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Day Not Far When All KPs Would Return To Kashmir: LG

Observer News Service

Jammu: Asserting that his administration's top priority is safety of Kashmiri Pandits, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday expressed hope that the day is not far when the displaced community will return to their homes in Kashmir with honour.

"Jammu Kashmir Government always stands by you. Your safety is our top priority and we are taking all possible measures to ensure that. This is the commitment of the Government of India and Prime Minister," the LG said.

He made these remarks while addressing a gathering of KPs at the 3-day long Mahashivratri Mahotsav organised at Jagti Colony and Migrant Camp, Buta Nagar here on Thursday.

"You have suffered a lot for three long decades. I pray that the day will come when you return to your homes with honour. I hope with your return Kashmir will find its lost glory," he added.

Addressing the gathering, the LG said that keeping in view Mahashivratri festival, full salaries of all PM package & other minority community employees who have resumed their duties



in Kashmir have been released. He also highlighted the initiatives of the administration for extension of seamless public service delivery to Kashmiri Pandit community at their doorsteps.

"All the issues of the Migrant Kashmiri Pandit community are being taken up for their resolution with utmost sensitivity," Sinha said.

"Special Governance Camp is a testimony to our commitment for welfare of Kashmiri Pandit Community. The Department of Relief and Rehabilitation and other line departments are ensuring 100% saturation of the benefits of all social security schemes, entrepreneurship development schemes and skilling programs," he added.

Urging the community members to avail the benefits of the special camps, the LG said that his administration is always ready to help them resolve all the genuine issues. More on P6

'Road To Amarnath **Cave Within 4-5 Years'**

ieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha expressed confidence Thursday that a road project connecting the Amarnath cave shrine will be approved this year as the National Highways and Infrastructure **Development Corporation** has completed its preliminary project report.

Once the road is built, pilgrims from across the country and Jammu and Kashmir will be able to visit and pay obeisance at the cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas, Sinha said.

"There was an unfortunate incident during the yatra last year. I myself visited the yatra route. I have tried and I am confident that (Amarnath) route can be constructed the way the road for the Char Daam Yatra has been constructed," Sinha said.

The lieutenant governor was addressing a gathering at a Maha Shivratri fair at the Jagti migrant camp here.

He said the route would start from Pahalgam via Panjtarni and Sangam top to Baltal. "Government of India's NHIDCL has made its preliminary report. I am assured that this year, the road (project) will be approved," he said.

The LG said the project will be completed within four to five years.

The Ministry of Road, Transport and More on P6



5000 Waqf Properties Missing, Defaulters **Served 15 Day Notice: WB**

30% Properties Are With Illegal Occupants, Directed To Pay Rent Or Vacate In 15 Days: Andrabi

Agencies

Srinagar: Chairperson of Waqf Board, Darakshan Andrabi on Thursday said that at least 5000 notified properties are presently missing and that the process has been started to locate these possessions while the illegal occupants have also been directed to pay rent or vacate the assets within 15 days.

Andrabi said that the revenue records of 5000 notified Waqf properties are available, but the possessions are missing. "The revenue records of missing properties are available and Waqf is not having the control on such properties. We

have already started a process to locate the belongings," she said.

She further stated that presently, there are 30 per cent illegal occupants in the Waqf properties. "We have asked the illegal occupants to either pay the rent as per the revised rates or vacate the properties More on P6

KP Employees In Jammu Hold Overnight Sit-In

Demand Release Of Their Pending Salaries, **Relocation From Valley**

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Kashmiri Pandit employees protesting over pending salaries and relocation to Jammu

staged an overnight sit-in outside the BJP office here and refused to budge till their demands are met.

The Kashmiri Pandit employees have been on protest for the past 287 days after their colleagues were killed by militants in the valley.

They have alleged that while militants are out to More on P6

Directs Forest Dept To Expedite **FRA Cases**

ieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the Forest Resource Management Center (FRMC) at Narwal here and launched the National Transit Pass System on Thursday The LG said that the new state-of-the-art facility and the technological advancements will go a long way in ensuring required protection and management of our forests. "The FRMC has been planned to scale up the use of modern technology such as GIS, Remote Sensing and digital tools like mobile application in protection More on P6

Infiltrator Killed **Along LoC In Kupwara: Army**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Army on Thursday claimed to have foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district by killing a militant and forcing two oth-

During the intervening night of February 15-16, alert troops deployed in an anti-infiltration grid in Tangdhar sector, detected the movement of three militants while they were approaching the LoC fence, a defence spokesperson said Thursday.

On being challenged at close proximity to the post, he said, an intense fire-fight ensued between the militants and the alert troops, resulting in successful elimination of one More on P6

KATHUA GANGRAPE

HC Directs Registrar To Transfer Money To J&K Legal Aid

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has directed its registrar to transfer the amount deposited by media houses which were pulled up for disclosing the identity of the eight-year-old gangraped and killed in Kathua to a fund for sexual assault victims.

Two media houses recently deposited Rs 10 lakh each with the court and others had done so earlier. In a recent order, the court said the money should be given to the Victim Compensation Fund of the Jammu and Kashmir State Legal Services Authority.

The Registrar General of this court is directed to transmit the amounts so

deposited by respondents no.8, 28 (two media houses) and by other respondents (media houses) in the present case, if any such amount is still lying with the court, to the Victim Compensation Fund maintained by the Jammu and

> Kashmir State Legal Services Authority for disbursement of funds to the victims/families of the deceased victims of sexual violence," a bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad said.

In April 2018, the high court took up the matter on its own after coming across the media reports and issued notices to several of them for disclosing the identity of the minor girl. It also prohibited them More on P6

Redesigning of

for Department of Information and Public Relations, J&K

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Department of Information and Public Relations, J&K

Ladakh Body Threatens Intensified Stir If Demands Not Met

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: A day after they held a protest at Delhi's Jantar Mantar, groups from Ladakh on Thursday reiterated their demands for statehood and sixth schedule status for the Union Territory, threatening to intensify their agitation if the government does not listen to them.

At a press conference here, environmental activist and educator Sonam Wangchuk said democracy has been compromised in Ladakh and the local people



Speaking on Democratic Alliance, an amalpolitical groups from More on P6

have no say in decision-making. behalf of Leh Apex Body and Kargil gam of social, religious, and

Cong Demands Immediate Statehood To J&K

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Vikar Rasool Wani on Thursday said the Centre should immediately restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and hold Assembly polls here.

He also accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the Centre of creating dictatorship" in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We demand immediate restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and holding of Assembly polls," Wani told reporters at the PCC headquarters here.

The PCC chief, however, said National Conference (NC) president More on P6

Traffic Restored On Harsh Dev Singh

Ouits AAP

Banihal Highway enior AAP leader Harsh Dev ne-way traffic movement Singh on Thursday resigned was restored on Srinagar-Jammu national highway as the chairman of its Jammu after it remained closed for two days, and Kashmir unit and quit the officials said here on Thursday. An party's primary membership, citing official said that the highway was personal reasons. Singh had joined shut for two days due to shooting the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi stones at Ramban. He said after hectic on May 7, 2022 in the presence efforts, the highway was cleared of senior party leaders. He was of debris and one-way traffic has the chairman of the J-K National Panthers Party before that. been restored on it. The official said passenger traffic on the highway In his letter of resignation to AAP was plying towards Srinagar, national convener Arvind Kejriwal, while SSG road and Mughal road Singh said, "Due to some personal remained closed-(KNO) reasons, I can no More on P6

Ex- DGP Khajooria Passes Away

ormer Jammu and Kashmir DGP M M Khajooria, the first police officer in the Union territory to be inducted into the Indian Police Service, died here Wednesday night following a brief illness, officials said. He was 91. He is survived by three daughters, six grandchildren and a greatgranddaughter. Incumbent J-K DGP Dilbag Singh and all ranks of the police expressed grief over the demise of Khajooria. Khajooria, who was born on June 11, 1931, had More on P6

Is 13 Too Young To Have A **Tiktok Or Instagram Account?**

The Conversation

The surgeon general is the nation's doctor in the United States. They are tasked with giving Americans the best scientific information about their health.

Late last month, the current US surgeon general, Vivek Murthy, warned 13 is too young to join social media. He said it poses a risk to young people's self-worth

and their relationships, adding:
I, personally, based on the data I've seen, believe that 13 is too early [] the skewed and often distorted environment of social media often does a disservice to many of those children.

Is 13 too young? What should parents think about when it comes to their kids and social media accounts?

Why are we talking about 13?

Major social media platforms, including Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and Tik-Tok, require users to be at least 13. This includes those in Australia and New Zealand. This minimum age requirement stems from 1998 US legislation which banned the collection of children's personal data without parental consent.

For many parents, schools and cybersafety experts, this minimum age has become something of a benchmark. Many assume it comes with the implicit assurance social media platforms are appropriate and safe for children once they turn 13. Conversely, they also assume they are unsafe for children under 13.

But this is not necessarily the case.

What does the evidence say?

Social media platforms do present some risks for young people. These include online bullying and harassment, exposure to misinformation and inappropriate content, grooming, privacy breaches and excessive use.

Stories documenting the potentially harmful effects of social media are rarely out of the news. Studies claim links between social media and poor mental health

and low self-esteem. These findings are concerning, and there is no doubt social media may negatively affect some young people's wellbeing. However, it is not a straightforward question.



but are also more likely to lead to children

using social media without parental con-

an important role in helping children navi-

gate online spaces, including the some-times fraught nature of peer relationships

without parental permission, they are

much less likely to seek out their parents

for help if they have a problem online, for

fear of getting into trouble or having their

Discussion about risks also tends to ig-

Social media is incredibly important

nore the potential benefits of being online.

for many young people. It keeps them con-

nected with friends and extended family,

provides a platform for creativity and self-

expression, and enables civic participation

like-minded individuals and communities

who may provide solidarity and support,

have a right to participate in online spaces,

Rights of the Child notes children have the

right to meaningful access to digital tech-

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especially for marginalised teens.

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Social media also provides access to

Children, particularly teenagers, also

The United Nations' Committee on the

Children also have a right to be online

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If a child has a social media account

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Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared onling

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While these studies might find a correlation or link between excessive social media use and poor self-esteem, for example, they rarely point to direct causation. Young people already experiencing low self-esteem and depression may use social media significantly more than others.

So why don't we just increase the age?

Murthy acknowledges it is difficult to keep kids off their devices and social media. But he suggests parents band together, and say you know, as a group, we're not

going to allow our kids to use social media until 16 or 17 or 18. But any increase in the age - whether

formal or informal will not necessarily keep children safer online. Children can easily falsify their ages (many already do). And young people are good at finding creative and secretive ways of doing what they want regardless.

Why can't parents just say no?

It is often suggested by cyber safety experts that parents just say no. This message has been reinforced by celebrity commentators such as British actress Kate Winslet, who recently told the BBC:

My children don't have social media and haven't had social media.

While these approaches may work with younger kids, older children are unlikely to simply comply. Blanket bans and restrictions not only lead to family conflict,

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Office Of The Executive Engineer

Rural Engineering Wing Baramulla.

E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER NIT No: -290/Xen/Rew/Bla/2022-2023 Dated.15/02/2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors

Est. Cost | Cost of T/Doc. EMD

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(in Lacs) (In Rs.)

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The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set

The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:07.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance deptt) that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Rs

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail

All The Bidders has to deposit Earnest Money (2% of Advertised cost) in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering as per the Circular of Finance Department.

The IST Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3 % of allotted cost of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days

From 15-02-2023 to 23-02-2023 up to 6:00 PM

of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the

23-02-2023 up to 6:00 PM

3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat. In the event of inadequate response to a tender, participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein Name of work and NIT No. in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender inviting Authority).

message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.

after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of

6.1. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copes if need arises.

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If the Bidder quotes his Bid exceeding the tendering Cost, his bid will be automatically rejected.

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.

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So, when should my child get a

and social rights.

TikTok account?

There is no one-size-fits-all approach here. Children vary tremendously in terms of their maturity, skills, life experience and judgement. On top of this, online risk is not equally distributed, as children who are more vulnerable offline are more vulnerable online. For example, children with mental health problems, learning difficulties, a disability or who have problems at home are more likely to experience high-risk situations online. In deciding whether your child is ready

of their civil, political, cultural, economic

for a social media account, parents might

Is my child especially vulnerable to online harms?

Does my child have the required maturity and resilience to manage potentially negative online social interactions?

Does my child listen to advice and follow rules?

Is my child aware of the risks, and do they have strategies for managing them? Will my child come to me with any problems they encounter online?

Parents might also consider their children's offline lives, as these often carry over into online spaces. This includes what their friendships are like, their propensity for taking risks, and their ability to consider the consequences of their actions.

Start talking early

The best thing that parents can do is initiate conversations about social media and the internet early and often.

Many issues that play out on social media are extensions of young people's existing peer relationships. Parents can talk to their children about their friends and peers, show an interest in their child's online activities, and openly discuss their child's rights and responsibilities online.

Some parents may wish to set reasonable expectations and rules about appropriate use of social media. Documenting these expectations through a family technology agreement that is negotiated democratically as a family, rather than through top-down rules, is more likely to succeed.

The Jammu and Kashmir

State Board Of School Education **New Campus Bemina Srinagar**

Notice for General Public

and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued as per

According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for is-

suance of Duplicate Qualification / Marks Certificate/s, so before the

same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody

having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of As-

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tion Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from

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Registration: N12441800006

Name: Umaima Kirmani

Date of Birth:- 23-11-1998

Residenc:- Sopore

Year & Session : -2015 Annual Regular

Mother's Name: -Sanjeedha Hashmie

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Dated 13-02-2023

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Father's Name: Late Sadiq Hussain Kirmani

Roll No: 3153281 Class 12th

Before The Hon"Ble Court Of Principal District And Sessions Judge At Srinagar From the office of :- Adv Faizan Ul Hag Mattoo, Adv Imtiyaz Aziz Baigh ,Adv Manzoor Sadiq Ganie

IN THE CASE OF:-1.Meema W/O Ali Mohammad Malla 2.Kashaf Ali D/O Ali Mohammad Malla 3. Yakoob Ali S/O Ali Mohammad Malla 4.Imza Ali D/O Ali Mohammad Malla All residents of Bolchipora Soura Srinagai

Public at large

IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat petetion in terms of section 148 A

The caveator has reason to believe/apprehension that non caveators may file an application /case /revision or any other proceedings before this hon'ble court on the ground of distorted facts /misrepresentation and cooked up story, therefore may succeed in obtaining some relief / order at their back /ex parte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators may suffer an irreparable loss and injury which can't be compensated by any means later on . Therefore it would be proper to put caveators on notice so that an opportunity of being heard is given to the caveators before passing any such relief / order . Hence this Caveat application.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB Certificate for my daughter namely Zainab Altaf. 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 Zainab Altaf (DOB 30-11-2015) R/O Hassan Abad (Kantar Bugh Singhpora Dist: Baramulla

ازعدالت سب جج ميونپل مجسٹريث سرينگر بااجلاس فارقه نظير رجيٹرار برخصس اینڈ ڈینخصس الیں۔ایم سی سرینگر (سیول)

عامله مندجة عنوان الصدر ميں سائل سائلہ نے عدالت منداميں ايک درخواست بشمول حلفی بغرض

ندارج تاریخ وفات علی محمد بیثی ولد محمه سلطان ریثی ساکنه کراله پاررعناواری سرینگر پورخہ 2023-02-11 پیش کی ہے۔لہذاعوام الناس کوبذر بعداشتہار مطلع کیاجا تا ہے کہ نسبت ر خواست کوئی عذریااعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے عذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندردس وم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے معیاد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابلِ قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ أينده عدالت بذامير2023-02-28 نح ريالصدر

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رخواست بغرج اندراج تاريخ وفات

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از نیابت سری دار بوره درخواست منجانب مهتاب بيكم بيوه مرحوم عبدالغفار أننائي بمرادعطائی Death Certificate بحق شوہر

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Khushboo Ali بنام

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اشتبار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام

معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سائلہ نے ایک درخواست پیش کی ہے مطابق . درخواست سائله مهتاب بیگم بیوه مرحوم عبدالغفار گنائی ساکنه سریوارپوره ڈاگر پور پختصیل پیٹن کی سکونت دار ہے سائلہ نے بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل کا شوہر مور نے2004-09-07 کوفوت ہو چکا ہے سر ٹفیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی مخض یا انتخاص کو کی عذریا اعتراض ہوتو وہ سات دن کےاندر دفتر مذامیں پیش کریں معیادگز رنے بعد کوئی بھی عذر يااعتراض قابل قبول نہيں ہوگا۔

The Judicial Employees Welfare Association (JEWA)

Assistant Secretary

Certificates, KD.

Province- Kashmir Moominabad, Batamaloo, Srinagar Press Release The Judicial Employees Welfare Association (JEWA) Province- Kashmir

conducted provincial elections which was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at district office JEWA, Srinagar. Almost all the District Presidents and their executive member's were present physically/virtually. The elections culminated in a very cordial and congenial atmosphere. Further the

following executive member's were elected/selected as office bearers for the respective posts shown below:

| 01. President: | Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Bhat |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 02. Vice President: | Mr. Raja Altaf Hussain |
| 03. Secretary: | Mr. Umer Hassan Wani |
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All the District Presidents of Kashmir Province and Kargil & Leh are Executive Members. Lastly, we would like to thank Mr. Mohammad Akbar & Mr. Bilal Ahmad

(Joint Election Commissioner's) for their valuable time and support in conducting the elections. We also thank the election observers and other stakeholders who spared their valuable time & lent their support to all of us in making this election a grand success.

Publicity Secretary Judicial Employees Welfare Association (JEWA) Province- Kashmir

Scanned copy of valid registration card along with Latest Renewal, EMD/TR as per NIT, GST, Latest clearance, PAN.

6.3. The earnest money in favour of un-successful/ non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original, irrespective of Hard copies, failure of submission of tender document fee by the bidder using site shall entail him for blacklisting. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

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opening of the tenders on due date or any other convenient available date or rejecting any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof

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submitted to the tender opening authority by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid. The tender receiving authority reserves the right of

allotment of contract.

11. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

DIPK-17551/22 Dated: 16-02-2023 Executive Engineer.

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Among 156 Districts in India, Srinagar Tops under SSG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a major recognition, the Srinagar District has secured First Rank among 156 Districts in the Country under Swach Sarvekshan Grameen with a score of 137.70.

The Srinagar District has topped by scoring better than Khargone District of Madhya Pradesh which has achieved 2nd rank by achieving a score of 133.02 points followed by Badaun District of Uttar Pradesh with a score of 115.38.

The Swachh Survekshan Grameen is a ranking exercise taken up by the Government of India to assess rural areas for their levels of cleanliness

and active implementation of Swachhata mission initiatives in a timely and innovative manner. It was launched as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, which is aimed to make India clean and free of open defecation.

Under this competition District Srinagar has done some remarkable work during the last few months and has been able to climb to the top rank.

Speaking about achievement, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad has said that this is a pride moment for Srinagar District which has been achieved through collective efforts of the Team.

KU Resumes Academic Activities After 45 Days

VC Stresses On Staff, Student Punctuality

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Academic activities resumed at the University of Kashmir after the 45-day winter break for the faculty and students culminated on Thursday.

In her message to the faculty and students following resumption of class-work, Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan stressed on the sustained focus of both students and faculty on their academic and research pursuits to ensure timely award of degrees. She also emphasized on punctuality of staff and students.

She said the alreadynotified academic calendar must be followed in letter and spirit in the larger interest of the student community.

"Any delay in award of degrees reflects poorly on the reputation of the institution. Since the University administration, with the active support of faculty and staff, has put the academic and examination calendars on track, it

is important for the students and faculty to stay on this track with greater focus and determination to avoid any disruptions," the Vice-Chancellor said.

Saying that the University of Kashmir is hosting and organizing several important extracurricular and sports events during the current academic year-including the Youth20 event in May this year as part of country's G20 Presidency-Prof Nilofer sought the cooperation of Heads of Departments in facilitating active participation of student community from main and satellite campuses in these activities of national importance.

The Vice-Chancellor also said the University's NAAC re-accreditation is due in 2024 and the administration's plan is afoot to see that the varsity improves its ranking and visibility to make an indelible mark on the country's academic arena



Searches In Qamarwari After 'Gunshot' Like Sound

rinagar- Jammu and Kashmir police on Thursday launched a cordon and search operation in Qamarwari area of Srinagar after gunshot-like sound was heard in the area.

The sound caused panic in the area with passers by scurrying for safety.

"Some gunshot-like sound was heard in the Qamarwari area. Police team is in the locality to ascertain facts, there is no damage or injury whatsoever. Cordon and Search Operations launched in the area," the Srinagar Police said in a tweet. Eyewitnesses said a police team arrived after the incident and were examining the area for any clues of a possible

Air Quality Deteriorates In Srinagar, Gets More Polluted In Winters

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The air quality in Kashmir has been consistently deteriorating for the past three years, reveals the data compiled by the Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Board (PCB).

Pollution Control Board (PCB) data revealed that the air quality has been deteriorating more in winters and Lasjan area has the most polluted air.

The Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM or PM 10) levels at all four stations in Srinagar have shown a steep rise in the last three years.

At Raj Bagh station, the yearly average of PM-10 level for year 2021-22 was 139.26 μg/ m³ against the permissible limit of $60 \mu g/m^3$ while at the same station it was 73.88 µg/m³) in year 2019-20 and 89.61 μg/m³ in vear 2020-21.

At Khonmoh station, the yearly average of PM-10 level for year 2021-22 was 162.86 µg/ m³ against the permissible limit of $60 \mu g/m^3$ while at the same station it was 120.03 µg/m³) in vear 2019-20 and 163.97 $\mu g/m^3$ in vear 2020-21.

At Khrew station, the yearly average of PM-10 level for year 2021-22 was 132.65 $\mu g/m^3$ against the permissible limit of 60 µg/m³ while at the same station it was $119.48\,\mu g/m^3$) in year 2019-20 and $127.98 \,\mu g/m^3$ in year 2020-21.

At Lasjan station, the yearly average of PM-10 level for year 2021-22 was 227.80 μg/m³ against the permissible limit of 60 μ g/m³ while at the same station it was 197.74 $\mu g/m^3$) in year 2019-20 and 235.29 μg/m³ in year 2020-21.

As per the data, the highest RSPM levels have been reported in winter months as the RSPM level in year 2021at

Rajbagh and Khonmoh were 237.41 μg/m³ and 255.43 μg/m³ respectively in month of December while at Khrew and Lasjan the levels were highest in month of November with $176.6 \,\mu\text{g/m}^3$ at Khrew and 330.08μg/m³ at Lasjan.

However, as per data the Nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and sulfur dioxide (SO2) levels in Srinagar have been found below the permissible mark as average NO2 levels at Rajbagh, Khonmoh, Khrew and Lasjan were 20.27 20.09, 22.10, 20.84 respectively in year 2021 as compared to the yearly permissible level of 40 µg/m³ for NO2 while SO2 levels were below 11 at all stations.

Notably, Director SKIMS Dr Parvaiz Koul had recently stated that yearly around 10 thousand deaths are attributed to particulate matter 2.5 (PM 2.5) exposure and there is need to control it by countering it.

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HIGHWAY STATUS



Sgr-Jammu highway - (Closed) Mughal Road - (Closed) Srinagar-Leh-(Closed)



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This Day In History

1370 - Battle at Rudau: Germany beats Lithuania 1461 - Wars of the Roses: Second Battle of St Albans Lancastrian army defeats Yorkists and recaptures King Henry

1500 - Battle of Hemmingstedt - German peasant army repels ducal army of Schleswig and Holstein

1670 - France & Bavaria sign military assistance treaty 1814 - Battle of Mormant: French Imperial army defeat

Russian Austrian forces (War of the Sixth Coalition).

1837 - Charles Lyell makes his presidential address to the Geographical

Society, London and announces that Richard Owen has concluded from

Darwin's fossils that extinct species were related to current species in

the same locality.

1854 - Britain recognises independence of Orange Free State (South Africa).

1864 - Confederate submarine HL Hunley sinks Union ship Housatonic - world' first successful submarine attack 1865 - Battle of Charleston, South Carolina

1865- Columbia in South Carolina burns down during the American Civil War

1867- Gyula Andressy becomes premier of Hungary

1880- Alexander II of Russia survives an assassination attempt

1897 - Emilio Aguinaldo and a group of katipuneros defeat Spanish forces led by General Camilo de Polavieja at the Battle of Zapote Bridge in Cavite

1911- 1st hydroplane flight to & from a ship (Glenn Curtiss. San

1913- 1st minimum wage law in US takes effect (Oregon) 1915- Edward Stone, 1st US combatant to die in WW I, is mortally wounded

1916 Sigmund Romberg, James Hanley, Harold R. Atteridge and Edgar Smith's musical Robinson Crusoe Jr. premieres in

1917- In Australia, Nationalist Party takes over a coalition government 1928- Johan Grøttumsbråten leads a Norwegian sweep

of the medals in the 18k cross country at the St. Moritz Winter Olympics; he also wins the Nordic combined gold the following day 1930- French government of André Tardieu falls for the first

1936 - The world's first superhero. The Phantom, a cartoon strip by Lee

Falk, makes his first appearance in comics.

1959 - 1st weather satellite launched, Vanguard 2, 9.8 kg 1965 - US Ranger 8 launched, will transmit 7.137 lunar pictures

1966 - French satellite Diapason D-1A launch into Earth orbit 1967 - Kosmos 140 (Soyuz Test) launches into Earth orbit

1969 - Golda Meir sworn in as the first female Prime Minister of Israel 1974 - 49 die in stampede for seats at soccer match, Cairo,

Egypt

2008 - Kosovo declares independence from Serbia. 2012 - Approximately 70 ancient Olympic artifacts are stolen

from the Archaeological Museum of Greece 2013 - 37 people are killed and 130 are injured in a series of

Baghdad car bombings.

From KO Archives

3 Kids injured While Fiddling With Explosives

Observer News Service

rinagar- A left-over explosive device went off today at Gund Rahman, Ganderbal when young boys fiddled with it. It exploded with a bang leaving three kids injured. Reports said three boys were injured when a device they found near a recent encounter site went off when they were fiddling with it. Profusely bleeding boys were rushed to neighbouring Soura Medical Institute, where condition of two is critical. Reports said the device had remained unexploded after a

fierce, encounter broke-out between the militants and the security forces in the area on February 9. Both sides had hurled explosive devices at each other during the fire fight. One of the devices had not exploded on that day. It was, found by the boys of the locality today. The three injured have been identified as Ghulam Mohammad Magray, Rais Magray and Aijaz Ahmed Dar of the same

(Kashmir Observer, 17 February, 1999)

DC Srinagar **Approves 28 Cases Under** KVIB/JKREGP

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar Mohammad Aijaz Asad cleared 28 cases under Jammu and Kashmir Ru ral Employment Generation Program (JKREGP) thereby providing loan amounting to several crores to eligible beneficiaries of the District for setting up income genera

At the outset, the District Officer, KVIB Srinagar, Mohammad Rouf Wani submitted 30 proposals before the District Level Task Force Committee for consideration of financial assistance from different banks to unemployed youth of the Srinagar District for setting up of income generating units including manufacturing & establishment of small units of Dairy, Sheep, Poultry, Grocery Stores, Readymade Garments, Cutting and Tailoring, Bakery, Automobile etc.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the renewal of my fertilizer license bearing no; CAOB/ FL/2010-11/485. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/ her objection in the office of the Chief Agriculture Baramulla within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Bashir Ahmad Baba S/O Haji Ghulam Baba R/O Goshbugh Pattan

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deservations shall be applicable as per the D.O.P.T guidelines.

Minimum Educational Qualifications as on 01.02.2023 Discipline/NOs

 Qualified Chartered Accountant of ICAI and
 Graduation in Commerce from a recognized University/Institution/ Board recognized by Govt. of India/ approved by Govt. Regulatory Bodies with minimum 60% (55% for SC/ST) marks Qualified Chartered Accountant of ICAI or CFA Level 2 Passed or Board recognized by Govt. of India/ approved by Govt. Regulator Bodies with minimum 60% (55% for SC/ST) marks

Qualification

Age (as on 01.02.2023):

i.e. a candidate must have been born not earlier than 2nd February 1993 and not later than 1st February 2002 (both dates inclusive).

Age relaxation for various categories will be as per rules Important dates- Submission of online application & payment of fees: Start Date: - 17.02.2023 (10:00 hrs.) End Date: - 06.03.2023 (20:00 hrs.)

For details regarding the eligibility conditions, age, educational qualifications and other details, please visit "Career Section" of company's website

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DGM-HR



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(55% for SC/ST) marks Age (as on 01.02.2023):

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002 Whereas Mr. Parvez Rashid, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank

Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated **30.06.2021** thereby calling upon the Borrower namely **Mr. Latif** Ahmad Lone S/O Abdul Salam Lone R/O Nowpora, Bala, Pulwama, sole proprietor of M/s Lateef Agro Industries, IGC, Lassipora and Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir S/O Ahad Mir R/O assipora, Pulwama (Guarantor/mortgagor) to repay an amount of Rs.2,16,66,938.00 (Rupees Two Crores Sixteen Lacs Sixty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Eight only) being the balance outstanding as on **30.06.2021** in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 15th day of February of the year 2023.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount of Rs.2,12,01,666.27 (Rupees Two Crores Twelve Lacs One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six and Paise Twenty Seven Only) as on 31.01.2023 together with future interest thereon from 01.02.2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property Shopline along with land underneath and appurtenant thereto measuring O5 Marlas falling under Khasra No.354, Khata No. 83, Khewat No. 54, situated at Lassipora, Pulwama tanding in the name of Bashir Ahmad Mir S/O Ahad Mir R/O Lassipora.

Place: Lassipora, Pulwama Dated: 15.02.2023

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DIPK-NB-6487/22 DATED: 16-02-2023

Office Of The Chief Medical Officer Ganderbal Vice Chairman District Health Society Ganderbal

(Old District Hospital Duderhama, GANDERBAL-191201)

Telephone-0194-2416033 Subject: Notice inviting online Bid(s) for supply of equipment's for Health and Wellness Centers-Sub centers under

Reference: E-Tender Notice No: 03 of 2022-23 Dated: 02-02-2023

National Health Mission, and cancelation Notice thereof.

Due to the poor response of the E-NIT issued by this office on JK Tenders under NIT No 03 of 2022-23 dated 02-02-2023 dully endorsed under No. DRHS/NHM/Gbl/22-23/4364-67 dated 02-02-2023 for the supply of Equipment's for Health & Wellness Centers (Sub-Centers) is hereby cancelled ab-initio.

Vice-Chairman District Health Society

No. DRHS/NHM/GBL/22-23/4586-90 DIPK-17531/22 Dated: 16/02/2023

Chief Medical Officer

Ganderba

KASHMIR OBSERVER

Friday | 17-02-2023

Election Year

t is now one year before general elections will be held. But considering the BJP's continuing dominance, the return of the BJP to power in 2024 is almost a foregone conclusion. The party could end up achieving a bigger victory than it did in 2019.

However, the outcome of the ten Assembly polls scheduled to be held before the 2024 general elections will be equally important. Among them the elections in Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telengana will be very crucial. The BJP will hope to win all of them. But should the party suffer reverses in the majority of these states, this may not bode well for its 2024 chances. The elections in these five major states represent the last chance for the opposition to hurtle back into the reckoning.

It appears, however, very unlikely that the BJP may not do well in the upcoming Assembly polls. Despite being in power for over nine years, the party remains untouched by anti-incumbency. The overarching political persona of the prime minister Narendra Modi seems to trump everything. Neither the Congress nor the combined opposition are in a position to mount a credible challenge to the BJP. Or so it seems.

As things stand, the opposition is unable to even unite over a governance issue such as inflation, let alone against the BJP. True, Rahul Gandhi's 4000 kilometre padyatra has put some wind back in the sails of Congress but the party's actual test will be its performance in the upcoming Assembly polls. It remains to be seen whether it does well in the major states such as Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telengana. This will also be a test for Gandhi's perceived new leadership skills. While many agree that he has gone through a makeover, people generally remain skeptical about his ability to generate a public groundswell in favour of the Congress. He has so far singularly failed to match up to the political persona of prime minister Narendra Modi. Will he pull it off this time around? The odds are heavily against it. Ever since he took over the leadership of the Congress, both in his formal and de facto roles, Gandhi has proved incapable of rallying people behind the party.

Things will certainly become clearer in the weeks and months to come. But considering the popularity of the PM Modi, it is unlikely that the one party, even if it is of Congress' pedigree would be able to mount a credible challenge to his leadership. The opposition would need a powerful narrative to make some dent. But that is still far from materializing, yatra notwithstanding.

OTHER OPINON

Fossil and time

poradically, but surely, palaeontologists report intriguing discoveries from India. In January, a team discovered 92 dinosaur nesting sites with 256 fossilised eggs of the titanosaurus — among the largest of its kind, from 100-66 million years ago, when 'India' was a continent and yet to merge into the Eurasian land mass. Similarly, the deserts of Kutch, Gujarat and the Deccan traps in Maharashtra bear witness to the forces that shaped the diverse geography, and tangentially history, of the most populous country. Unlike the quest to preserve cultural history and man-made artefacts from archaeology, there has been limited effort to preserve and communicate at large this natural 'geo-history' such as rock formations, sediment and fossils. For decades now, researchers have been warning that this neglect is leading to an erasure of this history from the public mind and a destruction as well as appropriation of this natural wealth. To that end, the draft Geo-heritage Sites and Geo-relics (Preservation and Maintenance) Bill, 2022, piloted by the Ministry of Mines, is seen as a step to give the process of such conservation firmer footing.

The Bill's provisions give the Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI), a subordinate body of the Ministry of Mines, the power to declare sites as having 'geo-heritage' value, take possession of relics (fossils, rocks) that rest in private hands, prohibit construction 100 metres around such a site, penalise — with fines of up to 5 lakh and possibly imprisonment — vandalism, defacement, and violations of directives by the Director General of the GSI. This has rankled experts who work outside the GSI. fold in central and State universities, institutes of national importance and private organisations who fear that such absolute vesting of powers in the GSI alone may impede palaeontological research. They demand a more inclusive body, on the lines of a National Geoheritage Authority, that can, more democratically, decide on declaring sites as being of 'geohistorical' importance and how best to preserve artefacts and finds. The government, it is learnt, is still far from introducing the Bill in Parliament and deliberating on several aspects. While there are merits and demerits to either approach on governance, it is important to keep in mind that legislation, while acting as a ring fence, ought not to become a tool for suppressing independent investigation. Given the premium for land and India's economic needs, there will be conflict over questions of preservation and livelihood, but any legislation must endeavour to balance these forces and enable consensus.

The Hindu

Doval creates synergy in India-Russia ties

M. K. BHADRAKUMAR



he scheduled visit of National Security Advisor Ajit Doval to Moscow on February 7-9 was in connection with the multilateral consultations of the secretaries of security councils and national security advisors regarding Afghanistan hosted by the Secretary of the Russian Security Council Nikolai Patrushev.

However, it was Doval's meeting with President Vladimir Putin that inevitably became the meridian. Indeed, it was an exceptional event. Putin's meeting with Doval signified two things — it was a recognition both of Doval's unique standing as a meaningful interlocutor in the Indian government as well as his standing as an accomplished professional with vast experience in the regional security issues, in particular, Afghanistan.

Doval doesn't have the luxury of being an armchair strategist. He lived and worked in the real world and kept up with Russian counterparts at a working level. As time passed, friendships forged in the fires of adversity — Khalistan, cross-border terrorism, political islam, insurgencies — became strong and weathered the test of Unsurprisingly, Doval's equation with Patrushev is one of its kind. Therefore, the enormous symbolism in Putin's face-to-face interaction with Doval must be properly understood.

Putin's remarks at the regional meeting of security advisors underscored the high importance Moscow attaches to the Afghan situation. He said Afghanistan "has always been important for us [Russia] and now it is important more than ever because we do not want more points of tension on our southern borders."

Putin mentioned three reasons for saying so. First, the Afghan security situation remains critical. To quote Putin, "International terrorist organisations are stepping up their activities, including al-Qaeda which is building up its potential." Moscow is greatly concerned about negative fallouts in the Central Asian region.

Russia sees India as a likeminded country—alongside China, Iran and the Central Asian states—that is genuinely interested in the stabilisation of the Afghan situation. The MEA readout mentions that Doval in his remarks at the regional meeting "stressed the need to ensure that the territory of Afghanistan does not become a source of radicalisation and terrorism, regionally or globally, as well as to intensify intelligence and security cooperation to deal with terror outfits."

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Evidently, Moscow is conscious of the convergence of interests with Delhi on this front.
The Afghan situation would have figured prominently in Doval's talks with Patrushev, who is an old and trusted associate of Putin over decades.

Second, Russia has specific concerns over the problem of drug trafficking, which is on the rise. Putin mentioned that 80% of opiates in the world market originate from Afghanistan. Russia and Iran are two major

transit routes for drug trafficking. During the two decades of US occupation, the Americans virtually acquiesced with drug traffickers. Occasional reports showed that some Pentagon commanders even made fortunes out of the smuggling.

Drug trafficking is inextricably linked to the security situation. Again, the Taliban government lacks resources to provide alternate livelihood to the poor farmers to induce them to give up poppy cultivation. In this connection, Putin made a cryptic remark that "there are plans to implement large economic projects that could stabilise the situation." Russia has a masterplan to revive the Soviet-aided economic projects in Afghanistan.

India too has a brilliant track record in undertaking developmental projects in Afghanistan. Doval's assertion that India "is and will remain an important stakeholder in Afghanistan" is to be understood in this context.

Third, Putin stated: "We are also worried about attempts to use the situation in Afghanistan to allow extra-regional forces to expand or build their infrastructure. These countries will create this under the pretext of countering international terrorism, but they are not doing anything that is really necessary in the real counterterrorism struggle."

Putin, of course, was alluding to the continuing attempts by the US to return to Afghanistan and establish a security presence with a view to influence the geopolitics in the surrounding regions of Iran, North Caucasus, Central Asia, Xinjiang, etc. Taliban resisted the American pressure. Russia's presidential envoy for Afghanistan Zamir Kabulov recently alleged on state television that the US is giving covert support to the Islamic State-Khorasan in Afghanistan.

Russia finds itself between the rock and a hard place. It harboured a notion in the recent vears that Pakistan would be a potential ally to stabilise the Afghan situation under Taliban. But that turned out to be a flawed assumption. On the contrary, the overthrow of Imran Khan led to the installation of a US-backed regime in Islamabad that is completely at the bidding of Americans. The US stranglehold is destined to tighten further as the IMF begins to dictate Pakistan's economic policies.

A sharp deterioration in Pakistan's equations with the Taliban followed after Imran Khan's overthrow. An easing of tensions between Islamabad and Kabul is not to be expected, as the military leadership in Rawalpindi has reverted to its historical role as the cats-paw of the Pentagon and the CIA. The Taliban harbours deep suspicions regarding the US-Pakistani intentions.

According to reports, the US is sourcing military supplies from Pakistan for use in its proxy war against Russia in Ukraine. In sum, the Pakistani civilian and military elite are reverting to their historical role as hirelings of the US. Russia and Iran are

in the US crosshairs. Moscow is vainly hoping to engage Pakistan in a constructive relationship, whereas, in reality, it is dealing with a vassal state of the US.

Suffice it to say that India is sailing in the same boat as Russia when it comes to the Afghan conundrum and Pakistani shenanigans. Conceivably, at some point soon enough, the Pakistani military will resume its interference in Afghanistan by projecting power into that country to keep it weak and subservient —something that dovetails with the US' current regional strategy.

From various accounts, Putin's conversation with Doval largely focused on the Russian-Indian special and privileged strategic partnership. But Afghanistan would have been a key topic of discussion. To be sure, Putin would have spoken to Doval about the Ukraine situation as well. That said, Putin's main focus currently is on the bilateral cooperation with India against the backdrop of its pivot to Asian countries as economic partners.

The US lobbyists in the Indian media are upset that Doval visited Moscow. A Delhi newspaper wrote an editorial today warning the Modi government about its dealings with Russia, which, according to the paper, stands "isolated" in the international community! (Twenty years back, this very same newspaper had written that then PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee's refusal to join the US's "coalition of the willing" to invade Iraq would cost India dearly, as a vengeful George W. Bush was sure to punish Delhi by evicting it from Kashmir Valley!)

What these lobbyists overlook is that India's relationship with the US is transactional and the Americans are rank opportunists. It is about time they got accustomed to the idea that India cherishes its strategic autonomy. Why do some of our journalists behave like a comprador class?

Moscow appreciates India's neutrality and on its part, the Modi government also knows that in this titanic struggle between the US and Russia over the birth of a new multipolar world order, there is very little India (or any third party) can do to persuade the Biden Administration to call off the proxy war and begin negotiations.

Apparently, the Biden Administration still thinks that the proxy war will lead to the dismemberment and destruction of Russia paving the way for the resuscitation of the US' "unipolar moment". So long as the US neocons who dominate Biden's team remain delusional, this conflict will continue and may even escalate. Delhi is doing the right thing to remain non-aligned and astutely pursue its national interests.

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No More Chances

India was the 7th worst- hit country due to extreme air pollution and extreme rainfall in 2021 and it's only been getting worse every year. We're racing towards further and further climate disasters and we need to pull the chainnow. Though we hoped it would not reach this point, climate wisdom has constantly advised us about the deadly consequences of

climate change. But we 've caught the malefactor red- handed. The grim burning of fossil energies for energy and transportation has turned our metropolises in to poisonous gaschambers.In 2022, India was set up to be home to of the world's 10 most business- congested metropolises. According to reports over two lakh Indians died from air pollution last time but this could

have been prevented. Through the Detox City crusade, we're working to impact the transportation systems across India, over the coming many years. However, we can demand better structure- better public transport, further green spaces, If further citizens borrow sustainable transportation. Eventually, these small but significant conduct will restate into metropolises that

are cleaner, healthier, more equal and accessible to all citizens. We're losing precious time in the fight for a safe and healthy future. No more chances left to take action and change the course of our earth.

Vijay Kumar



Mindful fridays Love is What Love Does

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOVE AND EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCE



Wasim Kakroo

eceiving emotional support while in a relationship may have its advantages. Your partner may be the first to offer empathy and comfort by paying attention to you and validating your feelings whenever difficulties arise and make your day feel dull and difficult. The majority of romantic partners depend on one another in some way, but emotional dependence results when you rely entirely on your partner to satisfy all of your emotional needs.

When a person feels dependent on another person in order to feel whole or happy, this is referred to as emotional dependency. Because they are unable to give it to themselves, those who depend on others for their emotional needs, especially their romantic partner, require constant attention, approbation, and support. Because of their deeply ingrained childhood traumas and disappointments, dependent people have an intense fear of not being good enough. Emotional dependence may be influenced by particular attachment patterns, such as a lack of a solid bond to primary care givers.

Due to the lack of physical symptoms, emotional dependence, like many other mental health disorders (emotional dependence can be a part of various personality disorders that are a result of adverse childhood experiences such as Borderline Personality Disorder, Histrionic Personality Disorder, Dependent Personality Disorder etc.) can be challenging to diagnose. Most people who suffer from emotional dependence may not be aware of their condition and may even reject it when it is pointed out to them. Start by asking yourself whether you feel empty and alone within until your partner pays you attention and validates your feelings. Do you require your partner to live up to certain requirements in order for you to feel loved and safe? Do you expect your partner to behave differently than they actually do?

Unfortunately, love is frequently mistaken for emotional dependence because it frequently involves strong feelings for another person. There is a difference. though; emotionally dependent individuals could mistakenly believe they are in love when they are actually 'in need'. It's okay to have some emotional dependence on your partner, but it becomes harmful when your happiness is wholly dependent on them. Your relationship and general wellbeing may be impacted in the long run by this severe dependence.

People who are emotionally dependent typically require a lot of assurance and assistance from their partners. They can frequently ask, "Do you love me?" Are you actually interested in being with me? You wouldn't want to call it quits, right? Because of your uncertainty and self-doubt, you become dependent on their acceptance in order to feel good about vourself. Additionally, those who are emotionally dependent have an obsessional urge to be attached to others, which causes them to have an obsessional fear of losing

love.

Truth be told, love that stems from fear of abandonment is not love; it is need. The inner emptiness that consumes the majority of your mental space and makes you depend on your partner to fill it and make you feel loved is what leads to emotional dependency. The fact is that it's actually impossible for others to heal you and make you feel loved if you don't understand the difference between love and emotional dependence. Expecting someone else to always take care of all your needs

just so you feel safe and loved is unreasonable. Love is a balance game of giving and taking; it is not simply about getting.

Let us now try to understand what love in actuality means.

The word "love" is one of the English language's most casually used words, and because of this, it has grown to mean a wide range of extremely diverse feelings. We can all agree that love is what keeps the world turning and that without it, it would be just a barren, lifeless place. On the other hand, it is a phrase that we can very easily manipulate to suit our needs in order to rationalise our emotional dependence on someone. If we can learn to discern between love and emotional dependence and put this understanding into practise, we may improve not only our own quality of life but also the quality of life for everyone with whom we come into contact.

First, learn to love yourself: When we are emotionally dependent on someone. we frequently use them as a "filler" to mask and divert us from unresolved emotional problems we are experiencing within. Starting with the person you spend the most time with, i.e., "yourself", can help you learn and understand what love is before you can truly love someone else. We are far quicker to point out our flaws than our strengths, and we have a tendency to berate ourselves when we don't do tasks to our satisfaction. This all needs to change. Each day, make an effort to recognise your strengths, emphasise them, and develop them. When you do make a mistake, try to view it as a "work-in-progress" rather than a complete failure. You

will be much more able to establish relationships with others with composure once you experience an increase in your own self-love and self-respect.

Reduce your expectations: Social anthropologists frequently compare many human relationships to contracts: while we show someone we love them, we also subtly impose on them a variety of demands that we want them to meet. And then, when the other person falls short of meeting our expectations (which will undoubtedly happen occasionally because we are all fallible), we feel let down and angry with the other person, our insecurity and fear of not being loved come to the fore, and we frequently turn to emotional blackmail to try and persuade them to meet our needs. On the other hand, true love is like the sun. The sun provides warmth and light to all without expecting anything in return. To the calculating mind, this could seem foolish, but when we live in the heart, we feel precisely like the sun does: we want to spread our love and goodwill wherever we can. This kind of love allows us to remain detached because we don't have preconceived notions about how others should respond to it; rather, the act of showing love to others completely fills our hearts with joy.

3. Learn when to let go: We frequently impose psychological restrictions on the people we care about, whether it be parents who are "fulfilling their dreams" via their children or some-

one who is "stuck" in a relationship. The definition of true love is accepting someone as they are without trying to change them into something you want them to be. The best thing you can do for someone you care about is to let them reach their full potential as a human being Sometimes this will require your active assistance, but other times it will only require you to recognise when you are getting in the way and move out of the wav.

Cultivate and use the inner strength of patience and forgiveness: We must learn to develop forgiveness and patience in order to grow in love. It is easier to forgive someone when you see past their outward flaws and recognise their innate beauty. Love always involves seeing someone's inner beauty and appreciating it. By doing so, we help bring that beauty to light and hopefully stop whatever horrible act that person may have done from happening again.

Our world can at times seem plain unjust, but if you can cultivate these traits of love for everyone you meet, you will be able to rise above "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" that people may throw at you and you may still keep your faith in the goodness of people.

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Income Tax 'surveys' At BBC Offices End After Over 58 Hours

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The Income Tax department's marathon "surveys" at BBC's offices ended on Thursday, after clocking over 58 hours in total, as officials prepared an inventory of financial data from select staffers and collected digital and paper data.

The operation that began at the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) offices in Delhi and Mumbai around 11:30 am on Tuesday has ended in Mumbai and will be wound up at Delhi by tonight, sources said late on Thursday.

Tax authorities have made an inventory of the available stock, recorded the statement of some staffers and have impounded some documents as part of the survey action that continued for three days clocking about 57-58 hours, officials told PTI.

The survey was carried out to investigate issues related to international taxation and transfer pricing of BBC subsidiary companies, they had said.

The I-T teams, it is understood, sought answers on financial transactions, the company structure and other details about the news company, and copied data from electronic gadgets as part of their task of collecting the evidence.

Opposition parties have denounced the I-T department action against the Londonheadquartered public broadcaster, terming it "political vendetta".

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Opposition had questioned the timing of the action that came weeks after the broadcaster aired a two-part documentary "India: The Modi Question" on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the 2002 Gujarat riots.

While there has been no official statement from the Income Tax department on the action, the BBC has said it was cooperating with the authorities

A BBC staffer in Delhi said they were broadcasting their news like usual and the company has informed them that it is cooperating with the authorities.

The Supreme Court last week dismissed a plea seeking the imposition of a complete ban on the BBC in India in the wake of the controversial documentary, terming the petition "entirely misconceived" and "absolutely meritless".

Another set of petitions challenging the government's decision to block the documentary's access on social media platforms will be heard in April.

On January 21, the government had issued directions to block multiple YouTube videos and Twitter posts sharing links to the documentary.

Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar To Be New Vice Chief Of Army

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff, while incumbent Lt Gen B S Raju will take charge as South Western Army Commander, official sources said on Thursday.

Lt Gen Rashim Bali has been appointed as the commander of Leh-based 14 Corps which takes care of security along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China in the Ladakh sector, they said.

Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta, the current commander of the 14 Corps, will become the new Chief of Staff of Udhampur headquartered Northern Command, the sources said.

They said Lt Gen Raju, at present serving as the Vice Chief of Army Staff, has been appointed as South Western Army Commander.

Lt Gen NSR Subramani, currently the Chief of Staff at the headquarters of the Northern Command in Udhampur, has been promoted to the rank of Army Commander and appointed as the next Central Army Commander.

The sources said Lt Gen Kumar too has been promoted as the Army Commander and appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff. He is serving as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy) in the



Army Headquarters at present. They said Lt Gen Raju will succeed Lt Gen Amardeep Singh Bhinder when he retires from service by the end of February.

Lt Gen Subramani will take over as the Central Army Commander from Lt Gen Yogendra Dimri, who also superannuates by the end of this month, the sources said.

Lt Gen Kumar, Lt Gen Raju and Lt Gen Subramani will assume their new responsibilities on March 1, the sources said.

Lt Gen Kumar, is an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla. He was commissioned into 1 Assam Regiment in June 1985.

He has commanded 59 Rashtriya Rifles Battalion, an Infantry Brigade and an Infantry Division on the Line of Control. Lt Gen Kumar has also com-

Lt Gen Kumar has also commanded the highly active White Knight Corps. He has held the posts of Additional Director General Military Intelligence and Director General Military Intelligence at the Army headquarters.

Lt Gen BS Raju was commissioned into the 11th battalion of the Jat Regiment in December 1984. He later commanded his battalion during 'Operation Parakram' in Jammu and Kashmir.

He also holds the distinction of commanding the Uri brigade along the Line of Control, the Counter Insurgency Force and Chinar Corps in Kashmir Valley.

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The general officer was also Commandant, Indian Military Training Team in Bhutan.
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missioned into the eighth battalion of the Garhwal Rifles in December 1985.

He is an alumnus of Joint Services Command Staff College, Bracknell (the UK) and National Defence College, Delhi.

He holds a MA Degree from the King's College, London.

Lt Gen Subramani has, in his illustrious career spanning over 35 years, served across a wide spectrum of conflict and terrain profiles and has tenanted a host of command, staff and instructional appointments.

He commanded 16 Garhwal Rifles in counter insurgency operations in Assam as part of 'Operation Rhino', 168 Infantry Brigade in Samba and 17 Mountain Division in 2018.

Fresh PIL In SC Against Centre's Decision To Block BBC Documentary On Gujarat Riots

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: A fresh PIL was filed on Thursday in the Supreme Court challenging the Centre's decision to block a BBC documentary on the 2002 Gujarat riots.

The top court is already seized of two pleas filed by veteran journalist N Ram, Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra, activist lawyer Prashant Bhushan and lawyer M L Sharma on the issue.

On February 3, a bench comprising justices Sanjiv Khanna and M M Sundresh had taken note of the two pleas and directed the central government to produce original records related to its decision to block the documentary on the riots. The matters are now listed for hearing in April.

The fresh third plea has been filed by Mukesh Kumar, who claims to be a social worker, through lawyers Roopesh Singh Bhadauria and Mareesh Pravir Sahay

Lawyer Bhadauria also heads the legal cell of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC).

The plea has sought quashing of the "impugned Notification dated January 20, 2023 passed by the Ministry of Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021".

Besides, it has sought a direction to the central government to ensure screening of the documentary "without any law & order issue".

"The impugned office order/ notification has been issued in the most unlawful, arbitrary manner with utter non-application of mind. The same is unconstitutional on the face of it as it violates Articles 19(1) (2) (freedom of speech and expression), 14 (right to equality) of the Constitution," it said.

The blocking of the documentary infringed the freedom of speech and expression, right to opinion and public dialogue, discussion, debate and discourse, it said.

The plea also raised the issue of independence and security of press and referred to the ongoing Income-Tax "surveys" at BBC offices in New Delhi and Mumbai.

Earlier, N Ram and others had sought a direction to restrain the government from curbing their right to "receive and disseminate information" on the documentary.

"All citizens, including the press, have the fundamental right to view, form an informed opinion, critique, report on, and lawfully circulate the contents of the documentary as the right to freedom of speech and expression incorporates the right to receive and disseminate information...," their plea said and referred to several apex court orders on freedom of speech and expression.

The petition has also sought quashing of "all orders directly or indirectly censoring" the information, including those shared on social media.

The plea, which has made Twitter Communications India Private Ltd and Google India the parties, has also sought a direction for restoration of the tweets made by the petitioners.

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5000 Waqf

within 15 days," she said.

Chairperson, Waqf Board also said that people are quite cooperative and it is expected that they will positively come forward to resolve the issue. "We also don't want to go tough against anyone. We don't want to affect anyone's livelihood, but the people must cooperate," she said.

Furthermore, she said that the process has been going on for the geo-tagging of the Waqf properties—(KNO)

Day Not Far

"Continuous efforts are being made to ensure that your problems & grievances are resolved promptly and effectively" he said

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The LG also shared the progress of construction of housing units for PM Package employees in Kashmir.

"Earlier, it was difficult to get land for construction of 6000 dwellings but now land has been identified and except for two sites, the work is in full swing. 1200 dwellings will be handed over by April and by December more than 2500 dwellings will be handed over," he added.

Earlier, the LG extended greetings of Mahashivratri to KPs and said the festival is the celebration of Kashmiri culture & the spiritual-cultural heritage of the country.

"It is the symbol of our ancient values and

ethos. Kashmiri Pandit brothers & sisters living in different parts of the country & the world have kept this tradition alive," he said. "Mahashivratri or Herath is the most important festival of Kashmiri Pandits & festivity has

tant festival of Kashmiri Pandits & festivity has been aptly named 'Waliv Samav- Let's Come Together' to celebrate & seek divine blessings of Lord Shiva. This is a welcome step by the Relief and Rehabilitation department," he added.

Our festivals, Sinha said, are also the source of self-awakening.
"I pray to Lord Shiva for the happiness, pros-

"I pray to Lord Shiva for the happiness, prosperity, good health and well-being of all," he added.

Beneficiaries identified for various schemes

during Special Governance Camp on 4th February were also handed over aids and authority letters on the occasion.

In order to facilitate KP community in camps & non-camp areas, the relief organisation has brought together 20 Line Departments for the Mahashivratri Mahotsav.

Directs Forest Dept

and management of forests," Sinha said.

"The FRMC will also play a key role in digitalization of forest boundaries as well as for management of forests through geo reference based information and mapping," he added.

The LG advised the department to maximise the use of technology in forest protection and climate change mitigation by protecting the natural resources, which will also support meeting of Sustainable Development Goals.

"J&K UT is the third UT/State to implement the National Transit Pass System in the country. It replaces manual paper-based transit system by online transit system, promotes agro-forestry activities that will in turn help in increasing farmer's income," he said.

He said that forest management and protection is vital to achieve climate stability and sustainable development goals.

"Reducing deforestation, tackling the loss of forest biodiversity and preservation of our natural heritage is critical for inclusive devel-

opment," the LG said.
"Nature unites us. I want every citizen to become Green Warrior and take action on climate change. We should have a 10-point vision

document which will act as an MoU of commitment with the society to protect the nature in the neighborhood," he added.

The LG also shared the efforts of the forest department in safeguarding the ecological wealth and making technological interventions an important factor in forest management.

"In Amrit Kaal our aim is to integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into development planning and work in a holistic manner for clean air, fresh water, biodiversity conservation and mitigation of human-wild animal conflict," he said.

He further said that the greater use of technology will help the field staff to make effective decisions for protection and management of forests and augment the efforts of the front-line forest field staff in securing this valuable resource, he said.

"Today, Geo-tagging has revolutionized the management of different types of forest assets. GIS technology and Mapping have emerged as powerful instruments in conservation efforts. With GIS mapping and ground-based digitization, we can effectively tackle the challenge of encroachment," Sinha added.

He also appreciated the Forest Department for digitization of all demarcated forests at beat, block, range and division levels.

Citing the example from Ecuador which became the first country to grant "legal rights of the nature" in its Constitution, the LG advised that the sustainable development must recognize earth as a living entity.

Sinha also emphasised to expedite FRA cases especially pertaining to Individual Forest Rights and ensure that genuine claims are processed and decided expeditiously.

'Road To Amarnath

Highways has assigned the construction of the 'Sheshnag Tunnel' on the Khanabal-Baltal section of NH-501 to the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL).

The NHIDCL has invited Request for Proposals (RFP) and the bidding will start from February 13. The due date for bidding is February 20.

KP Employees

target and kill them in Kashmir, LG administration is starving their families by stopping salaries for the past 8 months, and not releasing it even on their biggest festival Maha Shivratri.

"We have been on round the clock protest in front of the BJP office here. We are seeking release of months-long salaries. We will not move out from here till the order to release our salaries is given," a protesting employee Ashwani Pandita told reporters here.

"Even on Maha Shivratri, we are denied our salaries," he said.

The Kashmiri Pandit employees are seeking written assurance from the Lieutenant Governor administration about their safety and security during their duty in Kashmir.

A female protester who is sitting on protest with her minor child said that LG administration is starving their families by stopping salaries.

"LG administration should give us written

assurance about our safety and security that

we won't be killed by terrorists while performing our duties in Kashmir", she said.

The employees said that they were performing their duties boldly for the past decade in Kashmir despite militancy and did not run

away.

"But the selective and targeted killings of nearly 22 minority community members have created fear psychosis among the community. They do not want to become sitting

ducks for target practice of terrorists in the valley. Government has done nothing to stop it", Pandita said.

Infiltrator Killed

militant, while grievously injuring the other. "The injured terrorist managed to flee to PoJK, along with the third terrorist, taking advantage of darkness," he said.

On Thursday morning, the spokesperson said, a thorough joint search operation was launched with JKP and the body of a militant, one AK series rifle, one light automatic weapon, six magazines, two grenades and large quantities of war like stories were recovered.

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"Continued infiltration bids along the Line of Control are an uncanny reminder of Pakistan's efforts to orchestrate terrorism in Kashmir valley and disrupt peace and harmony, while putting on the facade of Cease fire understanding,"

he added. **HC Directs**

from further revealing her identity.

The media houses then apologised. Their counsel submitted that they would be willing to deposit amounts to be used towards compensation to victims and families of victims of sexual violence to establish their sincerity and bonafide of intent.

In its order earlier this week on February 13, the high court noted that the counsel for parties said all the media houses to whom notices were issued had complied with the April 2018 directive and no further orders were required to be passed in the matter.

"Taking note of the nature and manner of reporting of an alleged incident of a gang rape and murder by various newspapers wherein the privacy of victim which is required to be maintained in respect of the identity of a victim has been violated, this court initiated suo motu proceedings against various newspapers on April 13, 2018

on April 13, 2018.

"The manner in which the incident was reported is contrary to Section 23 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO) as well as Section 228A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. The manner of reporting the incident is also against the public justice," the bench said and disposed of the

The high court had earlier said it was "unfortunate" and "extremely distressing" that the victim's photograph was also displayed in the print and electronic media.

It said there were provisions in the penal law and under POCSO Act which prohibit any kind of reporting that affects reputation and impinges on the privacy of victims, including children, of sexual offences.

The eight-year-old had disappeared from near her home in a village near Kathua in Jammu and Kashmir on January 10, 2018. Her body was found in the same area a week later.

The Jammu and Kashmir police's Crime Branch, which probed the case, filed a main chargesheet against seven persons and a separate one against against a juvenile in a court in Kathua district. The chargesheet revealed chilling details about how the girl was allegedly kidnapped, drugged, raped inside a place of worship before being killed.

On June 10, 2019, a special court sentenced three men to life imprisonment. Three others were convicted of destruction of evidence and handed five years in jail and one was acquitted.

On November 2022, the Supreme Court held that Shubam Sangra, a key accused in the case, was not a minor at the time of the offence and ordered his trial as an adult.

Section 23 of the POCSO Act specifically prohibits any reporting or comments which may have the effect of lowering his/her reputation or infringing upon his/ her privacy. A publisher or media house, if found to be in contravention of the section, is liable to be punished with imprisonment for a period ranging from six months to one year, or fine, or both.

Section 228A of the IPC also imposes a similar embargo on publication of identity of a victim of a sexual offence, making any contravention punishable with a maximum of two years imprisonment along with imposition of fine.

Ladakh Body

the two districts of Ladakh, Wangchuk stressed on the need to provide safeguards for the environmentally sensitive area, and involve locals in decision-making.

"We wanted to become a Union Territory, but we never imagined it would be without a legislature. There is no participation of people anymore in how the budget allocated to us is spent. The Autonomous Hill Council has also been weakened, and the issue of statehood is of utmost importance to the people of Ladakh," he said.

Sajjad Hussain, an activist from Kargil, said Ladakh is going through a crisis, and urgent attention is needed.

"Ladakh is going through a crisis... When Article 370 was abrogated, the two districts - Leh and Kargil -- had different aspirations. While there were protests in Kargil, it was welcomed in Leh," he said.

Hussain said the administration has been left to the Lieutenant Governor and bureaucrats, who are not accountable to the people of Ladakh.

"Unemployment is on the rise, graduates, PhD holders are on roads. When we asked for a separate Public Service Commission government said they had no plans," he said.

"People have been totally disempowered, we have no representation... Earlier we had four MLAs in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly, and they had a say in the assembly," he said.

The groups say they will intensify their protest if their demands are not met.

"In a democratic society, protest is our right.
There have been several protests in Ladakh

over the last two years, we will intensify protests if our demands are not met," Hussain said. Both Wangchuk and Hussain also said that their voices are being stifled by police action. "If any student protests in Kargil, police ac-

tion is initiated. Last year some youths protested on a land-related matter. They were called by the police," he said.

"There is no space left for dissent. There is no accountability," Wangchuk said, adding there

is no democracy left in the "whole structure."

"We do not have elected representatives to make decisions. When we had four MLAs in the J&K assembly our voice was heard. Now it seems like we have been put under LG's rule forever," he said.

"If someone writes something on social media, action is taken. Some youths shouted slogans demanding the sixth schedule in a stadium, they were taken to the police station and beaten up," he said.

without legislature when Article 370 and 35A were abrogated, and Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into two Union Territories.

Over the last two years, protests have been

held in both Leh and Kargil demanding the protection of the interests of the people of Ladakh.

Ladakh was carved into a Union Territory

In January this year, the Union home ministry

constituted a high-powered committee headed by Minister of State Nityanand Rai to "ensure the protection of land and employment" for the people of Ladakh. The two bodies from Leh and Kargil, howev-

er, rejected the committee and decided not to attend any meeting conducted under its name, saying its mandate did not mention the issues raised by them.

The protestors are demanding statehood for Ladakh, sixth schedule under Constitution, job reservation, a separate public service commission for Ladakh, and two parliamentary seats

for Leh and Kargil. **Cong Demands**

Farooq Abdullah has "rightly said that they (government) have no intention of restoring statehood" to the Union Territory.

"The BJP has created dictatorship here. People are being harassed and intimidated in the name of bulldozers or the Public Safety Act. Anyone who raises his voice is threatened with arrest," he alleged.

Wani said while Jammu and Kashmir is al-

ready reeling under acute unemployment, the government is adding to the woes of people through demolitions and evictions under the garb of retrieving state land.

"For example, in Ramban, the administration has sealed 60 shops. It means 120 people

have lost their livelihood. Today, Jammu and

Kashmir is number one in unemployment.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir are being pushed into poverty. They are bringing down the price of horticulture produce, which has forced some growers to throw their apples into the river or they did not pick the fruit at all. The grower says the price has been lowered to such an extent that the production cost is much more than the returns." the Congress

leader said.
Later, Wani welcomed several leaders and workers from the BJP, the People's Conference and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) into the Congress party.

"For the last five-six months, a large number of leaders and workers are joining the Congress. After Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, we have received a flood of requests from people to be inducted into the party," he said.

Harsh Dev Singh

longer continue in the Aam Aadmi Party and am therefore quitting the same with immediate effect."

"This communique as such, be treated as my resignation from J&K chairmanship of the party as well as from primary membership of AAP," the three-term MLA said.

Singh joining the AAP last year was seen as a major boost to the Kejriwal-led party's expansion plans in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ex- DGP Khajooria

spearheaded a number of movements, including the agitation for free education up to postgraduate level in Jammu and Kashmir, they said.

He joined the J-K police service in 1954 and was the first police officer in the erstwhile state to be inducted into the Indian Police Service (IPS), they said.

Khajooria was Jammu and Kashmir's second DGP and served the post from January 16, 1985 to May 25, 1986.

After retirement, he took up public service

and did a lot of work in educating the masses, especially on terrorism-related issues, and was a security analyst and a well-known TV and media personality.

Police Book 3 'Self-Styled Leaders' Under UAPA

Majid Nabi

SRINAGAR: Police on Thursday booked three 'self-styled' leaders of a lesser known political party, under stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), for allegedly 'intimidating' journalists and making anti- national statements during a press conference here.

The trio has also been booked for waging war against India by making provocative statements, thereby causing threat to public order, a senior police official told Kashmir Observer.

Earlier in the day, police in a tweet said that three selfstyled leaders were arrested for threatening and intimidating journalists and making anti-national statements during a news conference here, a day earlier.

"They were self-styled leaders and had threatened & intimidated media persons, gave anti-national byte yesterday in a press conference," police said in a tweet.

A formal case under FIR No. 50/2023 under sections 13 UAPA, 121-A, 153, 153-A and 505 IPC has been registered against the trio at police station Kothibagh. The trio has been identified as Suhail of Mustafabad HMT, Nadeem Shafi Rather of Maloora HMT and Umar Majeed Wani of Soura.

While Suhail Khan is the president of the hardly known Awami Awaz Party, Nadeem Shafi and Umar Wani are said to be its members.

Khan, besides running the affairs of his party, is also an education consultant. He is accused of having made provocative statements during a news conference at his office in the Maisuma area of the city, before being arrested by the police.

A police official told Kashmir Observer that the trio is presently lodged at Maisuma police station.

Tariff Hike Justified, Electricity **A Commercial Commodity: PDD Chief Engineer**

Says Smart Meters, LT Cables Will Display Consumers' Actual Electricity Consumption

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Notwithstanding the public resentment against the hike in monthly electricity bills, the authorities at the Power Development Department (PDD) on Thursday said the charges will increase further as the installation of LT cables and smart meters will display consumer's actual electricity consumption.

Alleging that many consumers use four to five times more electricity beyond their sanctioned load, the PDD Chief Engineer (Distribution), Javid Ahmad said that there will be a revision of tariffs.

'With the installation of LT cables and smart meters, the people will come to know about their actual electricity consumption as many people are sanctioned with 0.5 KV load but are using 5 KV. So, it is still way below what they are paying against the consumption," he explained.

Stating that the billing tariff will not remain the same indefinitely, he said power is a commodity that needs to be purchased by the government.

Rejecting the people's demands of switching back to their previous monthly electricity bills, the chief engineer termed those "out of question". "People at many places protested against the installation of smart meters and LT cables, but ultimately these were installed. We have to move ahead and treat electricity as a commercial commodity," he stressed.

Terming the hike as "arbitrary", the people from various localities of the Safakadal area in Srinagar on Wednesday staged a protest against the PDD.

The protestors said they are witnessing a regular increase in their monthly power bills, and urged the authorities to restore their monthly electricity billing to their earlier tariff—(KNO)

Chairman DDC Budgam Lays Foundation Stone Of Two Bridges

Observer News Service

Development Council Budgam Nazir Ahmad Khan on Thursday laid the foundation stone of two bridges at Nowpora and Rathsun villages of Budgam district.

Nazir Ahmad Khan while speaking on the occasion said that the District Development Council Budgam alongwith District Administration Budgam is committed to provide all round connectivity to the people of Budgam. These bridges are being constructed over Nalla Sukhnag and are important to provide hassle free connectivity to the people liv-

Chairman DDC Budgam while addressing gatherings at Rathsun and Nowpora villages said that Budgam district is witnessing unprecedented development in terms of better road connectivity and development of health and power infrastructure.

ADDC Budgam , Executive Engineer R&B Budgam, ACR Budgam, PRI members and other senior officers of the R&B (PWD) Department were also present on the occasion.

Mercury Rises In J&K, Above Sub-Zero Level In Srinagar

SRINAGAR: The minimum temperature saw a rise in Jammu and Kashmir with Srinagar and Qazigund recording above sub-zero level on Thursday.

A meteorological department official, as per news agency GNS, said that Srinagar recorded a low of 1.3°C against the previous night's minus 0.2°C. Today's minimum temperature, he said, was above normal by 1.2°C for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 0.05°C against minus 1.2°C on the previous night and it was 0.6°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of minus 1.9°C against minus 3.6°C on the previous night and it was 2.5°C above normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kokernag recorded a low of minus 0.8°C against minus 1.5°C on the previous night and it was 0.1°C above normal for the place, the officials said. Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 2.0°C against minus 4.2°C on the previous night and it was 4.8°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 0.8°C against minus 4.2°C on the previous night and it was 0.6°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 11.2°C against 9.8°C on the previous night. It was 0.7°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal, he said, recorded a low of 4.0°C (above normal by

2.7°C), Batote 5.3°C (above normal by 5.3°C), Katra 12.0°C (3.9°C above normal) and Bhadarwah 4.6°C (4.3°C above normal).

Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 7.0°C and minus 10.8°C respectively, the official said.

The MeT department has predicted occasional cloudy but mainly dry weather till February 18 and possibility of light rain and snow in plains and light to moderate snow in middle and higher reaches during late night of 19th to 20th afternoon.

Patwari Attached, Slapped With **Fine Over Fresh Encroachment**

Explanation Also Sought From Tehsildar For Failing To Protect Govt Land

Observer News Service

DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan on Thursday attached and imposed fine on a Patwari and sought Explanation from Tehsildar & NT following reports of fresh attempts being made to encroach

Following the report about a fresh attempt made to encroach upon state land in Teh-

sil Bhagwah, the Deputy Commissioner imposed a fine and also attached the Patwari of Patwar Halqa Bijarni for failing to protect the Government property, an official of district administration said. The Tehsildar Bhagwah and Naib Tehsildar concerned have also been asked to explain their position for the dereliction of

their legitimate duties. On the direction of the DC, the ACR has sealed the under construction structure and an FIR was lodged against the encroacher.

Saying that the field staff would be held responsible for any kind of fresh encroachments on Kacharie and State land in the district, the DC has asked ADC, ACR and SDMs to closely monitor all the issues related to public/government

Info Dept Starts Public Competition For Redesigning Of Its Logo

Aims At Bringing Logo In Sync With Current Communication, Technology Landscape Through Jan-Bagidari

Observer News Service

IAMMII. A contest for rede signing the logo of the Department of Information and Public Relations was thrown open on Thursday by the Commissioner Secretary, Information Department, Prerna Puri in presence of Director Information Akshay Labroo at Civil Secretariat here.

Addressing the officers on the occasion, the Commissioner Secretary observed that the need for redesigning of the logo of the Department was

felt in order to get it in sync with the changing times, as the media landscape has seen phenomenal changes over the years. She highlighted that the redesigned logo is aimed to represent the current communications & technology landscape.

Director Information Akshay Labroo remarked that it is a participative process aimed at 'Jan Bhagidhari'. "It as an open public competition and the department wishes to adopt a new, contemporary logo that has been decided by our own citizens ".

The Department has invited public to redesign its logo and the submissions for same are purely online.

An award money of Rs 25000 for the first position

holder, Rs 15000 for 2nd position, Rs 10000 for 3rd position and Rs 5000 for 4th and 5th position holders has been announced by the department. besides a commendation certificate to the winners. Each of the contestant has been asked to give a brief description of about 1000 words about his her design of the logo.

The contest is open from 16th of this month till 2nd of March, 2023. The applicants have been asked to be cognizant of the new ethos and challenges the public communication is presently facing. They have been advised to keep in mind the new and emerging nature of this field while designing their respective logos for onward submission to the department.

Govt Orders Premature Retirement Of Two Officers

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Union Territory administration Thursday ordered premature retirement of two officers over unbecoming behaviour and violation of the service conduct rules.

The officers, one from the Prison Department and another from Transport were ordered premature retirement as they conducted their duties in ways which were unbecoming of public servants and in violation of the established code of conduct, an official spokesperson said Thursday.

The exercise, he said, was conducted as part of a regular process of scrutiny of records of employees, who cross age/ service period in terms of Article 226(2) of J&K CSRs.

"Out of these retirees, the officer belonging to Prison Department was found involved in wrongdoings while performing his duties during his service career and had remained ineffective in discharging the assigned duties besides, had doubtful integrity. The other officer belonging to the Transport Department was found involved in a serious criminal case for acquiring disproportionate assets and had doubtful integrity with inefficient performance during his service career," he added.

The spokesperson said that on the recommendations of the Review Committee, the performance of these employees was dar," he added.

found unsatisfactory and their continuation in the government service was found against the public interest.

He said during the recent past, as part of its zero tolerance policy towards corruption, various employees have been dismissed from service on account of official misconduct, after rigorously following departmental proceedings against them.

"Many cases are under scrutiny with the Empowered Committees constituted for consideration of cases under Article 226(2) of J&K CSRs. Further, many employees have also been terminated from service on account of anti-national activities," he said.

Meanwhile, the spokesperson said that the government has also initiated several measures for human resource development of its employees in Jammu and Kashmir which includes timely promotion of eligible employees leading to smooth career progression, fast tracking the recruitment process through recruiting agencies and abolishing of interviews for most of the nongazetted vacancies referred to the Services Selection Board.

"The Government is also contemplating institutionalization of referral of vacancies to recruiting agencies so that recruitments start in the month of April every year in accordance with the defined calen-

DAK Seeks Restoration Of Old Pension Scheme In J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Thursday sought restoration of old pension scheme for the government employees of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

"Revival of old pension system would ensure social and financial security of employees," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul

Dr Hassan said under the old pension scheme an employee gets 50% of his/her last drawn salary as monthly pension with the addition of dearness allowance as and when declared by the government.

"After the demise of the retired employee, the nominee gets 50% of the total amount drawn by the retired employee as a family pension," he said. Government employees in

J&K recruited on or after January 1, 2010 are not eligible for old pension scheme and come under the new pension scheme. The DAK President said the

new pension scheme does not provide the guarantee of pension and there is no provision of family pension in the new system.

"Under the new scheme, employees are required to contribute 10% of their monthly

salary, which the government matches and invests in equity shares," he said adding "the new scheme is market linked and hence uncertain."

Dr Nisar said employees spend their productive years of life in government service with the hope that post retirement they get guaranteed pension which will give them financial independence in old age when they can't earn.

"The employees put in their blood and sweat during service to cause good governance and government is duty bound to provide them with a sense of security post retirement," he said.

General Secretary DAK Dr Arshad Ali said under the new pension system, the hardearned retirement fund of employees is subjected to the vagaries of share market which fluctuates at the drop of a hat putting the social security of employees at risk.

"An employee cannot work with his full potential and contribute to good governance if his socio-economic security is threatened," he said.

"Four of the States including Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Haryana have gone back to old pension scheme and the chorus for restoration is also mounting in other states," he added.

Grand Snow Festival Held At Aharbal

Fest Witnesses' Celebration Of Tribal Culture; Multiple Snow Sports Events, Scintillating Cultural Performances

Observer News Service

KULGAM: In order to give fillip to the Winter tourism potential of Aharbal, promote tribal culture and to increase tourist footfall especially in winters, the District Administration Kulgam in collaboration with Aharbal Development Authority, RDD, YS&S, Tourism and Forest Division Kulgam Thursday organised a daylong Winter Carnival, here.

The Winter Carnival was jointly inaugurated by Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Kulgam, M Afzal Parrey; Deputy Inspector General (DIG), South, Rayees Mohammad Bhat; Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-din Bhat at Aharbal Tourist destination by flagging-off two groups of 60 trekkers to Chiranbal and Sangam.

During the festival, multifarious activities and events were carried out which included Snow cricket, Snow run, Snow Rugby, Tug of war, Snow Volleyball, Skiing and other Snow games. Multiple stalls were installed by various departments

including Agriculture, Horticulture, Tourism, Handicrafts, Fisheries, Employment, NRLM and other departments for showcasing government schemes and programmes. A stall housing articles and artifacts depicting local tradition and culture were also displayed which attract-

ed immense public response. Scintillating cultural performances especially performances on tribal culture were also presented by local artists and school children which mesmerized the audience and guests present.

Addressing the mammoth gathering, DDC Chairperson Mohd Afzal Parrey appreciated efforts of District Administration for organising the festivals to promote virgin lands in the district for larger public benefit.

Mrs World Calls On LG



JAMMU: Sargam Koushal, Mrs World 2022-23 called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan today. The Lt Governor congratulated Sargam Koushal for her

Sargam Koushal, accompanied by her parents, also shared her upcoming initiatives of women empowerment & awareness on substance abuse with the Lt Governor.

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For and on behalf of Managing Director J&K SICOP, e-tenders in two cover system are invited from registered/reputed and experienced firms/ companies/ agencies having expertise as detailed in the tender document for the below mentioned job:

| Name of work | | | Cost of tender document (Rs.) | | Position of AA |
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- The tender document for the above job can be downloaded on the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 15-02-2023(12.00 Hrs)
- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the same website from 15-02-2023 (12.00 Hrs) to 07-03-2023 (16.00
- The uploaded Pre-qualification bids in the first instance on the website will be opened on 08-03-2023 (12.30 Hrs) in the office of Project Manager (Elect.), SICOP, Srinagar. In case of holiday on the date of opening of bid, will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The financial bids of only those firms shall be opened who qualify in technical bid. The cost of tender document is Rs.2000/- (Rupees two thousand only). The same shall submitted in the form of demand
- draft in favour of Project Manager (E), SICOP payable at Srinagar, scanned copy of the same be uploaded online and hard copy to be submitted before opening of technical bid otherwise the tender will be rejected.
- Scanned copy of actual Earnest Money Deposit in the shape of CDR/FDR amounting to Rs.59,000/- (Rupees fifty nine thousand only) duly pledged to Project Manager (E) must be uploaded online and the original copy of the same be submitted in the concerned office otherwise the tender will be rejected.
- The conditional tenders shall be rejected out rightly. 6.
- All documents required as per tender document should be uploaded with the technical bid. Complete bidding process will be online (Price Bid not to be submitted in physical form).

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Australia Seek Boost To Level Series With India

NEW DELHI: Australia captain Pat Cummins expects another trial by spin in the second test against India but finds himself grappling with selection dilemmas as he tries to lock in the playing XI for the match in New Delhi beginning on Friday.

World number one Australia succumbed to an innings defeat inside three days of the opening test in Nagpur where Indian spinners Ravindra Jadeja and Ravichandran Ashwin wreaked havoc on a turning track. Left-arm quick Mitchell Starc and all-rounder Cameron Green missed the opener with finger injuries but are on the mend.

Green's return would allow Australia to harness uncapped Matt Kuhnemann with Nathan Lyon and Todd Murphy in a three-

AICF Chess

Tournament

From Today

For Every One'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: FIDE-rated chess

tournament "AICF Chess For Ev-

ery One" is set to begin today,

Friday, February 17, at Polo View

The tournament is being organ-

ised by The Kashmir Chess Club in

collaboration with All J&K Chess

Association and J&K Sports Council.

be held at the Indoor Hall Polo

Ground at 2:30 PM, with Divi-

sional Commissioner Kashmir as

February 21, and has been cat-

egorised under All India Chess

Federation (AICF) Event Code:

The tournament will run till

the Chief Guest.

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The inaugural ceremony will

Indoor Stadium in Srinagar.



pronged spin attack at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium. "Having a right-hander helps and him providing our fifth bowling option also helps," Cummins told report-

ers of Green's possible return. "He's a big player, it certainly vesterday but we'll see how he pulls up." Scott Boland may retain the second quick's place, alongside Cummins, even if Starc regains full fitness. "I think there's a conversation,"

"He had a really good session

Cummins said.

Home batsman Cheteshwar Pujara, who will be playing his 100th test on Friday, said India would go all out to maintain their winning streak and seal their place in the final of the World Test Championship (WTC) in June.

"I'm really excited to play my 100th test but we are playing an important series," Pujara told re-

"Hopefully, we win this test match and move on and win another test match which will ensure we qualify for the WTC finals." "My dream is to win that WTC final for the team."

UAE May Host Some Asia Cup Games: PCB Source

helps the team function well from

batting and bowling." You have

got to be able to perform as well,

he's still coming back from that

injury, and he's only had a couple

of sessions where he's catching

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: In a possible solution to the Asia Cup logjam, Pakistan may remain the host and India could be offered to play its matches in the UAE where some games will be held, according to sources in the Board (PCB) here.

In such a scenario, the UAE will also host the final if India qualifies for it, according to a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) source.

An emergent meeting of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) was held in Bahrain on February 4 at the behest of PCB chief Najam Sethi after the continental body released its itinerary and Pakistan wasn't named the hosts of the tournament.

Addressing the media here on Thursday, Sethi said more discussions on the hosting of Asia Cup ODI tournament will be held next month on the sidelines of an ICC meeting as the matter "remained unresolved".

"What can I say about what hap-



pened in the Asian Cricket Council board meeting. There was no resolution," Sethi told reporters when asked if Pakistan will host the tournament in September.

However, reliable sources aware of the developments, said the most likely solution to the problem appears to be that Pakistan will remain host of the Asia Cup but some matches will also be held in the UAE where India may play all its games, including the final if necessary (if India qualifies for the final).

"Sethi made it clear at the ACC

meeting that PCB wants to host the event and some of the matches at home," the source said.

The Asia Cup was initially allotted to Pakistan and was scheduled in September this year but BCCI Secretary Jay Shah, who is also the ACC chairman, had announced last October that India will not travel to Pakistan.

PTI had reported earlier this month that UAE with three venues -- Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah -are the favourites to host the tournament but a decision has been withheld for the time being.

ICC Apologises For Ranking Glitch Which Showed India As No.1 Test Side

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: The International Cricket Council (ICC) has apologised for the technical glitch, which saw India displace Australia to attain the No.1 spot in the men's Test team rankings on Wednesday.

Hours after India had 'topped' the Test ranking, the ICC issued another updated list that showed Rohit Sharma's side back at No.2.

It gave the impression that Rohit's team had briefly claimed the top spot following its innings and 132-run win over the Pat Cummins-led International

Cricket Council Australia in Nagpur.

On Thursday, the game's global body admitted the error and said in a statement that the "ICC acknowledges, for a short period of time on February 15, 2023 that, due to a technical error, India were erroneously displayed as the No.1 Test team

on the ICC website. "We apologise for any inconvenience caused." "Australia remain on top of the ICC Test

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Team Rankings after the latest update following the conclusion of Zimbabwe's two-match series against West Indies."

"Australia will head into the second Test against India in Delhi, starting on Friday, January 17, as the No.1-ranked team with 126 rating points, 11 above India's 115," the ICC statement added.

"India are vying for a place in the final of the ICC World Test Championship 2021-23. Australia are also in contention for a place in the final of the marquee event, which will be played at The Oval in London from 7 to 11 June."

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