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# Meteorites Found In Antarctica, Could Hold Answers To Earth's Formation

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- Scientists have found meteorites from the depths of Antarctica Blue Ice, an area with strong winds where the glaciers get ablated, with one of them weighing 7.6 kg.

An international team of scientists went on a reconnaissance mission to Antarctica with the objective of finding new areas of meteorite accumulation around the Belgian Princess Elisabeth Antarctica (PEA) Station, according to a statement.

The exploration was from December 11, 2022 to January 11.

"Meteorites are rocks fallen from space as a shooting star. Previously, three successful Belgian-Japanese missions to the Nansen Blue Ice Field near the Belgian station in Antarctica collected more than 600 meteorites. Using satellite images and GPS coordinates, the team set out to discover the potential of several areas of interest by searching them for meteorites," said professor Maria Schoenbaechler, department of earth sciences at ETH-Zurich in Switzerland, told PTI.

The blue ice zone of Nils Larsen, about 60 km from the station, has been recognized



as an accumulation zone worthy of revisiting, the statement said.

"But above all, the team returns with a very nice surprise in its luggage: a 7.6 kg meteorite! Such big meteorites are very rare in Antarctica," it said.

"At the moment it looks like an ordinary chondrite. This type of meteorite comes from the asteroid belt and ended its travel in the Antarctic blue ice, waiting several tens of thousands of years in the ice before discovery.

"It belongs to the oldest material that can be found on Earth and is similar to the

building block of the Earth," said Schoenbaechler.

So, what does this mean for the Earth science research? "This means we can study planet Earth's formation with this type of meteorite," said Schoenbaechler.

The meteorite were found on the blue ice or in the moraines. The scientists documented them without touching them and packed them directly into plastic bags or aluminium foil to avoid contamination, she said in an email.

Differentiating between meteors and meteorites, Schoenbaechler said, "The rocks, which we found, are

called meteorites. The shooting star is the trail which it generates while falling onto the Earth and is called a meteor."

When asked how the meteorites were identified as such, she said, "The meteorites were first identified by looking at them - our big meteorite has a very typical dark fusion crust, which is formed during the fall of the rock onto earth.

"This generates a shooting star (meteor), in which the upmost surface of the rock is heated by aerodynamical friction and melted. We also used a handheld tool to test the magnetic properties of the rock."

So, what will the meteorites be analysed for?

"We will take a small sample and analyse the minerals that it contains to determine which type of meteorites it is," explained Schoenbaechler.

When asked if there was something else that they would like to share, she said, "We also took some sedimentary samples and in there, we will search for micrometeorites. These are very small meteorites and their size is the same as that of a dust particle. They too are scientifically very valuable."

Along with Schoenbaechler, the team included scientists from Field Museum of Natural History, University of Chicago in the US, and Universite Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in Belgium, was led by Vinciane Debaille, ULB and guided in the field by Manu Poudelet, International Polar Guide Association.

What lies ahead for the meteorite? "Next step? The meteorite will go to Brussels, travelling in a cold box, for thawing under controlled conditions at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, before being analysed for their chemical composition and becoming available for scientific studies," the statement said

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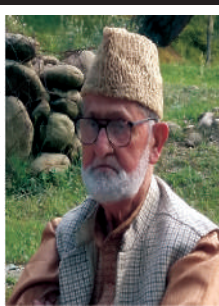
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## Demise

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the demise of Ghulam Rasool Rather S/O Late Ghulam Hassan Rather R/O Chanapora, Bolhachipora near Goal Masjid, Srinagar who passed away on **17<sup>th</sup> of Jan 2023 (Tuesday)**. May Almighty Allah grant Jannat-ul-Firdous to the departed soul. Congregational Fateha Khawani shall be held on **21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023 (Saturday)** at their ancestral graveyard Malkabir Sahab Rather Mohalla Nowshera at 11.00am.

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## Researchers Develop Organic Crystalline Material For Highly Sensitive Pressure Sensors

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Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Bhopal, and the University of Queensland have developed a new flexible organic crystal that shows great potential for use in highly sensitive pressure sensors.

According to the team, the device fabricated with this material has high sensitivity to pressure when compared to existing materials, making it a promising component for future development of the technology of pressure sensors.

The findings of the research have been published in the prestigious journal "Small".

"There is a growing interest in the use of organic materials for electronic applications. The flexibility of organic materials makes them ideal for creating flexible electronic devices such as displays and sensors that can be bent or curved, providing a new level of design freedom. Organic crystals in particular have immense potential in the field of electronics due to their few defects and minimal grain boundaries," said Deepak Chopra, Professor at Department of Chemistry, IISER Bhopal. The researchers have developed a new organic crystal - 4-trifluoromethyl phenyl isothiocyanate (4CFNCS) - that is flexible enough to be bent, twisted, and coiled, he said. "We thoroughly analyzed 4CFNCS using sophisticated computational and challenging experimental techniques such as synchrotron microfocus X-ray diffraction measurements to understand as to why these are so flexible.

"The in-depth analysis of the crystal structure showed that the way the atoms of this molecule are arranged in solids allows it to bend and stretch without breaking when subjected to mechanical stress. This helps to keep the crystal structure intact even under high pressure and impact. The slippage of molecules in multiple directions enables complex coiling motion in crystals," he said.

The researchers propose to optimize the synthesis and study variations of the basic molecule in the future.

"These materials can be made without harmful chemicals or high-energy conditions, making them better for the environment. Apart from the applications of touch screens, such materials will be of great use in the design of flexible electronic devices, such as those used in healthcare, intelligent systems, wearable devices, and self-powered devices," said Mitradip Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, IISER Bhopal.

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## Proportion Of Children Enrolled In Private Schools In J&K Highest In India: Report

Auqib Javed

The proportion of children enrolled in private schools in Jammu and Kashmir is quite high (43.6%) compared to other states, the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER)-2022 has revealed.

The report was released on Wednesday in New Delhi by Ajay Piramal, Chairman of Piramal Group and Pratham Education Foundation.

As per the report, in J&K only 0.5% children aged 6-14 years are not enrolled in the schools.

It says that the Government school enrolment fell and is

currently 55.5% in the erstwhile state while all India government school enrolment rose up to 72.9%.

"4.8 percent of children in the age group of 15-16 year olds in J&K are not enrolled in schools," the report said. The report has thrown light on gender gaps in older children in terms of their enrolment in schools.

"15-16 year old girls are more likely to be out of school than boys," it reads.

The survey that was conducted in September-November 2022 further highlights that government school children are facing learning drops pre-pandemic, while private school



children were making progress before 2022.

Regarding the school facilities,

the report revealed that 86.9% of surveyed primary schools in J&K were small schools, i.e. had

**GOVERNMENT SCHOOL ENROLMENT FELL** and is currently 55.5% in the erstwhile state while all India government school enrolment rose up to 72.9%."

enrollments of 60 or less.

The report suggested that most of the children in J&K need urgent help in acquiring foundational

skills in literacy and numeracy. "The children require a big push in early grades to help them reach NIPUN Bharat goals in the next few years," the report reveals.

"In 2022, about 40 percent of all children in Grade III were at grade level in math and about 20 percent in reading," ASER report reads.

The survey team maintained that a great deal of efforts are being made towards achieving goals for the foundational stage (age 3-8) as outlined in the NEP 2020.

It says that the rising enrolment in pre-school classes, fewer under age **More on P6**

## MeT Predicts Weeklong Wet Spell In J&K

Agencies

Srinagar: People in Srinagar and some other parts in Kashmir Valley woke to a thin layer of snow on Thursday, even as the weather department predicted rain and snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir during the next week.

It said widespread moderate to heavy snow over middle and higher reaches was expected from January 23-25.

Regarding weather for the next 24 hours, a meteorological department official here said that there was a possibility of light snow at "isolated places".

Till January 22, he said, generally cloudy weather with chances of light to moderate snow and rain is expected over scattered to fairly widespread places.

"From January 23-25, there is possibility of widespread moderate snow (rain in Jammu) in plains and heavy snow over middle and higher reaches (60% chance)," he said, adding, "on January 26, there are chances of rain in Jammu region and Cloudy in Kashmir (60% chance)." **More on P6**

## Srinagar Getting Facelift For G20 Meeting

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: With Srinagar likely to host some G20 meetings, the city is getting a massive makeover with government buildings being painted, roads beautified and unnecessary road dividers and debris removed, officials said on Thursday.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang Kundbarao Pole conducted an extensive tour of the city on Thursday in the run-up to the first ever G20 Summit being held here in May, they said.

"Pole conducted an extensive tour of major roads and prime sites along these roads including parks, government buildings, commercial structures and under-construction **More on P6**

## Land Wapsi: Common Masses, Poor Won't Be Touched: LG

Says Influential People Misused Their Positions To Encroach State Land



Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that common masses and poor people of the Union Territory won't be touched during the ongoing drive launched by his administration to retrieve state land from encroachers.

"Common man and poor

people wouldn't be touched by the administration. The government is concerned to safeguard the interests of poor people," he told reporters here on Thursday.

He said that the influential people misused their positions and encroached on state land in violation of the laws.

Sinha said there were directions from the High Court to retrieve state **More on P6**

### Over 2300 Kanal Land Retrieved In 1 Day

Continuing its crackdown against land grabbers, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday retrieved over 2300 kanal of state and grazing land in the twin districts of Bandipora and Ganderbal, while a protest was held in South Kashmir's Anantnag district over admin's decision to evict people from state land. The biggest anti-encroachment **More on P6**

## 5G Network To Be Available In J&K Soon: LG

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that high-speed 5G network will soon be available in Jammu and Kashmir, as the service has started to roll out in other parts of the country.

Sinha made these remarks during an interaction with Sunil Raina, President,

Lava International, at the Raj Bhawan here on Thursday, an official spokesperson said.

Raina, he said, apprised the LG about the initiatives of the company and the steps being taken to make 5G devices more affordable for common masses.

"As high speed 5G networks have started to roll out, very soon we will have the services **More on P6**

## Prays For Peace, Prosperity In J&K

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid obeisance at the holy Zeashta Devi temple at Zeathyar here and prayed for peace, progress and prosperity in Jammu Kashmir and wellbeing of all the citizens. **More on P6**



Braving bone chilling cold, a large number of tourists from the country and abroad are visiting Kashmir Valley to enjoy snowfall..KO Photo, Abid Bhait

## 'Back To My Roots', Says Rahul As Yatra Enters J&K

Press Trust Of India

Lakhanpur: Entering Jammu and Kashmir on the last leg of his Bharat Jodo Yatra, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday struck an emotional chord saying that his ancestors belonged to this land and he felt he was returning home.

"I am going back to my roots, I know the suffering of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and come to you with a bowed head," he said, while addressing a rally here.



Rahul said he had walked from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and talked to

thousands of people. As dusk fell and temperatures **More on P6**

## Lal Singh Snubbed, Not Invited To Share Stage

Amid controversy over his support to the rapists of an eight-year-old Kathua child in 2018, former minister and founder of Dogra Swabhimana Sangathan (DSS) Choudhary Lal Singh faced embarrassment on Thursday as he was not seated on the stage with Rahul Gandhi at Lakhanpur, where a rally was organized to welcome Bharat Jodo Yatra in Jammu & Kashmir. Lal Singh, who reached the **More on P6**

### JAMMU ON ALERT

## No Cell Phones, Cameras; Toys At R-Day Venue: Police

Observer News Service

Jammu: The security wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday advised people in this winter capital not to carry among other items, cell phones, cameras, hand bags, toys, and stopwatches to the Maulana Azad Memorial (MAM) Stadium, where main function of Republic Day is being held on January 26.

In this regard, Senior Superintendent of Police, Security Jammu, Swarn Singh Kotwal on Thursday issued a detailed information regarding do's and don'ts for people in connection with observance of national event in the region.

He said that great public participation is expected in the Republic Day function on 26th January so the Security Jammu has sought cooperation from the

visitors to facilitate their safe and comfortable entry and partaking in the event at M A Stadium.

In a notice issued in this regard, the public has been asked not to carry cell phone, camera, arms/ammunition, sharp edged weapons, hand bags, polythene bags, transistor, toys, tools, stop watch, any kind of powder, inflammable material like cigarettes, match boxes and lighter and related objectionable items while entering into the venue.

The people have also been advised to extend full cooperation to the frisking/checking teams deployed at different gates, meant for their own safety and peaceful culmination of the Republic Day function.

Besides, the expected visitors have also been asked to maintain a queue while entering the gates **More on P6**

### S H O R T T A K E S

#### 3.2 Magnitude Quake Hits J&K



An earthquake of 3.2 magnitude hit Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday but there was no loss of life or damage to property, officials said. The epicentre of the earthquake, which occurred at 12.4 pm, was the Doda area in the Jammu region, they said. The quake hit at a latitude of 33.21 degrees north and a longitude of 75.72 degrees east at a depth of 10 kilometres, the officials said.

#### Mortar Shell Defused In Poonch



Security forces detected and defused a 120-mm mortar shell in a border village in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, officials said on Thursday. Villagers informed the security forces about the shell lying in a field in Kalsian village near the LoC on Wednesday evening. Officials said it is a Pakistani shell that was fired during cross-border shelling two years ago.

#### No Helmet, No Fuel' Rule In Samba

Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Thursday directed petrol pumps not to provide fuel to motorists who do not wear helmets, officials said. They have also been asked to install CCTVs at their premises and provide the footage to police, the officials said. "An order has been issued under section 144 CrPc that motorists who don't wear helmets, will not be given fuel. This directive has been conveyed to petrol pumps in the jurisdiction of Samba district," Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Anuradha Gupta said. The officials said petrol pumps will be of immense help in generating awareness among people about the importance of crash helmets and seat belts.

#### Prominent Scholar Mufti Azhari No More

Renowned Islamic scholar Mufti Abdul Gani Azhari passed away on Thursday. Mufti Azhari was also a former head of the department of Arabic faculty at the University of Kashmir. A Ph.D. from Al Azhar University in Egypt, he retired from KU in the year 1997. According to reports, Azhari breathed his last at Dar ul Uloom Deoband, the institution he was serving post-retirement. He was laid to rest at 3 pm at Saharanpur. Azhari, a resident of Kokernag's Sangam area was not keeping well for a long time. He was a Sufi scholar and was taught by India's first education minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir **More on P6**

#### KU Professors Call On LG

A delegation of senior Professors of the University of Kashmir called on the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Thursday. The members of the delegation led by Prof Zaffar Ah Reshi expressed their gratitude to Lt Governor for taking several initiatives for overall betterment of the Universities in Jammu & Kashmir. Matters related to successful implementation of National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 were also discussed during the interaction. The Lt Governor impressed upon the visiting faculty members to work with greater zeal and dedication for implementation of national education policy in letter and spirit.

#### 12 Injured In Twin Road Accidents

At least twelve persons were injured in separate road mishaps in Kupwara and Anantnag on Thursday. Reports said that four persons suffered injuries after a private car bearing registration number JK09B 9125 driven by one Mushtaq Ahmad Hajam (36) collided with a deodar tree at Rantsinard Lolab. Four persons, including the driver, suffered injuries in the accident. The injured persons identified as; Mohammad Sarwar Hajam (60), Sajad Ahmad Tantry (29) and Abdul Majeed Hajam (30) - all residents of Gagol Lolab, were taken to a nearby hospital from where one individual with serious injuries was referred to GMC Baramulla for further treatment. In a separate **More on P6**



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No Polls In Sight

In a statement that gives people in Jammu and Kashmir little hope for early polls, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar said on Wednesday that the assembly elections in the union territory will be held with various factors in mind, including weather and security concerns. The CEC said that the delimitation process and the revision of electoral rolls in the union territory has been completed. Similarly, returning officers and additional electoral registration officers have also been appointed.

Previously, the election commission invited representatives from eight recognised national and 57 regional political parties to a demonstration of a modified version of the M3 Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) that allows migrants to vote at polling stations outside their home constituencies. Major J&K parties such as National Conference and the PDP who also participated in the meeting made a strong pitch for the polls in the union territory.

As for the weather and security, the concerns cited by the CEC for being factors in holding polls in J&K, this is not an opinion shared by J&K political parties or for that matter people in the region. True, Kashmir is in the middle of winter, but if the polls are announced now, they can only be held by March-April, which is the spring season. And as for the security, Kashmir is now a considerably more peaceful place, a surprising turn of events which government boasts as its singular achievement following the withdrawal of the region's special status in August 2019. So, now is, in a sense, the ideal time for the Assembly polls.

J&K has not had an elected government since June 2018, when Governor's rule was imposed after the PDP-led coalition government lost its majority following the withdrawal of support by the BJP. The last four years have witnessed a drastic political makeover of the state-turned-union territory, so much so that in many aspects, the current J&K bears little resemblance to what it was pre-August 2019.

This should normally pave the way for the polls but this doesn't seem to be the case. For some reason, the elections keep getting deferred. More so, at a time when there is a palpable desire for polls in the region. There is thus hope that the central government will take steps towards holding the long delayed exercise. If deferred further, there will be little scope for the polls considering general elections are due to be held in May 2024.

OTHER OPINION

Widening Gap

That India is a deeply unequal society is no secret. Still, a recent report by the global non-profit group, Oxfam, has revealed that the income gap between the ultrarich and the rest of the country has reached stunningly unhealthy levels. According to the report, the richest 1% of the population own more than 40% of the country's total wealth. The top 5% are holding 62% of the national wealth. Meanwhile, of the total wealth generated in India between 2012 and 2021, only 3% has gone to the bottom 50% of the Indian population. That demolishes any notion that India's economic rise in recent years has led to any meaningful trickle down effect for the vulnerable sections of its society. The widening income gap in India is in keeping with global trends: the Oxfam report found that globally, the richest 1% grabbed twice as much of new wealth generated since 2019 as the remaining 99% of the world's population. Yet India is unique: no other country boasts two multibillionaires among the 10 richest people in the world while also having 200 million people living in poverty.

This growing inequity is not just a consequence of global challenges like the Covid-19 pandemic and the Ukraine war but is also an indictment of government policies. The Oxfam report concludes that the richest 10% of the population contribute only 4% to the nation's goods and services tax collections while the bottom 50% pay 64%. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has also slashed its corporate tax rate from 30% to 22%, and for new manufacturing companies from 25% to 15%. Those moves were meant to promote a business-friendly image and encourage investment. But India's investment rate has also dropped in recent months. Mr Modi came to power in 2014 with the promise of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. Nine years later, his policies appear to have had the polar opposite effect, helping those already at the top of the wealth pile while widening the income gap. That is bad economics — an economy needs more people capable of buying commodities and services. It also leaves India's future in peril, far too dependent on a few individuals with unimaginable wealth and the clout that it brings. Governments will come and go. India will have to live with the consequences.

Telegraph India

Will a Recession Hit India This June?



Udit Misra



Technically a recession means that the total output in the economy — measured by the Gross Domestic Product or GDP — contracts for two consecutive quarters. A quarter is a period of three months. So essentially, for India to hit a recession after June would require the GDP during January to March quarter as well as the GDP in the April to June quarter this year to contract over the same two quarters in 2022

A comment by Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Narayan Rane on Monday (January 16) has created controversy. "There is a global recession and it is in many countries. This is what I have gathered from the discussion in the meetings of the Union government. The recession is expected to hit India after June," Rane said after giving an inaugural speech at the two-day G20 Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) meeting in Pune.

Responding to the Minister's remark, the Congress on Tuesday sought to know what the Prime Minister and Finance Minister were "hiding from the country".

So, is India heading for a recession?

The short answer is no. Technically a recession means that the total output in the economy — measured by the Gross Domestic Product or GDP — contracts for two consecutive quarters. A quarter is a period of three months. So essentially, for India to hit a recession after June would require the GDP during January to March quarter as well as the GDP in the April to June quarter this year to contract over the same two quarters in 2022.

In other words, India should have produced less output as a country in the first 6 months of 2023 when compared to the first six months of 2022.

As things stand in January, this is near impossibility.

While it is true that India economic momentum is slowing — going by the First Advance Estimates of GDP for the current financial year that ends in March, the GDP is likely to grow at just about 4% in the January to March quarter — a recession is largely

ruled out because the GDP is expected to continue to grow at around 7% (according to the latest RBI projections).

In other words, far from contraction, India's economy is likely to grow, albeit at a slightly muted rate right through 2023 and 2024.

Why did Narayan Rane say that recession will hit India?

It is important in this context to note what Rane said.

"As I am in the Cabinet, some information is available to us and whatever advice we get from PM Modiji, on that basis, we can say that there is an economic recession in big countries. It is a reality," news agency PTI quoted the minister as saying.

In other words, Rane was essentially talking about recession hitting the global economy — especially some of the biggest ones such as the US and European Union countries. It is more likely that Rane perhaps meant that the effect of that recession will hit India by June.

ter as saying.

"To ensure India is not impacted or to stop (the economic slowdown), which is expected to come after June... Modiji and the Centre are making efforts to ensure the people of the country are not impacted by the slowdown," Rane added.

"The growth of India is on the right path and it was 10th in economic status in the world and has improved now and the aim is to be in fifth position by 2030," he said.

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countries. It is more likely that Rane perhaps meant that the effect of that recession will hit India by June. It is a fact that India's economic growth will be dragged down by the global recession.

In a recent note, CRISIL research said: "Over the past two decades, India's growth cycles have got increasingly synchronised with that of advanced economies since the 2000s due to enhanced integration of trade and capital flows."

Given this past trend, the expected slowdown of GDP growth in the US from 1.8% in 2022 to a contraction of 0.1% in 2023, and from 3.3% to essentially zero growth in the Euro-

pean Union, does not portend well for India.

Lastly it is important to remember, as many leading economists point out, that in a country such as India which needs to grow at close to 10% each year to create jobs for its youthful population and pull millions out of poverty, a 4%-5% GDP growth rate can "feel" like a recession.

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Sexual Exploitation of Women Athletes

It refers to "WFI President has sexually exploited women wrestlers, alleges medalist Vinesh Phogat". These are very serious allegations against Wrestling Federation Chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Since it has come from the

biggest names of Indian Wrestling, Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat, it needs to be taken very seriously and should not be brushed under the carpet. Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh has a notorious image and is known for his high headedness, BJP would do well to ask

him to resign till he clears his name from this controversy. Sadly Indian Sports and controversy always go together. Even if there is an iota of truth in these serious allegations, it is a matter of big shame for WFI, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and the BJP. Last but never the least, that is

why it is more essential to have more women staff as coaches or counselling with Women athletes, because it is neither the first nor the last time we have heard about sexual exploitation of women athletes in India.

Bal Govind



Mindful Fridays

# THE IMPORTANCE OF CRYING OVER SPILT MILK

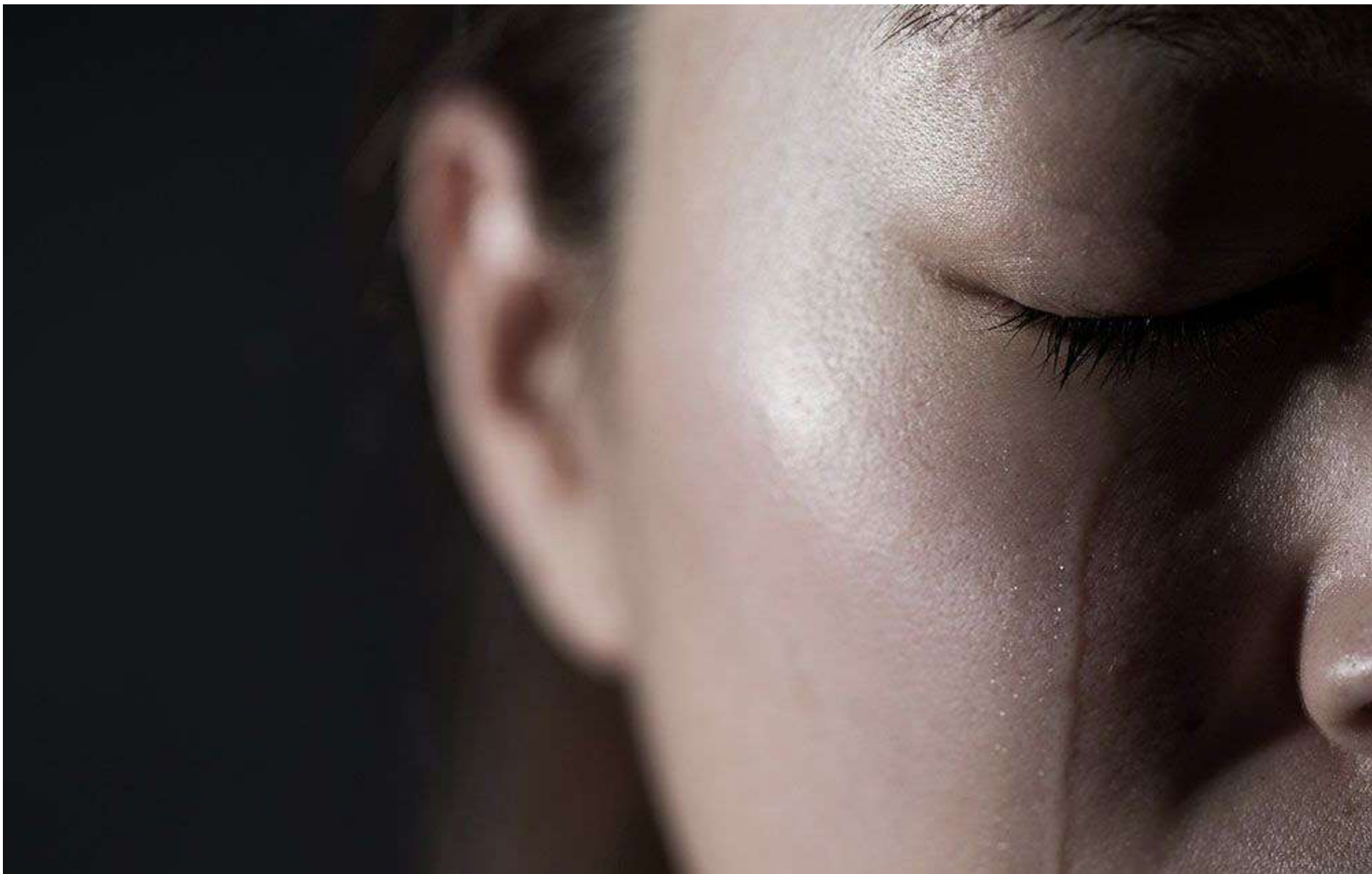


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**PAIN (NOT SUFFERING) IS A BIG MOTIVATING FORCE, IT MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED, RECOGNIZED, AND VALUED.** As reasonable as it is to suppose that "whatever happens in the past, should stay in the past," it is also reasonable to acknowledge that, if the past is used properly to learn lessons, it might become the guiding post for the future

Wasim Kakroo

It's normal to feel sad and disturbed when circumstances don't go the way you expected. We humans have a tendency to have very high expectations for how events should turn out, which compromises our ability to cope with situations successfully if something goes wrong.

One frequently falls short of achieving the desired grade, getting a crucial job, or occasionally losing something that required all of their labor, sweat, and tears. It is a really depressing experience, and it wouldn't be inappropriate to comfort someone in such a situation by urging them not to cry over the spilled milk.

However, it is important to realize that such a failure leads to the development of a range of emotions, not only sadness, and that these emotions may or may not be

cellence in such people's lives. Numerous studies have been done that demonstrate these difficult emotions have a wide range of positive effects. Some of the most well-known difficult emotions include "Sadness," which can help you focus on details, "Anxiety," which can inspire you to think of issues and challenges in new ways, "Jealousy," which can spur you on to work harder, and "Guilt," which can help you stop acting in unhealthy ways. Avoidance tactics can cause more harm than good, so it's better to be aware of all of these difficult emotions and accept them as a natural part of life rather than suppressing them and moving on.

It's always darkest before the dawn, and it would be accurate to assume that all the negativity that arises from unpleasant events and poor outcomes is wearing the veil of darkness. The morning would

your mistakes before you can begin to take steps to overcome them. Because pain (not suffering) is a big motivating force, it must be acknowledged, recognized, and valued. As reasonable as it is to suppose that "whatever happens in the past, should stay in the past," it is also reasonable to acknowledge that, if the past is used properly to learn lessons, it might become the guiding post for the future.

The benefits of having a pleasant and upbeat attitude are numerous and go unspoken in society. However, it might cause a lot of mental burden on the mind and might force one to put on a phony smile, and hence this toxic positivity might compel one to be unnaturally happy in the face of grief and failure. The pressure from society and ourselves that causes most people to mask difficult emotions they don't completely feel is what leads to toxic positivity. As a result of this need to be happy, people frequently turn to unhealthy coping mechanisms like drinking and substance abuse. These are all short-term fixes and avoidance tactics that temporarily improve one's mood but are seriously harmful over the long run.

In all such circumstances, all that is required is the space to mourn in silence, to reflect calmly, and not to be pressured to carry on with life. These brief periods of sadness should be used effectively because they not only provide us a chance to reflect but also give us the necessary reality checks. They give us the time we need to take care of ourselves and learn better coping skills. They teach us the value of each and every emotion on the emotional spectrum, including those that we frequently try to avoid and suppress.

My personal failings in life (that includes my leaving Ph.D in plant sciences after two years due to my ill physical health) have taught me that if I had let them overwhelm me, I could have become severely

depressed, but instead I accepted them as challenges and learned from them. I also discovered that once you accept bad news not as a bad thing but as a sign that you need to change, you aren't defeated by it since you are learning from it. Therefore, it all depends on how you handle failures.

Therefore, we must understand the significance of experiencing all the emotions, reflecting on our mistakes and failings, learning from them, and then getting ready to go on with our lives. The urge to immediately let go and put the incident behind you is a very temporary solution, and if we don't learn to handle difficult times and difficult emotions appropriately, they may will reappear in our life at some point in the future with more ugliness.

Occasionally things don't work out as planned, and while it's necessary to feel it in the moment and take lessons from it, it's also crucial to understand that these moments of discouragement and sadness are usually supposed to pass quickly. However, if such moments and the associated thoughts and feelings have a significant and long-lasting effect, they might trigger certain psychological problems and call for help from mental health professionals such as clinical psychologists and/or psychiatrists.

Last but not least, we all want to lead happy and meaningful lives, and the way to that is through accepting all of the setbacks and associated emotions that may initially seem to be obstacles but ultimately serve as the catalyst for growth and excellence.

Stay safe sane and productive!

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interconnected. It is perhaps much more important to make all of these negative feelings and difficult emotions conscious when you are going through such a difficult moment. These feelings, after all, are what might eventually fuel growth and ex-

then be the success that comes after. And the most important step is along this route to achievement. For a while, you may feel disturbed and discouraged by the circumstances, but you must also acknowledge their complexity and the reasons behind



# In New Social Media Guidelines, CRPF Asks Personnel To Not Comment On Controversial, Political Matters

AGENCEIS

**New Delhi:** The country's largest paramilitary force CRPF has issued a fresh set of social media guidelines for its personnel, asking them not to comment on controversial or political matters that may come back to "haunt" them later.

The two-page instructions were issued last week by the headquarters of the force in Delhi after it was noticed that the "force personnel were taking recourse to social media platforms to vent their personal grievances which is in violation of CCS conduct Rules 1964 and may attract disciplinary action".

A circular issued in this context has been accessed by PTI and it states that the new guidelines are being issued to make aware the personnel against "cyber bullying and harassment" and also to sensitise them.

The guidelines suggested some "don'ts" including not revealing the exact posting and nature of work if working in a sensitive ministry or organisation.



"Do nothing which on your Internet social networking may harm the reputation of the government or that of your own; do not make adverse comment on government policies or make political/religious statements in any public forum and do not comment on controversial, sensitive or political matters that may come back to haunt you,"

it said.

The guidelines state that personnel should not write or post anything out of anger, spite or under the influence of alcohol and they should also not be a bully or discriminate against anyone online.

"Do not share anything through a non-authorised platform even if it is unclassified

or innocuous like manpower issues, promotions, local orders etc, which may give an opportunity to the adversaries in gathering intelligence," it said.

The guidelines also have some "do's" for the CRPF personnel like being "sure to know the difference between fact and opinion." "Make sure to clarify (over social media platforms) that you are not representing the position of the government; always remember that you are personally responsible for the content you publish on blogs, wikis, or any other platform or in any form of user-generated content," it said.

The personnel have been asked to "protect the privacy" of their family and friends, as carefully as their own, and they should use "utmost discretion while commenting on sensitive issues, gender issues and controversial issues online".

"Carefully consider the implications of making friends, linking, following or accepting requests from unknown persons," it said.

# BBC Documentary A Propaganda Piece, Designed To Push Discredited Narrative: India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi: Amid controversy over a BBC documentary on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India on Thursday dismissed it as a "propaganda piece", saying it is designed to push a particular "discredited narrative" and that the continuing colonial mindset is "blatantly visible" in the series.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi also wondered about the purpose of the documentary and the "agenda" behind it and said "frankly we do not wish to dignify such efforts".

The two-part BBC documentary "India: The Modi Question" claims it investigated certain aspects relating to the 2002 Gujarat riots when Modi was the chief minister of the state.

"Let me just make it very clear that we think this is a propaganda piece designed to push a particular discredited narrative. The bias, the lack of objectivity, and frankly a continuing colonial mindset, are blatantly visible," he said.



Bagchi was replying to questions on the documentary.

"If anything, this film or documentary is a reflection on the agency and individuals that are peddling this narrative again. It makes us wonder about the purpose of this exercise and the agenda behind it and frankly we do not wish to dignify such efforts," he said.

Asked about comments made by former British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw on the riots, Bagchi said he seemed to be referring to some internal report of the UK government.

"How do I have access to that?. It is a 20-year-old report.

Why would I just jump on it now? Just because Jack Straw says it, how do they lend it that much legitimacy," he asked.

"I heard words like inquiry and investigation. There is a reason why we used the word colonial mindset. We do not use words loosely. What enquiry? They were diplomats here... investigation, are they ruling the country. I do not agree with that characterization."

The external affairs ministry spokesperson also noted that the documentary has not been screened in India.

"Do note that this has not been screened in India. So I am only going to comment in the context of what I have heard about it and what my colleagues have seen," he said in his initial remarks.

To a question on claims of deaths of UK citizens, Bagchi said if there were deaths in India, legal procedure of the country has to be followed. Whether they took up in 2002, I do not have an idea, he said there have been a lot of legal processes against deaths that have happened during that time.

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### Proportion Of Children

children going to Grade I, FLN notifications and widespread teacher training must be maintained.

"While proportion of those not enrolled anywhere has fallen, older girls still need to be brought back to school," it suggested.

The team further submitted that big changes in practice and appropriate activities and high effort was needed in the classroom if all children are to achieve basic foundational literacy and numeracy by Grade III by 2025.

"Targeted efforts needed to close gaps by school type. Urgent need for catch up in all upper primary or middle school grades for ensuring foundational literacy & numeracy throughout the elementary stage," it added.

ASER is a nationwide, citizen-led household survey that provides a snapshot of children's schooling and learning in rural India.

The first ASER survey was conducted in 2005 and repeated for 10 years. ASER 2022 is the first field-based "basic" nationwide ASER after a gap of four years. It comes at a time when children are back in school after an extended gap in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### MeT Predicts

However, he said, the weather forecast will be updated every day as per changing weather conditions.

The MeT official also had advice for people living in snowbound areas and urged them to remain alert and cautious while venturing in the places which are vulnerable to snow avalanches.

Meanwhile, he said, Srinagar received 0.5 cm of snowfall, Pahalgam 3.6 cm, Kupwara 1 cm and Gulmarg 3 cm.

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of minus 1.4°C against last night's minus 4.3°C. Today's minimum temperature, he said, was 0.7°C above normal for the summer capital, he said.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of minus 3.4°C against minus 7.4°C on the previous night and it was 0.1°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of minus 4.3°C against minus 11.7°C on the previous night and it was 2.9°C above normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kokernag recorded a low of minus 4.3°C against minus 6.3°C on the previous night and it was 0.4°C below normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 7.6°C against minus 11.3°C on the previous night, the official said. Today's minimum temperature was 0.1°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at minus 2.4°C against minus 6.2°C on the previous night and it was 0.7°C above normal in the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 7.9°C against 4.5°C on the previous night. It was 0.8°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 1.1°C (above normal by 1.3°C), Batote 1.4°C (below normal by 0.4°C), Katra 6.8°C (0.6°C above normal) and Bhadarwah 1.4°C (2.3°C abovenormal).

Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 11.4°C and minus 12.7°C respectively, the official said.

Kashmir is under the grip of Chillai-Kalan, the 40-day long harsh winter period that started on December 21. It does not mean an end to the winter either. It is followed by a 20-day-long period called 'Chillai-Khurd' that occurs between January 30 and February 19 and a 10-day-long period 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold) which is from February 20 to March 1. (GNS)

### Srinagar Getting

sites in Srinagar," an official spokesman said. Pole held a meeting of officers at the Srinagar airport during which he highlighted the importance of hosting a G20 Summit. He issued a slew of instructions to enhance the facade of roads through development of footpaths,

medians, traffic road furnishing, landscape improvement, installation of roadside VMDs, installation of hoardings besides removal of wooden poles, rusted plant guards, hanging cable wires and unnecessary road dividers and debris, the spokesman said.

The divisional commissioner directed for painting of government buildings and commercial building walls along the roads to increase the aesthetic value of those structures, he said.

He also directed for pruning of trees, plantation of ornamental green plants on medians, removal of withered trees. Later, Pole went around the city and inspected ongoing works at several locations.

The roads which are to be developed and upgraded by agencies concerned ahead of the high-level summit include road from Srinagar airport to SKICC, Residency road, Boulevard road, roads leading to Hotel Lalit, Hotel Taj and Nehru Guest House, Mughal gardens, Parimahahal, Cheshmashahi, Botanical Garden, road from Srinagar to Gulmarg, roads towards Zeastha Temple, Shankar Acharya, Dalgate to Hazratbal, besides beautification of spaces under flyovers, the spokesman said.

Pole directed the Jal Shakti department to replace overground water pipes through underground system to clear space on footpaths and roads.

Pole asked traffic police for orientation of traffic signals and functioning of traffic signals besides installation of traffic signages.

To meet the developmental requirements and upgradation work on time, he set a time frame for all the departments and asked them to submit a compliance report of planned works after every 15 days, the spokesman said.

The official fixed the deadline for all works by 15 April, he added.

### Land Wapsi:

land from encroachers.

On January 9, the J&K government directed all deputy commissioners to ensure 100% removal of encroachments from State land by January 31, 2023.

To a question about holding assembly polls in Jammu & Kashmir, Sinha said the Election Commission of India has made a statement on the issue.

On Wednesday, Chief Election Commissioner said that polls in Jammu and Kashmir are due and would be held after taking into account weather conditions, security scenario and other factors into consideration—(KNO)

### Over 2300 Kanal

drive on Thursday was carried out in Bandipora district, where around 1571 kanal of government land was retrieved, an official spokesperson said. So far, he said, 28000 kanal land has been retrieved in the district, which includes 13217 kanal of state land and 15471 kanal of kahcharai.

"It was informed that in the last one week around 3000 kanals of land was retrieved from the land grabbers including 500 kanals of land in Sumbal lying adjacent to Highway having industrial utility," the spokesperson said.

The retrieved land, he said, is also being earmarked for various public purposes like developmental projects, playgrounds, village centric amenities, industries, etc. by the revenue officials in consultation with concerned villagers/ PRLs and sign boards are also erected immediately after the eviction drives.

He said that out of total 20887 of Kahcharai land, 15471 kanals of land has been retrieved amounting to 75% of Kahcharai land in the district and the concerned Tehsildars have already issued notices to the encroachers and the efforts for removal of encroachments on the rest of the land are underway in full-swing.

Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad said that the District has created a land bank of around 25000 kanals out of which around 1550 kanals have been earmarked for Industrial Estates, 2000 kanals for Industrial Use (Out of which around 1377 Kanals stand already transferred), around 100 Kanal for Handloom/ Handicraft and other agri-based activities and around 200 Kanals for setting up of Housing Colony in Watpora Bandipora.

In the neighbouring Ganderbal district, 700 more kanal of state land was retrieved taking the total land freed from encroachers so far to 11600 kanal, the official spokesperson said.

In the drive led by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah 718 kanal of state and Kahcharai land was retrieved in various tehsils of the district, he said.

In Kulgam district, the spokesperson said over 253 kanals of government land was freed from encroachers in the last two days. He said that Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) has informed that so-far at least 40 percent of encroached land has already been retrieved in the district.

Meanwhile, a protest on Thursday was held in the Larnoo-Kokernag area in Anantnag district against the Jammu and Kashmir administration's decision to evict people from the state land.

It was the first major protest against the J-K governor administration's order issued on January 4 asking all illegal occupants of the state land to leave the places within seven days or face action.

The protestors assembled at Bidhard in Larnoo and raised slogans against the administration for issuing eviction notices to them, officials said.

They said the protestors submitted a memorandum to local authorities, demanding the Lt Governor administration revoke the order.

"The order has created panic among the people as it will make them homeless and landless. The land was provided to the people for making homes and cultivation. Many houses have been constructed on these lands under the PMAY," Chaudhary Haroon Khatana, a local activist spearheading the protest, said.

He said the issue of eviction has concerned people from across Jammu and Kashmir and would hit the poor hard.

"The government should reconsider and withdraw this order as people of Jammu and Kashmir should be the main beneficiaries of its resources," he added.

Political parties like the National Conference, PDP, Peoples Conference and others have criticised the move, saying the occupants are generally poor people who constructed their dwellings on these state land.

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and Ghulam Nabi Azad's DAP on Wednesday held protests against the drive in Srinagar and Kathua on Wednesday.

Former Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah said on Wednesday that retrieving land provided to people under the Roshni scheme will be a big betrayal to them. (With PTI inputs)

### 5G Network

available across the UT," the LG said.

He also complimented the efforts of the IT sector for producing innovative solutions bundled with latest technologies.

"The IT sector is showing a very robust and consistent growth. Use of best of the technologies ensuring responsive, transparent and easily accessible governance," Sinha added.

Pertinently, under the directions of LG, the J&K government had taken a proactive step to form a Working Committee headed by Financial Commissioner (ACS), Home Department in November 2022 for facilitating 5G roll out in Jammu and Kashmir, the spokesperson said.

"The breakthrough 5G technology will further strengthen Digital J&K Mission and improve the disposal & quality of 100% services that are now being offered by the J&K government through online mode," he added.

### Prays For Peace,

an official spokesperson said.

During his visit, he said, the LG also took appraisal of the demands for the augmentation of facilities for the devotees. He passed explicit directions to the officials to address all the issues at the earliest.

The LG, the spokesperson said, was briefed on the action taken to address the demands pertaining to security, installation of solar lighting & heating, dedicated water connection for the temple, construction of waste disposal unit and development of temple complex.

"The Lt Governor took on the spot appraisal from the concerned departments and directed for speedy implementation of related projects," he added.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Pandurang K Pole, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Mohammad Aijaz, Commissioner SMC Athar Aamir Khan, SSP Srinagar Rakesh Balwal and Chief Engineers of concerned departments, and other senior officials were also present.

### 'Back To My

dipped, hundreds of people walked alongside Rahul. In a customary handover function, Punjab's Congress unit gave the party flag to a leader from the Jammu and Kashmir wing.

"The BJP and RSS have spread hatred. I earlier thought it ran deep but it does not and is mainly seen on television," Rahul said in his first stop in Jammu and Kashmir, about 90 km from Jammu.

He listed hatred, violence, unemployment and price rise as the main issues confronting the country and blamed the media for not highlighting them.

Criticising the media for not focusing on the right issues, he said it uses topics such as Bollywood stars Aishwarya Rai and Akshay Kumar to divert the attention of people.

There was one more point about two India's in making - one for poor and one for the corporate world, he said.

Rahul said he had been walking about seven hours a day, covering 25 km each day, but nobody was tired as some people had predicted. "I later felt we are not feeling tired because people are pushing us forward."

"If someone falls, he is supported within seconds... nobody is asking anyone what is your religion," he said.

Rahul started walking from Kanyakumari in September. The Bharat Jodo Yatra is scheduled to conclude in Srinagar on January 30. The distance yet to be covered is over 360 km.

Earlier welcoming him, National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah drew a parallel between the Shankaracharya and Rahul Gandhi. "Many years ago, Shankaracharya had undertaken a yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. And today you are doing it," the MP said here.

He said that today's India is not that of Ram's Bharat or Gandhi's Hindustan because people are divided on religion. "If we are together, we will be able to overcome the hatred of the present day," he said.

Abdullah, who made his second appearance in the yatra, made an passionate wish saying "before I close my eyes, I want to see my secular Hindustan again where everyone is respected."

Amid chants of "Nafrat Chodo Bharat Jodo" (Leave hatred and unite India), Rahul led Bharat Jodo Yatra yatra entered this Jammu and Kashmir via Pathankot-Punjab, marking the final phase of the 3500-km foot March by the Congress leader started from Kanyakumari in September.

Rahul was welcomed into union territory by senior party leaders including Jairam Ramesh, Ashok Gehlot, Digvijay Singh, Abdullah, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, Dogra Swabhimman Sangathan Party and former minister Lal Singh, Awami National Conference leader Muzaffar Shah.

Lal Singh was not present at the podium as he came late and was seen standing in the crowd throughout the function. While thanking the leaders who turned up, the Congress did not mention the name of Lal Singh.

Fire crackers were burst as Rahul accompanied by party workers and supporters crossed the Madhopur bridge into Jammu and Kashmir amid tight security cover.

The venue near the statue of Maharaja Gulab Singh was jam-packed with thousands of people turned up to witness the event.

"After covering 3200 km from Kanyakumari, it is a happy moment for us that the yatra has reached Jammu and Kashmir," Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress committee president Vikar Rasool Wani said.

### No Cell Phones,

venue with around 500-600 supporters, didn't join Rahul and others on the stage.

Those who were present on the stage include NC president Farooq Abdullah,

senior congress leaders Digvijay Singh, Jairam Ramesh, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Punjab MP Pratap Singh Bajwa, Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut, PCC president Vikar Rasool. Even Muzaffar Shah of Awami National Conference was also present on the stage.

Angry Lal Singh told reporters that Kashmiri politicians don't like the rise of any Jammu leader.

"I have great respect for Rahul Gandhi, who is doing a heroic act for national integration. I was invited by Congress stalwarts including K. C. Venugopal, Digvijay Singh and local leadership including Raman Bhalla, G A Mir and Vikar Rasool Wani, but it is unfortunate that they came under pressure from Kashmir-based parties, who never like the rise of any Dogra leader," he said.

During speeches of leaders on the stage, supporters of Lal Singh were raising slogans in his favour, but were snubbed by PCC chief Vikar Rasool Wani—(KNO)

### Lal Singh Snubbed

through the Door Frame Metal Detector installed at the gates and avoid unnecessary altercation with security personnel.

The notice has also advised the public to ensure their presence well in time so that they could enter the venue and be seated comfortably without any inconvenience.

"Do not hesitate to disclose your identity in case you are requested for the same by security personnel or the uniformed police personnel", the notice reads.

It also informs that proper parking slots have been earmarked for all categories and types of vehicles and suggested seeking help from Traffic Police.

The Security wing of police has urged people to immediately inform the police personnel on duty in case any suspicious person or item is noticed without touching the same.

### Mortar Shell

Locals feel there are some more shells buried underground in the area and have requested the security forces to trace them.

### Prominent Scholar

National Conference President and MP from Srinagar Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah condoled the demise veteran Islamic scholar Mufti Abdul Gani Azhari.

In their condolence message, Dr Farooq said, "The passing away of Azhari Sahib has deeply saddened me. He will be remembered for his erudite perceptiveness on theology, and religion. On his demise, I pay my earnest tributes to him and pray to Almighty to grant him the highest stations in the Jannat. I also express my heartfelt sympathies with the bereaved family, admirers and followers of his at this difficult time. Azhari Sahib's passing away has undeniably created a void in the field of Islamic learning which would not be filled for many years to come," he said.

In his condolence message, Omar Abdullah said," Azhari Sahib was a persuasive, forceful, and well versed orator with unparalleled depth of insight, profundity of scholarship and ease of illuminating exposition. In his demise we have lost a great sufi polymath ,whose absence will be greatly felt in the circles of Islamic learning. Although the gems he has left behind through his writings will continue to guide the people for years to come."

### 12 Injured In Twin

accident, eight persons suffered injuries after two Alto cars collided near Aabshar Park in Anantnag district.

As per reports, two cars bearing registration numbers JK09A 4442 and HR33D 6162 collided, resulting in injuries to eight persons.

The injured persons identified as; Khursheed Ahmad Lone (38), Arbeena Akhter (18 yrs), Abid Hussain Sheikh (35), Shafia Begum (32), Ishfaq Ahmad Kuchay, Rohail Nabi, Abid Mushtaq and Abid Shafi were taken to Primary Health Centre Seer, from where two of them were referred to GMC Anantnag for further treatment.

The police in the meantime informed to have taken cognizance into both the accidents for further investigations. (GNS)



## KU Condoles Demise Of Prof Abdul Ghani al-Azhari

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan, Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir and other officers of the University on Thursday condoled the demise of Prof. Abdul Ghani al-Azhari, renowned scholar and former Head of the varsity's Department of Arabic.

In a condolence message, Prof Nilofer expressed her heartfelt sympathies with the bereaved family and conveyed her condolences on behalf of the teaching, non-teaching and student fraternity of the University.

In a statement issued officiating VC, Prof Nazir Ahmad also condoled the sad demise of Prof al-Azhari and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Dean Academics, Dean Research, Dean Colleges, Deans of Schools, HODs and Officers of the Registry also expressed their grief and sorrow over the demise of Prof al-Azhari.

A condolence meeting was held in the office chamber of the Head Department of Arabic, Prof. Salahuddin Tak, wherein the teaching, non-teaching staff and research scholars were present. The members expressed



their deepest sympathies with the bereaved family and highlighted the glorious contributions of Prof. Abdul Ghani al-Azhari, to the nation in general and to the Arabic language and literature in particular. His literary and religious contributions that have inspired and influenced generations of people were remembered as well.

While condoling the sad demise of Prof Abdul al-Azhari, the Head of the department described him as an eminent teacher, a great academician and an epitome of knowledge with high proficiency in religious sciences. He further added that Prof Azhari was a prolific religious scholar who keenly worked for the upliftment of the nation. At the end 'Fateha' prayers were also offered for the departed soul.

## GMC Srinagar Lacks Robotic Surgical System

Robotic surgery enables procedures through smaller incisions, says senior urologist

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Government Medical College Srinagar lacks Robotic Surgical System for which patients are forced to visit outside J&K.

Robot-assisted surgery uses specialized technology that enhances the capabilities of surgeons. It allows surgeons to perform procedures in hard-to-reach areas through small incisions. The specialized technology also enables precise movements and enhanced magnification.

Several doctors said that the Robotic Surgical System is the need of the hour at GMC Srinagar as it has multiple benefits during surgical procedures.

Dr Sajad Nazir Head of Department Urology Department at GMC Srinagar said that department has seen a lot of people visiting urological related problems in the last few years due to the quality and latest technology based procedures. Earlier, patients would go outside the state for such procedures.

The department started Kid-



ney transplantation last year and now it lacks Robotic surgeries for which patients have to go outside the state, he said.

Prof (Dr) Syed Sajjad Nazir has done fellowship in Robotic surgeries in 2018 from one of the best centres of the world Roswell park Cancer institute USA while many other faculty

members also had hands-on experience in robotic surgery in India during their training.

The department had already submitted the demand of Robotic equipment since 2019 and even tenders were floated by JKMSCL but due to some technical issues it didn't mature till now, Dr Sajad said.

He said that presently the best results for urological malignancies are treated with Robotic surgeries in the entire world as the Robotic surgeries have been beneficial to Urological related Cancers worldwide and hence its acceptance in Urology, he said.

Dr Sajjad along with his department requested the government for procuring the Robotic equipment which will place GMC Srinagar at par with other top rated institutes of the country.

He said that one of the main advantages of robotic surgery is that it enables surgery through smaller incisions besides greater precision, better visualization and ability to do surgery inside the body—(KNO)

## Dr. Samoon Inaugurates Development Works At KGP



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, inaugurated Sports activity hall, Computer Laboratory, renovated Leather Technology Workshop and wood Technology Workshop at Kashmir Government Polytechnic during his visit to the Institute.

Principal Secretary appreciated the establishment of this Computer Laboratory with latest LAN networking and CCTV surveillance.

While inaugurating the renovated leather technology laboratory, Dr. Samoon lauded the efforts of the Principal and the faculty for re-

storing the flood hit leather machinery. He laid emphasis on full utilization of this machinery for practical training of students. He said that Leather Technology has huge potential in the market which needs to be exploited.

While inaugurating the indoor sports hall, the Principal Secretary expressed happiness that sports activities are being given a boost which will go a long way in building the overall personality of students.

On the occasion, the students of the institution presented a cultural programme.

Later, Dr. Samoon distributed Appreciation Certificates among outstanding faculty staff and meritorious students.

## CS Launches Online Services For Migrants, Employees



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Thursday launched five services developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) for the migrants registered with Department of Disaster Management, Relief Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (DMRRR) and retiring government employees, seeking 'No Demand Certificate (NDC)' from the Estates Department.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, IT and Information Department; Secretary, GAD; Secretary, DMRRR; Directors of Estates Kashmir/Jammu; Scientists from NIC and many other concerned officers.

Some of the officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Dr Mehta stressed upon the officers to bring quality and promptness in the availability and delivery of all of the services. He enjoined upon them that any undue delay would be unacceptable. He remarked that the main objective for offering various services in online mode to public is their easy accessibility, timely delivery and transparency.

He maintained that when most of the services are provided online to public, the need is to integrate them with Auto-appeal system so that the same are provided within the period envisaged in the Public Services Guarantee Act. He observed that

integration of relevant services with the auto-appeal facility would be a game changer in real sense and bring about utmost responsibility and accountability among the serving departments.

He urged the IT Department to set targets for itself for integration of these services with auto-appeal system and RAS, besides on boarding them on platforms like e-UNNAT, Service Plus and DigiLocker. He applauded them for performing yeoman's job by bringing about an IT revolution for taking the administration at the doorsteps of people. He directed them to sensitize the officials on ground to be the facilitators and friends of common people.

On the occasion it was said that all the services launched today have been developed by the scientists of local chapter of NIC and are integrated with RAS for seeking feedback from the applicants. It was further given out that the services include offering No Demand Certificate (NDC) to retiring government employees from the Estates Department and other important certificates namely Income, Resident of Backward Area (RBA), Migrant, and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) certificates in favour of the migrant population of the UT.

All these services are going to bring ease and respite to thousands of applicants throughout the length and breadth of the UT, as was ascertained during this meeting.

## MD JKPCC Reviews Development Works In Kashmir

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Managing Director, JK Project Construction Corporation Limited, R K Shavan, conducted an exhaustive three day tour of Kashmir division to review status of major development works being executed in the region.

He had a detailed assessment of progress on several ongoing works in Srinagar and Anantnag districts with the concerned Deputy General Managers. He issued directions to the concerned DGMs to further gear up the pace of works ensuring completion of vital projects within the stipulated time.

MD also inspected development works being executed in Government Medical College Baramulla, Government Degree College, Boniyar with an estimated cost of Rs. 113.49 crore and Rs. 13.92 crore respectively.

MD was accompanied by concerned Deputy General



Manager and other Engineering staff during the inspection who apprised him of progress on several ongoing works.

He also took stock of issues being faced by contractors like non-release of payments due to cash crunch.

MD, later, met with various deputations of contractors, stakeholders and officials of concerned departments and listened to their issues and concerns. Meanwhile, a delegation of JKPCC working women called on the MD and raised their grievances.

BHARAT JODO YATRA

## Dr Farooq Takes Bus To Welcome Rahul At Lakhanpur

Press Trust Of India

**LAKHANPUR:** National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and senior party leaders travelled in a bus from his Jammu residence to Kathua to welcome the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra at this entry point of Jammu and Kashmir.

The march entered Lakhanpur via Pathankot - Punjab on Thursday evening, marking the final phase of the yatra which started from Kanyakumari on September 7.

The yatra is scheduled to culminate at Srinagar with Gandhi hoisting the national flag at the party headquarters on January 30.

A National Conference leader said party leaders and workers left in several vehicles to join the yatra.

The 85-year-old Abdullah, a former chief minister, accompanied by senior leaders including several former ministers and legislators, left in a bus from his Bhatindi residence in Jammu for Kathua around 1.30 pm, he said.

The bus reached Kathua, about 90 kms from Jammu, around 4 pm and Abdullah straight away visited the residence of former minister Lal Singh.

"I am happy about his (Lal Singh's) decision to join the yatra as unity in diversity is our power... We have to leave



hatred behind and take the country forward together," Abdullah told reporters, downplaying the statement of his son and former chief minister Omar Abdullah.

He said the yatra is for the benefit of the country and "had I been young, I would have walked along with Rahul Gandhi from the start of the yatra. I am old and cannot walk nonstop"

He said he believes that the ray of hope seen by Mahatma Gandhi is still alive in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I have joined the yatra in Delhi, joining it here (Lakhanpur) and will be joining it again and again when it reaches Jammu and in the valley," he said, adding the people of

Jammu and Kashmir are distraught due to the misgovernance of the BJP.

"They (BJP) are saying the situation has become normal but the reality is that terror incidents have gone up. The Home Ministry is responsible for the security situation," he said.

Asked about the Election Commission not announcing the assembly polls in J&K, he said the delay in elections tentatively to attack on democracy which they want to finish.

"It is unfortunate. The Election Commission should have been an independent body but they are under government pressure. They are also trying to suppress the Supreme Court," he said, without naming the BJP-led central government.

Digital J&K

## E-Unnat Ensures Efficient, Reliable Services To Common Citizens: Govt

215 Services Available On Portal, 1472350 Certificates Issued Till Date

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Keeping pace with digital revolution taking place in present era, E-Unnat has been successful in extending efficient, transparent and reliable government services to common citizens fulfilling their basic needs in a more robust and responsive manner.

With this vital technological intervention, the people now can easily avail all government services at the click of a button thus getting much needed relief from unnecessary hindrances at different official levels.

Jammu and Kashmir administration has made a remarkable achievement in the digital journey of Jammu and Kashmir with e-Unnat having 215 services available to the public.

Besides, the portal is acting as a window for government to obtain feedback from citizens on any subject related to service delivery to identify grey areas for further improvement.

Through e-Unnat, citizens need to first register and apply for any service by filling an application form. After that, they will receive an output certificate/report as the service deliverable.

Notably, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, inaugurated the integration of Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA) portal having Auto-Appeal System feature with the e-UNNAT to provide a major impetus to transparent, citizen friendly and efficient governance. With this step, the J&K government has now integrated the online dashboard (<https://aas.jk.gov.in>) for all citizen centric services available on e-Unnat Portal, as per the provisions of PSGA.

In the process, J&K has become the first UT in the country to implement such a robust system. This step of the government is expected to be a game changer as it empowers the citizens and would go a long way in curbing de-

lays in providing services to citizens, weed out red tapism, inefficiency, lethargy and culture of apathy and impunity. Under this system, the service delivery timelines, details of defaults and penal provisions besides generation of statistics and drill down facility together with auto escalation / auto-appeal feature is available online.

The aim of the government in incorporating the auto-appeal and auto-escalation feature in the portal is that the provisions of the PSGA get integrated into the online application processing and service delivery mechanism to be strictly adhered to.

Meanwhile, J&K has also become the first Union Territory to launch its own Unified Citizen Services Portal (<https://eUnnat.jk.gov.in>) incorporating 'Meri Pehchaan' (National Single Sign-on) to make available Citizen Centric Services to the common man under a single portal.

## HC Dismisses DeM's Plea Against Centre's Decision Declaring It Terrorist Group

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi High Court Thursday dismissed a plea by the banned outfit Dukhtaran-e-Millat (DeM) challenging the Centre's decision to declare it a terrorist organisation' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Justice Anish Dayal said an alternative remedy prescribed under the statutes is available to the organisation by which the outfit led by Kashmiri separatist leader Asiya Andrabi could file an application and approach the central government to remove its name from the schedule declaring it a terrorist organisation'.

Andrabi was arrested in 2018 by the NIA for alleged commission of offences under the Indian Penal Code, including sedition, waging war against the country, and the stringent anti-terror law UAPA.

Dukhtaran-e-Millat (daughters of the nation) was declared a terrorist organisation in 2004

and the petition was filed in the high court challenging the decision in 2022.

The DeM said it got to know about the outfit having been declared a terrorist organisation' only in 2018 when charge sheets were filed in the court against its members.

The Centre's counsel contended it is the prerogative of the government to decide who is a terrorist and who is not and added that though DeM was declared a terrorist organisation in 2004 it chose to come to the court only in 2022.

The high court said the UAPA provides for filing of an application before the government seeking removal of an organisation's name from the schedule.

The counsel for DeM told the court that no such application had been filed.

The outfit, in its plea, sought a direction to the Centre to provide a copy of the December 30, 2004 notification "banning" it or a "notification by which it has been declared to be a terrorist organisation".

## Jitendra Singh Visits CBC's Multimedia Exhibition In Kathua



Observer News Service

**NEW DELHI:** The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Thursday visited the concluding day of the 3-day long multimedia exhibition at Government Degree College, Kathua.

The exhibition is being organized by the Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Field Office, Kathua as part of a series of awareness programmes being organized across different districts of J&K under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

During his visit, Dr. Jitendra Singh appreciated the efforts of Central Bureau of Communication, J&K for showcasing the history of India's freedom struggle through photo exhibits, audio-visual aids, printed

Information Education and Communication (IEC) material and documentary screenings.

Apart from this, a special section in the exhibition has been dedicated to G20 India. Separate corner for Azadi Quest-recently lunched online educational video game and Swaraj, a 75 episode mega serial of Doordarshan portraying stories of unsung heroes of India's freedom struggle is also part of the exhibition display.

The Components of today's programme were a drawing competition, patriotic song singing competition, a seminar and expert lectures from ICDS officers.

Besides Anganwadi workers, PRIs, CDPOs, students, the program was attended by DDC Vice Chairman Kathua, Raghu-nandan Singh Babloo, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rahul Pandey, Joint Director, CBC J&K, .Gh. Abbas, M&CO, PIB, Jammu, Sheikh Mudasir Amin, DIO Kathua, Neeraj Bhargava and FPA Kathua, Rajesh Sharma.



## JKFA Chair Holds Meeting With AIFF Prez & GS

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu & Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) on Thursday said that the Chairman of its Election Commission, Wasim Aslam, held important meetings with All India Football Federation (AIFF) President Kalyan Chaubey and General Secretary Shaji Prabhakaran at AIFF House in New Delhi.

Chairman Aslam met AIFF President on January 18 to discuss various issues regarding the state of football in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The meeting had the goal of discussing the process of elections and ways to further promote and

the statement added.

On January 19, Chairman Aslam met AIFF General Secretary alongside Sajid Yousuf Dar (International Coach), Amardeep Singh (Ex International Player), Arun Pal Singh Jasrotia (Coach) and Asif Dalal.

"The AIFF Secretary General expressed his support for the proposals and assured that the AIFF will work closely with the JKFA to ensure the success of these initiatives. He also praised the JKFA for their efforts in promoting and developing football in the region and said that the AIFF is committed to supporting the growth of football in Jammu and Kashmir," the FA wrote in its statement.



develop the sport of football in J&K," a JKFA statement about the meet with AIFF President said.

"During the meeting, both parties discussed various topics such as the Elections, increasing youth participation, developing grassroots programs and introducing girls football development programs,"

"The JKFA and AIFF also discussed the possibility of organizing more youth and senior football tournaments and coach education programs in the region in future, which will provide more opportunities for local players and officials to showcase their talent and gain exposure," it added.

## J&K In Control Of Ranji Trophy Match Against Tripura

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Riding on brilliant batting displays from top order batters, J&K's Ranji Trophy team on Thursday declared after amassing a total of 446/6 in 156 overs against Tripura at Hostel Ground JKCA in Jammu.

Leg spinner Abid Mushtaq then took 3 wickets in a space of 6 overs to leave Tripura reeling at 76/4 after 37 overs, before the umpires called it a day.

The Day 3 of the four-day test saw J&K resume from their overnight total of 241/3, which saw batter Abhinav Puri 121 (316) claim a maiden century. The game's first two days were lost to bad weather and wet outfield.

Skipper Shubham Khajuria 53 (129), Vivrant Sharma 55 (122), Ian Chauhan 61 (164), Abdul Samad 58 (90), Musaif Ajaz 43\* (70) and Abid Mushtaq 31 (30)



all contributed with the bat to give J&K a chance to earn some points from the match.

However, all will depend on J&K's final day performance as the team will hope to enforce follow-on on the visiting side and then bowl them out again. So the question every fan will be asking is: Can J&K take 16 wickets on Day 4?

J&K Playing XI: Shubham Khajuria (c), Fazil Rashid (wk) Vivrant Sharma, Abhinav Puri, Abdul Samad, Abid Mushtaq, Musaif Ajaz, Rohit Sharma, Auqib Nabi, Ian Chauhan, Umar Nazir.

## Real Kashmir Face Holders Gokulam Kerala In I-League Today



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Real Kashmir FC is all set to face defending champions Gokulam Kerala FC in I-League 2022-23 at the EMS Corporation Stadium in Kozhikode, Kerala today, Friday, January 20.

Both teams are on same number of points (18) after 11 matches, with Real Kashmir leading in goals scored (11). The match is slated for kick off at 4:30 pm.

Real Kashmir have been held to two draws against Aizawl and Sudeva Delhi since the start of 2023. Gokulam Kerala, on the other hand, won 1-0 against Churchill Brothers FC and lost 1-2 to TRAU FC in their previous match.

Snow Leopards' head coach Mehrajuddin Wadoo is aware of the fixture's importance in help-

ing the Srinagar-based side stay in the Top 5 positions of the I-League table and wants his team to win the game against Gokulam.

"If you see the table, there is not much difference between the teams. To stay among the top 4-5 teams, it is imperative that we win tomorrow," he told I-League. However, Real Kashmir's recent dip in form is a cause for concern and Wadoo is hoping for a turnaround in the match against the Kerala outfit.

"Our form has really gone down. Injuries and suspensions have played their part in that, but I do not want to give any excuses. I am particularly not happy with the draws in the last two games. Tomorrow is the day where we should start the turnaround," Wadoo added.

## Downtown Heroes To Play 2nd Division I-League Qualifiers

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Srinagar-based Downtown Heroes FC is among four teams set to battle it out in the Hero 2nd Division League Qualifiers for the 2022-23 season in Kokrajhar, Assam.

The qualifiers will be played from February 12 to 16, 2023, with top two teams qualifying for the group stage. From there, the two qualified teams will join 17 other seeded teams.

The 19 teams will be divided

into four groups and play on home and away basis, which will start from March 2023.

The Heroes will play United Chirang Duar FC on February 12, before facing Corbett FC on February 14 and Shillong Lajong FC on February 16.

"Thank you to everyone who has wished us well and supported us. We have finally made it to the 2nd Division I league after years of hard work. We promise to make you all proud," the Heroes said in a statement.



**THE LAST DANCE:** World Cup winner Lionel Messi and Portuguese legend Cristiano Ronaldo both started for their teams on Thursday in a club friendly match between Paris Saint-Germain and Riyadh All-Stars XI at the King Fahd Stadium in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Both players had scored a goal each when reports last came in.

## Protesting Wrestlers Ready To Lodge FIR Against WFI President

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** The country's top wrestlers on Thursday vowed to intensify their protest, saying the government has given them an assurance but no "satisfactory response" and they will lodge multiple FIRs against WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh if the Wrestling Federation of India is not disbanded immediately.

The wrestlers, who have accused the WFI President of sexual exploitation and intimidation, continued their dharna for the second day as more grapplers joined them in what they

called was a fight to give "a new life to Indian wrestling."

A team of wrestlers, including Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat, Anshu, Sakshi Malik, and her husband Satyawrat Kadiyan, was then called for a meeting with the government as they discussed their issues with Sports Secretary Sujata Chaturvedi, Director General SAI Sandip Pradhan and Joint Secretary (Sports) Kunal.

During the one-hour meeting, the wrestlers were asked to end their protest and assured that their grievances will be addressed.

Later addressing the media, Vinesh did not disclose what transpired at the meeting but

said, "Unfortunately we did not get a satisfactory response."

"Yesterday, we had 1-2 victims amongst us but now we have 5-6 wrestlers, who were harassed (sexually). We can't name them now, after all they are daughters and sisters of somebody. But if we are forced to disclose their identity, it will be a black day," said Vinesh, the two-time World Championship medallist.

"It's not just about his (Brij Bhushan) resignation. We will send him to jail. We did not want to take the legal route, because we had hoped for resolution but if a proper solution is not provided, we will lodge FIRs against the President.

## Man City Top Deloitte Money League For 2nd Straight Year

Reuters

**M**anchester City have topped the Deloitte Football Money League for the second year in a row as the world's highest revenue-generating club in the 2021-22 season in which fans returned to stadiums as COVID-19 restrictions were eased.

Abu Dhabi-owned City generated total revenue of 731 million euros (\$790.65 million), followed by Real Madrid (714 million euros) and Liverpool (702 million euros). City's rivals Manchester United generated 689 million euros and Paris St Germain made 654 million euros.

Chelsea, Tottenham Hotspur, Arsenal, West Ham United, Leicester City, Leeds United, Everton and Newcastle United were all on the list as the Premier League clubs made up 11 of the top 20. City posted a Premier League record commercial revenue of 373 million euros in 2021-22, a growth of 65 million euros from the previous season.

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The Merseyside club overtook Manchester United in the rankings for the first time, following their run to the 2022 Champions League final which generated additional broadcast revenue. Liverpool were also only one of five clubs to report over 100 million euros in matchday revenue, which was the first time the club had done so, as fans returned to stadiums.

Among the LaLiga teams, Barcelona and Real Madrid have yet to recover revenue to their pre-pandemic levels, with the clubs' revenues down 203 million euros and 43 million euros respectively from 2018-19, the report said.

**WOMEN'S FOOTBALL**


For the first time, Deloitte's Football Money League also reported on revenues generated from the women's teams at Money League clubs, with sides reporting average revenues of 2.4 million euros in the 2021-22 season. Barcelona generated the



"The Premier League reported a significant increase in its international media rights value during its most recent rights sale process," said Tim Bridge, lead partner in Deloitte's Sports Business Group. Liverpool were the biggest movers in this year's edition of the Money League, rising four places from seventh to third to achieve their highest-ever po-

highest revenue, with 7.7 million euros, having reached the Champions League final in 2022 and winning the competition in 2021.

Manchester United reported the second-highest revenue with 6 million euros, followed by City (5.1 million euros), PSG (3.6 million euros), Arsenal (2.2 million euros) and Spurs (2.1 million euros). (\$1 = 0.9246 euros)



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