

Tourists From Across India Head To Kashmir To Beat The Heat

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Srinagar: While most parts of the country are reeling under heat wave conditions, tourists are enjoying the pleasant weather in Kashmir as the Valley has witnessed rains over the past few days, leading to a drop in the mercury.

The maximum temperature in the Valley, over the last few days, hovered around 20 degrees Celsius and most of the days, the weather has remained cloudy while some areas witnessed rainfall.

The pleasant weather has brought cheer to the tourists.

"I feel very good, the weather here is very pleasant. We are feeling relaxed here. In Punjab, the temperature is 40 degrees, but here it is only 10-15 degrees," Akansha and Happy Singh from Punjab told PTI.

Pooja, a tourist from Gujarat, said they were wearing woolen clothes and enjoying the pleasant weather in the valley.

"In Gujarat, the temperature has gone up to around 45 degrees Celsius. Here, it is below 20 degrees. We are enjoying the greenery and weather here," she said.

The tourists also witnessed snowfall at the famous ski



resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. "Yesterday, we visited

Gulmarg and witnessed rain and snowfall there. We are enjoying the cool weather in

Kashmir," Mukesh, another vacationer from Gujarat, said. "This is my first trip to

the Valley. There is a famous phrase that Kashmir is God's own land. Now, after seeing Kashmir, I can say that it is indeed true. In Kolkata, it was 38 degrees Celsius, but we went to Pahalgam and Sonmarg where it was 8 degrees Celsius," Sana Ahmad, from Kolkata, said.

Even as the Valley witnessed a sunny day on Saturday, the Meteorological Department has forecast a brief spell of rain and thunderstorm towards the evening at scattered places.

While the MeT Office has forecast dry weather for Sunday, there are chances of intermittent light **More on P6**

PM To Inaugurate New Parliament bldg Today

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Sunday inaugurate the new Parliament building, equipped with state-of-the-art technology, amid a boycott by several Opposition parties which insist that President Droupadi Murmu as head of the state should do the honours.

On Friday, Modi said the new Parliament building will make every Indian proud and shared a video of the new complex.

With carpets from Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh, bamboo flooring from Tripura and stone carvings from Rajasthan, the new Parliament building reflects India's diverse culture.

'Sengol', a historical sceptre from Tamil Nadu which was received by first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to represent transfer of power from the British and was kept in a museum in Allahabad, will be installed in the new Parliament building.

It will be placed near the chair of Lok Sabha Speaker **More on P6**

Amarnath Yatra

Heavy Rush Of Yatris Expected This Year: Singh



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Jammu: Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Saturday said heavy rush of pilgrims is expected during the upcoming annual yatra to the 3,880-metre high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas.

The two-month-long pilgrimage is scheduled to commence on July 1 from the twin tracks -- traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and 14-km shorter but steep Baltal route in Ganderbal district.

"The Amarnath Yatra is expected to attract a heavy footfall this year," the minister of state in the Prime Minister's Office told reporters on the sidelines of a function in Kathua district.

He said Kashmir witnessed a tourism boom last year with a record 1.75 crore tourists visiting the place to enjoy its beauty.

"People mostly used to think of hotels and houseboats during their vacation to Kashmir but this time homestay was successfully introduced to meet the heavy rush," Singh said.

On the recently concluded G20 meet in Srinagar, he said the successful event debunked the narrative that Jammu and Kashmir is not yet safe for a visit.

"Jammu and Kashmir is bestowed with natural beauty in abundance. If you ask anyone around the world where he wants to go in India, the reply

will be Taj Mahal and Kashmir. However, a narrative was created that J&K is not yet safe for a visit, which was, however, negated by the successful holding of the G20 meet," he said.

He said Jammu and Kashmir is on the path of renewed growth and development and the successful culmination of the G20 meeting in Srinagar is a testament to this change as the government is committed to transforming the Union Territory.

"The common man in Kashmir wants to move forward and become part of Modi's new India. The youth of Kashmir are very intelligent and are looking forward to the schemes introduced by the prime minister to get benefitted like the people in the rest of the country," he said.

The minister said generations have suffered because of militancy but the youth of Jammu and Kashmir have now decided not to lack behind in the path to prosperity and development.

"J&K is going to play its role in a big way and contribute towards the economy of the country in the coming years."

Earlier addressing Y20 (Yuva Utsav) with the theme 'India@2047' organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Singh said the StartUp avenues unfolded in the past nine years call for a change of mindset.

"The nine years of Modi-led government have been, without any doubt, **More on P6**

3 Brothers Die In Kishtwar House Collapse

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Jammu: Three visually impaired brothers were killed when their house collapsed in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Friday, police said.

The house collapsed at night in the mountainous hamlet of Puller in Nagseni tehsil, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Khalil Poswal said. Three brothers -- identified as Rajesh, Sajan and Papu -- were killed in the incident, police said.

The other members of the family are safe, police added.

Meanwhile, the authorities announced an ex-gratia relief to the family and assured every possible support from the administration.

The district administration immediately provided financial support of Rs 25,000 to the family besides material relief under the Red Cross, the official said.

He said the Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Devansh Yadav announced ex-gratia relief up to Rs 4 lakh for the **More on P6**

Bukhari Calls For Deterrent Measures Against Anti-Nationals

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Srinagar: A day after NIA pleaded for the death penalty to Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief Yasin Malik, Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari on Saturday said deterrent measures should be taken against those who are trying to threaten national security.

"NIA's plea demanding the death penalty for Yasin Malik highlights the urgency to address militant funding in Jammu and Kashmir. We must ensure justice prevails and deterrent measures should be taken against those who are trying to



threaten our nation's security," Bukhari said on Twitter.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday approached the Delhi High Court seeking the death penalty for the Kashmiri

separatist leader, who was awarded a life term by a trial court here in a militant funding case a year ago, asserting not giving capital punishment to such a "dreaded terrorist" will **More on P6**

Yasin's Case Must Be Reviewed: Mehbooba, Sajad

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti on Saturday called for a review of JKLF chief Yasin Malik's case, while People's Conference chief Sajad Lone termed NIA's plea seeking death penalty for the separatist leader as "dangerous". However, Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari said deterrent measures should be taken against those trying to threaten the country's security. The reactions came after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday approached the Delhi High Court seeking the death penalty **More on P6**

Thermal Stratification Behind Fish Death In Dal Lake: Report

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: The fisheries department of Jammu and Kashmir has submitted a report on sudden death of a large number of fish in Dal Lake to the administration attributing the mass death to thermal stratification.

Experts say that the thermal stratification is a natural occurrence, in any static body of water. It occurs when the surface layer of water, warmed by the sun, becomes less dense than the water underneath it. The surface layer remains on top and the lower layer, deprived of surface contact and insulated from the sun, continues to get colder.

The pictures and videos of floating dead fish went viral on social media sites leaving Dal dwellers and locals worried. Rafiq Ahmad Sofi, Chief Project officer, told Kashmir Observer that the department had constituted a team to ascertain the facts that led to the death of fish in the Lake.

"We dispatched a team to collect the samples and found that the fish had died around Sher-e- Kashmir International



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Convention Centre (SKICC) and Nishat," Sofi said.

Notably, the Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) carried out an intensive dredging of the lake ahead of the G20 meeting which was hosted at SKICC between May 22-24. The delegates were also taken on Shikara rides for three consecutive days.

He further said the fish couldn't bear the "thermal stroke" of due to the sudden fluctuation in temperature due

to incessant rainfall.

Sofi, who was heading the team, said they found that most of the fish were "trash fish" and not "food fish" and the thermal stratification occurred in a small patch of the lake.

"The water around the SKICC and Nishat area is stagnant. No water channel feeds this patch so there is less oxygen for fish and the temperature of the water doesn't remain maintained in these patches," Sofi said.

He further said that the thermal stratification **More on P6**

KPDCL Sets Prepaid Power Rolling in Kashmir

55,000 Smart Meters To Be Converted Into Prepaid: CE

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: In an effort to give consumers access to cutting-edge technologies, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. (KPDCL) is all set to convert 55,000 previously installed postpaid smart meters into prepaid meters in the valley from June this year.

The corporation has urged the consumers to cooperate with the government to avail uninterrupted power supply in their localities. It also said that of the total 1, 70,000 smart meters installed in the valley, 50,000 postpaid smart meters will be converted into prepaid meters.

Addressing the media at his office, Chief Engineer KPDCL Kashmir Zone, Javed Yusuf Dar said process of conversion will be done in the phased manner and that the consumers have to login to Sahulat App to recharge their prepaid smart meters.

Dar said consumers could



now recharge their smart meters from the comfort of their homes rather than wasting their time in long queues at the bank branches.

"Consumers could now recharge as per their need, there is a recharge option available in the Sahulat App. Consumers could also keep a track of how much power was used the day before and how much was remaining. Most of the consumers pay electricity bills at bank branches and wait in long queues. They can pay bills at home by opting for prepaid mode. We have also issued an advertisement in newspapers in this regard," he said.

He said the consumers have also been informed to convert their postpaid **More on P6**

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S H O R T T A K E S

LG Greets KPs On Jyeshtha Ashtami

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday extended his heartiest greetings to the people on the eve of the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami.

In his message, the Lt Governor said: "Heartiest greetings to the people, especially to sisters and brothers from Kashmiri Pandit community, on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami. Prayers to Mata Kheer Bhawani for well-being, peace and prosperity for all. The congregation of devotees from across the world at Mata Kheer Bhawani **More on P6**

Militant Associate Held In Baramulla

Security forces on Saturday arrested a militant associate of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, police said.

Acting on information about movement of militants in Nagbal village in the north Kashmir district's Chandoosa area, the security forces placed a mobile vehicle checkpoint (MVCP) at the Shranz Crossing Nagbal, a police spokesman said. He said a person, who was coming from Shranz towards Nagbal, tried to flee after seeing security **More on P6**

Landmine, Grenades Destroyed In Poonch

Security forces on Saturday detected and destroyed a landmine and two grenades, all in rusted condition, at two different places in Mendhar sector of Poonch district in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The landmine was detected by the Army troops during patrolling in Malikpur village near the Line of Control, they said, adding it was subsequently destroyed by the experts of bomb disposal squad in a controlled explosion. As part of an anti-infiltration **More on P6**

Bear Ventures Into Govt-Run School

A black bear ventured into the premises of a government-run school in Banihal town of Ramban district before the arrival of students on Saturday morning, prompting a joint rescue operation by police and wildlife department, officials said.

The students were, however, allowed inside the premises nearly one-hour beyond their scheduled timing after it was found that the beast had fled taking advantage of thick vegetation in the area, the officials said. **More on P6**

GOC Reviews Rajouri Preparedness

Army Commander, General Officer of Commanding, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday visited Rajouri and held a meeting with field commanders of Ace of Spades Division and Romeo Force to review the operational preparedness. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Army Commander Northern Command visited Rajouri Sector to review operational preparedness, said the army in an official statement. The Army further said that the Commander appreciated the **More on P6**

Avalanche Kills 10 In Gilgit-Baltistan

At least 10 people were killed and 25 injured when an avalanche hit the Gilgit-Baltistan region in Pakistan on Saturday, police said.

According to the police, 10 people, including three women were killed in the calamity in the Shunter Top area of Astore district in the mountainous region.

"Rescue work was launched with the help of locals and later the Pakistan Army soldiers also joined the operation," the police said. GB Chief Secretary **More on P6**



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Meteorite And Volcanic Particles May Have Driven Origin Of Life On Earth: Study

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Particles from meteors or volcanic eruptions on Earth around 4.4 billion years ago may have generated the precursors of the molecules needed for the origin of life on the planet, according to a study.

Previous research has suggested that the precursors of organic molecules—hydrocarbons, aldehydes and alcohols—may have been delivered by asteroids and comets or produced by reactions in the early Earth's atmosphere and oceans.

These reactions may have been pro-

moted by energy from lightning, volcanic activity, or impacts. However a lack of data has meant that it is unclear what the predominant mechanism that produced these precursors was.

The new research, published in the journal Scientific Reports, analysed whether meteorite or ash particles deposited on volcanic islands could have promoted the conversion of atmospheric carbon dioxide to the precursors of organic molecules on the early Earth.

The researchers simulated a range of conditions that previous research has suggested may have been present on the early Earth by placing carbon dioxide gas in a

heated and pressurised system (an autoclave) under pressures ranging between nine and 45 bars and temperatures ranging between 150 and 300 degrees Celsius.

They also simulated wet and dry climate conditions by adding either hydrogen gas or water to the system.

The team mimicked the depositing of meteorite or ash particles on volcanic islands by adding different combinations of crushed samples of iron meteorites, stony meteorites, or volcanic ash into the system, as well as minerals that may have been present in the early Earth and are found in either the planet's crust, meteorites, or asteroids.

The researchers found that the iron-rich particles from meteorites and volcanic ash promoted the conversion of carbon dioxide into hydrocarbons, aldehydes and alcohols across a range of atmosphere and climate conditions that may have been present in the early Earth.

They observed that aldehydes and alcohols formed at lower temperatures while hydrocarbons formed at 300 degrees Celsius.

The researchers suggest that as the early Earth's atmosphere cooled over time, the production of alcohols and aldehydes may have increased.

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w/o Parvaiz Majeed Baba
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V/S

PUBLIC AT LARGE (Non-Caveators)
In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C

The caveator has reasons to believe/apprehension that the non-caveator may file a suit or any other type of proceeding before a Court of Law on the ground of distorted facts/ misrepresentation or cooked up story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at his back/exparte against the caveator and in such eventuality the caveator will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveator is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order. Hence this caveat.
nj Sd/- Advocate

Before The Hon'ble High Court Of J&K And Ladakh At Srinagar

In the case of Sajad Ashraf Gurkoo
S/o Mohammad Ashraf Gurkoo
Asifa Sajad w/o Sajad Ashraf Gurkoo
R/o Buchpora

Public at large (NON-CAVEATOS)
In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

The Caveator has reason to believe that Non-Caveators may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back /in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveator be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.
Sd/advocate

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Bi-Annual 2020-21 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Ruksana Akther
S/o: Mohd Juma Penchoo
Roll No: 12603478
Year & Session : 2020-21 Bi Annual



Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary
Board Of School Education
Sub Office Bandipora

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From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present : Mr. Jawad Ahmad

Mst Afroza Widow Of Late Khurshed Ahmad Bhat R/o Upper Buchwara Dalgate Srinagar
2. Muntaha Khurshed (Minor)
D/o Late Khurshed Ahmad Bhat R/o Upper Buchwara Dal-gate Srinagar through her mother i.e Petitioner No 1.

v/s
1. Talib mUNEER Bhat S/o Late Mohammad Ismail Bhat R/o Upper Buchwara Dalgate Sgr
2. Shabir Ahmad Bhat S/o Late Mohammad Ismail Bhat R/o Upper Buchwara Dalgate Sgr
3. Aijaz Ahmad Bhat S/o Late Mohammad Ismail Bhat R/o Upper Buchwara Dalgate Sgr
4. Mudasir Akhtar D/o Late Mohammad Ismail Bhat W/o Showkat Ahmad R/o Bemina Sgr
In the matter of
Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

Notice to public at Large

Where the petitioner(s) FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITON BEFORE THIS COURT OF ISSUANCE OF SUCCESSION certificate in favour of Petitioner(s) in respect of Rs 198000 as debts and securities in name of Deceased Namely: Khurshed Ahmad Bhat S/o Late Mohammad Ismail Bhat R/o Upper Buchwara Dalgate Sgr who died on 11-06-2021. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 20-06-2023
Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the drom of this proclamation that at any anyone has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/she / they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 20-06-2023. Failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the same
In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday the matter shall be taken on the next working day.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on ---

Jawad Ahmad
Principal District Judge, Srinagar

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از عدالت سبج فارست مجسٹریٹ سرنیگر با اجلاس فیروز احمد خان

Namus Saqib
S/o Ali Mohammad Dar
R/o Buchpora Sgr
سائل اسامہ

درخواست بفرق اندراج تاریخ وفات
بنام عائشہ بیگم زوجہ غلام احمد ڈار ساکنہ پورہ سرنیگر
تاریخ وفات --

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Office Of The Child Development Project Officer, Hajin

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Advertisement Notice: No. 01 of 2023

Dated:- 25-05-2023

Subject: Advertisement for Recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Hajin

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

Approval has been accorded, vide letter No: 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28.04.2023 for filling up of various vacancies of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Hajin as per the details given below:

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Post
01	Hajin	AWW	09
		AWH	14
Total			23

Applications are invited in the Prescribed Performa in Annexure "A" from the eligible candidates for engagement as Anganwadi Worker and Anganwadi Helper on Honorarium basis for aforementioned posts of Anganwadi Centres. The applications along with required documents shall be submitted in the office of CDPO Hajin within 14 days after the publication of the notice. The important details with regard to the posts are as under:

- Application form
- Annexure B- Name of the Post, Location/Ward , Qualification and Criteria for selection
- Annexure C- Affidavit

ANNEXURE 'A'

Format of Application

- Name of POSHAN Project _____
- Name of Anganwadi Centre _____
- Post applied for _____
- Name of the Candidate _____
- Father's Name _____
- Husband's Name _____
- Residence _____
- Ward No. _____
- Address for correspondence _____
- Contact No. _____
- Date of Birth _____
- Age as on 01.01.2023 _____
- Academic Qualification: _____

Sr.No.	Examination passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Total Marks	Percentage

- Do the candidate belong to Retiring AWW/AWH (YES/NO)
- Document Attached: _____

Signature of the candidate _____
Date: _____

ANNEXURE 'B'

Detail of Vacant Posts (AWW/AWH) along with name and location of AWC.

S.No.	NAME OF ANGANWADI CENTRE	WARD NO.	NAME OF POST	NO. OF POSTS
01	Goushbough C	Softi Mohalla Ward No. 03	AWW	01
02	Haji Mohalla Mukdamyari	Haji Mohalla Ward No. 06	AWW	01
03	Karnale Mohalla Shahgund	Karnale Mohalla Ward No. 02	AWW	01
04	Pashwan C	Wani Mohalla Ward No. 02	AWW	01
05	Prang A	Ward No 07	AWW	01
06	Rather Mohalla	Rather Mohalla Ward No 08	AWW	01
07	Rawathpora	Rawathpora Ward No 05	AWW	01
08	Bronth Mohalla	Bronth Mohalla sadunara Ward No. 08	AWW	01
09	Waz Mohalla Lassi	Waz Mohalla Lassi, Ward No. 01	AWW	01
10	Andergam C	Eidgh Mohalla, Ward No 1	AWH	01
11	Chandeegeer B	Nowpora Ward No 5	AWH	01
12	Chewa A	Ward No 01	AWH	01
13	Danger Mohalla, Gundjahangeer	Dangerpora Ward No 5	AWH	01
14	Gori Mohalla	Gori Mohalla, ward No 08	AWH	01
15	Goushbough A	Danger Mohalla, ward No 04	AWH	01
16	Gundi Boon A	Pethpora, dar Mohalla Ward No 06	AWH	01
17	Kral Mohalla	Kral Mohalla Ward No 03	AWH	01
18	Mir Mohalla A	Mir Mohalla, ward No 03	AWH	01
19	Parray Mohalla A	Parray Mohalla, ward No 11	AWH	01
20	Pethpora B	Pethpora, Ward No 7	AWH	01
21	Takiya B	Takiya ward No 09	AWH	01
22	Tengpora A	kaloo Mohalla, Ward No 03	AWH	01
23	Trissa B	Mir Mohalla, Ward No 05	AWH	01

Eligibility:

A. For Anganwadi Workers

- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- 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, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.
- Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Worker 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 ward can be considered subject to the approval of the MD, Mission POSHAN.
- Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and not other criteria to be considered.
- In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.
- Candidate with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

B. 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.
- Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be matriculation.
- In case no matriculate candidate available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered.
- The committee shall select the most destitute/ needy married woman of the ward as helper from amongst those who fulfil 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 AWWs/AWHs, the said candidates shall qualify for additional two percent points.

Document Verification

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 Photostat 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/Matriculation Certificate.
- Domicile Certificate.
- Unmarried Certificate (where required)
- Candidates have to bring two passport size recent colour photographs and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be:
 - Aadhaar Card
 - Voter ID card.
- The candidate who are supposed to furnish various certificate issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, 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 or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
- Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Anganwadi worker and Class X for 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 Anganwadi worker/ Anganwadi Helper.

No.: CDPO/Poshan/H/2023/219-228
DIPK-2309/23 Date: 27-05-2023

S/d=

Child Development Project Officer
Poshan Project Hajin



Hazratbal Residents Demand Macadamization Of Road Patch

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Residents of Dargah Hazratbal Saturday appealed to the Chief Engineer, R&B Department to macadamize a dilapidated road patch near J&K Bank to avert accidents.

A delegation of residents said the road patch near J&K Bank has developed deep potholes and remains waterlogged when it's raining, triggering fear of accidents.

The busy road is used by thousands of commuters, especially students visiting the Kashmir University (KU) on a daily basis.

"These potholes are deep and remain invisible owing to waterlogging. Many vehicles were damaged as a result," the residents said, urging the Chief Engineer, R&B to immediately intervene so that no untoward incident takes place.

"Many children wait for school buses near this rough patch. Temporarily people themselves set up sandbags around the potholes to divert traffic. But it needs a permanent solution. A drain outlet adjacent to the road is also blocked which leads to water logging," the residents said.

S.P College, Wildlife Dept Pledge For Wildlife Conservation, Environment Protection

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Srinagar: Sri Pratap College and Department of Wildlife today jointly took a pledge for wildlife conservation and protection of the environment in a program organized under the banner of India's Presidency of G20.

The pledge was taken by the students of the college and the representative officials of the Department of Wildlife in recognition of the importance of preserving wildlife and their habitats to reflect the commitment of both organizations towards a sustainable future for our planet's precious

wildlife and ecosystems. The pledge incorporated commitments to educate students, staff, and the general public about wildlife conservation, prevention of wildlife crime, conduct research and monitoring, and collaborate with other organizations and stakeholders to develop and implement effective conservation strategies based on scientific evidence. The principal of the College Prof. (Dr) Gh Jeelani Qurashi presided over the event and assured the student gathering of taking such initiatives on priority in the future as well.

Awareness Program On 'Women Centric Schemes & Legal Services' Organized

Observer News Service

Srinagar: SPARSH Committee and Women Development Cell of S. P. College in collaboration with the District Hub for Empowerment of Women, Mission Shakti today organized an Awareness program regarding "Women Centric Schemes and Legal Services" to generate awareness amongst the female students of the college about the various schemes and campaigns focused on women and their rights.

The Speakers for the occasion were Rehana Qadir, Deeba (Gender Spe-

cialists) and Zainab (Para Legal Personnel). Dr. Nikhat Nabi introduced the program and also briefed the audience about the SPARSH committee in the college. She also laid stress on creating a campus free of gender bias. The formal welcome address was delivered by the Principal of SP College, Prof (Dr) Ghulam Jeelani Qureshi who encouraged the students to be educated and empowered. He also appreciated the fact that the ratio of girl students in the college has increased due to various initiatives taken by the government.



World famous Dal Lake presents picturesque and mesmerizing view of the majestic mountains and exotic surroundings. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Director Tourism Kashmir Tours Dalgate, Boulevard Road Interacts With Tourists, Service Providers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Director Tourism, Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob today visited the Dalgate and Boulevard Road areas of Srinagar city and held detailed interactions with tourists and visitors about services provided by respective stakeholders to them.

During the tour, the director interacted with both domestic and international tourists.

The Director Tourism as-

sured tourists of the department's commitment to continuous support and promised to implement their feedback in enhancing the overall tourism infrastructure and services.

Meanwhile, during the tour, a group of tourists raised an issue of overcharging and cheating with the Director.

Taking immediate cognizance of the matter, the Director with the team of tourist police and other officers of the department got

the overcharged amounts refunded to the tourists and directed for strict action against the offending service providers.

Later, the Director also interacted with local vendors and other service providers and appreciated them for their contribution to the tourism ecosystem. He asked them to desist from any kind of malpractices while providing services to visitors and tourists as it gives a bad impression to the visiting guests.

Experts Call For Developing Disaster-Resilient Society As KU Symposium Concludes

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Eminent experts from the fields of geological sciences, seismology, and earth sciences have called for developing effective strategies to create a disaster-resilient society to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters.

The experts from different universities and institutions of national importance were part of deliberations during a three-day symposium on 'Earthquake, Landslide and Glacial Hazards' which concluded at the University of Kashmir on Saturday.

The symposium, held simultaneously with the 7th Annual Convention on 'Advances in Earthquake Science-2023', was jointly organized by Indian Society of Earthquake Science (ISES) and Department of Geography and Disaster Management, University of Kashmir.

More than 100 delegates from various research institutions, or-


ganizations and universities in different parts of the country had joined the three-day event, which evolved a consensus on developing newer strategies and approaches to bring in an effective disaster management policy that leads to building a disaster-conscious and disaster-resilient society. The recommendations made during the symposium would be compiled in the form of a white paper and forwarded to important quarters for policy making, the organisers said.

Distinguished scientists and academics including Padma Shri Prof Harsh K Gupta, Padma Shri Prof V P Dimri, Padma Shri V C Thakur, Prof B K Rastogi (President ISES), Prof Talat Ahmad (former VC, Kashmir University), Dr O P Mishra (Director, National Centre for Seismology), Dr Sumer Chopra (Director General, Institute of Seismological Research), Prof Sridevi Jade, (Director CSIR-4PI) and Prof Arun K Sarah from

IIT-Roorkee, Prof G M Bhat (eminent geologist from J&K), Prof M Sultan Bhat (from Kashmir University) and Dr Abhey Ram Bansal, General Secretary ISES were part of the mega event.


Nearly 70 research papers spread over nine technical sessions were presented during the symposium. A special panel discussion on 'Roadmap for Earthquake Hazard: Assessment and Risk Mitigation for J&K' was also convened during which the experts discussed threadbare the disaster management scenario of the J&K UT with respect to earthquakes.

The event concluded with a modest valedictory function wherein Prof Pervez Ahmed, Head, Department of Geography & Disaster Management, KU and Organizing Secretary of this symposium, thanked the delegates for their presence and emphasized the need for organizing more such programs for the benefit of young researchers and students.




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This Day In History

- 640 - Severinus begins his reign as Catholic Pope (elected in 638)
- 1037 - Holy Roman Emperor Conrad II removes "Constitutio the Feudis"
- 1156 - Battle at Brindisi: Norman-Sicilian King William beats Byzantine fleet under John Doukas and Alexios Bryennios
- 1349 - 60 Jews murdered in Breslau, Silesia
- 1358 - Daint-Leu at Oise begins French boer uprising
- 1431 - Joan of Arc is accused of relapsing into heresy by donning male clothing again, providing justification for her execution
- 1521 - Pope Leo X signs treaty with Holy Roman Emperor Charles V
- Charles V
- 1588 - Spanish Armada under the Duke of Medina-Sidonia departs Lisbon to invade England
- 1741 - Spain and Bavaria sign treaty
- 1863 - 1st black regiment (54 Mass) leaves Boston to fight in US Civil War

From KO Archives

Patient Stable As Controversy About 'Needless' Surgery Lingers On

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Even as the patient who was operated upon at the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) for removal of suspected stones is stable, the controversy surrounding the surgery lingers on. While the doctors are almost unanimous there was no negligence in the matter, the patient's relatives are sore at the way an un-necessary surgery was forced on her.

According to reports, Aaliya Liaquat w/o Liaquat Hussein of Court road here was operated upon Saturday for suspected stones in her kidneys though repeated X-rays taken on the fateful day did not show any de nite presence of the calculus. Her relatives alleged the surgery was not warranted after the X-rays were negative.

The surgery evoked instant protest from the relatives of patient, mother of an 8-month old baby. They alleged the head of concerned department, Dr' Baldev Singh, had insisted to have the surgery performed. They accused the doctor of having threatened them following a tiff a few days earlier.

In a communication to Kashmir Observer, Dr Singh denied he had conducted the operation and described the report, circulated by CNS news agency, as baseless and aimed at maligning his image. He said, "The fact is that I had advised an X-ray for the patient before any surgical intervention but a consultant urologist conducted the said surgery with my knowledge". Later on, he said, "on the request of Director SKIMS I helped the concerned urologist in closing the patient and stent was put for effective drainage".

Talking to Observer News Service, Dr Singh denied there was any negligence on the part of doctors. "These things can happen in the medical profession", he said, adding the surgery was done with the written consent of a close relative of the Patient. He said the patient was admitted by Dr Tajamul the consultant who was not required to seek any directive from him. Denying that he has threatened the patients' relative, Dr. Singh said he might have told them to leave the ward during the morning round.

When contacted Dr. Tajamul Fazili told Observer News Service that patients was admitted by Dr. Singh. The X-rays of the obese patient had shown stones at the OPD stage and admitted accordingly. On Saturday he said the first two X-rays revealed there were no stones. A third one was taken with double exposure which showed a shadow coinciding with the X-ray taken at the 'OPD stage'. Dr. Fazili said, "Most probably it was a friable (soft) stone which got crushed and passed down the ureter during the surgical manipulation." He said a small stent was kept inside to ensure safe passage of any small bit.

Dr Fazili said 'Saturday was utilised as an additional theatre day to make good for the hartal days. "We were convinced the patient did have stones. But when I could not locate it, I sought help from Dr Singh", he said. The director of the Institute, Prof Me'raj-ud-din, said there was nothing abnormal about the surgery nor was there any negligence on the part of doctors. "The stone must have been friable going down the ureter and the gravel coming out of its own", he said. He ruled out any enquiry into the episode.

Joining the issue, a close relative of the patient, pleading anonymity, told Observer News Service the surgery was absolutely uncalled for the moment the doctors knew there was no stone. The written consent had been given when she was brought to operation theatre in the morning. However, she was turned back from there and

asked to get in her X-ray done. After that an anesthesia was given to her for the second time and the surgery conducted despite the relatives' pleas against it and without seeking a fresh consent from them. The relative said the patient had suffered heavy blood loss which could have proved fatal. The relative alleged Dr Singh had visited the ward against asking them to return the X-rays which were lying with them.

Meanwhile, according to Dr Singh the patient was stable. (Kashmir Observer, 28 May, 2005)



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Child Labour: An Ongoing Issue in Kashmir

Haneen Farid

In any case, the longstanding problem with the employment of children is simply that at an age when a child is reasonably expected to go to school, play with their peers, and learn the multiplication tables or the periodic table, they are stripped of this innocence and forced to become an adult

Child labour in Kashmir is pervasive particularly in the handicraft industry, brick kilns, automobile workshops, and among domestic labour as well as vendors. Being made to work in these tedious and sometimes hazardous occupations, this practice for children is nothing short of an epidemic.

In technical terms, any employment which is undertaken by a child under the age of fourteen years on financial terms, constitutes child labour.

In Kashmir, the number of children engaged in employment was recorded at a staggering 25,528 for the year 2011. This was down by 4.15% from the year 2001, suggesting a general decline since then.

Regardless, the fact that several around us remain constrained in this form of exploitation is certainly a matter of concern. It is essential to examine the conditions that they may be subject to and the factors that push them to seek employment at such an early age.

To understand this phenomenon in its entirety, we may consider the example of a common sight in Kashmir: minors working in street stalls and roadside restaurants. Here, they are exposed to harsh climatic conditions, being forced to face the scorching heat in summers and heavy rains in monsoon. On top of everything, they often do not even have the suitable clothing or nutrition to suitably adapt to such a work environment.

Yet, this state of affairs can be seen extending far beyond this one segment; another industry which is equally - if not more infamous for exploiting minors, is the traditional carpet-weaving industry of Kashmir.

These workplaces in India are poorly crafted, lack appropriate lighting, have unsuited furniture, poor ventilation, and a lack of heating and cooling arrangement with respect to the relevant season. Here, several children suffer from a range of illnesses caused



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by the nature of their work including numerous eye problems, joint and bodily aches, and respiratory issues, among others.

Nevertheless, one thing to keep in mind about the carpet industry is that it is home-based; this is how it becomes convenient for families to employ their own children in this trade. Parents wish for their children to learn the skill of carpet weaving due to its market benefits, and make them work at an early age to help them master the skill in good time. Not only this, the establishment of looms in homes then acts as a tool in boosting labour participation of children in their wider community.

Now, for some, it may seem odd to suppose that parents in today's day-and-age are making their children toil away in wage labour. Because of the various white-collar occupations that are being created, one could perhaps attain a relatively well-paying and dignified job with a proper education.

Hence, we must ask ourselves: what causes parents to push their children into employment?

Broadly, scholars regard child labour as a result of poverty, unemployment, overpopulation, illiteracy, and low income of parents. A 2017 study provides another interesting insight into this; Aasif Hussain Nengroo and Gulam Mohammad Bhat found that if the head of a house is educated, the probability of them making their child work is lower than if otherwise.

This was inferred to mean that a literate head understands the significance of education for their child and is less likely to deprive them of education. In other words, low literacy levels among parents enables the employment of their children in the labour force, as they do not perceive the importance of education.

In reality, an education does not act as a guarantee for decent employment, which is why parents drop the notion of a white collar job and make

their children work in odd jobs with low educational requirements. The evidence for this lies in the ongoing crisis of the educated unemployed in Kashmir, which only encourages the dispatch of minors into the workforce.

However, even if parents feel that obtaining an education is substantial for their child, they may lack the resources to send them to school. And to counter this, we have seen some headway recently with the J&K government instructing private schools functioning on state land to provide free of cost education to children from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds. With this move, we can expect a reservation of 25% in these schools, ultimately promoting greater accessibility to quality education for economically disadvantaged children who would otherwise be unable to attain this.

In any case, the longstanding problem with the employment of children is simply that at an age when a child is reasonably expected to go to school, play with their peers, and learn the multiplication tables or the periodic table, they are stripped of this innocence and forced to become an adult. And it is precisely because of this that the youth of Kashmir is grappling to achieve their true potential.

Hence, it is to be hoped that with greater infrastructural development and a widespread change in attitudes, perhaps these children who have been trapped in factories and workshops for ages can someday be free.

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AI Won't Replace Teacher But A Classroom Revolution Is Coming

Momo Bertrand

At a deeper level, as machines become better at answering questions, educators should guide students to ask better questions. This will go beyond writing good prompts for conversational AI. Today's schools should inspire students to be curious as this is an essential ingredient to conducting primary research, including in frontier areas, where humans have an edge over AI

For instance, AI-powered computer vision and voice-to-text apps can significantly boost school accessibility for learners with visual and hearing impairments. AI can also reduce teacher workloads, especially in environments where teachers' capacity and headcount are low. However human educators must remain central to teaching and learning.

On the flip side, the technology also has a high potential for harm. Generative AI could help students cheat in exams. Moreover, AI chatbots often throw up results that are sexist, racist and factually incorrect.

So what should teachers do?

Prepare students to ask better questions

A young university official in Cameroon recently told me that he and his colleagues were "trying to see how our classes will prepare students for technology and AI."

Going forward, more teachers and education officials will have to think in this way. On the surface, this requires reviewing curricula, syllabi and teacher professional development programmes, and incorporating objectives and content on AI literacy, risks, ethics and skills, among other things.

At a deeper level, as machines become better at answering questions, educators should guide students to ask better questions. This will go beyond writing good prompts for conversational AI. Today's schools should inspire students to be curious as this is an essential ingredient to conducting primary research, including in frontier areas, where humans have an edge over AI.

Additionally, as AI heralds rapid transformation and change in labour markets, socio-emotional skills like adaptability should become central

to curricula. Educators should aim to plant the seeds of adaptability in the hearts and minds of students.

When change becomes the only constant, we should not just help students to learn, we must inspire them to love lifelong learning.

Help avoid echo chambers

AI is almost certain to worsen the problem of misinformation. Very soon, anyone with an internet connection will be able to produce solid arguments on any subject simply by inputting a prompt into an AI platform.

Echo chambers could grow exponentially if we don't train today's young people to find common ground and hold peaceful conversations with people they don't agree with.

Short of action, AI may feed the flames of extremism and polarisation.

Tackling the most pressing challenges of our time — climate change, pandemics, migration — will require

unprecedented levels of collaboration at the global, regional and national levels. While AI will unlock new possibilities to analyse, organise, and process information necessary to fix these issues, this potential will be useless if we can't talk to each other.

That is why teaching learners the ability to find common ground is so important.

Use AI as a teaching assistant

We've known for decades that students learn better when teaching is personalised. However, limited teacher headcounts and rapidly growing student populations, especially in low-income countries, have prevented tailored teaching approaches from fully taking off.

AI could change this.

Adaptive learning technologies powered by AI are already showing promising results in literacy and numeracy. Typically, AI-powered adaptive learning solutions assess students' current knowledge and competencies, identify gaps, deliver content and quizzes at the right level, and provide feedback to improve learning outcomes.

A World Bank review has reported promising results from adaptive learning pilots around the globe. AI can thereby help complement teachers' efforts and underpin significant improvements in educational outcomes.

To be clear, human educators will remain pivotal to learning. In the same way that libraries and search engines don't take away instruction responsibility from teachers, human educators must remain central in the age of educational AI. Teachers will still set ambitious learning goals, lead instruction, and motivate and inspire learners among other key tasks.

AI needs education

Importantly, the use of AI educa-

tional solutions should take into account issues of privacy, inclusion, bias and accuracy. Currently, generative AI often produces inaccurate, biased, racist and sexist responses.

Academic institutions can help address this. They can serve as spaces for debate, research and experimentation aimed at making AI more safe, inclusive, accurate and obedient. Universities can also apply a rigorous research lens to separate hype from reality and ensure that the technology serves rather than harms shared human development.

Academics can also play a vital role in helping governments to anticipate and manage the disruptive effects of AI. For instance, as AI disrupts sectors and occupations replacing old jobs and creating new ones, tertiary education institutions will be vital to skill, upskill, and reskill today's workforce for the future.

The future

Innovation works in mysterious ways, and we are barely witnessing the first moments of AI's Cambrian explosion.

No one knows what the Age of AI will bring.

However, we know that the pace of change will accelerate. The skills landscape will shift. Education will have to evolve. Therefore, we can adapt our curricula and instructional techniques to match a world where machines think.

We can teach learners to find common ground and hold peaceful conversations, even when they don't agree with their interlocutors. We can empower our teachers and lecturers not only to use AI for adaptive learning, but also to make AI solutions in education and beyond more safe, inclusive, secure and obedient.

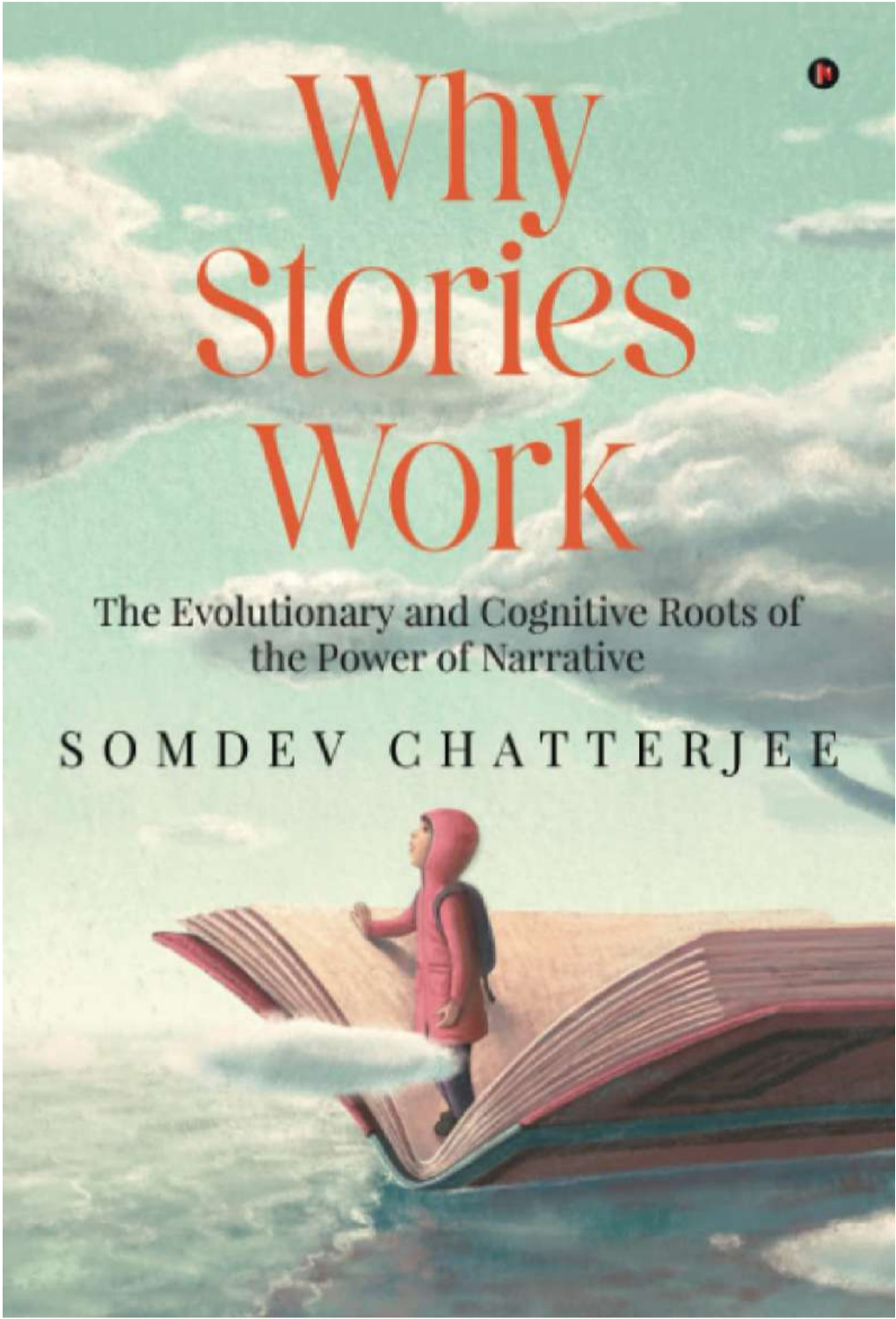
The journey will be long. We may stumble. We may fall. But we must rise again. We must keep walking, to ensure that AI contributes to creating a world where knowledge is democratised and used for the common good.

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Peak Shift



STORYTELLERS IN THESE GENRES CAN USE THE PRINCIPLE OF PEAK-SHIFT IN THEIR DESIGN OF CHARACTER AND SITUATION TO A MUCH GREATER EXTENT THAN THOSE WORKING WITHIN THE STRAIGHTJACKET OF REALISM. If a story of a human fighting a lion is good, then a story of a demigod fighting a ten-headed monster is better, because it captures the essence of heroic struggle against dangerous adversaries



Somdev Chatterjee

In an experiment described by Dr. Ramachandran in *The Tell-Tale Brain*, rats were repeatedly shown one of two images - either a square or a rectangle. Every time it was shown a rectangle, the rat was also given a piece of cheese. After a while, it began to prefer the rectangle. No surprises so far. But when the rat was shown a rectangle which was more elongated than the first one, it began to prefer the elongated rectangle even to the original one.

Why does this happen? It is because the rat has learnt to prefer the property of rectangularity. How does a rectangle differ from a square? It is elongated. So the more elongated (and therefore more rectangular) the figure is, the more the rat will be attracted to it.

Dr. Ramachandran points out that the same principle explains our responses to portraits, caricatures and cartoons. How would an artist bring out the essence of a person, say Indira Gandhi? If you take her face and subtract the average woman's face from it, what you have left are the features in which Mrs. Gandhi's face differs from the norm. It is these that make her recognizable as Mrs. Gandhi. The most obvious of these is her prominent nose. What an artist might do is to subtly enhance those features, so that the portrait looks even more like Indira Gandhi than Indira Gandhi herself. If you take this too far, of course you get a cartoon.

Could this phenomenon (which Dr. Ramachandran calls a peak shift) be one of the reasons why we are drawn to animated films? An animated Disney princess can be made more feminine than any human actress by enhancing those features by which a woman's face differs from that of a man. Can you ever hope to use a real animal to convey the innocence of Bambi? The essence of any character can be brought out more strongly in an animated film without having the features of a human or animal actor stand in the way. This is not only applicable to the look of the characters, but also their gestures, posture and behaviour. The same principle applies to storytelling as well. Many genres like mythologicals, science fiction and fantasy use hyperbole as a matter of course. We speculated in the previous chapter that the reason why we accept these 'unrealistic' genres is because we recognize the basic categories of the environment like goals, obstacles, etc. in them. But it could

be that we like these genres more because they deviate from reality. Storytellers in these genres can use the principle of peak-shift in their design of character and situation to a much greater extent than those working within the straightjacket of realism. If a story of a human fighting a lion is good, then a story of a demigod fighting a ten-headed monster is better, because it captures the essence of heroic struggle against dangerous adversaries. Or take the most common plot of romance stories. A naive young woman meets a powerful man fighting inner demons. He could be a neurosurgeon, a soldier or a billionaire. The woman faces social or physical danger from this man but ultimately heals the troubled and tempestuous soul by the application of the magical balm of feminine love. This is the plot of scores of Mills and Boon romances. But all those stories are limited by one constraint: the characters are human. They may be extraordinary almost to the point of being incredible, but they still cannot transcend the limitations of biology. So if you want to transcend those limitations as a writer, what can you do? You identify the features that make the human hero of romance different from the average man: power, capacity for aggression, strong internal conflict, irresistible desire for the heroine. Then you create a world where you can multiply these qualities tenfold. Instead of a rich, powerful man, take an aristocratic vampire: he is a rich, immortal predator, and has powers that no man can dream of. The hero of the typical romance desires the heroine romantically. Make your vampire hero lust for the blood of your heroine. And yet of course the vampire hero loves her and so will never do anything to hurt her - how's that for internal conflict? Bella gets to be with a supernatural being who desires her intensely but is not a slave to his desire, and is powerful enough to be able to protect her from any danger; and Stephanie Meyer sells over a hundred million copies of her books. But of course she did not discover the power of this plot, or the benefits of setting your story in the supernatural realm. Beauty and the Beast predates *Twilight* by two and a half centuries, and is itself indebted to similar motifs in folktales and literature going back millennia.

Excerpted from Why Stories Work: The Evolutionary and Cognitive Roots of the Power of Narrative

THE NIGHT WATCHMAN A Captivating Tale Of History And Identity

Ahmad Nazir

"The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich is a compelling and deeply moving novel that takes readers on an immersive journey through history, culture, and resilience.

Set in the 1950s, the book intertwines personal stories with the fight for Native American rights, offering a poignant portrayal of the Chippewa tribe's struggle against the U.S. government's attempts to terminate their tribal rights.

Through vibrant characters, lyrical prose, and a masterful blend of fact and fiction, Erdrich delivers a powerful narrative that explores themes of identity, love, and the enduring strength of the human spirit.

At the heart of the story is Thomas Wazhashk, a night watchman and Chippewa tribal member, who serves as a beacon of hope and determination for his community. Thomas becomes an instrumental figure in the fight against the Termination Act, a legislation aimed at dismantling Native American tribes and their rights.

As he navigates his own personal struggles, including a complicated love affair and the disappearance of his sister, Pixie, Thomas rallies his people to stand up and protect their heritage.

Throughout the novel, Erdrich skillfully weaves together multiple perspectives, introducing readers to an array of vibrant and relatable characters.

From the resilient Patrice Paranteau, a young woman determined to find her missing sister, to the enigmatic and fiercely independent Wood Mountain, Erdrich brings each character to life with depth and authenticity. Their interconnected stories illuminate the hardships and triumphs experienced by Native Americans during a critical era in American history.

Themes and social commentary

One of the most striking aspects of "The Night Watchman" is Erdrich's ability to shed light on the historical injustices faced by Native American communities. Through the Termination Act, the novel explores

the systematic erasure of Native American identity and the challenges of preserving cultural heritage in the face of adversity.

Erdrich unflinchingly confronts the devastating effects of colonisation, while also celebrating the resilience, strength, and love that sustains the Chippewa tribe.

In 2021, "The Night Watchman" was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Additionally, the novel delves into themes of identity and belonging. Characters grapple with questions of self-discovery, straddling multiple worlds, and navigating the complexities of their heritage in a society that often marginalises them.

Erdrich beautifully captures the nuances of these experiences, highlighting the power of community, family bonds, and the importance of embracing one's roots.

Narrative structure

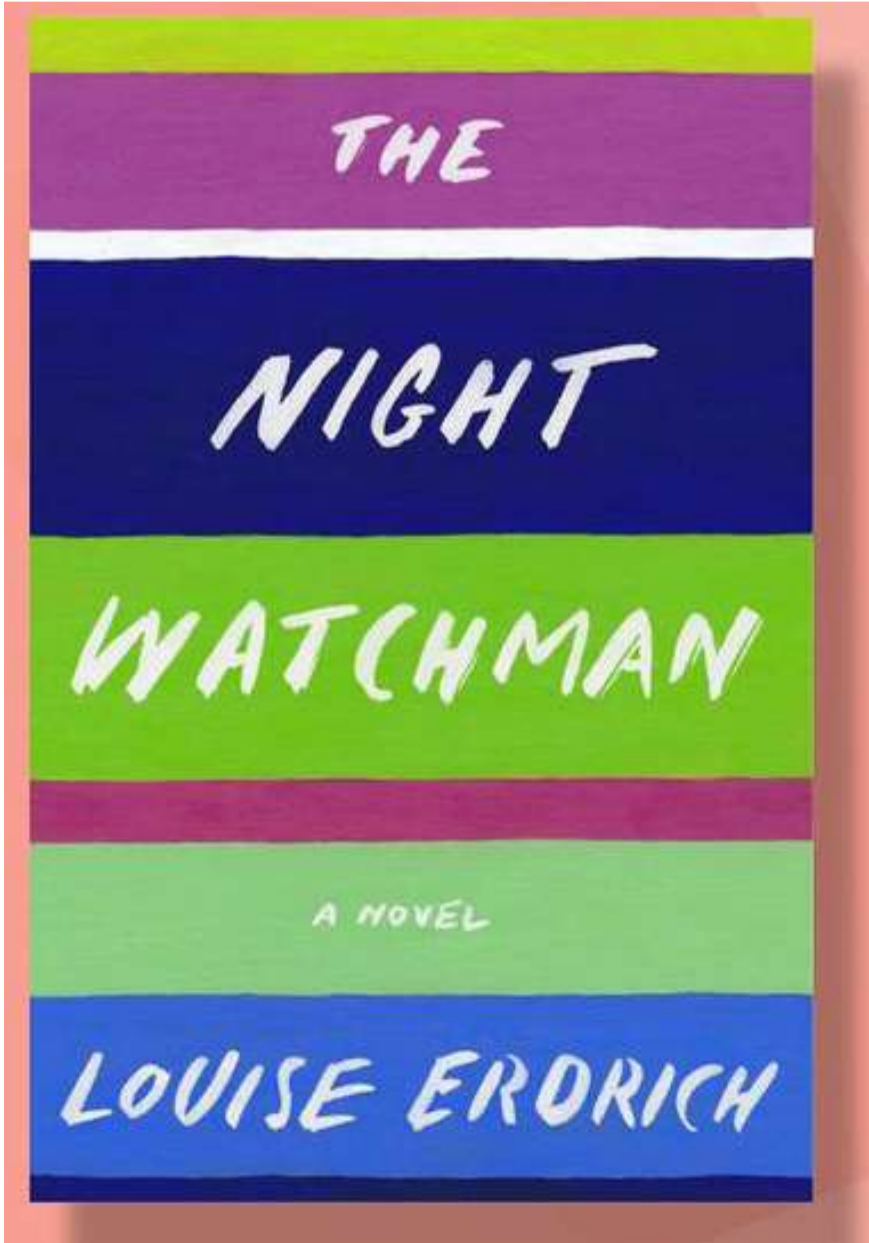
Erdrich's writing style is elegant, evocative, and richly descriptive. Her prose carries a poetic quality, immersing readers in the vivid landscapes of North Dakota and the vibrant tapestry of Native American culture.

The narrative unfolds seamlessly, effortlessly blending historical events, personal anecdotes, and traditional storytelling. This masterful fusion of fact and fiction creates a sense of authenticity and resonance, allowing readers to connect emotionally with the characters and their struggles.

"The Night Watchman" is a remarkable achievement by Louise Erdrich, showcasing her mastery of storytelling and her commitment to exploring the complexities of Native American history and identity.

This novel is a testament to the resilience and strength of marginalised communities, shedding light on a chapter of American history that deserves greater recognition. Through her deeply human characters and lyrical prose, Erdrich invites readers on a transformative journey that will resonate long after the final page.

– Gulf News



Hundreds Stranded Due To Heavy Snow Rescued From Leh's Changla Axis

Agencies

Leh, Ladakh: Police rescued hundreds of stranded passengers, including women, and children from the treacherous Changla Axis, officials said.

The rescue operation was launched on Friday evening by police owing to the significant influx of tourists and local passengers requiring assistance.

Besides the UTRDF rescue



team of Ladakh Police, the Army and GREEF rescue teams also actively participated in the

rescue operation. Through their collective efforts, no untoward incidents occurred, and all the

passengers were safely evacuated to Leh, police said.

The rescue operation became necessary due to continuous intermittent snowfall over the past two days, resulting in icy and slippery road conditions.

Several vehicles, including taxis and private cars, especially those belonging to tourists, became immobilized at Changla Top.

District Police, Leh rescues

stranded passengers from Changla Axis amid heavy snowfall.

Prompt action by police, army& GREF rescue teams ensures safe evacuation of women, children& tourists.

Stay safe & follow weather advisories. #LehRescue#SafetyFirst@lg_ladakh@LehPolicepic.twitter.com/uOnOvwIAlt

— ADGP Ladakh (@lgladakh)

May 26, 2023

In response to the emergencies caused by the inclement weather and intermittent snowfall, exacerbated by icy road conditions, the police team from Kharu and Tangste police posts swiftly rushed to Changla Top as their primary objective was to rescue and evacuate the stranded passengers with a particular focus on women, children and tourists.

"Those with self-driven cars were transferred to police vehicles and local taxis, which transported them to safer areas. Private vehicles were also safely driven to secure locations with the assistance of local drivers," police said.

Moreover, priority was given to tourists and children experiencing medical complications, ensuring their timely evacuation towards Leh.

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Tourists From Across

to moderate rain, thunder or lightning with a possibility of hailstorms and gusty winds at a few places on Monday and Tuesday.

PM To Inaugurate

in the House chamber.

But amid a boycott by 20 opposition parties of the inauguration ceremony, the Sengol too was dragged into the political row.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Friday claimed there was no documented evidence of Lord Mountbatten, C Rajagopalachari and Nehru describing the Sengol as a symbol of transfer of power by the British to India.

The Congress' stand on the Sengol evoked a strong reaction from Home Minister Amit Shah who said the party needs to "reflect" on its behaviour as he denounced its claim that there was no evidence of the Sengol being a symbol of transfer of power by the British to India in 1947.

To mark the event, the government will issue a commemorative Rs 75 coin. According to a gazette notification by Department of Economic Affairs under the finance ministry, the weight of this coin could be 34.65-35.35 gram.

One side of the coin will bear the image of Lion Capital of Ashoka Pillar in the centre flanked by the word 'Bharat' in Devnagri script and 'INDIA' in English, it said. Rupee symbol '₹' and denominational value '75' in international numeral will also be inscribed below the Lion Capital.

The other side of the coin shall bear the image of Parliament Complex, and the year '2023' in international numeral below the image.

The new Parliament building, constructed by Tata Projects Ltd, will have a grand constitution hall to showcase India's democratic heritage, a lounge for MPs, a library, multiple committee rooms, dining areas and ample parking space.

The triangular-shaped four-storey building has a built-up area of 64,500 square metre.

The building has three main gates—Gyan Dwar, Shakti Dwar and Karma Dwar.

It will have separate entrances for VIPs, MPs, and visitors.

The material used for the new building has been acquired from various parts of the country.

The teakwood used in the building was sourced from Nagpur in Maharashtra, while the red and white sandstone was procured from Sarmathura in Rajasthan. The sandstone for the Red Fort and Humayun's Tomb in the national capital was also known to have sourced from Sarmathura.

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The new parliament building used manufactured sand or M-sand from Charkhi Dadri in Haryana for creating concrete mix for the construction activities.

M-Sand is considered environment friendly as it is manufactured by crushing large hard

stones or granite and not by dredging of river beds.

The fly ash bricks used in the construction were sourced from Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, while brass works and pre-cast trenches were from Ahmedabad in Gujarat.

The new Parliament building can comfortably seat 888 members in the Lok Sabha chamber and 300 in the Rajya Sabha chamber.

In case of a joint sitting of both the Houses, a total of 1,280 members can be accommodated in the Lok Sabha chamber.

The prime minister had laid the foundation stone of the new parliament building on December 10, 2020.

The present Parliament building was completed in 1927, and is now 96 years old.

Over the years, the old building was found to be inadequate for present day requirements.

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha had passed resolutions urging the government to construct a new building for Parliament.

The existing building served as independent India's first Parliament and witnessed the adoption of the Constitution.

Originally called the Council House, the building housed the Imperial Legislative Council. The Parliament building witnessed the addition of two floors in 1956 to address the demand for more space.

In 2006, the Parliament Museum was added to showcase the 2,500 years of rich democratic heritage of India.

Officials said the present building was never designed to accommodate a bicameral legislature and the seating arrangements were cramped and cumbersome, with no desks beyond the second row.

The Central Hall has seating capacity only for 440 people and the need for more space was acutely felt during joint sittings of both the houses.

DU To Drop

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), meanwhile, welcomed the development.

"A motion was brought regarding a change in the syllabus of political science. As per the motion, there was a chapter on Iqbal that has been removed from the syllabus," said an Academic Council member.

A unit on Iqbal titled 'Iqbal: Community', which is part of the syllabus was reviewed by news agency PTI.

There are 11 units as part of the course with the objective to study important themes through individual thinkers.

Other thinkers that are also part of the course include Rammohan Roy, Pandita Ramabai, Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, and Bhimrao Ambedkar.

"The course has been designed to give students a glimpse into the richness and diversity within the Indian political thought," the syllabus mentions.

The course is aimed to equip students with a critical understanding of modern Indian thought, it adds.

"The thematic exploration of ideas is meant to locate the topical debates on important subjects on a historical trajectory and reflect over the diverse possibilities exhibited in the writings of the respective thinkers," it further stated.

Meanwhile, the ABVP welcomed the move, saying "fanatic theological scholar" Iqbal was responsible for India's partition.

"Delhi University academic council decided to scrap fanatic theological scholar Mohd Iqbal from DU's political science syllabus. It was previously included in BA's sixth-semester paper titled 'Modern Indian political thought,'" the ABVP said in a statement.

"Mohammad Iqbal is called the 'philosophical father of Pakistan'. He was the key player in establishing Jinnah as a leader in Muslim League. Mohammad Iqbal is as responsible for

India's partition as Mohammad Ali Jinnah is," it added.

Yasin's Case Must

for Malik, asserting that not giving capital punishment to such a "dreaded terrorist" will result in the miscarriage of justice. The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief was awarded a life term by a trial court in a militant funding case last year.

Mehbooba said Malik's case must be reviewed and reconsidered as in a democracy like India even the assassins of a prime minister were pardoned.

She also lashed out at Bukhari -- her former party and cabinet colleague -- saying those gleefully supporting Malik's hanging were a grave threat to "our collective rights".

"In a democracy like India where even the assassins of a PM were pardoned, the case of a political prisoner like Yasin Malik must be reviewed and reconsidered. The new political ikhwan gleefully supporting his hanging are a grave threat to our collective rights," the PDP chief said on Twitter.

Bukhari said the NIA's plea demanding the death penalty for Malik highlights the urgency to address militant funding in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We must ensure justice prevails and deterrent measures should be taken against those who are trying to threaten our nation's security," he said.

People's Conference chairman Lone said the NIA's plea was dangerous.

"NIA plea on Yasin Malik is dangerous. It is a humble plea. Let you not be misled by fair weather Kashmir experts. Please every situation has a short term and a long term. Let the short term enforced calm not blind you to the possible long term turbulence," Lone said on Twitter.

He also posed questions on "who created" Malik.

"What about those who rigged elections held under Indian Constitution (1987) and jailed political workers, tortured them, tortured their families. And didn't rest until they ensured that they push them to the wall to an extent where they pick up arms.

"I don't condone taking up arms. But can't we condemn those who forced arms on to a young person. Are those rigged 1987 elections and in process created hundreds and thousands of Yasin immune to prosecution," he said.

The former minister asked whether those who "filled graveyards" post 1987 are outside the ambit of law.

"Is it always the poor man's son who has to face the law, who has to face the gallows. We have been hearing threatening noises from the last nine years. Threatened to take action. Yet no action. Action will never be taken against them. Only threaten to take action," Lone said.

He said there should be no more experiments and let Kashmiri people live in peace.

"We need oxygen from the rest of the country as we are gasping for political breath. We cannot afford Kashmir being the oxygen for the political landscape in the rest of the country. Reminds me of Afzal Guroo and Congress's hurry to execute him," he said, referring to the parliament attack convict who was hanged in Tihar Jail in 2013.

Heavy Rush

youth-centric but what is required is the change of mindset for optimum utilisation of avenues and various initiatives provided for the youth of this country," he said.

He said the startup ecosystem in the country is now ranked third in the world with more than 100 unicorns.

It has been possible only because of the youth of this nation who have aspirations but earlier did not have the right kind of milieu and aspirational environment as provided under Modi-led

government, he added.

"The youth of Jammu and Kashmir must see Aroma Mission as one of the best opportunities in terms of startups knocking at their doors as the purple revolution in J-K offers attractive startup avenues for them," he said.

Bukhari Calls

result in the miscarriage of justice.

The plea by the NIA has been listed for hearing on May 29 before a bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Talwant Singh.

3 Brothers Die

family, besides compensation for the damaged house as per the SDRF norms.

This additional relief fund has been provided to assist the family in coping with the long-term implications of this tragic incident, the official said, adding the authorities concerned have initiated an inquiry into the collapse to take appropriate measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

Thermal Stratification

happens in summers and winters as well.

However, Feroz Ahmad Bhat, Dean, Faculty of Fisheries at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Kashmir says that the thermal stratification can be one of the reasons of the mass death of fish, but he also attributed the death to the "depletion of oxygen"

"Inorganic load (including pollution, weeds etc) at the surface of the water uses a lot of oxygen in decomposition as a result the fish could have died due to low concentration of oxygen in the lake," Dr. Bhat added.

Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Vice Chairman, Lakes & Conservation Management Authority (LCMA) told a news agency that the samples of dead fish have already been taken.

"Not big fish as shown in pictures but fingerlings of two fish species were found dead in Dal Lake", he said.

Bashir said we have analyzed the phenomenon and it has happened probably due to thermal stratification which led to the death of fingerlings and it is a normal affair.

KPDCL Sets

meters into prepaid meters by downloading smart bill Sahulat App from the app store.

Dar said the postpaid meters will be automatically converted into prepaid meters through KPDCL data center, once the consumers liquidate their previous electricity bills.

"Consumers could recharge their smart meters when their account comes down to Rs 100. There is nothing to be apprehensive about; we are here to assist them. If there is any confusion, we have already uploaded a video on our tweeter and social media handles for our consumer assistance," he added.

"As soon as payment is done, smart meters will be automatically converted into prepaid. Consumers will also get SMSs as well, but recharge could be done through smart BS App only instead of making cash payment at the banks," CE KPDCL said.

LG Greet KPs On

Temple to pay obeisance and the festivity symbolizes our rich spiritual and cultural heritage and an inspiration for living a virtuous life, the Lt Governor said.

"May the blessings of Mata Kheer Bhawani continue to guide us in the path of righteousness and shower her blessings on all for years to come," the Lt Governor prayed.

Militant Associate

personnel, but was apprehended tactfully.

The spokesman said a grenade was seized from him and he was taken into custody immediately. The arrested person has been identified as Mohammad Ashraf Mir, a resident of

Laridoora Chandoosa, who was working as a militant associate of the LeT, he said.

The spokesman said Mir is a surrendered militant. A case under the Arms Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act was registered and investigation taken up, he said.

Landmine, Grenades

obstacle system, the forward areas are dotted with landmines which sometimes get washed away by rains, the officials said.

They said two grenades were noticed by labourers working in a field in Mendhar town.

The area was immediately cordoned off by the police and the army and both the grenades were safely destroyed, the officials said.

Bear Ventures Into

They said panic gripped Banihal around 9 am when some locals spotted the black bear entering into the premises of government higher secondary school for boys from a nearby government building where it is believed to have taken shelter during the night.

On getting information, police and the wildlife protection teams rushed to the scene to capture the bear but it could not be traced after its presence was initially noticed near the school laboratory, the officials said.

They said the joint teams have been fanned out in the area to trace out the bear for the safety of the public.

Principal of the school, Abdul Rashid Gori, said the students were allowed to attend their classes after a delay of nearly one hour, owing to the presence of the wild bear.

The locals said bear sightings have become a routine over the past week in the town and adjoining areas including on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway.

"The presence of three bears around Banihal is a grave threat and the department concerned needs to take necessary measures to ensure their timely capture for the safety of the people," said Farooq Ahmad, a local resident.

GOC Reviews

troops for maintaining the highest levels of preparedness. Pertinent to mention here that the Army Commander has paid over half a dozen visits in Rajouri and Poonch areas in the last two months especially after the militant attack at Bhata Dhurian and encounter at Kesari Hill.

Rajouri and Poonch districts are under high alert after these militant related incidents with the army is carrying out an operation called 'Operation Trinetra' to track and eliminate militants who are active in Pir Panjal region.

Director General of Jammu and Kashmir police, Dilbagh Singh on April 28 stated that around 12 militants are active in this area who are involved in different militancy incidents involving Bhata Dhurian ambush attack with a militant module run by a decades old OGW from Gursai has also been busted and vital leads have been received in the case—(KNO)

Avalanche Kills

Mohiuddin Wani confirmed the mishap and said rescue teams were working in the affected area.

Gilgit-Baltistan Chief Minister Khalid Khurshid Khan expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives and instructed local authorities to initiate rescue operations.

He called upon the secretary interior, director general of GBDMA (Gilgit Baltistan Disaster Management Authority) and other officials to look into the incident immediately.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in a tweet expressed deep sorrow over the loss of precious lives in the avalanche, adding that such incidents were increasing in Pakistan due to the effects of climate change.

"The whole world has to fulfil its responsibility to protect developing countries like Pakistan from these harmful effects," he said.

Despite being geographically distant from Kashmir how Kashmiris in West maintain cultural, social, and emotional linkages with their homeland. Tune-in to latest KO podcast

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KHEER BHAWANI MELA

Devotees Protest Against Inadequate Facilities



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: A group of Kashmiri Pandit devotees on Saturday held a protest in Ganderbal district, alleging inadequate facilities for the pilgrims at the annual Kheer Bhawani Mela.

A group of devotees who reached the revered temple shrine of Ragnya Devi in Tulmulla area of the central Kashmir district for the annual fair to be held on Sunday alleged that they faced a lot of problems due to inadequate facilities.

The devotees, including women and children, raised slogans against the administration.

"We have been here since yesterday and are facing a lot of problems. There are no facilities for pilgrims like drinking water, accommodation, etc," a protesting devotee claimed.

"The authorities were aware that we are coming here and they should have made proper arrangements for us," she said, adding that they were so dejected that they decided to leave last night only.

Another protester said authorities had ensured the community that all facilities would be made available at the temple shrine, but there were no such arrangements.

"No one, not even the deputy commissioner, visited here yesterday. They are only making money in the name of Kashmiri Pandits," he said.

The protestors alleged they had to sit under the open sky for the whole night.

"There are inadequate facilities for the pilgrims. There is no drinking water, no water in the toilets no facility is here," another devotee said.

However, deputy commissioner, Ganderbal, Shyambir, said some anti-social elements were spreading misinformation.

"Last night, pilgrims reached here, food and other facilities for their stay were in place, but due to inclement weather, water penetrated some tents. We had a meeting with all pilgrims and we are resolving their issues," Shyambir told reporters at the shrine complex.

He said volunteers and langar providers were providing their services, "but some anti-social elements are spreading misinformation".

"We have adequate lodging, and accommodation facilities here, but, despite that, there was a protest. We should understand that there were 2,400 pilgrims here and only 12 people protested," the deputy commissioner said.

Teacher Found Using Software To Mark Fake Attendance

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Education Department has withheld the salary of a lady teacher and asked her to explain her position after she was allegedly found using an unknown app to mark fake attendance.

Office of the Zonal Education Officer Rajwar in North Kash-

mir's Kupwara district on Saturday issued an order asking a lady teacher namely Shabena Nazir to reveal the app she has been using to do fake attendance.

"You have been doing your attendance on JK Attendance SED App from the location in contrast to the location coordinates of your present place of posting,"

Above 3000 Islamic Books, Seminary Gutted In Lolab Fire

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In a heart-wrenching incident, at least three thousand Islamic literature books at a religious seminary at Chandigam Sogam in north Kashmir's Kupwara district were gutted in a fire incident on Saturday.

A seminary staffer said that the fire broke out early Saturday morning from the rooftop engulfing the top storey of the building.

He said the structure suffered damage and many important books of Islamic literature were damaged.

An official said apart from the



firefighters from the concerned department, the army reached the spot to douse the flames.

He said that their efforts were to get things under control and ensure there is no hu-

man loss.

The seminary staff has asked the valley people to come out for their support and help them rebuild the damaged building—(KNO)

Residents Threaten Stir For Station Near World's Highest Rail Bridge In Reasi

Press Trust Of India

REASI: Residents of Kauri in Reasi district, the home to world's highest rail bridge over the Chenab, are up in arms in support of their demand for a railway station which they believe will safeguard the future of their coming generations after parting away their land for the project.

The 1.3-km Chenab rail bridge -- located 359 metres above the riverbed and 35 metres higher than the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris -- forms a crucial link in the 111-km stretch from Katra to Banihal, which is part of the prestigious Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) project.

The work on the famed bridge is nearing completion but the railway station is still nowhere in sight, the Kauri residents said, seeking personal intervention of Railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

"At the start of work on the bridge about 20 years ago, we were promised of railway station in our area to cater to the heavy rush of prospective tourists to the iconic bridge. Today, we are feeling deceived as the dream shown to us to uplift our economy and secure the future

of our children seems not being fulfilled," local resident Angrez Singh told PTI.

He claimed that the railway officials had abandoned the plan to have a station near the notable bridge, citing "some technical issues."

"Many people gave up their land for the project with a hope for a better future. They are rendered unemployed and the future of their children also looks bleak," Singh said.

The base of the steel and concrete arch bridge between Bakal and Kauri, 42 km from Reasi town, was completed in November 2017, allowing for the start of the construction of the main arch which was done in April 2021.

Another milestone on the bridge was achieved in August last year when the overarch deck of the bridge was completed with a 'Golden Joint', paving the way for the laying of the track which was finally completed recently.

"Without railway station, we will not allow the train to cross the bridge. We will sit on the track and let them pass the train over our bodies," said Rajinder Singh, a retired Captain.

He said the railway station in Kauri is going to benefit people of six tehsils of Reasi district.

"We have already submitted memorandums in support of our demand to higher authorities many times. If anything untoward happens, the government will be responsible," he said.

Panch Om Prakash said it is very "unfortunate that nobody in the government is listening to the residents of Kauri".

"If our demand is not met, we will boycott the coming elections to convey our resentment. The lack of a railway station in Kauri will have a negative impact on five lakh people," he said.

Out of the total 272-km Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail link (USBRL) project, 161 km was commissioned in phases with first phase 118-km Qazigund-Baramulla section commissioned in October 2009 followed by 18-km Banihal-Qazigund in June 2013 and 25-km Udhampur-Katra in July 2014.

The work on the project, billed as the most challenging railway infrastructure project being undertaken post-independence, was started in 1997 and has missed several deadlines amid huge cost escalations.

The under-construction 111-km Katra-Banihal section is likely to be made operational early next year to connect Kashmir with the rest of the country by train.

Contractor Blacklisted For Delaying Execution Of Allotted Work In Doda

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Authorities on Saturday blacklisted a contractor for delaying the execution of allotted work in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, an official said.

In the last financial year, the Rural Development Department had blacklisted 10 erring contractors for non-execution of public work.

The contractor from Kastigarh tehsil has been blacklisted by the Rural Development Department Engineering wing for a period of one year on the

recommendations of Assistant Commissioner Development, Doda Phulail Singh, the official said.

Singh said the Rural Development Department has decided to follow a zero-tolerance policy against the contractors who keep delaying the execution of important public work.

"Deputy Commissioner, Doda V P Mahajan has strictly directed the Block Development Officers to furnish the list of the contractors habitual of impeding the government works for blacklisting," he said.

Jambu Zoo, Tirupati Balaji Temple To Be Thrown Open Next Month



Agencies

JAMMU: In a major boost to Jammu Tourism potential, ambitious Jambu Zoo near Nagrota will be thrown open to the public on May 29 while the under construction Tirupati Balaji temple is scheduled to open its doors for devotees on June 8.

Official sources said nearly Rs 70 crore worth Zoo projects were completed in Mid May after which a team of Central Zoo Authority conducted an inspection for the registration purpose in the light of the mandatory clearance obtained by the Department of Wildlife in the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Spread over 3200 kanals of land near Jammu city's Nagrota

on Jammu-Srinagar highway, the Zoo is considered as North India's largest Zoo and has become a major tourism highlight for people visiting Kashmir or Mata Vaishno Devi Temple shrine in Katra.

Interestingly the construction work of the Tirupati Balaji temple, located amidst the picturesque Shivalik forests in Ma-jeen here, is in its final phase and the temple is scheduled to open its doors for devotees on June 8.

The temple, built on a 62-acre land at an estimated cost of Rs 30 crore, is set to become one of the largest temples in the Jammu region and is expected to boost religious and pilgrimage tourism in the Union Territory—(KNO)

People Least Concerned Whether Parliament Building Will Be Inaugurated By Prez Or PM: Azad

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: DPAP chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday said people are more concerned about problems like inflation and unemployment than whether the new Parliament building will be inaugurated by the President or the prime minister, accusing the opposition of making unnecessary noise over the issue.

As many as 19 opposition parties, including the Congress, Left, TMC, SP and AAP, have decided to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying sidelining President Droupadi Murmu is not only a "grave insult but a direct assault on our democracy, which demands a commen-



surate response".

"I am surprised (over the decision of the opposition) as there are hundreds of issues which are linked to the public. But they do not raise such issues and what they are raising is not connected with people," Azad told PTI here.

The Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chief said the people are least

concerned about who is going to inaugurate the new parliament building. "What impact it will have on the health of the people whether the new building is inaugurated by the President or the prime minister."

Azad, who left the Congress last year to float his own party, said his suggestion to the opposition leaders is not to raise issues that impact their personality.

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Subject:

Contempt No. 192/2015 on OWP No. 533/2013 titled Niranjana -Nath Bhat V/s Deputy Commissioner Kulgam (Oma Devi & Ors)-Notification under section-4 thereof.

Reference No.:

Indent received from Chief Engineer Kashmir CE/R&B/Plg/K/60-A/28199-201 dated 20/12/2022.

CORRIGENDUM

In the notification issued under section 04 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act in respect of land being acquired for construction of "Construction of Hanjan Zaban Matipora Road" Tehsil Yaripora, issued vide this office Notification No.: DCK/LA-503/2022-23/684-90 dated 08/02/2023, please read survey No. 619 Min of estate Hanjan instead of 419 Min of estate Hanjan, notified earlier.

No: DCK/LA-503/2022-23/116

Dated: 20-05-2023.

DIPK-2316-23

DT: 27/05/2023

Collector Land Acquisition
Assistant Commissioner (Rev)
Kulgam

Office Of The Block Development Officer Sagam.

Subject: Expression of Interest (EOI) for execution of Sanitation & Garbage collection from all households of 15 Gram Panchayats of Block Sagam, Scheme (Swachh Bharat Mission, Grameen).

NOTIFICATION No.:- BDOof2023

Dated:- /05/2023

In order to emphasize the flagship programme viz Solid Waste Management under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) in 15 Gram Panchayats of Block Sagam District Anantnag, sealed quotations are invited for and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, for execution of sanitation and door to door collection of garbage (biodegradable and non biodegradable) in all 15 Gram Panchayats for period of 2 years. The details of Gram Panchayats are Arhama, Bahi Buchoo, Geebom, Hiller, Kandiwara, Khalhar, Lisser Chawalgam, Narupora A, Narupora B, Narupora C, Narupora D, Sagam A, Sagam B, Sagam C & Voy Bem-dora. The intended agencies shall meet the following criteria;

- 1) The bidder must have documentary proof of registration.
 - 2) The bidder shall note that if it surfaces that the documents uploaded on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are forged/fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the bidder shall be recommended for black listing and debarred from taking part in bidding for the period of three years in the first instance.
 - 3) The bidder must be registered with Labour Department under Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and rules made there under.
 - 4) The intended organization/agency/NGO shall have the experience and knowledge on sanitation activities with adequate capacity to take up the responsibility of Garbage Collection/ segregation.
 - 5) The household survey was conducted last year and as such, the intended parties shall execute sanitation and collect the garbage as per present data of households, which shall be based on the actual survey to be conducted by the agency in consultation with the field functionaries of Rural Development Department. Further, the survey shall also include commercial factories, business units, Institutions, Shops etc and the quotation shall be based on complete survey of all Gram Panchayats (Rural Area).
 - 6) The intended agencies shall submit the quotation in a sealed envelop, complete in all respects, clearly marked on the envelop that "Proposal for undertaking Sanitation Activities".
 - 7) The intended agencies shall submit the quotation by hand/post or courier within (7) days after publishing the notice upto 4pm in the office of Block Development Officer Sagam.
 - 8) The intended agency shall work on revenue sharing model based on collections from various establishments vis a vis households, shops, factories etc for door to door waste collection.
 - 9) In case the intended agency shall utilize the machinery/ equipment's of Panchayat Halqa/ block office he shall pay the charges of the machinery/ equipment to concerned office.
 - 10) In case the intended agency utilizes the machinery of Block/ Panchayat level, the hire charges of the operator will be born by intended agency itself along with operation and maintenance charges.
 - 11) The intended agency may preferably utilize the services of sanitations workers that could be nominated by concerned panchayat.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation without assigning any reason thereof in the interest of Government/Public fund. The tender will be opened after seven day(7) from the date of publishing in the news papers at 3:00 pm (in presence of intending bidder or their authorized representatives).

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Office Of The Divisional Forest Officer Anantnag Forest Division Anantnag

e-NIT No: - 3 of 2022-23 DATED: 27-05-2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following work:-

Name of Work	Location	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) in Rs in	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of Completion
1. Construction of BOs Hut at Compartment No:19/K Larnoo Block Kokernag Daksum Range.	Compartment No:19/K Daksum	39.96	79920/=	"A&B" Class Civil contractor	Rs:1100/=	60 Calander Days
2. Construction of BOs Hut at Pachgam Kund Compartment No:39/N Qazigund Range.	Pachgam Kund Comp: 39/N	39.96	79920/=	"A&B" Class Civil contractor	Rs:1100/=	60 Calander Days
3. Construction of BOs Hut at Uttersoo Larki Mohalla Goorvan Kuthar Range.	Uttersoo Larki Mohalla Goorvan	39.96	79920/=	"A&B" Class Civil contractor	Rs:1100/=	60 Calander Days

The position of codal formalities in respect of above work(s) is as under:

Position of Funds	Budgeted
Position of AA	Accorded
Position of TS	Accorded

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.Q), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website:-www.jktenders.gov.in.

Publishing Date:	28-05-2023
Download Start Date :	28-05-2023 from 02:00 PM
Bid submission Start Date:	28-05-2023 from 02:00 PM
Bid submission End Date:	06-06-2023 upto 04:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	07-06-2023 at 02:00 PM in the office of the office of Conservator of Forests Kashmir South Circle Bijnbehara.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened (Online) after technical evaluation is completed. Date will be notified separately.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
2. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security in the shape of EMD for requisite amount and pledged to Divisional Forest Officer Anantnag.
3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
4. The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e BSD Form, Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Deptt. duly renewed for the current year 2023-24, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document).
6. The bidder has to upload Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department with his technical documents.
7. As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
8. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
9. The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
10. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
11. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

Sd/-
Divisional Forest Officer,
Anantnag Forest Division

No: DFO/Ang/Tender/544-50
DIPK-2376/23 Dated:27-02-2023

2nd Kashmir International Chess Tourney From June 10



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Kashmir Chess Club, affiliated with the All J&K Chess Association, is going to organise "2nd Kashmir International FIDE-Rated Chess Tournament" from 10th to 15th June 2023 at Indoor Sports Complex, Polo Ground here.

The tournament will be held in collaboration with All J&K Chess Association and under the aegis of J&K Sports Council. The chess tournament is approved by All India Chess Federation Under the AICF event code: 321392/2023.

"The details and brochure of the tournament is available at

<https://aicf.in> and <https://www.fide.com>. Players can register themselves up to 30th of June 2023; thereafter, late fee will be charged. Till date, 89 players have already registered themselves. It is mandatory for every player to have an AICF registration for the current year. Those who don't have AICF registration can apply at: <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>," the Kashmir Chess Club said in a statement issued by its Press Secretary/PRO, Gowhar Rashid.

As per the queries, 200 players from all corners of India as well as a few players from Russia, Bangladesh and Nepal are expected to be part of the event.

YSS Committed to Channelise Sports Talent: Director YSS



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Director Youth Services and Sports J&K (YSS) Subash C Chhibber on Saturday reiterated the department's goal to channelise the sports talent in J&K youth at grassroots levels. The Director added that every step is being initiated to engage maximum number of youngsters in games and recreational sports.

Meanwhile Joint Director (JD) Kashmir of the Department Was-

eem Raja has said that the Department has nominated District Publicity Coordinators from all the 20 districts of the Union Territory and with their dedicated coordination with the Media & Publicity Wing of the Department our activities are getting highlighted widely through all the mediums of the Mass Media.

He hoped that the rejuvenated Media campaigning would help in attracting more youth towards sports in the days to come.

Chennai Stand Between Gujarat & IPL History

Agencies

AHMEDABAD: Revenge will fuel Gujarat Titans' title defence when they clash with four-time winners Chennai Super Kings in Sunday's Indian Premier League (IPL) final in Ahmedabad.

Gujarat, who won the title in their debut season last year, topped the group stage this season but went down to Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led Chennai in the first qualifier on Tuesday. Hardik Pandya's men bounced back from that defeat to thrash the league's most successful team, Mumbai Indians, in Friday's second qualifier to set up a rematch with Chennai at Gujarat's home ground in Ahmedabad.

Gujarat also have the personnel to become the first IPL franchise to win the league in their first two attempts. Opener Shubman Gill, the seasons leading scorer, is in sublime form having smashed three hundreds in his last four innings.

"He is a superstar and is going to do big things to franchise cricket and Indian cricket," Pandya said of his India team mate Gill. The top three



bowlers this season -- Mohammed Shami, Rashid Khan and Mohit Sharma -- are also from Gujarat.

While seamer Shami has been particularly impressive in the powerplay overs, Rashid has spearheaded Gujarat's spin attack claiming crucial wickets at important junctures.

"When things are not going the way I like, he is someone who comes and changes momentum and makes sure we keep getting wickets," Pandya said of the Afghan spinner.

"We have spoken enough about Rashid but sometimes I am short of words for what he does." Chennai will have an opportunity to match Mumbai's five IPL titles in what

could be their talismanic leader Dhoni's final season.

Like in his time as India captain, Dhoni has brought out the best in his teammates with his inspiring leadership. While Devon Conway and Ruturaj Gaikwad have been their leading scorers, Shivam Dube has transformed into Chennai's six-hitting machine.

In the bowling department, Matheesha Pathirana and Tushar Deshpande have emerged as death-overs specialists.

"You use them in a manner where they have most chances of performing and, at the same time, groom them in the areas where they're not very strong," Dhoni said of his leadership approach.

2023 World Cup Schedule & Venues To Be Announced During WTC Final

Press Trust of India

The schedule and venues for the upcoming 50-over World Cup in India is expected to be announced during the final of the World Test Championship in London, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on Saturday after the board's Special General Meeting (SGM) here.

A decision on the Asia Cup 2023, to be held before the

World Cup, will also be taken in the coming days as representatives of some of the Asian Cricket Council members are here for the IPL final, to be played on Sunday between Chennai Super Kings and Gujarat Titans.

"The venues for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 will be decided at a press confer-



ence during the ICC World Test Championship Final. The complete schedule for the tournament will also be revealed," Shah said.

"The future of the Asia Cup 2023 will be decided once we have a meeting with the ACC members (Test playing nations) and the Associate nations," Shah added.

Bayern Munich Wins 11th Consecutive Bundesliga Title

Agencies

BERLIN: Jamal Musiala scored in the 89th minute to fire Bayern Munich to the Bundesliga title with a 2-1 victory in Cologne after Borussia Dortmund could only draw on the final day of the season.

Dortmund, which was leading by two points before the last round, was held 2-2 at home by Mainz on Saturday, allowing Bayern to finish in first place because of its better goal difference.

Dortmund needed to win to be sure of ending Bayern's 10-year reign as champion.

It's just the third time Bayern managed to jump to first place on the last day of the season after it edged Werder Bremen to the title in 1986 and Bayer Leverkusen in 2000.

Dortmund fans were celebrating when Cologne's Dejan Ljubicic scored a penalty in the 81st minute against Bayern - which needed to win - but Musiala came on as a substitute four minutes later and scored four minutes after that to send



the title Bayern's way.

Dortmund had started in pole position, but Sébastien Haller had a first-half penalty saved after Andreas Hanne-Olsen stunned the home fans by heading in Mainz's opening goal in the 15th minute.

Karim Onisiwo then got Mainz's second goal in the 24th with another header and the visitors looked capable of scoring more against the mistake-prone Dortmund defense. There was nothing but pride at stake for Mainz. (AP)

Premier League Enters Final Day Of 2022-23 Season

Agencies

LONDON: The Premier League title has been wrapped up and the Champions League places are set, but there's still a European spot on the line and a relegation battle to be decided when the season ends Sunday.

League champion Manchester City will be joined in next season's Champions League by Arsenal, Manchester United and Newcastle. Liverpool and Brighton will finish fifth and sixth, respectively, for spots in the second-tier Europa League.

That leaves three teams in contention for seventh to earn a place in the Europa Conference League.

Aston Villa is in pole position with 58 points, followed by Tottenham (57 points) and Brentford (56 points). Villa hosts Brighton.

Tottenham plays at relegation-threatened Leeds in a game that has potential for lots of scoring. Leeds is in must-win mode and will surely press forward.

Everton, Leicester and Leeds are in a scramble to avoid joining last-place Southampton in being relegated to the second-tier Championship next season.

Everton is currently "safe" in 17th place with 33 points. Leicester and Leeds are both in the drop zone on 31 points, with Leicester ahead on goal difference. All three play at home on Sunday. (AP)

Quick eats for busy people

Bun Maska

Chai

Turkish doner kebab

Who Says Healthy Food Can't Taste Good?

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