board.

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

The Jammu and Kashmir Social Welfare Board was constituted in the year 1955 and over the period, the functioning of the Social Welfare Board became limited to the implementation of National crèche Scheme, and Swahdar Greh Scheme, both Centrally Sponsored Schemes being funded by Ministry of Women Child Development and through the More on P6

## **G-20 Meet In J&K- LG Takes Stock Of Preparations**

'Opportunity To Share J&K's Achievements, To Showcase Its Rich Cultural Heritage'

#### **Observer News Service**

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting here to discuss the preparations for the upcoming G20 Summit meet-ings to be held in the Union Territory next year.

Calling for extensive preparations ahead of the G20 meet, Sinha said that the meetings under India's presidency is also an opportunity to share Jammu Kashmir's achievements and to showcase its rich cultural heritage.

In the meeting that was at-tended by Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department RK Goyal, Special Director General (CID) RR Swain, Additional Chief Secretary, Production Agriculture Department Atal Dulloo, the LG also called for involving students and educational institutions to make the meetings a



grand success. Sinha also in-Besides, structed the Higher Education

Department to conduct seminars on G20 in the Universities and educational institutions across the UT.

Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, senior officers of Police and Civil Administration attended the meeting, in person and through video conferencing at Civil Secretariat, and also shared their valuable suggestions.

In June this year, the LG-led dispensation had established a five-member high level committee for overall coordination in connection with hosting of G-20 meetings in J&K in 2023. (Culture).

J&K's housing and urban development department principal secretary was appointed chairman of the committee which was formed in response to a June 4 communication from the Ministry of External Affairs. Four other members included Commissioner Secretary

(Transport), Administrative Secretary (Tourism), Administrative Secretary and (Hospitality Protocol) and Administrative Secretary

This will be the first major international summit to be held in Jammu and Kashmir after the erstwhile state's special status guaranteed under Ârticle 370 of the Constitution was withdrawn and it was divided into two union territories in August 2019. G20 brings More on P6

## Govt Okays Rehabilitation Policy **For Street Children**

#### **Observer News Service**

Jammu: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha led government on Tuesday approval rehabilitation policy for children in street situation (CiSS) in Jammu and Kashmir to safeguard these kids from different hazards.

The decision was taken in the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the LG here, an official spokesperson said. LG's Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar and Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta also

attended the meeting. As per the canons of Juvenile Justice Act, Children in Street Situations (CiSS) fall under the category of children in need of care & protection. The Act further empow-

ers the government to frame a policy for rehabilitation of such children in distress. Earlier the Social Welfare Department through MD, ICPS (now Mission Vatsalya)

carried out an exercise for identification of such CiSS and so far 687 such children have been identified. As per the policy, More on P6



In Oueue For Old **Age Pension** Srinagar: A 62-year-old man died on Tuesday while waiting for verification of his creden-

Man Dies Waiting

tials to get an old age pension at the social welfare office in Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said here. The death prompted a probe

by the district administration. Sonaullah Bhat, a resident of Malangam in Bandipora, died at the Tehsil Social Welfare office Tuesday morning as he was waiting for his turn to submit his documents for verification, the officials said.

The cause of Bhat's death was not immediately known.

Thousands of old age pensioners in Kashmir are being made to run from pillar to post for the past several months now for regularising of their pension as the payment process has been moved to online mode.

Political parties have urged the administration to adopt a "humane More on P6

#### **Cold Wave Intensifies In** Kashmir As Chilla-I-Kalan Begins

#### **Press Trust Of India**

**Srinagar:** Cold wave across Kashmir intensified on Tuesday as the temperatures fell several degrees below the freezing point, a day ahead of 'Chilla-i-Kalan', the 40-day harshest winter period, officials said on Tuesday.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar recorded last night was minus 3.4 degrees Celsius, while Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 4.0 degrees Celsius, they said.

Officials said Pahalgam, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath vatra. recorded a low of minus 5.4 degrees Celsius and was the coldest recorded place in the valley.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 3.9 degrees Celsius while Qazigund, the gateway town to the valley, recorded minus 3.6 degrees Celsius, and Kokernag recorded a low of

minus 1.8 degrees Celsius. The meteorological department has forecast colder nights over the next couple of days as further fall in the minimum temperature is expected. There is possibility of rains or light snowfall in some parts of Kashmir around Christmas.

The Chilla-i-Kalan' is the 40-day harshest winter period when a cold wave grips the region and the temperature drops considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies, including the famous Dal Lake here as well as the water supply lines in several parts of the valley.

The chances of snowfall are the most frequent and maximum during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches, receive heavy snowfall. While Chillai-Kalan begins on December 21, it will end on January 30. The cold wave continues even after that in Kashmir with a 20-day-long Chillai-Khurd' More on P6

## **Govt Orders Seizure Of 3 More Jama'at Properties In Srinagar**

One Among The Properties Recorded In Name Of Syed Ali Shah Geelani

#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar- The district magistrate (DM) Srinagar has ordered sealing of three properties of banned Jama'at-e Islami (JeI) including two storied residential structures constructed over 17 Marlas of proprietary land at Barzulla, Srinagar recorded in the name of Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

In the order issued on Dec 19, the DM quoted a communication No. SIA/SN/FIR-17/2019/7738-42 dated 16-12-2022 by State Investigation Agency (SIA) saying that during investigation of case FIR No. 17/2019 u/s 10, 11, 13 UA(P) Act of P/S Batamaloo now being investigated by P/S SIA, three (03) properties have surfaced that are owned by or under possession of banned association Jamat-e-Islami and are located



in the jurisdiction of District Srinagar and are to be notified in terms of section 8 UA (P) Act. One of the property includes land measuring 01 Kanal and 07 Marla at Khushipora Shalateng under survey No. 279 and 280 in the name of Jamat-e-Islami J&K through District President Bashir Ahmad Lone S/o Abdul Samad

Lone R/o Harwan, Srinagar vide mutation No. 2949.

Another is land measuring 01 Kanal & 03 Marla at Khushipora Shalateng under survey No. 276 in the name of Jamat-e-Islami J&K through District President Bashir Ahmad Lone S/o Abdul Samad Lone R/o Harwan, More on P6

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#### **US Pitches For India-Pak Constructive Dialogue**

#### Press Trust Of India

Washington- America shares multifaceted relationships with India and Pakistan and does not want to see a "war of words" but a constructive dialogue between the two nations for the betterment of their people, a top US official has said.

Relations between India and Pakistan have often been strained over the Kashmir issue and cross-border militancy.

"We have a global strategic partnership with India. I have also spoken about the deep partnership we have with Pakistan. These relationships in our mind are not zero-sum. We do not view them in relation to one another," US State Department spokesperson Ned Price told reporters at his daily news conference on Monday when asked about the recent outburst against Prime Minister Narendra Modi by Pakistani Foreign Minister Bilawal

Bhutto-Zardari in New York. Price said each of these relationships is indispensable to the US and to the promotion and pursuit of the shared goals that the US has with India and Pakistan.

"The fact that we have part-nerships with both countries leaves us not wanting to see a war of words between India and Pakistan. We would like to see a constructive dialogue between India and Pakistan. We think that is for the betterment of the Pakistani and Indian people. There is much work that we can do together bilaterally," Price said in response to the question. "There are differences that,

of course, need to be addressed between India and Pakistan. The United States stands ready to assist as a partner to both,' he asserted.

The ties between India and Pakistan nosedived after India abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution, More on P6

#### **3 Of Family Feared Dead In Doda Accident**

hree members of a family were feared drowned after their car skidded off the road and fell into the Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Tuesday, police said. The accident occurred at 5.30 am on the Batote-Doda-Kishtwar highway in Gadsu near Pul Doda, they said. Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda, Abdul Qayoom said Manjeet Singh, his wife Soniya Singh, and daughter Sukhwinder, residents of Bhadarwah, were travelling in the vehicle. Personnel from police, Army, State Disaster Response Force, Chenab Rescuers and local volunteers are at the spot and a rescue operation is underway to trace the trio.

#### **Devender Singh Rana Meets LG**

ormer Legislator, J&K, Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday called upon the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhavan here. Devender Singh Rana held an exhaustive discussion with the Lt Governor on several issues of various sections of the society including of Daily wagers, Asha Workers, SC & KP Migrants, welfare of families and children of Martyrs. Discussions were also held on the development of Industry and cooperative sector in J&K and fast track recruitment of vacant posts in government departments, an official spokesperson said. The Lt Governor, he said, assured Rana of due consideration More on P6

#### **Major Gen Mohit Seth** Is New GoC Kilo Force

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ajor General Mohit Seth took over as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Counter Insurgency Force Kilo, a defence spokesperson said Tuesday. He said that Major General Sanjiv Singh Slaria on relinquishing the command, moves to Headquarter Northern Command, Udhampur. The spokesperson said that Major General Sanjiv Singh Slaria's tenure saw the Kilo Force take distinctive steps towards peace and stability in North Kashmir. Major General Mohit Seth, he said, took over as General Officer Commanding, Counter Insurgency Force Kilo today. "The General Officer was commissioned into More on P6

#### **Fire Damages** Seminary, House In Kupwara

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commercial-cum-Darul Uloom (seminary) building and a residential house were partially damaged in a fire mishap at Arampora area in North Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said. A Fire & Emergency Department official told a local news agency GNS that a fire, prima-facie believed to have broken out from a shop, part of a shopping complex, spread to other shops besides to a seminary and a two-storey residential house in proximity.

"Soon after receiving information, men and machinery was rushed to the site", the official said adding after hours of strenuous More on P6

#### **5 Teachers Suspended For Closing School For Feast**

uthorities have suspended five A government teachers, who along with the Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) had closed five schools during working hours to enjoy the feast in a nearby public school. A loc news agency KNO reported that the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Reasi in an official communiqué had said that the complex head Shajroo after receiving a complaint regarding the closure of five schools during working hours paid a visit to those schools. "The complex head found these schools locked during working hours and thus submitted a report along with photographs More on P6

#### **Search Ops** To Trace Teen Girl **Enters Day 9**

he attempts to trace out the body of a teenage girl who jumped in the River Jhelum at Jamia bridge in North Kashmir's Sopore town continued on ninth straight day on Tuesday while as the deputy commissioner Baramulla Dr Sehrish Asghar visited the family of the teenage girl late this evening after facing multiple public taunts. Local fishermen community, who have been tracing the girl from day one, told the a local news agency KNO that the search to fish out the body was on and that there was no success. Navigating the whole operation, they said that dozens of divers including More on P6



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## **Exoplanet Spinning Towards Its Death-By-Star Discovered: Study**

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n exoplanet spiralling towards its death-by-star fate has been discovered by astronomers, a new study describing the results of the discovery said.

According to the study, astronomers from the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics have, for the first time, spotted an exoplanet whose orbit is decaying around an evolved, or older, host star. The stricken world appears destined to spiral closer and closer to its maturing star until collision and ultimate obliteration, the study said.

The discovery offers new insights into the long-winded process of planetary orbital decay by providing the first look at a system at this late stage of evolution, the study said.

Death-by-star is a fate thought to await many worlds and could be the Earth's ultimate adios billions of years from now as our Sun grows older.

"We've previously detected evidence for exoplanets in-spiralling toward their stars, but we have never before seen such a planet around an evolved star," said Shreyas Vissapragada, lead author of the new study.

"Theory predicts that evolved stars are very effective at sapping energy from their planets' orbits, and now we can test those theories with observations," said Vissapragada. The findings were published in The Astrophysical Journal Letters.

The ill-fated exoplanet is designated Kepler-1658b. As its name indicates, astronomers discovered the exoplanet with the Kepler space telescope, a pioneering planet-hunting mission that launched in 2009. It took nearly a decade to confirm the planet's existence, at which time the object entered Kepler's catalogue officially as the 1658th entry, the study said.



Kepler-1658b is a so-called hot Jupiter, the nickname given to exoplanets on par with Jupiter's mass and size but in scorchingly ultraclose orbits about their host stars.

For Kepler-1658b, that distance is merely an eighth of the space between our Sun and its tightest orbiting planet, Mercury. For hot Jupiters and other planets like Kepler-1658b that are already very close to their stars, orbital decay looks certain to culminate in destruction, the study said.

Measuring the orbital decay of exoplanets has challenged researchers because the process is very slow and gradual. In the case of Kepler-1658b, according to the new study, its orbital period is decreasing at the miniscule rate of about 131 milliseconds, thousandths of a second, per year, with a shorter orbit indicating the planet has moved closer to its star, the study said.

According to the study, detecting this decline required multiple years of careful observation.

The watch started with Kepler and then was picked up by the Palomar Observatory's Hale Telescope in Southern California and finally the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Telescope, or TESS, which launched

in 2018. All three instruments captured transits, the term for when an exoplanet crosses the face of its star and causes a very slight dimming of the star's brightness. Over the past 13 years, the interval between Kepler-1658b's transits has slightly but steadily decreased, the study said.

According to the study, the root cause of the orbital decay experienced by Kepler-1658b is tides - the same phenomenon responsible for the daily rise and fall in Earth's oceans. Tides are generated by gravitational interactions between two orbiting bodies, such as between our world and the Moon or Kepler-1658b and its star. The bodies' gravities distort each other's shapes, and as the bodies respond to these changes, energy is released.

Depending on the distances between, sizes, and rotation rates of the bodies involved, these tidal interactions can result in bodies pushing each other away - the case for the Earth and the slowly outwardspiralling Moon - or inward, as with Kepler-1658b toward its star, the study said.

There is still a lot researchers do not understand about these dynamics, particularly in star-planet scenarios. Accordingly, further investigation of the Kepler-1658 system should prove instructive, the study said.

The star has evolved to the point in its stellar life cycle where it has started to expand, just as our Sun is expected to, and has entered into what astronomers call a subgiant phase. The internal structure of evolved stars should more readily lead to dissipation of tidal energy taken from hosted planets' orbits compared to unevolved stars like our Sun. This accelerates the orbital decay process, making it easier to study on human timescales, the study said.

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With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother namely Mrs Haleema Begum W/o Late Mohammad Shafi Ahanger R/o Dalkawpora, Rainawari, Srinagar after a brief period of illness. May Almighty Allah bless the departed soul highest place in Jannat-ul- Firdous. The fourth day Fateh Khawani will be held on December 23, 2022 at 2: 30 pm (after Friday prayer) at Malkha, near Zindshah Masjid, Rainawari, Srinagar, Kashmir.

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#### CORRIGENDUM

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"With a view to facilitate participation of contractors in the works being tendered out at the Divisional Level under JJM, all the concerned Executive Engineers are hereby advised to allow "Bid Securing Declaration " also as Earnest Money Deposit in these tenders, as per GFR rule 170 cub rule (iii)

#### Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Office Of The Executive Engineer Rural Engineering Wing Baramulla.

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For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST(K), e-tenders (Single-cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Electric contractors whose cards are valid up to 31-12-2022 registered with State PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central	Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.				
Govt. departments for the following work:-	<b>3.</b> All The Bidders has to deposit Earnest Money (2% of Advertised cost) in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering as per the Circular of Finance Department.				
S.No Name of the work Estimated Earnest MoneyClass of Cost of Tender Time of	4. The IST Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3 % of allotted cost of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/ BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms. The EMD of 2% of successful				
Cost (in lacs)         Contractor         document         completion           1.         Providing and Fixing of Internal electrification         19.64         39,280         A class         1000/-         Along with	bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% performance security.				
works for Girls Hostel at Faculty of Forestry, Civil	<ul> <li>5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.</li> <li>6. The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited, If:-</li> </ul>				
Benehama Ground & First Floor only SKUAST Kashmir	a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraw his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.				
a) Position of AAA: Accorded	<ul> <li>b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.</li> <li>c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.</li> </ul>				
b) Position of T.S: Sanctioned	<ul> <li>7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.</li> <li>7.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website</li> </ul>				
c) Position of funds: Available	www.jktenders.gov.into acquaint bid submission process.				
1. The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per following schedule:-	7.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.				
	7.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.				
1.     Date of issue of Tender Notice     17.12.2022       2.     Date of start of downloading     17.12.2022	<ul> <li>7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.</li> <li>7.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted</li> </ul>				
3. Pre-bid meeting date NA	physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid. <b>7.6.</b> Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in				
4.         Bid submission start Date         17.12.2022           5.         Bid submission end date         26.12.2022 (6.00 PM)	terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft				
6.Date of opening of Technical bid of the bidders (online)27.12.2022 (12.05 PM)7.Date of opening Financial bid of qualifying bidders (online)28.12.2022	copes if need arises. 7.7. DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED IN SOFT:				
	Scanned copy of valid registration card along with Latest Renewal, EMD/TR as per NIT, GST, Latest clearance, PAN.				
Further information can be had from the office of the undersigned.	<b>7.8.</b> The earnest money in favour of un-successful/ non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original, irrespective of Hard copies, failure of submission of tender document fee by the bidder using site shall entail him for blacklisting.				
Sd/- Estates Officer/ Chief Engineer	8. The tender/ bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill requirements as laid down in NIT.				
No. Au/Estates/e-NIT(76)/788	9.         All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).           No: 3069-76         Executive Engineer.				
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## **ACHAN Dumping Site Stinks**, **Turns Life Of Dwellers Tough**

#### Agencies

Srinagar: Javed Ahmad lives just a few meters away from Achan, a dumping site, who along with his family experiences all the foul smell as well as the consequences of the wastage, being dumped every morning within the vicinity.

While sharing his ordeal, Ahmad said the foul smell, infectious diseases and other related issues are a norm now in their locality. "We have been moving from pillar to post to seek some refuge from the prevalent situation, but other than fake promises, nothing has been done in this regard,' Ahmad said.

'The promises kept changing from shifting the dumping site to waste to energy plant. However, the ground reality remains unchanged for the people living here," he said, adding that forget about the relatives, even the residents don't want to return after leaving the locality.

"The foul smell continues to emanate from the dumping site around 24 hours while most of the residents here have developed stomach related issues now," he said.

"Such is the situation that nobody could even dare to eat anything on the road in our local-

ity. Every step or measure taken by the concerned authorities for scientific dumping has failed to bring any positive results," he said and appealed to the concerned authorities to look into the matter at an earliest.

He said the construction in the entire area—Barwara, is banned, but one fails to understand how the number of residential houses has increased from just 15 to about 200 in the locality. "I don't understand who is giving them permission to construct the houses and also why the construction is being allowed when the area is being converted into the hub of wastage every day," he added.

However, SMC Commissioner, Athar Aamir said that already three sanitary cells have been constructed while the fourth is being constructed shortly, for which the tenders have already been floated and the work in this regard would be started in coming days.

He added that the locals will soon heave a sigh of relief as further measures are being taken to end their miseries.

'Besides, the DPR of bio mining project has been sent and once the approval is done, the work over it will also be started forthwith," he added-(KNO)



## **Anganwadi Workers Stage Protest Against HR Policy**

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Scores of Anganwadi workers staged a protest at the Press Enclave against the recently approved HR policy by the administration for female Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Helpers working in the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) of J&K

The protesting Anganwadi workers said according to the HR policy the retiring age of the Anganwadi workers has been set 60, besides there are some clauses of the order which are not in the interest of workers.

'We are being told those Anganwadi workers who have attained the age of sixty years should sit at home, the move is unjustified and uncalled for " said an Anganwadi worker.

The protesting Anganwadi workers said whereas the re-

tirement age for Anganwadi workers in New Delhi and Ladakh is 65 years, it is 60 years in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. They further said that after years of service, workers are being transferred from one ward to another.

"Our retirement age should be enhanced to 65 years to bring us at par with other Union Territories and status quo should be maintained with reference to our postings" they said.

Amid heavy sloganeering against the authorities, a few women fainted in the charged atmosphere

The Anganwadi workers further said some decades back when they joined their duties, the number of malnutritioned children was much higher and the credit of improving the health scenario in Jammu and Kashmir goes to them.

However, they said, by approving the HR policy the admiration has not only failed in acknowledging their contribution but also put a question mark on their credibility.

Another Anganwadi worker, speaking on anonymity, said decades back she had to make a choice between her job and her husband and she chose a job.

"My husband had told me to leave this job. Instead I refused and broke the wedlock, now I am left with nothing. We request the government to take back the HR policy" she said.

The protesting Anganwadi workers said they will not hesitate in bringing their children on the roads and will continue the protest until the order is revoked.

Pertinently, the government in November this year approved the proposal of a comprehensive Human Resource Policy to govern the engagement, leaves, promotion and other important aspects of this very vital work force of the Social Welfare department..



### **This Day In History**

1866 - Fetterman Massacre: Lakota, Cheyenne, and Arapaho Indians kill all 81 US Army soldiers in the worst military disaster ever suffered by the U.S. Army on the Great Plains

1894 - Mackenzie Bowell becomes the 5th Prime **Minister of Canada** 

1898 - French Scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discover radium

1906 - British Parliament pass two important pieces of social legislation: The Trades Disputes Bill, legalizing peaceful picketing, and The Workingmen's Compensation Act, broadening employers' liability for accidents

1907 - Dutch government of De Master falls due to war budget

1910 - Explosion in coal mine in Hulton England, 344 mine workers dies

1912 - Denmark, Norway & Sweden declare neutrality in Comende war

923 -- Nepal changes from British protectorate to independent nation

1932 Giants sign former outfielder Billy Southworth as a coach

1933 - Dried human blood serum 1st prepared, University of Pennsylvania

1933 Fox Films signs Shirley Temple aged 5, to a studio contract

1933 Newfoundland reverts to being a crown colony of Great Britain

1936 Bradman's 2nd consecutive Test Cricket duck! Australia all out for 80

1937 - The first full-length animated feature film

**Skill Training On Sheep & Goat** Farming Commences At SKUAST

#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir Tuesday commenced a week-long skill development programme on 'Profitable Sheep and Goat Farming Management Practices' for aspiring entrepreneurs in the sector at Shuhama campus

More than 25 aspiring entrepreneurs and sheep breeders from across Kashmir participated in the seven-day training being organised by the SKUAST-K's Mountain Research Centre for Sheep & Goat, Shuhama, under the sponsorship of the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in its E-SDP Scheme.

Incharge Sheep Research Centre and Training Coordinator, Dr HA Ahmed, in the inau-

gural address, gave a detailed overview of the programme. In J&K, Sheep and Goat Sector has enormous entrepreneurial potential to engage unemployed educated youth considering the agro-geo-climatic conditions and food habits of the local populace. However, researchbased technologies vis-à-vis breeding, feeding, management and health care of the livestock need to be transferred from lab to land for profitability and sustainability of the sector, said HA Ahmad. Scientists working at the centre also participated in the programme and encouraged the vouth for venturing into this promising sector.

## Workshop On 'Quality Enhancement **Of University Publications' Held At KU**

#### Observer News Service

Srinagar: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan Tuesday inaugurated a workshop on 'Quality Enhancement of University Publications'

The day-long workshop was organised by the varsity's Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA).

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer said it is important to maintain the quality of University's publications, including the departmental journals, so that the reputation of both the University as well as the departments is not negatively impacted in any manner.

Saying that the University will form a broad-based editorial board of experts to monitor the quality of its publications, the Vice-Chancellor said the University's publications must have social impact leading to their better visibility and reach.

## **Div Com Reviews Progress Of** Model Hamlets In Dal Lake

#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole convened a meeting of officers to review the progress of a comprehensive plan for development of five hamlets as model villages in Dal Lake which will be replicated for other 34 villages with the passage of time.

Pertinently, the Divisional administration had proposed various initiatives to help the people of Dal Lake in adopting sustainable livelihood, developing tourism infrastructure and bring those hamlets on the map of the tourism circuit.

The meeting was attended by Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Director Tourism, VC, LCMA, Director Health Services, ADC Srinagar, officers of Agriculture, Horticulture, Floriculture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Social Welfare, UDAK, Labour, PHE, PDD and other departments.

While reviewing the Department wise progress, Div Com exhorted on officers to expedite implementation the of proposed plans and schemes pertaining to concerned departments.

Div Com asked VC, LCMA to utilize maGillnet

chines for cleaning and widening of navigation channels besides he was asked to complete the construction of a centralized Sewage Treatment Plant.

Regarding development of public parks, Div Com asked the Floriculture Department to convert the land which

The Director H&H informed that the department has eighteen craft centers in Dal area which help locals to earn livelihood. Agriculture,

The Horticulture and Floriculture department were impressed to get the organic certification of fertilizers, pesticides



has been made available and insecticides used by after relocating some Dal inhabitants besides households to other implementing respecplaces. VC, LCMA was tive Centrally Sponalso directed to demarsored Schemes and UT cate the available land schemes. that could be developed

Similar directions were passed to other into public parks. Showing the seridepartments for compleous concern regarding tion of their proposed plans in model villages use of Gillnet by locals in model villages which of Dal Lake. reduce the quantity of Meanwhile, Com directed all the fish in water, Div Com asked all the concerned

departments to submit officers to enforce the the report of all the actions taken in the five complete ban on use of model villages.

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and the earliest in the Walt Disney Animated Classics series, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", premieres at the Carthay Circle Theatre

- 1937 Chicago Black Hawks left wing Paul Thompson becomes first player in NHL history to score a goal against his brother; scores on bro Cecil of the Boston Bruins with just 9 seconds left in regulation; Bruins win though, 2-1
- 1939 Adolf Hitler names Adolf Eichmann leader of "Referat IV B", responsible for evictions and Jewish immigration
- 1941 German submarine U-567 sinks
- 1942 US Supreme court declares Nevada separation legal
- 1946 Earthquake in South Japan, kills 1,086
- 1949 Dutch 1st Chamber accept sovereignty of Indonesia

## From KO Archives Mehdi Hasan Anxious To Sing Again

#### Mubashir Hasan

AHORE- Severe mental stress, excessive use of pan with tobacco contents, smoking and fluctuating blood pressure are some of the factors which led to severe paralysis stroke to world's renowned singer and Ghazal Maestro, Mehdi Hasan who is currently under treatment at Sheikh Zaid Hospital here.

This is what his doctors said while talking to The Nation newspaper on Monday. This did not come as a surprise to the great singer as he had already suffered a mild stroke of paralysis almost a year back when he was in India in connection with some musical concert. He has been under treatment since then complaining

weakness in his right leg, his son Kamran told this scribe. "I underwent a similar low intensity attack of paralysis as far back as in 1968 but recovered soon by the grace of God Almighty, Mehdi Hasan himself told in a stumbling tone while recalling his past medical history.

"The stroke affected left side of his brain where lies the speech area and thus paralyzed the rightside of the body including the tongue"', said Dr.Farrukh Iqbal who is closely monitoring the health of the great singer of the subcontinent. Khan Sahib is also suffering from asthma and has difficulty in breathing, he further said, adding that he is being nebulized every six hours to ease his breathing.

Kashmir Observer, 21 December, 1998)

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## Chilla Kalan Is Here

ver the past week, Kashmir has been in the grip of a severe cold wave. The night temperature now hovers around -3. Srinagar remains covered with fog, reducing visibility but the last few days have been clearer and sunny. The day temperature has been hovering at most of the places around 13 degrees Celsius but the temperature at high altitude areas such as Gulmarg goes further down. Chilla Kalan, the harshly cold 40 days, which set in today is expected to bring colder weather. It is possible now that each new night will beat the previous night's record.

In the last few years, Kashmir has experienced advancing of the commencement of winter. In 2020, the snow had fallen in November itself and in the subsequent Chilla Kalan, the Valley had witnessed bone chilling cold and the successive snowfalls. But 2021-22 winter saw snowfall, albeit it continued to be very cold. Most taps, water bodies, including the Dal Lake froze. People experienced severe hardships with water pipes freezing and in many cases bursting. There were also instances of the bursting of water tanks in many homes. Besides, due to lack of clearance of snow, many villages in south, central and north Kashmir remained cut off from district headquarters.

Such scenes could very well repeat this winter. But the exceptionally severe nature of the recent winters has hardly made the government more sensitive towards the needs of the people. In fact, this winter the administration seems struggling to get its act right. The people have more or less been left to fend for themselves.

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

Now that with each passing day, the Valley is heading deeper into winter and into the cold embrace of Chilla Kalan, the government can be hoped to prepare for the tough times ahead. Snowfalls could soon become the order of the day. One benefit of a snow-bound winter has been that there is a marginal rise in the arrival of tourists. So, this could be a bone for the Valley's economy, building on a record tourist year after three decades.

CLIMATE COLUMN



#### Faizan Arif

oday, the 21st of December is the first day of Kashmir's Chillai-Kalan. Actually, Chillai-Kalan starts every year with the winter solstice and this year, the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere is on 22 December at 3:18 am. It is a 40-day period, characterized by harsh weather and freezing of water pipes, water storage tanks, and lakes. It is sometimes even possible to play cricket and drive your car over frozen Dal Lake, albeit dangerous. During Chillai-Kalan, the top layer of Jhelum remained frozen for several weeks in the years 1658, 1764, 1759, 1780, 1816, and 1835.

Chillai-Kalan will end on 30th January. It will be followed by a 20-day long Chillai-Khurd and a 10-day long Chillai-Bache. It is said that Kashmir usually sees a lot of snow during these 10 days.

Over 40 days have passed but Jammu and Kashmir hasn't seen any strong Western Disturbance. Seas have been calm lately. The Mediterranean isn't brewing any storms. As of today, this month, Jammu and Kashmir has experienced a rainfall deficit of over 82%. Deficit in some areas exceeds 90%. The Union Territory is unlikely to be affected by a significant weather system until the end of the month. This is surely worrisome because our rivers are filled with water during the summer season due to the massive amounts of snow we receive during winter.

#### So dry Chillai-Kalan or any respite? Here are some things which can be anticipated for the rest of the winter.

Let's talk about ENSO first. El Niño-Southern cillation (ENSO) is a climate pl

According to climate models, most parts of the Union Territory will experience above-normal maximum temperatures this winter as well. The reputation of Chillai-Kalan is completely at odds with this. We can only pray for some respite, otherwise, the consequences will be very unpleasant

#### like Jammu and Kashmir.

Over the last 2 years, it was January that received normal/excess rainfall, whereas February remained largely deficient. My monthly calcula tions of the India Meteorological Department data for Jammu and Kashmir are shared here

In winter 2020-21, December received 58.3 mm of rainfall against an average of 64.4 mm, a 9% deficit. January received -6% of normal rainfall, followed by another dry month - February with 73% deficit. In January, 87.3 mm of rainfall was recorded whereas in February it was 35.3 mm, compared to an average of 93.1mm and 130.9mm respectively. There was a huge deficit of 37% the entire winter. For the 2021-22 winter, the conditions were pretty much the same except for January. December and February with deficient rainfall and January with excess rainfall. Rainfall in December was 16.6 mm, January 168.7 mm, and February 77.2 mm, which is -74%, 81%, and -41% respectively against the average values. A 9% deficiency was recorded for the entire winter. It is worth noting that during both winters, a strong Western Disturbance pounded Jammu and Kashmir in the first week of January. A five-foot layer of snow blanketed south Kashmir plains like Kulgam and Shopian in the first week of 2020. So, can we expect a strong WD to start the new year? The forecasts at the moment don't indicate that but there is no guarantee that forecasts will hold, so let's not lose hope.

have many negative effects on people in Jammu and Kashmir. Here are a few examples:

- A decrease in glacier levels can reduce water levels in streams, lakes, and rivers.
- Some areas experience drinking water scarcity during the summer season due to dried-up streams or low water levels in rivers.
- 3. Agricultural production can be severely affected by water unavailability. This year's events clearly illustrate this. In a report published by Kashmir News Observer on 01 October 2022, about 25% of paddy land remained without crop this year due to water scarcity
- A reduction in the total fish population 4. will have a devastating effect on those who depend on it for their livelihood.
- 5. Tourism can suffer a great deal if it stays dry, as a large number of tourists visit Jammu and Kashmir to experience snowfall during the winter season. Tourists are a major source of income and survival for many people here. Those in the hospitality industry can suffer massive losses, winter games can be affected, and can bring deeper heartbreak to poor sledge owners, along with those associated with textile industry, Kashmiri handicrafts, small eateries, tea shops, etc.

I know some filmmakers from south India who were planning to shoot a documentary for Amazon this December but now they are more likely to shoot it in the last week of January or February, as a snowless Kashmir is not alluring

#### OTHER OPINON

## Destiny's man

porting greats can at times impose their will on the game. On a delirious Sunday night at Doha's Lusail Stadium, it was Lionel Messi's turn to dominate and clinch the FIFA World Cup for Argentina. This was a summit clash for the ages as France twice reversed the deficit to draw level at 3-3 before Argentina prevailed at 4-2 in the penalties. Having seen 35 summers and multiple heart-breaks in his previous four World Cups, the latest final offered Messi one last chance at wresting the cup that was previously secured for Argentina by the great Diego Maradona in the 1986 Mexico edition. A nation's expectations, the world's gaze and his teammates yearning for the greatest trophy, all rested on Messi's magical feet. It is always difficult for an individual to flourish within a teamsport. It needs synergy, a common desire and an equitable distribution of skill sets. Messi prospered in his previous stint with FC Barcelona, has won four Champions League titles, seven Ballon d'Or awards, led Argentina to a Copa America triumph and yet the World Cup remained elusive until Sunday's pulsating final against a doughty rival thriving on Kylian Mbappe's exploits. Through this World Cup and despite the shock loss to Saudi Arabia in its first match, Argentina found a throbbing spine in Messi.

The captain was the indulgent patriarch, scoring goals but more importantly setting up assists that were soaked in magic realism. The pass to Nahuel Molina against the Netherlands and the way he sold a dummy to Croatian defender Josko Gvardiol before setting up Julian Alvarez, were incredible efforts that took the mesmerised opposition by surprise and fed the adulatory anticipation of his teammates. In the final, Messi was in the thick of action luring the defenders before blessing his fellow strikers with quick crosses. Di Maria, like Alvarez in the previous games, could weave in. Yet, in a match that witnessed Argentina's possessional superiority, France deserves credit for the way a comeback was executed. Mbappe and Messi, who turn out for Paris Saint-Germain FC, as expected dictated the flow of the game. Maradona, who died two years ago, and an ailing Pele have ideal successors in Messi and Mbappe. In a World Cup lit up by the exploits of African and Asian countries with an upset always around the corner, Argentina and France showed that pedigreed teams can last the distance through resilience and a hint of magic, like the one that shimmered from the boots of Messi and Mbappe.

The Hindu

can influence weather patterns across the globe. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) describes ENSO as 'one of the most important climate phenomena on Earth due to its ability to change the global atmospheric circulation, which in turn, influences temperature and precipitation across the globe.' Likewise, Jammu and Kashmir is no exception to this rule. It is the third consecutive year in a row that La Niña, which is a cooling phase of ENSO, continues. My research on this subject shows that Jammu and Kashmir receives below-normal precipitation in the winter season when La Niña is prevalent. Moreover, December usually remains the most rainfall-deficient month and it appears the trend will carry on this winter. Rainfall is normal to excess in January and below normal in February. Although climate models currently predict below-average precipitation for January, I am skeptical since I have seen things happen outside the predictability of climate models, especially when it comes to predicting for a complex terrain

The year 2022 was full of

drama on the weather front

gave weathermen a run for

occasions, our climate geek,

their money. On all these

Faizan Arif was quick

to weigh in with some

climate trivia and lots of

insights. Here are some of

the most notable weather

summersaults of 2022:

#### Effects of below-normal precipitation

Below-normal precipitation during winter can

enough for them.

As for temperatures during La Niña conditions, on average for December-February, both Kashmir and Jammu experience above-average maximum temperatures when compared with 1980-2019 averages, whereas minimum temperatures stay below average. According to climate models, most parts of the Union Territory will experience above-normal maximum temperatures this winter as well. The reputation of Chillai-Kalan is completely at odds with this. We can only pray for some respite, otherwise, the consequences will be very unpleasant.

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## **2022 Climate Recap** Most Dramatic Weather Summersaults

#### Is J&K Headed Towards a Drought Year and Water Crisis?

June 30,2022

and climate unpredictability AMMU and Kashmir has been basking in the sun lately but it has not been warm for all. For those associated with the agriculture and horticulture sectors, the sun's sprint across spring and summer has been challenging. The weather that the Union Territory witnessed in March and April this year wasn't normal after all. Though it may have appeared pleasant, temperatures on several days were abovenormal by 10 to 15 degrees Celsius.

And of course, the 'Rainy March' was nowhere in sight. April and May too recorded below-normal rainfall. In fact, this trend has taken on from the years 2021 and 2020 which too witnessed rainfall much below the normal levels. Going by data points till now, it seems that this year is also going to continue its rift with the rains

#### What Caused a Floody-February-Wednesday in June? June 25, 2022

OTH Kashmir and Jammu re-B gions had been experiencing rather unnerving wet weather since the 18th of June. Emblematic of the weather unpredictability, people were quick to wear their best unpredictable gears. In Kashmir, the ageold Kashmiri truism of keeping the Pheran ready by the hook, on-the-go, had new takers. Higher reaches recorded heavy snowfall, at the same time, plains were lashed by heavy spells of rain. Temperatures dropped untypically. The quiet Jhelum went tempestuous, bringing with it the currents of the turbulent memory of the 2014 floods.

These switches from high to low temperatures, from spring's sprint to summers and from uncanny rains to unbearable sun - what explains these volatile fluctuating temperatures

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## **OF RELATIONSHIPS, HEARTBREAKS** Understanding 'Anima' of Life

#### **Mugees Ul Kaisar**

This goes without saying that human beings are very complex multilayered beings. Whether it be our body or deep psyche or the spirit within us, each level of being has its own reality which needs to be understood as much as we can. All Prophets, sages, mystics across all wisdom traditions from time immemorial have advised us that 'self knowledge' is the road to salvation. The more we know ourselves, the more we save ourselves from unknown/unconscious elements/complexes/alienations. Alienation from body, psyche and spirit generates its own corresponding set of diseases. Self knowledge, on the other hand, leads to de-alienation which in essence is the cure.

One of the dimensions of the self is our "psyche" which has its own dynamics like that of the body. It has its own psychic energy which influences and impacts us in its own way. Let us give an example before we come to the discussion at hand. Say for example a "superiority complex' which is an unconscious "pattern" or "lens" or "disposition" of psychic energy, through which an individual acts and assumes that they are superior to others. These people actually 'genuinely' feel that in fact that is the case even though it is a mere delusion created by their own individual psyche (having certain psychological reasons) but they are under its unconscious possessionunaware of its puppetry. These people, quite expectedly and naturally, create bitter irritation in other people due to their behavior. They then get psychologically frustrated simply because the people around them rather than buying into their complexes, ridicule them silently which constantly fly at their face, hinting at their pathology. Only if they, accidently, bump into their own psychic complex (within) by some sort of introspection-would they realize where the dragon actually lies. Ignorance regarding our own "unconscious", therefore, causes all sorts of "possessions" (a sort of "tasrup" to use the Kashmiri word) which "unconsciously" drives us or controls us without us being aware. That is why self knowledge (here on the level of psyche) immediately leads to cure/ liberation/enlightenment.

In most cases of relationships followed by heartbreaks, the psychic violence that characterizes them occurs due to unconscious workings of the psychic energy. One of these aspects that we are going to look up in this article is the "Anima" figure

in the male psyche (and similarly animus figure in feminine psyche) which has a great role to play in certain terrains of relationships and its aftermath.

"Anima", in Jungian Psychology, basically refers to the personification of the feminine energy within a man. Biologically, we may say that every man possesses female sets of X chromosomes (in addition to masculine Y) which reflect to a certain degree in his morphology but deep down it has a strong psychic presence in every man. "Feminine psychic energy" represents feelings, moods, tenderness, capacity for personal love, owing to its connection with "womb" which represents nature and nurture. Anima therefore, influences man through deep unconscious "feelings"/hunches/irrational sixth sense/moodiness/fixations, etc.

The character of one's 'anima' is largely shaped by one's own mother as Marie Louise von Franz has noted. The point is that the mother represents the whole world for an infant. This is his most immediate experience of the whole world. Mother introduces the "tone" of the world to the child. To put it in crude terms, if the mother is sort of insensitive or cold (or if the child has wrongly "assumed" so) then it has an extremely negative influence on the man by indoctrinating general depressed moods in him. Such men are largely cynical towards life, suspicious of everything and unable to trust life per se. But this negative case, as we may expect, is quite rare. What is more common and which also forms the main subject of our article, is when the mother has an extremely positive influence on the child. The world, in this case, is introduced to the child as something "loving"- one enjoys being at the centre of attention i.e. the child becomes habitual of crying and brooding over and she, for sure, will come to lift him up and love him. This has the deepest psychic presence within a child and remains unconscious so to speak.

The reason most people suffer terrible heartbreaks, which cripples them from within, debilitates them to the point that nothing makes sense or nothing consoles them, is that they have not yet been able to "consciously" distinguish between the "mother" and the "world". Deep down, the unconscious psyche "expects" the world to behave the same way the mother does. The world and the girl that one has fallen in love with, so to speak, are not the "mother". One may hear people suffering from a heartbreak say that "she lef



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me stranded and strangled, I was brooding over and she did not come to wipe off my tears and console me. How could she do that"! This is a deep psychic "habit" and expectation, it is tantamount to a mother forsaking a child, hence such tragic psychic shock and pain takes place. The boy has not fully (down to the level of his unconscious) yet been able to distinguish between "loving mother" and "real harsh nature outside". One may note that this "unconscious" often surfaces up when people in love call each other "baby"!

The only way to treat this problem and the pain of psychic shock is to simply understand its genesis and true nature. The moment "unconscious" becomes "conscious", (i.e. when one recognizes where it is coming from), one is instantaneously cured, because it no longer remains "unconscious" which used to exercise tremendous "unknown" control on us (from the dark). Truth sets us free, as old wisdom says, as testified by modern psychoanalytic clinics. Only way to treat these pathologies is through the discovery of "truth".

Extremely loving experience of this sort of 'unconscious anima' makes men into sentimentalists/ touchy. They lose contact with reality and this is the typical symptom

of this sort of "mother complex". For example we may see when such men fail in some exams or some other thing in life, they immediately become sentimentalists to such an extent that they become psychologically ascetic, saying that "hell with people and world, I won't appear in any exam ever now, I want to go to mountains and live in a cave, this world is not worth it"- this is symptomatic of deep unconscious wish to recede back to the age old comforts of the "womb". This whole problem arises from the fact that the individual has not "consciously" distinguished between "mother" and the "world" even after leaving childhood and this is exactly what the age old mythological rituals of "initiation' (like that of circumcision and various other rituals which have lost their meaning in modern world) aimed at i.e. beating into the conscious mind of the initiated childthe fact that he is a 'man' now- ready to face the world. The world is difficult; it is not always loving or loyal or predictable or sincere or perfect like "mother"; the struggle of life is part of our existence and realizing that fact makes us proper prepared holistic wholesome real "individu-

ated" individuals. This has another caveat and is it also teaches women/mothers on 'how not to raise a child' because an overprotective mother tries to protect the child (out of love of course) but too much to an extent that it undermines the child's own independent skill set which he needs to face the world. It turns a man into a "man-child" or an "old infant". Kindly read works of Erich Neumann for further elaboration or Jung's notion of mother complex. Readers can also read Von Franz's essay "The Process of Individuation" or watch the second part of her interview series "The Way of the Dream".

Here we come to another crucial point and that is the "anima" which represents the inner "perfect" ideal image of the "feminine" within the psyche of the man, gets projected onto outer women on the outside. Please note that every human being, in addition to possessing an individual 'ego' which defines them, also possesses the full holistic Self, deep within the unconscious which is the totality of all psychic energy whether masculine or feminine. Therefore, the consciousness of man, in an attempt to realize the full reality of holistic self searches for its "counterpart"/mirror image i.e. man searches for the "dream girl" of the "heart". This explains the sudden "seizure" that happens, popularly called 'love at first sight', when someone sees a woman for just ten seconds or so, exclaims oh! I know who she is, she is my 'soulmate', it is like I have known her for ages; the man is not lying, it is just that the one who he is talking about is not that girl outside but inner soul-image i.e. the perfect "anima" within. That is why, soon, as time passes, when the man "really" gets to know the girl; when the imperfections begin to surface up, he realizes that it is not what he had initially thought which is followed by psychological frustration and resentment. All this mess builds up simply because he did not fall in love with a "person" but his own anima "projec-

tion". Same applies to women. This sudden "seizure" by anima/ animus projection (a sort of "tasrup") explains its tremendous power of "fixation". It is powerful because it is not done "consciously" so to speak but a pathology which has deep unconscious roots and hence such power. Old myths would depict this pathology by showing feminine in the shape of "vampires" sucking out blood of men and that is what happens to them, they literally are "preyed" upon (though by their own projections). It is for this reason "vampire" figures have been a constant presence in many humar

fairytales (owing to its inspiration from the unconscious). Modern cinema, ironically, churns out millions of dollars showing vampire based romance/drama stories not knowing its old mythological essence.

Therefore, the takeaway point is that we should love "people" i.e. real human beings and not our own infantile projections. Violent ends and terrible fates of many human relationships have to do with infatuations about "projections" rather than love for a real human being who is not perfect. Love does not merely need passion (owing to infatuation) generated due to do anima/animus "projection" but rather it needs "compassion" for the other person whilst recognizing him/her as a "person", knowing his/her imperfections, complexities, naiveties, insanities, frustrations and what not. Who wouldn't love fairy-like perfect projections? It takes love to love real "persons". People under the possession of 'infatuations' actually love their own "feelings" and thus their own selves in the garb of "projections" ,rather than the outer person they claim to love, which demands real feeling of "conscious" compassion. The man (under anima possession) is still locked within infantile maternal mode of relationship i.e. "all about me"; he is not in love with the "person" but in fact is in love with the feeling of "being in love" i.e. the infantile demand of being "loved" (by mother).

Extremely good looking and successful people, for this reason, are not actually easy to love (the term 'love' here is to be distinguished from 'projection'/infatuation) but rather the most difficult. These people largely magnetize themselves with a lot of "projections", therefore, it is rather difficult for them to find people who actually love them as "persons". It is for this reason that militantly asserting oneself out there too much and showing off is not a very good idea.

We see, people already "market" themselves out there as "objects" by putting unhealthy overemphasis on cosmetic beauty and radical gym culture (as if participating in an investment-reward market policy) and lo and behold when the people they (hope to) love actually treat them like "objects", they generate knee jerk reaction and psychological shock. It is how we treat love that decides how love treats us back. Erich Fromm's book "The Art of Loving" best elaborates upon this subject.

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## **Beijing's Dangerous Covid Wave**

#### **Manal Mohammed**

rince the COVID variant omicron emerged in late 2021, it Dhas rapidly evolved into multiple subvariants. One subvariant, BF.7, has recently been identified as the main variant spreading in Beijing, and is contributing to a wider surge of COVID infections in China

But what is this new variant, and should we be worried? Although reports from China about this variant's characteristics are concerning, it doesn't appear to be growing too much elsewhere in the world. Here's what we know. BF.7, short for BA.5.2.1.7, is a

sub-lineage of the omicron variant BA.5.

Reports from China indicate BF.7 has the strongest infection ability out of the omicron subvariants in the country, being quicker to transmit than other variants, having a shorter incubation period, and with greater capacity to infect people who have had a previous COVID infection, or been vaccinated, or both.

To put this into context, BF.7 is believed to have an RO, or basic reproduction number, of 10 to 18.6. This means an infected person will transmit the virus to an average of 10 to 18.6 other people. Research has shown omicron has an average R0 of 5.08.

The high transmission rate of BF.7, taken with the risk of hidden spread due to the many asymptomatic carriers, is understood to be causing significant difficulty in controlling the epidemic in China.

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**BF.7'S MUTATIONS** 

As omicron has evolved, we've

seen the emergence of new sub-

variants better able to escape im-

The symptoms of an infection with BF.7 are similar to those associated with other omicron sub-

variants, primarily upper respiramunity from vaccination or prior tory symptoms. Patients may have infection. BF.7 is no different.

a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose and fatigue, among other symptoms. A minority of people of SARS-CoV-2 (a protein on the can also experience gastrointestisurface of the virus that allows it nal symptoms like vomiting and to attach to and infect our cells). This mutation, which we also see BF.7 may well cause more seriin BF.7's "parent" variant BA.5, ous illness in people with weaker has been linked with enhancing the capacity of the virus to escape neutralising antibodies generated

> by vaccines or previous infection. A recent study examined the neutralisation of BF.7 in sera (a component of blood that should

contain antibodies) from triplevaccinated healthcare workers, as well as patients infected during the omicron BA.1 and BA.5 waves of the pandemic. BF.7 was resistant to neutralisation, driven partly by the R346T mutation.

#### **BF.7 AROUND THE WORLD**

BF.7 has been detected in several other countries around the world including India, the US, the UK and several European countries such as Belgium, Germany, France and Denmark

Despite BF.7's immune-evasive

characteristics, and worrying signs about its growth in China, the variant seems to be remaining fairly steady elsewhere. For example, in the US it was estimated to account for 5.7% of infections up to December 10, down from 6.6% the week prior.

While the UK Health Security Agency identified BF.7 as one of the most concerning variants in terms of both growth and neutralisation data in a technical briefing published in October (it accounted for over 7% of cases at that time), the most recent briefing says BF.7 has been de-escalated due to reduced incidence and low growth rates in the UK.

We don't know exactly why the situation looks different in China. BF.7's high R0 might be due in part to a low level of immunity in the Chinese population from previous infection, and possibly vaccination too. We should, of course, be cautious about the data from China as it's based on reports, not peerreviewed evidence yet.

#### **AN EVOLVING VIRUS**

Since the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 three years ago, the virus has continued to evolve, acquiring genetic mutations more rapidly than expected.

The emergence of BF.7 and other new variants is concerning. But vaccination is still the best weapon we have to fight COVID. And the recent approval by the UK drugs regulator of bivalent boosters, which target omicron alongside the original strain of SARS-CoV-2, is very promising.

By arrangements with The Conversation

BF.7 carries a specific mutation, R346T, in the spike protein





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## News

#### Pakistan's ex-PM Imran Khan Says He Tried To Improve Strained Ties With India During His Tenure

#### **Press Trust of India**

Lahore: Pakistan's ousted prime minister Imran Khan on Monday said he wanted to improve strained relations with India during his tenure but the revocation of Kashmir's special status became a "hurdle."

Khan, the 70-year-old former cricketer-turned-politician, also said that then Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa was even more inclined to have better ties with India.

"I wanted to improve relations with India during my three-and-a-half year tenure but the RSS ideology and revocation of (Jammu and Kashmir) special status became a hurdle," the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party chairman said during his interaction with a group of foreign journalists at his Zaman Park residence here.

Khan said after India revoked Kashmir's status in 2019 his government did not push for talks. "We wanted India to reverse its decision first and hold peace talks," he said.

Responding to a question from the Press Trust of India (PTI) about who was running foreign policy towards India during his tenure, he or then Gen Bajwa, Khan replied: "I was the boss I was running the foreign policy. However, let me tell you that Gen Bajwa was even more inclined to have better ties with India."

Khan recently said he did not have the power during his tenure as Gen Bajwa was the man who was calling the shots.

When reminded that he had expressed his wish ahead of elections in India that Narendra Modi should win and as he would resolve the Kashmir issue, Khan said: "I still believe that a leader from the rightwing party can resolve a conflict. Modi was from the rightwing party which was why I wanted him to return to power and resolve the Kashmir issue. The right-wing party in a country opposes resolution of any such issue."

Relations between India and Pakistan have often been strained over the Kashmir issue and cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan. However, the ties between the two countries nosedived after India abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution, revoking the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcating the State into two Union

Territories on August 5, 2019. Khan also launched a scathing criticism of Gen Bajwa who retired late last month.

"Gen Bajwa unleashed a reign of terror on us during the last seven months as our leaders were brutally tortured (at his behest). Gen Bajwa is also responsible for economic disaster in the country," he alleged. When asked who was re-

sponsible for ousting him from power - the US or Gen Bajwa Khan said: "Gen Bajwa was mainly responsible for sending my government home despite we were performing well on the economic front. He wanted to give NRO (favour) to the thieves -- Sharifs and Zardaris -- that was why he conspired against my government. The role of the US should be determined through investigation of a cypher in this respect by a judicial commission.

Earlier, Khan had blamed the US for conspiring to oust him from power, a charge denied by Washington.

Khan also raised an alarm about the Afghan conflict.

"Currently, no one at the helm knows how to handle the Afghan situation. Pakistan cannot afford conflict with Afghanistan. Our foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari must go to Afghanistan instead of roaming around in the world as it is a very serious matter," he added.

## **6 Lakh Cyber Crime Complaints** Registered On Govt Portal Since 2019, Says MoS Home Ajay Mishra

#### **Press Trust of India**

New Delhi: Six lakh complaints of cyber crime have been registered at the Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System since its inception in 2019, Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Kumar Mishra said on Tuesday. Mishra said the Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System, under the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), has been launched for immediate

reporting of financial frauds and to stop siphoning off funds by fraudsters. The toll-free helpline number '1930' has been operationalised for assistance in lodging online cyber complaints. Since the inception of Citizen

Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System, more than six lakh complaints have been registered till December 12, 2022, and in more than 1.11 lakh complaints, so far, financial amount of more than Rs 188 crore have been saved," he said in Lok Sabha during Question

The minister said the states and Union Territories are primarily responsible for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of crimes including cyber crimes through their Law Enforcement Agencies

(LEAs). The LEAs take legal action as per the provisions of the law against persons involved in cyber crime. The Central Government supplements the initiatives of the states and Union Territories through advi-

sories and financial assistance under various schemes for their capacity building, he said. Mishra said the I4C has been set up to deal with all types of cyber crime in the country in a coordinated and comprehensive



manner. The National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (www.cybercrime.gov.in) was launched on August 30, 2019, as a part of the I4C, to enable people to report incidents of cyber crimes with a special focus on cyber crimes against women and children.

"Cybercrime incidents reported on this portal, their conversion into FIRs and subsequent action thereon are handled by the state and UT LEAs concerned as per the provisions of the law," the minister said.

He said more than 27,900 police officers from states and Union Territories are registered and over 7,300 certificates issued through the portal.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has provided financial assistance to states and Union Territories under the Cyber Crime Prevention against

Women and Children (CCPWC) scheme for their capacity building such as setting up of forensic-cum-training cyber laboratories, capacity building and hiring of junior cyber consultants, Mishra informed the Lok Sabha.

He said cyber forensic-cumtraining laboratories have been commissioned in 30 states and Union Territories.

These are Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Pradesh, Himachal Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Odisha, Sikkim, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Punjab, Tripura, Puducherry, Chandigarh, Jammu Kashmir, Rajasthan, and West Bengal, Delhi and Jharkhand.

### **BJP, Opposition Exchange Heated Words In RS Over Kharge's Remarks**

#### Press Trust of India

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New Delhi: Ruling and opposition members in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday sparred over certain remarks over made by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge in Rajasthan's Alwar, with treasury bench members seeking an apology from him for the "foul" comments.

However, Kharge refused to do so while maintaining that the BJP had no role in the country's freedom struggle. He insisted that the remarks were made outside Parliament and should not be discussed in the House. At a rally in Rajasthan on

Monday, Kharge claimed that while the Congress stood for the country and helped attain Independence after its leaders gave supreme sacrifices, "not even a dog of the BJP was lost" for the country.

He had also alleged that the BJP government "talks like a lion but acts like a mouse" as it is not taking on China for indulging in incursions along the border and is running away from a debate on the issue in Parliament.

Soon after papers were laid in the Upper House and the chairman announced that YSRCP leader V Vijay Sai Reddy and nominated member P T Usha have been nominated on the panel of vice chairman of the house, treasury bench members were up on their feet demanding an apology from

the Congress leader. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar urged protesting treasury bench members to resume their seats and even asked Leader of House (LoH) Piyush Goyal to persuade the members to maintain decorum in the House.

As protests continued, the Chairman said he does not "appreciate such unruly scenes and chaotic behaviour'

in the House.

"This House, either side, is a platform of expression. This House has to reflect and take note of everything that happens outside. ...everything spoken here carries a great weight. Anyone wants to take anything should take recourse to rules," he said and asked the LoH to present the point the Treasury members want to make in the House.

said, "Yesterday, Goyal Opposition leader Mallikarjun Kharge used foul language in his speech at Alwar. He made baseless remarks and tried to keep untruth before the nation. I strongly condemn it and demand an apology from him."

Kharge should apologise to the BJP and the House which has maximum members from the saffron party, he said.

"The way he has used the foul langauge reflected his thinking and jealousy. ....He (Kharge) may be jealous that his party is not being accepted by people. Use of such foul language is an insult of this House and all citizens," Goyal said.

He further said that after the country's Independence Mahatma Gandhi had said that the Congress should be disbanded, and Kharge's behaviour shows what the Father of the Nation had said was true.

Kharge does not even know how to give a speech. Till he apologises, he has no right to stay in the House, he added.

As Treasury members continued to demand an apology, the chairman asked the LoH to control members and maintain decorum.

Kharge said there was no need to discuss the issue as the remarks were made in Alwar during the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

"What I had said politically was outside the House and not in the House. There is no need to discuss here," he said.

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#### **Plot Thickens: Is Cartoon**

or namda weavers. Surrounded by kids from various households and sitting over an upside down phout (basket weaved from willowwicker), storytellers weaved stories with flair as if competing with local Shahtosh and pashmina weavers.

"Padshahkath implies tales or spoken words of wisdom and inspiration," says Syed Areej, the only female Ladishah of Kashmir. "You derive valuable life lessons and moral values from

#### apathy towards our culture."

To encourage parents like Khursheed to spend time with their kids and better still to tell them Padshahkath, Nadia Nahvi-a clinical psychologist-suggests: "Stories are a wonderful psychological tool. Talking and telling stories to kids from an early age helps them acquire language and develop communication skills. Stories particularly play a critical role in fostering the imagination of a child. When a child listens to a story, it tries to imagine the characters in that story and this helps in the development of abstract thinking pow

#### been issued. G-20 Meet In

together 19 of the world' leading economies and the European Union, with its members accounting for more than 80 per cent of global GDP, 75 percent of global trade and 60 percent of the global population, according to the MEA.

The G20 member nations are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United

UN Security Council that the "contemporary epicentre of terrorism" remains very much active and called for collective action to tackle them.

Though Jaishankar did not name any countries, it was apparent that he was making a veiled reference to Pakistan.

Later, he told reporters in New York that the world sees Pakistan as the epicentre of terrorism and recalled US leader Hillary Clinton's blunt message to Islamabad in 2011 that snakes in one's backyard will eventually bite those who keep them

New Delhi," the spokesperson said.

"In his distinguished military career spanning over three decades, the General Officer has held various prestigious staff and command appointments in J&K, North East and at Army HQ. He has also served as Indian Army Liaison Officer, High Commission of India, United Kingdom," he added .

#### **Fire Damages**

efforts, the fire was put out with assistance from police and locals. "There was partial damage caused to the

Hour.

Padshahkath, she says, was a unique way of meaningful interaction between different generations-usually grandparents and their grandchildren. "It made possible that elders could pass on their experience and wisdom to the younger generations in a fun and enjoyable way," the lady Ladishah says."However, changing value systems and parenting style have forced kids away from their elders. Today the most preferred way for parents to pamper their kids is making them watch cartoons and other visuals on digital screens."

Drawing a comparison between the present scenario and his own childhood days, Zareef Ahmad Zareef—a retired cultural officer, a poet and an oral historian-says: "Smartphones and other technologies have made our life easier but unfortunately we remain ignorant to their ill-effects especially the harm caused by their unregulated use to the health and over all development of children.'

Unlike the contemporary unprecedented and uncontrolled access to information and knowledge, Zareef in his childhood-when even the faculty at his school was limitedwould routinely listen to Padshahkath at home and at school as well.

"Padshahkath was a part of our education both formal and informal," says a wistful Zareef. "It was a form of guided learning for us, as narrator would exactly know what kind of a story to tell and when to tell it. Some stories cautioned us against unfairness and negligence whereas other stories would be chivalrous or informed us about our roots and surroundings."

In fact, says Khursheed Ahmad, a PhD scholar in Comparative Literature, the tradition of telling stories through word of mouth had a huge role in preserving the history and culture of a place and its people.

"Apart from lulling us to sleep, being fun, entertaining and instilling morals and virtues in us, folktales convey important historical and cultural perspectives," says the scholar facing with the conundrum of being the best possible father to his son, despite the fact that he's yet to tell a Padshahkath to his three-year-old son."Had there been no tradition of oral storytelling in Kashmir, there would be no Vakhs of LalDed today."

In trying to untangle a complex situation similar to Khursheed's conundrum, Zareef with a contemplative look on his face, says, "We've lost control and direction as a society. Our children are fluent in languages other than their mother tongue. And once you lose your mother tongue, you also lose the stories and traditions woven around it. As a result, we witness a general lack of the sense of belonging, and total

ers. Through stories, parents can introduce different perspectives and ideas to their kids. Besides, stories are a time-tested technique to make your kid sleep faster and longer."

Parents, the mental health expert warns, should avoid indulging their young kids in un-necessary smartphone use. "Most of the times what kids view on the screens is beyond their comprehension and causes strain in their eyes and neck," she says."And there's always a possibility of kids developing vicarious trauma if they are exposed to gruesome or distressing material via images or videos on social media for a prolonged period of time."

#### Govt Winds-Up

Central Social Welfare Board. These schemes are now being implemented through the other Directorates of the Department namely Mission Poshan and Mission Shakti respectively.

Central Social Welfare Board has since been wound up by the Government of India and on its analogy, the J&K Social Welfare Board has also been wound up.

A committee to be chaired by Commissioner/ Secretary, Social Welfare Department has been constituted for recommending the roadmap for utilization of services of existing employees/temporary staff already working in the said Board as also for utilization of assets and liabilities of the Social Welfare Board.

Man Dies Waiting

approach" to the issue.

Expressing concern over Bhat's death, CPI(M) leader Mohamad Yousuf Tarigami reiterated the demand for simplifying the whole process.

He expressed his dismay over the hardships being faced by the old people, people with disability, widows, divorcees, transgenders, and other needy and destitute with the introduction of online registration.

"The beneficiaries who are old-aged ,including the disabled are being made to sit in long queues for hours in sub-zero temperatures outside offices which led to the unfortunate death of this poor elderly person," he said.

The CPI(M) leader also demanded immediate relief for the Bhat's family.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad termed the death of elderly man as unfortunate.

He said that an inquiry led by Additional District Development Commissioner, Bandipora will be conducted to ascertain all the aspects and the findings of the same will be shared in due course of time.

He said that an advisory 'urging people not to visit the office unless they are called' has States.

#### Govt Okays

Health, School Education, H&UDD, RDD, Home, Labour and Employment departments have been assigned specific roles and responsibilities for ensuring proper implementation of the said policy in letter and spirit. The same would be monitored by a Committee headed by Chief Secretary to review its implementation in the UT.

Further, the Social welfare Department shall be responsible for regular monitoring of the implementation of the policy to protect and safeguard the future of all such children found across length and breadth of J&K.

#### Cold Wave Intensifies

(small cold) and a 10-day-long Chillai-

#### Bachha' (baby cold). **Govt Orders Seizure**

Srinagar vide mutation No. 2950.

The third property is two storied residential structures constructed over Proprietary Land measuring 17 Marla and 199 Sft. Survey No. 1388/307 at Barzulla, Srinagar recorded in the name of Syed Ali Shah Geelani S/o Syed Peer Shah Geelani and Firdous Ahmad Asmi S/o Ghulam Nabi Asmi vide mutation No. 2646.

The DM said that upon obtaining the report from concerned Tehsildar and after perusal of Revenue Record pertaining to the above properties, it was found that these properties are owned by and / are under possession of banned Jamaat-e-Islami association through their members.

"AND WHEREAS, on perusal of the records and other connected documents, I, District Magistrate Srinagar, am satisfied that there is sufficient material to notify the above mentioned properties under the said Act, " the order said.

The order asked the lead District Manager for information and with the directions to seize all accounts of the proscribed organization whether in the name of members / institutions of affiliated units and furnish compliance report immediately.

#### **US Pitches For**

revoking the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcating the State into two Union Territories on August 5, 2019.

Pakistan foreign minister Bhutto-Zardari last week resorted to a personal attack on Prime Minister Modi and slammed the RSS after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar told the

"The US has a global strategic partnership with India. These relationships stand on their own; it is not zero-sum.

"We see the importance the indispensability really of maintaining valuable partnerships with both our Indian and Pakistani friends. Each of these relationships also happens to be multifaceted," Price said.

"So even as we deepen our global strategic partnership with India, we also have a relationship in which we can be candid and frank with one another. Where we have disagreements or concerns, we voice those just as we would with our Pakistani friends as well," he said.

Responding to another question, Price said countries the world over welcomed when Prime Minister Modi told Russian President Vladimir Putin this summer that this is not the era of war.

"I think it is notable that the communique emanating from the G20 also had very similar language I think a testament to the fact that this was language and this was a call that resonated in this country, in South Asia, in Europe, and around the world. The United States certainly welcomes it," he said. The top US official said it was also important because India has a relationship with Russia that the US does not have.

For decades, Russia was prepared to be a partner to India in a way that the US at the time was not. Of course, that has changed in recent decades, Price said.

It is a bipartisan legacy of the last several administrations, perhaps starting most notably with the administration of former US President George W Bush that the US is now a partner of "first resort" for India, he said.

"There is a lot of good that we can do together, not only for our two countries, but around the world, and I think we will see a good example of that in the coming year when India hosts the G20," he said.

"I know we will have an opportunity to travel to India, to be in close touch with India in the context of the G20, and we will be able to see what cooperation between our two countries and a broader set of countries can provide," Price added.

#### **Devender Singh**

and appropriate action on all genuine issues highlighted by him. Major Gen Mohit

#### 3 MADRAS Regiment in Dec 1991. An alumnus of National Defence Academy, the General Officer has attended the prestigious NDC at

commercial-cum-Darul Uloom building, comparatively more to a tailoring shop, and a residential in the incident", the official said adding the cause of fire is being ascertained.

#### **5** Teachers

showing that these schools were locked," it reads.

The communiqué further reads that an enquiry committee consisting of Principal of HSS Channa, Rieaz Hussain Senior Lecturer of HSS Mahore and Headmaster of HS Jamlan was constituted to conduct an in-depth inquiry regarding the matter.

It also reads, "The committee submitted a detailed report in which the committee confirmed the closure of the schools that too without the permission of higher authorities."

"ZEO Mahore instead of taking action against the HOls of those schools for closing the schools, he himself participated with them in enjoying the feast at MS Tramala and this office has recommended for suitable punishment warranted under rules against ZE Mahore to DSEJ," reads the communiqué.

The CEO said that neither headmaster of MS Tramala in any case is authorised to serve direction to any school for closing the schools nor HOls of these schools have the authority to close the schools without permission of higher authorities as such all these Hols need strong action to be taken against them.

"Therefore, HOIs of all the schools are put under suspension with immediate effect and attached to the office of CEO Reasi," it reads.

#### Search Ops

a team of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA), local fishermen, Navy and Sopore police were continuously putting their efforts to retrieve the body of the missing teenage girl.

"We had pressed at least 150 men, 80 boats into the service to retrieve the body of a 17-year-old girl from the day first, but the efforts failed and we have decided to call off the search operation", said Farooq Ahmed, who heads the fishermen community.

He said, that not only of Sopore, but the fishermen from Bandipora and adjoining villages too joined us in the search operations. Farooq said that whatever they were using was of their own and nothing from the administration side.

Meanwhile, the deputy commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar during the late evening hours visited the family of the girl and expressed condolences to the family.

## STATE

## **AC Approves Land Transfers For Different Public Purposes**



#### **Observer News Service**

JAMMU: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposals of different departments for transfer of land for various developmental projects.

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

The Administrative Council approved the proposal for transferring Shamilat Deh (Mehfooz Kahcharie) land measuring 121 Kanal 11 Marla situated in village Plakh, Tehsil Basohli, District Kathua in favour of SKUAST Jammu for establishment of New KrishiVigyan Kendra at Hill Region and in lieu

working in the UT.

An order in this regard issued

by J&K Government reads that

sanction is hereby accorded to

the constitution of Jammu and

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of Accreditation to News Media

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transfers of State land measuring 122 Kanal 18 situated in village Jhanker for Kahcharie purpose.

It shall provide opportunity to the farmers of the area by creating awareness to improve produce by employing various agricultural technologies.

The Administrative Council also transferred State land measuring 06 Kanal 12 Marla situated at village Makwal, Tehsil Mandal, District Jammu for establishment of BOP namely "AMK", by Border Security Force (BSF) on the payment of transfer value as per the Stamp duty rates notified in the area. It also authorized use of 135.57 Ha of land in Bahu Conservation Reserve for establishment of small arms firing range (long range) under J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997



IAMMU: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that National Education Policy (NEP) has made sports an integral part of the academic curriculum as it emphasizes that the curriculum should focus on holistic education, in which science, social science, art, humanities and sports will promote material and human efficiency together. "The aspiration of the coun-

try is embedded in ambition of youth. The different disciplines of sports have become the source of new goals, character building and the values of team spirit," the LG said.

He made these remarks while declaring the All India Inter-University Fencing (Men & Women) Championship 2022-23 open at Jammu University here on Tuesday. Over 1000 fencers from 100 Universities across the country are partici-

pating in this grand event. "National Education Policy has made sports an integral part of the academic curriculum. It also emphasizes that the curriculum should focus

on holistic education, in which science, social science, art, humanities and sports will promote material and human efficiency together," Sinha said. He also addressed the fenc-

ers from across the country, who are taking part in the championship.

"This unique and extraordinary Championship is truly inspiring. It will enable and encourage more such sporting events and lead to identification of future talents and sustainable sports movement in

the J&K UT," the LG said. "Contesting in a game is itself a victory and for the fencers it gives an opportunity to learn discipline, balance, speed, mental agility, self-confidence," he added.

The LG further maintained

## 'Committed To Safeguard **Right Of All Communities'**

Kashmir.

"The members of

the delegation further

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unprecedented measures

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While interacting with

observed that the J&K Gov-

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all the communities and is

working in a planned man-

The LG, he said, assured

ing delegation that all their

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increased sports activities

in J&K. Sportsperson-centric

policies & schemes, promotion

of sports at grassroots level,

world class coaching & train-

ing facilities have infused new

hopes and dreams among bud-

ding sportspersons," he added.

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Pertinently, the Jammu Uni-

versity has made a provision

by adding credits to the stu-

dents' results based on their

All India Inter-University Fenc-

ing Championship is being orga-

nized by Directorate of Sports &

Physical Education, University

of Jammu. Participants also took

Sports Pledge to play with the

true spirit of sportsmanship for

performance in Sports.

The LG also spoke on the re-

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and just development of all citizens of the UT.

for the welfare and em-

ity communities in I&K.

the spokesperson said.

the visiting representa-

tives, he said, the LG

IAMMU: Lieutenant Govtowards development ernor, Manoj Sinha said on and peace in Jammu and Tuesday that his administration is committed to safeguarding the rights of expressed their gratitude all the communities and is working in a planned manto the Lt Governor-led UT ner to ensure equitable and just development of all citizens of the Union

Sinha made these remarks during an interaction with a 28-member All Jammu & Kashmir Sikh **Co-ordination Committee** (AJKSCC) led by Chairman Ajit Singh, here at the Raj Bhavan, an official spokesperson said.

The delegation, he said, projected various issues and grievances and sought LG's intervention for the redressal of the same. While highlighting the

issues, he said, the Chairman AJKSCC said that the minority Sikh community has always contributed

that sports as soft power have an important role in bringing regions, nations, and diverse cultures together. As a social enterprise, he said, the sports give paramount importance to equality, economic development that benefits entire community.

Highlighting the vital importance of sports in the globalized world the LG said that sports can be instrument of change in the world and the change starts with accepting the challenge.

"My mantra for the budding sportspersons is to stop doubting yourself and go after what you really want in life with complete dedication. With firm determination, hard work, and faith, players can chart their own future," he said.

On the transformation taking place in the sporting ecosystem, the LG said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is emerging as a formidable sporting power.

"Our focus is on sustainable the glory of the sport.

## **Dr Sehrish Reviews Health** Scenario In Baramulla

Stresses For Best, Accessible & Affordable Health Services For Patients



**Observer News Service** 

BARAMULLA: In order to review the overall healthcare scenario of the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar on Tuesday convened a meeting of concerned health functionaries at her office chamber, here.

On the occasion, the DC took a detailed stock of health infrastructure in the district, status of rented buildings, manpower, rationalisation of manpower and machinery available. Apart from this, the DC also

reviewed the status of National Health schemes, Maternal and Infant death, Golden cards, universal screening under Non Communicable Diseases, Capex and District Budget besides operationalisation of new Special Newborn Care Unit, Nutrition Rehabilitation Center under As-

#### piration District Programme

After taking a detailed note of the health department, Dr. Sehrish urged health functionaries to come up to the expectations of the patients and focus on providing best services and make accessible, affordable health care in the district available for the patients.

On the occasion, the DC exhorted upon all Block Medical Officers to complete targets under Golden Cards, screening of Non Communicable Diseases within a definite time frame besides directing the concerned authorities to inaugurate all the completed projects by December 31.

Moreover, the DC also directed for providing 24/7 health care facilities in all hospitals besides stressing upon punctual duties of doctors and paramedics and directed for strict adherence to duty roasters.

## **50** Change in Land Use Applications **Approved In Anantnag**

#### **Observer News Service**

ANANTNAG: A meeting was held Tuesday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom for approving Change in Land Use (CLUs) applications at DC Office Complex, here. Assistant Commissioner Revenue

Anantnag, Shoaib Noor presented applications received online. Deliberations were held with

stakeholders from various departments on a case-to-case basis. Representatives from Revenue,

RDD, Pollution Control Board, Jal Shakti, R&B, Agriculture, Industries, etc shared their remarks on the cases. 50 Cases were approved after all

> **3 Terrorists Killed In South** Kashmir's Shopian: Police



concerned departments shared no objection certificates.

Dr Basharat exhorted the officials to ensure cases are processed without any delay. He said that any application should be disposed off within the stipulated timeline.

He said that CLU policy is beneficial to the public and they can efficiently use the land resources. He said that the online process also reduces the need for physical interaction.

Emphasizing that departmental coordination is critical for timely processing of cases, he said that departments must ensure that comments are shared without unnecessary delays.

in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. As per the order, the committee will be composed of Director Information & PR as Chairman,

## **DC Shopian Holds Meeting** With AEROs, PEBOs

Stresses on universal coverage of electorates in the upcoming Panchayat Electoral Roll Revision

**Observer News Service** more inclusive participation of

**Journalists In J&K Observer News Service** Deputy Director Information (PR), DIPR as Member Secretary, **IAMMU:** The Union Territory Zulfikar Majeed (Deccan Herald), Fayaz Ahmad (ANI), Neeraj administration Tuesday consti-Rohmetra (Daily Excelsior), Arshid Rasool (Daily Gadyal), tuted the Jammu and Kashmir Media Accreditation Committee (JKMAC) for grant of Ac-Naveen Sharma (Dainik Jagran), creditation to media persons

Anil Bhat (PTI), Zahoor Hashmi (Daily Aftab), Satish Vimal (All India Radio), Pradip Datta (Times Now) and Ayaz Hafiz (Rising Kashmir) as members.

The Director Information, Akshay Labroo said, "With the constitution of JKMAC the long

pending demand of working media persons of Jammu and Kashmir has been fulfilled and very soon the process of granting accreditation to media per-

sons of J&K will be initiated.

Territory.

**Country's Aspiration** 

**Of Youth: LG Sinha** 

**Embedded In Ambition** 

SHOPIAN: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya who is also District Panchayat Election Officer (DPEO), on Tuesday held meeting with AEROs and Panchavat Election Booth Officers (PEBOs) of Shopian at Mini Secretariat, here.

The DPEO urged the participants to expedite the process of registrations and ensure 100% accuracy and coverage to the electorates during the Panchayat Electoral revision period commencing from 21 December, 2022 to 18 January, 2023.

He stressed upon PEBOs to undertake the task of spreading awareness among the people regarding the exercise. He also asked them to work with dedication and enthusiasm towards the effective registration of new eligible voters.

DPEO called for greater and

people in the electoral process. Dy.DEO, Jahanger Ahmad, on the occasion explained about the process of prescribed forms for upcoming Panchayat Electoral Revision and methodologies to be adopted for 100% coverage by door to door visit of the households.

Earlier in the day, DPEO issued a public notice informing all the stakeholders about the schedule for the revision and requested for greater participation.

The revision for Panchayat Electoral Rolls shall start from 21 December, 2022 to 18 January, 2023 during which the eligible voters can apply for enrolment and other delegations.

The disposal of claims and objections shall be carried out by the ERO on 30 January, 2023 and the final publication shall take place on 10 February, 2023.

## **Address Security Concerns Of Panchayat Members: AJKPC To PM**

**Press Trust Of India** 

SRINAGAR: An organisation of panchayat representatives in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address their security concerns as they alleged that police authorities have not taken any decision on their request for providing security. All Jammu and Kashmir

Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) president Anil Sharma claimed that the lives of members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) and their families remain under threat and added that several panches and sarpanches have been killed even after the abrogation of Article 370

provisions in August 2019. "I request Prime Minister Narendra Modi and J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to address the security concerns of the panchayat members and provide necessary security to them," he told reporters here.

Sharma claimed their requests for providing security to panches, sarpanches and block development council (BDC) chairpersons were pending with the district police officers of Kashmir Division and the security wing of Jammu and

Kashmir Police.

"(However), the officers concerned are neither providing the required security nor rejecting their applications. The lives of these PRI members and their families remain under threat," he added.

Sharma said contrary to the expectations, even after the abrogation of Article 370, individual security of PRI members remains a prime concern in Jammu and Kashmir, more specifically in the valley.

On the issue of advancing panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Sharma said the AJKPC would oppose any such move.

#### **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: Three Lashkar-e-Taiba militants were killed in an encounter with government forces in Shopian district of South Kashmir on Tuesday, police said.

Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir zone, Vijay Kumar said two of the three slain militants have been identified and were involved in civilian killings.

He said one of the slain militants was Lateef Lone, who was allegedly involved in killing of Kashmiri Pandit Puran Krishan Bhat, while the other militant

was identified as Umer Nazir, who was involved in killing of Till Bahadur Thapa of Nepal.

Giving details of the encounter, a police official said government forces launched a cordon and search operation at Munjh Marg in Zainapora area of Shopian following information about the presence of militants.

The search operation turned into an encounter, the official said, adding three LeT militants were killed in the exchange of fire with the government forces. An AK 47 rifle and two pistols were recovered from the encounter site.

## GOOD GOVERNANCE B2V4, MTMP2 Proves Catalyst In Development Of J&K: Govt

#### **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: The successful conclusion of My Town My Pride-(MTMP) and 'Back to Village-4 (B2V4) programme has proved as a catalyst in the development of entire Jammu and Kashmir and has also amplified the saturation of different beneficiary oriented schemes across J&K.

During the B2V4 programme, as per official data, around 54 deliverables of 21 departments were saturated across the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir.

As per the official data, the programme has also been successful in providing self employment opportunities to 21329 individuals. 277 cooperative societies were also registered in various fields like poultry, housing, transport, health etc. In the agriculture sector, 14567 Soil Health Cards as well as 5914 Kissan

Credit Cards were also issued.

Labourers and migrant workers also benefited during B2V4 as 24179 beneficiaries were enrolled and 4063 e-Shram cards were generated. In the health sector, 95959 PMJAY-SEHAT Golden Cards were issued thereby giving health insurance coverage to 49526 families.

Similarly Revenue Department has been successful in issuing 6.6 lakh Land Passbooks and during B2V4, 8.46 lakh persons were introduced to Apki Zamin Apki Nigrani portal enabling them to access revenue records from the comfort of their homes.

The data of Back to Village also says that a lot has been achieved by the Social Welfare Department, by digitising 5159 Disability Cards (UDID) and seeding 30231 Anganwadi beneficiaries. Moreover 211 Divyang Camps were also organised

by the department.

In addition more than 1.55 lakh e-challans were issued by the Mining Department with unique QR code integrated with an online payment system for sale and purchase of minerals through zero-manual interface.

A lot has been achieved in the last three years with speedy implementation of the projects and government continues to invest in schemes to make rural J&K selfreliant and to increase incomes by creating more self-employment opportunities at the local level.

Similarly with 'My Town My Pride' public outreach programme, government is putting people at heart of urban transformation & unlocking cities' full potential to drive growth, empower local governance and to ensure seamless delivery of services at the doorsteps.

2.0 was a resounding success where a record number of 7.16 lac people participated in the programme across the UT, from 28th November 2022 to 6th December 2022. Special awareness camps were arranged by various departments involved in delivering public services like issuance of domicile certificates, widow/ old-age/ disability pensions, Aadhaar, water and power connections, issuance of birth and death certificates, land revenue extracts, sewage and cleanliness services, etc at the venue of the programme itself and through a weeklong "Shahri Jan Abhiyan".

The recently concluded MTMP

The 'My Town My Pride' public outreach programme lays special focus on Self-employment generation and skill development to empower youth. During MTMP Abhiyan, 25 youth from each ward were identified for self-employment assistance and skill training.

During MTMP 2.0, as per official data, around 2,740 Street vendor licenses, 1144 Kisan Credit Cards, 6251 Soil Health Cards, 38973 Golden cards, 40482 echallans, 3402 e-Shram Cards, 53923 Passbooks, 4680 Disability Cards have been issued by the concerned Departments.

In addition, 2843 awareness camps were held for saturation of various schemes like PMAY(U). DAY-NULM (Deen Dayal Antodaya Yozana), Self Employment Programme (SEP), PM SVANIDHI (Atam Nirbhar Bharat) AMRUT 2.0 and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBH-U), 1,33,524 Households covered under door-to-door awareness drive under ban on single-use plastic besides 1,362 beneficiaries were covered under Grah Pravesh

(PMAY-Urban).

Sports activities were also carried out in 80 towns during Jan Abhiyan and 140763 sports persons were participated, 5002 individuals covered under self employment drive in the ULBs. 248 CSC camps organized in Corporation and ULBs, 2649 inheritance mutation done, 1743 Ladli Beti and 36556 Anganwadi beneficiaries seeded with Adhaar during Jan Abhiyan, 96 Divyang Camps held during Jan Abhi-yan, 560 Senior Citizens clubs were got formed in various ULBs.

As part of this programme, more than 170 senior officers of the Government reached out to Urban Local Bodies in J&K, where they interacted and obtained feedback from the grassroots, so as to tailor the government efforts in improving delivery of services specific to that area.

## SPORTS

## **Inter-University Fencing** C'ship Begins In Jammu

#### **Observer News Service**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor centric policies & schemes, promo-Manoj Sinha on Tuesday declared tion of sports at grassroots level, the All India Inter-University Fencing (Men & Women) Championship 2022-23 open at Jammu University.

More than 1000 fencers from 100 Universities across the country are participating in this grand event. During the event, LG also released the Competition Mascot and departmental calendar of Director- and the change starts with acceptate of Sports & Physical Education, ing the challenge". Pertinently, University of Jammu. The LG also the Jammu University has made a addressed the fencers from across provision by adding credits to the the country, who are taking part in the Championship.

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Highlighting the vital impor-

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such sporting events and lead to Education, University of Jammu identification of future talents and Participants also took Sports Pledge sustainable sports movement in the to play with the true spirit of sports-J&K UT, said the LG.

Contesting in a game is itself a victory and for the fencers it gives Sports Council; Deans, faculty an opportunity to learn discipline, members, senior officials, promibalance, speed, mental agility, selfconfidence, he added.

number of people and youth were Improved sports infrastructure present on the occasion.



three match women's cricket series under J&K Sports Council's "My Youth My Pride" program between the Sports Council Cricket Academy Srinagar and Women College MA Road Srinagar began on Tuesday at Cricket Academy Ground TRC Srinagar.



## **Huge Crowds Welcome Argentina & Messi After World Cup Victory**

#### Agencies

fans lined up in the middle of the night to try to get a glimpse of written by a fan to the tune of the Argentina soccer team that an old song by the band and won one of the greatest World became a popular unofficial Cup finals of all time ahead what anthem for Argentine fans at is scheduled to be a day of celebrations in Buenos Aires.

red carpet that had been rolled out for the squad.

Messi was the first player World Cup, flanked by coach

"Thank you, champions." The players were welcomed **BUENOS AIRES:** Thousands of by rock band La Mosca singing "Muchachos," a song that was the World Cup in Qatar.

The newly crowned cham-Members of the team, led by pions of the world boarded an captain Lionel Messi, were all open top bus and several, insmiles as they descended from cluding Messi, could be seen the plane in Ezeiza, right out- singing the words to "Muchaside Argentina's capital, shortly chos" while they waited for evbefore 3 a.m. Tuesday onto a eryone to get on to travel to the headquarters of the Argentine Football Association.

The bus moved at a snail's from the plane carrying the pace as fans, many of whom were waving Argentine flags, Lionel Scaloni, who put his swarmed the bus on a highway, arm around the captain as they eager for a glimpse of the playwalked past a sign that read, ers as law enforcement officers celebrate the victory. (AP)

tried to keep them at bay. Throughout the trip, Messi held on the World Cup as players waved to fans and often sang along with them.

It took the bus around one hour to travel approximately 11 kilometers (6.8 miles) from the airport to AFA headquarters, where the players were welcomed with fireworks.

They will sleep at AFA headquarters for a few hours before boarding the bus later Tuesday to the Obelisk, the iconic Buenos Aires landmark that was a sea of people Sunday afternoon after the team won the country's third World Cup, and its first since 1986.

President Alberto Fernández declared a national holiday Tuesday so the country could

## **England Complete Historic** Whitewash In Pakistan

#### Reuters

KARACHI: England's bold brand of becoming the youngest bowler in cricket brought more accolades on men's test history to take a five-Tuesday as they became the first wicket haul on debut. Duckett and test team to complete a 3-0 white- captain Ben Stokes (35 not out) rewash in Pakistan with their eight- turned to the crease on Tuesday and wicket victory in the third and final match in Karachi. The tourists, having restricted Pakistan to 216 in the second innings, comfortably chased straight victory in the series after wins in Rawalpindi and Multan. Prior to the tour, England had

Ahmed had put England in control of the test on day three after their 73-run partnership pushed England over the line during the morning session of day four.

England have made huge proga target of 167 to bring up their third ress under Stokes and new head coach Brendon McCullum, whose high-risk high-reward 'Bazball' style has brought nine wins in 10 tests. won only two tests in Pakistan Prior to the change in leadership and it was their first series win in England had been mired in a miser-



the country since 2000-2001. An able run of one win in 17 tests. opening partnership of 87 from Zak Monday.

Harry Brook was named Player Crawley (41) and Ben Duckett (82 of the Match, and the Series, after not out) had given England a fly- making 111 in the first innings in ing start while all-rounder Rehan Karachi, his third ton in as many Ahmed, promoted to number three, matches. Pakistan captain Babar made 10 runs before the 18-year- Azam said they had played well in old leg spinner lost his off-stump on parts but could not keep the pressure on for long enough.

## **ICC Gives Below Average Rating To Gabba Pitch**

#### **Press Trust of India**

BRISBANE: The International Cricket Council on Tuesday gave a below average rating to the Brisbane pitch after the first Test between Australia and South Africa ended in two days. Australia won the game by six wickets

after South Africa managed 152 and 99 in their two innings. Australia made 218 in their first innings.

ICC match referee Richie Richardson said: "Overall, the Gabba pitch for this

Test match was too much in favour of the bowlers. There was extra bounce and occasional excessive seam movement.

"The odd delivery also kept low on the second day, making it very difficult for batters to build partnerships. I found the pitch to be 'below average' as per the ICC guidelines since it was not an even contest between bat and ball." Richardson's report has been forwarded to Cricket Australia. The second Test of the three-match series will be played at MCG from December 26.

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# Chai Ka Chaska With Bun Maska

JK Bank Lawns, Opp Ghat 6 Boulevard, Srinagar