

Time Not Ripe For Army Pullout From Kashmir Hinterland: GOC

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Srinagar: The situation in Kashmir has improved vastly over the last few years but the time is not ripe yet for the army to go back to the barracks, a senior officer said here.

The number of active militants in the valley is at its lowest in the last 34 years, General Officer Commanding of Chinari Corps Lieutenant General A D S Aujla told PTI TV in an exclusive interview on Wednesday.

"In Sha Allah, but I think the time is not ripe at this point in time. We still have to see a lot of good things happening before we can take a call. Let it be a deliberate one. I won't comment on the timelines per se, nor would I say that it is the wrong time or the right



time," Lt Gen Aujla said.

The GOC said the army is just a tool in the plans of the government to ensure that Kashmir prospers, flourishes, and blossoms.

"We will work collectively

Asked to compare the situation in Kashmir today with that of the time he arrived in the Valley as a young officer around 30 years ago, Lt Gen Aujla said things have now fallen into place.

"When we look back at the situation when I first came here, things were on the boil, they had to be controlled. Today, I can say with a certain amount of honesty that in the last 30 years, and particularly in the last three, three-and-a-half years since August 2019, things have fallen into the right place," he said.

The officer said normalcy and peace in Kashmir was achieved after a lot of "sacrifices" and hard work.

"Being a soldier myself, I think this is the place where the sacrifices of **More on P6**

'No Taliban Influx Into Kashmir After Kabul Fall'

The apprehensions about the influx of Taliban fighters into Kashmir after the fall of Kabul in 2021 did not materialise and no Afghani Taliban has infiltrated into the valley, a senior Army officer has said here. General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Chinari Corps Lieutenant General A D S Aujla also said that due to the ongoing internal crisis in Pakistan, there are no major worries regarding Kashmir but the armed forces have to remain alert to thwart any attempts to push in infiltrators, narcotics or weapons. "As far as the apprehensions which were there post Taliban 2.0 are concerned, we could see the manifestations **More on P6**

PM Hails Baramulla's Development

Observer News Service

New Delhi: The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has expressed happiness over inauguration of several key infrastructure projects including 7 Custom Hiring Centres for farmers, 9 Poly Green Houses for SHGs in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sharing tweet threads of Office of Lieutenant Governor of J&K, the Prime Minister tweeted;

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Despite incessant rainfall, hundreds of people, mostly tourists from across the country visited Nishat garden in Srinagar on Thursday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Undertrial Can't Be Detained Indefinitely: HC

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has said that an undertrial prisoner cannot be detained for a period more than one-half of the maximum punishment period of imprisonment specified in the offence in which he has been taken into custody.

"Upon expiry of the period, he has to be released by court on personal bond with or without sureties," a bench of Justice Sanjay Dhar while granting bail to one person, Ravi Kumar, accused in a case under sections 363 and 109 IPC and Section 8 of



the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act) registered with Police Station, Vijaypur Jammu. As per the record produced before the court, Ravi was arrested on 27 April 2020 in connection with the case.

The petitioner had approached the trial court by way of a bail application but the same was dismissed by the trial court in terms of order dated 28 June 2022 on the ground that the statement of the prosecutrix is yet to be recorded.

Ravi again moved the trial court and filed fresh bail application on **More on P6**

WEATHER VAGARIES

Special Prayers For End Of Relentless Rains

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: As unseasonal rains coupled with hailstorm and flash-floods continue to ravage agriculture and horticulture crops in the Valley, people from different walks of life on Thursday flocked a popular shrine in South Kashmir's Anantnag district and offered special prayers to seek almighty's mercy for improvement in weather.

Keeping their age-old religious practice alive, faithful from many villages of Bijbehara including Mattan, Nanil, Kanelwan, Posh Kiri, Khiram and Akura made their way to Asar Shareef Khiram.

The special prayers were held after Zuhr (afternoon) prayers in the revered shrine with faithful amid moist eyes raising their hands in supplication, seeking almighty's intervention for rains to stop.

Taj-ud-din, a devotee from Sirhama said hundreds of people including men, women and children participated in the special prayers which were held to seek forgiveness from the Almighty.

"We pray to Allah to have mercy on us and stop the rain. Our crops worth lakhs have been destroyed and we cannot take this financial stress any more. We pray to Allah to save us and our **More on P6**

Rains To Continue Till Weekend: MeT

Intermittent rains continued unabated in Jammu and Kashmir even as the weatherman on Thursday forecast wet weather to continue till weekend. Quoting a meteorological department official, news agency GNS said that intermittent light to moderate rain, thunder and lightning was "very likely" expected at many places during the next 24 hours. On June 2, he said, intermittent light to moderate rain and thunder and lightning was expected at **More on P6**

J&K Loses Control To Fix Mutton Prices

Govt Revokes Mutton (Licensing and Control) Order After 50 Years



Auqib Javed

Srinagar: The Union Territory administration on Thursday directed the Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department to refrain from regulating prices of mutton and other livestock products, even as the tussle over mutton prices continues to rage on.

According to an order, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution communicated to the J&K government that any order issued by quoting S.O 145(E) dated 15.02.1990 is based on an order that is no longer valid and applicable.

Notably, the government took up the matter with the Centre after the Agriculture Production Department sought clarification regarding the validity of notification S.O 145 (E) dated 15.02.1990

under which the powers were delegated to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir for regulating the commodities specified in the schedule (s).

"Whereas, the Agriculture Production Department, Government of J&K vide its communication No. ASHF-PLG/54/2021-10 dated 18/01/2023 took the matter with the Department of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India, seeking clarification therein regarding the validity of notification S.O 145 (E) dated 15.02.1990 under which the powers were delegated to Government of Jammu and Kashmir for regulating the commodities specified in the schedule (s) annexed to the said notification," reads the order.

It further says that the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution clarified that any order issued by quoting **More on P6**

Successful G-20 Has Silenced Trouble Makers In Kashmir: LG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday said that successful G-20 in Srinagar has silenced the critics and those who hatch conspiracies to foment trouble in the Valley.

"People of Kashmir made the G-20 event a grand success. The successful event has silenced the trouble makers and those who would oppose the event on one or the other pretext," the LG.

Sinha made these remarks while addressing the World Milk Day Celebration and Summer Meet for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Sector, here at SKICC

Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying presided over the event organized by Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department and Agriculture Production Department of J&K UT.

The LG said that the aim of his government is to write a



new chapter in the history of Jammu and Kashmir's animal husbandry, agriculture and allied sectors, and to create new avenues for farmers and youth entrepreneurs.

He said the celebration of World Milk Day in J&K is a significant opportunity to acknowledge the important contribution of dairy farmers, entrepreneurs and all stakeholders in the growth journey of the dairy industry.

"Exchange of ideas during the two-day long summer meet will help **More on P6**

'G20 Meeting A Historic Event For J&K'

The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that the G20 meeting has become a historic event for Jammu and Kashmir **More on P6**

S H O R T T A K E S

Banihal Highway Closed For Repairs

The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed for traffic on Thursday for repairing a patch of road in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, officials said. The 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was blocked by a landslide at Dhalwas section in Ramban district on Wednesday but restored for traffic later, they said.

"The traffic on the highway is closed as of now for restoration work at Dhalwas", **More on P6**

Hajj Aazmeen Asked To Collect Passports

All the selected pilgrims of Haj 2023 from Kashmir Division except Srinagar are informed to collect their passports and other material from their respective Deputy Commissioner's office from June 3, an official spokesperson said Thursday.

The pilgrims have been told to collect passports and other material during working hours on production of State Haj Dues Payment Slip (JK Bank Slip) and Passport receipt. "Further, the Pilgrims **More on P6**

Two OGWs Held In Baramulla: Police

Police on Thursday claimed to have arrested two militant associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) from Kreeri area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district. Acting on specific information regarding movement of, a joint team of Police and Army's 29RR established a motor vehicle checking point (MVCP) at Frestihar village around Waripora Crossing in Kreeri, a police spokesperson said. During checking, he said, the joint party intercepted and **More on P6**

SIU Attaches House Of OG Worker

The State Investigation Unit (SIU) of police on Thursday attached an under-construction house of a militant associate in Kokernag area of Anantnag district as part of its crackdown against the over-ground workers (OGWs) of militant outfits. The house of Mohammad Ishaq Malik at Danwathpora village in Kokernag was attached after obtaining necessary sanctions from the competent authority, a police spokesperson said. The under-construction **More on P6**

2 Held With 150 Cr Worth Narcotics

An inter-state drug peddling racket was busted and two of its members were arrested here with 22 kg of narcotics worth over Rs 150 crore in the international market, police said on Thursday. The two Punjab-based members of the gang were arrested near ITI Sunderbani on Wednesday, they added.

"A specific intelligence input was received about the two suspects travelling from Rajouri towards Jammu in a vehicle on Wednesday late evening," Rajouri **More on P6**

Waqar Bhatti Booked For Hurtful Remarks

Kashmiri activist Waqar Bhatti has been booked by Jammu Police on charges of outraging religious feelings of people of a particular community, an officer said on Thursday. Waqar was booked under section 295 A on the complaint of Rashtriya Bajrang Dal Chief of J&K unit, Rakesh Kumar, who alleged Bhatti made derogatory remarks against Bageshwar Dham Baba Dheerendra Shastri. "An FIR has been lodged against Bhatti under section 295 A," Station House officer **More on P6**



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DC Srinagar Visits Panthachowk Transit Camp, Reviews SANJY-2023 Preparations

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Thursday visited Yatra Transit Camp (YTC) at Panthachowk to review the arrangements being put in place for the Yatries expected to participate in SANJY-2023.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the upgraded facilities made for convenience of the yatries during their temporary halt at the transit camp.

The DC was informed that all requisite measures are being taken to ensure that every necessary arrangement including facilities like drinking water, electricity, sanitation etc shall be made available at the Yatra Transit Camp well in advance before

at the camp during the yatra period besides a DG set for adequate capacity at the venue.

The authorities of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) were directed to ensure proper sanitation and cleanliness in the transit camp on a regular basis, besides deployment of sufficient staff at the camp for periodical cleanliness in and around the transit camp every day.

The DC also directed for installing dust bins at different locations in the premises of the halt camp. On the occasion, the Chief Sanitation Officer, SMC informed the DC that as many as 260 mobile toilets will be kept available at the Yatra Transit camp during Yatra period, beside 70 bath stations to facilitate the yatries, in addition to newly constructed



the commencement of the annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY)-2023.

While taking the Department wise review of the arrangements, the DC asked the R&B authorities to take up the work for black topping of the Transit Camp premises besides repair work for the fencing around the compound.

The DC also asked them to carry out the augmentation of the space that can be used as additional space to accommodate yatries.

Similarly, the PDD Engineers were asked to ensure proper power supply and back

prefabricated public convenience facilities.

The Chief Medical Officer was also asked to ensure proper healthcare facilities at the camp as per past practice.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Shabir Ahmad, Superintendent of Police, East, Chief Planning Officer, SDM East, Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineers of R&B, PDD, PHE, Tehsildar Panthachowk, Chief Sanitation Officer and other senior officers of Police and Civil Administration accompanied the DC during the visit.



Holding umbrella in his hand, a man walks along the trendy Residency Road in Srinagar amid incessant rainfall. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

World No Tobacco Day DHSK Nominates Prominent Citizens As Anti Tobacco Ambassadors

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Directorate Health Services Kashmir (DHSK) observed World No Tobacco Day here yesterday in which the participants took pledge for quitting smoking and supporting the anti-tobacco campaign in Kashmir valley.

To commemorate the global celebration, a grand function was organised by the State Tobacco Control Unit at Government Dental College where prominent personalities including Secretary Tribal Affairs, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, renowned Doctor, Dr Sushil Razdan and International cricketers Parvez Rasool were nominated as anti-tobacco campaign ambassadors.

The function was attended by Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, Mission Director NHM, Ayushi

Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary thanked the health department for choosing them as anti-tobacco campaign ambassadors. He hoped that their involvement will be of great help in reducing smoking and tobacco consumption.

Sudan and Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, Principal Government Medical College Srinagar, Dr Masood Tanveer, Principal Government Dental College, Dr. Reyaz Farooq, Director Ayush, Dr. Mohan Singh and Dr. Ta-

basum Jabeen Director Family Welfare among others.

The dignitaries also released an annual magazine edited and drafted by the State Tobacco Control Unit.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, said the day is being observed to educate people about harmful effects of tobacco use.

He said that due to the consistent anti-tobacco campaign and anti-tobacco laws, smoking in the open has declined in J&K. Dr Razdan, through a video message, vowed to fight for tobacco control measures in J&K.

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Power Shutdown Notified For Various Kashmir Parts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Power Controller Kashmir has informed that, the power supply to Receiving Stations Rangreth and Wanbal shall remain affected due to facilitate repair works on June 04 from 3 am to 6 pm.

Similarly, in order to carry out RMU works on 33 Kv Pampore- Badamibagh line the power supply to receiving stations Badami Bagh, Sonwar, Panthchowk, Tangnar WSS, Govt Press, Lasjan and DPS shall remain affected on June 03 from 2 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, in order to facilitate erection of poles the power supply to receiving stations Hutmurrah, Aishmuqam, Sallia, Batkoot, Sallar, Pahalgam AIS, GIS Pahalgam and District Jail shall remain affected on June 03 and 06 from 10 am to 4 pm and receiving stations Kakapora, Nawa, Pinglena, MLIS Stage-I, II, III and IV shall remain affected on June 04 and 06 from 9.30 am to 5 pm.

AT KU, Experts Pitch For 'Centre Of Excellence In Natural Hazard Mitigation'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Renowned experts and academics have raised a strong pitch for establishing a 'Centre of Excellence in Natural Hazard Mitigation' at the University of Kashmir in view of its vast importance for the region of Jammu and Kashmir which is vulnerable to natural disasters.

In the wake of successful culmination of a three-day national symposium on 'Earthquake, Landslide and Glacial Hazards' which was attended by globally-acclaimed scientists in the University recently, eminent experts and academics held detailed deliberations during a special meeting chaired by Vice-Chancellor, Prof Nilofer Khan.

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Office Of The District Youth Services & Sports Officer Budgam

Sub. Quotation from Event Management firms for award of Annual Tenders- Constitution of Committee thereof.

ORDER

For inviting the Quotation from Event Management firms for award of Annual Tenders for smooth functioning of different Sports Events/ tournaments, following committee is hereby constituted for entire processing of Tenders to be received in the office of District Youth Services & Sports Office, Budgam.

1. Sh. Tariq Ahmad Bhat ZPEO, Budgam

2. Manjeet SinghPEM, HS Najan

3. Sheikh Farooq PEM, HSS Atina

4. Sh. Gh. Hassan Khanday PEM, DYSSO Budgam

ANNEXURE to this office letter No.DYSSO/Bud/Estt/Qtn/6126-29Dated;- 31-05-2023

NOTICE: Inviting Tender for Providing Rental Services and Supply of Tents/Pandals/Other Items etc
Sealed tenders are invited from authorized dealers/Camping agencies of Srinagar/Budgam who are willing to provide the Rental Services of Tents/Pandals/PA Systems/Lighting Systems/Flex Banners, chairs and supply of other items required by this office from time to time for conducting the different events/tournaments at difference places/locations throughout the financial year as per the details /specifications mentioned in appendix-II the details of tends are as follows:
1. Date from which receiving the tenders 02-6-2023.
2. Last date of receiving of tenders 11-06-2023 upto 03:30 pm
3. Timing of receiving of tenders; 10:30am to 04:00 pm (office working days).
4. Venue: District youth services and sports Office Budgam.
5. Tenders received late in person /by post shall not be considered.
6. The tenders will be opened on 12-06-2023at 11:00 am in the office of District Youth Services and Sports Office, Budgam by the committee constituted for this purpose vide this office order No. DYSSO/Bud/Estt/Cir/6122- dated;31-05-2023.
7. The other terms and conditions with regard to tender notice/other required formalities can be had from the office of District Youth Services and Sports Office, Budgam after publication of tender notice during the office hours.
Terms and conditions governing "Rental Services /Supply of tents/pandals /Music system/lighting system etc /Sports Material &Goods"
Part-I
1. The intending service provider/supplier should make available stock and keep himself ready for working during the tournament at any time without any fail even sometime during the night/inevitable. If the supplier fails to provide services in questions as asked within the time the Undersigned will reserve full rights to cancel the agreement.
2. The tendered must enclose adequate documents to prove their authorization claims, in this respect the District Officer reserves the rights to accept or reject tenders of these agencies. The decision of the District Officer regarding this will be final and shall be binding on tenderer.
3. The tenderer should quote the rates inclusive of all essential/optional accessories/Gst etc of all charges only on the tender form issued by this office and not on any other form.
a) GST Registration certificate./ Pan Card/Adhaar Card/Non-Black Listing Certificate/ CompanyPANCard, Company,RegistrationCertificate, CompanyGSTRegistrationCertificate, CompanyGSTReturnforthe lastoneyearwithlatestreturncertificate, CompanyIncomeTaxreturnsforthe last3years.
b) The preference will be given to the local supplier.
c) Original catalogs, pamphlets/pictures of the appliances offered. Documents in support to reveal capacity to provide service after sale.
04. The intending supplier should quote the rates inclusive of all expenses, charges, taxes, duties, transportation, packing and forwarding, insurance etc. excluding taxes with free delivery.
05. The service provider have to provide his services/supplies to different location of District Srinagar which will be anywhere in Srinagar or other places at any time sometime during the night/inevitably, in full the services should be as per the order of this office till date of validity of rates.
06. If the tenderer fails to comply with the Services/supply order within the specified period his order will be canceled.
07. The quantity mentioned in annexure of this tender is subject to variation according to actual requirement of the DYSSO Sgr. The quantity may vary in case of competitive market rates. The right to enhance or reduce the quantity of any tendered item(s) and right to accept/reject whole or part of the tender, without assigning any reason, whatsoever, is reserved by the District Officer. The decision of the DYSSO Sgr shall be final and it shall be binding on the tenderer.
08. On acceptance of the rates as per the approved tender, the supply order will be placed.
09. The DYSSO Sgr also reserves the right to accept or reject the supplies/services in full which do not strictly stick up to the specifications.
10. The undersigned reserves the rights to accept or reject higher version of instrument etc. or any other items under the same terms and conditions
11. In case of poor response from the suppliers/service provider, from the first call, the services/items of poor response will be re-tendered, if necessary.
12. Payment will be made only after completion of tournament for the year 2023-24 or during the same year, however depends upon the availability of funds.
13. The DYSSO Sgr will initiate the legal action against the firm/company/if the services/supplied goods and material found of poor quality /not as per the nationally approved standards/ replica of original material. The Firm/Company/ Supplier will be blacklisted for further filling of any tender of theoffice.

Sr. No.	Name of Rental Items	Specification*	Rateas per size/set/nos./ft etc.(excluding trans)	Total Cost
1.	Pillar-less stage	All available sizes (required as per order/event)		
2.	Pandala/Tents (normal /waterproof)	All available sizes (required as per order/event)		
3.	Music System	All items (required as per order/event)		
4.	Lighting system	All items (required as per order/event)		
5.	Sofa Sets	All available sizes (required as per order/event)		
6.	Chairs/tables/centre tables	All available sizes (required as per order/event)		
7.	Flex Banners	All available sizes (required as per order/event)		
8.	Crockery	(required as per order/event)		
9.	Red carpets	(required as per order/event)		
10.	Bouquets	(required as per order/event)		
11.	Catering services	(required as per order/event)		
12.	Rozets	(required as per order/event)		
13	LEDS (tv)	(required as per order/event)		
14	Kannats	(required as per order/event)		

No. DYSSO/Bud/Estt/Qtn/6122-25 DIPP-2603/23 Dated;- 01-06-2023

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District Budgam



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- PDD: 0194-2450213
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- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
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SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS
Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
Mughal Road - (Closed)
Srinagar- Leh- (Open)



HIJRI
CALENDAR
12 Zil-Qadah
1444

PRAYERS

FAJR	3:38
ZUHR	12:29
ASR	5:27
Magrib	7:40
ISHA	9:20

This Day In History

- 1763 - Pontiac's Rebellion: At what is now Mackinaw City, Michigan, Chippewas capture Fort Michilimackinac by diverting the garrison's attention with a game of lacrosse, then chasing a ball into the fort.
- 1774 - Intolerable Acts: Amendment to original Quartering Act enacted, allowed governor in colonial America to house British soldiers in uninhabited houses, outhouses, barns, or other buildings if suitable quarters not provided.
- 1858- Donati Comet 1st seen named after its discoverer
- 1875- Alexander Graham Bell makes first sound transmission
- 1896-Guglielmo Marconi applies to patent the radio, accepted 2 July 1897
- 1910- Pygmies discovered in Dutch New Guinea
- 1949- Transjordan renamed Jordan
- 1955- The USSR and Yugoslavia sign the Belgrade declaration and thus normalize relations between both countries, discontinued since 1948.
- 1964- Lal BahadurShastri elected premier of India.
- 1966- US Surveyor 1 lands in Oceanus Procellarum; 1st lunar soft landing
- 1969- Australian aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne slices US destroyer USS Frank E Evans in half, killing 74 (South Vietnam)
- 1976- East Timor People's Assembly accepts annexation by Indonesia
- 1979- John Paul II becomes 1st pope to visit a Communist country(Poland)
- 1979- NASA launches space vehicle S-198
- 1986 Regular TV coverage of US Senate sessions begins
- 1989- 10,000 Chinese soldiers are blocked by 100,000 citizens protecting students demonstrating for democracy in Tiananmen Square, Beijing
- 1996 9th Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

From KO Archives

Army Bus Blown Up In Rajbagh

Nineteen Army Jawans Wounded

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Six militants and two security men were killed and 24 injured as militants blew up an army bus with an IED and attacked a convoy a convoy in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Friday.

Nineteen army jawans were injured in the IED explosion in Rajbagh area of city. The 20 kg device, planted by the roadside along the banks of the Jhelum near a missionary school, targeted the convoy, on its way from Haft Chinar to Badami Bagh cantonment.

The Hizb-ul-Mujahideen claimed responsibility for the blast, the first major strike by militants in the Valley this year. The blast smashed windowpanes of several buildings including the school, prompting authorities to close it for two days.

In the second incident, two militants, an army jawan and a policeman were killed and five, including four cops, injured near the Police Training School in Baramulla. Heavily-armed militants opened fire on an Army convoy passing through Sheeri, 65 km from here, triggering a shootout with the security men on Friday aftermoon.

In the initial firing, one policeman was killed and four others were injured, a defence spokesman said. In the ensuing gunfight, both militants were killed.

An Army jawan was killed in the exchange of fire while another jawan sustained injuries. The Pakistan-based Lashker-e-Taiba has claimed responsibility for the attack.

In the third incident, two suspected Al-Badr militants were killed in an encounter with security forces in Khrew area of Pulwama district on Thursday night.

(Kashmir Observer, 02 June, 2007)

Rahul in US

After his visit to Britain early this year, Rahul Gandhi is now on a six day three city tour of the US. And as was the case with his visit to Britain, his activities and utterances in the US are also generating some attention and controversy. And as the visit progresses, it looks set to stir up a hornet's nest back home. On his first day in America, Gandhi addressed a gathering of the Indian diaspora in Santa Clara, California, and said that the RSS and the BJP are controlling all the instruments of politics in India, including media. He also directly attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, drawing ire of the BJP. The party said that Gandhi was "insulting the country" on his foreign trips. "Is mud-slinging all that he has left to do?" asked union minister Anurag Thakur.

Gandhi in his interaction has come across as more aggressive in his criticism of the government. He highlighted the need for a united opposition, emphasizing the Congress party's successful approach in the recent assembly elections in Karnataka. His speech shed light on the Congress party's strategic approach in the Karnataka elections. He expressed hope that with a proper alignment of the opposition and a compelling alternative vision, victory is possible. As for the opposition unity, Gandhi said Congress party is working towards it and it is "coming along very nicely." It is true that in recent past there has been a concerted effort to unite the opposition and Gandhi together with leaders like the Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar have been at the forefront. But as things stand, it is far from coming to fruition. And without a united opposition, it would be close to impossible to defeat the BJP whose victory in 2024 is seen as a foregone conclusion.

But it is true that since his cross-country yatra, Gandhi has become more vocal and pro-active in his politics. For once, his statements are carrying conviction. One good thing is that Gandhi has shown some promise to rise up to the political challenge, even though his image makeover is still a project in works. It is true that the yatra has generated immense goodwill for Congress and Gandhi but the political ground is still far from shifting. Prime Minister Narendra Modi continues to be the unstoppable and all-powerful leader, and no other national leader, let alone Gandhi, comes close. But in politics, situation sometimes can change dramatically. So coming weeks and months could be interesting.

Gandhi's engagement with the diaspora in the United States comes ahead of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to the White House. So, their conduct, activities and utterances and the consequent attention they draw would be of a crucial political significance back home.

OTHER OPINON

Uncertain Showers

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) earlier this week updated its monsoon outlook from April. The latest analysis from the weather models that the IMD relies on suggests near-certainty of the development of an El Niño, a cyclical phenomenon of warming in the Central Pacific that six in 10 years is linked to diminished rainfall in the west, northwest and western parts of central India, especially between July and August. However, despite the certainty of an El Niño, the IMD has chosen to retain its outlook of a 'normal' monsoon, at 96% of the 50-year long-term average of 87 cm. Anything below 96% would have been categorised as 'below normal'. Underlying its assessment is a calculation that another phenomenon, called the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) — a temperature swing between the western and eastern Indian Ocean — would favour rain development and offset the loss in rains from an El Niño. It is important to note that IODs are not as strongly linked to bountiful rains as the El Niño is to depressed rains. In 1997, India had a strong El Niño but received 2% excess rain because of a positive IOD. However, both have not appeared at the same time since that year, and this is the first time since then that both factors are expected to play out in the same monsoon season. The years India last reported a greater than 10% deficit in monsoon rainfall were 2014 and 2015 — both El Niño years.

The IMD update also underlines that rainfed-agriculture zones of the country would be between 92%-104% of the average. While this technically qualifies as 'normal', it is also a very large variation and could mean long, dry spells followed by a period of incessant downpours. This might help meet the region's rainfall 'numbers' but will not be helpful for agriculture. While every monsoon has its own peculiarities whatever the models might say, it would be crucial to watch out for the monsoon's distribution, both spatially and temporally. Sharp deficits during July and August, particularly in central India, are likely to influence agricultural output. More accurate assessments of rain during this month are available through the IMD's extended range forecasts that give a fortnightly prognosis; and these can be quite dynamic. The monsoon is forecast to reach Kerala by June 4, and whether it sticks to this date or arrives a tad early or late has little bearing on the quantity of rain during the core monsoon months. This year, States and the Centre must redouble efforts to convey accurate, timely information to farmers, using all available information channels, down to the block level.

The Hindu

What Does EU's Growing Engagement with India Mean for South Asia?

Ajanta Acharya

India and the EU are hosting the Global Gateway Conference in Meghalaya from June 1-2, 2023. The two-day event brings together Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Nepal with the North-East of India in an effort to boost commerce and economic growth in the area.

The Ministry of External Affairs stated that the conference would "explore possibilities of boosting connectivity investments in India's North-Eastern States and with India's neighbors." The three pillars of the connectivity initiative—improving digital, energy, and transportation links—seek to identify initiatives for joint implementation.

Utilizing the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) project, connectivity issues in South Asia are being addressed in an effort to establish a smooth flow of people and cargo traffic. The two-day meeting will motivate India to take action on these issues. Connectivity between the four nations is expected to lead to regional economic integration and greater people-to-people exchanges, which have been constrained by tensions among the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) governments.

The India-EU Connectivity Partnership was formally established at the May 2021 India-EU Leaders' Meeting, which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 27 EU Member States, the President of the European Council, and the European Commission. The ambitious "connectivity partnership" wants to increase connectivity in the fields of technology, energy, transportation, and interpersonal communication. It also takes into account supporting the connectivity aspirations of the Indo-Pacific region.

The connectivity agreement between the EU and India aims to strengthen sustainable digital, transportation, and energy networks in addition to promoting the mobility of people, goods, services, data, and capital. Investing prospects in the sectors of clean and renewable energy, health and education, and transportation connectivity, which includes roads, bridges, and railroads, will also be sought after during the Meghalaya conference. Along with representatives from India and the EU, participants from the commercial sector and ambassadors from the three South Asian nations will also attend the conference.

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Along with representatives from India and the EU, participants from the commercial sector and ambassadors from the three South Asian nations will also attend the conference. The EU's Global Gateway strategy, which was presented in December 2021, draws on the priorities of the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in addition to connecting to its Indo-Pacific plan and specific connectivity partnerships with Japan and India. Along with the benefits of creating an Indo-Pacific framework, India will find the lessons learned from an integrated EU helpful in uniting South Asia.

As the world gears up for a post-Covid 19 phase, there is an increasing need for regional economic cooperation and integration among South Asian countries, particularly the Bangladesh, Bhutan India Nepal (BBIN) region. In fact, South Asia is one of the least integrated regions in the world, which has a significant negative impact on the economies of countries like Bangladesh and India. Bhutan and Nepal, both landlocked nations, have the potential to join this bloc. The pattern of cooptation can be altered through EU engagement.

Although the BBIN project is revolutionary, it must currently be realized in a certain length of time. India's infrastructure initiative is crucial as China constructs a multi-billion dollar BRI, boosting its economic and military might.

South Asia must be regarded holistically if it is to reach its full growth potential. Due to their geostrategic location, countries like Bangladesh and Nepal have a rare opportunity to participate in numerous regional projects. Before starting any regional projects, it is essential to comprehend the region's connection potential and the obstacles preventing it from connecting to South Asian countries.

To further social and economic development among these South Asian countries, sub-regional cooperation like the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal Motor Vehicles Agreement (BBIN MVA) is crucial for increasing connectivity.

After the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) failed to reach a consensus on a regional motor vehicle accord at the Kathmandu Summit in 2014, in part due

to Pakistan's resistance, the BBIN MVA connectivity project was proposed. The BBIN MVA's objective is to construct a road-based economic corridor connecting Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal.

Bhutan has pushed the other three nations to ratify the agreement even though it has not done so. The BBIN MVA aims to promote unrestricted movement of people, goods, and vehicles within and between the BBIN nations. With only 5% of the total trade in the region, South Asia has some of the lowest intraregional trade rates in the entire world. There are major hurdles to clear before implementing massive connection schemes like the BBIN MVA. Typically, traders have more than 10 separate authorities where they must clear their papers.

Because there aren't enough accredited laboratories to approve export products, shipments routinely arrive weeks late. The prolonged border delays raise the already high trade costs among BBIN member nations. Infrastructure gaps, crowded borders, lengthy, detouring transport routes, and inadequate roads directly impede the movement of products and services, increasing trade costs and transit times. Along with these challenges, it's crucial to consider developing intermodal transshipment facilities, modern warehouse space, infrastructure that is inclusive of all genders, and jobs associated with

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commerce and transit.

Improving road and rail connectivity between India, Bangladesh, and landlocked Nepal and Bhutan is essential to ensuring a smooth flow of goods and services. By reducing paperwork, enhancing risk management strategies to do away with physical inspections, facilitating cross-border movement, and upgrading sanitary and phytosanitary standards, business processes can be made more effective.

India, Bangladesh, and Nepal can develop unified electronic gateways with assistance from the EU, allowing importers and exporters to online submit their documentation. If these National Single Windows are to shorten clearing times, they require strong implementation support.

The development of the roads between integrated check stations and inland container depots will increase the efficiency of significant volumes of cross-border trade.

In order to close infrastructure gaps, it is necessary to build and upgrade internal and transnational highways, extend multimodal transportation networks, including roads and rails, and modernize infrastructure, including integrated border crossings.

In order to provide small company owners and female traders access to the market, South Asian countries should also adopt regional concepts like the border "haat" used at the India-Bangladesh and India-Myanmar border points.

To increase connection in the near future, it should be emphasized to build high-quality road infrastructure. Currently, it is crucial for transportation connections to upgrade the east-west highway that connects the three major land ports of Birgunj, Biratnagar, and Bhairahawa.

High-quality road infrastructure may have a high starting cost. The long-term advantages of funding such large projects, however, exceed the short-term expenses. Numerous studies in high-, middle-, and low-income countries show a positive relationship between the state of the transportation system and economic expansion.

Transportation infrastructure is therefore essential since it serves as the primary driver of economic growth. All area stakeholders will be able to access substantial regional markets if they can build cutting-edge road and rail infrastructure.

By utilizing their economic corridors and concentrating on important industries, the BBIN countries may support the EU's engagement while also fostering intimate ties amongst their peoples to foster regional unity and integration.

EU involvement

Bangladesh, Japan, and India assembled in Tripura on April 11 and 12 to talk about connection initiatives that will aid the area in achieving its commercial potential. Japan is steadily approaching the area. We can now see the EU's interest in participation in the region

following Japanese engagement. Additionally significant pillars in the region are the connectivity partnerships with Japan (2020) and India (2021) and the Indo-Pacific plan of the European Union (EU). The magnitude, scope, and effect of Team Europe investments are intended to grow through Global Gateway. The EU's investment will be more advantageous to the regions. EU's involvement with these states is in its strategic and commercial interests. The EU is a significant participant in the Indo-Pacific strategy of the US and India. The latest announcement of Bangladesh's 15-point "Indo-Pacific outlook" is the opposite. We are also aware of the connections between Bhutan and India.

While focusing on industries including digital systems, environmental goods, and services, the recent EU engagement can Deepen Linkages between South Asia and Southeast Asia analyzes innovative tactics for restoring trade and economic links between the two regions.

Gains in the gross domestic product (GDP) of South Asia of about 17.6% and Southeast Asia of about 15.7% would be notable. Nepal would benefit from this regional South Asia and Southeast Asia collaboration through collaborating on high priority projects. The availability of electricity in Nepal poses significant obstacles to the country's economic growth.

Recently, there have been some positive de-

velopments. Meetings between Nepal and Bangladesh are scheduled to discuss bilateral energy trade and Bangladeshi investment in Nepal's hydropower industry. Due to the bilateral power exchange, Nepal is able to buy electricity from Bangladesh in the winter and sell its monopoly during the rainier seasons.

This increases the likelihood of expanding energy trade with Bangladesh and India. In this sense, the Bangladesh-India-Nepal Partnership, which aims to improve the quality of highways, increase the availability and dependability of power, and enable cross-border electrical trade between India, Nepal, and India, may enter a new age. To improve the region's competitiveness and close development disparities, Northeast India, Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh should improve their multimodal connectivity.

The Northeastern Region (NER) being connected to the Bay of Bengal and Bangladesh through the establishment of an industrial value chain by the EU may significantly alter the geopolitical environment of the area.

With the opening of the Padma Bridge, Bangladesh's northern and southern regions are now easily accessible, removing two significant structural barriers to the development of a cross-border value chain.

A deep-sea harbor is being constructed by the country in far-east Asia at Matarbari in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The project, which is in the Indian state of Tripura near the Sabroom border, is anticipated to be finished in 2026.

Because Bangladesh and India are already building the necessary transportation infrastructure to connect Tripura and the NER to Chattogram port, the EU's involvement is great.

Therefore, it will be vital for all parties that this increased cooperation is implemented successfully. The region's security and tranquility will ultimately prevail. As a result, the collaboration can prove to be a unique opportunity for everyone to benefit from the revised EU strategy.

Through the involvement of the EU and bilateral power trade with Bangladesh, Nepal will have the opportunity to strengthen its ties with and engage in power commerce with, respectively, India and Bangladesh. India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Nepal stand to benefit from stronger ties with the EU.

When creating programs like the BBIN MVA, all stakeholders should be impartial and act in the region's best interests. The region has to move fast to complete high priority connectivity projects since they will have major macroeconomic benefits and generate thousands of new employment.

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Mindful Fridays

Screen Addiction

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Wasim Kakroo

Children enjoy playing games on their parents' smartphones or watching YouTube videos on those devices. The use of screens increased manifold during COVID-19 pandemic as children used screen for educational purposes as well as for dealing with the boredom of lockdown. Parents also find it easier to manage their children for a long period if they provide mobile phones to them due to their own busy schedule. However, this seemingly harmless tactic of engaging children can have damaging effects on the brain of children. Children have a danger of eventually being addicted to screens.

Screen addiction is a group of negative behaviors with negative outcomes that can occur when we use technology excessively throughout the day. Constantly playing video games, watching TV, or scrolling through social media functions as a kind of digital drug for our brain.

Dopamine released by using a screen might impair impulse control. Screen time, it turns out, has a similar impact on the frontal cortex of the brain as cocaine. Screen usage triggers a pleasure/reward cycle that, like drugs, can have a negative impact on your life. They can develop screen addiction disorder.

SCREEN ADDICTION DISORDER:

It is an addiction to screens, such as a computer, a phone, or a television. It also includes addiction to video games. Children can't control how much time they spend on screens, which can result in poor sleep hygiene, delayed speech, and poor social skills. Due to screen addiction, many even forget the regular routine of eating, studying, and other activities.

The child may gradually distance themselves from all of their routine activities and their family members. They may struggle to focus and pay attention, which results in a decline in interest in their studies. Due to their dependence on technology, they also struggle to memorise the lectures. The physical issues linked to it include soreness in the neck, spine, and eyes and fingers.

SYMPTOMS OF SCREEN ADDICTION DISORDER: Symptoms may include:

- Children are not able to set screen time limits.
- If you make them limit their screen time, they will have emotional disturbances and aggressive attitudes.
- Gradually drifting away from family and other relationships.
- Lack of enthusiasm for games, books, and other things that are relevant.
- Screens serve as a mood enhancer for them.
- Symptoms of withdrawal and anxiety, which may cause depression.



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Some of the adverse effects of screen use include:	
► Behavior issues: Children in elementary school who spend more than two hours a day watching TV or using a computer are more likely to experience emotional, social, and attention issues.	► Tests of language and thinking and receive lower grades.
► Effect on sleep: Children of all ages, but particularly those under the age of ten, suffer from inadequate sleep as a result of spending too much time in front of screens, particularly on portable devices. Because screen light disrupts the brain's natural sleep cycle, it can cause insomnia.	► Speech delay.
► Effect on physical activity level and childhood obesity: Excessive TV watching habits have been linked to childhood obesity in several studies.	► Cyberbullying and exposure to predators.
► Effects on cognition and brain development: Research indicates that children who use screens for more than two hours a day do worse on	► Lack of physical activity causes body weight problems and poor bone health, which over time can lead to heart disease and other health problems.
Screen time recommendations for kids:	
Based on research, following screen time recommendations have been put forth:	
► No screen time for babies under 6 months old.	► No more than 2 hour per day of screen time for children ages 3 to 8.
► Children between the ages of six months and two years should only connect socially with adults or use screens for video chats with loved	► School-aged children: there is no defined time limit, but parents should restrict gaming and social media use.
Parenting tips on how to cut back on screen time:	
1. Sit together in family and discuss with kids the adverse effects of excessive screen use.	2. Discuss with them the various alternative ways of enjoying free time and help them in making those alternatives available to them.
3. Devise a family media policy and stick to it: If kids do not respect the policy, limit access to or remove TVs, tablets, gaming consoles, and cell phones.	4. Find out how much time your child spends online and what she posts or reads on social media. Some kids watch R-rated movies, acquire drugs, access pornography, go into

sex chat rooms, send nude images to boyfriends and girlfriends, cyberbully other kids, or get cyber bullied themselves. If you found out that your kid is involved in any such thing, install parental controls on all the gadgets they use.

- Inform adolescents that whatever they put out there online can harm them one way or the other so that they share the information online responsibly.
- Children's bedrooms should not have TV. TV in your child's bedroom raise the dangers of drug abuse, obesity, and exposure to sexual content.
- Discourage using electronics at the dinner table. The benefits of eating meals together are diminished if everyone is glued to their smartphones. Put your personal phone away and listen to your children instead.
- Set up desktop computers in the living room or another public space so you can keep an eye on their online activity.
- Don't allow phone use around bedtime, so that children may get a good night's rest.
- Look over the cell phone bill carefully for any unnoticed use of the internet. Again, if necessary, set restrictions or remove the device for a set time.

SEEK SUPPORT FROM MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:

If your child has developed screen addiction and if you have tried all the parenting tips that were discussed above, then it warrants consultation with a clinical psychologist, who can help you devise a more scientific strategy to help you and your child deal with it. A clinical psychologist may try to understand the various predisposing, precipitating and maintaining factors that have led to screen addiction in your child's case. They can also try to understand what measures you, as a parent, have already exhausted to deal with the problem. Based on overall assessment, they can develop a treatment plan and implement it with the cooperation of parents.

If screen addiction has become severe and if it has built up anxiety or mood issues, then it may also warrant services of a psychiatrist who can recommend medicines to deal with severe mood issues or withdrawal issues.

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Have You Decided to Prioritize Life Over Work?

Lynn Taylor

Have you decided it's time to think more about life than work? If work-life balance seems elusive, and burnout has taken center stage, you're not alone. But how do you transition from our deeply ingrained hustle culture to a healthier existence?

WHY THE SHIFT?

Greater awareness of life priorities during COVID, general disillusionment with unreasonable work hours, and protracted labor shortages are all leading employees to quit or seek remote work—or at least look at options that facilitate this re-prioritization.

Two-thirds of employees would opt for better work-life balance over better pay, says a FlexJobs survey. Another recent study says executives are experiencing 20 percent worse work-life balance and 40 percent more work-related stress and anxiety over the prior year.

Choosing life balance over work for better mental and physical health, happiness, and perhaps even self-preservation, doesn't mean underperforming. It is a healthy re-focus—particularly for self-proclaimed overachievers and perfectionists. For many, it may necessitate working smarter. But with enough drive and conviction, better balance is achievable for anyone.

21 STEPS FOR A HEALTHIER WORK-LIFE BALANCE

Consider some of these steps for a

healthier lifestyle and mindset:

- Start your day with intention. This is a helpful practice in general, but particularly when you're making life changes. Start your day with your goals being top of mind, and decide to commit to smaller, actionable steps.
- Get motivated through visualization. Envision yourself in your new life; picture yourself doing the fun activities you've been missing. Let the positive emotions in, and catch yourself when fear goes into overdrive. It's a time-held belief that your actions will intrinsically follow your subconscious goals. It is evolution, not revolution. Remember that it took you a long time to get where you are in your normal routine. Your new work-life habits won't happen overnight, so give yourself some slack and time.
- Practice gratitude. Appreciating one's blessings is hardly the norm in our driven society. It takes discipline and a "reset," but is a highly effective tool to optimize self-fulfillment.
- Meditate. When your mind is absent of clutter, you'll stay better focused on the big picture and mitigate the day's inevitable distractions. Even 10 minutes of meditation time daily has been proven to reduce stress...

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Stick to your new priorities, not those of others. Whenever making significant and sustainable modifications to your life, well-meaning friends or family can sometimes challenge you. For example, they may project their own personal fears, such as, "You're in the peak of your career; be careful slowing down." But stay with your gut instincts. Ultimately, only you know the best course.

Practice self-care and mindfulness. You'll be more prepared for change when you place greater value on daily routines that serve your mind, body, and spirit.

Take breaks. Train yourself to take breaks every 15 to 20 minutes. Get away from your computer; stretch and move around to remain on track and get perspective.

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Become a time-management zealot. Avoid "busy work," procrastination, and activities that needlessly eat up your time. If the day gets away from you often, start keeping track of how you are spending your time, in 30-minute increments.

Believe in yourself. Jot down all the little successes you amass with your new life plan on a daily basis. This will help encourage you to stay on track. Stay determined.

Exercise often. If exercise has been pushed aside for work far too often, consider starting slowly. Walking just 20 minutes a day alone has huge physical and mental benefits, but will also encourage you to relax and think more clearly.

Self-talk matters. What is your inner voice telling you each morning? If it's all the things that seem impossible

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- Learn a new skill. Getting a more balanced life is enhanced when you get out of your comfort zone and find new, healthy ways to feel a sense of accomplishment.
- Just say "no" at home and at work. Setting boundaries to work and home pressures is critical to your ability to find happiness. Whether it's all-consuming work demands or exhausting personal commitments, be kind to yourself and become more aware of when these activities will drain you. Don't be afraid to speak up.
- Find a career pursuit you love. However you choose to shift to more personal time, make sure your professional life holds gratification. It's too easy to repeat the same routine daily to the detriment of your longer-term well-being.
- Find a leisure passion—or focus on the one you have. Do you have a pastime you've neglected or have you considered a new one? This can help ease into a more balanced existence, whether it's music, sports, reading, or other pursuits.
- Enjoy nature. Experiencing the great outdoors has

- countless benefits that will enhance your life.
 - Connect with favorite friends and family. Has your inner circle been neglected? It may be time to become more engaged with positive people who add to your quality of life.
 - Spend less time on social media. Social media, while a necessary part of life for many, can also be your worst enemy. In large doses, it can become an impediment to making real personal change. Consider limiting yourself to 30 minutes to an hour a day.
 - Get organized. Your surroundings have an impact on your productivity and focus. Consider whether it's time for spring cleaning. It may well become a spring cleaning of the mind, too.
 - Consider modifications to your workspace. Have you ever found that you're more productive in a different work environment? Consider making a few updates to how (and where, if you work from home) you operate best. Think about how such factors as comfort, lighting, and small conveniences could move you forward.
- Big changes are never for the faint of heart. But now is the time to take concrete steps that will lead to a more enriched and balanced life.

– Psychology Today

Rahul Gandhi Says His Disqualification From Lok Sabha Has Given Him Huge Opportunity

Stanford: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has said that he did not imagine his disqualification from Lok Sabha was possible when he joined politics but asserted that it has given him a "huge opportunity" to serve the people.

Gandhi, who is in the US for a three-city US tour, made the remarks on Wednesday night in response to a series of questions from Indian students at the prestigious Stanford University Campus in California.

The Wayanad (Kerala) Member of Parliament was disqualified from Lok Sabha earlier this year after he was convicted by a Surat court in a 2019 criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark.

In his remarks, Gandhi said that when he joined politics in 2000, he never imagined this is what he would go through. What he sees is going on now is way outside anything that he had thought when he joined politics.

Referring to his disqualification from Lok Sabha as a Member of Parliament, Gandhi, 52, said he didn't imagine that something like this was possible.

"But then I think it's actually given me a huge opportunity. Probably much bigger than the opportunity I would have. That's just the way politics works," he said.

"I think the drama started really, about six months ago. We were struggling. The entire opposition is struggling in India.

Huge financial dominance. Institutional capture. We're struggling to fight the democratic fight in our country," he said, adding that at this point in time, he decided to go for the Bharat Jodo Yatra'.

"I am very clear, our fight is ours fight," he said. "But there is a group of young students from India here. I want to have a relationship with them and want to talk to them. It's my right to do it," he said during his interaction with Indian students and academicians of Indian origin at the University here.

He also emphasised in his frequent foreign trips like this, he is not seeking support from anybody.

"I don't understand why the prime minister doesn't come

here and do it," Gandhi asked amidst applause from the audience who had packed the entire auditorium at Stanford.

The moderator said that the Prime Minister is welcome to come to Stanford anytime and interact with the students and academicians. Gandhi later tweeted that it was a pleasure to engage with the learned audience at Stanford on 'The New Global Equilibrium'.

"We discussed the challenges and opportunities of a changing world order. Actions based on truth is the way forward," he tweeted.

Some of the students were denied entry as the auditorium was packed. Students started queuing up two hours before the event started.

Shell Lubricants Launches 'Sapne Honge Apne' Initiative To Empower India's mechanic community

Srinagar: Shell, the world leader in finished lubricants, today announced 'Sapne Honge Apne', a purpose-led initiative for the mechanic community that seeks to support their dreams and aspirations by being a partner in their journey. The initiative is backed by a recent internal survey conducted by Shell Lubricants India which revealed that most mechanics are driven by emotional attributes such as Amdani (workshop upgrade); Parivaar (education of children and needs of family); Pehchaan (recognition); and Hunar (self-upskilling) while associating with a brand. They look at brands to support them meaningfully in these areas.

Aiming to reach more than



80,000 mechanics enrolled with the Shell SHARE app, Sapne Honge Apne will support the community in India by financially empowering mechanics to achieve their dreams and strengthen their future.

Amit Ghugre, Automotive Sales and Marketing Manager, Shell Lubricants India, said, "At Shell, we have supported and empowered India's mechanic

community in multiple ways over the years. They have been a trusted partner for Shell bringing their deep experience, irreplaceable knowledge, and strong work ethic to make every journey a success. 'Sapne Honge Apne' is a token of our appreciation for their efforts, and we hope this will allow them and their families to dream boldly."

Shell Lubricants India announced the first winner of 'Sapne Honge Apne' initiative, Nitin Sood from Dharamshala, "I have been associated with Shell Lubricants India for the past 6-7 years and was encouraged by the team to participate. I dream of increasing my income, growing my customer base, and expanding my shop.

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Time Not Ripe

the soldiers, the sacrifices of so many agencies, the administration, the people who have been involved in the daily dynamics of this place, have made a difference. You can say at this point of time, the silver lining is definitely on the horizon," he said.

It was a gradual process that went on over the last so many years and there is still a lot of ground which needs to be covered, he said.

"At least, we are on the right path... whatever the Army does or whatever the sister agencies do... the developmental work by the UT administration has changed the narrative in a big way. There is a huge change on the ground in every domain, every segment, every sphere," he said.

Asked if the presence of militants in south Kashmir was a cause of concern, he said there was some "visibility" of militants but "the challenge is to weed them out" further lower the numbers.

"I won't specify the numbers because numbers do not give the correct picture, but it suffices to say that we have been able to control this particular aspect and we have got it down to numbers which are very very far and few.

"So, that should be an aspect of great credibility for every agency, and of course, the Army is the major role player in all this," he said.

In response to a question on the ability of militants to strike during big events, Lt Gen Aujla said while there is an inclination among the ultras, the security forces were in great shape to control the situation.

"The propensity is definitely there. Even one individual can create a lot of trouble. But with the type of efforts, synergy, and domination being put in by every agency, and the army has the largest footprints, I think we are in a fair amount of control of the situation.

"Whatsoever we can do and whatsoever we want to achieve to make the others comfortable, I think we are in a great shape to look after the interests of security within the Valley at this point," he said.

'No Taliban Influx

(of concern) on this side as well in Kashmir but it never happened," Lt Gen Aujla told PTI in an interview on Wednesday.

A certain amount of chatter and a certain amount of signature was being reported on the other side in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), but it never translated into reality onto this side, he said.

"So, there was no infiltration of any Afghani Taliban... To that effect, we have been able to control (things)," he added.

The GOC said India has grown in stature in a number of domains, including military, foreign affairs and economy, and is counted amongst "the very best and the most powerful" countries today.

"With that stature today, I think we are in a better position to convey and convince people across borders in many terms, which augurs well for the country. So, while the western adversary (Pakistan) which is closest to us may not agree and actually feels bad about this... the rest of the countries are now... in alignment with us on many matters," he said.

So, there is hardly a chance of something emanating from the other side and disturbing the peace and tranquillity of Kashmir, he added.

Asked about the current situation in Pakistan and its effect on Kashmir, Lt Gen Aujla said the crisis in the neighbouring country was bound to happen.

"We are all aware of what is happening and the crisis is immense whether it is on the political, economic, social or military front, you name a space and there is a crisis on the other side.

"It was bound to happen the way the country was going, it was just a matter of time," he said. However, Lt Gen Aujla said infiltration and smuggling of narcotics and ammunition through the border remain areas of concern.

"What worries us or concerns us at this point in time, majorly nothing. But other than that, when we look at what the dynamics of Kashmir are, The physical manifestation of infiltration is what worries us, the narcotics being pushed across (the border) is what worries us and the ammunition which is sent across is what worries us," said the GOC, who has served several tenures in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Army is prepared to deal with any eventuality along the Line of Control (LoC), he said. Asked if there has been any activity on the other side of the LoC after the political crisis in Pakistan, Lt Gen Aujla said, "Negative. We have not seen any major change."

Asked about the infiltration of militants from PoK, he said the intent of Pakistanis has not changed.

"The intent still remains very much the same. Given the opportunity, he (Pakistan) does not hesitate to infiltrate militants. While the intent has not changed, we have put certain measures in place. We are pretty robust and strong along the LoC and can take care of such events," he said.

Lt Gen Aujla said last year saw the lowest infiltration into the valley.

"I can assure you that till date, it is zero. We will try and keep it to the lowest levels in the months to come," he said.

Intruder Shot

fence, according to a defence spokesperson.

J&K Loses Control

S.O 145(E) is based on an order that is no longer valid and applicable, as such, the Ministry advised the Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, J&K to issue necessary directions to all concerned authorities to refrain from issuing or enforcing any order.

Now, the department while taking opinion from the central government has directed the authorities to refrain from regulating prices of mutton and other livestock products.

The government also revoked the Jammu and Kashmir Mutton (Licensing and Control) Order, 1973 issued vide SRO-646 issued on December 12, 1973 with immediate effect, saying it was done on the clarification from Government of India and inter-departmental consultations on the matter.

However, the order has created a lot of confusion in the public who maintain that the unregulated price of mutton will hit their pocket.

"Who will regulate and check the price now," said Bilal Ahamd, a shopkeeper from Karan Nagar area of Srinagar city.

He further said the butchers will increase the rates as much as they like, since there is no one to regulate the price of mutton.

However, Khazir Mohammad Regoo, the President of Mutton Dealers Association Kashmir told Kashmir Observer that this will benefit both consumers and the dealers.

"Earlier under the Act, there used to be few people who would do the trade and the dealer would only have to buy the livestock from them, now we have the choice, and every butcher can go to other states and buy the livestock on his choice," Regoo said.

While responding to a question, he said it was due to the monopoly of a few dollars that the rates would be high from their end—thus impacting the pocket of the common public.

"Now that will not be the case, the issue stands resolved once for all as the buyer would get the livestock at lower rates from the other states," he added.

It may be noted, the butchers usually defy the government orders and sell the mutton at 650-700 rupees per kg against the government notified price of 535 rupees.

The authorities in this year launched a massive crackdown against the butchers and more than 140 mutton shops were sealed.

On an average, the J&K consumes 600 lakh kilograms of mutton annually; over 800 truckloads of sheep were consumed during the holy month of Ramadan this year.

Successful G-20

in identifying new viable strategies for upgrading the technological capabilities of livestock sector, significant interventions for dairy sector's productivity, processing and value addition," he added.

Addressing the gathering, the LG shared the efforts of the UT Government for creating new opportunities and introducing interventions to make the Animal Husbandry and Dairy Sector sector more lucrative for all the stakeholders.

"Dairy makes an important contribution to the prosperity of the society and to the well-being and economic activity of the farming families. The UT government attaches the highest importance to sustained increase in productivity and growth of dairy sector," he said.

Sinha highlighted the contribution of the dairy sector in giving impetus to the rural economy and providing livelihood to a large population associated with the sector.

"Dairy sector continues to play a vital role in Agriculture GDP and such deliberations will play a pivotal role in energising research and extension efforts and modifications required for livestock management and productivity enhancements," he said.

He said Jammu Kashmir is strengthening its ties with other countries and states to transform the livestock and dairy sector and to improve farmers' remuneration. We are taking reformative measures to unlock the huge untapped potential of Animal Husbandry, Agriculture and allied sector, he added.

"Fodder production, improving wool quality and addressing issues like inbreeding are other

focus areas of the government. We will become self-sufficient in fodder production with 80% fodder being grown locally," he added.

Speaking on the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), the LG said that his government is committed to create new avenues to farmers and youth entrepreneurs.

He said J&K government's aim is to write a new chapter in the history of animal husbandry, agriculture and allied sector of Jammu Kashmir.

Under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program, the UT government is launching an Integrated Dairy Development scheme that will not only provide social safety net to the farmers but also provide employment and entrepreneurship opportunities to the people," Sinha added.

The LG shared the valuable suggestions on financial inclusion of farmers and easy credit access to the farming community of J&K UT. He stressed on the need to make the banking system streamlined for the welfare of farmers.

"We must identify the 25 potential projects of agriculture and allied sector and rope in reputed universities and educational institutions to work out strategies through which these projects can fulfill the needs of the country," Sinha said.

He cited the example of SKUAST which was recently directed to explore the possibilities of growing Tulip's planting material in J&K instead of relying on imports.

The LG expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Rupala for their continuous support for the development of agriculture & allied sector in Jammu Kashmir and also for including the UT in the pilot launch of the National Digital Livestock Mission.

He also urged the Government of India to make a list of PMUs for guiding the projects of the Agriculture sector and also called for considering J&K UT for International funding on the same pattern as received by other Himalayan States and UTs.

Earlier, the Union Minister highlighted the initiatives like vaccination services; Mobile Veterinary Units, and other endeavours of the Government and the role of cooperatives in the growth of the dairy sector.

He also lauded the LG led UT Administration for achieving unprecedented growth in Dairy, Agriculture and allied sector.

"Enthusiastic participation of Dairy and Sheep farmers in this historic event reflects affection and trust of people of Jammu Kashmir in the policies and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Rupala said.

Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Union Minister of State; Dr. L. Murugan, Union MoS; Ministers from different states and UTs; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; J&K; Ms. Alka Upadhyaya, Union Secretary and Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K also graced the occasion.

Feeding the Future: Five Days of Action for Feed and Fodder campaign and A-HELP training programme were launched on the occasion.

'G20 Meeting

and set a benchmark for his administration for smooth conduct of upcoming events like the annual Amarnath Yatra.

"Credit of successful conduct of G20 meeting must go to the team of officials, which worked hard on the ground. The entire Civil and Police administration had shown excellent coordination. The transformative work done by officials shows that J&K UT is now fully prepared to host international-level events," Sinha said while Sinha interacting with senior officials of police and civil administration of Kashmir division.

Principal Secretary to LG Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, ACS, Home Department R K Goyal, DGP Dilbag Singh, Special DG CID RR Swain, ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs and other senior officers were also present.

"The G20 meeting has become a historic event for J&K and set a benchmark for us for smooth conduct of upcoming events like Shri Amarnathji Yatra. We must prepare a plan at district level to ensure the smooth conduct of all such events," he added.

The LG directed the DCs to take stock of achievements, analyze the execution of projects, saturation of welfare schemes, progress under KCC, etc to have a complete overview of the benefits of development at grassroot level.

He said Animal Husbandry, agriculture sector and saturation of schemes for farmers should be priority areas.

"It is essential to conduct in-depth analysis of the progress achieved on both law & order and development fronts. DCs and SSPs can also play an important role in identifying industries best suitable in their respective districts, and

what more can be done in other sectors like self-employment, agriculture, horticulture and allied sectors," Sinha said.

"G20 meeting and enthusiasm of all sections of society reflects aspirations of the people. Collective effort is required to make J&K strong and prosperous. All officers, Civil and Police Department, must focus on fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of people," he added.

The Lt Governor also outlined the vision for the future. He called for ensuring exemplary punishment to those indulging in corruption besides waging a war against the menace of drug abuse.

"We should remain unwavering and determined on the path of peace, progress and prosperity for all," the LG added.

Undertrial Can't

21 December 2022 and the same was dismissed again on the ground that only three witnesses have been examined by the prosecution and that the statement of the victim was yet to be recorded.

"The petitioner (Ravi) is facing trial for offence under section 8 of the POCSO Act. The said offence carries maximum punishment of imprisonment of five years," the court said, adding, "As already noted, the petitioner has been in custody in the instant case since 24.04.2020, meaning thereby that he has spent more than three years in custody as on date."

The consideration of petitioner's plea for bail, the court said, cannot be deferred indefinitely simply because the prosecutrix/victim is keeping herself away from appearing in court. "It is not the case of the prosecution that trial is being delayed because of the conduct of the accused but it is a case where the victim is avoiding to step into the witness box," the court said, adding, "This conduct of the victim is sufficient to entitle the petitioner to concession of bail."

Subsequently, the court granted bail to Ravi on furnishing personal bond in the amount of Rs.50,000 with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial court.

Special Prayers For

property, have mercy on all of us," he said, adding, we hope that Allah will accept our prayers.

Hilal Ahmad Bhat, another devotee said the hailstorm damaged all agriculture and horticulture crops in his village and that the people thronged the shrine to seek Allah's forgiveness.

He said the faithful thronged the shrine with hope that their prayers would be accepted. Bhat said the prayers were organized after proper permission from the district administration.

"Obur Gowl Fanah Ya Sheikh Sanah, Khaer Qabool Balayi Door, Khodaya Taaph Kar Saaf Aab Khalay, were the catchphrases kids would yell, while soliciting funds from people to prepare "Sasras" in my childhood days," recalled renowned poet and historian Zareef Ahmad Zareef, while sharing his childhood memories with Kashmir Observer.

Zareef said people in hordes used to flock historic Eidgah in the old city and Makhdoom Sahab shrine to offer Nawafil prayers to seek Allah's mercy for improvement in weather.

"On reaching Eidgah, people used to offer Salat-ul-Istifgar for the rains to stop. We used to solicit funds from people living in adjoining areas and then organized community kitchens, arrange rice and other ingredients to prepare Tehri (turmeric-rice) by Kashmiri cook," he added.

Meanwhile special prayers were also held in several mosques in the old city while people could be seen preparing and distributing yellow rice, locally known as Tehri on roads.

At Khanyar near the shrine of 11th century Sufi saint, Sheikh Syed Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA), popularly known as Dastgeer Sahib (RA), locals prepared 'Tehri' (a mix of rice and mutton) as an offering and distributed it among the people.

Rains To Continue

many places. "There is a possibility of hailstorm and gusty winds at a few places." On June 3, he said, rain and thunderstorms were expected at isolated to scattered places towards late afternoon and evening.

From June 4-10, he said, mainly dry weather was expected but a brief spell of shower and thunderstorm can't be ruled out.

Overall, he said, there was no forecast of any major rainfall till June 10 and that the farmers can carry out all farm operations from June 4.

In the last 24 hours till 0830 hours today, he said, Srinagar received 10.9mm of rain, Qazigund 11.4mm, Pahalgam 11.5mm, Kupwara 10.7mm, Kokernag 10.4mm, Gulmarg 14.6mm, Jammu 7.0mm, Banihal 10.8mm, Botote 25.4mm, Katra 10.0mm and Bhaderwah 25.6mm.

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar

recorded a low of 11.4°C against 11.6°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.1°C for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 11.0°C against 10.2°C on the previous night while the hill station of Pahalgam recorded a low of 7.6°C against 7.8°C on the previous night.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 10.7°C against 11.2°C on the previous night and it was 0.3°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 9.8°C against 9.1°C on the previous night and it was 1.3°C below normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 4.6°C against 5.0°C on previous night and it was below normal by 3.0°C for the popular skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 18.5°C against 18.0°C on the previous night and it was 7.0°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 11.1°C (below normal by 1.6°C), Batote 11.0°C (4.0°C below normal), Katra 15.8°C (6.0°C below normal) and Bhaderwah 10.7°C (below normal by 0.9°C). Ladakh's Leh recorded a low of 4.4°C, he said.

Banihal Highway

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam said.

The critical stretch of highway at Dhalwas has become narrow following incessant rains, the DC said.

Work is underway to restore the highway at Dhalwas near Nashri tunnel.

Haji Aazmeen Asked

of District Srinagar shall collect their Passports and other material from Haj House Bemina Srinagar from 03 June, 2023 to 05 June, 2023 during working hours on production of the above-mentioned documents," the spokesperson said.

Two OGWs Held

arrested two suspects, who tried to flee from the spot but were apprehended tactfully.

The police identified them as Suhail Gulzar and Waseem Ahmad Pata, linked with LeT.

"During checking, arms and ammunition including 2 Chinese Pistols, 2 Pistol Magazines, 15 pistol rounds and other incriminating materials have been recovered from their possession," the spokesperson said.

Accordingly, he said, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Kreeri and further investigation has been initiated.

SIA Attaches

house, he said, has been found used by Hizbul Mujahideen militants, which was established during the course of investigation in case FIR No. 103/2022 of Police Station Kokernag.

"Accordingly, process for attachment of property belonging to the above accused falling within the ambit proceeds of terrorism was initiated by SIU Anantnag under section 25 of UA(P) Act & the confirmation related to the attachment of property was accorded by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir," the spokesperson said.

He advised people not to harbour or provide shelter or extend logistics to militants or their associates in their houses, failing which strict legal action will be taken against anyone doing so.

"SIU shall continue identification and initiation of attachment /confiscation of properties falling under the ambit of proceeds of terrorism to shake the ecosystem of terrorism in UT of J&K," the spokesperson added.

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Senior Superintendent of Police Amritpal Singh said.

"Acting swiftly over the tip-off, police teams were put on alert across the district and existing nakas (checkposts) were strengthened to intercept them," Singh said.

The accused's car was intercepted at a police checkpoint near ITI Sunderbani on the Jammu-Rajouri national highway. Upon frisking the duo and searching their car, the police team found 22 kg of heroin-like substance, the SSP said.

The accused have been identified as Onkar Singh and Shamsher Singh, both residents of Punjab's Gurdaspur district, the police said.

A case has been registered against the duo and further probe is underway, the police added.

"More arrests in the case are expected during the investigation," the SSP said, adding that the latest arrest was a major success for their anti-narcotics operation.

Waqar Bhatti Booked

(SHO), Neeraj Choudhary told PTI.

HAJ-2023

Chairperson, J&K Hajj Committee Reviews Arrangements

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Chairperson, J&K Hajj Committee, Safina Beigh on Thursday convened a meeting of officers at Haj House Bemina to review the arrangements for comfort and convenience of pilgrims scheduled to perform Hajj, this year.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chairman, J&K Hajj Committee, other members besides Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Director Health, ADDC Budgam, ADC Srinagar, Director Airport Authority Srinagar, Haj Officer, J&K Hajj Committee, officers of various departments including Immigration, SRTC, Customs, CISF, CRPF, BCAS, Police, Traffic and other concerned departments.

The meeting deliberated on agenda points including commencement of Haj flights, reporting of pilgrims at the Haj House, deployment of staff and machinery, shifting of X-Ray machine from Airport to Haj House, issuance of Entry Passes, transpor-

tation of pilgrims by J&K SRTC, Custom/ Immigration clearance by Customs and Immigration Department.

Besides, the meeting also discussed security arrangements and traffic management, civic services, medical facilities at the Haj House and the airport, free passage of pilgrims at the Drop gate of airport, issuance of Entry Passes for Airport, avoiding repeated screening of luggage and storage of Zam Zam at the airport.

Moreover, deployment of Magistrates by DC Srinagar/Budgam, boarding/lodging of pilgrims and dissemination of relevant information were also discussed.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairperson impressed on all the officers to ensure respective arrangements are put in place before the commencement of departure of pilgrims.

She instructed all to make sure that Haj Pilgrims do not face any inconvenience and asked them to play an active role during the entire period of Hajj Pilgrimage.

Union Joint Secy Holds Interactive Session With 7500 Students, 800 Teachers

Asks Them To Be Water Conservation Champions

Observer News Service

DODA: Union Joint Secretary, Ministry for Development of North Eastern Region and Central Nodal Officer (CNO) for Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) 'Catch the Rain' (CTR), Angshuman Dey, along with Scientist D, CGWB, Gargee Sharma, members of Jal Shakti Abhiyan, who are on three day visit to the district here, had an exhaustive interactive session with students of 108 Higher Secondary Schools and High Schools on day first of their visit.

The students and teachers of Govt Higher Secondary School Boys Doda and Government Higher Secondary School Girls Doda attended the session in person while students and teachers of other Higher Secondaries and High Schools participated virtually.

Prior to interaction with students, the Union Joint Secretary conducted a detailed assess-

ment of various crucial aspects of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan.

He reviewed implementation of programme in the district in a meeting with SE Jal Shakti and other concerned engineers and officials of the department. He reviewed the financial and physical progress achieved, so far, in the district and appreciated the efforts of the district administration and other stakeholders in effectively implementing the Jal Shakti Abhiyan.

While interacting with the gathering, he asked the students to understand the need for water conservation, its judicious use, protection of water sources and rain water harvesting to make safe and sufficient water available for our future also. He asked the students to be the champions of water conservation and spread awareness to motivate the society towards this noble cause.

HC Chief Justice To Visit Cow Shelter After PIL Highlights Its Poor Condition

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Chief Justice N Kotishwar Singh will visit a cow shelter in Nagrota on Friday to ascertain its condition after a PIL highlighted its poor condition.

An order to this effect was issued by a division bench, also comprising Justice Puneet Gupta, while hearing the PIL on Wednesday.

"We will visit the gaushala situated in village Seri Khurd, Nagrota on July 2... officers are directed to remain present at 4:30 pm at the aforesaid gaushala," the court order stated.

The court granted the respondents' counsel a week's time to respond to a report submitted by the petitioner in connection with the PIL.

The administration may also respond to the allegations lev-

elled by the petitioner, it said.

Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed, appearing for the petitioner, said the petitioner and advocate Supriya Chouhan visited the cow shelter in Seri Khurd on April 8 and saw that it was in a dilapidated condition.

The petitioner also submitted video evidence in the court. Ahmed told the court that the animals were locked up during the day in four sheds and not left open for grazing.

Jammu's Jambu Zoo Welcomes Inmates Of 17 Species

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Days after its inauguration, Jambu Zoo here has welcomed inmates of 17 different species, including leopard, black bear, deer and birds, according to officials.

Situated on the outskirts of Jammu and spread over 3,200 kanals, Jambu Zoo was inaugurated on Sunday by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha after several delays since its conception in 2016.

One acre is equal to eight kanals. "We have 3,200 kanals of land. As far as the area is concerned, we will be considered among the big zoos. We have started out with 17 species of animals," Jambu Zoo Wildlife Warden Amit Sharma told PTI.

These species include leopards, peacocks, deer, nilgai, wild boars, swans and monkeys.

"In the coming days, we will



be introducing several species, which will bring us on par with other prominent zoos in the country," Sharma said.

The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) of India approved the concept plan for Jambu Zoo back in 2016 but the execution faced delays due to various reasons, according to officials.

"The project made headlines when it commenced in 2016-17 with funding from the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority. However, the funding was halted and we received

support from the Jammu and Kashmir Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation.

"Unfortunately, work was stalled for two years due to the Covid pandemic. We were determined to complete it as soon as possible and now we have dedicated it to the public," Sharma said.

The zoo also includes an open amusement theatre, a children's park and a small water body. To facilitate easy movement, battery-operated cars and bicycles are available for visitors.

Landslide Damages House In Pulwama

SRINAGAR: A house was damaged due to landslide in Chandgam Tahab area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Thursday.

Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that incessant rains triggered a landslide in Chandgam area, resulting in damage to a residential house. He said there was no report of any injury in the incident.

Tehsildar Pulwama Mohammad Iqbal confirmed that a residential house suffered damage in Chandgam.

He added that teams reached the spot to evacuate the family to safer place and take steps for the safety of other people living close to the spot.

J&K Records 24% Excess Rainfall In May This Year

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir has recorded an excess rainfall of 24 per cent in the month of May as against the normal precipitation of 77.5 per cent, the Union Territory has recorded 96.3 mm rainfall last month.

According to the data available with a local news agency KNO, the highest excess precipitation was recorded in Rajouri, Poonch and Reasi districts of Jammu division where 260 per cent, 147 per cent and 105 per cent rainfall was recorded in the month of May.


In Kashmir, the highest rainfall in the month of May was recorded in Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama and Srinagar where 41 per cent, 39 per cent, 36 per cent and 24 per cent excess rainfall was recorded respectively in the last month.

The last month's (May) rainfall in Jammu and Kashmir is higher than the similar months of previous two years as according to the data shared by Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng, the Union Territory has recorded below normal rainfall in the month of May in 2021 and 2022.

As per the data, J&K has recorded 26 per cent below normal rainfall in May 2021 as against the average figure of 77.5 mm, only 61mm rainfall was recorded in the month.

The data further reads that in the similar month in 2022, J&K has recorded 28 per cent below normal rainfall at 59.6 mm.

Therefore, compared to the previous two years, J&K has recorded the highest rainfall in the month of May since 2021 as against the average rainfall of 77.5 mm, the Union Territory has recorded 96.3 mm rainfall.



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Tender Cum Sale Notice

(Sale Notice under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 (the Rules) under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (the Act))

Sealed tenders on prescribed Tender Document are invited from the persons interested in purchasing the property described in the table hereunder;

The said property is charged to the **Bank's Branch Lassipora, Pulwama** as security for the loan of **M/s Wular Weaves, Lassipora, Pulwama**, a sole proprietary concern of Mr. Umar Mukhtar Mahajan S/O Mukhtar Ahmad Mahajan R/O Peerbagh, Srinagar, and is being sold for recovery of the outstanding dues. The sale of the property/secured asset shall be on "as is, where is" "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis. Arrears, if any, payable towards electricity dues, water dues, tax arrears of whatsoever nature, arrears of rent due to SIDCO etc., in respect of the said property are to be paid by successful tenderer. To the best of the knowledge of Authorized Officer, no other encumbrances exist on the property.

The Tender Document containing all the terms and conditions can be had from this office or the **business unit Lassipora, Pulwama** during office hours on all working days. The minimum Reserve Price for the subject property is **Rs.47,47,000/- (Rupees: Forty Seven Lacs Forty Seven Thousand Only)**. A complete Tender Document must be received by this office latest by **17.06.2023**. The tenders will be opened on **19.06.2023 at 3 PM**, the date of opening of the tenders may be changed/extended from time to time at the sole discretion of the Authorized Officer.

The highest bidder shall be declared as successful bidder and such sale is subject to confirmation by the secured creditor. Sealed bid shall be necessarily accompanied by earnest money deposit being 10% of the reserve price by way of Demand Draft/Payment Order favouring The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. drawn on any nationalized/scheduled Bank payable at **Pulwama**. The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% of the offer amount/sale price**, inclusive of earnest money deposited, on the same day on which tenders will be opened or not later than next working day by D.D or P. O payable at Pulwama and the balance amount **(75% of the sale consideration)** on or before the **15th day of the confirmation of sale of the property** or such extended period as may be agreed upon in writing between the purchaser and the Bank, in any case not exceeding three months. The detailed terms and conditions of sale are prescribed in the tender document available at this office (**Phone No.: 01933-240341**) or the **B/U Lassipora, Pulwama** (Mobile No. 7889790747).

Names of the Borrowers cum Mortgagor.	M/s Wular Weaves, Lassipora, Pulwama, a sole proprietary concern of Mr. Umar Mukhtar Mahajan S/O Mukhtar Ahmad Mahajan R/O Peerbagh, Srinagar.
Description of the property / Secured Assets	Leasehold rights of land measuring 2 Kanals leased out by J&K SIDCO in favour of the borrower firm along with freehold rights of factory, civil work structures/ Plant and Machinery and other fixed and miscellaneous assets of the concerned unit, located at Industrial Growth Centre, Lassipora, Pulwama.
Amount due as on 31.05.2023	Rs.1,52,94,073.28
Reserve Price	Rs.47,47,000.00
EMD	Rs.4.75.00

The authorized officer reserves the right to reject any offer without assigning any reason.

(Farooq Ahmad Dar)
Authorized Officer

Simultaneous Notice in terms of Rule (9)(i) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 is also given hereby to the borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors that the Bank shall not sell the above mentioned property in case the said borrower/mortgagor/guarantors pay the dues of the Bank outstanding against the borrower in his loan account/s, together with the interest, charges, expenses, etc. within 15 days from this Notice.

(Farooq Ahmad Dar)
Authorized Officer

Ref. No.:J&K/ZOP/IAPM/SRFS/2023-
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Govt. Of Jammu & Kashmir (U.T)

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD(R&B) DIVISION VAILOO**

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
NIT No.12/1351-60 of R&B/Vailoo /2023-2024/ e-tendering/ DATED:31/05/2023
For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory J&K e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for the following works.

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc.in form of Treasury challen / Receipt (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (2% of Adv. Cost) (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Project Intending Department	Class of Contractor	Major Head of account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Construction of Govt. Degree College building at Vailoo Larnoo (By way of Main Gate and Guard Room)	11.00	800	22000	30 days	Higher Education	BEE/CEE/ DEE Class	4202 Higher Education

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	31.05.2023
2.	Period of Downloading of bidder documents.	From 01.06.2023
3.	Bid submission Start Date	From 01.06.2023
4.	Bid Submission End Date	To 12.06.2023
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	13.06.2023 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailoo

1.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/ challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division vailoo (Head-0059) (tender inviting authority) and Earnest Money for 2% of Advertised Cost in shape of CDR/ FDR only. Pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division vailoo (tender receiving authority) (Name of work to be mentioned on the Treasury receipt/ challan)(Refer Govt. order No. A/ 24(2017)-65 DT: 07.06.2018 & Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Ang/Kul 's No. 3867-70 dated: 04.08.2018 (The date of Treasury receipt / Challan should be between the date of start of bid end Bid submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Vailoo (Tendering Inviting Authority) . 5% Performance Security of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/ FDR by the Successful bidder. Minimum of Two bids are necessary to decide L-1 bidder in case of Contractors.

2.

The 1st Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of allotted cost as performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR within 07 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of defective liability period of the work which is 18 months.

3.

The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security.

4.

The Advertized cost is inclusive of GST@18% and Contract Price is exclusive of GST.

5.

Security Deposit shall be deposited by the contractor within 10 days of issuance of LOI, failing which the concerned tender issuing authority shall forfeit the EMD and recommend contractor for blacklisting and issue a fresh tender forthwith.

6.

The contractor shall initiate the work within 10 days of entering into the agreement, failing which the undersigned shall terminate the contract and issue a fresh tender after imposing penalties viz forfeit security/LD as per T&C of the Bid document and recommend contractor for blacklisting.

7.

The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in the bid document/ agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor by forfeiting EMD and shall be recommended for blacklisting.

8.

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division vailoo (tender receiving authority).

9.

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

10.

The earnest money shall be forfeited, If:-

a.

Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

b.

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

c.

Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

11.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

1.1.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in into account bid submission process.

1.2.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

1.3.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

6.4.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

6.5.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including earnest Money and tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid

The Earnest money in favour of unsuccessful / Non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of Tender document Fee in original, Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

12.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

13.

Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/ Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailoo and Earnest Money for 2% of Advertised Cost in shape of CDR/ FDR only. Pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division vailoo (tender receiving authority) must be uploaded with the documents of the bid.

14.

Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

15.

Price escalation and Taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

16.

Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

17.

In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

18.

Instructions to Bidder (ITB)

1.1.

All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-

a)

All Bidders shall upload Treasury Receipt/ Challan and Earnest money in the shape of CDR/ FDR.

b)

All Bidders shall upload Valid PAN Card, GSTIN Registration No. with latest GST Return (GSTR 3B).

c)

Registration Card with current Renewal side. The Registration card issued by the PWD (R&B) department shall only be renewed by the issuing department.

1.2.

The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.

1.3.

Non attendance of pre-bid meeting will not be cause of disqualification of the bidder.

1.4.

All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language

19.

If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the rate list/ quantity schedule, cost of such item/ items shall be deemed to be part of the overall/ total contract value. No rate shall be allowed for such item / items in the allotment of contract.

25.

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

No.: 1351-60
Dt: 31/05/2023

DIPK-2645-23
DT: 01/06/2023

-Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD(R&B) Division Vailoo

Jammu's Harvinder Singh Named Indian Softball Coach

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Harvinder Singh, a resident of Model Town, Gangyal area of Jammu district, created history by being appointed as the Coach of Indian Senior Men's Softball team.

He is the first person from Jammu & Kashmir to be appointed as Coach in Olympic sport of Softball.

Harvinder Singh, a former outstanding Softball player and NIS Certified Softball Coach, has been in this field since 1995 and previously coached many Softball clubs and J&K Softball teams.

On the basis of his outstanding sports career in Softball, Harvinder was appointed as Physical Education Teacher through then SRO-376 (Appointment of

Outstanding Sports Persons) in J&K Youth Services & Sports Department in the year 2014.

Harvinder started his career as a Softball player at local level from fourth Standard and won many medals at district, state and national level. Uncle of Harvinder Singh, Avtar Singh, former National level Skier inspired him to choose Softball as his career. Harvinder also recalled the contribution of his Coach Harkesh Singh, J&K Softball Association and J&K Sports Council in his success.

Harvinder previously coached Jammu & Kashmir's state team, and presently is playing an important role for the promotion of Softball in the region. He has been imparting coaching since 2006. He was also the captain of J&K Softball team.



Open Taekwondo Championship Concludes In Srinagar



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The closing ceremony of Farooq Memorial Open Taekwondo Championships was held at Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Complex on Thursday. The event was organized by J&K Taekwondo Association under the aegis of Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI) in the memory of the senior Taekwondo coach Late Farooq Ahmed.

Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gull presided over the concluding ceremony as the chief guest.

The Championship held under the banner of J&K Sports Council and was inaugurated by Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Administrative Secretary of Tribal Affairs, CEO J&K Mission Youth and Mission Director Skill Development Mission, a few days ago.

More than 700 players from various schools and clubs participated in the event, which also opened a window of opportunity to the medallists who fancy a chance to represent J&K in the upcoming LG Cup All India Club's Taekwondo Championship later this year.

WTC Final: 'Aussies Should Be Wary Of Kohli'



Press Trust of India

LONDON: Australia will have to guard against the "thorn in their side" Cheteshwar Pujara and a "back at his best" Virat Kohli if they are to counter India in the World Test Championship final at The Oval next week, feels legendary cricketer Ricky Ponting.

India's Test batting mainstay Pujara could provide valuable insights to his teammates, having played extensively at Sussex in the English County Championship, while Kohli is at his absolute best having cracked two centuries and six half-tons for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the recently-concluded Indian Premier League.

"The Australian team will be talking about Virat, no doubt about it, and they'll be talking about Pujara. They're the two," Ponting said on 'The ICC Review'.

Pujara is known to relish the challenges thrown at him

by Australian bowlers, having scored more Test runs and centuries against them than any other side, and his contribution would be crucial to India's chances of lifting the WTC trophy in their second attempt.

"Pujara has been a thorn in their side a lot in the past, and in Australia, and this wicket will potentially be a lot more like an Australian pitch. They know that they'll have to get him early," opined the former Australian captain.

Pujara, who bats at No. 3, has 2,033 runs and five centuries in 24 Tests against Australia, and skipper Rohit Sharma will hope he makes a couple of more vital contributions for the side in the WTC final.

Kohli, apart from his sparkling form in the IPL, had smashed 186 in the fourth Test against Australia in March during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and would be itching to have a go at the Pat Cum-

mins-led side.

"They also know that Virat over the last few weeks is probably just about back to his absolute best, albeit in T20 cricket. He told me that the feeling he's getting right now is that he's almost back to his best, and that's an ominous warning for the Australians going into a one-off game," said Ponting.

Ponting is also mightily impressed with young Shubman Gill's performance in the IPL and the 23-year-old's exploits in the last two Tests of the Border-Gavaskar series.

Gill hit three centuries for Gujarat Titans in IPL.

"He looks like a terrific young guy. He's got that bit of attitude about him as well. He's got a bit of swagger. He has some serious class. That sort of front-foot pull shot that he plays against the fast bowlers will be a shot that he'll probably need against this Australian attack," said Ponting.



Lionel Messi Set To Leave PSG, Confirms Coach

Agencies

PARIS: Lionel Messi will leave Paris Saint-Germain at the end of the season after two years at the club, coach Christophe Galtier said Thursday.

Galtier said ahead of PSG's game against Clermont on Saturday that it would be Messi's last match at the Parc des Princes. Messi's contract expires at the end of June.

"I had the privilege of coaching the best player in the history of soccer," Galtier said. "This will be his last match at the Parc des Princes, and I hope that he will receive the warmest of welcomes." PSG recruited Messi in August 2021 with the ambition to finally win the Champions

League. The team is still waiting.

Although PSG won its 11th French league title this year, it again exited Europe's top tournament in the round of 16.

Messi's adventure in France has been bitter sweet. In spite of pretty good statistics, he has been embodying the team's shortcomings in the view of many PSG fans who have repeatedly whistled and booed his name in recent weeks.

After struggling to adapt to the French league — the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner scored only six league goals in his first 26 games — Messi has improved this season as he developed an efficient understanding with forward Kylian Mbappe.

MS Dhoni Undergoes Successful Knee Surgery In Mumbai

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni successfully underwent a left knee surgery in a Mumbai hospital on Thursday.

Dhoni, who led Chennai Super Kings to their fifth IPL title, had flown to Mumbai from Ahmedabad after the final on Monday and consulted renowned sports orthopaedic surgeon Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala, who is also on the BCCI medical panel and had performed surgeries on a number of top Indian cricketers, including Rishabh Pant.

"Yes, Dhoni has had a successful knee surgery at the Kokilaben Hospital in Mumbai



on Thursday. He is doing fine and will be discharged in a day or two. He would be resting for a few days before his extensive rehabilitation starts. It is now expected that he would have enough time to get fit to play in the next IPL," a source close to the CSK management said on conditions of anonymity.

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