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# **Army's Phased Pullout From J&K** 'Shelved Indefinitely'

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

**Srinagar:** The planned phased withdrawal of the Army from certain areas of the Jammu region has been shelved "indefinitely" in view of militant attacks being orchestrated from across the border, officials said here.

They said the government had planned to reduce the footprints of Rashtriya Rifles, a counter-insurgency force of the Army, in the Jammu region and hand over the security to the Jammu and Kashmir Police and paramilitary forces.

The Army has three Counter-Insurgent Forces (CIF) in the Jammu region – Delta Force (which looks after the Doda region), Romeo Force (looking after Rajouri and Poonch areas) and Uniform Force (looking after

Udhampur and Banihal areas). Some units of the Army had planned to gradually hand over the security and law and order management to the local police and paramilitary units in South of Pir Panjal (Jammu region), the

officials said. However, keeping the situation in mind, especially the killings by militants this year, it has been decided to shelve the proposal "indefinitely", the officials said.

The areas in the Jammu region have seen 17 killings by militants, including that of 10 Army personnel.

Seven civilians were killed in Dhangri village of Rajouri on January 1 this year. Of them, five civilians were killed in a militant firing on January 1 evening while two minors More on P6



#### **Commander Asks Troops To Remain Prepared**

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orthern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Wednesday visited forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, and exhorted the troops to be fully prepared to meet all contingencies, officials said. The visit assumes significance in view of the G20 meeting scheduled in Srinagar from May 22-24. He visited two units along the Line of Control in Poonch and Rashtriya Rifles in Rajauri sectors More on P6

#### **Roadmap To Deal With Anti-Nationals In Poonch: Police**

# G20 Will Help Boost Tourism In J&K: Chief Secretary



#### **Urges People To Make Event A Grand Success**

#### **MAJID NABI**

Srinagar: Urging people to make the upcoming working group meeting of Tourism Delegates from G20 nations a grand success, Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta said on Wednesday that the mega international event will help boost tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir. Dr Mehta also said the prioritized projects for G20 tourism track meeting stands completed ahead of the first ever major international event scheduled to be held in Srinagar on May 22 and 23. The Chief Secretary said that J&K witnessed huge footfall of both domestic and foreign tourists last year and that the number may go fourfold, if people together with the administration work to make the upcoming G20 event successful.

"Let's all work together to make the event a grand success. G20 working group meeting of tourism delegates from G20 nations will help boost tourism industry in J&K," Mehta told reporters after launching a week-long Solar Expo-23 at Kashmir Haat here.

Regarding projects being executed under Srinagar Smart City Ltd (SSCL) in the city, Dr Mehta said Polo-View market was inaugurated recently while work on the Left Jhelum Riverfront has also been completed. "I would like to reiterate that Srinagar has never experienced More on P6

#### **Health Dept Holds Mock Drill To Check Readiness**

#### **AUQIB JAVEED**

he department of health service Kashmir on Tuesday conducted mock drills to check the readiness of health facilities to deal with any situation arising during the upcoming G20 meeting in Srinagar. The drills, according to the health officials, were conducted from the Directorate of Health

Services Kashmir office to Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS). They said doctors have been trained in basic life support and drugs have been procured for events. At the end of the mock drill, Dr Mushtag Ahmad Rather, Director Health Services, Kashmir expressed satisfaction over the successful completion of mock drills and stated that the department was ready to deal with any kind of situation. More on P6

### INSURANCE **'SCAM'** CASE **CBI Searches Premises Of**

#### **Opportunity To** Showcase J&K's **Potential: MoS Singh**

he G20 meeting in Srinagar next week is a "big opportunity" for Jammu and Kashmir to showcase its true potential, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Wednesday. Talking to reporters before joining the one-day working committee meeting of the BJP at its headquarters here, Singh said he, along with Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy, will attend the meeting to be inaugurated by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha. More on P6

#### **DGP Reviews Security** Arrangements

he Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Wednesday chaired a high level joint security meeting to review the security scenario of Kashmir Zone, especially the deployment & security measures for the forthcoming G20 event. Senior officers of police, army, Border Security Force and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) attended the meeting held at the Police Headquarters here, a police spokesperson said. More on P6

#### **Rail Announcement Brings Cheers To Uri**

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

Uri: The announcement of getting frontier town Uri in Jammu and Kashmir on the railway map of the country has brought cheers to locals who hope that starting train services would not only ease their commute but also give a fillip to the trade and tourism sectors here.

The Northern Railway has revealed plans to begin work on the 50-km Baramulla-Uri railway line for which tenders have been floated, officials said on Tuesday, adding that the rail authorities were gearing up to undertake the Final Location Survey (FLS).

They said the survey would be completed within three months of awarding the tenders.

The extension of the railway line from Baramulla to Uri is expected to improve connectivity to Baramulla, Srinagar and Banihal.

Locals have welcomed the move to provide railway connectivity to the border town which is 102 km from Srinagar.

"We thank the L-G and Union Railway Minister for the announcement of a 50-km railway line to Uri. People will benefit a lot from it," Mir Mushtaq, a local BJP leader, said.

He said the railway line would help in providing employment opportunities to the locals.

This is a welcome step. It will give a fillip to the trade and business sector and will also boost the tourism sector," Mohammad Shafi, a trade leader, said.

"Business will get a boost with more people visiting the place. It will become easier to travel to Uri from any part of the country," Shafi said, adding the railway line will provide seamless connectivity to the rest of the country and act as an alternate route to the national highway which remains cut off many times during a year.

The railway line More on P6

### **Court Rejects Second Bail** Plea Of Gujarat Conman

Two Co-Associates Of Patel Arrested In

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

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday said a roadmap was chalked out to deal with anti-national elements involved in smuggling of weapons and narcot-ics from across the border in Poonch district.

The roadmap was finalized at a meeting of the Subsidiary Multi Agency Centre chaired by Poonch Senior Superintendent of Police Rohit Baskotra in the border district and attended by officers of Army, CRPF, BSF and intelligence agencies, a police spokesman said.

He said the meeting was convened to review the overall security scenario of the district and discussed at length various issues, including the threat related to the G20 meeting scheduled to take place in Srinagar from May 22 to 24.

"A proper roadmap was chalked out against the activities of anti-national elements, their modus operandi including smuggling of narcotics and weapons (from across the



border)," the spokesman said. supervisory officers All were directed to brief the manpower regarding the present security scenario, laying of checkpoints and preventive action against miscreants, over ground workers and former militants, he said.

The Poonch SSP also stressed on a close coordination among all security agencies to thwart the evil designs of anti-national and anti-social elements.

The officers were also asked to keep a vigil on the social media platforms, the spokesman said.

**Ex-J&K Guv Malik's Former Aide** 

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

New Delhi: The CBI on Wednesday conducted searches at the premises of Sunak Bali, who was an aide of Satya Pal Malik when he was the governor of Jammu and Kashmir, and 11 other locations in Delhi and Raiasthan in the alleged insurance scam case, officials said. Malik, who was the J-K gov-

ernor from August 2018 to October 2019, defended Bali and alleged it was "revenge" by the agency. Officials said CBI teams

started a search operation early this morning at the residence of Bali, Chartered Accountant Sanjay Narang, Virender Singh Rana and Kanwar Singh Rana, Priyanka Chowdhary and Anita in Delhi and Rajasthan.

The operation was spread across 10 places in Delhi and two districts in Rajasthan. Malik, who has served as

governor of various states, told PTI that Bali used to arrange media interviews for him when he was the governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

Malik said he has known Bali for a long time and he did



not get any salary from him. He said Bali was "not a wheeler-dealer" and did not bring any work to him for any

financial consideration. The agency move comes within a month of questioning Malik on April 28 in the matter. The CBI had registered two FIRs in connection with the corruption allegations levelled by Malik in the awarding of contracts for a group medical insur-ance scheme for government

employees and civil works worth Rs 2,200 crore related to the Kiru hydroelectric power project in Jammu and Kashmir.

The officials said that the search operation was

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necessitated after the analysis of financial documents, digital evidence and statements of the accused and other persons in the case.

Malik's statement was recorded in October last year after he had concluded his gubernatorial responsibilities in Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Goa, and Meghalaya.

He had claimed he was offered a Rs 300 crore bribe for clearing two files during his tenure as the Jammu and Kashmir governor

Malik had fallen out of the BJP leadership and has been critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi More on P6

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**Case Named Prosecution Witnesses** 

#### **M** Ahmad

Srinagar: A court here has rejected 2nd bail plea of Kiran Bhai Patel, the man from Gujarat who allegedly conned the security establishment in Jammu and Kashmir into believing him to be a PMO official and enjoyed five star protocol "brazenly" for a considerable period of time prior to his arrest in March.

The court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Srinagar Mohammad Řaja ( Tasleem observed that Patel failed in establishing a case of "any change in circumstances" from the

filing of first bail application which was rejected by the court on March 23 this year. The court observed that the accused seems to be a habitual offender given the fact that as many as five FIRs are registered against him in different places including home State Gujarat. Besides, the court observed that the nature of the offence against him was very serious as the accused has tried his level

best to dupe the Government functionaries and seems to be "habitual in committing such type of offences".

Kiran Patel, the alleged imposter hailing from Gujarat posed as an additional director (strategy and campaigns) in the Prime Minister's Office and enjoyed many perks, including a bulletproof car and security cover besides other hospital-

ity. Kiran Patel was on his third visit to the Kashmir Valley when he was nabbed by security officials from a five-star hotel in Nishat area of Srinagar on March 2. As per the police report, Patel forged and

manufactured some documents including some visiting cards on the basis of which he has defrauded not only a single or group of persons but "extremely elevated class of the society in-cluding high officials of the civil administration and police authorities." At the end of the day, the police said, Patel succeeded in getting Z Category Security, bullet proof vehicle **More on P6** 

#### **CRPF Man** Shoots Self Dead



CRPF trooper on Wednesday allegedly committed suicide in Pulwama district of South Kashmir, officials said here. Constable Yogesh Ashok Birhade, a resident of Maharashtra, died after he shot himself with his service rifle at JIC Awantipora in Pulwama, they said. They said Birhade More on P6

#### SIU Raids **3 Places In Tral**

ammu and Kashmir State Intelligence Unit (SIU) on Wednesday raided three locations in Tral area of Pulwama district in connection with a militancy funding case, officials here said. The FIR in the case was lodged at a local More on P6



#### **Minor Girl Falls** In Well, Dies

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minor girl died after she fell into a well in Nikloora Litter area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Wednesday. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the girl identified as Fatima Jan (7) daughter of Fayaz Ahmad Dar of Nikloora fell into the well today afternoon. He said that she fell into the well while she was playing near her residence. He said that soon after the incident she was rescued by her family members and shifted her to a nearby hospital. The official said that More on P6

#### **Biker Knocks Woman To Death**

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woman died after she was hit by a motorcyclist in A hit by a motor of our area of Redwani Payeen area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday afternoon. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the accident took place near Redwani Payeen area of Qaimoh this afternoon when an unknown biker hit the woman identified as Hajera Banoo (45) wife of Khurshid Ahmad Khanday of Danav Bogund. He said that soon after the incident, the woman More on P6

#### **NC Will Never Run Away From Polls:** Dr Farooq

ational Conference (NC) president and member of parliament, Dr Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday said that his party will never run away from polls in Jammu and Kashmir and will contest every election. Talking to reporters, Dr Farooq said that they are hopeful that the G-20 meeting in Srinagar would pave the way for the arrival of foreign tourists in J&K. "Kashmir is famous for tourism, but since the More on P6

#### **Govt Transfers 3 JKAS Officers**

he Union Territory government on Wednesday ordered for transfer and posting of three JKAS officers with immediate effect in the interest of administration, According to an order issued by the General Administration Department (GAD), Sarib Sahran, JKAS. Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Kokernag, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Kokernag, is transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner in the State Taxes Department, Kashmir, against an available vacancy.



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# **New Breathalyser Test Can 'Sniff Out' Covid In Real-Time**

**Press Trust Of India** 

cientists have developed a new laser-based breathalyser test powered by artificial intelligence (AI) that they say can detect COVID-19 in real-time with excellent accuracy.

The team from the University of Colorado (CU) Boulder in the US hopes that the frequency comb breathalyser essentially using laser light to distinguish one molecule from another could revolutionise medical diagnostics.

"Our results demonstrate the promise of breath analysis as an alternative, rapid, non-invasive test for COVID-19 and highlight its remarkable potential for diagnosing diverse conditions and disease states," said study first author Qizhong Liang, a PhD candidate at CU Boulder.

'There is a real, foreseeable future in which you could go to the doctor and have your breath measured along with your height and weight Or you could blow into a mouthpiece integrated into your phone and get information about your health in realtime," said Jun Ye, adjoint professor at CU Boulder and senior author of the study published in the Journal of Breath Research.

Between May 2021 and January 2022, the research team collected breath samples from 170 CU Boulder students who had, in the previous 48 hours, taken a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, either by submitting a saliva or a nasal sample.

Half had tested positive, half nega-

tive. Overall, the process took less than about the size of a banquet table. one hour from collection to result. When compared to PCR, the gold

standard COVID test, breathalyser results matched 85 per cent of the time. For medical diagnostics, accuracy of 80 per cent or greater is considered "excellent".

A breath sample is piped in through a tube as lasers fire invisible mid-infrared light at it at thousands of different frequencies. Dozens of tiny mirrors bounce the light back and forth through the molecules so many times that the



The researchers noted that the accuracy would likely have been higher if the breath and saliva/nasal swab samples were collected at the same time.

Unlike a nasal swab, the breathalyser is non-invasive. And unlike a saliva sample, users are not asked to refrain from eating, drinking or smoking before using it, the researchers said.

The test doesn't require costly chemicals to break down the sample. And the test could, conceivably, be used on individuals who are not conscious, they said.

The breathalyser test consists of a complex array of lasers and mirrors light travels about 1.5 miles.

Because each kind of molecule absorbs light differently, breath samples with a different molecular make-up cast distinct shadows.

The machine can distinguish between those different shadows or absorption patterns, boiling millions of data points down to in the case of COVID a simple positive or negative, in a matter of seconds.

The researchers are working to miniaturise such systems to a chip scale, allowing for what Liang imagines as "real-time, self-health monitoring on the go".

Govt Of Jammu And Kashmir **Office Of The Principal Govt. Girls Higher Secondary** School Ahmadpora Zone Singhpora (P)

#### NOTICE

It is notified that this institute is going to engage/hire Cook cum Helper purely on a temporary basis under PM Poshan Scheme. In this regard, all the eligible candidates are hereby informed by means of this notice to submit the application form in a prescribed format that can be obtained from this office along with the requisite documents by or before 27-05-2023 (upto 04:00 PM).

#### **Documents Required**

- 1. Domicile Certificate 2. AadhaarCard
- 3. Ration Card
- 4. Qualification Certificate
- 5. DOB Certificate

6. BPL Category Certificate. 7. Medical Fitness Certificate from Medi-

cal Officer.

8. Cooking experience certificate (if available)

GHSSA/2023/11/7-20 No: SD/- Principa Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Ahmadpora Zone Singhpora

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

My Sons Date of Birth wrongly mentioned in his aadhar card as 10-07-2014 instead of 28-06-2015. Now I am applying for its correction if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact Concerned authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

JAWEED AHMAD RATHER F/O MOHAMMAD FAZIL JAWEED **R/O TARZOO** 

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I want to correct the Parentage of my ward in school records from Peerzada Javed Qadri To Peerzada Javed Ahmad as per his DOB & Aadhaar Card. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Oakhill School Of Edcuation Soiteng Padshahi Bagh within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. after that no objection shall be entertained Peerzada Javeed Ahmad

F/O Peerzada Anas Qadri R/O Batapora Khanda

Office of the Principal Public Model High School Kanigam Shopian Kashmir

Fee Structure 2022-23



#### PUBLIC NOTICE

My DOB has been wrongly written in my school records as 06-06-2012 while my correct DOB is 15-09-2011 which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Shah-I-Hamdan Institute Ramnagri Shopian within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Mehnaza Jan D/O Mohammad Shafi Ganie

R/O Ramnagri Shopian

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#### **Correction In Name**

This is to inform the general public the mother's name of my daughter has been wrongly mentioned as Raziya instead of Raziya Wani. Now I want to apply for its correction. If anybody has any objection he/she may contact RP School school Mallabagh within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter. Din Mohammad Wani E/o Rugaya Jan

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Due to Typo error my name has been wronlgy written in my online Appication Form for PG as Maryama Akhter D/o #X20: Gulam Rasool Ganie while my correct name is Maryama Akhter D/o Ghulam Rasool Ganie which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/ ner objection in the office to the cluster University Of Srinaga within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Maryama Akhter bmg r D/o Gulam Rasool Ganie

#### Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Office of the Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project Ganderbal. ADDRESS: ARAMPORA ROAD DUDERHAMA GANDERBAL E. mail: cdpogbl93@gmail.com Ph. No. 0194-2416002 Advertisement Notice: No.01 CDPO, Gbl of 2023 Dated: -17/05/2023

Subject: - Advertisement for Recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Ganderbal.

Reference: 1. Government order No.222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated: - 30.11.2022

2. Government order No.103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated: - 28.04.2023

Applications on the Prescribed Proforma in Annexure "A" are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch ward/ Municipal ward concerned for engagement as Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) purely on Honorarium basis for the below mentioned posts of Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Ganderbal:

Sr. No	Name of Anganwadi Centre	Name of Panchayat/ Municipal Ward	Panch Ward No./ Municipal Ward No.	Name of Post	No. of Posts
	Bakura A	Bakura	10-Bhat Mohalla	Sangini (Anganwadi Worker)	01 (One)
	Baniarpora	Gutlibagh	8-Banjarpora	Sangini (Anganwadi Worker)	01 (One)
	Batwari Mohalla	Ahmad Nagar	71-Ahmad Nagar	Sangini (Anganwadi Worker)	01 (One)
	Busserbugh C	Busserbugh	1- Igbal Colony	Sangini (Anganwadi Worker)	01 (One)
	Chan Mohalla,	Gutlibagh	9-Chan Mohalla	Sangini (Anganwadi Worker)	01 (One)
	Dignibal	Warpoh	6-Dignibal	Sangini (Anganwadi Worker)	01 (One)
	Khan Mohalla, Wayil	Wayil	2-Khan Mohalla Wayil	Sangini (Anganwadi Worker)	01 (One)
	Tikbagh	Nunnar	10-Tikbagh (Nunnar)	Sangini (Anganwadi Worker)	01 (One)
	Checki Shah Mohalla Ahmadnagar A	Ahmad Nagar	71-Ahmad Nagar	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
כ	Dar Mohalla Buchpora	Buchpora	70-Buchpora	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
	Khanday Mohalla	Shalabugh-A	4	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
2	Laway Mohalla	Shalabugh-A	1	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
3	Naderbagh	Wayil	9	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
4	New Colony Shalbugh	Shalabugh-A	7	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
5	Peer Mohalla	Tullamulla-C	3	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
5	Rajbagh Colony	Rangal	8 & 9	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
7	Reshipora	Tullamulla-C	4	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
3	Patipora Saloora B	Saloora-B	16	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
9	Chappergund	Urpash		Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
0	Sechpora	Sehpora	6	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)
1	Sheikh Mohalla Saloora D	Saloora-A	15	Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	01 (One)

Date of commencement for submission of application is 18.05.2023 a) b)

Last date for submission of application is 31.05.2023

Eligibility:

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- For Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers); The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K. 1.
- Women candidate in the age group of 18-37 years as on 31-03-2023 shall be eligible.

2. 3. The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Where ever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.

Minimum qualification of Sangini (Anganwadi Worker) shall be 10+2 and maximum graduation. In case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered .

Weightage shall be given on the basis of the marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and no other criteria are to be considered.

- In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidates, Candidate with higher age will be preferred.
- 6. 7. Candidate with qualification higher than the graduation shall not be considered.

B- For Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers);

The selection of helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located.

2. Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.

The candidate must be domicile of UT of J&K.

4. Minimum qualification for Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper) shall be matriculation.

5. In case no matriculate candidate is available in the ward, candidate with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered. 6. The committee shall select the most destitute/needy married woman of the ward as Sahayika (helper) from amongst those who fulfill the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be considered.

In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) / Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.

Document TO BE ATTACHED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM:

- Municipal Ward/Panch Ward certificate to be issued by the BDO concerned.
- Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post.
- 1234567 Date of birth/Matriculate Certificate.
- Domicile Certificate.
- Unmarried Certificate (where required)
- Voters ID slip.
- Self-attested envelope with postal stamp worth rupees two.

All applicants must submit affidavit stating therein the following facts:

All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect at any stage, the candidature of the deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.

Maximum Qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Class X for Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent.

The deponent has read the HR policy No. 222-JK (SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Sangini (Anganwadi Worker)/Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper).

No:-CDPO/Poshan/Gbl/2023-2024/3893-3906

Date: 17/05/2023. DIPK-1736/23

S.NO	Class	Monthyl Fee
1	10th	1000
2	9th	1000
3	8 th	900
4	7 th	850
5	6 th	800
6	5th	750
7	4th	700
8	3rd	600
9	2nd	500
10	1st	500
11	U.K.G	400

#### Baramulla Central Cooperative Bank Ltd.

Head office : Baramullah Kashmir

#### APPENDIX-IV POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule-8(1)(For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Nodal Oficer of Baramulla Central Cooperative Bank Branch Kupwara under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (SAREFA SI) Act, 2002 and

in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 8 and 9 Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

had issued a Demand Notices dated: 15-03--2023, calling upon the Borrower M/S Ji Sahib Filling Station Prop:Mohammad Faroog Che-chi S/O: Hakim ud din Chechi R/O: Satkhoji AP.Khunabal Handwara District Kupwara and Hajii Masoom Shah SO: Ali Mohammad Shah R/O: Zachaldara Handwara District Kupwara to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being Rs.5.10.34.925-00 (Rupees five erore ten lac thirty four thousand nine hundred twenty five only) as on 15-03-2023, and interest thereon within sixty days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The said borrower and Guarantor having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower' guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken physical/symbolic possession of the mortgaged property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read

with Rule & of the security interest enforcement) rule 2002 on datcd. .s20.3, The said Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Baramulla Central Cooperative Bank Head Office Baramulla, for an amount Rs.5, 10,34,925-00 (Rupees five erore ten lac thirty-four thousand nine hundred twenty-five only) as on 15-03-2023 and further interest thereon together with incidental expenses, costs, charges less repayment. Description of the mortgaged Immovable property

Registered mortgage of land measuring 1 kanal 10 Marlas under Survey No-359 Khewat No-49 and Khata No-224, (13 Marlas land Survey No-362 Khewat No-49 Khata No-224), 17 Marlas along with 2 storied Residential House situated at Kiunabal Handwara District Kupwara, Another Land measuring 10 Kanal 14 Marlas under survey No-781/786/678/572/182 min, Khewat No-115 and Khata No-535 and 25 Kanal 16 Marlas under survey No-230/233/250/284/1731/254. Khewat No-145 and Khata No-533 situated at Satkhoji Handwara District Kupwara (Borrower). Dated: 17/05/2023

Nodal officer Baramullah Central Cooperative Bank Ltd.

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#### **Director Tourism Flags Off All** Women Shehr-e-Khaas Tour

#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: In the run up to the coming G-20 meeting here, Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob today flagged off an all women tour of the Shahre-Khas (Srinagar city.)

During the tour the participants would explore the art and culture of old Srinagar, besides visiting traditional locations including Sheher-e-Khaas Bazaar, Khanqahe-Maula, Tomb of Zainul Abideen's mother, Pathar Masjid, Jamia Masjid, Raghunath Temple, Hari Parbat Fort (Koh-emaran) and Gurudwara Chattipadshahi.

The participants of the tour comprised working women, professionals, students etc drawn from

### 2 Day Workshop On **Disaster Preparedness In J&K Concludes In Srinagar**

#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: The day 2 of the workshop started with Technical Session III in which Bilquess Dar, Consultant DMRRR deliberated upon the Emergency Response Support System, India Disaster Resource Network, Decision Support System, Common Alerting Protocol and State Emergency Operation Centre.

Consultant The DMRRR highlighted implementation of various disaster management initiatives in the UT of J&K in which she thoroughly discussed Emergency Operation Centers. She made the audience aware about One India One Emergency Number-112. She impressed upon the volunteers to download Mobile Application namely SACHET https://sachet. ndma.gov.in wherein each individual can get early warnings, alerts and

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do's & don'ts of disaster. She highlighted IDRN (Indian Disaster Resource Network) which

is a web based platform for managing inventory of equipment, skilled human resources and critical supplies for emergency response. The Technical Session IV was conducted in

the College lawn wherein the SDRF Battalion 1st Kashmir Division provided handholding to the participants regarding different disasters like building collapse, firefighting etc. The volunteers were keenly observing the demonstrations by the team and many volunteers also partici-

pated in the same. The Technical Session V was conducted by the SDRF Battalion 1st Kashmir Division in the auditorium where they gave practical demonstrations to the volunteers regarding search and rescue.



A local artist paints walls with beautiful graffitis, days ahead of the working group meeting of tourism delegates from G20 nations in Srinagar. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

# **Preceding G20 Meet, 2-Day Youth Festival Begins At NIFT Srinagar**

#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: The campus of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Srinagar witnessed a burst of youthful energy as the two-day youth festival- SPEC-TRUM was kick started at the institute here today. The youth festival organized

ahead of the G20 meet to be hosted by India in Srinagar brought together students from NIFT Srinagar and 10 different participating institutions, offering them an opportunity to display their skills and creativity across a range of cultural, literary,

and sports activities. The festival, organized with the aim of providing a platform for young talent, commenced with great enthusiasm. The vibrant atmosphere resonated with cheers, applause, and the participation of students eager to exhibit their prowess in a diverse array of disciplines.

The cultural segment of the festival witnessed mesmerizing dance performances, enthralling music renditions, and captivating theatrical acts. The sports enthusiasts were not left disappointed, as the festival included a range of sports activities like chess, basketball, Volleyball, and other sports activities. The Vice-Chancellor (VC) of the Central University of Kashmir (CUK) Prof. A Ravinder Nath was the Chief Guest at the oc-

#### Make the best

of this institute and become great assets of J&K and your respective states as well. Make our country proud in the arena of fashion and technology

augural ceremony of the two-day youth festival.

In his welcome address, Director NIFT Dr. Javid Wani said that preceding the G20 meet on tourism, the two-day youth festival shall sensitize our youth to understand and explore cultural tourism products. "Our cuisine, festivals, music, arts and crafts can add diversity to the tourism package of Kashmir," he said.

He said that NIFT Srinagar Campus was turning out to be a fusion of cultures and communities noting that the campus has students and staff from more than 20 states of the Country. "We are like a Mini India and this is what NIFT brings to Kashmir, a crucible of cultural exchanges besides so much to learn and share with each other," he said.

ing event and giving an opportunity to students from different institutes to surface their inherent talent through sports culture and literary activities.

'So far Paris is the only city which goes for fashion all over the world but the establishment of this institute of fashion technology should bring a name for Srinagar city in terms of fashion and technology," he said. Speaking at the occasion, DC Budgam advised the students to make good time out of their current phase noting that the students should also focus on building their personality and career as well.

'Make the best of this institute and become great assets of J&K and your respective states as well. Make our country proud in the arena of fashion and technology," he asked the students. In her address, Director Colleges J&K Prof. Yasmeen Ashai congratulated NIFT for organizing such an event."Apart from academics, extra-curricular activities are essential to create and shape the personality of a human being," she said.

Chairman Delhi Public School (DPS) Srinagar, Vijay Dhar while speaking at the occasion contextualized the glorious past of Kashmir in arts and crafts. "Parachute silk was one time famous from Kashmir. This high-quality silk was in high demand. We need to do a lot more in reviving our rich arts and crafts,'



#### This Day In History

- 1846- US troops attack Rio Grande occupying Matamoros
- 1860- Republican Party nominates Abraham Lincoln for president
- 1869- Surrender and dissolution of the Ezo Republic to Japan.
- 1896-US Supreme court affirms legitimacy of racial separation (Plessy v Ferguson)
- 1896- Khodynka Tragedy: A mass panic on Khodynka Field, Moscow, during the festivities of the coronation of Russian Tsar Nicholas II, results in the deaths of 1,389 people
- 1899-World Goodwill Day-26 nations meet in 1st Hague Peace Conference
- 1917- US Congress passes Selective Service Act, authorizing the federal government to raise a national army for the American entry into World War I through compulsory enlistment
- 1940- German troops conquer Brussels
- 1941- Italian army in Ethiopia under general Aosta surrenders to Britain
- 1943- Allied bombers attack Pantelleria, an Italian island 100 km southwest of Sicily
- 1944- Expulsion of more than 200.000 Tartars from Crimea by Soviet Union begins, they are accused of collaborating with the Germans
- 1948- Arab Legion captures fort on Mt Scopus during Arab-Israeli war.
- 1948-Saudi Arabia joins invasion of Israel

1951- UN moves HO to NYC

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The training is being imparted during a threeday workshop organised by Centre of Research for Development (CORD), University of Kashmir, in collaboration with Atal Incubation Center (AIC-CCMB), Laboratory for the Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES-CCMB), IKP Knowledge Park Hyderabad, and RECL Jammu in the newly-established Conservation Science and Innovation Laboratory (CoSI Lab) at the CORD.

The workshop, which started on May 16, will underline the importance of biodiversity assessment and monitoring using eDNA, various tools and methods used in eDNA analysis, eDNA sampling methods, preservation procedures. sequencing

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conservation and management of Jammu and Kash-

nology for biodiversity

Citing an example. the organizers said this technology will help to easily map the distribution and diversity of various species, including endangered and rare species in aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems of Jammu and Kashmir using water, sediment and soil samples without the need for direct observation or capture of animals. It will also help to identify all the alien invasive species in these ecosystems that are negatively affecting the native flora and fauna of Jammu and Kashmir.

This technology can also be adapted for biomonitoring and disease surveillance of migratory birds that use the wetland ecosystems of the UT as wintering grounds.

casion while Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam Akshay Labroo was the Guest of Honor at the in-

Addressing the gathering, Vice Chancellor CUK congratulated the NIFT for organizing the interest-

he said. In the end, SDAC NIFT Srinagar Shashi Ranjan presented a vote of thanks on the occasion.

#### Office Of The Divisional Forest Officer, Special Forest Division, Kulgam In The Forum Of The Authorized Officer, Special Forest Division, Kulgam

Extract of order passed by the Authorized Officer, Special Forest Division Kulgam vide NO:AO/SPL/KUL/11 Dated:-16-05-2023 in connection with confiscation of 01No=8.50 Cfts seized in compartment N-19 of Forest Range D H pora.

Therefore, going through above stated paras, material placed on record and statements deposed by all, the seized timber to the quantum of Fir 01No equal to 8.50 cfts is hereby confiscated as per the rules as norms as laid down in section-52(3) of Indian Forest Act-1927. The Range Officer DH-Pora is directed to take necessary action with regard to said seized timber as per the rules established/ existing rules and norms, after taking into consideration the time period provided for the revision against the said confiscation order. The copy of this order be communicated to the Conservator of Forest, Kashmir South Circle Bijbehara. The copy of this order be published in two leading news papers having wide circulation in the UT/State, as per the provision of Section 52 of Indian Forest Act-1927. The file be consigned to records after its due completion.

Memo No. DFO/SPL/KUL/LS/ 206-09

Dated::-17-05-2023

#### GOVERNMENT OF UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR Office Of The Deputy Director District Employment And Counselling Centre Baramulla Email ID: deccbaramulla@gmail.com INFORMATION TO JOB PROVIDERS

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir, **DIRECTORATE OF** Subject: Registration of Business Establishments/Pvt Institutes of District Baramullaon Employment Department Portal; www. SHEEP HUSBANDRY, KASHMIR iakemp.nic.in Through the medium of this notice all the Business Establishments/Pvt Institutes of District Baramulla are hereby informed that E-mail- kashmirmerino.sheep@gmail.com Employment Department, J&K has been mandated to collect the Employment Market Information (EMI) available in the UT and to EXTENSION NOTICE. ease out the process, an official portal has been designed wherein multiple facilities are being provided to the Job Seekers and Job No-Dshk/Acctts/23-24/1314 Providers. The portal acts as an interactive platform to the Job Provides and Job Seekers wherein Job Providers can post their vacan-Dt:- 16.05.2023 cies and can select the registered job seekers as per their requirement. Further the portal gives a sight about how to bridge the skill gap and upskilling the youth throughout J&K. It is therefore requested to all the Business Establishments/ Pvt Institutes of District Baramulla registered with District Industries/ E-Procurement Notice for Supply of Rabbit Feed issued vide e-Nit No:- -DSHK/ACCTTS/627-37 Dt- 25.04.2023. School Education Department/ Health Department/Un Organized Sectors as welletcto register on the portal "www.jakemp.nic.in" of Employment Department J&K. Follow the below mentioned steps to register: Browse www.iakemp.nic.in. Date & Time Open the tab "Employer". 3. Click New User and Create Username and Password: Password must be alpha numeric with a special character(e.g; Baramulla@123). Bid submission end date 26.05.2023(2.00pm) Once UserId is created successfully, go back to Home page and Login again. 27.05.2023(1.00pm) Fill All the details, click "Submit". **Opening of Technical Bid** 6. Add Vacancies, if any. 7. Remember your username and password for future reference. For further details please feel free to contact Employment Officer, Baramulla on 9906568970. The other terms and conditions of e-NIT will remain same. Sd/· Sd/-Chairman Assistant Director DE&CC, Baramulla State Level Purchase Committee No: DECC/Bla/EMI/2023-24/1992-99 Sheep Husbandry Department DIPK-1739/23 Dated:17-05-2023 Kashmii

1951- US General Collins predicts use of atom bomb in Korea

1964- US Supreme Court rules it unconstitutional to deprive naturalized citizens of citizenship if they return to home country for more than 3 years

1969- Apollo 10 (Stafford/Cernan/Young) launched toward lunar orbit

1974- India becomes 6th nation to explode an atomic bomb

#### **From KO Archives**

Bomai Village Rejoices as Pandits Return

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RINAGAR- The process of homecoming for the Pandits who left the valley over 17 years ago has begun; ripple of joy went through Bomai area of Sopore when 25 Pandit families who had fled in the early nineties, returned to their native village.

Their Muslim neighbours gave them a rapturous welcome, with the local MLA Abdul Rasheed Dar, closely involved with the celebrations

Chuni Lal who spent the past 17 years living the life of a refugee in Jammu, said that he had thought the day would never come. "I am looking forward to resuming my life in my native

village," he said.

"By the grace of God, hearts pained for years will find solace now with the return of peace in the valley," Lal said.

Another migrant, Maharaj Krishen, said that he has been In the village for the past ten days, and it appeared as if everything had taken on a festive air. He was full of gratitude for his Muslim neighbours who, he said, displayed the same love they more than seventeen years ago.

Bhushan Lal said that when he arrived in his native Bomai, the people there greeted him with garlands.

The returning Pandits thanked MLA Abdul Rasheed and the sub-district magistrate for making it possible for them to meet their long-separated friends. "We feel as if new life is coursing through our veins," they said.

The MLA announced to release Rs 2 lakh from -his constituency development fund for the repair of the local temple.

Reports say that a festive air prevails in Bomai for the past four days, and the Muslim community is overjoyed at the return of their Pandit brethren.

The process of the migrants' return to Bomai is on for the past four days, and the families that have come back are being housed in the local Dak Bungalow for the time being. (Kashmir Observer, 18 May, 2007)

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# India's Growing Diplomatic Heft

he upcoming G20 event in Kashmir has sparked some discussion about the region in national and international media. The drift of the opinion is that decision to hold the event in Kashmir is an endorsement of New Delhi's actions in the region and represents a significant shift in global geopolitics on Kashmir. More so, when the countries such as China, Turkey and some Arab nations who have traditionally supported Pakistan's stance on the region, are also expected to attend the meeting. And this is happening despite Islamabad's strenuous efforts to persuade its friendly countries to boycott the Kashmir meeting. Therefore, the symbolism attached to this event cannot be understated.

Since 1989, Kashmir has been a site of unmitigated unrest and violence which have claimed thousands of lives. But in August 2019, the union government took the unprecedented step of revoking Kashmir's special status. Ever since New Delhi has taken a series of measures to control the unrest in the Valley and restore peace. And in the past three and a half years, the situation has to a large extent been brought under control. Kashmir now is more or less normal, giving the central government confidence to hold an event of international significance in the union territory.

On the other hand, by agreeing to hold the G20 event in Kashmir, the international community is sending a clear message of support for India's actions. This is a significant shift in global geopolitics, as traditionally, the major powers have been reluctant to take sides on Kashmir. The decision to hold the G20 event in the union territory indicates that the international community, for once, is now willing to acknowledge and endorse India's side of story.

Also, holding the event in Kashmir sends a clear message to both China and Pakistan that the world now recognizes India's sovereignty over the region. This is a significant psychological coup for New Delhi, as it cements the notion that the post-2019 Kashmir is a fait accompli.

Apart from Pakistan, there has been some opposition to the event by some human rights organizations. India's mission to United Nations has slammed Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues over his critical comment on G20 meet in Srinagar and called it "baseless and unwanted."

Incidentally, the support for the G20 event in Kashmir comes a month before Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel to the US for an official state visit from June 21 to 24, where he will be hosted by US President Joe Biden at the White House. This will be the PM Modi's first state visit to the US during his nine-year long reign as prime minister and is seen as a loud acknowledgment of India as a global geopolitical player and a recognition of the country's growing diplomatic heft. This role positions India to play a greater role in contributing to both regional and global peace.

# Syria's return to Arab League is a big deal

#### M. K. BHADRAKUMAR

hen a mere subplot overnight assumes habitation and a name, it becomes more fascinating than the main plot itself. Syria's return to the Arab League after its decade-long exclusion can be regarded as a sub-plot of the China-brokered rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran. But then, China and Iran are not per se party to the process.

Syria's return to the Arab League is seen as an Arab initiative, but it is quintessentially a project Riyadh steered through in close consultation and coordination with Damascus, ignoring some murmur by a clutch of Arab States and patently in defiance of Washington's trenchant opposition.

Against the backdrop of the epochal struggle for a new world order characterised by multipolarity and resistance to Western hegemony, Russia and China quietly encouraged Riyadh to move in such a direction.

A riveting thing about the decision taken by the foreign ministers of the seven Arab League nations at the meeting in Cairo on Sunday is its sweet timing. For, this is the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the Ba'ath Party in Damascus in 1943, which espoused an ideology of Arab nationalist and anti-imperialist interests that have lately re-appeared in the geopolitics of West Asia.

Syria has a tradition of strategic autonomy. Through the past decade, it was preoccupied with fighting off the US-sponsored regime change project, with help from Russia and Iran. As it turns the corner and is stabilising, Syria's strategic autonomy will be increasingly in evidence. This is one thing.

However, the strategic relations with Russia and Iran will continue to remain special and there should be no misconceptions on that score. But Syria is capable of ingenuity and diplomatic acumen to create space for itself to manoeuvre, as geopolitics takes a back seat and Assad prioritises stabilisation and reconstruction of the economy, which requires regional cooperation.

The recent visit by Iran's president Ebrahim Raisi to Syria testifies to Tehran's "soft diplomacy," exuding pragmatism that on the one hand made it clear that despite the recent rapprochement between Damascus and Arab countries, Syrian-Iranian ties are still strong and even highlighted Syria's role in the resistance to Israel — with Raisi holding a meeting in Damascus with senior Palestinian officials, including leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad — while on the other hand, the negotiations with the Syrian leadership was largely about economic cooperation.

Raisi said Iran is ready to take an active part in the post-war reconstruction of Syria. Iran faces competition from Gulf countries that have deep pockets. Meanwhile, the warming of relations between Syria and Turkey is also on the agenda, which is sure to lead to increased trade and spur investment flow.



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would like to recoup some of these investments.

Syria is assessing, rightly so, that normalisation with the Arab neighbours and Turkey will be a game changer. But, while everyone is talking about Syria's "readmission to the Arab family" as a concession, Damascus reacted to the Arab League decision in a measured way.

The Syrian Foreign Ministry statement said on Sunday, "Syria has been following the positive trends and interactions that are currently taking place in the Arab region, and believes that these benefit all Arab countries and favour the stability, security and well-being of their peoples.

"Syria has received with interest the decision issued by the meeting of the Council of the League of Arab States." The statement went on to stress the importance of dialogue and joint action to confront the challenges facing the Arab countries. It recalled that Syria is a founding member of the Arab League and always had a strong position in favour of strengthening joint Arab action.

Most important, the statement concluded by reaffirming that the next stage requires "an effective and constructive Arab approach on the bilateral and collective levels on the basis of dialogue, mutual respect, and the common interests of the Arab nation."

From all appearance, the Arab League statement itself was a "consensus statement" drafted with great sensitivity by Saudi Arabia.

In an interview with Al-Mayadeen, Raisi said prior to his departure for Damascus that "Svria has always been on the axis of resis"lose-lose" proposition that didn't improve their regional standing. Suffice to say, their national interest resulting from their rapprochement overrides past rivalries. Syria will be a testing ground where each other's true intentions as well as conduct will come under close scrutiny.

The good part is that the Saudis have concluded that President Assad is firmly in the saddle, having weathered the most devastating war since World War 2, and mending relations with Damascus can be a "win-win" for Riyadh.

That said, Syria is a strategic hinge where Riyadh will need to balance its strategic ties with the US and its tacit ties with Israel. But then, Saudi Arabia's new strategic calculus also includes China and Russia. When it comes to Syria, Russia is an anchor sheet for Assad, while China has been all along on the right side of history.

The Biden Administration is driven into frenzy by the winds of change sweeping the region — the conclusive death to the neocon agenda of Arab Spring in Syria; the groundswell of Arab nationalism and the growing resistance to western hegemony that create new requirements of pan-Arabism; the hidden charms of multipolarity; the rise of China; the existential crisis in Israel; the dialectics of tradition and modernity in the regional states amidst the aspirations of youthful societies and so on. Paradoxically, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Assad would have common interests today on many of these fronts.

Biden who is like a beached whale on West Asia's political landscape, has deputed his National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan to rush

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### Food as medicine

eyond its essential role in providing nutrients, food can be a powerful tool in the prevention and treatment of disease. In this issue of Nature Medicine, several studies shed new light on the impact of diet on cardiometabolic disease. Among these, Heilbronn and colleagues report greater improvements in post-prandial glycemic responses with intermittent fasting plus timerestricted eating than with calorie restriction or standard of care1 — which suggests that fasting and regulated meal timing could be beneficial for adults at risk of type 2 diabetes. Additionally, Rappaport and colleagues explored the effects of a personalized lifestyle coaching intervention that included nutritional counseling tailored to participants' individualized clinical laboratory findings and genetic predisposition<sup>2</sup>. In response to the intervention, participants with so-called metabolically unhealthy phenotypes had greater improvements in health (defined by multi-omics metrics) than those of participants with healthy metabolic phenotypes, underscoring the potential of personalized nutrition approaches for the treatment of obesity. Understanding the complex interplay between consumption of specific foods and health and disease outcomes thus has enormous potential to inform interventions for prevention and treatment of diabetes, obesity and other metabolic diseases

The concept that healthy diets support good health is of course by no means new, but for dietary interventions to have meaningful effects on population health outcomes, effective and scalable implementation strategies, in addition to efficacy studies, are needed. Encouragingly, in the United States and elsewhere, momentum has been gathering to turn these concepts into reality. In September 2022, the Biden-Harris administration, in collaboration with dozens of nonprofit organizations and companies, announced initiatives aimed at addressing access to and affordability of healthy foods, as well as programs to support better integration of nutrition and health and to empower US consumers to make healthy food choices. A total of \$8 billion in private- and public-sector commitments has been pledged. Among these commitments, the US National Institutes of Health is developing a \$140 million grant program to fund approaches for reducing food insecurity, and the Rockefeller Foundation and the American Heart Association have pledged \$250 million to create a Food Is Medicine Research Initiative.

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To put matters in perspective, Iran's exports to Syria currently amount to a paltry sum of \$243 million. However, since the beginning of the conflict in Syria, Iran has been a key sponsor of the Syrian authorities. In January 2013, Tehran opened the first credit line of \$1 billion for Damascus, which was under international sanctions, thanks to which the government was able to pay for imported food. This was followed by a loan of \$3.6 billion for the purchase of petroleum products. The third loan of \$1 billion was extended in 2015. Tehran also allocated funds to Damascus to pay salaries to civil servants, which helped preserve state institutions. In 2012, a free trade agreement began to operate between the countries. Iran is also spending billions to finance Shiite militias in Syria and supply them with weapons. Naturally, Tehran tance... We unequivocally support all fronts of the axis of resistance, and my visit to Syria is within the framework of this support, and we are working to strengthen the resistance front, and we will not hesitate in this." In fact, Raisi's arrival in Syria coincided with increased Israeli attacks by Israel on Iranian military facilities, including on Aleppo airport.

Without doubt, Iran remains Syria's main ally and Iranian influence in Damascus is still strong. Iran views Syria as its strategic territory through which Tehran can establish ties with Lebanon and confront Israel.

What works to Syria's advantage here is that the Saudi-Iranian detente is based on a common view in Riyadh and Tehran that they have to coexist in one form or another, since their enmity and regional rivalry turned out to be a to Saudi Arabia, holding the hands of his Indian and Emirati counterparts for company to save face and salvage the wreck of the US' regional strategies!

Wisdom lies in Washington using Saudis (and Emiratis and Indians) to open a line to Damascus. However, Assad will set the very same non-negotiable condition to Washington for normalisation that he insisted with Turkey — vacation of US occupation. Beyond that lies, of course, Israel's annexation of Golan Heights.

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# Support Women Owned Local Businesses

ASHMIR, especially Srinagar, has seen a surge in women led businesses. While there are some large women led businesses, there are even more small home-based ones. These initiatives had initially bourgeoned in the initial part of 2019 but had been intercepted by the unprecedented clampdown following the abrogation of Article 370 imposed indefinitely from 5th of August, 2019. Many of these businesses which operate online had planned to open retail stores to expand but faced an unexpected hindrance because of the political situation in the valley.

Nonetheless, these online women-led businesses have made a comeback. Most of these businesses deal with clothing, jewellery, confectionery, home décor and the beauty industry. Many have started exclusive labels of designer clothing and have led the way in reinvigorating Kashmiri handicrafts. Home bakers based in different parts have created a niche for themselves and are being preferred over some of the most trusted confectionery chains in Kashmir. We've even had female businesses focused on indigenous, organic and ethical skincare. Makeup is a big industry in Kashmir especially for weddings. A need for female videographers and photographers has also been expressed by many for personal events. More and more women are

taking up these unconventional roles

Interestingly, these businesses are convenient for single as well as married women. Women who are unfairly considered "unfit" for handling family businesses are rarely entrusted with big investments. With a lack of capital, they could rarely venture to establish anything substantial. This has changed now. The digital space is allowing women to own businesses with little investment and loads of grit.

We need to make a conscious attempt to support local businesses especially those run by women. This will not only make our women monetarily self-sufficient but will also pave the way for many others who may have been discouraged by societal norms. Supporting businesses by women is a simple way of supporting women in general. These may even include single mothers and those women who've found themselves alone in an unfair world.

Every society runs the risk of falling for fad. We must, however, stay alert. As a society ridden with a political conflict that has affected every sphere of our lives, we must focus on supporting local businesses and facilitate the economic wellbeing of our community.

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# **ON INNOVATION** What Makes People Creative

#### Muzamil Farooq

nowing what motivates people to be creative is essential for Lany manager, teacher, or student concerned with creativity and, ultimately, innovation. So let's take a look at some extremely creative people. What about Leonardo da Vinci, for example, the well-known 15th-century artist and scientist? He created beautiful paintings as well as nice blueprints for various types of innovations, such as aeroplanes, long before they were built. He is regarded as one of the greatest minds that ever lived. How about Thomas Edison? Among many of his novel inventions, he invented the light bulb and the motion picture camera, both of which were implemented in various products and found to be extremely useful. What about the well-known artist Salvador Dali? He was well-known not only for his beautiful surrealistic paintings, but also for his sculptures and jewellery. What do these individuals have in common? What inspires these creative geniuses? Some argue that creative geniuses are slightly insane, and that it is the madness that drives them to be creative.

Let's take a look at what inspires people to be creative. Teresa Âmabile, a Harvard scientist, developed a model that specifies the factors that are important for people to become creative as early as the 1980s. She specified three variables. The first is expertise, which includes technical, procedural, and intellectual knowledge of the domain in which one works. The second factor is motivation, or the willingness to complete a task. Finally, the third factor is creative thinking abilities, which refer to how effectively and imaginatively people can approach problems. According to the Amabile arc, all three of these factors are required for creativity to emerge. So, rather than having just one of them, you need to have all three to some extent in orLet's take a closer look at these three components. When people consider expertise, they frequently believe that there is such a thing as too much knowledge. And perhaps

der to be creative.

too much knowledge. And perhaps this is true in the sense that some people have been working in a job for too long and have learned so much that they can no longer think outside the box. But, in all honesty, what is far more of a problem is a lack of knowledge. Why is a lack of knowledge such a problem? For example, if you don't know enough about a subject, you won't know what has been done before, so you might be working on something that isn't novel. You also have no idea where the boundaries in this area are because you have insufficient expertise. So you could be working on something spectacular and not even realise it, and then abandon it because you don't see the value of your idea. Or you're unsure what's feasible. Maybe you're working on a solution that simply doesn't work, and because you don't realise



it, you keep working on it for far too long. Finally, you might not know what's useful and come up with ideas that are completely unrelated. It is therefore difficult to be creative unless you have sufficient knowledge and expertise to speak for these four elements.

Let's take a look at the second as-



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pect of motivation. People frequently
distinguish between two types of
motivation when discussing motiva tion: extrinsic motivation and intrin sic motivation. Extrinsic motivation
refers to doing a task not because
you enjoy it, but because of some thing you gain from it. Consider the
carrot and the stick. Maybe you work

because you want money or a promotion, or maybe you work to keep your house from being foreclosed on because you owe money on it. All of this is an example of extrinsic motivation. You engage in an activity, but you do so in exchange for a reward. There is also intrinsic motivation, which is when you do something simply because you enjoy it and would do it anyway if you didn't get anything out of it other than joy and satisfaction. And we know that intrinsic motivation has some advantages. For instance, if you are more intrinsically motivated, you are more likely to overcome obstacles that arise. You are more willing to overcome them and go the extra mile. You are more willing to continue after a failure, and this is an important aspect of creativity, failing, failing, failing before you can succeed. Intrinsic motivation increases your willingness to work hard and think about the problem continuously, and all of these factors combine to make intrinsic motivation such an important component of creativity. So, if you want to be creative, it helps to be intrinsically motivated.

Let's take a look at the final aspect of creativity. The final component is called creative thinking skills, and

it is all about how adaptable and imaginative you can be when approaching problems. This is difficult because many people live their lives like robots, as if everything is preprogrammed for them, which makes sense because it is very efficient. For example, when we say goodbye to someone, we simply wave and say bye bye. This is something we do automatically. We don't have to consider it. This is also true for many of the things we do. We don't consider them; we just do them. While this is beneficial because it is efficient, it works against you if you want to come up with a creative solution. Being creative may be difficult if you behave like a robot. When you use automatic scripts and schemas from your head, you stop thinking too soon before you find the best solution. You also make far too many assumptions about what is going on. In some ways, it's better to think like a child, like someone who hasn't learned all of these assumptions, all of these automatic scripts and schemas, a person who sees a box and thinks it's more than just a box.

It's a fortress. It's a ship. That kind of thinking, thinking outside of the box, is exactly what it takes to create and be creative. So, let's sum it up. What inspires people to be creative? Is this insane? Perhaps for some, but for others, there are three critical elements. Having enough knowledge, being intrinsically motivated, and having creative thinking skills are all necessary for being creative. Creativity is the generation of novel and useful ideas, while innovation is the successful implementation of these ideas within a company. In other words, every innovation begins with a creative idea, and with the mentioned three elements of creativity, the good news is that everyone has the ability to be creative.

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# **Economics Needs A Climate Revolution**

Tom Brookes Gernot Wagner

**T**owhere are the limitations of oclassical economic thir **I** N ing - the DNA of economics as it is currently taught and practised more apparent than in the face of the climate crisis. While there are fresh ideas and models emerging, the old orthodoxy remains deeply entrenched. Change cannot come fast enough. The economics discipline has failed to understand the climate crisis – let alone provide effective policy solutions for it – because most economists tend to divide problems into small, manageable pieces. Rational people, they are wont to say, think at the margin. What matters is not the average or totality of one's actions but rather the very next step, weighed against the immediate alternatives. Such thinking is indeed rational for small discrete problems. Compartmentalisation is necessary for managing competing demands on one's time and attention. But marginal thinking is inadequate for an all-consuming problem touching every aspect of society. Economists also tend to equate rationality with precision. The discipline's power over public discourse and policymaking lies in its implicit claim that those who cannot compute precise benefits and costs are somehow irrational. This allows economists – and their models – to ignore pervasive climate risks and uncertainties, including the possibility of climatic tipping points and societal responses to them. And when one considers economists' fixation with equilibrium models, the mismatch between the climate challenge and the discipline's current tools becomes too glaring to ignore. Yes, a return to equilibrium – getting "back to normal" — is an all-too-human preference. But it is precisely the opposite of what is needed rapidly phasing out fossil fuels – to stabilise the world's climate. These limitations are reflected in benefit-cost analyses of cutting emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. The traditional thinking suggests a go-slow path for cutting CO2. The logic seems



compelling: the cost of damage caused by climate change, after all, is incurred in the future, while the costs of climate action occur today. The Nobel prize-winning verdict is that we should delay necessary investment in a low-carbon economy to avoid hurting the current highcarbon economy.

To be clear, a lot of new thinking has gone into showing that even this conventional logic would call for significantly more climate action now, because the costs are often overestimated while the potential (even if uncertain) benefits are underestimated. The young researchers advancing this work must walk a near-impossible tightrope, because they cannot publish what they believe to be their best work (based on the most defensible assumptions) without invoking the outmoded neoclassical model to demonstrate the validity of new ideas.

The very structure of academic economics all but guarantees that marginal thinking continues to dominate. The most effective way to introduce new ideas into the peerreviewed academic literature is to follow something akin to an 80/20rule: stick to the established script for the most part; but try to push the envelope by probing one dubious assumption at a time. Needless to say, this makes it extremely difficult to change the overall frame of reference, even when those who helped establish the standard view are looking well beyond it themselves.

Consider the case of Kenneth J. Arrow, who shared a Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences in 1972 for showing how marginal actions taken by selfinterested individuals can improve societal welfare. That pioneering work cemented economists' equilib-

rium thinking. But Arrow lived for another 45 years, and he spent that time moving past his earlier work. In the 1980s, for example, he was instrumental in founding the Santa Fe Institute, which is dedicated to what has since become known as complexity science – an attempt to move beyond the equilibrium mindset he had helped establish. Because equilibrium thinking underpins the traditional climate-economic models that were developed in the 1990s, these models assume that there are tradeoffs between climate action and economic growth. They imagine a world where the economy simply glides along a Panglossian path of progress. Climate policy might still be worthwhile, but only if we are willing to accept costs that will throw the economy off its chosen path.

Against the backdrop of this traditional view, recent pronouncements by the International Monetary Fund and the International Energy Agency are nothing short of revolutionary. Both institutions have now concluded that ambitious climate action leads to higher growth and more jobs even in the near term.

The logic is straightforward: climate policies create many more jobs in clean-energy sectors than are lost in fossil-fuel sectors, reminding us that investment is the flipside of cost. That is why the proposal for a \$2 trillion infrastructure package in the United States could be expected to spur higher net economic activity and employment. Perhaps more surprising is the finding that carbon pricing alone appears to reduce emissions without hurting jobs or overall economic growth. The problem with carbon taxes or emissions trading is that real-world policies are not reducing emissions fast

enough and therefore will need to be buttressed by regulation.

There is no excuse for continuing to adhere to an intellectual paradigm that has served us so badly for so long. The standard models have been used to reject policies that would have helped turn the tide many years ago, back when the climate crisis still could have been addressed with marginal changes to the existing economic system. Now, we no longer have the luxury of being able to settle for incremental change.

The good news is that rapid change is happening on the political front, owing not least to the shrinking cost of climate action. The bad news is that the framework of neoclassical economics is still blocking progress. The discipline is long overdue for its own tipping point toward new modes of thinking commensurate with the climate challenge.

# News

# SC says Rooh Afza has a well-established brand, upholds Delhi HC order restraining sale of Dil Afza

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a plea challenging the Delhi High Court order that restrained the manufacture and sale of sweet beverage concentrate 'Sharbat Dil Afza' during the pendency of a lawsuit by Hamdard Dawakhana which sells 'Rooh Afza' for alleged trademark infringement.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud refused to interfere with the high court order dated December 21, 2022.

"Rooh Afza has a well-established brand. You were selling some kind of medicine and suddenly you start drinks with similar-sounding names. We will not interfere. Dismissed," the bench, also comprising Justices PS Narasimha and JB Pardiwala, said.

The high court, in its order, had restrained the manufacture and sale of 'Dil Afza' after

#### Hamdard Dawakhana had alleged trademark infringement. It had said that prima facie, 'Rooh Afza' served as the source identifier for Hamdard for over a century and has acquired immense goodwill and it was essential to ensure that the competitors keep a safe distance from the mark. The court's order came on an appeal by Hamdard against a single judge's order refusing to pass an interim order to restrain 'Dil Afza' manufacturer Sadar

Laboratories (respondent) from allegedly indulging in trademark infringement. The high court also noted that both the products have the "same deep red colour and texture" and the "structure of the bottles is not materially different" and thus opined that the "commercial impression of the impugned trademark is deceptively similar to the appellants' trademark".

# 2008 Jaipur blasts: Can't mechanically stay HC order acquitting accused, need to hear them, says SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to stay the Rajasthan High Court order acquitting four men who were handed down death penalty by the trial court in the 2008 Jaipur serial blast case, saying it cannot pass an order for such "drastic action" mechanically without hearing those held not guilty.

Jaipur was rocked by a series of blasts on May 13, 2008 when bombs went off one after another at Manak Chawk Khanda, Chandpole Gate, Badi Chaupad, Chhoti Chaupad, Tripolia Gate, Johri Bazar and Sanganeri Gate. The explosions left 71 people dead and 185 injured. A bench of Justices Abhay S

Oka and Rajesh Bindal, however, stayed a direction passed in the March 29 judgement of the high court asking the state's Director General of Police to order inquiry against the investigating officer and other police personnel involved in the case. The bench, which refused to

stay the high court verdict, imposed certain conditions and directed that the four people, who were acquitted, be released unless wanted in any other case.

General R Attornev Venkataramani, appearing for the Rajasthan government along with senior advocate Manish Singhvi, urged the bench to stay the high court verdict, saying those acquitted were convicted and awarded death penalty for a serious crime.

Senior advocate Maninder Singh and advocate Aditya Jain, appearing for the family members of the victims, also sought a stay of the high court verdict. The bench said it is not go-

ing to "mechanically stay" the high court's order and needed to hear those acquitted. It directed all the four will

surrender their passports and, if released from jail, they will register their appearance on a daily basis between 10 am and 12 noon before the Anti-Terror Squad police station in Jaipur. The bench, after being informed that two of them have been served notice on the petitions against their acquittal, directed the Rajasthan government to ensure that notices are

served to the two others-- Saif and Saifurrehman. The top court was hearing appeals filed by the state government and family members of the blast victims challenging the high court verdict.

Venkataramani submitted the bench may issue an order for continued detention of the four persons acquitted under section 390 of CrPC.

"We are not inclined to pass the order for keeping them in jail even after their acquittal. We are aware that there is power under section 390 of CrPC. Even assuming that you (AG) are right, before passing such a drastic order, we have to

go through the entire evidence. We have to hear all of them (those acquitted). We will have to apply our mind in the case," the bench said.

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The bench said an order for such a "drastic action", without hearing all who were acquitted by the high court and without perusing the entire record, cannot be passed.

"The presumption of in-nocence gets reinforced after acquittal. In our view, before we examine the drastic prayer made by the Attorney General, we will have to examine the evidence and other material on record before the high court. We will have to hear all the persons, who were acquitted by the high court," the bench said. It directed production of entire trial court case records, which were placed before the high court, and asked the state government to ensure the documents are placed before it

within eight weeks.

The bench, which posted the matter for further hearing on August 9, said if the matter is not taken on the said date, then the state government is at liberty to argue on the point of section 390 of CrPC (arrest of accused in appeal against acquittal).

It also clarified that those acquitted cannot refer the high court judgement in any other case for securing bail.

It directed that the matter to be placed before Chief Justice of India, saying it needs to be heard by a bench of three judges, as this is an appeal against death reference.

The Rajasthan government had on April 25 filed an appeal challenging the high court verdict in the case.

The top court had on May 12 permitted family members of the victims to file an appeal against the verdict and listed the petition along with that of the state government for hearing.

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#### **Army's Phased**

lost their lives when an IED, left behind by the militants before fleeing, exploded the next day.

Five Army personnel were killed in cold blood when militants attacked their vehicle at Bhatta Durrian in Mendhar tehsil of Poonch district on April 20. The Army personnel were on their way to distribute 'Iftar' material to a nearby village during Ramzan.

Five para commandos were killed and a Majorrank officer injured when militants set off an IED in Kandi forest, Rajouri on May 5.

The proposal to withdraw the Army from the hinterland was under discussion for some time and a final recommendation was to be taken at the Unified Headquarters (UHQ) headed by Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha. The UHQ has top representa-tives from the Army, police and paramilitary forces.

Post abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, the law and order and militancy-related incidents had shown a decline with the number of stone pelting incidents reduced to zero.

#### **Commander Asks**

to review operational preparedness, and was was briefed on the counter-infiltration grid and processes being adopted, the officials said.

He appreciated the measures adopted and lauded the troops for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism.

He further exhorted them to be fully prepared to meet all contingencies, the officials said.

This is the fourth visit of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GoC-in-C) to the Rajouri-Poonch sector since the April 20 militant attack on an army vehicle that killed five personnel.

He earlier visited the sector on April 22, April

Singh, who represents Udhampur parliamentary constituency of Jammu and Kashmir in the Lok Sabha, said such an international event taking place in Srinagar would send a positive message in the country and across the globe.

On the agenda of the working commit-tee meeting, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is completing nine years in office and the party intends to celebrate the occasion across the country.

Later, J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina presided over the working committee meeting which was attended by all senior party leaders and also addressed by BJP National General Secretary and in-charge of J&K, Tarun Chugh, virtually from Delhi.

The BJP is celebrating the completion of nine years of the Modi-led government at the Centre from May 30 to June 22 and planning to hold public rallies in all constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir.

A BJP leader said the meeting was convened to chalk out a detailed programme to educate people about the government policies and achievements over the past nine years.

Meanwhile, the Union minister is chairing a high-level meeting of heads of various educational institutes here on Thursday.

All Vice Chancellors of universities, directors of institutions and other heads of institutions are attending the meeting to deliberate and decide on how to foster strong inter-institutional collaboration among the universities and institutions of the region, an official said.

Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to Government Prof Ajay Sood and Director General, CSIR and Secretary DSIR, Dr N Kalaiselvi are also attending the meeting, the official said.

#### DGP Reviews

At the very outset of the meeting he said

hinterland security grid and enjoined upon officers to focus on counter terrorist operations and to target the OGW network if any.

The DGP, he said, also stressed for strengthening measures for intelligence collection especially at ground level and its sharing among the forces.

While reviewing the arrangements and de-ployment plans for the forthcoming G20 event, the spokesperson said that the DGP discussed in detail all the arrangements to be made for smooth conduct of the event and directed officers to ensure that all the necessary arrangements are in place well in time.

He said that emerging challenges and their counter measures were also threadbare discussed during the meeting.

"Singh emphasized on coordinated security arrangements for the event among all the forces besides with civil administration. DGP also stressed for reviewing all the arrangements jointly by all the stakeholders to ensure synergy and better coordination," the spokesperson added.

#### Health Dept Holds

"This was a dry run to check how we can deal with any kind of situation during the G20 event. We were checking the preparations that we did for the last two months," Dr. Rather said.

He further added that the drills were conducted keeping in mind the venue for the delegates.

The exercise included checking of medical facilities in centers installed at different locations, availability of equipment, drugs, diagnostics and other logistics.

Spokesperson of Directorate of Health Services Kashmir, Dr. Mir Mushtaq told Kashmir Observer that there will be designated health centers near the venues and all the preparations are done including the dispatching of Ambulances

International Convention Centre, Srinagar, (SKICC) from May 22-24 this year.

The administration has turned Srinagar into a smart city to make the event beautiful and historic. There are over 137 total projects taken by the SMC under the Smart city project out of which 66 have been completed while work on 71 projects are ongoing. Kashmir prepares to host delegates from

several countries as preparations for the third G20 tourism working group meeting are in full swing.

#### **Rail Announcement**

would also be important from a strategic point of view for the transportation of troops, equipment and other supplies to forward areas of the Line of Control.

Earlier this year, the Indian Army allowed tourists to visit the Kaman Aman Setu Bridge, which connects the Kashmir Valley to Pakistan controlled Kashmir (PcK).

The 220-ft bridge is treated as the LoC between India and Pakistan whose access is controlled by soldiers on both sides.

The Indian Army is now promoting the area close to LoC as a tourist spot. However, the gates of the bridge have been locked since India suspended the Srinagar-Muzaffarbad bus service between Kashmir and PcK in February 2019 when 40 CRPF jawans were killed in a militant attack in Pulwama.

#### **CBI Searches**

in recent interviews with the media.

The central agency has booked Reliance General Insurance and Trinity Re-Insurance Brokers Limited as accused in its FIR related to a controversial health insurance scheme for Jammu and Kashmir government employees.

The scheme was reportedly cleared by Malik in the state administrative council meeting on August 31, 2018 and scrapped later.

Board meeting of CVPPPL (Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd) for re-tender through e-tendering with the reverse auction after the cancellation of the ongoing tendering process, the same was not implemented (as per the decision taken in the 48th board meeting) and tender was finally awarded to Patel Engineering Ltd," the FIR alleged.

#### **Court Rejects**

and enjoyed five star protocol "brazenly" for a considerable period of time.

Meanwhile, in the chargesheet filed before the court in the case on May 2, police have named Patel's two associates Amit Hitesh Pandya and Jay Sivji Sitapara, as prosecution witnesses in the case against him.

Pertinently Amit Hitest Pandya is the son of Hitesh Pandya, a former additional public relations officer in the Gujarat Chief Minister's Office, who resigned after Patel's arrest.

#### **CRPF** Man

was posted on sentry duty when he took the extreme step.

#### SIU Raids

police station earlier this year, they said.

#### Minor Girl Falls

however, she was declared dead on arrival at the hospital.

#### **Biker Knocks**

was shifted to PHC Qaimoh, however, she was declared dead on arrival.

A case has been registered in this regard and further investigation has been started, the official said

#### **NC Will Never**

militancy erupted, the foreign tourists are ot visiting I&K We hope that this event will help to pave the way for foreign tourists to visit J&K again," he said, adding that the delegates of different countries are visiting here for tourism purposes.

26 and May 6.

#### G20 Will Help

such rapid development before. Most of the projects under Srinagar Smart City Ltd have been completed in Srinagar," he added.

It is in place to mention that the administration in order to welcome tourism delegates from G20 countries was sprucing up Srinagar by lighting up major shrines in Srinagar in G20 motif.

A senior official at Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) said that renovation work of the clock tower in Lal Chowk will be completed in the next two days besides pending works of some important road stretches will be completed days ahead of the G20 meeting.

#### **Opportunity To**

The third G20 Tourism Working Group meeting is scheduled to take place in the summer capital Srinagar from May 22 to 24.

"It is a big opportunity for J&K to showcase its potential. The delegates will mostly go to Dal Lake for sightseeing and watch cultural programmes on May 22 but the real business will be happening during the next two days," Singh, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office said.

district SSsP & Range DIsG briefed about the prevailing security scenario in their respective jurisdictions besides measures taken to ensure a peaceful environment in the valley.

The DGP, the spokesperson said, stressed for further strengthening the coordination among all the forces and said that a close liaison must be maintained at every level to foil any attempt of troublemakers and strict action to be taken against any person involved.

Singh, he said, directed for increased patrolling and night domination to ensure that antipeace elements are not given any chance to create any disturbance.

"He stressed on maintaining alertness for which he advised placement of 'nakas' and joint patrolling to check the movement of antinational elements especially on inter-district routes and in periphery," the spokesperson said.

"DGP stressed for ensuring all the possible measures to ensure security of vital installations and protected persons. DGP advised the officers that the security plans to be reviewed in view of changing circumstances and be executed on ground efficiently to foil any nefarious design of anti national elements," he added.

According to the spokesperson, Singh stressed on strengthening both border and

According to officials, a fleet of critical care ambulances will be deployed near the venues.

He further said the department has set up a 24/7 divisional level control room to oversee and monitor the health arrangements.

Notably, as part of preparations for this year's G20 Summit events, the Health Department Kashmir conducted a Basic Life Support (BLS) training program at the Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport. The Basic Life Support programme was conducted on 16th March in the airport premises where 75 participants from airline staff, apron control, CISF and others attended.

India is hosting the G-20 summit this year, as G-20 Presidency, the country will be inviting Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE as Guest countries. Over 200 meetings are expected to be held across the country.

Srinagar city is also going to host one of the G20 events from May 22 and 24, despite strong opposition from neighbouring countries-Pakistan and China.

Notably, this will be the first international event in the valley post abrogation of Article 370-that granted special status to the himalayan region.

The event will be held at Sher-e- Kashmir

"...Unknown officials of the Finance Department of Government of Jammu and Kashmir by abusing their official position in conspiracy and connivance with Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Ltd, Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd and other unknown public servants and private persons have committed the offences of criminal conspiracy and criminal misconduct," the FIR has alleged.

They caused "pecuniary advantage to themselves and wrongful loss to state exchequer during the period 2017 and 2018 and thereby in this manner cheated the Government of Jammu and Kashmir", it alleged.

In its second FIR pertaining to the alleged malpractices in the award of contract for the civil works package of Kiru hydroelectric power project, the CBI said guidelines related to etendering were not followed.

The case was registered on allegations of malpractices in the award of the contract of civil works of Kiru Hydro Electric Power Project(HEP) to a private company in 2019.

The agency has booked Navin Kumar Chaudhary, former chairman of Chenab Valley Power Projects (P) Ltd, M S Babu, former MD, M K Mittal and Arun Kumar Mishra, former directors and Patel Engineering Ltd.

"Though a decision was taken in the 47th

Asked about the statements made by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, Dr Farooq said, "Manoj Sinha will also go back like Satya Pal Malik . It is we who have to live here. They say what they say and let them say what they say," he said.

Asked about assembly polls in Jammu & Kashmir, Dr Farooq said that the elections have to be conducted in the Union Territory and NC will never run away from the polls be it Panchayat, BDC, DDC or assembly elections. He further said that the people in Karnataka

have accepted love over hatred-(KNO)

#### **Govt Transfers**

"Rachna Sharma, JKAS, Sub-Registrar, Jammu (South), is transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary to the Government, Information Technology Department and Ajay Sharma, Jr. JKAS, District Information Officer Samba, is transferred and posted as Under Secretary to the Government, Information Technology Department," reads the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, commissioner secretary to the government.



# STATE

# LG Inaugurates Key Projects Of **JKIDFC Worth Rs 97 Cr**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated various projects worth Rs 97 crore of Jammu & Kashmir Infrastructure **Development Finance Corporation** Ltd. (JKIDFC), on Wednesday.

"Some of these projects dedicated to the people were pending for years. Our commitment and focus is on accelerated development and timely completion of projects," the Lt Governor said.

The 15 projects e-inaugurated today includes CHC Chattergam Budgam; PHC Aaripanthan; Classroom/ Library block at Govt Women Degree College Pulwama; Mantaqi School Awantipora; Common Effluent Treatment Plant at Industrial Growth Centre, Phase-I Samba; IT Tower Building-II, Rangreth; Checkwari Mal Khul; improvement of Kenz Khul, WSS Mohra Jamlan; Water Testing Laboratory



at Zainkote; Road from Dongian to latki Panipeer; Kanshipur Ashram Road to Lower Gadi Garh Jammu; Boys Higher Secondary School at Gujjar Mandi Rajouri; Sewerage Scheme at Patnitop and sports facility at University of Kashmir. The Lt Governor also released

pictorial compendium, a compilation of 1507 projects of JKIDFC completed at a cost of Rs 2504 crore, ending December 2022.

JKIDFC has successfully completed 464 connectivity projects (309 Roads & 155 Bridges) worth Rs 901.25 cr; 65 Health Sector projects

at a cost of Rs 236.42 cr; 112 Power projects for an amount of Rs. 187.68 cr; 329 Water Supply Projects worth Rs. 394.17 cr and 116 Education Sector projects at a cost of Rs 168.98 cr. Moreover, 212 projects for Sports development & Youth Engagement (85 projects & 127 Sub projects) for an amount of Rs. 124.15 crore have been completed.

All these projects under various sectors/schemes are decided to public welfare and will hugely benefit the people & strengthen the socio-economic development of the UT.

Pertinently, JKIDFC is the first organization across the country that has incorporated Geo-Tagged Images for all its ongoing projects. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Administrative Secretaries and other senior officials

### **JKSRTC Begins Bus Service Between Poonch, Srinagar**

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

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKSRTC) on Wednesday started a bus service between Srinagar and Poonch via the Mughal road.

The fare for the deluxe bus service from Poonch in the Jammu region to Srinagar in the Kashmir region of the Union Territory has been fixed at Rs 398, officials said.

The service was a demand of people of both regions, they said and added that at present, one bus will be operated on a daily basis.

The trial run of the service was flagged of Poonch Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ya-

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fixed for the benefit of the people.

The Mughal road is an alternate route connecting Jammu with Kashmir, besides the Jammu Srinagar National Highway.

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sin M Choudhary. The officials said more buses will be run on the route after considering the the response of the people to the service.

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### **Kishtwar SIU Raids Houses Of 5 Pak Based Militants**

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

**JAMMU:** The Special Investigative Unit (SIU) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday raided five militants houses in Kishtwar district in connection with a militant support and funding case, a senior official said.

The houses belonged to militants who are operating from Pakistan and are engaged in revival of militancy in the region, he said.

"After obtaining search warrants from NIA Court, Jammu, in Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) case, houses of five terrorists, who are presently operating from Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, were searched in various locations," Kishtwar Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Khalil Poswal said.

Five SIU teams along with police carried out the raids, he said. The SSP said the evidence found

**Over 33 Lakh Visited Vaishno** 

**Devi Shrine From Jan 1-May 15** 

in the searches will be used to indict the targets' role in engaging in anti-national activities and

perpetuating acts of terrorism. The SIU is raiding the houses of Shahnawaz alias Nayeem of Chirool Padyarna, Nayeem Ahmed alias Amir alias Gazi of Jamia Masjid, Mohammad Iqbal alias Bilal of Kichloo Market, Shahnawaz Kanth alias Munna alias Umer of Hullar Kishtwar, and Javid Hussain Giri alias

Muzamil of Kundali Pochal, he said. A special NIA court in Jammu had on April 26 issued non-bailable warrants against 23 militants from Kishtwar operating from across the border.

Earlier, non-bailable warrants were issued against 13 militants.

"Thirty-six individuals from Kishtwar went to Pakistan after joining terrorism over a period of time. Subsequently, two FIRs were registered against them,' Poswal said.

### **Restoration Of Basic Rights In** J&K Our Priority: Mehbooba

were present.

**Press Trust Of India** 

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday said elections to Jammu and Kashmir

assembly were not her priority as her party would like to focus on restoration of basic rights of the people of the union territory.

tant issue. The priority should be restoration of basic rights of

People should have the freedom of movement, freedom of expression," she told reporters here.

The former chief minister said if her party had resources, they would have fought in the Supreme Court the cases of those Kashmiri detainees who are lodged in various jails of the country post-2019.

sources to mount a legal battle and their cases are rarely being heard," she added.

Asked about Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent remarks on Article 370, Mehbooba said she cannot engage on the impor-

tution of the country". "What do I tell them? The BJP is not respecting the constitution of the country. BJP has implemented their communal agenda. They don't know

what the significance of Article 370 is. It was a bridge between Jammu and Kashmir and the country which they have broken," she alleged.

On the criticism from a certain foreign agency on holding a G20 meeting in Kashmir, the PDP president said the government was trying to present a picture of normalcy in the valley to the international community.

"People are being harassed. Agencies like NIA, SIA and SIU are carrying out daily raids. Schools have been shut for 10 days while shopkeepers have been told to keep their shops open. Everybody is being

threatened. In such a scenario, you want to present Kashmir as a trophy in the G20 by painting a picture of normalcy. You and I both know what is right in Kashmir!" she claimed.



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centres of Poshan Project Bijbehara.

Annexure "B"



JAMMU: More than 33 lakh pil- ing the pilgrimage is progressing grims have visited the famous smoothly with all necessary ar-Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in Iam-

Press Trust Of India

**This Year: Officials** 

ginning of this year to 30,000 at present, the officials said, addrangements in place to facilitate

tance of Article 370 with those "who have destroyed the Consti-

"Election is a dis-

people which are being denied.

**Azad Directs DPAP Leaders** 

Not To Make Personal Attacks

'Their families don't have re-

mu and Kashmir's Reasi district so far this year, marking an increase of nearly four lakhs in the footfall compared to the same period last year, officials said.

Chief Executive Officer of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Anshul Garg said various efforts are on to improve the facilities for the pilgrims to ensure that they do not face any inconvenience.

"Over 33 lakh pilgrims performed the yatra from January 1 to May 15 this year, which is much higher than the same period last year. The board is making continuous efforts to improve facilities and ensure that the visiting pilgrims do not face any inconvenience," Garg said.

The officials said nearly 29 lakh pilgrims visited the shrine in the first four and a half months last year with overall annual figures in 2022 touching a total of 91.24 lakh which was the highest in the past nine years.

This year, they said April recorded the highest footfall of 10,18,540 pilgrims, while the figure stood at 8,94,650 in March, 4,14,432 in February and 5,24,189 in January.

The daily rush of pilgrims increased from 15,000 at the bethe devotees.

Last year, January recorded a footfall of 4,38,521 pilgrims, (3,61,074), February March (7,78,669), April (9,02,192) and May (9,86,766), the officials said. Braving scorching heat, pilgrims chanting religious slogans are visiting the shrine with en-

thusiasm and devotion. "We are undertaking the yatra for the first time and are full of zeal and zest," Sandhya Vashne from Aligarh, who is part of a 40-member group, told PTI as she left Katra for the shrine amid chants of slogans in praise of Mata Vaishno Devi.

Tushar Gupta, a resident of Hisar in Haryana, said the rising temperature is no obstacle as they are full of energy to trek the route and reach the shrine to offer their pravers.

Atul Kumar from Delhi, who was accompanied by his family and is a regular visitor to the shrine for the last 18 years, lauded the shrine board for the facilities.

"The facilities being provided by the shrine board to the pilgrims is improving with each passing year. We have the best facilities here," Kumar said after paying obeisance at the shrine.

#### **Against Rivals**

, Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Expressing displeasure over use of "abusive language" by some politicians, Democratic

Progressive Azad Party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday directed his party leaders not to speak ill or make personal attacks against leaders of other parties. party spokespersons

sensitive or controversial issues without permission.

The directions were passed in a circular issued by party general secretary R S Chib here.

"During the past few years the political scenario and thinking at national and state levels has totally changed, as a result of which, unfortunately the mutual respect and regard which existed earlier for the leaders of other political parties has totally disappeared.

"It has generally been seen that both leaders and spokespersons of different political parties resort to mudslinging and sometime not

very nice and kind towards us.

At the start of the vaccina-

thoroughly briefed by Dr. Mir

Nabeel Ishtiyaq, noted epide-

miologist about the precau-

tion process, the pilgrims were

We were given necessary

health instructions as well,

perform the hajj.

only use foul and unparliamentary language but also resort to abusive language, which has lowered the image of the leaders in the eyes of the public and society as a whole

and unfortunately the respect and confidence, the leaders enjoyed earlier does not exist anymore," the circular read. Keeping the prevail-

ing situation in mind, Azad has issued several directions to the party leaders and spokes-

persons, which should be strictly followed to ensure discipline and decorum in the party.

"No leader from DPAP will speak ill or make any personal attack against leaders of any other political parties. No leader, spokesperson or any individual of DPAP shall henceforth speak against or disrespect the sentiments of SC/ST or any other caste, region or religion as well as against any social or political organization," the circular said.

It said no leader shall misuse his or her official position to collect money in the name of the party.

# Hajj Pilgrims From Bandipora Laud CMO For **Vaccination Arrangements**

districts.

#### **Observer News Service**

BANDIPORA: Hajj pilgrims from North Kashmir's Bandipora district have expressed satisfaction over the exemplary arrangements made by Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for vaccination of the pilgrims intending to perform Hajj this year.

An official from the District hospital, Bandipora told Kashmir Observer that special arrangements were made for the pilgrims at the old hospital to make it smooth for the pilgrims.

He said that over 200 Hajj pilgrims were given the vaccination after a proper check-up.

Muslims who wish to perform Hajj in 2023 must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This includes two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and a booster dose. The vaccination is done as a precautionary measure to protect pilgrims from any contagious disease during the annual pilgrimage.

It may be noted, the government recently notified the vaccination schedule for the selected Hajj pilgrims of tions that the pilgrims need Jammu and Kashmir on 15 to take during the 40-days long visit. The doctor also gave May. The vaccination process was completed in almost all some tips to stay healthy during the Hajj. "The paramedical staff was

While interacting with the Hajj pilgrims, Dr. Ishtiyaq congratulated them for being selected for the holy Hajj said Parveena, who intended to and urged them to pray for the well-being and prosperity of the people.

The pilgrims lauded the arrangements and appreciated the efforts of the CMO Bandipora and all the paramedical staff.

6	Kanelwan "A"	Ward 03	Anganwadi Worker	01
7	Kathsoo "A"	Kathsoo Gujrat Ganie Mohalla Ward 01	Anganwadi Worker	01
8	New colony "A"	Ward 01	Anganwadi Worker	01
9	Panchpora "A"	Ward 03	Anganwadi Worker	01
10	Takibal "A"	Ward 02	Anganwadi Worker	01
11	Zirpara "A"	Ward 13	Anganwadi Worker	01
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Details of Posts (Sahayikas) along with location

Kathsoo "C"	Ward 03	Anganwadi Helper	01
New colony "A"	Ward 01	Anganwadi Helper	01
Baba Mohalla near Khan's	Ward 03	Anganwadi Helper	01
Feerozi shah Mohalla	Ward 07	Anganwadi Helper	01
Dirhama "A"	Ward 07	Anganwadi Helper	01
Mahind "C"	Ward 02	Anganwadi Helper	01

#### Elligibility:-For Anganwadi Workers

- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years as on 01-01-2023 shall be considered for the post.
- The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.
- The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where AWC is located. Name in voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voters list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by concerned Tehsildar, wherever is any dispute as to residence for any reason, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ ACR shall be considered.
- Minimum qualification for AWW shall be 10+2 and maximum graduation . in case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director, Mission Poshan,
- In case suitable candidate is not available for adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the Panchayat can be considered subject to the approval of the MD, Mission Poshan.
- 6. Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be granted purely on academic merit basis & there shall not be any interview
- In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retired AWW/AWH, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.
- Candidates with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered
- **Unmarried Certificate from respective Tehsildars**

#### Anganwadi Helpers

- The selection of Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi centre is located.
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K
- In case no matriculate candidate is available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall 4 be considered.
- 5. The committee shall select the most destitute/needy married women of the ward as helper from amongst those who fulfill the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be considered.
- In case eligible is available within the family within the family of retiring AWWs/AWHs, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percentage points

#### **Document Verification**

1. The candidate who is shortlisted for Document verification will be required to appear for Document verification along with the original documents as well as self attested photo state copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other document like Domicile certificate, on or before the last date of submission of application form.

- marks sheet(s) / Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification
- date of birth/Matriculate certificate b.
- Domicile certificate
  - d. unmarried certificate(where required)
  - candidate have to bring two passport size recent color photograph and one original photo ID proof. Photo ID proof can be Adhaar card
  - Voter ID card

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3.

The candidate who are supposed to furnish various certificate issued by or before the prescribed cut ff date, shall be required to produce them at the time of document verification or as may be sough by the committee, in case of filure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final

#### Annexure "C"

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:

- All documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature . if found incorrect t or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
- 2. Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Anganwadi worker and Class 10th for and this is as per facts and onus of providing it is to be true lies with the deponent
- The deponent has read the HR policy no.222-JK (SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of 3. the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Anganwadi woerker/Anganwadi Helper.

No:-CDPO/POSHAN/Adv/2023/ 65-80	DIPK-1727-23	Child Dev. Project Officer
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Azad also asked not to speak on any

# **SPORTS**



### **JKSC Organises Multiple Events Across Kashmir**

**DYSS Holds Sports Events** 

In Srinagar & Anantnag

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) organised various sports activities under different verticals across several playfields and indoor sports complexes in Kashmir Valley.

A badminton event was held at Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex in which more than 40 players including both boys and girls participated. The girls singles title was bagged by Sadia Khaki while Faiza ended up as the runner up. In boys category Shahnawaz won the title while Hadi settled for runner up title.

Meanwhile, night football activities resumed in Bakshi Stadium.

Various sports activities and

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** The Department

of Youth Services and Sports

(DYSS) J&K on Wednesday or-

ganised a mega Road Race un-

der the age groups of U-14, U-17

and U-19 years for school boys

Regional Transport Officer Kashmir (RTO) Shahnawaz

Bukhari flagged off a large con-

tingent of energetic young boys

from different government and

private educational institutions

of district Srinagar. He was ac-

companied by Waseem Raja

Joint Director Kashmir YSS and

Nasir Mehmood Khan Assistant

This exciting event was held

Commissioner Nazool Srinagar.

here.

competitions were underway at Gindun Sports Complex in the disciplines of Basketball in which Khelo India Girls and Boys team was pitted against Hoopstar Girls Club and Warriors Boys Club respectively. In Kabaddi, JKSC Academy was playing against Police Kabbadi teams.

In other events of Football and Handball, Syed Tajdeen was playing against J&K Bank and Al-Murad Handball Club was competing with J&K Police hand ball team. All matches were in progress on Wednesday under flood lights when the report was filed. An athletic and cycling event for U-14 school kids was also held at Bakshi Stadium in which more that hundred school kids participated.

in connection with the G20

Meeting. Starting from Indoor

Stadium the race culminated at

GHS Rawalpora. More than 1100

student-athletes from different

government and private schools

of Srinagar participated in the

events in different sports zones

of Anantnag district.

YSS also organized various

Sports Zone Mattan hosted

One Day Trekking Camp for

students and also invited inter-

national Wushu player Tanzeel

Ahmad Shah as a special Guest

of Honour to interact with stu-

dents and motivate them. A run-

ning event was organised from

Bumzoo to Sports Stadium,

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Turkish doner kebab

road race.

Mattan.

# **PL: RCB Play SRH In Must-Win Game**



HYDERABAD: Virat Kohli will be in focus as Royal Chalstrengthen their claim for an IPL play-off berth in their

> here on Thursday. RCB are currently in the fifth spot with 12 points from as many games and face two

tee their play-off spot. SRH, on the other hand, are

eight points from 12 matches. Alongside skipper Faf du Plessis, Kohli is one of the topscorers for RCB but after backto-back failures -- 18 against Rajasthan Royals and 1 against Mumbai Indians -- the maestro would be looking to pro-

help his side's cause. ing the top spot in run-getter's games at an average of 57.36.

batter with 438 runs, averaging 39.81 with six fifties. But unlike Du Plessis, Kohli has not been consistent enough and has struggled with his strike-

The other batter RCB would be banking on is Glenn Maxwell, who has made a great impact with his sparkling knocks, which includes five half-centuries.

RCB are high on confidence after a commanding 112-run demolition of Rajasthan Royals in their last game. Riding on Du Plessis and

Maxwell's back-to-back fifties, RCB posted 171 for 5 and then Wayne Parnell (3/10) led the way in the company of Michael Bracewell (2/16), Karn Sharma (2/19) and Mohammed Siraj (1/10) to bundle out RR for a paltry 59.

On the bowling front, the onus would again be on Parnell, Siraj and Bracewell to deliver the goods.

The last match also saw RCB return to winning ways after back-to-back defeats against MI and Delhi Capitals.

SRH, on the other hand, will play for pride after becoming

the second team to crash out of the tournament.

SRH would look to give their fans something to cheer about by registering wins in their remaining two games.

It has been lacklustre outing for SRH this season, both in batting as well as bowling department.

Barring Heinrich Klaasen and, to some extent, Rahul Tripathi, no other batter could deliver for the team. SRH were hit hard by the poor form of their skipper Aiden Markram as much was expected of the South African.

Harry Brook showed sparks initially before fading away while Mayank Agarwal was nowhere to be noticed.

Among SRH bowlers, the experienced Bhuvneshwar Kumar is the most successful with 14 wickets from 12 games, but he too didn't look at his best.

Mayank Markande (12 wickets from 10 games) impressed but SRH suffered heavily due to the poor form of Marco Jansen, T Natarajan and Umran Malik.

Match starts at 7:30 PM.

#### **MATCHDAY: Semifinals In Europa** League, Conference League; Newcastle-Brighton In EPL

#### Agencies

∧ look at what's happening in AEuropean soccer on Thursday:

#### **EUROPA LEAGUE**

Juventus will almost certainly be without midfielder Paul Pogba in the second leg of the Europa League semifinals against sixtime champion Sevilla. The teams drew 1-1 last week in Italy. Pogba started Sunday in Serie A for the first time since his move back from Manchester United in the offseason but had to be substituted due to another injury. As substitute in last week's first leg,

streak in Europe this season to 14. Defender Vladimír Coufal and striker Michail Antonio should be available after recovering from injuries. AZ targets its second European final. Fiorentina needs to rebound from an upset 2-1 home loss to Basel to avoid the fourth straight semifinal elimination in Europe. The Italians won the previous five away games in Europe's third-tier competition.

#### ENGLAND

Brighton visits Newcastle in hopes of becoming the fourth serious contender for one of the remaining two Champions League



Pogba headed a cross for Federico Gatti to score in the dying seconds to salvage a draw. Sevilla also has injury worries after winger Lucas Ocampos sustained a muscle problem in Torino after he set up the opening goal for the visitors. José Mourinho is looking for back-to-back European titles with Roma when they travel to Bayer Leverkusen with a 1-0 advantage from the opening leg. Winning the second-tier competition for his sixth European trophy could be the only chance for Mourinho's team to qualify for the Champions League.

EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE West Ham travels to the Netherlands with a 2-1 advantage over AZ Alkmaar from the semifi-

nal first leg as it hopes to reach a

European final for the first time in

47 years. To do so, the Hammers

need to extend their unbeaten

ended the longtime leader's title chances and kept alive its own slim top-four hopes. Brighton is in sixth place, eight points behind both third-place Newcastle and fourth-place Manchester United but with a game in hand, and seven points behind fifthplace Liverpool having played two fewer games. Saudi-controlled Newcastle is having a wobble after losing to Arsenal and drawing at Leeds in its last two games. Another slip-up against Brighton would open the door further for Liverpool, which has won six straight matches in a late-season rally. However, a win for Newcastle would mean the northeast team would need one more victory in its last two games to qualify for the Champions League for the

first time in 20 years.

qualification spots in the Premier

League. Brighton is coming off a

3-0 win at Arsenal that virtually





must-win match against laggards Sunrisers Hyderabad

must-win matches to guaran-

out of the tournament and languishing at the ninth spot with

duce his best against SRH and Du Plessis has been leading the side from the front and is in scintillating form, occupy-

list with 631 runs from 12 Kohli is the next best RCB

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