

ECI To Take Call On J&K Elections, Statehood After Polls: HM

Agencies

Agartala: Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir will come up after assembly polls, and that a call on the timing of elections will be taken by the Election Commission.

In an interview with ANI, Shah also said there has been improvement in the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, and terrorism-related figures were at their lowest.

Shah said Article 370 pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir, which was abrogated by the BJP-led government in 2019, had harmed the country. He said the way development is taking place in Jammu and Kashmir, terrorism is gradually ending.

"See all the figures, there is a lot of change in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

The minister said he cannot comment on the timing of the polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I had clearly stated that statehood will be

restored in Jammu and Kashmir after elections. The process of preparation of voters' list is nearing completion in the UT. Now, the Election Commission has to take a call on elections," he said.

Asked about his earlier statement mentioning the emergence of new leadership in Jammu and Kashmir, Shah said that new leadership will emerge from local bodies where polls had been held earlier.

"The panchs and sarpanchs who have been elected, new leadership will emerge from them... Since the time terrorism started in Jammu & Kashmir, the terrorism-related **More on P6**



'Big Drop In Terror Cases Post Art-370'

Earlier, the Union Home Minister said in Karnal that there is a big drop in terror incidents in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 and a record number of tourists are visiting the Union Territory. Presenting the President's Colour to the Haryana Police in recognition of its exceptional service, Shah also said the BJP government at the Centre has successfully tackled internal security challenges -- terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir, insurgency in the North East and **More on P6**

SINCE 1950, IT WAS ON OUR AGENDA TO REMOVE ARTICLE 370 from Jammu and Kashmir. Today, the way Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing development and decrease in terrorism shows the changes that are coming."

Ladakh Parties To Protest In Delhi Demanding Statehood

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance, an amalgam of trade unions, social, political and religious groups from Ladakh, are set to hold a protest at Delhi's Jantar Mantar on Wednesday to raise demand of statehood for the Union Territory.

Ladakh became a Union Territory, along with Jammu and Kashmir, when Article 370 and 35 A were abrogated on August 5, 2019. While Jammu and Kashmir is a UT with legislature, Ladakh does not have any provision for it.

The two groups, which came together with a set of demands for Ladakh, will hold a daylong protest in the national capital on Wednesday, activist and politician Sajjad Hussain told PTI.

"When Ladakh was made a Union Territory, we were promised development. However, it's been four years and we cannot see any development happening," Hussain said.

"Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance are holding

a joint protest. We are raising a four point agenda, under which our demands are statehood for Ladakh, sixth schedule under Constitution, job reservation, a separate Public Service Commission for Ladakh, and two parliamentary seats for Leh and Kargil," he said.

Ladakh-based activist and educator Sonam Wangchuk, who had recently gone on a five-day 'climate fast', to 'save Ladakh', said the protest is being held in Delhi so that their voice reaches the government.

"We raised our voice from Ladakh, but no one has reached out to us yet. Perhaps our voice did not reach them, so we have come to Delhi to hold a protest," Wangchuk said.

"We have been talking to the government, but in the last three years, the process has stagnated. I did a symbolic protest by holding a fast, we were hoping the government will call us for discussions at least. Sadly, no invitation has been given so far," he said.

"It is our duty as **More on P6**

...PULWAMA ATTACK ANNIVERSARY

PM Modi, HM; LG Pay Tributes To Slain CRPF Men



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Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday paid tribute to the CRPF personnel who lost their lives in a terror attack on their convoy in

Pulwama on this day in 2019. He tweeted, "Remembering our valorous heroes who we lost on this day in Pulwama. We will never forget their supreme sacrifice. Their courage

motivates us to build a strong and developed India."

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also paid tribute to the CRPF personnel killed in the 2019 suicide attack at Pulwama in **More on P6**

Kashmir Situation Improved Post-Pulwama: CRPF IG

The proactive approach of security forces in the aftermath of the 2019 Pulwama suicide attack has led to a huge improvement in the situation in Kashmir, a senior CRPF official said on the fourth anniversary of the strike that killed 40 personnel of the paramilitary force. "The situation in Kashmir has improved post the Pulwama attack. Stone pelting incidents do not take place anymore while 'hartals' have come to an end. Record tourists are arriving in Kashmir," CRPF Inspector General (Operations) M S Bhatia told reporters after a wreath laying ceremony at the Pulwama Martyrs' Memorial, around 21 kilometres from Srinagar. **More on P6**

I PAY HOMAGE TO THE BRAVE SOLDIERS who laid down their lives in the ghastly terror attack in Pulwama on this day in the year 2019. The nation can never forget their sacrifice. Their valour and indomitable courage will always remain an inspiration in the fight against terrorism."

Highway Shut, 2,500 Vehicles Stranded

Ramban: The 294-km-long Jammu-Srinagar National Highway remained closed since Monday evening following shooting stones in Ramban district, after which 2,500 vehicles are stranded on the mountainous road, officials said.

The traffic movement on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway remained continuously disrupted due to shooting stones at Mehar-Cafeteria (Ramban) since last night, officials said.

He said the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has been trying to clear the debris but the continuous shooting stones have been hampering operations.

"About 2,500 vehicles are stranded on the route," he said, adding that if the weather remained favourable, the road clearance work will remain on and the highway **More on P6**

LG Asks Youth To Strive For Excellence, Not Marks

'Youth Should Have Courage To Explore The Unexplored'

Observer News Service

Gujarat: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday called upon the younger generation to draw inspiration from the life of towering personalities of the country like Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and take India forward on the path of peace and prosperity.

"Education without practical experience has no purpose. We must imbibe the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and make efforts for experiential learning. We need to create an environment in which our youth are encouraged for new discoveries, new inventions," Sinha said.

He made these remarks while addressing 'Rashtra Katha Shivir', organized by Swami Dharmabandhuji,



Vedic Mission Trust, at Pransla here on Tuesday. The national-level camp provides a platform for the overall personality development of youth.

Sharing his thoughts, the LG called upon the young & brilliant minds assembled at the shivir from all parts of the country to

dedicate themselves towards nation-building.

C o m p e t e n c e . Competitiveness and Youth will be the three major factors in shaping the future of India in the Amrit Kaal," he said.

"The speed of progress largely depends upon young generation. Youth with **More on P6**

Couples Descend On Kashmir To Celebrate Valentine's Day

Press Trust Of India

Gulmarg: The festival of love is in full bloom in Kashmir with couples from across the country arriving in the Valley to celebrate Valentine's Day.

With abundant snowfall turning the Kashmir landscape white this winter, love birds are making a beeline to resorts such as Gulmarg in north Kashmir and Pahalgam in south Kashmir.

"We came to this beautiful



Valley to make Valentine's Day a memorable one. The weather is nice and I am feeling lucky that we were able

to plan the celebrations in Kashmir," Madhya Pradesh native Saket Sharma said.

Marvelling at the scenic beauty, his wife Prabha Shree said, "There can be nothing more beautiful than celebrating Valentine's Day in Kashmir. We actually plan to celebrate Valentine's week here."

Besides visiting the famous Mughal Gardens dotting the banks of the Dal Lake, the tourists have also added Gulmarg and **More on P6**

Mystery Shrouds Man's Death In Car Blaze

Police Says Deceased Had Strained Relationship With Wife, All Angles Being Probed

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: The mystery over the tragic death of a baker in South Kashmir's Anantnag district further deepened on Tuesday after police revealed that the deceased man had a strained relationship with his wife.

35-year-old Shabir Ahmad Rather was charred to death inside his car in Panzgam

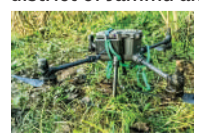
village of Kokernag during the intervening night of February 12 and 13. Initially the death was believed to be accidental, but the ongoing police probe is looking at the case beyond it.

A senior police officer told Kashmir Observer on Tuesday that the man went to sleep inside his Maruti van following a heated argument with his wife at their house **More on P6**

S H O R T T A K E S

Camera-Fitted Drone Found In Kathua

Police on Monday seized a camera-fitted drone which was found in a field in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir,



sources said. The drone was found in Kalaspur village on Monday night, they said. According to security agencies, it appears that the drone was used for photography and shooting videos at weddings, the sources said. Security agencies, however, are on alert after the recovery of the drone, they said.

Mortar Shell Destroyed In Poonch

A 120-mm mortar shell was destroyed Tuesday in a controlled explosion by Army experts after it was found in a forward village near the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, officials said. The old mortar shell was found during road construction work between Islamabad and Shahpur in Bandi Chachi by the Border Roads Organisation around 1:15 pm, the officials said. They said the concerned army unit was informed and the shell was destroyed under a controlled mechanism.

PDD Employee Lands In ACB Net

The sleuths of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday arrested a Power Development Department (PDD) employee in Central Kashmir's Budgam district for demanding and accepting a bribe. Javid Ahmad Najar, MR Technician 3rd Sheikhpura PDD, was arrested red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 2000 in Budgam, quoting sources, a local news agency KDC reported. The sources said that on receipt of the complaint, a FIR was registered, under section 7 Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 **More on P6**

Elderly Man Found Dead

A 60-year-old man was found dead under mysterious circumstances at his home in Mendar area of Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, officials said. News agency GNS quoting officials reported that one Mushtaq Ahmad son of Hassan Mohammad, a resident of Mendar area of Poonch, was found lying unconscious and later on declared dead. The body, they said, was shifted to SDH Mendar for post-mortem. Confirming the death of the person, SHO Gursai Farooq Ahmad said that investigations **More on P6**

Minor Boy Drowns To Death

A minor boy died on Tuesday after falling into a stream in Central Kashmir's Budgam district. Two-year-old Rumaan Wahid Zargar slipped into Lar-Kol in his native village of Chew, Budgam on Tuesday evening, reports said. The child's body was retrieved from the stream and shifted to the hospital. However, the minor was declared dead at the hospital.



Colleges In Kashmir To Reopen Today

Following a fifty day winter vacations, Colleges in winter zones in Jammu and Kashmir are all set to resume academics from Wednesday. In December-2022, the Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education Department announced winter vacations for all government degree Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir. The Higher Education Department in an order had said that the degree Colleges falling in Kashmir and the winter zones of the Jammu division will observe winter vacation from December 27 to February 14-2023. **More on P6**



Emissions From Fertilisers Could Be Cut Down By 80%: Study

Press Trust of India

Emissions from manure and synthetic fertilisers could be reduced by as much as 80 per cent, to one-fifth of current levels, according to a new study.

Researchers have quantified that two thirds of emissions from fertilisers take place after they are spread on fields, with one third of emissions coming from production processes, the study said.

The researchers, from University of Cambridge, UK, have calculated the carbon footprint for the full life cycle of fertilisers, the study said.

Fertilisers are responsible for approximately five per cent of total greenhouse gas emissions, the first time this has been accurately quantified, and found that carbon emissions could be reduced to one-fifth of current levels by 2050, the study said.

Although nitrogen-based fertilisers are already known to be a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, this is the first time that their overall contribution, from production to deployment, has been fully quantified, the study said.

Their analysis found that manure and synthetic fertilisers emit the equivalent of 2.6 gigatonnes of carbon per year - more than global aviation and shipping combined, the study said.

Carbon emissions from fertilisers urgently need to be reduced; however, this must be balanced against the need for global food security, the study said.

According to the study, earlier research has estimated that 48 per cent of the global population are fed with crops grown with synthetic fertilisers, and the world's population is expected to grow by 20 per cent until 2050.

The Cambridge researchers said that a combination of scalable technological and policy solutions are needed to reduce fertiliser emissions while maintaining food security.

However, they estimate that if such solutions could be implemented at scale, the emissions from manure and synthetic fertilisers could be reduced by as much as 80 per cent, to one-fifth of current levels, without a loss of productivity.

The results are reported in the journal **Nature Food**.

"Incredibly, we don't actually know how many chemicals we produce globally, where they end up, where and how they accumulate, how many emissions they produce, and how much waste they generate," said co-author Dr Andre Cabrera Serrenho from Cambridge's Department of Engineering.



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Serrenho and his co-author Yunhu Gao undertook a project to accurately measure the total impacts of fertilisers, one of the two main products of the petrochemical industry, the study said.

Of all the products made by the petrochemical industry, the vast majority, as much as 74 per cent, are either plastics or fertilisers, the study said.

"In order to reduce emissions, it's important for us to identify and prioritise any interventions we can make to make fertilisers less harmful to the environment," said Serrenho.

"But if we're going to do that, we first need to have a clear picture of the whole lifecycle of these products. It sounds obvious, but we actually know very little about these things," said Serrenho.

The researchers mapped the global flows of manure and synthetic fertilisers and their emissions for 2019, along all stages

of the lifecycle, by reconciling the production and consumption of nitrogen fertilisers and regional emission factors across nine world regions, the study said.

After completing their analysis, the researchers found that unlike many other products, the majority of emissions for fertilisers occur not during production, but during their use.

"It was surprising that this was the major source of emissions," said Serrenho.

"But only after quantifying all emissions, at every point of the lifecycle, can we then start looking at different mitigation methods to reduce emissions without a loss of productivity," said Serrenho.

The researchers listed and quantified the maximum theoretical impact of different mitigation methods - most of these are already known, but their maximum potential effect had not been quantified.

Emissions from the production of synthetic fertilisers are mostly from ammonia synthesis, partly due to chemical reactions used in the production process.

The most effective mitigation at the production stage would be for the industry to decarbonise heating and hydrogen production.

Fertilisers could also be mixed with chemicals called nitrification inhibitors, which prevent bacteria from forming nitrous oxide.

However, these chemicals are likely to make fertilisers more expensive.

"If we're going to make fertilisers more expensive, then there needs to be some sort of financial incentive to farmers and to fertiliser companies," said Serrenho.

"Farming is an incredibly tough business as it is, and farmers aren't currently rewarded for producing lower emissions," said Serrenho.

IN THE COURT OF JMIC,
JUDGE SMALL CAUSES, SRINAGAR
Present:- Ms Tabasum
Mohammad Umaan Wani
v/s
Registrar Births & Deaths SMC, Srinagar.
(Non-Applicant)
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas an application has been received from the applicant for registration of Birth of Mohammad Umaan Wani in the records of SMC Srinagar. Objection, if any, be submitted in writing before the undersigned within seven days from the date of this Publication. The details of the Person are as under:-
Name:- Mohammad Umaan Wani
Sex:-MALE
Father's Name:-Ghulam Mohammad Wani
Mother's name: Shafiq
DOD: 26-03-2016
R/o: Goripora Noorbagh Srinagar
Place Of Death:-at home
Sd/-
nj Judge Small Causes, Srinagar

In The Court of JMIC,
First Additional Munsif Srinagar
Presen - Mr Shafeeq Ahmad Malik
Sajah Bono
W/O : Late Ali Mohammad Bhat R/o Radio Colony Ikhrajpora
Jawahar Nagar Srinagar
Versus
Registrar Births & Deaths
SMC, Srinagar.
Non applicant
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, an application has been received from the applicant for registration Birth Death of Ali Mohammad Bhat in the records of SMC, Srinagar. Objection, if any, be submitted in writing before the undersigned within seven days from the date of this publication. The details of the person are as under:-
Name: Ali Mohammad Bhat
Sex: Male
Father's Name: Mohmd Bhat
Mother's Name: Malla Ded
D.O.D: 27-02-2017
Residence: Radio Colony Ikhrajpora Jawahar Nagar, Srinagar
Place of Death: Home i.e Radio Colony Ikhrajpora Jawahar Nagar Srinagar
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Before The Hon'ble High Court Of J&K And Ladakh At Srinagar
WP (C) No.169 Of 2023
(Under Article 226 of the Constitution India)
(Matter pertains to District Anantnag)
In the case of :
Villagers of Watihal- Revenue Halqa Korigam Tehsil Qazigund District Anantnag-Kashmir THROUGH;
1. All Mohammad Lone (Age 68 years) s/o Abdul Gani Lone;
2. Ghulam Hassan Lone (Age 65 years) s/o Ghulam Qadir Lone,
3. Javid Ahmad Itoo (Age 50 years) s/o Abdul Gani Itoo;
4. Gul Mohammad Lone (Age 62 years) s/o Ghulam Mohammad Lone;
All residents of village Watihal- Revenue Halqa Korigam Tehsil Qazigund District Anantnag-Kashmir.
... Petitioners
v/s
1. Union Territory of J&K through Commissioner Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/ Srinagar
2. Divisional Commissioner Kashmir (Tankipora Srinagar).
3. Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag.
4. Assistant Commissioner (Development), Kulgam.
5. Tehsildar, Qazigund (Anantnag).
6. Block Development Officer, Kund (Kulgam).
7. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kulgam.
Respondents
In the meantime, subject to the objections from the other side and till next date of hearing before the Bench, status-quo be maintained with regard to the land in question.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
I have applied for the issuance of DOB Certificate for my daughter namely Tafseer Zehra . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the BDO Shareabad Khore within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Altaf Ahmad Malla
F/O Tafseer Zehra (DOB 03-11-2017) bmg
R/O Hassan Abad (Kantar Bugh Singhpora Dist: Pattan

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Altaf Ahmad Malla
F/O Zainab Altaf (DOB 30-11-2015) bmg
R/O Hassan Abad (Kantar Bugh Singhpora Dist: Pattan

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Fatehr's name & residence of my son has been wrongly written in DOB Certificate issued by Lal Ded Hospital Srinagar as JAVED AHMAD & R/o Drigam while the correct father's name & R/o is Irshad Ahmad Hajam , R/O Batapora Kanihama Magam. which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Haseena Bano
W/o Irshad Ahmad Hajam bmg
R/o Batapora Kanihama

Government of Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer Mechanical Hospital And Central Heating Division Srinagar
-----Telefax:- 0194-2496089, Email ID:- xenmhchdk@yahoo.in-----
Gist of e-tender
NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2022-23/215/e-tendering
Dated:-11.02.2023
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from registered/reputed/experienced firms with J&K UT Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work	Est. Cost (In Rs.)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	EMD Amount (In rupees)	Time of completion (in days)	AA Accorded Vide No:	TS No
Repairs to the AMF Panel of 320 KVA DG Set by way of Providing and fitting of contactor and other allied items at District Hospital, Ganderbal.	82,000/-	100	1600	5	664-JK(HME)of 2020Dt:-07.09.2020 By Financial Commissioner, H&ME Department	36 of 02/23 (AEE SD/3 rd)
Repairs to the AMF Panel of 320 KVA DG Set by way of Providing and fitting of contactor and other allied items at District Hospital, Kulgam.	82,000/-	100	1600	5	660-JK(HME)of 2020Dt:-07.09.2020 By Financial Commissioner, H&ME Department	37 of 02/23 (AEE SD/3 rd)
Repairs to the AMF Panel of 320 KVA DG Set by way of Providing and fitting of contactor and other allied items at JLNH Hospital, Srinagar.	82,000/-	100	1600	5	675-JK(HME)of 2020 Dt:-07.09.2020 By Financial Commissioner, H&ME Department	38 of 02/23 (AEE SD/3 rd)
Supply, installation, Testing and Commissioning of Off Load Changeover along with 3.5 Core 185 Sqmm Aluminium armoured cabling at JLNH Hospital, Srinagar.	1,53,000/-	200	3100	5	675-JK(HME)of 2020 Dt:-07.09.2020 By Financial Commissioner, H&ME Department	MHCHD/TS/159 Dated 02/23
Supply, installation, Testing and Commissioning of Off Load Changeover along with 3.5 Core 185 Sqmm Aluminium armoured cabling at District Hospital, Kulgam.	1,80,000/-	200	3600	5	660-JK(HME)of 2020Dt:-07.09.2020 By Financial Commissioner, H&ME Department	MHCHD/TS/160 Dated 02/23

1. Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 11.02.2023 (18.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 11.02.2023 (18.00 hrs).
2. Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site 12.02.2023 (10.00 hrs) to 17.02.2023 (16:00hrs) in two (02) covers.
3. Opening of Bids:- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 17.02.2023 at 16.00 hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
MHCHD, Srinagar
MHCHD/TS/10609-14
DIPK-17409/22 Dt:-14-02-2023

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU
Subject: Applications for the position of Vice-Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu.
The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir has constituted a Selection Committee for recommending a panel of suitable aspirants for the position of Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu (J&K). The position is to be filled up on tenure basis for a period not exceeding 03 years or attainment of 65 years of age, whichever is earlier. Aspirants for this position should not be more than 62 years of age as on the closing date of application.
The committee invites applications from eminent agricultural scientists with outstanding credentials and also solicits appropriate nominations from renowned personalities of eligible candidates fulfilling the following criteria:
I. Essential Qualifications and Experience:
1. A distinguished scientists or academicians with Doctor of Philosophy degree in Agriculture/ Veterinary or related fields.
2. More than 10 years experience in the grade of professor or equivalent position in any academic organization of repute.
3. Administrative experience of at least 03 years in handling affairs of any university or a national institution as Dean/ Joint Director/ Director or equivalent. Or 05 years experience at the level of Head of the Department/Division or equivalent position in any academic organization of repute.
4. Minimum of 20 research publications in peer-reviewed national/ international Journals including books.
5. Demonstrated experience in leadership.
II. Desirable Experience:
1. Good understanding of financial management including revenue generation, planning and fiscal control.
2. Demonstrable success in developing and executing National and International collaborative arrangements.
3. Experience of working in Statutory Authorities of a university such as Board of Studies/Academic Council/ Executive Council/Board of Management.
4. Experience of handling accreditation procedures, quality assessment and guiding students for Masters' and PhD.
5. Experience of international exposure through participation in meetings, workshops, seminars, or conferences held outside the country.
Mode of Application:
1. Applications received from eligible candidates through e-mail only shall be considered. Such applications should reach by or before 13.03.2023 to:
Tej Krishan Bhat,
JKAS Special Secretary to the Government,
Agriculture Production Department,
Civil Secretariat, Jammu, J&K UT
E-mail: tej.krishankas@jk.gov.in Mobile No. 9419044146
2. The CV/Bio-data must contain general information (name, present position/ post last held, date of birth, address for correspondence, e-mail ID and contact/mobile number), educational qualifications, area of specialization, service details (including date of appointment as Professor/ equivalent), administrative posts held, publications, number of persons guided for Post-Graduation & Ph.D degree.
3. Applications received after the last date shall not be considered.
4. Shortlisted applicants may be invited for personal interaction.
5. The details are also available on official website: www.jkpd.nic.in
Sd/- Atal Dulloo, IAS
Financial Commissioner
(Additional Chief Secretary)
Agriculture Production Department, J&K UT
(Convener, Selection Committee)
DIPK-17315-22
Dated: 10-02-2023

KASHMIR OBSERVER

Wednesday | 15-02-2023

Glimmer Of Hope

Creating a faint hope of the Assembly elections being held in Jammu and Kashmir in the near future, the union home minister said in an interview on Monday that it was for the election commission to take a call on it. He said that the process of preparation of voters' list was nearing completion in the Union Territory. As for the reinstatement of statehood, the home minister said it will be discussed after elections. Also on Monday, the Supreme Court rejected a plea challenging the government's decision to form a delimitation commission in the UT which has apparently brought us a step closer to holding of elections. . .

But there is still doubt whether the exercise will be held at all. If elections are really to be held by around the middle of the year, by now the schedule should have been announced. As things stand, several political parties are reaching out to people, but they aren't campaigning, still uncertain about the elections.

The UT is now far more peaceful than it was before 2019, another condition for elections. The home minister also highlighted this fact in his interview saying there has been a decrease in terrorism-related incidents in the UT following the revocation of Article 370, and that development efforts in the region are contributing to the improving situation. He pointed to the figures on the evolving situation and which do vindicate the government.

A recent MHA review highlighted the progress made in J&K over the last year on economic and security fronts. The union territory, the report said, witnessed "a 54 percent reduction in terrorist incidents, a 22 percent drop in recruitment of militants and 84 percent decline in the deaths of security forces." In real terms, the militancy related violence has decreased from 417 incidents in 2018 to 229 in 2021 while the number of slain security personnel had reduced from 91 in 2018 to 42 in 2021.

On the development front, the report says that the BJP government at the centre has brought an investment of Rs 56,000 crores in just three years. Under the Prime Minister's Development Package in Jammu, the report mentions, J&K got about 63 projects in hydro-electricity at a cost of Rs 80,000 crore.

One biggest indicator of the new normalcy, as highlighted by the home minister, has been the growth of tourism. And last year is said to have broken all previous records. According to the tourist officials, the number of tourists Kashmir received this year is the highest so far, beating by far even the pre-turmoil period record. Would this normalcy lead to polls? There's no certainty. But the coming weeks and months will make things clear on this score.

OTHER OPINION

Ban on wheat exports may hit farm incomes

On Monday, HT reported that the ban on export of wheat and non-premium rice is likely to continue beyond March. While an official decision is yet to be taken, multiple factors seem to be nudging the government towards such a decision. They include elevated domestic inflation for cereals, low grain stocks with the government and uncertainty over weather outlook for the two most important cereal crops in the rabi (wheat) and kharif (rice) season. The former suffered heavily because of a premature heat wave last March (hence the caution) and the latter might be adversely affected if this is a weak monsoon year because of the El Nino effect.

A decision to ban exports, in the wake of so many contingencies, is not something that ought to be criticised. Food security is a strategic objective and sovereign countries are free to tweak policies to safeguard it. What needs to be kept in mind while pursuing such policies, however, is that the benefits are not without their side effects.

The most significant side effect will be on farm incomes. When farmers are not allowed to exploit windfall gains of high prices either in domestic or foreign markets, they incur a loss of potential income. This can hurt more under two circumstances. If input prices and prices of other consumables are also growing at a high rate, the terms of trade for farming move in an adverse direction. And if adverse weather leads to a crop failure or sub-par yields, price-capping moves deprive farmers of the opportunity to recover their sunk costs. Such collateral damage can lead to both political discontent and headwinds to rural demand. The government will be hoping that the benefits of low inflation compensate for such disaffection.

Hindustan Times

The Veracity of Indo-U.S. Defence Ties

Defence and Trade, besides people to people ties have emerged as the main barometer through which India-US ties could be described as a strategic partnership, and which could deliver the highest priorities for both

Asad Mirza

Earlier this month, during the visit of NSA Ajit Doval to the United States, India and the U.S. kick-started the inaugural dialogue on the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET). In addition, the two sides announced a set of programmes aimed at increasing the depth and scope of bilateral cooperation in cutting edge technology, including the defence sector.

The iCET aims to build supply chains, giving a boost to joint production and development between the countries and increase linkages between the Indian and American start-up ecosystems.

A White House 'fact sheet' released after the meeting highlighted six areas of planned cooperation: strengthening innovation ecosystems, defence innovation and technology cooperation, resilient semiconductor supply chains, space, STEM talent and next generation telecommunications.

Also announced was a private-public dialogue to further 5G/6G cooperation and the adoption of Open RAN (technology to connect phones to each other and to the internet) in India.

The U.S. also committed to a speedy review of an application from General Electric to produce jet engines in India for India-manufactured Light Combat Aircraft.

The initiative is a particularly significant milestone in the bilateral relationship, having been announced at the highest level - by PM Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden at the Quad summit in Tokyo in May 2022, which also shows the resolve of the two leaders to change the dynamics of Indo-U.S. bilateral relationship.

Reportedly, Washington is also considering easing export controls and restrictions on India. In a statement, the MEA said that export barriers to India in a few critical areas could be initiated through efforts towards legislative changes, while the White House in a statement said the Biden administration would work with the U.S. Congress to lower barriers to U.S. exports to India of high performance computing and source code technology.

The initiative comes at a time when the U.S. is seeking to out-compete China in critical technologies and tighten the screws on China's semiconductor industry. Biden administration officials were quick to emphasise, however, that iCET is not just about China.

One senior Biden aide has been reported to have said that these efforts are about more than just China because this isn't just about defence. This is a multi-layered approach in a lot of different places; this is about wanting to participate in India's rise and the "next logical milestone" in the bilateral relationship.

The bilateral ties between India and the United States have witnessed considerable improvement

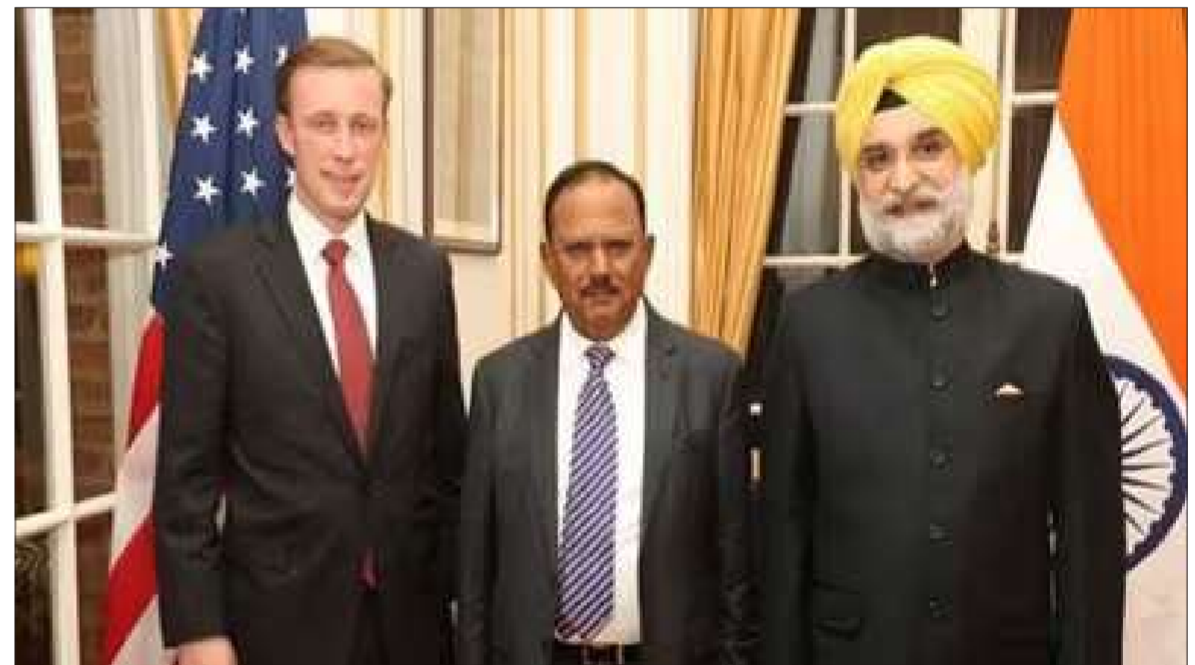
owing to the political will of both the countries, who want to ensure that the India-U.S. ties remain on a growth track and become more profound.

But in this regard it would be much more appreciable if the U.S. administration initiates a joint production mechanism on

stability maintenance and related aspects. With the US designating India as "Major Defence Partner," a status unique to India, India is now at par with its closest allies. Though, this has opened doors to Indian procurement of sensitive defence technologies, thus, creating a new landscape for elevated Indo-U.S. cooperation, like signing

equipment and funds billions of dollars to take measures to address the challenges posed to America's national security by China.

The NDAA seeks to strengthen U.S.-India relations by directing the Departments of Defence and State to pursue greater engagement and expanded cooperation with India related to emerging



National Security Advisor Ajit Doval (centre), his American counterpart Jake Sullivan (left) attended "special and unique reception" hosted by India's Ambassador to US. (ANI)

the lines of the current U.S.-Israel defence projects, which is much more robust. Though India joined QUAD, it is a common perception that India has not been able to get what it really wanted from the U.S. for this cooperation. If there is some progress on the lines mentioned above, then it may help to completely transform the U.S.-India bilateral relations.

The current shared interests of India and the U.S. encompass humanitarian assistance, counter-terrorism cooperation, fighting violent religious extremism, maritime security activities, weapons proliferation monitoring, regional

of Defence Technologies and Trade Initiative (DTTI), BECA, COM-CASA, LEMOA etc., yet much remains to be achieved.

Of the above-mentioned agreements, India and the United States signed the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement - BECA in October 2020, during the third round of 2+2 dialogue and it is considered to be a major milestone aimed at boosting bilateral defence cooperation.

The pact will allow the U.S. armed force to provide advanced navigational assistance and avionics on U.S.-supplied aircraft to India. India will get real-time access to American geospatial intelligence that will enhance the accuracy of automated systems and weapons like cruise missiles, ballistic missiles and armed drones. Additionally, India gets access to topographical and aeronautical data through the sharing of information on maps and satellite images, which will be helpful in navigation and targeting. It will also provide Indian military systems with a high-quality GPS to navigate missiles with real-time intelligence to precisely target the adversary.

Meanwhile, in December last year, the U.S. Senate passed the National Defence Authorisation Act - NDAA, along with a \$858 billion defence bill seeking to strengthen defence ties with India, including supporting efforts to reduce India's reliance on Russian-built military

technology, joint research and development, defence and cyber capabilities, and other opportunities for collaboration.

The NDAA includes targeted investments, needed reforms, and enhanced oversight. It addresses a broad range of pressing issues, from the strategic competition with China and Russia, to disruptive technologies like hypersonic, AI, and quantum computing, to modernising our ships, aircraft, and other equipment.

But the NDAA should be looked at as an instrument through which the U.S. wants to step up its capabilities, crucial to operations in the Indo-Pacific, from space assets to naval mines. Additionally, this means that the real aim of the bill is not bolstering the bilateral ties but to ensure Indian role in any action against China.

Moreover, we should also have a look at the defence agreements or purchases expected at the forthcoming Aero India-2023. Only if the U.S. offers any latest technology or equipment for the Indian defence forces, including joint production, then it will really mean that the bilateral defence ties are booming.

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Is Writing a Fame-Building Tool?

THE past few years have witnessed a huge number of people, pouring from all directions, donning their thinking caps, and putting their thoughts to paper, seemingly trying to bring change in the society and system. It's true writing has the power to act as a catalyst for change. But, before attempting to change anything, there needs to be a lot to be changed.

Coming straight to the point, checking newsfeed on Facebook

a couple of days back, my eyes struck on an article that a young lad had written. It was a nice article, but the distressing part of it was the mentioning of so many things that one had a feeling of the writer praising himself beyond limits. This piece of writing was made to attract the eyes of the people, and not to change anything whatsoever.

"Here I am..." that's what was written at the top of the Facebook-

post. Not only this, in the comments' section, 'thanks' 'thanks' followed by love emoticons in torrents as replies to the compliments had one bury head in shame.

There's nothing wrong with emoticons and Facebook-sharing, but when a serious issue is being shared on a social media platform, such acts reveal the other side of the story: showcasing.

Put differently, those who are worried about issues work for solv-

ing it, their minds most of the time trying to discover solutions. Writing aside, they work at grassroots, are pure by heart, mind, and actions.

It's high time that we mended ourselves. Nothing is going to change unless our words carry some holiness, unless we care less for ourselves and more for those that we often write about.

Peer Faizan Bashir

Denouncing Submission to Desires

Abid Hussain Rather

EVERY living creature on the globe has some basic prerequisites for its existence. There are some basic entities like air, water, food etc. which a living being can't do away with in order to survive on the surface of earth. Such requirements are sine qua non for survival and viability of living beings. As long as such requirements are available, a living being exists; once these basic requirements are no longer attainable, a living being ceases to exist. For its existence, every living creature has to struggle hard for his basic requirements as the surrounding conditions are not always favourable to him. Human beings, though the noblest creation, aren't exceptions to these principles. They too have some basic prerequisites for their existence. They can't survive without their basic needs. Like other living creatures they too have to struggle hard for their survival. No human being can go against the laws of nature and remain static. Instead every single soul has to be assiduous to earn his livelihood and live comfortably. He has to create new ways and new techniques to adopt himself with the changing environment. Unlike other creatures, human beings don't restrict themselves to attainment of basic needs for their survival, rather their materialistic greed provokes their unending inner desires with no satisfying results. They always remain busy in fulfilling their inner desires which has been an unending process since the dawn of human civilization.

Naturally, every human being has countless desires- desires of wealth, happiness, success, richness, power, fame and many more to count. When channeled appropriately these desires help the human beings to achieve a higher status in life, but uncontrolled desires for more and more materialistic gains lead us astray. When our power of desires surpasses our power of intellect and imagination we fall from the state of 'noblest creation' to the lowest level of creaturehood. As Almighty has mentioned in Quran,

"And who is more astray than one who follows his desires without guidance from Allah? Indeed Allah doesn't guide the wrongdoing people." (Al Quran 28:50)

It can't be denied that these desires start right from childhood and continue till the



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last breath of a person. But these desires change at every stage of life on account of the alluring illusion of worldly affairs and changing states of the human mind. The materialistic greed of the world has no terminating point and resultantly it accelerates the human desires with every passing day. As narrated by Anas bin Malik that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: 'If the son of Adam had a valley of gold, then he would still like to have a second. And nothing fills his mouth but dust, Allah turns to whoever repents' (Jami at - Tirmidhi, Book 36, Hadith 34). It is the natural tendency of almost

all human beings that after fulfilling one desire they aspire for the next and the process goes on till their last breath.

Uncontrolled and unrestricted avarice to fulfill their all desires ultimately turns human beings slave of their own desires. They remain suppressed under the burden of their own desires throughout their life but distressingly the more they fulfill their desires, the more are there to accomplish. These uncontrolled and unfulfilled desires create chaos, confusion, perturbation and uneasiness and may compel a person to adopt wrong ways and means for their ac-

complishment thereby leading him to disobey Almighty. But to his utter dismay he never succeeds in fulfilling all his desires till he expires. We chase behind our desires in search of happiness and pleasure but eventually we realise we are chasing an illusory mirage. Mirza Ghalib has beautifully verbalised this unending course in his famous couplet:

*Hazaaron khwahishen aisi ke har khwahish pe dam nikle,
Bohat nikle mere armaan, lekin phir bhi kam nikle.*

(Thousands of desires, each worth dying for...)

Many of them I have realized... yet I yearn for more...)

The basic reason for our limitless desires is that we have forgotten the spiritual essence of our lives and our hearts are filled with materialistic greed. Instead of being content and satisfied with what we have been bestowed with, we chase after more and more materialistic gains which results in unhappiness, disturbance and dissatisfaction as it is impossible to fulfill our all desires. We continuously run after our desires throughout our lives and in this struggle we forget the main objective of our creation. We forget the very fact that this worldly life is temporary and we have to leave this world one day. We forget our hereafter life in the opalescent illusion of worldly beauties. We forget the Quranic verse in which Almighty says that every soul will taste death and worldly life is nothing but enjoyment of delusion (Al Quran 3:185). Therefore, for a peaceful and happy life, we should limit our desires and enjoy and appreciate what we have. To chase everything we want would be a never ending and futile process which disturbs the peace of our mind. We should seek a way of living that is ethically sound. We need to prioritize our basic needs and limit our endless wants and desires. We should have a positive attitude towards our life and express our gratitude for what we have. Sometimes we should forgo something and observe patience for something better over time as the Almighty is the best planner. We should be generous in our life as generosity de-escalates our selfishness and creates a sense of sharing in us which ultimately leads to peace and happiness. We should value social relationships and give more emphasis to serve society rather than getting more inclined towards our personal interests. We can explore our creative potentials to generate happiness in non-material, aesthetic and spiritual ways instead of searching for joy and happiness in materialistic benefits. By adopting these approaches we can delimit our desires and live a happy, prosperous and peaceful life.

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From "Me" to "We"

Michal Leibowitz

Growing up, my family never had much patience for "we liked it" people, those couples who use the royal "we" as though their relationship is its own fiefdom. For instance, the husband who, when asked, "What did you think of the show?" responds, "Oh, we liked it." The rule was that when one of these couples came to dinner, we had to contain ourselves until they were on the front walk - then my siblings and I would start in.

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The problem with "we liked it" has to do with identity. No matter how good your relationship, you're probably not always on the same page as your partner. So, speaking as a collective tends to come off one of two ways: either you have no idea what your partner really thinks (and also don't care), or you're rubbing everyone else's nose in how in sync the two of you are, practically one person.

There are a lot of things I've changed my mind about in recent years. But few are as significant as the U-turn I've made on relationships and identity, in my regard for the "we" and of all the cringe that comes with it. When David and I argued during our early years - whether over a big thing, like where we were going to live, or small things like the dirty dishes growing skins in the sink - we did so as individuals. I, especially, tended to approach our arguments as a zero-sum game. If there was a refrain during these years, it was David saying, sometimes yelling in frustration, "We're on the same team!"

I agreed with this, at least in theory. (It sounded good.) But that theory didn't have much to do with how I understood, in practice, couplehood. A relationship, in my mind, was like a market economy. Yes, a loving couple shows affection for each other, provides acts of service and thoughtful



gestures, but at the end of the day, each person has to look out for herself and her own interests. Especially - cue my mother's voice in my head - the woman.

This is, admittedly, an unromantic way to think about a relationship. But it makes sense in the context of what the British sociologist Anthony Giddens, writing in the 1990s, called a "pure relationship". A pure relationship is one that is entered into for the purpose of meeting two individuals' needs and which continues only as long as it continues to deliver enough satisfaction to each. If your needs aren't being met - or if the compromises involved are too great - you're free to move on to someone else. Contrast this with a past vision of romance, one in which you find your one true soul mate and make a vow: for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health.

You can see how a common divorce narrative begins where the pure relationship model leaves off. The narrator (often a woman, educated, employed) describes why she chose divorce. The decision does not seem to be about abuse or infidelity, about money or children. It is not even about lack of love. The relationship was "crushing my spirit," writes Lara Bazelon, in one exemplar of the genre. "How much of my life - I mean the architecture of my life, but also its essence, my soul, my mind - had I built around my husband?" asks Honor Jones in another. "Who could I be if I wasn't his wife?" There's a sense in these narratives that the woman's identity, her very sense of self, has been colonised

by marriage and by motherhood.

There's a feminist reading of these stories, one in which the divorce is liberating and empowering (that's certainly how their narrators see it). But there's also a reading that acknowledges this divorce narrative - and the rise of the pure relationship - as symptoms of a society that is deeply sceptical, even allergic, to any mode of relation that undermines the individual.

Twins, especially identical twins, offer an interesting counterpoint to this emphasis. Because they have so much in common, they offer a rebuke of sorts to our obsession with identity. In the book *Twins in the World*, Alessandra Piontelli lists recommendations from psychologists on how to raise healthy twins. The list includes the advice that identical twins be made to sleep in separate rooms, dress in distinctive ways, and never be called "twins". The sociologists Florence Chiew and Ashley Barnwell argue that to a society preoccupied by individuality, the tangled identity of twins is unhealthy. To allow twins to view themselves as a duo is to permit a "dangerous intimacy" that deprives them of their singular identities.

My husband, by the way, is a twin. An identical twin. A twin for whom, contra the psychological recommendations, twinningness is a core part of his identity. Throughout their childhood and adolescence, David and his brother chose the same classes, collaborated on group projects and partnered for debate. They weren't immune to rivalry, but mostly they

channeled their competitive drives for their team of two. Their stories of their times in high school are the story of the glory days of their partnership.

The psychologist Scott Stanley defines "we-ness" as a relationship where two people have a deep connection that bolsters a sense of shared identity. If you have a strong sense of we-ness, your partner's satisfactions and dissatisfactions are increasingly identified with your own. Your goals have changed, too. The relationship is no longer "an exchange market where two individuals were competitors," he writes, but "a non-competitive relationship that could maximize joint outcomes." The point of life is no longer just to fulfill yourself - you're seeking something for the team.

My husband learned early how to nurture a sense of individuality, but also a sense of joint identity and of a shared future. (We joke that when David imagines his dotage, he pictures himself sitting on a porch somewhere next to me - and his twin. It's not really a joke.) He understands in a deep way something I still sometimes struggle to grok: that to love someone for better and worse, for all of your days, involves a certain kind of surrendering of the "I" for the sake of the "we." It involves allowing another person to play a role in defining who we are and what we value.

Yes, this identification can go too far, creeping into enmeshment or codependence. There's a risk of overidentification, of finding one's singular identity obliterated by the couple's identity, of one's individual goals washed away in the couple's new future. But fear of this extreme, I think, often pushes people toward an overcorrection in the other direction, toward solitude, complete independence, contingency.

I don't know when David and I became a "we". There was no moment of enlightenment, no ego death, no once-and-for-all realisation that the boundaries between I and him are gone. In truth, "we-ness" is for us a sporadic state, something that lives in constant tension with our individual 'I's - perhaps especially mine - sometimes subordinated to them, sometimes elevated above. David thinks something changed at the point of marriage, that the legal creation of "us" also affected a deeper kind of psychological buy-in.

I think our "we" is more an accumulation of small moments. The table tilts, you slip into another frame, and the world looks the same but different. The language of sacrifice, for instance, doesn't make sense. You can't sacrifice for that which is you. His joy is not simply important to you because he's important to you. It is your joy. The boundaries don't dissolve, but they're porous.

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Both, Smokers And Vapers, Suffer Similar Level Of DNA Damage: Study

Press Trust Of India

Scientists have found that vapers and smokers have similar levels of DNA damage, which is more than twice the amount found in non-users, according to a new study.

According to the study, DNA damage was higher among those who vaped or smoked more frequently. It was also higher in vapers who used vape pods and mods, as well as sweet, fruit- or mint-flavoured vapes, it said.

A group of researchers from the Keck School of Medicine of University of Southern California (USC), US, analysed epithelial cells taken from the mouths of vapers, smokers, and people who had never vaped or smoked, the study said.

E-cigarettes, used regularly by more than 10 per cent of US teens and more than 3 per cent of adults, were once pitched as a healthy alternative to tobacco cigarettes.

But research increasingly links the use of e-cigarettes, or vaping, to many of the same life-threatening diseases that plague smokers, the study published in the journal *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* said.

"For the first time, we showed that the more vapers used e-cigarettes, and the longer they used



them, the more DNA damage occurred in their oral cells," said Ahmad Besaratinia, professor at the Keck School of Medicine and the study's senior author.

"The same pattern held up in smokers," said Besaratinia.

The study showed similar levels of DNA damage between vapers and smokers: 2.6 times and 2.2 times that of non-users, respectively, it said.

In terms of devices, vapers who used pods had the highest levels of DNA damage, followed by those who used mods. In terms of flavours, sweet-flavoured vapes were linked to the highest levels of DNA damage, followed by mint/menthol- and fruit-flavoured vapes, the study said.

The most popular products, including flavoured vapes, used by about 85 per cent of teens who vape,

also appear to be the most harmful, in terms of producing DNA damage, the study said.

DNA damage to oral epithelial cells, which line the mouth, is an early change that is associated with an increased risk for many types of chronic disease, including cancer and inflammatory diseases, the study said.

The study is the first to clearly distinguish between the DNA dam-

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age that occurs in exclusive vapers versus smokers and to provide details about the risks vapers face based on how often they vape and what devices and flavours they use, it said.

Vapers are difficult to study because they typically have a history of cigarette smoking or are dual users, who both vape and smoke tobacco cigarettes, the study said.

"We designed our study to tease out the effects of vaping in e-cigarette users who were neither cigarette smokers nor dual users at any point in their lives," said Besaratinia.

"The devices and flavours that are most popular and highly consumed by youth vapers, as well as adults, are the ones that are associated with the most DNA damage," said Besaratinia.

According to the study, the researchers recruited 72 healthy adults and split them into three groups, matched for age, race and gender: current vapers (who had never smoked), current smokers (who had never vaped) and people with no history of smoking or vaping.

They verified the history of each participant using detailed questionnaires, interviews and biochemical tests to ensure that any observed effects could be directly linked to either vaping or smoking, the study said.

Besaratinia and his team also collected data on how often, and for how long, participants had smoked or vaped, and in the case of vaping, what devices and flavours they used, the study said.

Then, they collected a sample of epithelial cells from each participant's mouth and tested for damage to specific genes known to indicate assault to the genome, the study said.

"Clearly these results have significant implications, both for public health and regulatory agencies," said Besaratinia.

Covid Vaccines Do Not Increase Risk Of Adverse Events: Study

Press Trust Of India

COVID-19 vaccines did not cause an increased risk of adverse events such as heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest, myocarditis, pericarditis, and deep vein thrombosis, according to a study.

The research, published in the journal *Vaccines*, monitored the entire population of the Italian province of Pescara for 18 months, from January 2021 to July 2022.

The team led by researchers from the University of Bologna in Italy collected inhabitants' health data and analysed the frequency of a number of serious diseases such as cardiovascular disease, pulmonary embolism and thrombosis.

Pulmonary embolism is a blood clot that blocks and stops blood flow to an artery in the lung while thrombosis occurs when blood clots block veins or arteries. The study showed that none of the diseases examined were found to be more frequent among the vaccinated than among the non-vaccinated.



"The results obtained clearly show that there was no increased risk of serious diseases among the vaccinated," said Lamberto Manzoli, a professor at the University of Bologna.

"There were isolated adverse cases, but the safety profile of the vaccines used during the pandemic was confirmed: it is now important to continue the follow-up over a longer period,"

Manzoli said. The study is currently the only one in the world that monitored the population for more than a year, taking into account numerous factors including age, gender and clinical risk of the participants.

More specifically, the results obtained show that both deaths registered and the occurrence of the diseases examined were less

frequent among vaccinated persons, regardless of gender, age and clinical risk profile.

The analysis also confirmed that vaccinated persons who contracted COVID-19 were more protected against the coronavirus than those who recovered after contracting the disease but were not vaccinated.

A higher incidence of the diseases considered was found among those who had not contracted COVID-19 and had only one or two doses of the vaccine, compared to those who had three or more doses, the researchers said.

"This counterintuitive finding is due to an epidemiological bias caused by the restrictions implemented during the emergency," Manzoli.

The data gathered show that 83.2 per cent of the vaccinated population who did not contract COVID-19 received at least three doses of vaccine.

"Those who received only one or two doses did not complete the vaccination cycle either because they died or because they were deterred by the onset of a disease," the scientist added.

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The authorized signatory District Coordinator Falcon Engineering vide application No. JA/1/BHAR/FORM1 C/4228 Dated: 08/12/2022 has submitted a proposal in this office for seeking of permission for Right of Way/ for the purpose of laying of fibre utility on road side. After joint visit the details of RoW is as under:

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J&K Bags 76 Medals As 2023 Khelo India Winter Games Conclude In Gulmarg



Observer News Service

GULMARG: J&K won 26 Gold, 25 Silver and 25 Bronze medals to top the medals tally as 3rd Khelo India Winter Games 2023 came to a conclusion on Tuesday at winter destination Gulmarg.

The closing ceremony of the five-day long games was attended by over two thousand participants including players, tourists and officials of different departments.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and Youth Affairs & Sports, Nisith Pramanik, was the chief guest and distributed medals to the players.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Prem Kumar Jha; Secretary Youth Services & Sports and Tourism, Sarwad Hafeez; Secretary J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gul; CEO, Gulmarg Development Authority besides Major General RK Sing and President Winter Games Rouf Trumboo and officers of line departments were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Nisith Pramanik remarked that

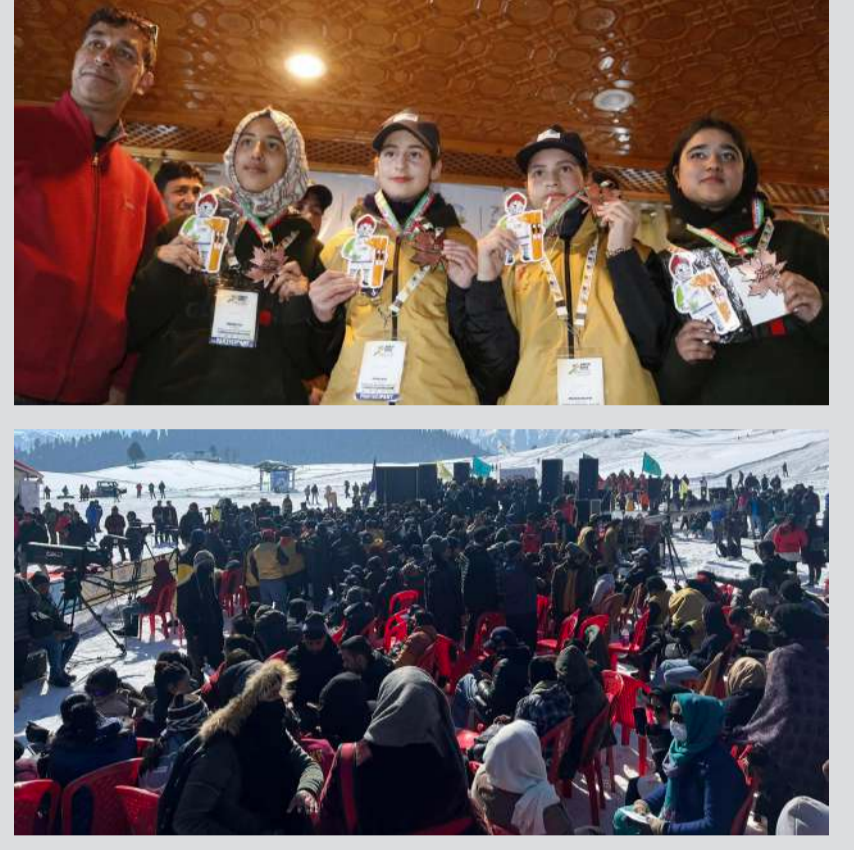
the 3rd Khelo India Winter Games held at Gulmarg was a major event compared to the previous events. He said that the next event would be even bigger event which would be compared with other international events.

He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister Anurag Thakur and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for the developing sports infrastructure in J&K which helps youth to excel in different sports.

Union Minister said that players such as Sarfaraz Ahmad and Arif Khan who played in the winter Olympics made our nation proud.

While distributing medals among the winners of Junior Girls Snow Shoe sport and Sprint boys, Nisith Pramanik expressed pleasure over the exemplary performance of J&K players who bagged gold in these competitions.

Maharashtra came second with 13 Gold, 8 Silver and 6 Bronze medals. The third position was achieved by Himachal Pradesh 10 Gold, 14 Silver and 7 Bronze while Army scored 10 Gold, 10 Silver and 9 Bronze Medals.



Downtown Heroes Qualify For 2nd Division I-League



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Downtown Heroes FC qualified for the Group Stage of the 2nd Division I-League on Tuesday after defeating Corbett FC 2-1 in the Qualifiers Stage at SAI STC Ground in Assam.

In their first qualifiers fixture, the Heroes defeated Assamese team United Chirang Duar FC 5-1. Downtown Heroes, led by experienced head coach Hilal Rasool Parry, knew a win on Tuesday would confirm their place in the Group Stages of the competition. Parry deployed an attacking 4-3-3 formation against Uttarakhhand-based Corbett FC.

However, the Heroes started poorly in the match and went behind early on. Sakti Nath Oran scored in the 16th minute to give Corbett FC a lead they maintained till the end of the first half.

The Srinagar-based club's comeback started in the 50th minute when the Heroes' Manipur recruit Pukhrabam Mani-

sana Singh brought the side on equal terms. Ateeb Ahmed Dar then put the Heroes ahead in the 85th minute of match.

The win means that Downtown Heroes qualified for the Group Stage with 1 game to spare.

"We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our well wishers and supporters who have stood by us throughout our journey to qualify for the I League 2nd Division. Your unwavering support and encouragement have been instrumental in our success," the Heroes said in a statement.

Downtown Heroes will next play Shillong Lajong FC, who also won their first two games and have qualified for the 2nd Division Group Stages. The match is scheduled to be held on February 16.

Downtown Heroes FC Playing XI:
1 Furqan, 4 Zahid, 6 Hyder, 13 Rajender, 18 Shahid, 17 Shahmeer, 19 Mehran, 20 Jirjar, 9 Parvaj, 11 Hayat, 14 Ateeb.

Shopian Villages Celebrate Jasia's WPL Selection

Press Trust of India

SRINAGAR: Celebrations are going on at the residence of Jasia Akhtar here ever since she became the first woman cricketer from Jammu and Kashmir to be picked by a Women's Premier League (WPL) franchise during the auction in Mumbai on Monday.

"When I got the news of Jasia's selection, I could not believe it. I am feeling very happy for her," Jasia's cousin, Khushnuma, told PTI as a stream of neighbours visited the cricketer's house in Shopian to celebrate her achievement.

The 34-year-old right-hand top-order batter was picked by Delhi Capitals for a base price of Rs 20 lakh.

"Jasia jaisi koi nahi. The #CapitalsUniverse is stoked to have you!" DC tweeted after the auction.

The second of five siblings, Jasia, who represents Rajasthan in domestic cricket, was crazy about the game since childhood.

"She was mad about cricket right from childhood. When we used to study, she would go out

to play," Khushnuma said, as well-wishers sipped the traditional kehwa.

Khalid Hamid, Jasia's first coach, hoped she gets enough opportunities to showcase her skills.

"We hope she gets enough chances and fulfils her dream of performing on an international stage," Hamid said.

Murtuza Bashir, who helped Jasia hone cricketer skills while she was at school, said there is no dearth of sporting talent in Kashmir but infrastructure needs to be upgraded for grooming talent.

"My request to the administration is to provide us with the infrastructure and facilities where raw talent can be identified and players can be groomed. You will find many Jasia Akhtars, Abdul Samads and Parvez Rasools here. The need is to have an outdoor stadium and an indoor stadium where the raw talent can be prepared for a bigger stage," Bashir said.

"I want to thank Delhi Capitals who showed faith in her capabilities. I hope she performs as per the expectations of the team management," he added.



BCCI Chief Selector Chetan Sharma In Midst Of TV Sting Controversy

- ▶ 'Ganguly never liked Virat'
- ▶ 'Players take injections to play'
- ▶ 'Ego tussle between Rohit and Virat'



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: BCCI chief selector Chetan Sharma was caught in a controversy on Tuesday after he allegedly revealed classified selection matters during a sting operation conducted by a TV channel.

Sharma, who was recently reinstated by the BCCI after being removed following India's showing in the T20 World Cup in Australia, was seen during the sting operation casting aspersions on players like Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah. Sharma also allegedly revealed his internal discussions with head coach Rahul Dravid and Virat Kohli during the sting conducted by Zee News.

Sharma alleged that a lot of players take injections to expedite their return to competitive cricket despite being 80 to 85 per cent fit.

The former India pace bowler also alleged that there was a difference of opinion between him and the team management over Bumrah's return from a stress fracture for the T20 series against Australia in September.

Bumrah still continues to be out of action, and will likely miss the entire four-Test Border-Gavaskar series and the three-match ODI series after that.

Sharma also alleged that there was an ego tussle between former captain Kohli

and former BCCI president Sourav Ganguly.

Sharma was unavailable for a comment when contacted by PTI.

It is learnt that the BCCI is looking into the matter, as national selectors are bound by contract and not supposed to speak to the media.

"It will be (BCCI secretary) Jay's (Shah) call as to what will be Chetan's future. The question is whether T20 skipper Hardik Pandya or ODI and Test captain Rohit Sharma would like to sit with Chetan in a selection meeting knowing that he has let out internal discussions," a senior BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

India-Australia Delhi Test Tickets 'Sold Out'

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The second Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy between India and Australia, beginning in Delhi on Friday, will be played in front of a packed house.

Delhi is hosting its first Test since December 2017. India won the opening Test in Nagpur inside three days to take a 1-0 lead in the four-match series.

"The tickets are sold out and we are expecting a full house. There is a lot of interest since a Test match is being played in Delhi after a long time," DDCA joint secretary Rajan Manchanda said on Tuesday.

The Arun Jaitley Stadium roughly has a seating capacity of 40,000.

A total of 24,000 tickets were put on sale while 8000 were distributed among the DDCA members, which is the norm. The remaining seats will be used for the dignitaries attending the game.

A section of the stands is also reserved for families pro-



viding security for the game.

The series opener in Nagpur also attracted a healthy crowd, making it a good advert for Test cricket.

Shreyas Iyer To Join India's Squad For 2nd Test

Middle-order batter Shreyas Iyer has successfully completed his rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy following a back injury and will join India's squad ahead of the second Test against Australia.

Iyer played the two-match Test series in Bangladesh in

December, but was ruled out of the home ODI series against New Zealand due to swelling in the lower back.

Iyer also missed the opening Test against Australia in Nagpur as he hadn't fully completed his rehabilitation.

On Tuesday, the Board of Control for Cricket in India said Iyer had been cleared by its medical team and will join the Test squad in Delhi.

Iyer had posted a few videos of his intense rehab programme, under trainer S Rajnikanth, at the NCA in Bengaluru.

From Qatar To Elon Musk, Man United Sale Rumours Grow

Agencies

MANCHESTER: The race is on to buy Manchester United and it will take deep pockets to meet an estimated price of \$6 billion.

No wonder the oil and gas rich state of Qatar is being so heavily linked with a bid and Elon Musk's name refuses to go away despite the Tesla owner saying he was joking when writing on Twitter last year about his intention to swoop in for the Premier League club.

With a declaration of interest expected to be made by Friday, only one potential buyer has gone

ticularly eager to take control of one of the biggest clubs in the world and gain a stake in soccer's most popular league.

Chicago Cubs owner the Ricketts family, Boston Celtics part-owner Steve Pagliuca and New York Jets owner Woody Johnson were all in contention, while there was also a reported bid from Saudi Arabia, as well as British-based interest.

With United anticipated to command double the price of Chelsea, the shortlist of serious buyers is likely to be even more exclusive.

A sovereign wealth fund has



public so far. Jim Ratcliffe, the billionaire owner of petrochemicals giant INEOS and one of Britain's richest people, announced his intention to bid last month.

Other confirmed candidates have been quiet, though that is likely to change after Friday.

Merchant bank Raine Group is handling the process a year after overseeing the sale of Chelsea, which commanded the biggest ever price for a soccer team when bought for \$3 billion by a consortium led by Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital.

That price was driven up by interest from around the world, with U.S.-based bidders par-

long-been considered a likely bidder and reported interest from Qatar has gathered pace in recent weeks. The Gulf country already backs Paris Saint-Germain through Qatar Sports Investments and any bid for United would have to come from a separate entity to meet UEFA ownership rules on teams competing in the same tournament.

According to reports, a buy-out of United would come from the Qatar Investment Authority.

If a bid comes from Qatar, then Ratcliffe, a boyhood United fan and said to be worth \$15.1 billion, would face a considerable challenge to compete. (AP)

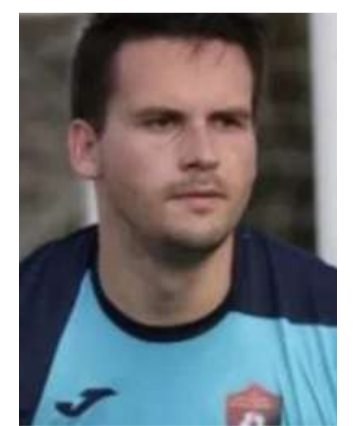
Belgian Goalkeeper Dies After Saving Penalty

Agencies

Belgian goalkeeper Arne Espeel died aged 25 after he collapsed on the pitch on Saturday moments after saving a penalty for an amateur team. Winkelsport B, who play in the second provincial division of West Brabant in Belgium, were 2-1 up against Westrozebeke when their opponents were awarded a penalty in the second half.

According to reports in Belgian media, Espeel saved the spot kick but dropped to the ground immediately afterwards. Emergency services rushed to help Espeel and tried to revive him with a defibrillator but he was pronounced dead shortly after he was taken to a hospital. The game was played at the club's home ground in Sint-Eloois-Winkel in the West Flanders Province.

"Winkelsport is in very deep mourning by the sudden death of Arne Espeel," the club



said in a statement. "We wish family and friends of Arne our heartfelt condolences in this heavy loss. Football is an afterthought."

An autopsy was scheduled to have taken place on Monday to determine the cause of Espeel's death. A report in the Het Nieuwsblad newspaper said more than 1,000 people turned up to pay tribute to Espeel on Monday evening.



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