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- One College in every two days and one University every week established
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- Extended help to more than 100 countries during COVID pandemic through Vaccine Maitri
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- Magnificent Shri Ram Temple being constructed in Ayodhya
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TOEFL to be now accepted for Canada's higher learning institutions, decision to benefit Indian students

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The TOEFL test will now be accepted for use in Canada's Student Direct Stream, an expedited study permit processing programme for international students who plan to enrol in one of nation's post-secondary designated learning institutions, according to Educational Testing Service (ETS).

The test has been approved by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). So far, IELTS was the only English-language testing option which was authorised for the SDS route. "Not only will the addition of TOEFL benefit the hundreds of thousands of students who take advantage of the SDS route each year, but institutions can feel confident knowing that they can access a wider pool of applicants who can demonstrate their skills with the premier test of English-language proficiency," Rohit Sharma, Senior Vice President of Global Higher Education and Workskills at ETS, said.

Students can begin sending Test of English as

a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT scores as part of their SDS application beginning August 10, 2023. Accord-

the biggest student population in Canada and this change will ease their visa and admission process, po-

of changes in the English language proficiency test to create an optimal experience for those taking it. The



ing to the IRCC, as long as all eligibility requirements are met, most SDS applications are processed within 20 calendar days.

"The acceptance of TOEFL iBT for SDS route is a welcome step that will benefit lakhs of Indian students aspiring to study in Canadian institutions. Indians are

tentially making Canada an even more popular study abroad destination for Indian students," said Maria Mathai, Founder, MM Advisory Services, an overseas education consultancy.

ETS, which conducts TOEFL and Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), last month announced a series

changes will be effective from July 26.

TOEFL is welcomed by more than 12,000 institutions in over 160 countries and is universally accepted in popular destinations such as the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, and by over 98 per cent of universities in the UK.

The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education

New Campus Bemina Srinagar
Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 391240

Class 10th

Year & Session : Annual 2003 Oct/Nov

Registration: 02BM3136002

Name : Naseer Ahsan Khan

Father's Name: Mohd Ahsan Khan

Mother's Name : Bakhti Begum

Date of Birth:- 22-09-1988

Residenc:- Achoora Shahpora Payeen Gurez

According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 1808739 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F/Cer is-I-DQC/B/KD/23

Dated 27-05-2023

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Assistant Secretary
Certificates, KD.



Before The Hon'ble Court Of Principal District And Session Judge At Srinagar' Office Of The Advocate Mushtaq Malik

In the case of :1. Ghulam Hassan Want S/o Ghulam Mohammad Want R/o Agro_Bagh Badamwari Hawal

V/S

(Caveator)

PUBLIC AT LARGE

(Non-Caveators)

In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C. The caveators 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 caveators will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order. Hence this caveat.

NJ

Sd/- Advocate

The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class-10th) under Roll No.: 12607461 Session: Annual Pvt/ Bi Annual 2020-21 Year 2020 -12 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent/ Board against my particulars as Khalid Ahmad Ganaie / Mother's Name Farada Begum instead of Khalid Ahmad Ganaie Mother's Name Faraida Begum Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bemina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.

Name: Khalid Ahmad Ganaie

F/N: Fayaz Ahmad Ganaie

M/N Faraida Begum

DOB 03-05-2002

Residence: Konan Bandipora



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BEFORE THE HON'BLE Principal District Judge at Srinagar

In the case of 1.Mohammad Younis Wani S/o Mohammad Yaqoob Wani R/o Khanyar Sgr.2.Mohammad Imran Wani S/o Mohammad Yaqoob Wani R/o Khanyar She 3.Junaidd Yaqoob Wani S/o Mohammad Yaqoob Wani R/o Khanyar Sgr

(caveators)

Vs

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 succeed 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.

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Sd/advocate

The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education

New Campus Bemina Srinagar
Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 311494

Class 10th

Year & Session : Bi-Annual 2002

Registration: OONKM3140155

Name : Tahir Haneef

Father's Name: Mohd Haneef Bhat

Mother's Name : --

Date of Birth:- 05-06-1986

Residenc:- Bandipora

According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 1103244 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F/Cer is-I-DQC/B/KD/23

Dated 28-05-2023

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Assistant Secretary
Certificates, KD.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Where, I Mrs. Begum Nargiss W/O late Mr. Ghulam Rasool Allayee R/O – H.No. 37 West Nigeen Lake, Baghwanpura, Lal Bazar, Srinagar Jammu and Kashmir, intends to apply in the registration of my proposed paying guest house / Home Stay under the name and style "Ghulam Rasool Allayee Home Stay" situated at H.No. 37 West Nigeen Lake Baghwanpura, Lal Bazar, Srinagar Jammu and Kashmir under the Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011.

Whereas, I will submit Land Ownership Certificate from concerned Tehsildar with attested photographs of the unit through Dy Commissioner concerned, Rent/Lease Deed/ Partnership Deed issued by concerned Sub- Registrar, Judicial Magistrate (if applicable NOC from the owner to the effect that the property can be used as Home Stay), Character Certificate of the applicant from concerned police station, undertaking from the owner as self declaration, public notice inviting objection , if any in print media. List of family members name , age , and photograph self attested by owner, photographs of the unit as mentioned in the application (each of exterior and individual bed rooms and bathrooms), inspection report by the committee, the recommendation of the inspection committee shall decide whether to issue a registration to the unit or not keeping in view the type off accommodation and amenity , adhar card.

Now before my case is processed for registration by the prescribed Authority the matter is hereby notified for information of general public /organizations for objections if any and the same should reach to the office of prescribed Authority within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper of the Valley. Objections received beyond the period of 7 days from the date of publication shall not be entertained and the case shall be processed under rules as per merit.

Mrs. Begum Nargiss

W/O late Mr. Ghulam Rasool Allayee

R/O – H.No. 37 West Nigeen Lake,

Baghwanpura, Lal Bazar, Srinagar

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Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian

One Sh. Mohammad Saleem Ganie S/o Bashir Ahamd Ganie R/o Batapora Shopian has approached this office for allotment of fancy Number JK22C-7860 for Ashoka Leyland HGV Truck. In this connection anybody else interested for obtaining the same registration number is hereby informed through the medium this notice that He/She may approach this office for bidding purposes within 03 days from the date of publish of this notice

If no application other than the above mentioned applicant is received within the stipulated time, this office shall have no objection to allot the aforementioned fancy number in favour of Sh. Mohammad Saleem Ganie S/o Bashir Ahmad Ganie R/o Batapora Shopian

No: ARTO/SPN/2023/852

Dated: 29-05-2023

Assistant Regional

Transport Officer, Shopian

University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Notice

The candidate whose particulars are given below has reported to the University that she has lost his/her University Certificate/s and has applied for issuance of duplicate certificate/s:

Name: Masooma Tariq

Paretnage:- Tariq Mustafa

Residence:- Ishber Nishat

Registration No: 3470-BS-2017

Certificate/s lost:- Marks Sheet of 1st Semister

Roll No/s:- 17037111016

Session/ Year 2017-2023

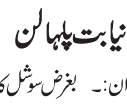
Before University will consider issuance of Duplicate Certificate/s in favour of the candidate, any person having any objection shall report to the undersigned within one week from the date of issuance of this notice. The original certificate/s issued to the candidate be treated as cancelled

No: F(Duplicate/ MC-6th Sem/PA /KU/22

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Man Shot Dead In South Kashmir's Anantnag

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A man hailing from Udhampur district, was shot dead on Monday evening in South Kashmir's Anantnag district.

"#Terrorists fired upon one civilian namely Deepu R/O Udhampur working at private circus mela at amusement park near Janglaat Mandi in #Anantnag. He was taken to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Case registered, #investigation going on," Kashmir Zone Police said in a tweet.

25k Attended Kheer Bhawani Mela: HM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said over 25,000 devotees attended the Kheer Bhawani mela held on Jyeshtha Ashtami on Sunday in Kashmir and complimented the Jammu and Kashmir administration as well as the security forces for its successful completion.

The Kheer Bhawani mela began on May 26 and concluded on May 28 on the occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami for which devotees came to the temple in 107 buses from Jammu.

"The Kheer Bhawani Mela held on Jyeshtha Ashtami in Kashmir occupies a sacred place in the spiritual realm of the Kashmiri Pandit sisters and brothers. More than 25,000 devotees attended the Mela.

"I congratulate LG Manoj Sinha, CAPFs, **More on PII**

G20 MEETING**J&K Has Entered A New Era Of Opportunities: LG**
Says UT Is At A Cusp In Its Development Trajectory

Observer News Service

Jammu: Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir has entered a new era of opportunities after successful conduct of G20 meeting, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Monday that the historic event and reformatory youth-centric endeavours of his government have opened up endless opportunities for the socio-economic empowerment of the youth.

"J&K UT is at a cusp in its development trajectory. We have broken fresh grounds to enable faster growth. We are now at a stage where we need to accelerate this growth, make it more inclusive and convert the UT's potential into reality," Sinha said, after inaugurating the Jambu Zoo at Nagrota here on Monday.

"With successful conduct of the G20 Summit, J&K UT has entered a new era of opportunities. It is a rare moment and the world is



applauding J&K's saga of development. We must work together to keep pace with the rest of the states and contribute to the significant task of Viksit Bharat 2047," he added.

The LG said that the recently concluded historic G20 meeting and reformatory youth-centric endeavours of his government have opened up endless opportunities for the socio-economic empowerment of the youth of

Jammu Kashmir.

"Within just one year, more than 82,000 business units have been established, providing 2.85 lakh youth with direct employment opportunities. Under Mission Youth, we have extended handholding to 70,000 young boys and girls to become self-reliant, he added.

The LG also spoke on the developmental journey of J&K and highlighted the efforts to

develop better facilities for the locals as well as for the visiting tourists and improving the quality of living for all. He reiterated his government's commitment to empower every section of the society, especially the youth in achieving the goals of sustainable and inclusive development.

"Our youth are the architects of New Jammu Kashmir and we are seeing steady rise in youth entrepreneurs, who are working with dedication to build a prosperous society and preserve our civilizational-cultural values and our commitment to peace," Sinha said.

He said that his administration has successfully completed 1500 projects which were pending for the last 10 to 20 years.

"Our cities are being transformed into smart cities and our villages are getting more integrated into the mainstream development. The basic infrastructure is being strengthened to realize the **More on PII**

Jama'at Assets Worth ₹3 Cr Sealed In Kupwara

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Continuing its crack-down against Jama'at-e-Islami (JeM), the Special Investigative Agency (SIA) of police on Monday sealed assets worth crores of now banned socio-political organization in North Kashmir's Kupwara district after getting approval from the district administration.

The property worth Rs 3 crore has been barred with restrictions on usage and entry through a notification issued on Monday by District Magistrate Kupwara, on the recommendation of SIA, an official statement said.

The action has been taken by the DM in exercise of the powers conferred under section



8 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 & Notification No. 14017/7/2019, dated 28- February- 2019 of Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

The spokesperson said that the move was aimed to choke availability of funds for secessionist activities **More on PII**

DODA'S SINKING LAND**NGT Panel Suggests Banning Civil Construction**

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: A National Green Tribunal panel has recommended banning civil construction in the land subsidence-hit area in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, and rehabilitating the affected families to a safer location.

In February, the authorities evacuated several families from their homes after they developed cracks and declared unsafe a mosque and a religious school for girls in the Nai Basti hamlet of Thathri town.

The situation had drawn

similarities with Joshimath, the gateway to famous pilgrimage sites like Badrinath and Hemkund Sahib and international skiing destination Auli, which is facing a major challenge due to land subsidence.

The authorities, however, refused to compare the two.

The nine-member panel headed by the Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary submitted its report to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) last week. In the report, it suggested that people outside the affected area **More on PII**

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Sultan Of Oman On First Visit To Iran In 10 Years



Agencies

Omani Sultan Haitham bin Tariq al-Said met with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi on 29 May as part of the first visit by an Omani leader to the Islamic Republic since 2013.

During their talk, Raisi said that the policy of openness shared between the two countries "will serve to strengthen relations" and cited the progress achieved in developing economic ties by including investment opportunities.

He also said the two countries have "high potential" to enhance cooperation in new fields such as industry, trade, communications, defense, financial and monetary exchanges, and energy.

For his part, Sultan bin Tariq highlighted the importance of increased mutual trade exchanges since the last visit of Raisi to Muscat in May 2022.

After meeting with the Iranian president, Bin Tariq was hosted by Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, who told the Omani leader that Tehran welcomes better diplomatic relations with Egypt, according to state media.

As part of Bin Tariq's visit, four new deals were signed to

improve energy, investment, and free economic zoning co-operation.

On Sunday evening, the foreign ministers of both countries attended a press conference where Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian announced the signing of a major strategic cooperation agreement between Tehran and the Sultanate.

Amir-Abdollahian stressed the importance of the Ashgabat agreement, saying, "Of the matters most important to both countries, transportation is on the top list of priorities."

The delegations also signed an agreement to form a joint investment committee between Muscat and Tehran.

One year ago, on 23 May, Raisi made a trip to Oman during a visit in which 12 memoranda of understanding (MoU) were signed. Muscat also played a mediating role in indirect talks between Iran and the US to revive the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

At the time, Oman expressed interest in importing gas from Iran by building an offshore pipeline connecting both countries. The construction of the pipeline began this year.

Erdogan's Key Priorities As He Begins Last Term As Turkey President

Agencies

ISTANBUL: Recep Tayyip Erdogan has a huge in-tray waiting for him at his presidential palace after extending his two-decade rule over Turkey for one last time in Sunday's runoff.

From a crippling economic crisis to a diplomatic stand-off with allies, AFP examines the priorities facing Turkey's longest-serving leader.

Fight against inflation
A biting cost-of-living crisis has eroded Turks' purchasing power, with annual inflation running at around 40 per cent in April after officially peaking at 85 percent last year.

Spiralling prices were exacerbated by Erdogan's unorthodox policy of cutting interest rates in the belief they would lower inflation, a stance he doubled down on during the election campaign.

The central bank justified its last cut of 0.5 percentage points in February as a way of supporting jobs and industrial production after that month's devastating earthquake.

The policy rate Turkey set for banks is now far below that at which prices are rising, meaning that people are effectively losing money if they leave their liras unspent in their accounts.

This is speeding up spending, further feeding the inflationary spiral.



The lira has lost more than half of its value in two years and on Friday briefly traded at 20 liras to the dollar for the first time, despite massive state interventions aimed at averting politically sensitive falls before the vote.

Official data showed the central bank burning through \$25 billion in a month while trying to prop up the lira.

Sweden's NATO bid
Turkey's NATO partners, led by the United States, are anxious for Ankara to lift its veto on Sweden joining the world's most powerful defence alliance.

Stockholm applied to join with Nordic neighbour Finland in 2022 after Russia's invasion of Ukraine triggered a major shift in the countries' long history of military non-alignment.

But Ankara blocked the bids, demanding the extradition of Turkish figures suspected of links to outlawed

Kurdish militants.
Sweden's adoption of fresh anti-terrorism legislation, a new constitution and high-level diplomatic talks have not swayed Ankara and fellow holdout Hungary to ratify the bid.

NATO foreign ministers meet in Oslo a few days after the election, hoping for progress on the issue before a summit of heads of state in Lithuania this July.

Turkey eventually ended its opposition to the entry of Finland, which became NATO's 31st member earlier this year.

Reconciliation with Syria
Relations with neighbouring Syria are at a low ebb after Erdogan backed opposition forces who took up arms to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad during the country's long and bitter civil war.

In 2016, Ankara launched the first of several incursions against jihadist and Kurdish fighters in northern Syria and maintains a military presence there.

TURKEY'S NATO PARTNERS, led by the United States, are anxious for Ankara to lift its veto on Sweden joining the world's most powerful defence alliance.

Fresh Clashes Break Out In Manipur; 2 Killed



Agencies

Days ahead of Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to the violence-hit Manipur, fresh violence erupted in several parts of State. Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh on Sunday said nearly 40 armed militants involved in torching houses and firing at civilians have been killed by security forces since they began an operation to bring peace and normalcy in the State.

Meanwhile, police officials on Sunday said at least two persons were killed and 12 injured in different instances of firing upon civilians and clashes between militants and security forces since the early hours of Sunday. At Phayeng in Imphal West district, one person died and another sustained bullet injuries after being fired at by suspected militants, police officials said.

The latest clashes began after the army and paramilitary forces commenced combing operations to de-arm communities in order to bring peace,

officials said.

The chief minister who was interacting with the media persons at the state secretariat, claimed the latest round of "conflict is not between communities but between militants and security forces".

Singh also said that there had been cases of armed militants firing at civilians with AK-47s, M-16 and sniper rifles. These militants were targeted by security forces in counter-attacks. Singh appealed to the public not to hinder the movement of security personnel and urged them to have "faith in the government and support the security forces."

"We have experienced hardship for so long and we will never allow the state to disintegrate," Singh said.

He said many militants involved in killing civilians and destroying property and torching houses have been captured by the Jat regiment. Singh said 38 vulnerable areas have been identified and that the state police has been conducting operations there.

9 Years Of PM Modi: Union Ministers Highlight Government's Achievements

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leaders, including Union ministers and chief ministers, highlighted the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government in a nationwide outreach on Monday to mark its nine years in office, with Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur expressing confidence of its re-election in 2024.

From India's "rising" global stature to emphasis on national security, welfare measures like housing and toilets for the poor, boost to piped water supply, infrastructure growth and efforts to ramp up the manufacturing sector were among the initiatives cited at the press conferences they held in every state of the country.

The BJP said in a statement that the country has witnessed "unprecedented" development in every sector with the mantra of



"nation first" guiding PM Modi's policies.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said in Lucknow that the Modi government's nine years have brought India safe borders and world-class infrastructure and increased its global esteem.

"In the last nine years, the Modi government has given the nation four strong pillars, which are respect, internal and external security, the welfare of the underprivileged, and infrastructure development," Mr Adityanath said at a press conference organised on the comple-

tion of nine years of the Modi government.

He said that the last nine years have seen the emergence of a "new India".

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in Guwahati that before 2014, the allocation for the railways for the northeast was ₹2,000 crore but it has increased to ₹10,200 crore under the Modi government, helping expedite projects in the region.

PM Modi also virtually flagged off the semi-high-speed Vande Bharat Express which will travel between Guwahati in Assam and New Jalpaiguri in West Bengal.

Arrest Wrestling Body Chief: Delhi Women's Panel Head Writes To Top Cop

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Delhi Commission for Women chairperson Swati Maliwal wrote to the Commissioner of Police, demanding the arrest of BJP MP and chief of Wrestling Federation of India Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and action against personnel who detained the protesting wrestlers at Jantar Mantar on Sunday.

She also demanded the immediate release of the female wrestlers and their families by the Delhi Police.

Protesting wrestlers, including Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, were detained on Sunday after a tussle with security personnel who tried to stop them from marching to the new Parliament building as it was being inaugurated.

Soon after, the Delhi Police cleared the site of their over-month-long sit-in at Jantar Mantar and said they will not be allowed to return there.

In the letter addressed to Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora, Ms Maliwal said she was deeply pained to note that Delhi Police has manhandled female wrestlers and their families protesting peacefully at Jantar Mantar and forcefully detained them today.

She further mentioned that over a month back, several women wrestlers, including a minor, had made serious allegations of sexual harassment against the Member of Parliament Mr Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh during his tenure as the president of the Wrestling Federation of India.

She said upon the intervention of the Supreme Court, two FIRs were registered in the matter against the accused person who already has around 40 other ongoing criminal cases against him.

"However, despite a minor girl alleging sexual harassment



by the accused parliamentarian, Delhi Police has failed to arrest him till date. This has forced the female wrestlers to stage a protest at Jantar Mantar which has been ongoing since the past one month," she wrote.

The DCW chief also questioned the Delhi Police for not arresting Brij Bhushan Singh yet.

"In Delhi, every day around 6 cases of sexual assault are reported and in each case, Delhi Police attempts to arrest the accused person. Then why has Brij Bhushan Singh not been arrested till date? If this is not blatant injustice, what is?" Ms Maliwal asked.

"This apparent partisan attitude of Delhi Police which is being seen as siding with the accused parliamentarian has made a mockery of justice and forced the women wrestlers to sit and sleep on the streets of Delhi," she added.

"The women wrestlers today along with their families were manhandled and forcefully detained and taken away by Delhi Police. Several videos depicting the same have been going viral on social media. The manner in which these women champions are being dragged on the streets by Delhi Police is extremely unbecoming of the force," the letter read.

"By denying them justice and forcefully detaining them for raising their voice against sexual harassment, Delhi Police is demoralising the women and girls of this country against reporting cases of sexual harassment and fighting for justice," it added.

Pakistan Mission Shuts Its Delhi School Because Of "Low Enrolment": Report

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Pakistan High Commission here has suspended the activities of its school in the national capital on account of low enrolment.

The school catered to the needs of children of the mission's staff, which dwindled after Islamabad downgraded its strength in 2020.



Upon completion of the current academic year, the activities of the Pakistan High Commission School have been suspended, because of low en-

rolment levels in view of the downgraded strength of the High Commission, a Pakistan High Commission spokesperson said in response to media queries.

"It may be noted that the school was never open to public and exclusively catered to the needs of children of staff of the High Commission," he said. The spokesperson said it may

be recalled that the diplomatic strength of the High Commission was halved in June 2020 upon the request of the host country.

NEWS MAKERS

PM Modi Congratulates Erdogan On Re-Elected As Turkey President



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday congratulated Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his re-election, and expressed confidence that bilateral ties between the two countries on global issues will continue to grow.

Erdogan won re-election Sunday,

extending his rule into a third decade as the country reels from high inflation and the aftermath of an earthquake that levelled entire cities.

Modi tweeted, "Congratulations @RT Erdogan on re-election as the President of Türkiye! I am confident that our bilateral ties and cooperation on global issues will continue to grow in the coming times."

After 58 Years, Remains Of US Major Who Died In India To Head Home

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: Nearly six decades after he died during a visit to Darjeeling, the last remains of one of America's most decorated officers, Major General Harry Kleinbeck Pickett, is being returned to the United States for reburial, the US consulate here said on Monday.

Major General Pickett, who fought in both World War I and World War II, died in 1965 while visiting Darjeeling, a Himalayan tourist town in West Bengal, and was buried in a cemetery there, it said in a press release.

The dead officer's family and the US government have been closely coordinating with the Indian government to return his remains to the United States, where it will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, it said. "Our first priority as US government public servants is protecting and supporting American citizens," Melinda Pavlek, US Consul General in Kolkata, said.

"My team and I are grateful for the sup-



port we received from the Government of India and the state of West Bengal which made his return possible," it said.

Major General Pickett was commissioned into the US Marine Corps in 1913, going on to become one of the few Americans who served with distinction in both the world wars, the release said.

After locating Major General Pickett's grave at Singtom cemetery in Darjeeling with the help of the district administration and a private funeral service provider, the state government gave the approval allowing Major General Pickett's remains to be sent to the US this month, it said.

West Bengal's Lone Congress MLA Joins Trinamool

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: Lone Congress MLA in West Bengal Assembly, Bayron Biswas, on Monday joined the TMC in the presence of the ruling party's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee in Paschim Medinipur district. Mr Biswas, the MLA from the minority-dominated Sagardighi constituency in Murshidabad district, switched over to the TMC in Ghatol area during the ruling party's ongoing mass outreach campaign - Trinamool eh Nabojowaar (New wave in Trinamool).

"Today, during the ongoing #Jono-

SanjogYatra in the presence of Shri @abhishekaic, INC MLA from Sagardighi Bayron Biswas joined us. We wholeheartedly welcome him to the Trinamool Congress family! "To strengthen your resolve to fight against the divisive and discriminatory politics of BJP, you have chosen the right platform. Together, we will win!" the AITC tweeted.

Mr Biswas had won the Sagardighi seat on a Congress ticket in a by-poll held earlier this year, thus giving the grand old party a representation in the state assembly, as it had failed to open its account in the 2021 assembly elections.

Miraculous Escape For Family Of 8 As Houseboat Sinks In Jhelum

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: A family of eight including two minors had a miraculous escape after a houseboat capsized into River Jhelum, The Bund near State Bank of India, as a result of strong winds and rainfall here this evening.

Property worth lakhs of rupees damaged after a houseboat belonging to one Ghulam Qadir Ghasi son of Late Assadullah Ghasi sank into River Jhelum this evening, witnesses told Kashmir Observer.

They said that the houseboat capsized as a result of strong winds and heavy rain. However all eight members of the family were safely rescued by the river police with the help of locals and paramilitary CRPF.

“We use this house-

boat for residential purposes and not commercial, two minor children were among eight members who had a miraculous escape. My houseboat was already damaged and I had informed the authorities well in advance, however no serious measures were taken by the government in this direction,” Ghasi told Kashmir Observer.

He said that he had requested the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and Deputy Commissioner Srinagar to relocate them to some safer place, so that his family is saved from such incidents.

“I am grateful to the river police, CRPF and locals who came to our rescue and saved the lives of my family. We are under open sky at the moment as we don't have any make-shift arrangement to live in,” he added.



River police rescued 21 tourists who were stranded in Dal Lake amid gusty winds and heavy rainfall on Monday evening. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

River Police Rescues 21 Stranded Tourists In Dal Lake, Issues advisory

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The river police wing of Srinagar Police on Monday saved the lives of 21 stranded tourists during multiple sorties conducted by the speed boats.

The tourists found themselves in a precarious situation as they were stranded inside Shikaras in the Dal Lake due to an abrupt change in weather conditions and strong gusty winds.

A police official said the res-

cue operation was carried out with precision and promptness to ensure the safety of all tourists who were in “immediate danger”.

“The River Police, equipped with specialized watercraft and trained personnel, swiftly reached the affected area to initiate the rescue efforts. Despite challenging conditions, the officers skillfully maneuvered through the turbulent waters of the Dal Lake to reach the stranded individuals,” he said.

Meanwhile, the authorities have issued a public advisory,

urging individuals to exercise caution and refrain from venturing into the lake during inclement weather conditions.

The Srinagar police on its official Twitter handle also wrote, “River Police wing of Srinagar Police today safely rescued 21 tourists in different sorties by speed Boats. The Tourists were stranded in Shikaras inside Dal Lake, because of sudden change in weather & gusty winds. Public is advised to avoid going inside Dal in inclement weather.”

Newly Inaugurated Children Hospital Records 879 Neonatal Deaths

Observer News Service

Srinagar: At Children's Hospital Srinagar, 879 neonates died last year, official data reveals. The 500 bedded children hospital is located in the Bemina area of Srinagar.

The official data reveals that 28,616 children were admitted to the hospital out of them, 879 died due to different causes including Sepsis, Eosinophils, Rheumatoid factor, Cerebral Atrophy, etc. The data further revealed that 9153 patients have availed the benefits under the ‘Golden Card’ Scheme.

In response to the application filed by social activist and senior journalist MM Shuja under the Right to Information Act, Children's Hospital Srinagar has admitted that there is a deficiency of gazetted, non-gazetted, and multi-tasking staff.

The sanitation of the hos-

pital has also been hit due to the 16 posts of sweepers and jamadars lying vacant.

The total sanctioned strength of the gazetted staff is 21; however, there are only 9 gazetted employees, while 12 are still vacant. All 4 posts of Casualty Medical Officers are lying vacant and since the inauguration of this hospital, no efforts were made to fill up these 4 vacant posts.

Ironically, there is no Dietician in the hospital. Out of 12 gazetted posts that have not been filled up yet include a Deputy Medical Superintendent, 2 RMOs, 4 CMOs, 2 Registrars, 2 Assistant Surgeons, and a dietician.

The official data further reveals that 198 non-gazetted posts are still lying vacant in the hospital. There is no Assistant Accounts Officer, no Accounts Assistants, no Junior Stenographers, no General

Store Keepers, no Chief CSSD Technician, no CSSD Supervisor, no CSSD Technician, no CSSD Assistant, no Laundry Supervisors, no Chief X-Ray Technician, no Theater Supervisor, no Senior Theater Assistants, no Chief Anesthesia Supervisor, no Junior Anesthesia Technician, no Anesthesia Assistant, no Chief Laboratory Technician, no Dialysis Technician, no Dialysis Tech Supervisor, no Renal Lab Technician, no Dialysis Assistant, no Endoscopy Gastro Supervisor, no Endoscopy Gastro Assistant, no Endoscopy Gastro Technician, no Hematology, Oncology Assistant, no EEG / EMG Technician, no Microbiology Assistant, no Chief Pharmacist, no Nursing Superintendent, no Health Educator, no STP Operator, no Central Heating Operator, no Telephone Operator etc. The list of posts not filled up yet is very long.

2 Non-Local Thieves Among 3 Booked Under PSA In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir police on Monday said it has booked three notorious thieves including two non-locals under stringent Public Safety Act (PSA).

In a Tweet, Srinagar police on its official Twitter handle, informed that three notorious thieves who were involved in multiple robberies in Srinagar have been booked under PSA.

This is perhaps for the first time that

police have booked two non-locals under PSA over robberies in Srinagar.

Police said that they have been lodged in Kot Bhalwal jail in Jammu.

“3 Notorious thieves involved in multiple robberies in Srinagar booked under PSA. Imtiaaz Ahmed Shah @ 99 of Khanyar, Mohd Shameem Boya of West Bengal (a/p Tengpora, Srinagar) and Mohd Hilal Sheikh of Jaipur (a/p Maisuma). They have been lodged in Kot Bhalwal Jail, Jammu,” police tweeted.

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Short term NIT No. 04 of 2023-24, Dated: 29/05/2023

For and on Behalf of Managing Director KPDCI Kashmir, short term Sealed tender affixed with Rs. 05/- Revenue stamps are invited from the reputed and resourceful Transporters/Suppliers registered with the state Govt, for the below mentioned job.

S. No	Particulars of job	Estimated cost of work (Lacs)	Earnest money (Rs.)	Position of funds
1.	Providing of Mahindra Scorpio, Tata Sumo , Toyota Innova, 6 seater on Hire charge basis (including Driver and fuel) for a period of 60 days for transportation of Officers/officials for supervision works to facilitate SANJY 2023	0.99	2% in the shape of CDR	Demanded

Tender document consisting of specifications of work, schedule of quantities and set of terms and conditions of contract can be had from the office of the undersigned in person on application against non-refundable cash payment of Rs. 200/- as cost of tender document after presentation of valid registration Certificate/ license issued by competent authority

The Tender documents shall be received in the office of the undersigned through Registered/ Speed Post, or in person up to 06-06-23 2PM. The envelope containing the tender papers should be super scribed with tender no, name of work, name of firm with complete address along with mobile no and email ID ,nature of work

Note:-

- The authority will not be responsible for any postal delay for non-receipt of bid documents in time.
- The bids shall be opened in the presence of the bidders who may like to be present at the time of opening of tenders.
- The authority reserves the right to reject the bid/s without assigning any reason thereof. The tender document received is liable for cancellation if following self attested copies are not enclosed.
- Earnest money Bid Security Declaration.
- Valid registration of vehicle .
- Fitness of the vehicle as per valid norms.
- Valid pollution under control certificate.
- Valid Insurance of the vehicle.
- Complete profile of driver with valid MMV licence.
- Details of the bidder filled in as per annexure-A of the tender document is mandatory.
- The vehicle has to be available 24x7 at the base camp Baltal along with the driver

Key Dates about issuance/ submission of the tender document:

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| 1. Sale of Tender documents starts | <u>29/05/2023</u> |
| 2. Sale of Tender documents closes | <u>05/06/2023</u> |
| 3. Submission of the filled tender documents ends (2 P.M) | <u>06/06/2023</u> |
| 4. Opening of tender documents at 3 P.M | <u>06/06/2023</u> |

No: EDG/V/430-36

DIPK-2438/23
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Executive Engineer
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Sub: - Extension in bidding time for this office Short Term e-NIT No. 03 OF 2023-24, Dated: 02-05-2023for below mentioned work: -

Part-3: -

Providing and Fitting of Bus Bars and carrying out minor Electrical repairs to 1.6MVA Sub-Station at LIS Marval Stage 4th.

Ref: - JK Government official e-Procurement portal

Tender ID No.: - 2023_JFC_211040_3

EXTENSION NOTICE 4

Due to poor response to above mentioned sub-part of this office above referred e-NIT for the subject work, the critical dates are once again extended as under: -

Bid submission/ Document download / sale end Date	02/06/2023 at 1400 hrs
Date and time of Bid opening	03/06/2023 at 1230 hrs

Rest of the terms and conditions shall remain un-altered as laid down in the original e-NIT.

No. MIDS/Ts/ 749-54

DIPK-2437/23 Dated: - 29-05-2023

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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



PRAYERS

FAJR	3 :40
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ASR	5: 26
Magrib	7:39
ISHA	9: 17

This Day In History

- 1959 - Iraq terminates milt assistance pact with US due to neutrality
- 1959 - World's 1st hovercraft (SR-NI) tested at Cowes, England
- 1966 - US launches Surveyor I to Moon
- 1967 - Biafra declares independence from Nigeria
- 1967 - King Hussein of Jordan visits Cairo
- 1971 - US Mariner 9 1st satellite to orbit Mars launched
- 1982 - Spain becomes 16th member of NATO
- 1990 - 135 die in a (6.4) earthquake in Peru
- 1990 - Earthquake hit Peru, killing 135
- 1992 - UN votes for sanctions against Serb-led Yugoslavia to halt fighting
- 1998 - A magnitude 6.6 earthquake hits northern Afghanistan, killing up to 5,000.
- 2012 - A number of nations including Germany, Turkey and Canada, expel Syrian diplomats following the Houla massacre
- 2012 - VishwanathanAnand wins his fifth World Chess Championship
- 2014 - Former military chief al-Sisi wins 93 percent of the vote in Egypt's presidential election
- 2015 - Alistair Cook becomes

From KO Archives

We're Taken Unawares In Kargil, But Have No Regrets: Col Turunan

Murtaza Shibli

Srinagar:The acting chief of the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP), Colonel Ismo Turunan, has dispelled the fear of a Kargil-type clash between India and Pakistan. He doesn't think any party has plans for any major action'.

In an exclusive interview to Observer News Service, Col Turunan, however, hastened to say, "Anything can happen if the things are not sorted out and nothing can be said for sure as the situation is quite tense and any skirmish can lead to big trouble. Nothing can be predicted for sure".

He said it was because of the reports that had been appearing in the western media about the possibility of a second phase of Kargil that there is a hardly any western tourist in the Valley this summer.

He accepted that the UN group, which is primarily here to observe and monitor the ceasefire agreement of 1971 between India and Pakistan, was taken unawares by the Kargil conflict of last year, however, adding that they had no regrets for it. "When India with so big military presence and resources could not get even an inkling, how could it be possible for us to know about it. Besides, the terrain is difficult and it was not possible for us", he said.

The UNMOGIP had a field station at Kargil upto 1980, but again, keeping in view last year's incidents, he said that it was not politically possible. The Group has 11 field stations spread over both the countries. These are at Baramulla, Uri, Poonch, Bhimber, Rawlakot, Kotli, Muzaffarabad, Gilgit and Skardu.

Commenting on the Kargil conflict, he said that although it was very local, it was very fierce as compared to the previous wars between the two countries, because of the fact that the Indian side had double the casualties they had previously suffered in 1971 war. The intensity of Kargil incident has, however, not made much of a difference to the Group. Why so? The Colonel says that they— need advanced equipment and men for that. "But we don't pursue the ability for round-the-year observation in high mountain areas", he said, adding they were not an advance intelligence group who will warn about things. "We don't intend to it.

About the present situation along the line of control (LoC), the Colonel says that although the shelling is continuing, it was not of high intensity. Asked about their role to stop it or about the sufferings of the civilian population, he said that they could do nothing about it as it falls beyond the ambit of their mandate.

"We are not missionaries, not teachers but observers; the UN official said adding "We are not here to say who did what and when, but simply to observe. But we have enough evidence of the things that are happening here." And we know we are close to reality.

(Kashmir Observer, May 30, 2000)

KASHMIR OBSERVERTM

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New Parliament Building

Inaugurating India's new parliament building, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized that it represented the hopes and aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians, referring to it as the temple of democracy and a symbol of the country's determination to the world. The ceremony blended symbolism, history, and aspirations for the future. The PM portrayed the inauguration as a symbol of India's progress, self-confidence, and rejuvenation. He said the building connected India's past and present, highlighting the continuity of the nation's heritage from the Indus Valley civilization to the present day. The "nayi sansad," he affirmed, represents new energy, rejuvenation, and a fresh start for the nation. At the same time, the PM acknowledged the responsibility that comes with India's democracy, as it serves as a foundation for world democracy. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the new Parliament building is the starting point of the country's journey towards excellence in every field.

It was truly a momentous occasion for the country. The new Parliament building was constructed with materials representing different regions of India. The old Parliament building in India holds significant historical importance, as it witnessed major milestones in the nation's history, such as the declaration of independence from Britain in 1947 and the adoption of the Constitution that established India as a democratic republic. However, due to the country's growing population, the old building no longer fulfills the requirements of being the seat of government for the world's populous country. One of the main challenges with the old Parliament building was its limited space to accommodate the 543 members of the lower house, known as the Lok Sabha. As India's population continues to grow, the number of legislators is expected to increase in the coming years, further exacerbating the space constraints.

However, the inauguration was marked by the boycott from a majority of the opposition parties. Around 250 opposition lawmakers from both chambers of the Indian government chose to abstain from attending a parliamentary session in protest. They argued that the PM, Modi, had once again exceeded his authority, which they believed was eroding India's constitutional democracy. This demonstration of opposition unity was significant as approximately 20 opposition parties joined together to criticize the PM's actions. They accused him of assuming a position that should be held exclusively by India's president, Droupadi Murmu.

The BJP countered such assertions by highlighting that the practice of inaugurating additions and annexes in the old Parliament building by previous prime ministers is not unprecedented. But the politics triggered by the inauguration of the parliament shouldn't detract from the sacred and momentous nature of the occasion. Here's hoping that the new temple of democracy ushers in a more vigorous democracy which is inclusive and at the same time truly reflective of the diversity of India.

OTHER OPINION

The Key to Understanding Iran Is Poetry

Muhammad Ali Mojaradi

Notwithstanding their educational attainments, Iranians readily decorate their daily speech with aptly quoted poems. Frustrated by the economy, a taxi driver recites: "When the lord of a village is unjust / become a beggar, every farmer must" (cho n kas beh deh kad khod konad / kesh varz b yad ged konad). At the graveyard, a mourner eulogizes: "I'm not from this dirt world, I'm a divine bird that once flew / they made me a cage from my body for a day or two" (morgh-e b gh-e malak tam, n yam az lam-e kh k / do seh r z qafas sakhteh-and az badanam). Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, reminding listeners that Iran's success or failure against its adversaries is decided by God, quotes: "If they all draw their blades to kill / a vein's not cut without God's will" (agar t gh-e 'lam bejonbad zeh j y / naborad rag t nakh had khod y). The Supreme Leader is a poet; he also hosts poetry readings, a tradition dating to the emergence of Islam in Iran. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the founder of Iran's Islamic Republic, was also a poet and left behind a large d v n.

When Iran was threatened by ISIS, Iranians wrote war poetry: "We stand swords in hand and shields at our side / because this tribe has a leader and guide" (nkeh m dast beh shamsh r o zereh st deh m / sabab n ast keh n t yefeh rahbar d rad). When the nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh was assassinated, Iran's foreign minister tweeted, "Tell the rock, we're a perfume vial" (m sh sheh-yeh 'atr m, beg d be sang) — the glass of a vial of perfume is thick and sturdy. On the International Day of Peace, he tweeted verses from Rumi, "Don't say, 'What use is my call for peace when they fight?' / You are not one, but thousands, so ignite your light!" (to mag 'hameh beh jangand o zeh solh-e man cheh yad?' / to yek neh y, hez r , to cher gh-e khod barafz r). In response, the United States State Department Persian-language Twitter account (@USAbefarsi) replied with a Hafez couplet: "The preachers who in pulpits put on such a show / do other things when to a private place they go" (va'iz n k n jevleh dar mehr b o menbar m konand / chon beh khalvat m ravand n k r-e d gar m konand).

Even a casual observer could notice the importance of poetry in Iranian society, if only because a disproportionate number of tourist sites in Iran are the graves of medieval poets. When classical poetry has become a distant memory in so many cultures, it is clear that it is an integral part of the Iranian consciousness. But simply observing a cultural phenomenon is one thing; understanding it is another.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer. The article was originally published by Newlines Mag



Save Doodh Ganga Campaign

NGT's Intervention Generates Hope

Why can't Govt officials work proactively ? Is it necessary to seek judicial intervention even for waste management or controlling illegal mining ?



Raja Muzaffar Bhat

“The Govt officials are leaving no stone unturned to make Doodh Ganga clean now but I wish they had started working a few years back. Is it necessary to always make people seek judicial intervention from High Courts or National Green Tribunal (NGT) to make the Govt move?”

The campaign to save Doodh Ganga stream is gaining momentum as National Green Tribunal (NGT) is seriously monitoring the unscientific waste disposal and illegal Riverbed Mining. The matter was listed before NGT on May 24th. It was again listed for hearing on May 29th. As the counsel for the Government could not provide a satisfactory reply via payment of compensation/penalty money, the tribunal listed the matter again on Tuesday May 30th.

Principal Secretary J&K Housing & Urban Development Department (HUDD) along with Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) were both present during the hearing before NGT. The Government launched a mega sanitation drive around Doodh Ganga on the direction of Principal Secretary Housing & Urban Development Department (HUDD) some days back . On Thursday May 25th the Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Athar Aamir Khan , DC Budgam Akshay Labroo & Chief Engineer UEED Kashmir Naseer Ahmad Kakroo personally visited several areas around Doodh Ganga and directed the authorities to clear all the legacy waste lying around the stream. Senior officials of SMC , UEED , Flood Control Department along with District Officers from Budgam visited Chanapora Bridge pump station, Bagh e Mehtab, Kralpora areas to see the condition of the stream. At Kralpora, SMC Commissioner directed his Chief Sanitation to send sanitation workers from SMC to clear the waste.

SMC clears waste outside its jurisdiction

There is an old saying that where there is a will there's a way. Srinagar Municipal Corporation's jurisdiction ends near the Railway bridge in Bagh-e-Mehtab Srinagar. The localities like Mochwa, Kralpora, Gopalpora or Wathoor which are mere 2 to 5 kms from Bagh-e-Mehtab don't get any sanitation service and with the result a large number of people dump their waste around the banks of Doodh Ganga. These banks have turned into trash collection points and tons of legacy waste is lying there.

When the NGT came heavily on the Govt, the SMC Commissioner personally visited these sites. He felt that many spots needed his intervention even as they were outside SMC's jurisdiction. Commissioner SMC & DC Budgam after having a personal visit to the huge trash site near Doodh Ganga in Kralpora decided to get it cleared. It was decided to start the mega sanitation work in a few days but the team came to the site the very next day (Friday

May 26th). Around 70 to 80 sanitation workers led by Zonal Sanitation Officer Bashir Ahmad Lone and other officers visited Kralpora and cleared the waste dumped by the locals under the Doodh Ganga bridge. Ironically, just 50 meters away from this dump site is Doodh Ganga water filtration plant where the same water is lifted and supplied to a huge population in Srinagar uptown.

Almost 70% of the waste was cleared from Kralpora bridge but more needs to be done. The personal visit of SMC Commissioner and DC Budgam made it all possible. I wish this work was done in the past.

Visit by Director ULB-K

After the SMC Commissioner's visit , the Director Urban Local Bodies Kashmir (DULB-K) Muthara Masoom also visited the Chadoora town and its adjoining rural areas which are not under her jurisdiction. But as I said, where there is a will , there is a way. The Govt officials are leaving no stone unturned to make Doodh Ganga clean now but I wish they had started working a few years back. Is it necessary for people to always seek judicial intervention from High Courts or National Green Tribunal (NGT) to make the Govt move? After all, Govt officers get good salaries and they have funds available as well but still they are reluctant to work. Director ULB Kashmir visited rural areas of Chadoora namely Sogam, Hanjigund, Wathoor and Gopalpora. She directed Municipal Council Chadoora to clear all the legacy waste around Doodh Ganga and the localities she visited. The very next day her officials from Municipal Committee Chadoora were on the job and they reached out to those areas which were not under their jurisdiction.

Give service to people

As I have been saying, waste management programmes are no more a prerogative of people living in cities and towns. Like municipal institutions providing sanitation service to people in urban areas, the gram panchayats in association with NGOs, Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and Self Help Groups (SHG) have to give sanitation service to people in non-municipal areas. Why isn't the Rural Development Department taking up rural waste management work in the villages located around Doodh Ganga?

Under the national flagship programme, Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G) Govt launched solid liquid waste management programmes in several states of India but in Jammu & Kashmir the results of this programme are not visible. The Gov-

ernment purchased trash-bins and undertook civil works making segregation sheds but there is no service available to people for waste collection.

This is the result of people throwing waste near wetlands, streams or rivers in villages especially. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Swachh Bharat Mission on 2nd October 2014. All the villages, Districts, States and Union Territories in India declared themselves "open defecation free" (ODF) by 2 October 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, by constructing over 100 million toilets in rural India. Phase II of the SBM -Gramin also called ODF-Plus was launched in 2012. The ODF Plus activities Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) were supposed to reinforce ODF behaviours and focus on providing interventions for the safe management of solid and liquid waste in villages, but the desired results have not been achieved at all.

Conclusion

The Govt has finally acted to make Doodh Ganga neat and clean. I would appreciate it if this work continues on a regular basis. If people living near Doodh Ganga banks don't get sanitation services, the waste will again be thrown into the stream. It is better SMC takes up sanitation work in Mochwa , Kralpora and Gopalpora and Municipal Committee Chadoora is given the task to collect waste in areas like Hanjigund and Wathura located just a few kms from Chadoora town. Right now these localities get no service from any local authority with the result people throw waste on roadside or dump the same near Doodh Ganga banks. Infact people are ready to pay for the sanitation services but the Govt has to take the initiative. A massive Information Education and Communication -IEC programme also has to be launched in the entire stretch of Doodh Ganga from Branwar to Bemina plus people have to be guided how to manage the waste and what are the hazards of dumping waste inside drinking water sources. The NGT's intervention has generated some hope and this is making the Govt act. Already, the Govt has agreed to spend Rs 149 crores on setting up sewerage treatment plants -STPs on Doodh Ganga and it is hoped that by this year end these plants would be operational.

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Industrial psychology, also known as organisational psychology or occupational psychology, is a branch of psychology that focuses on studying human behaviour and performance in the workplace. It applies psychological principles and theories to improve the effectiveness and well-being of individuals, groups, and organisations. Industrial psychologists use various research methods such as surveys, interviews, and observations to gather data and analyse organisational dynamics. They often collaborate with management, human resources departments, and other professionals to implement evidence-based strategies that improve individual and organisational performance. Industrial psychology aims to optimise the interaction between employees and their work environment, leading to improved job satisfaction, productivity, and organisational effectiveness. Over the decades and centuries industrial psychology has continued to evolve, adapting to changing workplace dynamics, technological advancements, and societal shifts. It has expanded its focus beyond individual behaviour to include areas like leadership, organisational culture, diversity and inclusion, work-life balance, and employee well-being. Today, industrial psychology remains a vital discipline in understanding and optimising human behaviour and performance in the workplace. In line, further it also offers significant prospects for professionals to contribute to the well-being of individuals and organisations, address emerging workplace challenges, and drive organisational effectiveness and success in a rapidly changing world.

Roots of industrial Psychology

The roots of industrial psychology can be traced back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries, during the Industrial Revolution. Several key figures and events have contributed to the development and evolution of industrial psychology. Hugo Münsterberg who is often considered the "father of industrial psychology," published the book "Psychology and Industrial Efficiency" in 1913 in which he emphasised the application of psychological principles to industry, including topics such as personnel selection, employee training, and workplace safety. By the time, the need to effectively assign and utilise personnel during World War I led to significant advancements in personnel selection and placement. At the time, Psychologists, including Robert Yerkes, developed intelligence tests to assess military recruits, laying the foundation for future assessments in the workplace. Further a deep study was conducted by Hawthorne at Western Electric's Hawthorne Works in the 1920s and 1930s, and that these studies by Elton Mayo and his colleagues examined the impact of various factors, such as lighting and rest breaks, on worker productivity. These all highlighted the importance of social and psychological factors in the workplace and paved the way for further research in organisational behaviour. Around the time the human relations movement emerged in the 1930s, who emphasised the significance of social interactions, motivation, and job satisfaction in influencing employee productivity and well-being. Researchers like Abraham Maslow and Douglas McGregor contributed to this movement, focusing on employee needs, motivation theories, and participative management. Industrial psychology played a critical role during World War II, with psychologists involved in tasks such as personnel selection, training, and morale enhancement in the military. This further emphasised the importance of psychology in understanding and improving work performance. Professional Organizations: The establishment of professional organizations, such as the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) in 1945, which, to a large extent,

Industrial Psychology: Need of the Hour

Dr. Rajkumar Singh



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helped to promote industrial psychology as a distinct field and foster collaboration among practitioners and researchers.

Features of industrial Psychology

The history of Industrial psychology begins in the late 19th and early 20th centuries as a response to the need for understanding and improving worker performance in industrial settings during the Industrial Revolution which contains several features such as: Interdisciplinary Field: Industrial psychology incorporates principles and theories from psychology, sociology, organisational behaviour, human resources management, and other related disciplines to address workplace issues. b. Focus on Individuals and Organisations: Industrial psychology focuses on understanding individual behaviour, cognition, and emotions in the workplace, as well as the dynamics and functioning of organizations as a whole. Employee Selection Methods: Industrial psychologists employ various techniques to assess job applicants, such as interviews, personality tests, cognitive ability tests, and assessment centres, to identify the best candidates for specific job roles. Training and Development: Industrial psychologists design and implement training programs to enhance employees' skills, knowledge, and abilities, and foster continuous learning and development within organizations. e. Leadership and Management: Industrial psy-

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chology offers insights into effective leadership and management practices, including strategies for motivation, communication, decision-making, and team building. Job Satisfaction and Engagement: Industrial psychologists study factors that contribute to job satisfaction, engagement, and well-being, and develop interventions to enhance employee morale and productivity. Work-Life Balance: Industrial psychology recognises the importance of work-life balance and provides guidance on managing workload, promoting flexible work arrangements, and addressing stress and burnout. h. Organisational Culture and Climate: Industrial psychologists examine the values, norms, and climate within organisations, and work to create positive and supportive environments that promote employee satisfaction, commitment, and performance.

Prospects of industrial Psychology

In future, the prospects for industrial psychology are more promising due to various factors which include: Increasing Focus on Employee Well-being: Organizations are recognizing the importance of employee well-being and its impact on productivity, job satisfaction, and retention. Emphasis on Diversity and Inclusion: There is a growing awareness of the benefits of diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Industrial psychologists can assist organisations in creating inclusive environments, addressing bias, and promoting equitable practices to harness the advantages of diverse teams. Technological Advancements: Technology is transforming the way we work, introducing new challenges and opportunities. Industrial psychologists can help organizations adapt to technological advancements, such as remote work and automation, by addressing issues like virtual team collaboration, digital well-being, and upskilling and reskilling employees. Evolving Leadership Needs: Effective leadership is crucial for organizational success. Industrial psychologists can contribute to identifying and developing leadership competencies, enhancing leadership effectiveness, and addressing emerging leadership challenges in rapidly changing work environments. Data-driven Decision Making: Industrial psychology leverages research and data to inform decision-making processes. With advancements in data analytics and technology, industrial psychologists can play a vital role in helping organizations make evidence-based decisions related to talent acquisition, performance management, and organizational development. Organizational Change and Adaptability: In a fast-paced and competitive business landscape, organizations need to be agile and adaptable. Industrial psychologists can assist in managing organizational change, facilitating communication, and fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement. Globalization and Cross-cultural Challenges: As organizations operate in diverse cultural contexts, industrial psychologists can provide insights and strategies for effective cross-cultural communication, teamwork, and leadership, enabling organizations to thrive in global markets. h. Ethical Practices and Social Responsibility: Industrial psychology emphasizes ethical considerations and social responsibility in the workplace.

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Unsure About The Future, Turks Voted For Certainty

Erkan Arikan

Those in Turkey and the rest of the world who had hoped that there might be a new president in Ankara after more than 20 years were bitterly disappointed on the evening of the presidential runoff election. Because the old president is also the new one Recep Tayyip Erdogan. As the sitting president, Erdogan had all options at his disposal to carry out his election campaign with enormous media support. Election advertising on state television, well-publicized appearances throughout the country, and everything paid for out of the state's own coffers. And his opponent Kemal Kilicdaroglu? Limited funds from his party, the Republican People's Party, or CHP, and no airtime on the state-controlled media. You can also imagine it this way: Erdogan in the race, backed by a Formula One team, managed to beat Kilicdaroglu, who entered the contest riding the equivalent of a soapbox on wheels. Three emergencies Three main points massively influenced the election campaign and its outcome in Turkey. First, Turkey experienced a natural disaster of historic proportions in February, with more than 51,000 people killed in earthquakes in Turkey alone. Second, the country is in a bad economic way: Inflation is higher than it has been in 20 years, and unemployment, which is also high, affects the younger population in particular. And the brain drain of recent years is further weakening the economy. Thirdly, since 2015 there have been refugees in the country, mainly from Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan. They number around 4 million, according to the UN Refugee Agency. Both Erdogan and also Kilicdaroglu have repeatedly said during the election campaign that they will solve the



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"refugee problem." How? Quite simply they will "send them all back home." On all three issues, refugees, earthquakes and the economy, the majority of voters believe that the more experienced leader is more likely to find solutions than the opposition politician who has never been in government. Erdogan has ruled Turkey for more than 20 years, first as prime minister and since 2014 as president.

What will happen next? For Erdogan, the campaigning never stops. On the night of the runoff election, Erdogan attacked the opposition and the country's LGBTQ community during his first victory speech a sign that things will remain difficult for these groups. From the roof of his tour bus, he shouted to his constituents in Istanbul, "the victory today is only the beginning. Next year, we will win Istanbul again in

the local elections, and Ankara too!" That is a direct challenge to Ekrem Imamoglu, the mayor of Istanbul and Ankara's Mansur Yavas. Both are members of the CHP, like Kilicdaroglu. But it is also clear that Erdogan urgently needs to do something to boost the economy in Turkey after his election victory. In this respect, it was not surprising that he highlighted congratulations from the Gulf states while atop his tour bus in Istanbul. "I will go on a thank you trip to the region," he said. A sign, according to experts, that he will potentially get more money from there. A young woman is waving a Turkey flag out of a car. Other cars on the street also have Turkey flags. A young woman is waving a Turkey flag out of a car. Other cars on the street also have Turkey flags. What next for the opposition leader? In many countries around the world, defeated candidates have been known to resign, making way for a fresh start for their parties. But there were no resignation announcements in Turkey. In the evening, opposition leader Kilicdaroglu announced that he wanted to continue and not disappoint those who had supported him. Whether this is the right signal for the volatile opposition remains to be seen. The CHP chairman does not even have a parliamentary mandate. Erdogan, on the other hand, is already assured a place in the history books as the president who ushered in the second century of the Turkish Republic and the leader who will have shaped Turkey for at least a quarter century.

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‘Can’t Compare Yasin Malik To Bin Laden’: Delhi HC

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Monday issued a notice to separatist leader Yasin Malik, who is presently serving a life term, on a plea by the National Investigation Agency seeking death penalty for him in a terror funding case.

A bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Talwant Singh also issued warrants for production of Malik before it on August 9.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared on behalf of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), argued that the accused indulged in “terrorist” and secessionist activities and should be awarded death penalty by treating the matter as a “rarest of rare” case.

“In view of the ground that Yasin Malik, sole re-



spondent in this appeal, has inter alia pleaded guilty to a charge under section 121 IPC which provides for an alternate death sentence, we issue notice to him... to be served through the jail superintendent,” the court ordered.

Let warrants be issued for his production on the next date of hearing, it added.

On May 24, 2022, a trial court here had awarded life imprisonment to Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front chief Malik after holding him guilty for various offences under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the IPC.

Malik had pleaded guilty to the charges, including those under the UAPA, and he was convicted and

sentenced to life imprisonment.

In its plea before the high court for enhancement of the sentence to death penalty, the NIA said if such “dreaded terrorists” are not given capital punishment on account of pleading guilty, there would be complete erosion of the sentencing policy and terrorists would have a way out to avoid capital punishment.

A life sentence, the NIA asserted, is not commensurate with the crime committed by terrorists when the nation and families of soldiers have suffered loss of lives, and that the trial court’s conclusion that Malik’s crimes did not fall within the category of the “rarest of the rare cases” for grant of death penalty is “ex-facie legally flawed and completely unsustainable”.

Bukhari Takes U-Turn, Dr Farooq Says ‘No Comment’

Majid Nabi

SRINAGAR: Delhi High Court’s notice to the incarcerated Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Chief, Mohammad Yasin Malik on NIAs plea seeking capital punishment to the separatist leader, evoked ‘varied’ response from the regional political parties in Kashmir.

While National Conference (NC) president and incumbent parliamentarian, Dr Farooq Abdullah refused to comment on the matter, Apni Party Chief and former minister, Syed Altaf Bukhari has sought justice for the separatist leader.

It may be in place to

mention that the Delhi High Court has issued notice to the jailed separatist leader on a plea by the National Investigation Agency, seeking capital punishment for him in a militant funding case.

NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah while declining to comment on the issue said let’s wait for the court decision.

“Let’s not jump the gun, I cannot say anything until the Court announces its decision, it’s a sub-judice matter, let the court decide then Farooq Abdullah will be able to comment,” Farooq told the media after attending a function here.

Taking a U-turn from his

earlier statement that deterrent measures should be taken against those who are trying to threaten national security, Altaf Bukhari in a fresh tweet has appealed to the center to reinvestigate the case afresh.

Bukhari said Kashmir has been already suffering from the dark phase ever since the center abrogated Articles 370 and 35A and divided the erstwhile state into two Union Territories.

Seeking justice for incarcerated JKLF chief, Bukhari said no innocent should be trapped and no guilty should be spared.

“NIA is trying to be more hasty by approaching the Delhi’s High Court for the

death plenty in the case of Yasin Malik. Everyone deserves justice, we want justice no innocent should be trapped and no guilty should be spared. Yasin Malik’s case should be re-investigated. As we are already suffering from dark phase after the removal of Article 370 and statehood,” Bukhari has said in a tweet.

Earlier PDP president and former CM, Mehbooba Mufti sought the case to be reviewed and re-investigated. PDP chief said JKLF chief Yasin Malik’s case must be reviewed and reconsidered as in a democracy like India even the assassins of a prime minister were pardoned.

AAP Protests Against ECI For Delay In J&K Assembly Polls

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Aam Aadmi Party on Monday staged a protest against the Election Commission of India (ECI) here for the delay in holding of Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

The protest, led by senior party leader Taranjit Singh Tony and former minister Yaspal Kundal, was held outside Nirvachan Bhawan in Jammu.

The leaders raised anti-ECI and anti-BJP slogans outside the election office alleging that it had become a “puppet” in the hands of the BJP.

“The ECI has become a

puppet in the hands of the BJP. We want ECI to work independently”, Tony told reporters here.

Tony, who sat on dhama along with other leaders, said, “ECI is ready to hold elections of the panchayat, corporation, town area committee, MP, DDC and BDC. What is the problem in holding Assembly elections?”

Questioning the Commission, Tony demanded the restoration of democratic government in the Union Territory by holding the Assembly elections.

“We should get our justice and have an elected government in Jammu and Kashmir,” he said.

Over 2600 Teachers In J&K Have ‘Below Secondary’ Level Qualification

‘66 Percent Such Teachers Teach Students At Primary Level’

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In Jammu and Kashmir more than 2600 teachers are having below secondary level qualification and are teaching students at all levels.

Ironically, among the total number of such teachers with below secondary level qualifications, over 1700 are teaching the primary level classes.

According to a local news agency KNO, the official figures reveal that a total of 2685 teachers with below secondary level qualification were teaching students at all levels.

The official figures reveal that at pre-primary level across the Jammu and Kashmir, at least 276 such teachers were teaching the students.

It also states that at least 1773 such teachers that

amount to more than 66 percent were teaching the students at primary level.

The official figures reveal that at upper primary level, a total of 540 teachers were teaching the students followed by 88 teachers at secondary level and eight teachers at higher secondary level.

Meanwhile, one of the government teachers wishing anonymity said, “As per government norms, a person should be at least graduate in order to be able to teach students regardless of levels, be it primary, upper primary or secondary level.”

The teacher said that it doesn’t matter as to whether such teachers are from government or private schools, “I believe they should enhance their qualifications so that their teaching ability improves and students won’t suffer.”

Police File Chargesheet In Mysterious Death Of College Student

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday filed a chargesheet in a case related to the mysterious death of a college student in Samba district, a police official said.

The body of 20-year-old Vaishali, a resident of Sumb village, was recovered from a railway track in Ludhiana, Punjab, on August 21, a day after she went missing while returning home from government degree college, Samba, leading to protests by the villagers.

The main accused, Sunil Kumar Sharma of Markoli-Taloor village, was arrested on March 14 by the SIT, which was constituted by Senior Superintendent of Police, Samba, Benam Tosh.

“The four-member SIT headed by sub-divisional police officer, Vijaypur concluded the investigation on merit in a time-bound manner and has filed the chargesheet in the court of law for judicial determination,” Tosh said.

Jambu Zoo To Witness Major Expansion In Coming Years: Chief Wildlife Warden

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Wildlife Warden Suresh K Gupta on Monday said the newly opened Jambu Zoo in the foothills of Shivalik would witness a major expansion in the coming years to become one of the largest wildlife parks in north India.

The first full-fledged zoo located in Nagrota area along Jammu-Srinagar national highway was dedicated to the public by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha earlier during

the day and is tipped to be a major attraction for animal lovers and tourists.

The foundation stone of the project was laid in September 2016 and it missed several deadlines in the recent past.

“I cannot say that it is north India’s largest zoo but over a period of time it will be converted into one as we have 163 hectares of land available for its development. So far, we have been working on just 40 per cent of the available land,” Gupta told reporters at the inaugural function.

HC Notice To Govt On PIL Seeking Master Plan For Bangus Valley

M Ahmad

SRINAGAR: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Monday issued notice to the government on a Public Interest Litigation, seeking its directions for preparing a Master Plan for sustainable development of the Bangus Valley before carrying on any developmental work in the picturesque place in north Kashmir’s Kupwara district.

The notice was issued by Chief Justice N Kotishwar Singh and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi after hearing the PIL filed by one advocate Umar Mir.

Situated at a distance of

150 Kms from Srinagar, Bangus Valley is spread over an area of 300 hectares and of late has emerged as a new attraction for many tourists and visitors because of its green meadows, dense forests, streams besides small and big valleys, slopes of the side plateaus.

The petitioner submitted that the Government of J&K in 2010, for the purpose of development of Tourist destinations in Kupwara District, constituted an authority called Lolab Bangus Drangyadi Development Authority (LBDDA). The Authority has been entrusted with the task of developing the tourist destinations

of Kupwara including Bangus, he said.

He said the whole of the land covered under Bangus is forest and there is no patch of it transferred to the LBDDA due to which the authority was yet to prepare a master plan for its development.

Being a newly exposed tourist destination, he said, there is no master plan with the authorities for sustainable development of the spot and there are concerns regarding the trees and pastures which “should not be destroyed and the developmental works should not happen in a haphazard manner.”

Besides seeking direc-

tion for preparation of the Master Plan, the petitioner also seeks a direction to the authorities to take steps for preservation of natural beauty of Bangus Valley including its forests, stream, meadows etc.

He submits that the authorities be directed to prepare the master plan for Bangus valley by following the procedure as envisaged in Jammu and Kashmir Development Act 1970 and in such a way that no concrete constructions and buildings are allowed to be constructed in the valley and “no allotment of land is made in haphazard manner and in excess for commercial activities.”

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER

POSHAN PROJECT BONIYAR

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Applications on prescribed proforma (Annexure-I) are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch wards/Municipal Wards shown against the below mentioned Panchayat Halqas/Municipal Wards, for the engagement of Sanginis (AWWs) for the Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Boniyar on “Honorarium basis”. The applications along with required documents shall be deposited in the Office of undersigned i.e the Child Development Project Officer Boniyar by or before: 12-06-2023 against proper receipt.

S.NO	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	NAME OF THE PROJECT	NAME OF PANCHAYAT/ MUNICIPALITY WARD	VACANCY OF SANGINIS (ANGANWADI WORKERS)	
				NO. OF PANCH WARD/ MC.WARD	NAME OF AWC
1	Baramulla	Boniyar	Bala-Salamabad	BALA- WARD-5	BALA-SALAMABAD
2	Baramulla	Boniyar	Larri	LARRI WARD-2	Larri
3	Baramulla	Boniyar	Boniyar	BONIYAR WARD-9	LONE MOHALLAH BONIYAR
4	Baramulla	Boniyar	Naganari	NAGANRI WARD-3	NAGANARI
5	Baramulla	Boniyar	Bemiyar-B	BEMIYAR WARD-1	Pohiharan
6	Baramulla	Boniyar	Nowsharah-A	NOWSHARAH WARD-4	Sofi Mohallah Nowsharah
7	Baramulla	Boniyar	Pringal	WARIKHA PRINGAL WARD-2	Warikah
8	Baramulla	Boniyar	Bemiyar-A	Bemiyar Ward No:02	Bemiyar-A

Criteria for Selection of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) Shall remain as envisaged in the Govt. Order NO 103 JK(SWD) OF 2023 Dated 28.04.2023 i.e.

Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be considered for the post.

The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.

The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where AWC is 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 voter list along with her parents then she must provide certificate of being unmarried issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Wherever 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 Education qualification should be 10+2 pass 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 from adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the Panchayat 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 & no other criteria to be considered.

In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWW/AWH the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.

Candidates with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.

Self-attested copies of documents to be attached with the application form:

Panch Ward Certificate /present /continuous, ward residence certificate based on the voter list of the ward certificate issued by BDO concerned as per format enclosed (in case of any dispute as to residence for any reason then the residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered).

Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.

Date of Birth Certificate.

Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10+2 and Graduation (if applicable).

If candidate belong to family of retired AWW/AWH, Copy of document proof.

Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer.

Unmarried Certificate from respective Tehsildars.

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts dully attested by 1st class Magistrate:

a) 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.

b) Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Anganwadi worker and Class X for Anganwadi Helper and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent.

c) 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.

Note: Prescribed Application Proforma can be had from the office of the undersigned “Free of Cost”.

(ANNEXURE-I)

S.NO:

APPLICATION FORM FOR ENGAGEMENT OF SANGINI (ANGANWADI WORKER)

1. Name of the District: - Baramulla

2. Name of the ICDS Project: Boniyar.

3. Name of the Anganwadi Centre for which engagement sought..... Panchayat Halqa/ MC Ward.....

4. Panch Ward/ MC Ward..... Panchayat Halqa/ MC Ward.....

5. Name of the Candidate (In Block Letters) Fathers Name (In Block Letters)

6. Marital Status: - Married /Un Married

7. Husbands Name (if married)

8. Place of Permanent Residence..... Mohalla.....Village.....

9. Panch Ward Constituency..... Name of the Panchayat Halqa.....

10. House No..... (As per latest Panchayat Ward Electoral) Block:.....

11. Address for Correspondence..... Mobile No:.....

12. Date of Birth.....

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

Age as on 01-01-2023.....

11. Academic Qualification

S.No	Examination passed	Board/School	Year of passing	Marks Obtained	Max. Marks	%age
1						
2						
3						

14 Do candidate belong to family of retired AWW/AWH (Yes/No).

15. Documents attached.

Panch Ward Certificate /present /continuous, ward residence certificate based on the voter list of the ward issued by BDO concerned (in case of any dispute as to residence for any reason then the residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered).

Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.

Date of Birth Certificate.

Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10+2.

If candidate belong to family of retired AWW/AWH, then copy of the e-ration card.

Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer.

Unmarried Certificate from respective Tehsildars.

All applicants to submit affidavit stating the facts mentioned earlier in the notification.

Signature of Candidate

UNDERTAKING

I.....D/o, W/o.....R/o.....

do hereby certify that the contents of the application given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge. In case any of the above contents is found incorrect, the selection committee shall have the right to reject my application and similarly revoke my engagement order.

Signature of Candidate.

FORMAT FOR PANCH WARD CERTIFICATE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that the candidate namely.....D/o,W/o.....R/o.....

is residing in Panch Wardof Panchayat Halqa.....

It is further certified that her name is enlisted in electoral / voter list of the panch ward at S. No.....

No:.....

Dated:.....

Signature of Block Development Officer.....

No: CDPO/POSHAN/Adv/2023/26-64

Dated:- 26 -05-2023

DIPK-2396-23

DT: 29-05-2023

Child Dev. Project Officer

Poshan Boniyar

Photograph of the applicant duly attested by Gazetted Officer

Photograph of the applicant duly attested

RBI Found Gaps In Corporate Governance At Banks Despite Guidelines: Guv Das

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank has found gaps in banks' corporate governance despite issuing guidelines on the matter, Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Monday.

Addressing directors of bank boards, Das said such gaps, which have been mitigated, could have caused "some degree of volatility".

He also hit out strongly against "smart accounting" to conceal stress and bloat financial performance.

"It is...a matter of concern that despite these guidelines on corporate governance, we have come across gaps in governance of certain banks, with the potential to cause some degree of volatility in the banking sector," Das said at the meeting specially convened by the Reserve Bank.

Bank boards and management should not allow such gaps to creep in, he said, adding that the RBI has taken up such matters with the banks at an individual level in the past.

It is the joint responsibility of the chairman of the board and the directors, both whole-time and non-executive or part-time directors, to ensure robust governance in banks, the governor noted.

The RBI has also found banks



adopting "smart accounting methods" to "artificially boost financial performance", Das said, revealing more about the modus operandi.

Banks try to conceal the real status of stressed loans by getting two lenders together to evergreen each other's loans by sale and buyback of loans or debt instruments, persuading good borrowers to enter into structured deals with a stressed borrower to conceal the stress, adjust borrower's repayment obligations by using internal or office accounts, he said.

"We have also come across a few examples where one method of evergreening, after being pointed out by the regulator, was replaced by another method. Such practices beg the question as to whose interest such smart methods serve. I have mentioned these instances to sensitise all of you to keep a watch on such practices," he said.

FDI Equity Inflows Dip 22% To \$46 Bn In 2022-23

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Foreign direct investment (FDI) into India declined by 22 per cent to \$46 billion in 2022-23, dragged by lower inflows in computer hardware and software, and automobile industry, according to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) data. The FDI inflows stood at USD 58.77 billion during 2021-22.

Total FDI inflows, which include equity inflows, re-invested earnings and other capital, declined by 16 percent to \$70.97 billion in the last fiscal as against \$84.83 billion in 2021-22. During April-March 2022-23, Singapore emerged as the top investor with \$17.2 billion FDI.

It was followed by Mauritius (\$6.13 billion), the US (\$6 billion), the UAE (\$3.35 billion), the Netherlands (\$2.5 billion), Japan (\$1.8 billion), UK (\$1.73 billion), Cyprus (\$1.27 billion), Cayman island (\$772 million), and Germany (\$547 million), the data showed. The FDI inflows have contracted in 2022-23 from Mauritius, the US, the Netherlands, the Cayman Islands, and Germany.

Though the computer software and hardware sector attracted the highest inflows of \$9.4 billion during the last fi-

nancial year, these inflows are down as compared to USD 14.5 billion in 2021-22. Similarly, FDI in the automobile industry dipped significantly to \$1.9 billion in 2022-23 as compared to about \$7 billion in 2021-22. The other sectors which recorded dip in the inflows in the last fiscal include construction (infrastructure) activities, and metallurgical industries.

However, the inflows have recorded growth in sectors including services (\$8.7 billion), trading (\$4.8 billion), telecommunications (\$713 million), pharma (\$8.7 billion), 2 billion), and chemicals (\$1.85 billion). State-wise, though Maharashtra received the highest inflows of \$14.8 billion during the last financial year, the inflows are down as compared to \$15.44 billion in 2021-22. Similarly the overseas inflows in Karnataka plunged to \$10.42 billion in 2022-23 as against \$22 billion in 2021-22. Other states/UTs where FDI dipped in 2022-23 include Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Telangana, and West Bengal. On the other hand, FDI in Gujarat has increased to \$4.71 billion in 2022-23 as against \$2.7 billion in 2021-22. FDI has also reported positive growth in Rajasthan. The FDI equity inflows declined in January, February and March in the last fiscal.

Unemployment Rate Dips To 6.8% In January-March 2023: Govt Survey

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above in urban areas declined to 6.8 per cent during January-March 2023 from 8.2 per cent a year ago, the National Sample Survey Survey (NSSO) showed.

Joblessness or unemployment rate is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force.

Joblessness was high in January-March 2022, mainly due to the staggering impact of Covid-related restrictions in the country.

The unemployment rate in July-September 2022 and October-December 2022 was 7.2 per cent only. It was 7.6 per cent in April-June 2022.

The unemployment rate (UR) for persons aged 15 years and above in April-June 2022 was 7.6 per cent in urban areas, the 18th Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) showed.

In January-March 2022, the unemployment rate was 8.2 per cent.

It also showed that the unemployment rate among females (aged 15 years and above) in urban areas declined to 9.2 per cent in January-March 2023 from 10.1 per cent in the same quarter a year ago. It was 9.6 per cent in October-December 2022, 9.4 per cent in July-September 2022 and 9.5 per cent in April-June 2022.

Among males, the unemployment rate in urban areas dipped to six per cent in January-March 2023 compared to 7.7 per cent in the same



quarter a year ago. It was 6.5 per cent in October-December 2022, 6.6 per cent in July-September 2022 and 7.1 per cent in April-June 2022.

Labour force participation rate in CWS (Current Weekly Status) in urban areas for persons aged 15 years and above increased to 48.5 per cent in the January-March quarter of 2023, from 47.3 per cent in the same period a year ago. It was 48.2 per cent in October-December 2022, 47.9 per cent in July-September 2022 and 47.5 per cent in April-June 2022.

Labour force refers to the part of the population, which supplies or offers to supply labour for pursuing economic activities for the production of goods and services and, therefore, includes both employed and unemployed persons.

NSSO launched PLFS in April 2017. On the basis of PLFS, a quarterly bulletin is brought out giving estimates of labour force indicators namely unemployment rate, Worker Population Ratio (WPR), Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), distribution of workers by broad status in employment and industry of work in CWS.

NSDC Launches Skill Academy To Bridge Industry, Academia Gap

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has partnered with Camu, an EdTech platform, to launch NSDC Academy's Skills for Higher Education which aims at bridging the skills gap between the industry and the education sector, officials said. The NSDC Academy will offer a comprehensive range of courses and the partnership will provide higher education institutions with a full stack of digital solutions, including a student information system, a learning management system and a student success platform powered by Camu-

Engage, they said. "The vision is to ensure that we equip the youth by building their capabilities and providing them with the right prospects. With this, we have launched NSDC Academy's Skills for Higher Education powered by Camu

"NSDC Academy envisions becoming a strong partner throughout students' learning journey, ensuring that they have the tools they need to succeed, fulfil their aspirations and become job creators of tomorrow," he added. The academy will offer higher education institutions with a wide range of capabilities, including end-to-end placement preparation, mentoring by industry experts, specialized skilling programs, efficient job placements, student entrepreneurship programs, test preparation for K-12 (IIT JEE, NEET), IAS, IPS, GATE, international admissions, research competencies, accreditations and NIRF solution.



Dir Agri Addresses Kisan Sampark Abhiyan At Dawar



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Mondy visited Potato seed multiplication farm Ismarg, Gurez.

During the visit, the Director inspected different blocks of the farm where he was briefed by concerned officers about the latest initiatives and interventions that are being adopted at the farm.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture said that the agro-climatic conditions of this area are one of the best suited for the seed production and by taking advantage from such conducive environmental conditions we can pioneer the seed production sector.

He highlighted the importance of the quality seed for a successful cropping season and asked the concerned officers to adopt all real time technologies for a healthy virus free potato seeds.

Director Agriculture said that departmental farms are focus-

ing on the development and multiplication of high yielding varieties of agriculture crops (including Potato) appropriate production and protection technologies, Post-harvest management and production of good quality seed.

Director Agriculture also addressed a huge gathering of farmers under Kisan Sampark Abhiyan at Dawar Gurez. He marked the importance of various projects under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme and asked the farmers to work shoulder to shoulder with the department for the successful implementation of these projects.

Later, the Director Agriculture visited the (under-construction) semi-hi tech polyhouse at Ismarg, Gurez and asked the concerned officers to complete the work in a set time frame.

The Director was accompanied by Joint Director Agriculture Inputs, Mohammad Younis Chowdhury and other officers of the department.

JKTPO Organizes Onboarding Drive On ONDC Network

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO) under the aegis of Industries and commerce department organized and supervision of Khalid Jahangir, Managing Director, JKTPO an Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) onboarding drive at Udyog Bhawan, Jammu with ONDC Seller Partner MyStore to assist on-boarding of



sellers, artisans, retailers, small merchants, and traders on their platform through which they can sell their product on ONDC Network.

ONDC is being established as a first of its kind initiative globally to pave the way for reimagining digital commerce in India and establishing a globally replicable model for digital commerce. This will be an open network with established registries, enabling wide-scale participation by digital commerce ecosystem players in India through multiple gateways.

Banu Singh, Vice President

Sales MyStore highlighted various benefits participant can avail and functionality of the platform. He also emphasised that MyStore won't be charging any onboarding and subscription fee to J&K based sellers. ONDC platform is currently operating in 236 cities across India, including Jammu and Kashmir.

Seller partner of ONDC MyStore had one-to-one networking sessions with participants

and onboarded them on the seller platform. All the sellers were facilitated by MyStore team for on spot registration and onboarding.

About 20 companies/sellers were onboarded on the spot and rest of the participants understood the process of onboarding and will be registering their digital catalogues subsequently. Categories onboarded were Food and Beverages, Handloom and Handicrafts, Groceries and Home Décor. The Platform aims to create new opportunities, curb digital monopolies in e-commerce sectors.

Go First Executives Discuss Revival Plans With DGCA Officials

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Senior executives of crisis-hit Go First, which is undergoing insolvency resolution process, on Monday discussed its revival plans with officials of aviation regulator DGCA, according to a source.

The meeting, held in the national capital, came against the backdrop of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), last week, asking the grounded airline to submit its revival plan within 30 days.

The budget carrier, filed a petition for voluntary insolvency

"DGCA had called the entire management team of Go First on Monday to discuss the resumption plan. At the meeting, the team presented the road map for revival of operations," a source told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

Without divulging specific details, the source said that all stakeholders are keen to see the airline taking wings again.

"The airline will shortly come out with a way forward. As of now, it is heading in the right direction," the source said.

Currently, the airline has suspended operations till May 30.

The source indicated that suspension of flights would be extended by a few more days as DGCA will take time to take a final decision on the revival road map submitted to it.

Meanwhile, Go First has offered its captains Rs 1 lakh per month as "retention allowance," in addition to their salary, as per a communication sent out to them on Sunday.

"First officers, in addition to their present salary, will get an additional Rs 50,000 per month as retention allowance," it said.

These allowances will be paid from June.



resolution proceedings on May 2, citing its inability to carry out operations due to non-delivery of engines by the US engine maker Pratt & Whitney. The plea of the airline, which has not flown since May 3, was admitted by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on May 10.

Sensex, Nifty Extend Gains To 3rd Day On Global Stocks Rally

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty rose for a third straight day on Monday amid positive trends in the US markets and continuous foreign fund inflows.

Rising for a third session, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 344.69 points or 0.55 per cent to settle at 62,846.38 as 20 of its constituents ended in the green. During the day, it jumped 524.31 points or 0.83 per cent to 63,026.

The broader NSE Nifty gained 99.30 points or 0.54 per cent to end at 18,598.65 with 34 of its components closing in green.

In the three days of gains, Sensex rose by 1,072 points or 1.8 per cent while Nifty spurted by 313 points or 2 per cent. From the Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra climbed 3.71 per cent after the company reported an 18 per cent jump in its consolidated profit for the

March quarter and the highest-ever annual profit of Rs 10,282 crore in FY23.

Titan, Tata Steel, HDFC, Ultra-Tech Cement, State Bank of India, ITC, IndusInd Bank, NTPC, HDFC Bank and Bajaj Finserv were the other major gainers.

HCL Technologies, Power Grid, Maruti, Wipro, Tata Consultancy Services, ICICI Bank, Infosys, Tech Mahindra and Hindustan Unilever were the laggard.

"The domestic benchmarks experienced a strong rally and came close to life-time highs, primarily driven by positive global cues and robust predictions of domestic economic growth."

"An in-principle approval from US leaders for raising the US debt ceiling has generated optimism among global investors, who are now anticipating the next monetary plan of the Fed and economic data points," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

EPFO Organises Awareness/ Outreach Program Under AKAM

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) today conducted an awareness cum district outreach programme on the benefits of social security schemes and insurance schemes of EPFO under Azadi

Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) at District Administrative Complex, here.

During the programme, Enforcement Officer (Central) of the EPFO, Suhail Ahmad gave a detailed insight about the EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

The Enforcement Officer elaborated in detail the provisions of the Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 and the Employees Deposit Linked Insurance scheme, 1976 especially the responsibility of departments / organizations in the registration process of their employees.

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER ICD PROJECT KHOVRIPORA ANANTNAG.

CORRIGENDUM

Subject: - Advertisement for Recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres or POSHAN Project Khoivripora
Reference: - This office communication No:- CDPO /Kvp/2023 /162-172 dated 13-05-20233

In Continuation to previous corrigendum Letter No:-CDPO/KVP/221-32 Dated -22.05.2023 In view of the wrong ward details of two Anganwadi centres namely Salia A.(Mirpora) panchayat Halqa Salia B, and Hardu Akad of Panchayat Halqa Hardu Akad falling under S.No 34 and 21 respectively notified under Advertisement Notice No.01 of 2023 Dated 13-05-2023 regarding subject cited above stands withdrawn till proper verification of the Ward details. The advertisement of the other AW centres of Panchayat Halqa's and Municipal Wards shall remain intact.

No: CDPO/KVp/273-83
Dated: 27/05/2023

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DT: 29/05/2023

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Renowned Arm Wrestler Interacts With Anantnag Students



Observer News Service

KHANABAL: International arm wrestler and athlete Joby Matthews participated in a captivating event on Monday at Higher Secondary School Khanabal. The event was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag in collaboration with Social Welfare Department, HSS Khanabal.

Mr. Matthews was given a rousing welcome by the organisers and participants. He also inaugurated a Volleyball Tournament for U-17 Boys at the volleyball ground of the institution.

Joby Matthews interacted with the players and also administered pledge to participating

players against drug abuse. The event was aimed to bring together athletes, sports enthusiasts, and community members to rally against drug abuse and promote a healthier lifestyle.

Matthews actively engaged with participants and attendees, sharing his personal journey and emphasizing the significance of discipline, determination, and staying away from drugs for achieving success in any field.

Matthews has made a name in arm wrestling, fencing, and powerlifting. He drove from his native Kerala to Kashmir with his family to take part in the 45th National arm wrestling championship here. He is also 60 per cent orthopedically challenged.

Sports Competitions For Tribal Youth Held In Bijbehara



Observer News Service

BIJBHARA: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag organised Sports Competitions for Tribal Youth in Zone Bijbehara on Monday at GMS Marhama Bijbehara.

The competitions were inaugurated by the Head Master of GMS Marhama Muzamil Husain in presence of field officials

of ZPEO Zone Bijbehara.

On the opening of the tourney, a pledge ceremony against drug addiction was held. The competitions were held in the disciplines of Kabbadi, Tag of War, Badminton, Chess, Carrom. Minor games and cultural activities were also conducted among both boys and girls. Almost 289 tribal youth participated in these events.

Ex-Cricketers Lock Horns In Summer Cricket Cup Veeri



Observer News Service

VEERI: In a unique contribution to the game and spirit of cricket, several former cricketers of Halq-e-Veeri in District Anantnag locked horns with contemporary cricketers on Sunday in the inaugural match of the Summer Cup Veeri played on Tarbal Ground in Veeri, Anantnag. The match was organised by Veeri Cricket Association.

The ex-cricketers of the Halq-e-Veeri outplayed the contemporary cricketers and defeated them with the scintillating slogans of "Ham Kisi Se Kam Nahi" and "Josh Abi Be Baki hai."

Earlier while batting first, the

cricketers team, led by sensational cricketer Aadil Rashid, scored 170 runs on the board, in which Bita Manzoor and Aadil Rashid played brilliant innings of 39 and 42 runs, respectively.

In reply the ex-cricketers, led by Tariq Maqbool, chased the target comfortably in the 24th over with 5 wickets in hand. Mehraj Rashid's brilliant unbeaten inning of 63 runs helped the team chase the target and emerge as winners in the match.

In the post match ceremony, Bita Manzoor and Mehraj Rashid were mutually declared as men of the match for their outstanding performances on the field.



SAI SUDHARSAN SLAMMED 96 IN 47 BALLS as Gujarat Titans posted 214 for four against Chennai Super Kings in the final of the Indian Premier League here on Monday. Asked to bat first, GT were off to a flying start with their opening duo of Wriddhiman Saha and Shubman Gill putting on 67 runs in seven overs at the packed Narendra Modi Stadium. While Gill was sent back by star left-arm spinning all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja for a 20-ball 39, Saha went on to make 54 off 39 balls to lay a strong foundation for a formidable total.

Saha was dismissed by seamer Deepak Chahar, who had dropped Gill when the batter was on 3. Sudharsan, who has also been in good form in recent times, hit six sixes and eight fours in his whirlwind knock. Tushar Deshpande gave away 56 runs in his four overs.

Brief scores: Gujarat Titans: 214/4 in 20 overs (Sai Sudharsan 96, Wriddhiman Saha 54). (PTI)

Kohli Joins Team India Training Ahead Of WTC Final



Press Trust of India

SUSSEX: Batting mainstay Virat Kohli joined the national team's training session on Monday at the picturesque Arundel Castle Cricket Club along with left-arm seamer Jaydev Unadkat, who seemed to have recovered from left shoulder injury.

India will play Australia at the Oval in the one-off Test from June 7 to 11.

The BCCI on Monday shared pictures of the members of the team, including Kohli, pace duo of Umesh Yadav and Mohammed Siraj on their official twitter handle.

"Team India members begin their preparations for the WTC23 at Arundel Castle Cricket Club," BCCI said in a tweet.

While Kohli, Umesh and Siraj were seen jogging in their new training kit, off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin could be seen rolling his arm over at the nets.

Unadkat was also engaged in a discussion with head coach Rahul Dravid and bowling coach Paras Mhambrey. Cheteshwar Pujara, who has been playing for Sussex in the English county circuit to prepare for the final, also was seen arriving in the training ground.

Umesh and Shardul Thakur were among the first batch of

ICC Names Umpires For WTC Final

Agencies

DUBAI: England's Richard Illingworth and Chris Gaffaney of New Zealand will be the on-field umpires in the upcoming World Test Championship (WTC) final between India and Australia in London, the ICC said on Monday.

The International Cricket Council has announced the match officials for the marquee clash, which will be played between world cricket's two heavyweights at The Oval from June 7-11.

Gaffaney, 48, will be standing in his 49th Test match while it will be the 64th Test for 59-year-old Illingworth, who also stood in the first WTC final two years ago that New Zealand won with an eight-wicket victory over India in Southampton.

Another England umpire, Richard Kettleborough, will also be officiating in a second successive WTC final, once again appointed as the TV umpire. Kumar Dharmasena of Sri Lanka will be the fourth umpire, while Richie Richardson of the West Indies will be the match referee.

While India played in the WTC final once, in its inaugural edition, it will be Australia's maiden appearance in the summit showdown of the Test championship. (PTI)

Indian players to arrive for the WTC final.

Skipper Rohit Sharma and young Mumbai opener Yasir Jaswal have also reached, while the last batch including Ravindra Jadeja, Shubman Gill, Mohammad Shami, K S Bharat and Ajinkya Rahane, will be leaving on Tuesday following the IPL final in Ahmedabad.

Jaiswal was included in the squad as a stand-by player after Rituraj Gaikwad informed BCCI about him getting married

on June 3-4.

India had finished runners-up in 2022 after losing the WTC final to Kane Williamson-led New Zealand by eight wickets in Southampton two years ago.

India won't play any warm-up game as the English County Championship is on and also this being an ICC event, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) is under no obligation to arrange practice matches for the visiting team.

ICC Leaders In Pakistan To Secure World Cup Participation

Agencies

SENIOR International Cricket Council (ICC) officials have travelled to Pakistan to secure the country's participation in this year's 50-overs World Cup in India which has been in doubt for political reasons.

Bilateral cricket has been a casualty of the soured relations between India and Pakistan over the last decade and the neighbours play each other only

Barclay and CEO Geoff Allardice would arrive in Lahore on Tuesday to meet Sethi and others cricket officials during their two-day visit.

"That's something that's obviously ongoing at the moment," ICC General Manager Wasim Khan told a virtual press conference on Monday when asked about Pakistan's participation in the World Cup. "Geoff Allardice, our CEO, and Greg are in Pakistan at the moment discussing



in multi-team events at neutral venues. India have declined to tour Pakistan for September's Asia Cup and want the entire tournament be held in a neutral country, which has prompted a tit-for-tat response from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

Its chairman Najam Sethi told Reuters this month there was a "very real possibility" of Pakistan boycotting the World Cup in India should PCB's proposal to stage at least some Asia Cup matches on home soil not be accepted. The PCB said in a statement ICC Chairman Greg

a number of areas with the PCB hierarchy.

"But that's certainly up to the two countries and the hierarchy within the ICC to discuss them and come to some conclusions," added former PCB CEO Khan. Indian board secretary Jay Shah heads the Asian Cricket Council, which is likely to reveal the Asia Cup dates and venue this week.

Dates and venues for the World Cup, to be played in October-November, will be announced after the World Test Championship (WTC) final in London from June 7. (Reuters)

Wrestlers Yet To Meet After Release From Police Detention



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Released late last night from police detention, the wrestlers are still contemplating their next move even as they continued to get support from sporting fraternity after police action against top grapplers was unequivocally condemned by political and sports personalities.

Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia, Sangeeta Phogat, Sakshi Malik and several others were detained by Delhi police on Sunday when they attempted to move towards the new Parliament building for women's 'Mahapanchayat'.

Disturbing videos of police action against elite wrestlers emerged from Jantar Mantar, which will now remain out of bound for them. The wrestlers are demanding arrest of WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

"We will let you know soon what our next move will be. We are still gathering ourselves. I was released at 11pm and Bajrang was released around mid-night. We are yet to meet at a common place. We will soon discuss it," said one of the protesting wrestlers.

The police, which has filed FIRs against the trio of Bajrang, Vinesh, Sakshi and several others for violation of law and order, has made it clear that they will not allow the wrestlers to return to Jantar Mantar.

Meanwhile, India's first individual Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra denounced the police action against the top wrestlers, saying the treatment meted out to grapplers left him "sleepless" and was "haunted" by the horrifying images.

Unprecedented scenes of police dragging Olympic and world championships medal-winning players, including Sakshi, Vinesh, Punia and Sangeeta Phogat, were witnessed when the wrestlers and their supporters breached the security cordon ahead of their march towards the new Parliament building.

"Last night was sleepless, haunted by the horrifying images of my fellow Indian wrestlers protesting," tweeted Bindra, even as India's most successful footballer Sunil Chhetri and former India all-rounder too criticised the action against the wrestlers.

Who Can Stop Man City? Challengers Need Big Offseason To Set Up Premier League Title Shot

Agencies

LONDON: Who can stop Manchester City? That's the question being asked at the end of another Premier League campaign when Pep Guardiola's team proved too strong, winning the title for a fifth time in six years.

A look at who might be best placed to bring down City next season:

ARSENAL (2nd place)

Juggling another run at the title with the demands of playing in the Champions League looks to be Arsenal's biggest problem. Squad depth became a growing issue at the end of this season — look at the collapse in the defensive stats following the injury to center back William Saliba, for example — and it will be even more stark when the team has to play high-level games twice a week. Reinforce-

ments at left back, center back and central midfield are needed, especially if Granit Xhaka leaves. However, Mikel Arteta's squad — the youngest in the Premier League — will be better for the experience of going toe to toe with City before eventually falling short. "We understand where the level is," Arteta said. "If we want to be the real deal, we can't be happy with what we have, and we have to be next season much better. I think we have some great foundations, that is true but in sport you have to prove it again."

MAN UNITED (3rd place)

In Erik ten Hag, United appears to finally have the manager to build a longer-term project after he led the team back into the Champions League as well as into two domestic cup finals. The Dutchman will need further backing in the transfer market, though, which is why



it's crucial that the sale of the club goes through sooner rather than later. The Glazer family is currently weighing up offers from Qatari banker Sheikh Jassem bin Hamad Al Thani and British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe, though could yet stay in control and get external investment. Amid the uncertainty, Ten Hag gave a warning on Sunday after United's final league game. "The club knows if you want to play

top four and compete for trophies in this league, then you have to invest," he said. "Otherwise you don't have a chance, because other clubs will." Top of the list of requirements is a striker, with England captain Harry Kane a potential option now that he has just one year left on his Tottenham contract.

NEWCASTLE (4th place)

Newcastle has arrived and,

given that the Saudi-controlled northeast team has the wealthiest owners in world soccer, it is probably here to stay. Will this summer see the club really flex its financial muscles for the first time since the 2021 takeover, having spent sensibly rather than lavishly in the intervening 20 months? The likes of Callum Wilson, Dan Burn, Miguel Almiron, Jacob Murphy and Joe Willock have been dependable squad members this season as Newcastle secured a return to the Champions League for the first time in 20 years, but they might be unsure of their futures if the Saudi ownership want to bring in some higher-profile names, which it can afford.

Central midfield and wide forwards are areas that needs to be strengthened. The likelihood for the foreseeable future is that Man City and Newcastle will occupy two of the four Champions

League qualification spots.

LIVERPOOL (5th place)

A strong end to the season saw Liverpool go unbeaten for its final 11 games and was a sign that Jurgen Klopp might have found a formula that can drive another title push. Trent Alexander-Arnold looks at home in his new hybrid defender-midfielder role, Cody Gakpo appears a natural replacement for Roberto Firmino in the deep-lying striker role and the promise of strengthening in central midfield with younger, fresher legs should address the team's biggest weakness. However, the big question remains: by not qualifying for the Champions League, will Liverpool be able to attract the type of quality players needed to challenge Man City? Jude Bellingham has been a long-term target, for example, but is likely to choose a team in the Champions League. Alexis Mac

Allister of Brighton might prove to be a more realistic option.

CHELSEA (12th place)

Chelsea is the great unknown because who really knows what its American owners will do next? Having spent more than \$600 million on players in their first two transfer windows in charge, will Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital go big again this offseason after an unacceptable 12th-place finish? They may not even afford to do that, with the priority likely being trimming a large squad to adhere to financial regulations and give incoming manager Mauricio Pochettino a tighter group of players to work with. Romelu Lukaku's return from a loan spell at Inter Milan gives Chelsea another option up front, while the futures of midfielders Mason Mount, N'Golo Kante and Mateo Kovacic are uncertain amid the rebuild.

Info Dept Kashmir
Condoles Demise Of
Ghulam Mohi-U-Din Gilkar

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: The Ex. Joint Director Information Kashmir, Mr. Ghulam Mohi-u-Din Gilkar breathed his last on Monday after a brief illness at his residence, Wanabal Old Airport Road, here.

Mr Gilkar who retired as Joint Director Information Kashmir has served the department for nearly four decades in various capacities, leading the department with an example.

In this connection a condolence meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Joint Director Information, Kashmir, at the Joint Director Information Office, Exchange Road Kothi Bagh, here.

During the meeting, the Joint Director offered his deepest condolences to his family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul besides courage for the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Director (PR) Kashmir, Bilal Mukhtar; Assistant Director/ FPO, M Aslam Khan; Cultural Officer, Burhan Hussain and other officers and officials of Information Department Kashmir have also extended sympathies to the bereaved family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

The Officials of the Information Department Kashmir Division have also expressed deep grief and sorrow over his demise and prayed for Jannat ul Firdous for the departed soul.

DC Anantnag Launches
'AASAISH' Portal/ App

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Anantnag: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, S.F Hamid on Monday launched the 'AASAISH' portal/ application to enhance public services delivery and effectively address citizen grievances in the district.

The launch of the AASAISH portal reflects the District Administration's commitment to embracing digital transformation and ensuring efficient governance. It was given out that the AASAISH portal/ application provides citizens of district Anantnag with a convenient online platform to register their feedback, suggestion, demands and grievances for prompt resolution. The portal covers a wide range of services, including utilities, public infrastructure, healthcare, education and social services.

The applicant will be able to track the status of their application online, making the process more transparent and efficient.

In addition to the AASAISH portal, the District Administration also launched a portal for Pahalgam Development Authority related to permission for construction further streamlining the process.

The district/ sectoral officers were present on the occasion, highlighting the importance of this initiative for the community.

Overall, the launch of the AASAISH portal is a significant step towards improving citizen engagement and satisfaction in Anantnag.

16-Year-Old Girl Stabbed Over 20
Times In Horrific Killing In Crowded
Northwest Delhi Neighbourhood

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New Delhi: A 16-year-old girl was stabbed over 20 times and bludgeoned to death by a youth in a busy bylane as passersby looked on in northwest Delhi's Shahbad Dairy area - an incident that has drawn massive outrage as the video of the horrific killing appeared online.

The accused, 20-year-old Sahil, was arrested from Aterna village in Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh on Monday. The victim, Sakshi, received 34 injuries on her body and her skull was ruptured, Delhi Police said, adding the final autopsy report is awaited.

The two were in a "relationship" but had a quarrel on Saturday. The victim had gone shopping on Sunday evening for the birthday party of her friend's child when she was accosted by Sahil in the densely populated neighbourhood, they said.

A nearly 90-second video of the incident that was shared online showed the accused pinning the victim to a wall with one hand and stabbing her repeatedly. He did not stop even when the girl slumped to the ground, jabbing the knife into her over 20 times, kicking her and then slamming a cement slab on her repeatedly.

In a shocking display of public apathy, people can be seen passing by, with some bystanders staring in alarm, but not doing anything to stop the brutal attack.

The accused is seen walking away from the victim in a casual manner, only to turn back and again hit her with the slab before leaving the site.

"I have never seen such a frightening case. What was the fault of the 16-year-old girl that she was brutally killed on the road? Several people saw this but did not pay heed. No one is afraid of the police and the law in Delhi," Delhi Commission for Women Chairperson Swati Maliwal said.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other AAP leaders attacked Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena, saying it was his responsibility to maintain law and order in the city, while the Delhi BJP claimed it was a case of "love jihad" and slammed the AAP for "trying to portray" it as an "ordinary" murder and a law and order issue.

Calling the incident "extremely

disturbing and appalling", the National Commission for Women said its chairperson Rekha Sharma has written to the Commissioner of Police of Delhi to conduct a fair and time-bound investigation in the matter. The Commission has formed a three-member team headed by member Delina Khongdup to look into the matter.

Delhi Police PRO Suman Nalwa said the accused Sahil worked as a fridge and AC mechanic. He lived in a rented accommodation with his parents and three siblings in Shahbad Dairy area.

In Bulandshahr, Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Bajrangbali Chaurasia said that Sahil had fled to his aunt's place in Aterna village, from where he was arrested by Delhi Police and taken to the national capital after completing necessary formalities. A case under Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code has been registered at Shahbad Dairy police station on the complaint by the victim's father, the Delhi Police added. The police suspect that "strained relationship" of the accused with Sakshi could be a possible reason behind the crime.

"Only after ascertaining the chats and call details record of the victim with Sahil, the period of their relationship and how they became friends would be established," a police officer said.

Sakshi, whose father is a labourer, passed Class 10 this year. The victim's parents, who are residents of JJ Colony in Shahbad Dairy and have a younger son, said she was staying with her friend Neetu for the last 15 days since the latter's husband was out of Delhi for work.

Recalling Sunday's events, Neetu, who has two children, said Sakshi was busy organising the birthday party for her daughter and went to the nearby market to get a dress for the child.

She informed Neetu that she wanted to use the washroom and was going to their common friend's place.

Neetu claimed that Sakshi and Sahil often fought with each other but she got to know about their "friendship" only six months ago.

Seeking justice for their daughter, Sakshi's parents demanded capital punishment for the accused.

They said neither she nor her friends

had told them about Sahil.

The victim's father said that the police have assured them that they would get justice for their daughter.

"We believe and trust the police when they said they will help us in getting justice for our daughter," he said.

Sakshi's mother said she had last spoken to her on Sunday afternoon.

"My daughter had been staying with Neetu and her two children for the past 15 days. I had spoken to my daughter around 1:30 pm and she had told me that she will return home once Neetu's husband is back," she said.

Police said the weapon used in commission of crime is yet to be recovered.

Soon after the incident, the accused along with his family fled after locking their house. Their landlord, Ramphool, said that the family had been staying at his place as tenants for the past two years and Sahil usually kept to himself.

"He was an ordinary youth who lived with his parents and three sisters. He kept to himself and never argued or indulged in any kind of fight. So it was shocking to hear and see the video footage of him brutally killing a girl," he added.

Many took to social media to express anger over the barbaric assault and the "insensitivity" shown by people who did nothing to save the victim.

"A minor girl was brutally murdered in Delhi. This is very sad and unfortunate. The criminals have become fearless, there is no fear of the police. LG sir, law and order is your responsibility, do something," Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said.

In a statement, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said the case should be tried in a fast-track court.

Sachdeva claimed locals had informed him that the accused was harassing the minor girl for "a long time".

It is "regrettable" that the Chief Minister of Delhi was "trying to portray" the "brutal killing" of a Hindu girl as a law and order issue, whereas it is a case of "Love jihad", Sachdeva said.

"The red Kalawa (sacred thread) tied on the hand of arrested Sahil Sarfaraz clearly showed that he is a member of Love Jihad gang working in a well-planned manner," Sachdeva charged in his statement.

Amarnath Yatra

Div Com Kashmir
Reviews Power Scenario
Along Baltal Axis

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Srinagar: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bihhuri on Monday convened a meeting to review the power supply scenario along the Baltal axis for the Shri Amarnath Yatra Ji, 2023.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir, Chief Engineer KPDCI, officers of BEACON and others.

The meeting was apprised by CE KPDCI that the Power Cable along the axis has got damaged due to the road widening of track by BEACON which is likely to affect the power supply from Grid Station.

On the Occasion, Div Com exhorted all the officers particularly CE KPDCI to make alternative arrangements immediately to light the route so that yatries and service providers do not face any problem.

Div Com further instructed him to make DG sets available in a large number to ensure lights remain functional with constant power support.

He also directed BEACON to halt the expansion work to avoid further damage to Electric cables and instructed them to install the wire mesh to protect the route and remove the loose soil and rocks.

Authorities In Pulwama Crack
Whip On Illegal Mining

Seizes Mechanised Boat, 7 Vehicles
Including A JCB Impounded

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Pulwama: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr Basharat Qayoom, the Geology and Mining department Pulwama has intensified its efforts to crack the whip on illegal mining of minerals and continues to lay Nakas in several areas of the district.

During the exercise, DMO Pulwama, Fayaz Ahmad seized dozens of vehicles carrying illegally mined material in various parts of the district.

During the crackdown, around 07 vehicles have been seized and impounded including a JCB besides a mechanised boat has also been seized in the Gagribal area of Awantipora. The departmental team asked drivers to purchase minerals from legal sources only and stay away from illegal mining practices.

A senior officer from the administration said that the District Administration has adopted a zero tolerance policy against illegal mining and unauthorized transportation of minerals and people involved in the illegal trade shall be dealt sternly under relevant provisions of law.

The locals were also briefed to alert the administration of all illegal mining activities so that strict action could be initiated against those involved. Meanwhile, authorities have urged the general public to purchase the minerals (construction material) from the legal vendors on notified Government rates through online mode with assured service delivery within the given time frame.

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25k Attended Kheer

Jammu and Kashmir Police and the local administration on the successful completion of the Kheer Bhawani Mela. May the divine grace of Maa Kheer Bhawani always be with us," Shah tweeted along with a few pictures of the devotees.

According to an official statement, every year on the day of Jyeshtha Ashtami Kashmiri Pandits pay their obeisance at Mata Ragneya Devi temple also known as Kheer Bhawani temple.

This year, the fair was celebrated on May 28 with great fervour and enthusiasm by not only Kashmiri Pandits but also by the locals of the Kashmir valley. The temple is located in Ganderbal district, about 25 kilometres from Srinagar.

Comprehensive and elaborate arrangements were made by the Ganderbal district administration to ensure devotees have a comfortable stay, the statement said.

The Ganderbal district police had made elaborate security arrangements with 20 companies of the Central Armed Police Forces along with the Jammu and Kashmir Police, escort vehicles, road opening parties, counter-terror quick reaction teams, and law and order components, while additional naka points were part of the overall deployment plan.

Ten community kitchens (lungars) were set up to take care of the meals of the devotees.

With the evening aarti and puja on May

28, the mela concluded peacefully. Kashmiri Pandits and other local communities prayed for the peace, prosperity and happiness of their beloved ones and the society, the statement said.

Last year, around 18,000 Kashmiri Pandits and devotees visited the Mata Kheer Bhawani temple on Jyeshtha Ashtami.

Kheer Bhawani is considered to be the deity of Kashmiri Pandits. Over the years, the Kheer Bhawani Mela has become a symbol of communal harmony and brotherhood in Kashmir.

J&K Has Entered

potential of every region," the LG said.

He also called upon the people to cooperate in the government's endeavours to develop tourism and other infrastructure in the region, he said.

Earlier, the LG congratulated the people of Jammu Kashmir and all the stakeholder departments while acknowledging the hardwork of all the workers engaged in the construction of Jambu Zoo.

"This much awaited addition to the tourist destinations of J&K UT, spread over 70 ha area in the phase-1, was taken up under Languishing Project and it shall attract both local residents and tourists visiting Union Territory," the LG said.

"The scenic beauty around the first-of-its-kind full-fledged zoo in the UT will make it a unique tourist destination and has the potential to boost tourism in the region," he added.

Sinha announced free entry for all in the Jambu

Zoo for One month. He also announced that the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams will be dedicated to the people on 8th June.

Jama'at Assets

and to dismantle the ecosystem of anti-national elements & terror networks hostile to India's national security, sovereignty, integrity and unity. The property, he said, comprises a complex with 20 shops along with appurtenant land falling under survey number 2990/2666/270 and survey number 3551/2979/263 has been sealed and entry, usage barred, has been prohibited.

Additionally, he said, "Red entry" to this effect has been made in the relevant revenue records.

"With this SIA Kashmir has got 57 properties of Jel notified till date. The action, it is expected, would significantly dent terror funding in J&K besides being another major step in restoring rule of law & a society without fear," the spokesperson said.

The SIA, he said, has identified as many as 188 Jel properties across the UT of J&K which have either been notified or are under the process of being notified for further legal action.

"These are as a result of investigation of case FIR number 17 of 2019 U/S 10, 11 & 13 of Police Station Batmaloo being investigated by SIA," the spokesperson added.

NGT Panel Suggests

be immediately moved if major cracks

emerge in their homes.

"No further civil construction within the affected area of Nai Basti may be allowed. In view of the coming monsoon season, the affected area needs to be under observation of the district administration. In case of any new sign of major cracks in houses outside the affected area, residents (are) to be evacuated immediately.

"As a precautionary measure, people living in houses outside the affected area and adjoining houses/structures not yet affected may also be asked to relocate to a safer place," the report stated.

The experts in the panel recommended filling up the cracks with cement slurry well before the onset of monsoon to control the percolation of rainwater/surface water.

"The natural diversion and drainage channels within the area may be restored or renovated immediately so that the surface run-off could be diverted. Proper drainage and sewer plan for the entire area to be developed and implemented," they said.

The committee said construction outside the affected area can be allowed only after geo-technical assessments such as soil bearing tests.

"No subsurface engineering activity may be allowed within an area circumscribing 500 metres of the affected location," it said.

Since the affected area is situated just above the Chenab river channel, it suggested constructing a gabion wall of suitable dimension

on the riverside to stop erosion.

The panel said a retention wall of around 400 metres with weep holes can be constructed near the base of the landslide area (at the toe of the slope) at the road level to stop further slope failures.

The affected settlement came up majorly on village pasture land prior to 2014 when Thathri became a municipality, the report stated.

The panel said in its report that it did not observe any "extant construction by-laws applicable".

"...no retaining wall with weep holes, or planned drainage or sewage disposal structures were observed in the affected area", except unplanned PVC pipes for sewerage disposal, it said.

Soil bearing capacity assessment and other feasibility studies "also would not have been carried out" prior to their construction, according to local officials.

The experts said a physical inspection of cracks revealed horizontal, lateral and vertical displacements of up to 50 cm, affecting a total area of 8,000 metre square.

They recommended that a detailed landslide hazard zonation of the entire town be conducted, preferably by the Geological Survey of India, in view of its similar geological and geomorphologic set-up.

The committee also said heavy rainfall (201.2 mm) between January 20 and January 31 might have resulted in saturation of the soil and triggered landslides.

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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China To Send First Civilian To Space On Tuesday: Space Agency

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Jiuquan, China: China will send its first civilian astronaut into space as part of a crewed mission to the Tiangong space station on Tuesday, the country's Manned Space Agency said.

"Payload expert Gui Haichao is a professor at Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics," China Manned Space Agency Spokesperson Lin Xiqiang told reporters Monday.

Until now, all Chinese astronauts sent into space have been part of the People's Liberation Army.

Gui will be "mainly responsible for the on-orbit operation of space science experimental payloads", Lin said.

The mission commander is Jing Haipeng, and the third crew

member is Zhu Yangzhu.

They are set to take off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China on Tuesday at 9.31 am (0131 GMT), the Manned Space Agency said.

Under President Xi Jinping, plans for China's "space dream" have been put into overdrive.

The world's second-largest economy has invested billions of dollars in its military-run space programme, with hopes of eventually sending humans to the Moon.

Beijing is trying to finally catch up with the United States and Russia after years of belatedly matching their milestones. China is also planning to build a base on the Moon and the country's National Space Administration said it aims to launch a crewed lunar mission by 2029.



Everest Continues To Attract Climbers 70 Years After First Summit

When Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa first climbed Mount Everest 70 years ago, they paved the way for thousands of foreign climbers to try to follow in their footsteps.

The eight-day trek to the Everest base camp is among the most popular multiday hikes in Nepal with tens of thousands of tourists making the journey every year.

What were small farming villages when the British expedition passed through in 1953 have since been transformed into tourist hubs with hotels, tea houses and equipment shops, boosting the livelihoods of local communities.

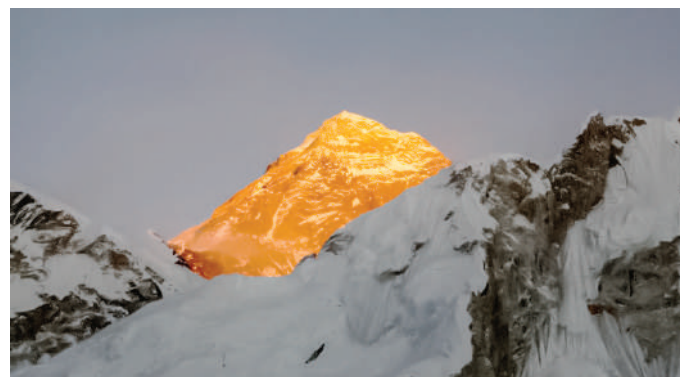
In many homes, three generations have found employment in mountaineering – a far more lucrative occupation than farming or yak herding.

The work is hazardous by definition, but in a climbing season of about three months, an experienced guide can make up to \$10,000, several times the country's average annual income.

And other Sherpas and Himalayan community members have opened restaurants and guesthouses that line Everest's money trail.

Veteran mountain guide Phurba Tashi Sherpa was born and raised in Khumjung, a village about 10km (6.2 miles) from base camp.

He grew up watching his father and uncles go to the mountains for work and soon joined them on expeditions, eventually



climbing Everest 21 times before he retired.

"There would be just a few expeditions before, but now there are so many every year," he said.

"That means an increase in income. It has helped improve the lifestyle here. A lot has changed."

Since the first British teams set their sights on summiting Everest in the 1920s, Nepali climbers, mostly from the Sherpa ethnic group, have been by their side.

"Sherpa" became synonymous with high-altitude guiding as they became the backbone of the multimillion-dollar industry, bearing huge risks to carry equipment and food, fix ropes and repair ladders.

Local expeditions no longer play second fiddle to foreign climbing agencies but bring the bulk of paying clients into Nepal.

And a younger generation of Nepali climbers is slowly being recognised in their own right.

Renowned Italian climber Reinhold Messner told the Agence France-Presse news agency in a 2021 interview that it was a well-deserved climb up the ladder.

"It is an evolution," he said. "And this is also important for the future economy of the country."

"Gift of the mountains" The first ascent of Everest brought Nepal to the world's attention, and its mountains have since captivated adventurers and tourists alike.

That has played a crucial role for Nepal's branding as a destination, according to tourism writer Lisa Choegy.

"Through COVID and earthquakes and all the other setbacks, the insurgency even that Nepal has suffered over the decades, mountaineering has really endured," she said.

The Khumbu region welcomes more than 50,000 trekkers a year.

Petition Against IIT Eligibility Criteria Of 75% In Class 12 Dismissed

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea challenging the eligibility criterion of 75 per cent score in higher secondary examination for admission to the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).

A vacation bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and K V Vishwanathan said this prerequisite existed earlier as well and it was not inclined to intervene in the matter.

The Supreme court said these are education matters and it has to defer the issue to experts.

"This condition was always there, why should we interfere? This is not a matter we want to get into," the bench said.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by Chandan Kumar and others against the eligibility criterion of 75 per cent marks in Class 12 board exams for admission to IITs.

The counsel appearing for

the petitioners contended the students were given a waiver during the Covid-19 pandemic and the same students now have greater chances to clear the examination for admission to the prestigious engineering institutes.

"They have scored more than 98 per cent in Joint Entrance Examination, JEE (Main). These are meritorious students. Kindly allow them," the counsel said.

The lawyer submitted that the applicant has scored 92 percentile in JEE Mains and is eligible to appear in JEE Advance. However, she will not get admission even if she qualifies as her board exam score is less than 75 per cent.

According to the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Advanced brochure released this year, candidates need to have secured at least 75 per cent in Class 12 board exams.



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