

AMARNATH YATRA

NDRF Gears Up For Annual Pilgrimage With Aerial Surveys, Canine Teams

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Regular sorties in the upper reaches of the holy Amarnath cave and early deployment of canine teams for disaster rescue acclimatisation are part of the NDRF's safety preparations for the pilgrims of the annual Amarnath Yatra, officials said on Tuesday.

A dozen teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) will be deployed to ensure the safety of the people who embark on the yatra from July 1, they added.

To avoid casualties from flash



floods and glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF), the NDRF has started identifying locations for creation of pilgrim camps "away from the tracks where

flood waters can roll down and sweep people away".

At least 16 people were killed after flash floods triggered by heavy rain near the



WE UNDERTOOK THIS MAIDEN EXPEDITION AS TRAINING FOR HIGH-ALTITUDE rescue instills confidence in the rescuers that they can save lives without being adversely affected by tough weather."

File Photo

shrine on July 8 last year. To prevent such mishaps this year, helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the J-K administration will regularly undertake aerial sorties in the upper reaches of the holy cave to check for GLOF events and the formation of lakes that may trigger flash floods downhill, a

senior officer told PTL.

Last year, such sorties were conducted only after the flash floods occurred in June but this year, the exercise will be undertaken before the start of the yatra and at continuous intervals during the two-month pilgrimage, the officer added.

The aerial surveys will be

conducted by a team with expertise in remote sensing and satellite, hydrology and disaster response. Once a dangerous water build-up is spotted, contingency measures will be taken all along the yatra route, especially the area near the cave shrine, he added.

Sharing further details on the rescue preparations, the officer said the NDRF's sniffer dogs will be deployed well before the commencement of the pilgrimage so that they are acclimatised to the high-altitude environment and can work without physical hassles. **More on PIO**

EC Should Tell People Why No Elections In J&K: Omar

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said the Election Commission should muster courage to tell people why assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir are not being held.

"Is there a pressure on them (EC) not to hold elections? Let the Election Commission show some courage and say that they are under pressure. There is something fishy," Abdullah told reporters outside the party headquarters here.

Abdullah, a former chief minister, said the Election Commission should be asked when it plans to hold elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The media seems to be more concerned about the elections than us. Election is our right but we are not going down on our knees for it. If they want to snatch the right of people of Jammu and Kashmir, **More on PIO**

Board Rubbishes Rumors Of Matric, Class 12th Results

Agencies

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education Department Tuesday clarified that it was still in process of preparing results of annual regular exams of 10th and 12th standard and has not announced any date officially.

Chairman of the Board, Dr Parikshit Singh Manhas said, "Several news that are making rounds on social media and other platforms regarding the results are just rumors and I suggest students and parents not to pay heed to them."

Manhas also said that JKBOSE was still in the process of preparing the results.

"I am not in a position to give any kind of data or details as to when we will be declaring the results of annual regular exams of 10th and 12th standard but as of now we have not officially announced the **More on PIO**

First Batch Of Pilgrims Leaves For Hajj Today

Women Pilgrims Without Mahrams Allowed To Perform Hajj This Year



File Photo

Agencies

Srinagar: The first batch of 630 Hajj pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir will leave for Saudi Arabia on the annual Hajj pilgrimage on Wednesday, officials said.

For the first time in ten years, the Haj pilgrims will land directly in Jeddah. Executive Officer, Jammu & Kashmir Haj Committee, Dr Shujaat Ahmad Qureshi said that two flights are scheduled to take off from J&K to Saudi Arabia—each flight will carry 315 Hajj pilgrims tomorrow.

"The first flight will take off at 3 PM while the other will take off at 5 PM," he informed, adding that the pilgrims have been asked to arrive before six hours

so that the necessary formalities are done well on time.

He added that for the first time, the lady pilgrims without Mahrams will perform the Hajj this year and at least 115 such pilgrims will leave for Saudi Arabia on June 09, 2023.

Around 10, 000 people from Jammu and Kashmir will perform the Hajj this year, as per the draw of lots held in the month of March, 2023. A total of 14271 applications were received for Hajj-2023.

It is for the first time after the gap of ten years that the pilgrims will land directly in Jeddah from Jammu & Kashmir while the authorities have also appealed to the pilgrims to carry **More on PIO**



The nomads have started seasonal migration to the green pastures of Kashmir Valley with improvement in overall weather conditions. KO photo, Abid Bhat

Real Estate Summit On Cards In Srinagar: Puri

Says Tech Survey Of Gurdaspur-Jammu Gas Pipeline Complete



Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Asserting that the ground situation in Jammu and Kashmir has changed after the abrogation of Article 370, Union

Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday said the technical survey on the 175-km Gurdaspur-Jammu gas pipeline has been completed. A final decision on the prestigious **More on PIO**

4-5 More Yatri Niwas In J&K Soon: LG

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday jointly laid the foundation stone of an Amarnath yatri niwas and a disaster management centre here, and announced the setting up of 4-5 more yatri niwas soon. Sinha said a financial allocation of Rs 51 crore was received from the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) for the construction of the yatri niwas **More on PIO**

LG Calls For Proactive Approach To Protect Wildlife

'Greater Coordination Among The Stakeholders Must Be Ensured To Dismantle The Nexus Of Poachers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday directed officials to take proactive steps to protect wildlife and its habitat and called for greater coordination among the stakeholders must be ensured to dismantle the nexus of poachers.

Sinha passed these directions while chairing 4th meeting of Wildlife Board for the UT of J&K, at Civil Secretariat here on Tuesday. Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Principal Secretary, Forest Department Dheeraj Gupta, Special DG

(Crime) A.K. Choudhary and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Roshan Jaggi also attended the meeting.

The LG congratulated the officers and other stakeholders on the declaration of Shallabugh and Hygam as Ramsar Sites. With this development, the Union Territory ranks 4th in the country in terms of largest network of wetlands.

Sinha lauded the efforts to conserve and protect precious wildlife of J&K UT and called for proper utilization of natural resources, promotion of trekking routes, and strategy for effective and efficient mitigation of human-wildlife conflict.

He also directed for taking proactive steps to protect wildlife and its habitat.

"Greater coordination among the **More on PIO**

Charges In Deptt Proceedings Not To Be Proved Like Criminal Trial: HC

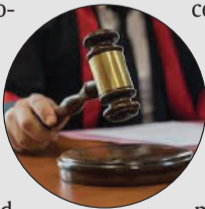
Marouf Ahmad

Srinagar, Jun 6: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has said the charges in departmental proceedings are not required to be proved like a criminal trial.

Dismissing a petition filed by CRPF personnel, Mushtaq Ahmad Khan against dismissal from services in 2011, a bench of Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul said all the requirements as required to

be complied with as per the Act and Rules have been followed while conducting the enquiry in the case.

"...Disciplinary proceedings...being quasi criminal in nature; there should be some evidence to prove charges," the court said, adding, "The charges in departmental proceedings are not required to be proved like criminal trial, i.e., beyond all reasonable doubt, but we cannot lose sight of the fact that **More on PIO**



Minor Girl Dies After Falling Into Trench

A minor girl died on Tuesday after falling into a trench in Zangli village of North Kashmir's Kupwara district. Six-year-old Deeba Jan, daughter of Ghulam Nabi Khan accidentally slipped into water trench in her native village of Zangli on Tuesday afternoon, reports said. The minor girl was rescued by the locals and taken to the sub-district hospital (SDH) Kupwara in an **More on PIO**

Youth Killed After Landslide Hits Langate

A youth was killed after coming under a landslide in Langate area of North Kashmir's Kupwara district, reports said Tuesday. 25-year-old Bilal Ahmad, son of Abdul Jabbar Mir came under an avalanche that hit Langate area of Handwara on Monday evening, reports said. A police team rushed to the spot and rescued Ahmad before rushing him to the hospital for treatment. **More on PIO**

Mughal Road Reopens For Traffic

The Mughal Road has been reopened for vehicular traffic movement after the thoroughfare was cleared of accumulated landslide debris here on Tuesday evening. An official said that the road was closed for all sorts of movement following a landslide at Rata Chambb in Surankote this afternoon. "Men and machinery were pressed on the job to clear the road of **More on PIO**

Water Rafting Trail Held In Poonch

A maiden rafting trial was held successfully on Tuesday in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch, an official said, as authorities focus on boosting tourism in the border district. GoWild Adventures, in collaboration with the Poonch Development Authority and the district administration, organised the rafting trial from Kalai to Sher-e-Kashmir Bridge, he said. Deputy Commissioner, Poonch, **More on PIO**

Kashmiris Have Lot Of Talent That Needs Polishing: Filmmaker

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Director Dhiraj Mishra, who recently shot his upcoming venture "Lafzon Mein Pyaar" in Kashmir, said the Valley is full of budding artists waiting to showcase their talent.

"Lafzon Mein Pyaar" is the story of Raj, a young man who leaves his studies halfway and embarks on a journey of self-discovery through music.

The filmmaker said he shot the romance drama across various locations in the region with a local crew.

"I wanted to shoot in Uttarakhand... I was apprehensive about the actors and first wanted to get them from

Mumbai. But when I auditioned the two local actresses for the film, I saw that people here have a lot of talent which only needs polishing," Mishra told PTL.

The film features actors such as Lalit Parimoo, Anita Raj, Zarina Wahab, Prashant Rai, Sarwar Mir, Vaani Dogra, Megha Joshi, Mahima Gupta, Sachin Bhandari, Ismile Choudhary, and Avinash Kumar, among others.

The poster of the film was released here on Tuesday and the makers are soon planning to unveil the trailer.

Parimoo said Jammu and Kashmir has the potential to become a favourite shooting location for **More on PIO**

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Humans Have Crossed 7 Of 8 "Planetary Boundaries". What It Means

Eric Roston | Bloomberg

A team of scientists first introduced the concept "planetary boundaries" almost 15 years ago to identify major Earth systems that were at risk of instability because of human activity. They looked at systems including the climate, biodiversity and fresh water to determine the limits of what they called a "safe operating space" for civilization. But they stopped short of analyzing how busting past these limits might harm people, particularly the poor and vulnerable.

A major update, published today in the journal Nature, does just that, describing how much punishment nature can absorb before turning on us. Seven of the eight global boundaries have already been surpassed by humans, the authors find.

The researchers offer their new work in the hope that business and governments will develop tools to align their practices with science-set thresholds.

"We simply need to have science-based targets well beyond climate for all the planetary boundaries, in order to have a stable and

resilient Earth system - and also to handle the climate crisis," said Johan Rockstrom, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany and a co-author of the new and original works.

The new analysis also includes criteria for justice, along three dimensions - affecting the many millions of people at risk today, the billions coming in the future and for the world's countless species and ecosystems.

For some Earth systems, like the climate, this fairness analysis requires more stringent limits than geophysical-stability factors alone would. The 1.5C warming limit enshrined in the Paris Agreement, already on life support, is too high given humanitarian concerns, the authors write, evidenced by tens of millions of people now exposed to dangerous heat.

The world has warmed 1.2C since industrialization. By 1.5C, the scientists find, more than 200 million people - mostly poor, vulnerable and marginalized communities - can be expected to face unprecedented heat. Shrinking the global average temperature increase below 1C is their target, but because that's not possible on a visible time scale, countries will have to deal with the consequences. And that

means "adaptations and compensations to reduce sensitivity to harm and vulnerability will be necessary."

The authors call for international compensation for poorer countries' "loss and damage" sustained during extreme weather events, as agreed to at last year's UN climate talks. The scale of effort required to meet these challenges is unprecedented. "Nothing less than a just global transformation across all ESBs [Earth system boundaries] is required to ensure human well-being," they write. Energy, food, cities and other sectors require rebooted politics, economics and technology. "It requires a leap in our understanding of how justice, economics, technology and global cooperation can be furthered in the service of a safe and just future."

The 51 authors are associated with the Earth Commission, a group of natural and social scientists co-founded by Rockstrom to generate science that can inform organizations, such as the Science Based Targets Network, that develop guidance for companies and cities. The paper strives to quantify planet-scale changes that "are mostly driven by social and economic systems run on unsustainable resource extraction

and consumption."

The new work builds not only on previous planetary-boundaries research, but other assessments of social vulnerability to systemic change, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals. A key breakthrough in this paper, the authors write, is the translation of social justice considerations into the same units of measurement as the Earth systems, such as degrees Celsius for temperature or cubic kilometers for water use.

For instance, nitrogen and phosphorus from farms spill into waterways and cause oxygen-less "dead zones" in rivers and seas, with consequences for drinking water too in some areas. The global limit for excessive nitrogen is 119 million metric tons a year and 10 million for phosphorus, according to the paper.

To address air pollution, the targets the scientists set aim to minimize the difference in the concentration of aerosols between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, while establishing an upper bound for harmful small particle pollution. Aerosols from both natural and human sources, from volcanoes to tailpipes, cause illness and premature death around the world.

Govt. Of Jammu & Kashmir (U.T)
Office Of The Executive Engineer
PWD(R&B)Division Vailoo
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
NITNo.15/1517-26 of R&B/Vailoo/2023-2024/e-tendering/DATED:05/06/2023

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. InLacs)	Cost of/T. Doc. Inform 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	Construction of concrete path with side block from main road towards PatwarKhana near SDH Achabal MC Achabal W.No. 02 Magray-Mohalla A	2.03	200	4060	15 days	MC Achabal	DEE Class	District Capex (UDS Sector)
2	Construction of temporary foot bridge /crossing for masjid shareef from Sinthan Kishitward National Highway road at MC Achabal GoriMohalla W. No. 04	2.03	200	4060	30 days	MC Achabal	DEE Class	District Capex (UDS Sector)
3	Construction of footpath along with drain from Jamia masjid shareef Bindoo to Gh. Qadir Sheikh	3.41	200	6820	20 days	MC Kokernag	DEE Class	District Capex (UDS Sector)
4	Construction of ramp with proper gradient for PWD voters at Govt. Middle School Jogigund polling station No.98	0.95	200	1900	10 days	MC Achabal	DEE Class	Municipal Fund (Nominal income/ GIA)

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 departmentalwebsite www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	05.06.2023
2.	Period of Downloading of bidder documents.	From 05.06.2023 To 05.06.2023
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	05.06.2023
4.	Bid Submission End Date	16.06.2023
5.	Date&timeofopeningofBids(Online)	17.06.2023 at11.00A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailoo

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/ challanin 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/ FDRby the Successful bidder. Minimum of Two bids are necessary to decide L-1 bidder inc ase of Contractors.

1. The 1st Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of allotted costas performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR within 07 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completionof defectiveliabilityperiod of thework which is 12 months.

2. The EMDof2%of successful bidders shall bereleasedafter receipt of 5%Performance Security.

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

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the time line 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.inand conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive biddershall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive EngineerR&B Divisionvailoo (tenderreceivingauthority).

9. The bids for the work shall remaininvalidforaperiodof120daysfromthedataofopeningofTechnicalbids

10. The earnest moneyshallbe 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 thebid.
b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnishtherequiredperformancesecuritywithintheprescribedtime-limit.

11. Failure of Successful biddertoexecutetheagreementwithin28daysafterfixationofcontract.

12. Instruction to biddersregarding e-tenderingprocess.

13. Bidders are advisedtodownloadbidsubmissionmanualfromthe"Downloads"optionaswellasfrom "BiddersManual Kit" onwebsitewww.jktenders.gov.in toacquaintbidsubmissionprocess.

14. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per InformationTechnology Act-2000.BidderscangetidigitalcertificatefromanyapprovedVendor.

15. The bidders have tosubmittheirbidsonlineinelectronicformatwithdigitalSignature.Nobidwillbeacceptedinphysicalform.

16. Bids will be openedonlineaspertimeschedulementionedinPara-1.

17. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copiesofallnecessarydocumentsincludingearnestMoney-andtenderdocument fee in termsofsoft copieswithtechnicalbid

18. The Earnest money in favour of unsuccessful/Non-responsivebiddersshallbereleasedonlyafterensuringsubmissionofTenderdocument Fee in original,
Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi withblackandwhiteoption.

19. The department will notberesponsiblefordelayinlinesubmissionduetoanyreasons.

20. Scanned copy of cost of tender documentinshapeofTreasuryReceipt/ChallaninfavourofExecutiveEngineerR&B Division Vailoo and Earnest Money for 2% of Advertised Cost in shape of CDR/ FDR only. Pledged toExecutive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division vailoo(tender receiving authority) must beuploaded with the documentsofthebid.

21. Bidders are advised not to make any change inBOQ(BillofQuantities)contents.Innocasetheshouldattemptto createsimilarBOQmanually. TheBOQdownloadedshouldbeusedforfillingthetimetrateinclusiveofalltaxesanditshouldbesavedwiththesamenameasitcontains.

22. Price escalation and Taxes:- The unitratesandpriceshallbequotedbythebidderentirelyinIndianRupeesandtherates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalationandalltaxesuptocompletionofthe work,unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor ongrossamountofthebill aspertheratesprevailingatthetime of recovery.

23. Bidders are advised to use" MyDocuments"area in their user on R&B e-Tenderingportalstostoresuch documentsas arerequired.

24. In case of CRF and any other specified project. the relevant guidelines / standard bidding documentsshallbefollowed.

25. Instructions to Bidder(ITB)

26. All bidders shall upload the following information and documents alongwithqualificationcriteria/qualificationinformation with their bids:-
a) All Bidders shall upload Treasury Receipt /Challanand Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR.
b) All Bidders shall upload Valid PAN Card, GSTIN RegistrationNo. 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.

27. The bidder at his own responsibility and risks should visit and examinethesiteofworkanditssurroundingsbefore submissionofbid.

28. Non attendance of pre-bid meeting will not becauseofdisqualificationofthebidder.

29. All documents relating to thebidshallbeintheEnglishLanguage

30. If the bidder does not quote rateforanyitemoftheratelist/quantitieschedule,thecostofsuchitem/ itemsshallbedeemed to be part of the overall /total contract value. Norateshallbeallowedforsuchitem/item-sintheallotment ofcontract.

No.: 1517-26
DIPK-2929/23
Dt: 06/06/2023

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

Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir
Office Of The District
Sheep Husbandry Officer Pulwama
Ph. No 01933-241215 Fax-Phone: 01933241215
Technical Section E-Mail ID: dshpulwama@gmail.com
Notification No; 03/2023
DATED: 05-06-2022

Subject: Establishment of sheep/ Goat/Shearing units under ISDS and invitation of applications thereof:

Applications on prescribed formats are invited from interested/ unemployed persons for establishment of sheep/ Goat /Shearing units under various schemes, shown in annexure A to this notification
Important dates: Date of commencement for issuance of application forms :08-6-2023
Last date for submission of application forms: 05-07-2023.
How to apply: The application forms can be obtained and then submitted on working days during office hours from:

A}. Office of the undersigned {mobile unit Pulwama}.

B}. Office of Veterinary Assistant Surgeon/B.O Sheep Development Block Shadimarg / Nawa/"Kakapora / Woyan/ Pulwama/Padgampora/Tral/Aripal.
Candidate if found eligible shall be considered for selection by a designated selection committee through proper procedure. The selected / approved candidates shall have to establish the unit as per the guidelines of the scheme.

General terms & conditions for all schemes:

1. Any individual/group/SHG/cooperative society/FPO possessing an eligibility criterion of basic infrastructure/ Shed and sufficient grazing land can avail the benefit of the scheme within operational jurisdiction of District Pulw ama.

2. Efforts shall be made to cover 20% SC/St and 10% women beneficiaries /

3. Households who have availed any benefit under the said schemes are not eligible.

4. More than one application shall not be entertained from one household under all the schemes.

5. In case of scheme mentioned in Annexure "A" S. No 1, preference shall be given to BPL/EWS/AA Y Categories to encourage such class of people.

6. For procurement of shearing units an individual (trained in MSS or intending to undergo training in MSS) can apply besides having other eligibility conditions.

7. No application shall be entertained after cutoff date i.e., 05/07/2023.

8. The number of units mentioned under Annexure A to this advertisement is tentative and shall be subject to the availability of funds during 2023-24.

Annexure A " to Notification No 03/2023, Dated 05 -06-2022

S. No	Scheme	Details	Tentative No. of units	
1.	Integrated Sheep development Scheme. (ISDS)	Establishment of 10 ewes/ does unit on participator) mode.	11	
2.	Integrated Sheep development Scheme. - 50% subsidy mode.	Establishment of sheep units on 50% subsidy mode. 50% of the unit cost as total eligible subsidy w ith a ceiling of Rs. 0.80 lac whichever is less per unit (20 Sheep/Goat)	20 ewes/ does unit	78 such units
3.	Integrated Sheep development scheme.	Procurement of shearing units (comprising of one shearing machine, one Genset and shearing accessories) 50% of the unit cost as total eligible subsidy with a ceiling of Rs 0.75 lacs per unit whichever is less	6 No's	

DIPK-2889/23
dated: 06-06-2023

District Sheep Husbandry officer Pulwama

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Office Of The Executive Engineer
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EXTENSION NOTICE

Due to poor bid response, the below tabulated work Vide tender I.D No. 2023_PDD_213170_1 is hereby extended as per below mentioned Date and Time

S. NO	Name of Work	e-NIT No.	e-Bid sub-mission end date and Time	Financial Bid opening
1	Annual rate contract for Hiring of Vehicles for ferrying of transformers and other key material required in Division for inspection purpose in KPDCL O&M Division Shopian for the financial year 2023-24 within the jurisdiction of KPDCL Division Shopian	EDS/E-TENDER/04 of 2023-24, Dated: 2305-2023	12-06-2023 (11 AM)	13-06-2023 (11 AM)

No: KPDCL/737.
DIPK-NB-1115/23
Date:06-06-2023.

Sd//
Executive Engineer,
KPDCL Division Shopian

In the case of
Gowhar Ahmad Shah

V/S

(Caveator)

Public At Large

(Non-cavetor)

CAVEAT NOTICE
In the matter of:- Caveat Petition in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C
The caveator has reasons to believe/ apprehension that the non-cavetor may file a suit or any other type of proceedings before the Hon'ble District Court at Srinagar on the ground of distorted facts/ Misrepresentation or cooked up story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/Order at his back/exparte against the caveator and in such eventuality the caveator will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveator is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order.

Sd/-
Adv. Akhtar Hussain Shah

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Date of Birth of my son namely Moomin Gulzar has been wrongly written in school records as 15-03-2009 while his correct Date of Birth is 01-01-2011 which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Govt Boys Middle School Ratnipora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Gulzar Ahmad Bhat
F/o Moomin Gulzar R/o Ratnipora Pulwama

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from Aalima Aijaz to Taiba Aijaz. I will be known as Taiba Aijaz If any body has any objection he/ she may contact Passport Office Srinagar within seven days. After 7 days no objection will be entertained.

Taiba Aijaz
D.o. Aijaz Ahmad Khan
R.o. Iqbal Colony Chanapora

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Nowgam, Bemina Flyovers To Be Operational By Sept, Sanat Nagar By Nov 2023

Roads Being Macadamised In Srinagar At A Cost Of Rs 30.48 Cr

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Nowgam and Bemina Flyovers shall be made operational by September this year while work on Sanat Nagar flyover will be completed by November 2023, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar was informed on Tuesday.

A meeting of concerned Officers was held in this regard under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here to review the progress of developmental works taken up under R&B Sector in the District during financial year 2023-24.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a comprehensive physical/financial review of targets with regard to infrastructure development, upgradation works and macadamization process undertaken by R&B Circle Srinagar/Budgam, R&B Circular Road Project, PMGSY, NABARD, City Roads Division etc.

The DC also reviews progress of ongoing works on construction of flyovers and Nowgam Junction, Bemina Crossing and Sanat Nagar being carried out at a cost of Rs 34.90 crore, Rs 31.49 crore and Rs 41 crore respectively with the aim to decongest the City areas and ensure smooth ply traffic on National Highway.

The DC was informed that work is going in full swing on Nowgam and Bemina Flyovers and shall be made operational by September this year while Sanat Nagar flyover will be completed by November 2023

On the occasion, the DC was given apprised about present status of major developmental works and macadamization process through detailed Power-

Point presentations by the concerned Superintending Engineers.

Giving details of the Circle, the Superintendent Engineer R&B Circle Srinagar/Budgam informed that as many as 33 works have been approved at a cost of Rs 24.0 crore with a target to macadamize/blacktop the roads. While Rs 4.48 crore are also being spent on filling of potholes on 12.70 kilometers of road in CD-1st, CD-2nd, Chadoora and PCD-1st Division of Srinagar District.

In addition, 44 works have also been completed to blacktop 117.91 Km road length at a cost of Rs 31.07 Cr during G20 programs.

Similarly, the Superintendent Engineer(R&B) Circular Road Project informed the DC that a road length is being black topped during the current FY in the Circle at a cost of Rs 6.48 crore.

With regard to filling of Potholes, the DC stressed on completing the works on priority basis to ensure hassle-free movement of commuters. He also asked the concerned to ensure early completion of works taken up under Srinagar Smart City projects.The DC was further informed that under NABARD, 8 works have been approved to blacktop roads at the cost of Rs 11.50 crore.

It was also given out that work on construction/ upgradation of Daggapora-Anchar road is going on at a cost of Rs 2.57 crore. While upgradation of road from Chahatterhama to Hadoora via Khimber along S.E Canal including allied links is also being carried out at Rs 2.31 core to benefit the local habitations.

Under District-Sector, 2023-24 as many as 11 works are approved with an outlay of Rs 1.42 crore for developmental works.

Nasha Mukht J&K: Srinagar Admin Organizes Anti Drug Awareness Program

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad an anti drug awareness program was organized by District Hub Empowerment of Women Mission Shakti here today at Government Degree College Hyderpora under Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan.

The program was aimed to highlight the measures needed to be undertaken for the eradication of drug

menace from society.

During the program special focus was laid on the City Colleges as the students studying in different colleges are the most vulnerable age group with regard to drug menace.

Speakers on the occasion said that drug addiction is an issue of grave concern, especially among the younger generation and has very ill effects not only on the individual concerned but on the society as a whole.



Work on for facelifting of iconic Ghanta Ghar in Lal Chowk under Srinagar Smart City Ltd.
KO Photo Abid Bhat

Iran Supreme Leader's Envoy Offers Prayers At Jamia Masjid, Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Agha Dr Syed Mehdi Alizada Mousavi, a special representative of Iran's leader Ayatollah Khamenei, who is in Kashmir Tuesday offered Zuhri prayer at the historic Central Jama Masjid Srinagar.

The officials and staff of Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid accorded him a warm welcome on his arrival. On the occasion, Dr Syed Mehdi hailed the unique architecture of the Jama Masjid and the beauty of this great place of worship, a statement issued reads.

However, he expressed his regret that the Anjuman head Mirwaiz-

e-Kashmir Dr Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq has been kept under detention for the past nearly four years, due to which the pulpit and minaret of the historical place of worship are silent. He also regretted not being able to meet and exchange ideas with Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir due to his detention.

On the occasion, Dr Syed Mehdi was presented with the history of Anjuman Auqaf and other scholarly gifts as well as a Kashmiri shawl on behalf of the detained Mirwaiz Umar Farooq.

Earlier, he also visited the historic educational institution Anjuman Nusrat-ul-Islam and the institutes

running under it including the Islamia Oriental College, Anjuman's library, historic building and auditorium of Islamia High School. He got acquainted with the history of one of the oldest educational institutions in Kashmir.

While talking to the officials of the Anjuman, Dr Syed Mehdi assured all possible support for the teaching of the Persian language in the Islamia Oriental College so that the understanding of this important language can be promoted far and wide.

The head of Peerwaan-e-Wilaayat Agha Syed Sabat Shabir Qumi was also present during Dr Syed Mehdi's visit, the statement added.

School Principal Arrested, Suspended Over 'Molestation' Charges

Majid Nabi

SRINAGAR: Government on Tuesday placed the principal of a government school in Srinagar under suspension, hours after he was arrested by the police for allegedly molesting and harassing girl students within and outside the school.

Principal Boys Higher Secondary School Gund Hassibhat on the city outskirts was arrested by the police on the allegations of molesting girl students.

A formal case FIR No 31 under IPC sections 354D (stalking), 294 (obscene acts in a public place) and 506 (criminal intimidation) stands registered at police station Shalteng in this regard and the accused is under police custody at the moment.

Police have identified the accused principal as Shabir Ahmad Mir son of Ghulam Rasool Mir of Zadihal Srinagar.

The arrest comes days after

The Arrest Comes Days After Some Parents Filed A Complaint, Alleging That The Accused Principal Was Not Only Harassing Girl Students During The School Hours, But Was Also Making Late Night Calls To Them

some parents filed a complaint, alleging that the accused principal was not only harassing girl students during the school hours, but was also making late night calls to them.

Srinagar police in a tweet while confirming the arrest of the accused principal said "Shabir Ahmad Mir S/o Gh Rasool Mir R/o Zadihal, Srinagar working as Principal of Govt HSS Gund Hassi Bhat arrested in molestation case. FIR no 31/2023 U/s 354D, 294 & 506 of IPC registered at

Shalteng PS"

Meanwhile, taking strong note of the incident, the principal secretary to the government school education department, Alok Kumar ordered immediate suspension of the accused and asked director school education (Kashmir) to conduct an enquiry into the matter and submit a detailed report.

The accused principal according to the order was attached with Director School Education pending enquiry into the allegations.

"Pending inquiry into his conduct, Mr. Shabir Ahmad Mir, Principal Government BHSS Gund Hassi Bhat, Srinagar is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect in pursuance of Rule 31 of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956. The said officer is attached with Director School Education Kashmir," the order reads.

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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

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This Day In History

- 640 Arab Muslim army sent by Caliph Omar (RA) begins siege of Heliopolis, city succumbs mid to late July, paving way for Muslim conquest of Byzantine Egypt
- 1002- German King Henry II the Saint crowned
- 1513- Battle of Novara, the War of the League of Cambrai: the Swiss Confederacy defeat the French
- 1520- France and England sign treaty of Scotland
- 1523- Gustav Vasa is elected King of Sweden, marking the end of the Kalmar Union
- 1536- Mexico begins its inquisition
- 1665- Battle at Monte Carlo: English and Portuguese armies beat Spain
- 1673 -France and Brandenburg sign peace treaty
- 1801- Peace of Badajoz: Spain-Portugal
- 1809- Sweden declares independence, constitutional monarchy established with a new constitution empowering Riksdag after 20 years of absolute monarchy
- 1864- Battle of Lake Chicot, Arkansas (Dutch Bayou)
- 1875- Netherlands joins the gold standard
- 1882- Cyclone in Arabian Sea (Bombay, India) drowns 100,000 (disputed event)
- 1882- Electric iron patented by Henry W Seely, NYC
- 1912- The eruption of Novarupta in Alaska begins, the largest volcanic eruption of the 20th century
- 1916- The death of Yuan Shikai, ruler of much of China since 1912, causes the central government to virtually collapse in the face of warlords, including Sun Yat-sen
- 1918- Battle of Belleau Wood, 1st US victory of WW I
- 1919- Finland declares war on bolsheviks
- 1919- The Republic of Prekmurje ends
- 1923- Edgar Wallace becomes the first British radio sports journalist reporting on The Derby for the British Broadcasting Company (BBC)
- 1926- Egyptian government of Adly Pasha forms
- 1931- Belgian government of Henri Jaspar falls
- 1942- Japanese forces retreat, ending Battle of Midway
- 1944- World War II: All Major League Baseball games are cancelled in honor of the D-Day landings in northern France
- 1944- Operation Overlord: D-Day begins as the 156,000-strong Allied Expeditionary Force lands in Normandy, France, during World War II
- 1947- Treaty drawn up for establishment of International Patent Institute
- 1950- Turkey: The Adhan in Arabic is legalized.

From KO Archives

Advani Quits In Jinnah's Defence

NEW DELHI: Just two days after his remarks on Muhammad Ali Jinnah, L K Advani on Tuesday resigned as the president of the Bharatiya Janata Party.. His resignation came a day after the top RSS brass demanded that Advani withdraw his utterances. Returning home on Monday, Advani had brushed aside all criticism and described his visit as "an unforgettable week in my life". He said he welcomed a debate on the remarks about Jinnah.

Significantly, Advani wrote the resignation letter just before leaving Karachi on Monday.

RSS has been demanding that he withdraw his statements in Pakistan specially that Muhammad Ali Jinnah was secular.

Hours after the midnight demand of the Sangh Parishad that he "review" the statements made in Pakistan during his weeklong visit.

Advani called Sanjay Joshi., RSS pointsman in- BJP to his residence this morning and handed over to him a letter announcing his resignation as party President.

The party made this disclosure in a press statement along with which it released a letter written by Advani to Joshi significantly "just before" leaving Karachi yesterday.

"I have decided to request the party to relieve me of Presidentship." the letter said.
(Kashmir Observer, 07 June, 2005)

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NOTIFICATION FOR ENGAGEMENT OF RETIRED OFFICERS OF J&K BANK FOR CONCURRENT AUDIT

Online applications are invited from Retired Officers of J&K Bank for engagement as Concurrent Auditors for the branches (including Treasury Operations & Forex AD branches) located in various States/ UTs across the country.

Eligibility Criteria:-
i) Having retired honorably either superannuated or through VRS (not charge-sheeted & punished for serious lapses / offences, in his/her active service) from the J&K Bank in Scale-III & above.
ii) Having minimum experience of 15 years as an Officer in the bank with satisfactory track record.
iii) Must not be above the age of 69 years as on 01.08.2023, and should be of sound health.
iv) Having adequate computer knowledge and should be able to handle computers independently as the inspection report has to be punched online.
v) Must be well versed and familiar with the FINACLE Core Banking Solution (CBS).

Application form has been made available on Bank's website www.jkbank.com & must be submitted online by or before **20.06.2023**.

Hard copies of the downloaded application form along with duly filled annexures should reach the Office of DGM, S.C & Audit Department, J&K Bank, Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar, Kashmir 190001 by or before **24.06.2023**.

Bank reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason(s) thereof.

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Sale notice for sale of movable properties
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower that the below described movable property hypothecated/charged to the Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd, within its Branch Office TP Kulgam/Secured Creditor(Hereinafter referred to as the Bank), the physical possession of which has been taken by Mr. Mohammad Shafi Bhat Designation Cluster Head, being one of the Authorised Officer of the Bank (Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" and "NO COMPLAINT BASIS" on 12-07-2023, for recovery of **Rs.3,11,346.87/- (Rupees Three Lacs Eleven Thousands Three Hundred Forty Six Rupees And Eighty Seven Paise Only)** /-, outstanding as on **31.05.2023**, alongwith interest and other charge thereof, due to the Bank(Secured Creditor) from Mr. **Tawseef Shakeel Bhat Son of Shakeel Ahmad Bhat Resident of Poniwah Kulgam (Borrower)**. The reserve price will be **Rs. 2,10,000/- (Rupees Two Lacs Ten Thousand Only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.21,000/- (Rupees Twenty One Thousand Only)**.

(Description of the movable property intended to be Sold/Auctioned)
Maruti Suzuki Alto STD bearing Registration No. **JK18B-5909** Make and Model: Date of registration 16 Jul 2019, ALTO STD(Petrol).

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 6 (2) READ WITH RULE 7 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002
The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) are hereby notified to pay the outstanding loan amount as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-auction and get the property redeemed, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered from them alongwith interest and costs.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the Bank's website i.e. www.jkbank.com or <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>.

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J&K Bank Conducts Anantnag DLRC Meeting



Observer NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: To review the performance of banks and line departments under District Credit Plan - 2022-23 for March quarter, J&K Bank Tuesday conducted a District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting at DC Office Anantnag. District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag, Syeed Fakhruddin Hamid chaired the meeting that was attended by ADDC, CPO, LDO RBI, DDM NABARD, district coordinators of banks & line departments.

Welcoming the members, LDM Anantnag Shariq Mehraj informed the house that against total credit plan of Rs 3979 Cr, loans of Rs 2605.85 Cr were available to 92023 beneficiaries by various banks in FY 2022-23.

He further said that the total deposits and advances of district were recorded at Rs 7296 Cr & Rs 5566.50 Cr showing a YoY increase of Rs 545.99 Cr and Rs 713.90 Cr respectively. The CD Ratio of district has increased from 71.89% to 76.29 % during the said period.

Highlighting the importance of Priority Sector Lending for inclusive growth of the District, Chairman DLRC impressed upon the need for achievement of targets under DCP. He directed the participants to work in coordination for identifying genuine prospects to be facilitated by banks so as to give the necessary flip to the economy of the district. Concerned departments were directed to have impact analysis of various schemes and government initiatives as part of review.

Taking note of dismal performance under Education Loans, the banks were advised to impart financial literacy among target segments i.e. schools and colleges especially in rural areas.

Regarding saturation of social security schemes, Chairman DLRC advised the CFL centres to target block level events like Block divas for maximum outreach. While urging the banks to clear their pendency, he directed the banks and sponsoring agencies to join hands so that the unemployed youth are guided properly and provided full support in getting their livelihood.

J&K Bank Conducts DLRC Meet In Bandipora

Commissions 2 Cash Recycler Machines



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: To review the performance of banks and government departments under various schemes, J&K Bank conducted the District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting of District Bandipora for quarter ending March 2023 at DC Office Bandipora.

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad (IAS) chaired the meeting attended by Lead District Manager (LDM) Bandipora Shabir Ahmad Dar, Chairman DDC Abdul Gani, joint director Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad, DDM, NABARD Zubair Ahmad and district coordinators of all the banks, government departments and other development agencies.

Speaking on the occasion, Lead District Manager (Bandipora) informed the house that the Banks operating in the district have disbursed an amount of Rs 642.90 Cr as credit against the target of Rs 1023.30 Cr thereby achieving 63% under the annual credit plan 2022-23

for quarter ending March 2023.

The banks have disbursed Rs 326.95 Cr in priority sector against the annual target of Rs 895 Cr thereby achieving 36% of the target besides Rs 315.96 Cr in non-priority sector against the annual target of Rs 128 Cr achieving 246% of the target.

Pertinently, J&K Bank alone has disbursed Rs 239 Cr under priority sector and Rs 220.85 Cr under non-priority sector aggregating to total credit of Rs 459.86 Cr thereby contributing 89% towards total credit dispensation in the district.

During the review, Chairman DLRC directed the line departments to sponsor quality cases and the Banks for speedy disposal of cases. Regarding performance of banks under Mission Utkarsh, he stressed upon the need for covering more and more people under social security schemes with joint coordination of all concerned agencies. He also urged the banks to improve the credit flow in agriculture along with its allied sectors under HADP plan.

Growth In India Is Expected To Slow To 6.3% In FY2023: World Bank



Press Trust Of India

WASHINGTON: Growth in India is expected to slow to 6.3 per cent in FY 2023/24 (April-March), a 0.3 percentage point downward revision from January, the World Bank said Tuesday but noted there is an unexpected resilience in private consumption and investment and robust growth in the services.

The World Bank made these points in its latest edition of Global Economic Prospects according to which global growth is projected to decelerate from 3.1 per cent in 2022 to 2.1 per cent in 2023.

In Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (EMDEs) other than China, growth is set to slow to 2.9 per cent this year from 4.1 per cent last year. These forecasts reflect broad-based downgrades.

"Growth in India is expected to slow further to 6.3 per cent in FY 2023/24 (April-March), a 0.3 percentage point downward revision from January," the World Bank said.

"The surest way to reduce poverty and spread prosperity is through employment and slower growth makes job creation a lot harder," said Ajay Banga, the newly-appointed

World Bank Group President.

"It's important to keep in mind that growth forecasts are not destiny. We have an opportunity to turn the tide but it will take us all working together," he said.

Indian-origin Banga took over as the President of the World Bank on Friday.

In its report, the World Bank attributed the slowdown in India's growth to private consumption being constrained by high inflation and rising borrowing costs, while government consumption is impacted by fiscal consolidation.

"Growth is projected to pick up slightly through FY 2025/26 as inflation moves back toward the midpoint of the tolerance range and reforms payoff. India will remain the fastest-growing economy (in terms of both aggregate and per capita GDP) of the largest EMDEs," it said.

In India, which accounts for three-quarters of output in South Asia, growth in early 2023 remained below what it achieved in the decade before the pandemic as higher prices and rising borrowing costs weighed on private consumption.

However, manufacturing rebounded into 2023 after

contracting in the second half of 2022, and investment growth remained buoyant as the government ramped up capital expenditure. Private investment was also likely boosted by increasing corporate profits, it said.

Unemployment, it said, declined to 6.8 per cent in the first quarter of 2023, the lowest since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and labour force participation increased. India's headline consumer price inflation has returned to within the central bank's 2-6 per cent tolerance band, it said.

"Greater-than-expected resilience in private consumption and investment, and a robust services sector in India, is supporting growth in 2023," said the Bank.

"Unexpected resilience in private consumption and investment, and robust growth in the services sector in India, underlie an upward revision to growth in 2023. The lagged impact of tightening domestic policy and global financial conditions, and the aftermath of crises and natural disasters in several economies, are expected to temper growth in 2024," the World Bank said in its annual growth projections.

World Bank Offers Dim Outlook For The Global Economy In Face Of Higher Interest Rates

Associated Press

WASHINGTON- The global economy is likely slowing sharply this year, hobbled by high interest rates, the repercussions of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the lingering effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

That's the latest outlook of the World Bank, a 189-country anti-poverty agency, which estimates that the international economy will expand just 2.1% in 2023 after growing 3.1% in 2022.

Still, the bank's latest Global Economic Prospects report, which it issued Tuesday, marks an upgrade from its previous forecast in January.

That estimate had envisioned worldwide growth of just 1.7% this year.

The Federal Reserve and other major central banks have been aggressively raising interest rates to combat a

resurgence of inflation, set off by a stronger-than-expected rebound from the pandemic recession, persistent supply shortages and energy and food price shocks caused by the Ukraine war.

But the global economy has proved surprisingly resilient in the face of higher borrowing costs, and the World Bank predicts that growth will accelerate to 2.4% in 2024.

The United States has continued to generate unexpectedly robust job gains employers added 339,000 workers in May, far more than economists had forecast even though the Fed has raised its benchmark rate 10 times in the past 15 months.

In its report Tuesday, the World Bank upgraded its forecast for U.S. economic growth this year to 1.1%.

Though weak, that is more than double the growth the

World Bank had envisioned in January.

The eurozone, which represents the 20 countries that share the euro currency, is expected to post collective growth of 0.4% this year.

That, too, marks a slight upgrade: In January, the World Bank had expected no growth at all for the eurozone this year. Europe, struggling with higher energy prices caused by the Ukraine war, enjoyed relief from a surprisingly warm winter, which reduced demand for heat.

The World Bank upgraded its 2023 outlook for China after Beijing late last year relaxed its draconian zero-COVID policies, which had restricted travel and hammered its economy.

The world's second-biggest economy is now expected to grow 5.6% in 2023, up from 3% last year.

RBI's MPC Starts Deliberations On Policy Rate, Decision On Thursday

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank's rate-setting monetary policy panel began deliberations on Tuesday amid expectations that the central bank will keep the benchmark interest rates unchanged at 6.5 per cent on the back of easing retail inflation and the need to push economic growth.

Headed by Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das, the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will meet for three days and the decision would be announced on Thursday, June 8.

After the last MPC meeting in April, the RBI paused its rate hike cycle and stayed with the 6.5 per cent repo rate. Prior to that the central bank had cumulatively hiked the repo rate by 250 basis points since May 2022 in a bid to contain inflation.

The MPC is meeting in the backdrop of consumer price-based (CPI) inflation declining to an 18-month low of 4.7 per cent in April. The Reserve Bank governor recently indicated that the May print would be lower than the April numbers. The CPI for May is scheduled to be announced on June 12.

On expectations from the MPC, Rumki Majumdar, Economist, Deloitte India said: "We expect a pause in this meeting as growth concerns cannot be overlooked. With the global economy slowing down, there are risks that the slowdown contagion may impact us".

Globally, there are signs that the Central Banks may also take a pause or go with fewer hikes as runaway inflation takes a



breather, Majumdar said, and added this will further help the RBI to maintain the status quo.

Dhruv Agarwala, Group CEO, Housing.com said the RBI is expected to keep its benchmark lending rate unchanged, reflecting the easing concerns surrounding inflation.

"While some voices advocate for a rate cut to provide an impetus to growth, the RBI is likely to exercise caution and wait before contemplating such a step," he said.

He further said the robust GDP growth rate of 7.2 per cent achieved by the Indian economy in the financial year 2022-23 showcases its remarkable resilience in the face of global challenges.

The construction, trade, and hospitality sectors witnessed substantial double-digit expansion. These numbers also bode well for the real estate sector, with the government continuing to provide support to stimulate its growth, he added.

Pradeep Aggarwal, Founder and Chairman, Signature Global (India) too said the central bank is likely to maintain the status quo in policy rate.

Saudi Arabia Is Slashing Oil Supply. It Could Mean Higher Gas Prices For US Drivers

Associated Press

FRANKFURT: Saudi Arabia will reduce how much oil it sends to the global economy, taking a unilateral step to prop up the sagging price of crude after two previous cuts to supply by major producing countries in the OPEC+ alliance failed to push oil higher.

The Saudi cut of 1 million barrels per day, to start in July, comes as the other OPEC+ producers agreed in a meeting in Vienna to extend earlier production cuts through next year.

Calling the reduction a "lollipop," Saudi Energy Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman said at a news conference that "we wanted to ice the cake."

He said the cut could be extended and that the group "will do whatever is necessary to bring stability to this market."

The new cut would likely push up oil prices in the short term, but the impact after that would depend on whether Saudi Arabia decides to extend it, said Jorge Leon, senior vice president of oil markets re-



search at Rystad Energy.

The move provides "a price floor because the Saudis can play with the voluntary cut as much as they like," he said.

The slump in oil prices has helped U.S. drivers fill their tanks more cheaply and gave consumers worldwide some relief from inflation. "Gas is not going to become cheaper," Leon said.

"If anything, it will become marginally more expensive."

That the Saudis felt another cut was necessary underlines the uncertain outlook for demand for fuel in the months ahead.

There are concerns about economic weakness in the U.S. and Europe, while China's rebound from COVID-19 restrictions has been less robust than many had hoped.

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Production Set To Grow: IATA

Press Trust Of India

ISTANBUL: As efforts continue to reduce carbon emissions, international airlines' grouping IATA on Tuesday said the production of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) is set for continued growth with a wide geographic footprint spread across North America, Europe and Asia Pacific.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) expects overall renewable fuel production to reach an estimated capacity of at least 69 billion litres (55 million tonnes) by 2028.

The grouping of more than 300 airlines has also pitched for production incentives to support the aviation industry's energy transition as well as for continued approval for more diversification of methods and feedstocks available for SAF production.

With these two measures successfully in place, the expected 2028 production levels would be realistically aligned with recently published roadmaps to net zero carbon emissions by 2050, IATA Director General Willie Walsh said.

According to IATA, SAF will



comprise a portion of this growing output, which is being achieved through new renewable fuel refineries and the expansion of existing facilities.

Importantly, the expected production has a wide geographic footprint covering North America, Europe and Asia Pacific, it said in a release.

In 2022, SAF production tripled to some 300 million litres (2,40,000 tonnes).

IATA counts more than 130 relevant renewable fuel projects announced by more than 85 producers across 30 countries.

"If renewable energy production reaches 69 billion litres by 2028 as estimated, the trajectory to 100 billion litres (80 million tonnes) by 2030 would be on track. If just 30 per cent of that produced SAF, the industry could achieve 30 billion litres (24 mil-

lion tonnes) of SAF production by 2030," the release said.

SAF can be produced from surplus forestry and agricultural residues, municipal solid waste, food waste and wet wastes (third-generation feedstocks).

"Producing SAF from these can create a long-term return on investment opportunities for governments, with the potential of financing the clean-up of the environment, supporting developing economies and delivering a future-proofed intersection of energy transition and energy security," the release said.

Citing a recent survey done by it, IATA said the results showed significant public support for SAF and that around 85 per cent of travellers agreed that governments should provide incentives for airlines to use SAF.

To promote SAF production, Walsh said there are many tried and tested tools, including tax credits, grants, or even direct investments in emerging technologies and solutions. "The market is there. Airlines want to purchase SAF. Anything to meaningfully incentivise SAF production will be a step forward."

'India's Internet Economy To Grow 6-Fold To \$1 Trn By 2030'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India's internet economy is expected to register six-fold growth and touch USD 1 trillion by 2030, mainly driven by the e-commerce vertical, a joint report by Google, Temasek and Bain & Company released on Tuesday said.

The report estimates that India's internet-economy was in the range of USD 155-175 billion in 2022. According to the report, the growth will be led by the B2C e-commerce segment, followed by B2B e-commerce, software-as-a-service providers and online media led by over-the-top players.

"India's internet economy is expected to grow 6 x to USD 1 trillion by 2030," Google India, Country Manager & Vice President, Sanjay Gupta said while sharing details of the report. He said most of the purchases in future will take place digitally.

Gupta said while startups have led the path on digital innovation, small and medium businesses and large enterprises after the pandemic have started to use digital technologies to become more competitive.

According to the report, B2C e-commerce is expected to grow 5-6 times to USD 350-380 billion by 2030, from around USD 60-65 billion in 2022.

The report estimates B2B e-commerce to grow 13-14 times to USD 105-120 billion, from around USD 8-9 billion in 2022. The software-as-a-service segment is expected to grow 5-6 times to USD 65-75 billion by 2030, from USD 12-13 billion in 2022. Temasek, Managing Director (Investments), Vishesh Shrivastav said India is now a new hope for the growth of global GDP.

Equity Markets Settle Flat In Volatile Trade

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MUMBAI: Equity benchmarks BSE Sensex and Nifty closed marginally higher in a volatile session on Tuesday as lag-end buying in auto, industrial and commodity stocks helped the indices extend gains for a third straight day.

Investors also preferred to stay on the sidelines ahead of the Reserve Bank of India's interest rate decision later this week, traders said.

After a see-saw session, the 30-share BSE Sensex eked out marginal gains of 5.41 points or 0.01 per cent to settle at 62,792.88. During the day, it hit a high of 62,867.95 and a low of 62,554.21.

The NSE Nifty went up by 5.15 points or 0.03 per cent to end at 18,599.

"Markets remained volatile and ended almost unchanged amid mixed cues. After the flat start, the Nifty drifted lower as the day progressed. However, a sharp recovery in the last half an hour trimmed all the losses. Eventually, Nifty settled closer to the day's high at 18,599 levels," said Ajit Mishra, SVP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

UltraTech Cement was the biggest gainer in the Sensex chart, climbing 3.13 per cent, followed by Kotak Ma-

hindra Bank, Tata Motors, Axis Bank, Maruti, Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Finance and Mahindra & Mahindra.

In contrast, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro, Bharti Airtel, HCL Technologies, ICICI Bank and Nestle were among the laggards.

"While the markets ended flat, buying was seen in rate-sensitive stocks like banking, auto and realty ahead of the RBI's MPC meet later this week. With expectations rising that the central bank could once again take a pause on rate hikes, hopes of steady interest rates going ahead triggered optimism in the rate-sensitives," Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd, said.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.42 per cent and the midcap index gained 0.29 per cent.

Among the indices, IT fell 1.66 per cent, teck (1.51 per cent), metal (0.45 per cent), oil & gas (0.08 per cent) and FMCG (0.02 per cent).

Realty jumped 1.25 per cent, auto climbed 1.10 per cent, commodities (0.74 per cent), capital goods (0.61 per cent), and healthcare (0.59 per cent).

MeT Forecasts More Evening Showers In J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Weather department on Tuesday forecast mainly clear weather although "brief spell" of rain, thunder and lightning towards late afternoon and evening has not been ruled out in Jammu and Kashmir. Also, night temperature recorded an increase at most places and hovered below normal across J&K.

"Weather is going to be mainly dry but a brief spell of rain/thunder/lightning may occur at some places towards late afternoon/evening (30-40% chance)," a meteorological department here told GNS regarding forecast till June 7.



Also, mainly dry with a brief spell of showers and thunderstorm towards evening has been forecast during June 8-12. However, he said, chances of rain and thunderstorm are less (10-20%). "There will be gradual increase in temperature and warmer days ahead," he added.

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 11.2°C against 11.2°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 2.2°C for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 9.2°C against 9.8°C on the previous night and it was

below normal by 2.8°C for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 5.9°C against 4.6°C on the previous night and it was 1.1°C below normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 9.2°C against 9.0°C on the previous night and it was 2.5°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 8.4°C against 8.5°C on the previous night and it was 3.8°C below normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 5.0°C against 7.2°C on previous

night and it was below normal by 1.5°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 21.4°C against 22.5°C on the previous night and it was 4.3°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 10.0°C (below normal by 3.3°C), Batote 12.2°C (3.2°C below normal), Katra 19.8°C (2.3°C below normal) and Baderwah 8.8°C (below normal by 3.8°C). Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of 5.0°C and 9.6°C respectively, he said. (GNS)

BGSBU Starts PG Diploma In Mass Communication And Journalism

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) launched Post Graduate (PG) Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication. The course was launched by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Akbar Masood who described it as the fulfillment of a long-awaited desire of the region.

Prof. Akbar said that there is an ever-increasing scope for aspirants in the field of Journalism and Mass Communication, considering the growing popularity of mass communication mediums. Prof. Akbar mentioned that many young, educated men and women are now taking up media as a career option and there is an ever-increasing need to provide proper education and training to such students and working professionals who would like to learn the nuances of journalism to make a long-term career in this field.

Prof. Akbar mentioned that this program aims at providing industry-driven coursework and hands-on experience to the students so that they gain the ability to put current events in context, understand global

issues, and sharpen their storytelling skills across platforms making them highly sought after by employers from many industries and professions.

"The curriculum, training, and regular interaction of the students with stalwarts from the diverse fields of Journalism will strengthen our commitment to educating the next generation of diverse journalists," said Prof. Akbar.

On the occasion, Prof. Akbar said that BGSBU University, over the years, has emerged as a popular academic destination for students from across the country and created its own distinctive niche for academic pursuits in this hinterland. He said that in the continuing task of nation-building, BGSBU University is at the forefront to promote excellence in higher education through knowledge creation and dissemination. Prof. Akbar said that this new academic program is yet another achievement of the University toward quality education and research.

For program details and online submission of admission forms students are advised to visit the University website www.bgsbu.ac.in.



KEEPING THEIR CENTURIES OLD TRADITION alive and with rise in daily temperature, the bi-annual seasonal migration of Gujjars and Bakerwals from Jammu's forest plains to Kashmir's high pastures is in full swing.

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AMARNATH YATRA

Bidhuri Orders Pace In Registration Of Service Providers

Directs Officers To Share Updated Data With All Stakeholders To Avoid Any Variation

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Tuesday convened a meeting of officers to review the registration of service providers for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2023, providing of mobile connectivity en-route to holy cave and proper demarcation of area at base camps and Holy Cave.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners of Anantnag and Ganderbal, Directors of Animal Husbandry, Kashmir & Jammu, Deputy Labour Commissioner, J&K; Additional CEO, SASB; Officers of Pahalgam Development Authority, Sonamarg Development Authority and Director, G.Max IT Services.

Reviewing the progress of registration of service providers including Ponywallas, Pithuwallas, Dandiwallas and others, Div Com directed Deputy Labour Commissioner



to expedite the registration process of service providers so RFID cards can be issued to them simultaneously for smooth conduct of yatra.

He also directed the concerned for registration of eligible service providers before 15th, June. Similarly, Officers of Animal Husbandry were also directed to complete the registration of Ponies at the earliest.

Further, he directed officers to share updated data with all stakeholders to avoid any variation during compilation.

Meanwhile, Div Com direct-

ed Deputy Commissioners for clearing of tracks along both Pahalgam and Baltal axis besides asking them to ensure the mobile and internet services of Airtel, Jio and BSNL are available up to the holy cave.

Besides, he directed for completion of work on all bridges falling en-route the both axis to holy cave by 15th June.

Div Com further directed for installation of additional cameras, completion of installation of wire mesh and demarcation of areas for service providers.

JKP Asked To Stay Vigilant To Thwart Militancy Revival In Reasi

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A senior police officer on Tuesday chaired a crime and security review meeting in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi and directed for extra vigil to thwart attempts to revive militancy in the district.

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Udhampur-Reasi Range, Mohd Suleman Choudhary also called for use of technology to monitor social media platforms allegedly being used to radicalise the youth.

The meeting was attended by Reasi SSP Amit Gupta, Additional SP Master Popsy, Katra Superintendent of Police Vipin Chandran and station house officer's of all police stations

and other officials of the district, a police official said.

Addressing the meeting, the DIG exhorted officers to review the new trends of radicalisation and attempts to revive militancy in Reasi.

He stressed upon all officers to work hard, keep a track on the activities of over ground workers and former terrorists, including surrendered ultras, to keep a check on their activities and foil any nefarious design.

The DIG also called for use of technology to counter new trends in terrorism and monitoring of social media platforms which are being used to radicalise the local youth, the official said.

Choudhary also asked to

take special care about the security of vital installations and religious places in view of the upcoming annual yatra to the 3,880-meter high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas.

Police station-wise review of progress on crime investigation, inquests proceedings, crime against women, action against drug peddlers, bovine smugglers and other anti-national elements were discussed in the meeting, the official said.

Besides, progress of police stations on tracing of missing persons, absconders, solving of theft and burglary cases and execution of court process were also discussed, he added.

Two-Month Long Planned Amarnath Yatra Reflects Govt's Confidence, People's Enthusiasm: Jitendra Singh

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MAINPURI (UP): Union minister Jitendra Singh on Tuesday said that the planned extension of Amarnath Yatra to two months this year reflects the government's confidence and people's enthusiasm due to the prevailing peaceful atmosphere in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a gathering of prominent citizens here to mark the completion of nine years of the government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said that Jammu-Kashmir and the Northeast present a befitting example of deft handling of the menace of terrorism and extremism under Modi's leadership.

Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, said that Prime Minister Modi has walked the talk on zero-tolerance for terrorism.

"Due to the overall peaceful atmosphere and confidence of the government and enthusiasm of the common man, for the first time after many years, the holy Amarnath yatra in Jammu and Kashmir starting from 1st July will be of two months long duration, which was earlier sometimes restricted to even 15-20 days due to security and other considerations," the minister said.

He said, for the first time, nearly 50,000 people are having darshan per day at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, "not to speak of the record number of 1.7 crore tourists visiting the state in last season".

Singh pointed out that the recent successful G20 event in Jammu-Kashmir which saw the participation of all sections of society "is a refreshing mo-



ment, setting a benchmark for future 'big events', according to a Personnel Ministry statement.

The minister said that the youth of J-K is highly aspirational and does not want to miss the bus.

"The youth is keen to move on and be led by Modi," he added.

Singh said that it was Prime Minister Modi who gave Jammu and Kashmir "real self-rule" by ensuring the successful conduct of regular panchayat elections and the first-ever District Development Council (DDC) polls in seven decades in November 2020.

On the question of Assembly polls, the minister said the Election Commission has to take a call after consulting with other agencies.

But, he added, that his party, BJP is always ready for it as they work round-the-clock on the ground.

Singh said that the Modi government has created a milieu where outlets are available for the expression of aspiration by the youth.

He also mentioned how the security scenario has undergone a change in the Union territory where there are no more stone-pelting incidents and stressed that the credit for all this goes to Prime Minister Modi.

School Edu Dept Notifies 'Consideration List' Of Masters For Transfers Under ATD-2023

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The School Education Department Tuesday notified list of 1902 Masters of Kashmir region who are likely to be considered for transfer under Annual Transfer Drive (ATD) 2023.

Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) has received a total of 3624 applications from Masters for transfer and 787 Masters have wished to continue in their incumbent schools in Zones-III, IV and V.

However, the department said that it has to consider the list of 1902 Masters who are likely to be transferred.

"As per the transfer Policy and the notifications issued by the Department of School Education regarding online Transfers, a number of representations were received and processed," DSEK said.

It also said, "The list of 1902 Masters are likely to be considered for transfer on the basis of the criteria of the transfer Policy is published and is available on official website for the information of the concerned."

Pertinently, the School Education Department had notified 'conditional' process for Annual Transfer Drive 2023.

Stating the conditions to apply for the transfers, the department had said that the employees having a mature stay of three years and above in Zone-I, II and III as per trans-

fer policy-2023 shall have to compulsorily apply online in prescribed application format.

It had also said that the Teachers-Grade-II, III, RREts and 3rd grade teachers shall not apply and their applications shall not be entertained on the portal.

The department had informed that the preferences for posting shall be that an employee who is working in Zone-I shall opt for Zone- II, III, IV and V. An employee who is working in Zone-II shall opt for Zone- I, III, IV and V. An employee who is working in Zone-III shall opt for Zone-I, II, IV and V. An employee who is working in Zone-IV shall opt for Zone- I, II, III and IV. An employee who is working in Zone-V shall opt for Zone- I, II, III and IV.

"Female Employees working in Zone-III, IV and V can also apply within the same zone," it reads.

According to the School Education Department, Zone-I falls within municipal limit of district headquarter, Zone-II outside municipal limit upto 20km from district headquarter, Zone-III beyond 20km to 40Kms from district headquarter, Zone-IV beyond 40Kms and above from district headquarter and also where change of residence is required. In addition, those schools where there is no motorable road and walking distance from the nearest motorable road is 7 KMs or more one way— (KNO)

ODISHA TRAIN TRAGEDY

Opposition Trying To Score Political Points: Minister Hardeep Puri

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday accused opposition parties of trying to take "political mileage" on the recent train accident in Odisha and said the response of the government to reach out to the victims was swift to save the previous lives.

He said the democracy in India is robust and no power can erode it, defending the Income Tax raids on BBC.

He said the "previous actions" of the broadcaster suggested that it was in the hands of the "people with agenda on India".

Puri was in Jammu to highlight the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre, which recently completed its nine years in power.

"My first engagement on reaching Jammu (on Monday) was a meeting with party work-

ers. We observed a two-minute silence for all the lives lost and to pray for recovery of those injured in the train accident (on June 2)," the Union Housing and Urban Affairs minister told reporters at the BJP headquarters here.

Responding to a question about the opposition attack on the central government over the tragedy which claimed over 275 lives and rendered over 1200 injured, he said despite all the safety measures, something can go wrong which is part of human existence.

"What was your reaction is all that matters. The rescue teams were at the spot within minutes and Modi also reached there. Railway minister camped there for 36 hours, the health minister and another minister of state were also there," Puri said, adding the government tried its best to help the victims and their families.



He said the damaged railway line was made operational within 51 hours but the opposition will not see all this as "they want to make a political point".

"They should go for self-inspection as this was not the first that such accident had taken place. NSG commandos took 10 hours to reach Mumbai from Delhi despite the November 26, 2008 terror attack beaming live on the television," the minister said.

On BBC's admission of having paid lower taxes than its actual liability following IT raids on its

headquarters in Delhi in February, he said some "intellectuals and misguided" people in the country start condemning without knowing the facts.

"We have people who are not able to differentiate between espionage and freedom of press. Our laws are completely transparent and if you had to pay a tax, the slabs are completely clear. When notice is served to those avoiding taxes, they start hue and cry," Puri said.

The minister said he wants to assure the people that India is not only the largest democracy in the world but the country also has a robust democracy and "even if someone wishes, nobody can erode democracy in the country".

He said he did not want to make a detailed comment on the BBC but its previous actions makes it clear that it was in the "hands of people with an agenda on India".

Talking about the nine-year achievements of the BJP-led government, he said the work is in progress to reclaim the cultural and historic legacy of the country and make it the world's largest economy.

"Many of the schemes and projects conceptualised in 2014 are either completed or nearing completion. Those talking about price hike are missing many points including three core people living below poverty line and economically weaker sections who have been given affordable houses," he said.

Puri also talked about the challenging situation in the aftermath of the coronavirus outbreak, dry ration to 80 crore population, tap and electricity connections, making country defecation-free and cleanliness drives.

"We are a 3.83 trillion dollar economy and are bound to surpass two other powers, having

4.1 and 4.3 trillion economies, in the near future and become the third largest economy in the world," Puri said.

He said by 2047 when India will complete its 100 years of independence, it will not only be a developed country but also free from colonial mindset.

On the recent action against wrestlers protesting at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, the minister said he is personally very sympathetic to them as his wife and two daughters are also feminist.

"They were holding protest was not a problem at all and nobody stopped them. The day when the new Parliament was being inaugurated, they along with some political elements decided to move (towards the parliament). Senior officials tried to solve the issue," he said.

Puri said section 144 CrPc was imposed there and when somebody breaks the law, action becomes necessary, he added.

Green Mission: 300 Saplings Planted Inside Baderwah Jail

Press Trust Of India

BHADERWAH: Over 300 saplings were planted inside district jail Baderwah in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Tuesday as part of a special plantation drive, an official said.

The drive, covering half-an-acre barren land, was carried out by the forest department in collaboration with jail authorities and National Cadet Corps (NCC) under the Centre's "Mission Life", divisional forest officer, Baderwah, Chander Shekhar said.

Various saplings, including those of Chinar and Cedar, were planted during the special drive which also focused on raising awareness among jail inmates and the accompanying students about the importance of green cover, he said.

NCC cadets of higher secondary school, Baderwah and jail inmates participated in the drive which also saw planting of saplings of ornamental and medicinal plants, the official said.

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Uncertainty Over
Mutton Prices

The recent decision by the Jammu and Kashmir government to withdraw control of mutton and chicken prices has sparked concerns and uncertainty among residents and stakeholders. This move comes in response to the central government's opinion that the previous directive, the Jammu and Kashmir Mutton (Licensing and Control) Order, 1973, is no longer valid and applicable. Does this mean that the government wants market forces to determine prices? If so, it is unlikely that the mutton prices can ever be hoped to reduce. This is why the absence of price controls raises several questions and potential challenges.

The issue of controlling mutton and chicken prices in J&K has long been a contentious matter. As is clear from the media reports, over the past four years, the cost of mutton has risen by over 50 percent. The government's approved price of Rs 535 per kg seems to have little impact on the actual market prices, with mutton currently being sold for Rs 650 per kg. With the withdrawal of price controls, consumers fear that prices may skyrocket further, making mutton unaffordable for many.

With the government not deciding the mutton price, it will be determined by market supply and demand. While this approach may seem logical, it fails to address the concerns of consumers who rely on mutton as a staple in their daily diets and for special occasions. The absence of government regulation raises questions about who will now be responsible for ensuring fair pricing and preventing exploitative practices in the market.

The decision to allow mutton retailers to import sheep, a privilege previously limited to licensed agents, may bring some competition and potentially moderate prices. However, it remains to be seen how this will play out in practice and whether it will have a significant impact on affordability.

J&K, heavily reliant on mutton imports, consumes over 600 lakh kg of mutton annually. Prior to the withdrawal of price controls, mutton prices in the region were relatively lower compared to other states. However, it remains to be seen how the new regulations will impact the prices and availability of mutton, especially given the demand in the union territory, especially in the Valley.

As the government's decision takes effect, it is crucial for the administration to provide further clarification on the pricing mechanism and address the concerns raised by people. While market forces can play a role in determining prices, it is crucial for the government to maintain a balance between free-market principles and ensuring fair pricing for the benefit of its citizens.

OTHER OPINION

Off track

There is blood on India's train tracks: nearly 300 passengers have died and hundreds were injured in a nightmarish pile-up involving three trains in Odisha's Balasore in what is certainly one of the worst mishaps in recent times. But the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government at the Centre is, as is its wont, speaking in many voices. The Union railways minister — there have been calls for his resignation — has claimed that the 'criminals' allegedly responsible for the horror have been identified. It appears that the government suspects — is in favour of? — human agency. Yet, quite inexplicably, the minister reportedly informed a news conference that the Railway Board has recommended an investigation of the accident by the Central Bureau of Investigation. Why call the sleuths if the 'criminals' have already been identified? Meanwhile, the railway authorities ruled out the probability of manual error. Suspicions over the vulnerability of the interlocking system have also been swatted away. It is all a bit mysterious. The lack of clarity in the wake of a monumental tragedy is distressing. The government owes the nation some clear answers. It must also assure citizens that the prospects of a repetition of such a tragedy would be minimised. That hate-mongers are eager to give a communal twist to a catastrophe also speaks of the degeneration in New India's zeitgeist.

What has been clear for a while though is a purported shift in policy vision as far as the railways are concerned. There has been a decisive transition towards, arguably, the exclusivity of a crucial public transport system in the name of modernisation. The proof lies in the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train network and Kerala's SilverLine semi high-speed train project that are expected to be a drain on the exchequer. The capital outlay for the railways in this year's budget was one of the highest ever. So the availability of monetary resources is not a problem. The problem, evidently, lies in the distribution of the kitty. Are adequate funds being spent on improving the railways' safety standards? A report by none other than the Comptroller and Auditor General had discovered lapses ranging from 30% to 100% concerning inspections of structural conditions. This despite the fact that derailments on account of poor maintenance are the principal cause of rail accidents in the country. An overhaul is necessary. But can policy reform, if any, resist the bug of populism?

Telegraph India

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Iran accuses
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accusation denied by
the Taliban.

Water Wars: The
New Normal?

The recent border clashes between Iran and Afghanistan have a really dreaded portent for the future, both at the local and global levels, besides being a pointer to how we have managed our environment resources in a foolish manner

As per reports from the Iranian Tasnim News Agency, deadly clashes broke out between Iranian border guards and the Afghan soldiers in the border area encompassing the Zabul district of Sistan and Baluchestan province on the Iranian side and the Keng district of Nimruz province in Afghanistan.

The deadly clashes resulted in the death of two Iranian border guards in clashes with Taliban forces, while the Iranians, on their part, claimed to have killed 12 Taliban soldiers.

Perplexingly, the issue over which tensions between the two neighbours ran high is how to divide the waters of the Helmand River, which the two nations must share.

Iran accuses Afghanistan's Taliban rulers of violating a 1973 treaty by restricting the flow of water from the Helmand River to Iran's parched eastern regions, an accusation denied by the Taliban.

China's Xinhua News Agency reported that Iranian member of parliament Hossein-Ali Shahriari, who represents Zahidan, the capital of Sistan and Baluchestan province, charged the Taliban government in Afghanistan with stopping up the flow of the Helmand River and storing extra water in the Kamal Khan Dam and other reservoirs. He complained that the Afghans have recently built new dams that are storing water that would otherwise have flowed to Iran.

Though this development might be a shocking news to many, however this is not a new phenomenon but was bound to happen not just between Iran and Afghanistan but amongst other countries too. Journalist Fatemeh Aman wrote a good summary of this conflict for the Atlantic Council, noting that drought and climate change have exacerbated the tensions over water sharing.

Both countries have built dams on the Helmand and irrigated off it, often to raise water-hungry crops not suitable to this arid environment.

Fatemeh noted that Helmand is the longest river in Afghanistan, constituting over 40 percent of Afghanistan's surface water. With 95 percent of Helmand located in Afghanistan, it is a critical source of livelihood for the country's southern and southwestern provinces. The river further flows into Iran's arid southwest to feed the Hamoun wetlands on the Iranian side and lakes on the Afghan side, but damming, irrigation, and drought have partially dried these up, creating conditions for toxic dust clouds.

As per environmentalists, Iran and Afghanistan are projected to heat up faster than the world average, twice as fast, in fact. Already, poor water management and extra heat have had a devastating effect on the Helmand basin.



Extra heat dries out the soil and contributes to more intense and more frequent droughts. It also causes greater and more rapid evaporation of water from lakes and rivers.

The water resources are critical for people living in the increasingly drought-prone Sistan and Baluchestan region; in addition the Sistan wetland ecosystem also supports flamingos, pelicans, and other migratory birds. And while the history of conflict over the Helmand River is long, the scenario is similar to conflicts over water in other regions of the world. Many social scientists foresee water wars as a result. This border clash is a small omen of bigger conflicts to come.

Tensions between Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia over the latter's Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) and Blue Nile River resources haven't been resolved in years, with both Egypt and Ethiopia threatening a military response at various points.

Last year, Russian troops destroyed a Dnieper River dam that diverted water away from Crimea and into Ukraine. Armed groups in Mali, Somalia and beyond destroyed water infrastructure needed by civilians. Mexico, Chile, Israel and Palestine, Kenya and Peru - the Water Conflict Chronology database lists hundreds of conflicts over water in the modern era, as well as across history.

Journal Sustainability Times quoting UN Statistical Division's data pertaining to 2019, reports that the number of water conflicts by different regions globally as of April 2022 runs up to more than 1100 conflicts.

Environmentalist Laureen Fagan in her report for Sustainability Times further quoted Dr. Peter Gleick, co-founder of the Pacific Institute in the United States and author of The Three Ages of Water, as warning that the frequency of water-related conflicts has grown in the past two decades. That's due to violence in the Middle East, growing disputes during severe droughts over access to water in regions like the Indian sub-

continent and ethnic and community confrontations in sub-Saharan Africa.

Fagan further referred to a February 2023 paper on the database, co-authored by Shimabuku and published in the journal Environmental Research Letters, saying that it's the uneven access to fresh water around the world that makes it a strategic priority during conflict, as is the case along the Iran-Afghanistan border.

Gleick and Morgan are of the view that social, economic, and political challenges associated with freshwater resources pose a variety of severe risks to communities around the world, from water-related diseases, to crop failures, to ecological destruction, to actual violence, the risks and incidences of water-related conflicts in recent years, are on the rise, and the factors driving such violence appear to be worsening. We need to understand the root causes of water conflicts and more effective strategies for reducing their probability and consequences.

Increasing tensions over water resources point to the emergence of a new dimension to the global geopolitics, adding to the regional and neighbourly rivalries.

Now indeed the time seems to be apt to work cohesively to find a collective solution to the global demand & supply and sharing of water resources, besides taking a conscious, serious and determined approach to care more for our environment instead of just hollow talks, which seem to have become the trend of most global environmental agencies and plans. If indeed we do not act even now, then it may be too late when the real wars due to scarce water resources start erupting across the globe.

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Unfair Wages to Private School Teachers

TEACHERS in privately owned and managed schools are being exploited on a regular basis. The teachers employed in such schools are paid a fraction of their authorised salaries and are made to work endlessly for hours.

Such malpractice is seen to affect the performance of the teachers in the classroom as well. The school

trust pays these teachers much less than the amount they were promised, leading to resignations and constant changes in the faculty. This has affected students' performance and led to an atmosphere of uncertainty in the schools which is detrimental to the cause of education.

As a nation that prides itself on respecting its teachers, it must be

understood that we cannot build a future for our students if we do not give due credit to our teachers. The government should ensure that such schools pay salaries as per the government's fixed pay scales. Payments should be made through banks and the government agencies should monitor the salary perks etc. The authorities must take up this matter in

order to investigate the issue further and mobilise the cause towards calling for a complete overhaul in the education system where needed. Teachers are the builders of the nation, it is a shame that the system fails to provide them the adequate reward they deserve.

Malika Hussain

DON'T DIET

WHY YOU MAY NOT NEED TO LOSE WEIGHT

Madeeha Hafiz

In today's society, the pursuit of the perfect body has become an obsession for many individuals. Our society has also created a "standard" for what is beautiful and what is not. Often, one's beauty is associated with one's weight. Infact, people with weight disorders are often stereotyped as lazy and lethargic.

In Kashmir, people take the liberty to comment on people's weight. Many interactions start with comments on someone's weight. Greetings in this way become an exchange of unpleasant and unsolicited remarks. Oftentimes, such remarks are demotivating and affect one's overall growth. Body image issues have increased in our society with the proliferation of images of "perfect" bodies on the internet as well. This leads all women, and not just the ones who are medically overweight or obese, to have body image issues.

As a result, everyone is dieting - no one knows to what end!

It is important to know when one is supposed to lose weight and when to not. Women these days, even those with the 'right' BMI, think that something is wrong with their bodies and end up dieting to lose weight. Very often this pursuit for weight loss brings with it adverse consequences especially to health.

Dieting, defined as the intentional restriction of food intake to achieve weight loss, is a common practice adopted by millions worldwide. While the goal of achieving a healthier weight is commendable, it is essential to recognize the harmful effects that dieting can have on both physical and mental well-being.

Nutritional Deficiencies

Dieting often involves severe calorie restriction, eliminating entire food groups, or adopting fad diets. These practices can lead to significant nutritional deficiencies, as essential vitamins, minerals, and macronutrients may not be adequately



supplied to the body. Such deficiencies can have detrimental effects on various bodily functions, impair the immune system, and increase the risk of developing health problems in the long term.

Slowed Metabolism

When the body is subjected to prolonged periods of calorie restriction, it adapts by slowing down its metabolic rate. This survival mechanism is triggered to conserve energy and prevent further weight loss. Unfortunately, a slowed metabolism makes it increasingly difficult to lose weight and maintain weight loss in the future. This phenomenon often leads to a frustrating cycle of weight loss followed by weight gain, commonly known

as "yo-yo dieting."

Mental Health Impact

Dieting can have a profound impact on mental health, triggering anxiety, depression, and an unhealthy relationship with food. The obsession with calorie counting, strict food rules, and body image can lead to feelings of guilt, shame, and constant dissatisfaction with one's appearance. Additionally, the emotional and psychological stress caused by dieting can disrupt normal eating patterns and contribute to disordered eating behaviors such as binge eating or emotional eating.

Muscle Loss

Many fad diets and extreme weight loss approaches result in a significant loss of muscle mass. When the body is deprived of sufficient calories and nutrients, it turns to muscle tissue for energy. This muscle loss not only leads to a decrease in strength and stamina but also negatively impacts overall body composition. Losing muscle mass can slow down metabolism further and make it even harder to maintain a healthy weight in the long term.

Hormonal Imbalances

Dieting, especially when accompanied by excessive exercise, can disrupt the delicate balance of hormones in the body. Inadequate calorie intake and rapid weight loss can lead to hormonal imbalances,

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IN KASHMIR, PEOPLE TAKE THE LIBERTY to comment on people's weight. Many interactions start with comments on someone's weight. Greetings in this way become an exchange of unpleasant and unsolicited remarks. Oftentimes, such remarks are demotivating and affect one's overall growth.”

affecting the menstrual cycle in women and causing reproductive health issues. Hormonal disruptions can also contribute to increased stress levels, reduced energy, and decreased libido.

While the intention behind dieting is often rooted in a desire to improve health and appearance, it is crucial to recognize the harmful effects it can have on both physical and mental well-being. Instead of focusing on short-term weight loss goals, a more sustainable and holistic approach to health should be adopted. This includes promoting a balanced diet, regular physical activity, adequate rest, stress management, and self-acceptance. By shifting our mindset from restrictive dieting to a lifestyle centered around self-care and nourishment, we can create healthier habits that promote long-term well-being and a positive relationship with our bodies. Remember, true health goes beyond a number on a scale. It encompasses mental, emotional, and physical well-being, and it's a journey worth embracing.

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How AI Could Soon Take Over Elections And Undermine Democracy, Free Will

Archon Fung

Cambridge, United States: Could organizations use artificial intelligence language models such as ChatGPT to induce voters to behave in specific ways?

Sen. Josh Hawley asked OpenAI CEO Sam Altman this question in a May 16, 2023, U.S. Senate hearing on artificial intelligence. Altman replied that he was indeed concerned that some people might use language models to manipulate, persuade and engage in one-on-one interactions with voters.

Altman did not elaborate, but he might have had something like this scenario in mind. Imagine that soon, political technologists develop a machine called Clogger – a political campaign in a black box. Clogger relentlessly pursues just one objective: to maximize the chances that its candidate – the campaign that buys the services of Clogger Inc. – prevails in an election.

While platforms like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube use forms of AI to get users to spend more time on their sites, Clogger's AI would have a different objective: to change people's voting behavior.

How Clogger would work

As a political scientist and a legal scholar who study the intersection of technology and democracy, we believe that something like Clogger could use automation to dramatically increase the scale and potentially the effectiveness of behavior manipulation and micro-targeting techniques that political campaigns have used since the early 2000s. Just as advertisers use your browsing and social media history to individually target commercial and political ads now, Clogger would pay attention to you – and hundreds of millions of other voters – individually.

It would offer three advances over the current state-of-the-art algorithmic behavior manipulation. First, its language model would

generate messages – texts, social media and email, perhaps including images and videos – tailored to you personally. Whereas advertisers strategically place a relatively small number of ads, language models such as ChatGPT can generate countless unique messages for you personally – and millions for others – over the course of a campaign.

Second, Clogger would use a technique called reinforcement learning to generate a succession of messages that become increasingly more likely to change your vote. Reinforcement learning is a machine-learning, trial-and-error approach in which the computer takes actions and gets feedback about which work better in order to learn how to accomplish an objective. Machines that can play Go, Chess and many video games better than any human have used reinforcement learning.

How reinforcement learning works.

Third, over the course of a campaign, Clogger's messages could evolve in order to take into account your responses to the machine's prior dispatches and what it has learned about changing others' minds. Clogger would be able to carry on dynamic "conversations" with you – and millions of other people – over time. Clogger's messages would be similar to ads that follow you across different websites and social media.

The nature of AI

Three more features – or bugs – are worth noting. First, the messages that Clogger sends may or may not be political in content. The machine's only goal is to maximize vote share, and it would likely devise strategies for achieving this goal that no human campaigner would have thought of.

One possibility is sending likely opponent voters information about nonpolitical passions that they have in sports or entertainment to bury the political messaging they receive. Another possibility is sending off-putting messag-

es – for example incontinence advertisements – timed to coincide with opponents' messaging. And another is manipulating voters' social media friend groups to give the sense that their social circles support its candidate.

Second, Clogger has no regard for truth. Indeed, it has no way of knowing what is true or false. Language model "hallucinations" are not a problem for this machine because its objective is to change your vote, not to provide accurate information.

Third, because it is a black box type of artificial intelligence, people would have no way to know what strategies it uses.

Clogocracy

If the Republican presidential campaign were to deploy Clogger in 2024, the Democratic campaign would likely be compelled to respond in kind, perhaps with a similar machine. Call it Dogger. If the campaign managers thought that these machines were effective, the presidential contest might well come down to Clogger vs. Dogger, and the winner would be the client of the more effective machine.

Political scientists and pundits would have much to say about why one or the other AI prevailed, but likely no one would really know. The president will have been elected not because his or her policy proposals or political ideas persuaded more Americans, but because he or she had the more effective AI. The content that won the day would have come from an AI focused solely on victory, with no political ideas of its own, rather than from candidates or parties.

In this very important sense, a machine would have won the election rather than a person. The election would no longer be democratic, even though all of the ordinary activities of democracy – the speeches, the ads, the messages, the voting and the counting of votes – will have occurred.

The AI-elected president could then go one of two ways. He or she could use the mantle of election to pursue Republican or Democratic

party policies. But because the party ideas may have had little to do with why people voted the way that they did – Clogger and Dogger don't care about policy views – the president's actions would not necessarily reflect the will of the voters. Voters would have been manipulated by the AI rather than freely choosing their political leaders and policies.

Another path is for the president to pursue the messages, behaviors and policies that the machine predicts will maximize the chances of reelection. On this path, the president would have no particular platform or agenda beyond maintaining power. The president's actions, guided by Clogger, would be those most likely to manipulate voters rather than serve their genuine interests or even the president's own ideology.

Avoiding Clogocracy

It would be possible to avoid AI election manipulation if candidates, campaigns and consultants all forswore the use of such political AI. We believe that is unlikely. If politically effective black boxes were developed, the temptation to use them would be almost irresistible. Indeed, political consultants might well see using these tools as required by their professional responsibility to help their candidates win. And once one candidate uses such an effective tool, the opponents could hardly be expected to resist by disarming unilaterally.

Enhanced privacy protection would help. Clogger would depend on access to vast amounts of personal data in order to target individuals, craft messages tailored to persuade or manipulate them, and track and retarget them over the course of a campaign. Every bit of that information that companies or policymakers deny the machine would make it less effective. Strong data privacy laws could help steer AI away from being manipulative.

Another solution lies with elections commissions. They could try to ban or severely regulate these machines. There's a fierce debate about whether such "replicant" speech, even

if it's political in nature, can be regulated. The U.S.'s extreme free speech tradition leads many leading academics to say it cannot.

But there is no reason to automatically extend the First Amendment's protection to the product of these machines. The nation might well choose to give machines rights, but that should be a decision grounded in the challenges of today, not the misplaced assumption that James Madison's views in 1789 were intended to apply to AI.

European Union regulators are moving in this direction. Policymakers revised the European Parliament's draft of its Artificial Intelligence Act to designate "AI systems to influence voters in campaigns" as "high risk" and subject to regulatory scrutiny.

One constitutionally safer, if smaller, step, already adopted in part by European internet regulators and in California, is to prohibit bots from passing themselves off as people. For example, regulation might require that campaign messages come with disclaimers when the content they contain is generated by machines rather than humans.

This would be like the advertising disclaimer requirements – "Paid for by the Sam Jones for Congress Committee" – but modified to reflect its AI origin: "This AI-generated ad was paid for by the Sam Jones for Congress Committee." A stronger version could require: "This AI-generated message is being sent to you by the Sam Jones for Congress Committee because Clogger has predicted that doing so will increase your chances of voting for Sam Jones by 0.0002%." At the very least, we believe voters deserve to know when it is a bot speaking to them, and they should know why, as well.

The possibility of a system like Clogger shows that the path toward human collective disempowerment may not require some superhuman artificial general intelligence. It might just require overreager campaigners and consultants who have powerful new tools that can effectively push millions of people's many buttons.

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Notification

The Haj flights from Srinagar Embarkation Point for Haj 2023 shall operate from 7th June, 2023. The flight schedule for 7th and 8th June, 2023 is hereby published for information of the concerned Haj pilgrims.


Reporting time for pilgrims at Haj House Srinagar according to their respective flights is notified as under:-

SNo.	Flight No.	Date of Departure	Reporting time at Haj House
1	SG-5707	07-06-2023	9:00 AM
2	SG-5807	07-06-2023	11:00 AM
3	SG-5708	08-06-2023	8:30 AM
4	SG-5808	08-06-2023	11:00 AM

The pilgrims are advised to report on time at Haj House, Bemina, Srinagar. It may be noted that only standard baggage without any banned item shall be accepted as check-in-luggage by the Airlines at Haj House, Srinagar.

The flight schedule for remaining pilgrims shall be notified separately.

Note: Flight allotment is provisional and subject to Visa endorsement.


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237	JKR-5199-2.0	GULIAM MOHAMMAD	08-06-2023	SG-5708
238	JKR-5199-2.0	ABDUL HAMID	08-06-2023	SG-5708
239	JKR-5273-3.0	HALEEMA BANO	08-06-2023	SG-5708
240	JKF-5273-3.0	KHURSHID AHMAD	08-06-2023	SG

KIIT Jumps to 16th Position in NIRF Indian Rankings 2023

KIIT Deemed to be University has achieved a remarkable milestone in 2023 by securing the 16th position in the prestigious NIRF India Rankings 2023, which was released on 5th June 2023. This annual ranking exercise, conducted by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, evaluates various universities and



institutions.

This impressive jump in KIIT's parameter from last year's 20th rank at the national level showcases the institution's dedication to academic excellence and compassionate outreach. KIIT has also earned a place among the top 50 research universities in the country, securing the 44th position.

Expressing his happiness over this achievement, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, said, "I firmly believe that slow and steady wins the race. Slowly but surely, KIIT has evolved into a qualitative institution." He credited the diligent students, dedicated faculty, and staff for their collective efforts in attaining this recognition.

NCB makes India's 'largest-ever' LSD seizure, arrests 6 in darknet-based drugs trafficking bust

New Delhi: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Tuesday said it has made the "largest-ever" single operation seizure of about 15,000 LSD blots in the country with the arrest of six people as it busted an international drugs trafficking network operating on the darknet.

The seizure, as per officials, is estimated to be worth over Rs 10 crore in the international market (about Rs 5K-7K per blot) and all the six who have been taken into custody, beginning late last month, are

students and youngsters who wanted to make "easy money" by remaining anonymous within the deep layers of secret internet-based apps and messenger service like WICKR.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah congratulated the federal anti-narcotics agency on the achievement, saying it reflected great coordination between cyber vigilance and human intelligence and this was in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a drug-free India.

LSD or lysergic acid

diethylamide is a synthetic chemical based-drug and is categorised as a hallucinogen. It is trafficked by painting it on blots, half the size of a stamp paper, and is consumed by licking or swallowing.

"This is the "largest-ever" seizure of LSD blots in the country in a single operation. Six youngsters have been arrested till now and we are on the trail of one more such cartel," NCB deputy director general (northern region) Gyaneshwar Singh told reporters here.

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NDRF Gears Up

These dogs have been trained to detect lives under rubble.

The federal contingency force will also identify tracks on the slopes that are away from the possible course of flash floods so that no lives are harmed in case water gushes down no lives, he said.

Speaking during an event here on Tuesday, NDRF Director General (DG) Atul Karwal said the force is training its rescuers in combatting disasters occurring in high altitudes and mountains even as a team of the force recently scaled a 6,500 meters tall Himalyan peak.

"We undertook this maiden expedition as training for high-altitude rescue instills confidence in the rescuers that they can save lives without being adversely affected by tough weather," the DG said.

The annual pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine of Amarnath, located at a height of 3,880 metres in the south Kashmir Himalayas, will begin on July 1 and continue till August 31.

EC Should Tell

if they get some pleasure out of it, let them do it. We also have some self-respect and dignity," he said.

He said the Chief Election Commissioner, during his last visit to the Union territory, admitted that there was a vacuum in Jammu and Kashmir.

"If CEC saw a vacuum here at that time, why is it not being filled? What is the compulsion?" he asked.

Asked about an army commander's statement that the time was not right for withdrawal of army from hinterland in Kashmir, Abdullah said he agreed with the General as the situation has worsened over the past few years.

"We are also saying that the situation is not normal. General is also saying the situation is not right. There is militancy in the areas which were cleared of militancy earlier. Look at how their people are seeking security from the government as they are scared. General sahib has said it right," he said.

The National Conference vice president said there was an attempt to cover up the situation in Kashmir by holding the G20 meet here but the local people know the reality.

"You cleaned the roads for the G20 (delegates) but local people know what it takes to travel from one place to another. Where they used to take five minutes to cover a particular distance earlier, they now spend 40 minutes. Students are not able to reach schools in time, employees are late to work, patient dies in ambulance. We know what the situation is," he added.

The third G20 Tourism Working Group meeting was held in Srinagar last month.

Board Rubbishes

date for the declaration of results for both 10th and 12th standard," he said. Annual board exams of classes 10th to 12th in hard zones to commence from April-08

Pertinently, the BOSE had identified 444 such schools in the both divisions

of Jammu and Kashmir for which annual regular examinations will be held in the month of April instead of March.

Besides, the Board has also declared the whole Leh district of Union Territory of Ladakh as a hard zone and has accordingly directed to conduct the exams in the Month of April.

It had also said that the annual regular examination of hard zones or such areas of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh shall be held in the month of April.

"Result of annual regular examination of Kashmir Division and Jammu division and Union territory of Ladakh including hard zones shall be declared simultaneously in the month of June," BOSE has said in a notification

This is for the first time, JKBOSE conducted exams in March-April sessions instead of November-December—(KNO)

First Batch Of

their Ahram in their respective hand bags.

Director Srinagar International Airport Kuldeep Singh Rishi said that a separate area has been earmarked at the airport for taking the pilgrims from departure entry gate to the aircraft, and they have also provided segregated areas where pilgrims can wear their Ahram.

He said that special arrangements have been made to ensure a smooth and comfortable journey for the pilgrims. "A special check-in counter has been set up at Haj house Bemina for screening the baggage of pilgrims. Then pilgrims will be taken to the airport in AC coaches, and their baggage will be carried in separate sealed container trucks," he said.

He added that custom clearance will also be undertaken at Haj House Bemina only so that congestion at the airport is avoided. "For Srinagar to Jeddah leg of the journey, the Airport Authority has deployed an Airbus A340, a wide-body aircraft known for its spaciousness and comfort."

Charges In Deptt

the enquiry officer performs a quasi judicial function, who upon analyze the documents must arrive at a conclusion that there had been preponderance of probability to prove the charges on the basis of material on record."

While doing so, the court said, he cannot take into consideration any irrelevant fact and cannot refuse to consider relevant facts. "As is evident from the record of this case, the evidence has been collected in this matter and the enquiry officer has considered the evidence and the evidence so produced make the probability of proving the charges."

The evidence after having been appreciated by the enquiry officer was held to be sufficient to prove the charges which otherwise have not been denied by the petitioner, Khan.

"There is no dispute with regard to the effect that the petitioner has remained absent after availing 22 days leave which was sanctioned in his favour," the court said, adding, "He was report back on 06.06.2010, after availing leave, but he overstayed and despite letters sent to him by the

respondents (CRPF authorities), he did not report back to his duty." Khan pleaded certain ailments not only of his parents but his wife and also about his own self, but he could not produce any documentary proof before the enquiry officer to substantiate such ailments, the court said.

"The enquiry officer has appreciated and considered the evidence in this matter," the court said, adding, "The petitioner (Khan) has not availed remedy of appeal/revision which was available to him under the provisions of CRPF Act and Rules and instead of challenging is dismissal from the services in appeal/revision, he has approached this Court seeking an order quashing of order of dismissal which is based upon the proof of the charges in the enquiry conducted that too on the evidences produced."

Eventually, the court said sufficient and reasonable opportunity had been granted to Khan to defend his case, but he overstayed the leave and remained unauthorizedly absent from the duties for about 177 days. "The order of dismissal, therefore, cannot be said to be harsh or excessive. Thus, the instant writ petition is dismissed."

Real Estate Summit

project will be taken this month, he added.

The Union Minister of Housing, Urban Affairs, Petroleum and Natural Gas said the real estate summit is on the cards in Srinagar shortly after the successful first-ever such event in Jammu in December 2021.

Puri, who was here to highlight the nine-year achievements of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led central government, said the petrol and natural gas regulatory board is evaluating the bids with regard to the Gurdaspur-Jammu gas pipeline project.

Talking to media persons at BJP headquarters here, he said, "The technical survey has been done and financing (of the project) is underway. The final decision will be taken this month only."

The pipeline will enhance the energy security of the region by facilitating the transportation of natural gas from Gurdaspur in Punjab to Jammu. It provides a reliable and cleaner energy source to meet the growing energy demands of these regions.

The minister said the gas pipeline in 2014 was about 14,000 km long. "We have set a target of 33,500 km and have already managed 23,000 km," he said.

Referring to the December 2021 first Real estate summit in Jammu, which opened the Union Territory to the country's investors -- who signed 39 MoUs worth nearly Rs 19,000 crore for the development of housing, hotel and commercial projects, Puri said the ministry is holding one more summit in the coming times in Srinagar.

"The real investment potential of the region will be explored fully. The general feeling among the outside analysts was that the 21st century belongs to Asia but they have changed their opinion and are now saying that the 21st century belongs to India.

"Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and we are proud of it," he said, adding the Union Territory has

great significance for the country and has witnessed a lot of development over the past nine years.

After the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A, the minister said, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a change in the ground situation at a very fast pace.

"The available data and specific figures of Jammu and Kashmir shows significant improvement in the security situation, which facilitates investment. The youth are qualifying in national level competitions and also actively take part in the economic resurgence," Puri said.

Asked about the delay in the assembly elections, he said the region is going through a transition phase and is coming out of a prolonged insurgency. "The progress is achieved because the security situation has improved and the concerned people will take the decision (on holding of much-awaited assembly elections)."

On regularisation of unauthorised colonies, he said this is a different issue and will be dealt with in the same way as other parts of the country.

On frequent hikes in petrol, diesel and cooking gas prices, the minister said India is importing 80 per cent crude oil and 50 per cent natural gas from outside to meet its requirements and therefore the prices of these entirely depended on international prices.

"Prime minister reduced the central excise duty twice in November 2021 and May 2022. The BJP-ruled states also joined in and provided concessions to the public but the states run by non-BJP parties made no concession," he said, adding the fuel prices in BJP-ruled states are lower than the non-BJP-ruled states.

He also blamed the previous UPA government for the price hike and said the government in 2012 came up with a novel way to keep the prices down by coming out with oil bonds, putting pressure on the new government.

On the question of freebies offered by several opposition parties to the people in their ruled states, he said there are two competing models before the public to decide.

"The Modi model of governance is development centric and includes 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', while the second model is of freebies model. It is basically the taxpayers' money, which is being misused," he said.

4-5 More Yatri

as part of government-owned company's corporate social responsibility.

"I am immensely grateful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri for Amarnath shrine board's yatri niwas at Jammu. This new facility will ease the lives of devotees embarking on annual pilgrimage of Baba Amarnath," Sinha was quoted as saying in an official statement.

Designed by School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, the yatri niwas is set for completion within 18-month time period

Sinha also said the government was trying to "scale up the facilities including lodging, transportation, medical, and better connectivity for the safe

and hassle-free pilgrimage of the devotees".

Road connectivity is also being improved which will provide smooth passage to the pilgrims, the LG said.

A complex has already been built in Chanderkote in Ramban district and more such complexes are being planned to ensure a smooth and comfortable pilgrimage experience to the yatri. The installation of mobile towers as well as the efforts of the Border Roads Organization (BRO) to prepare the track for the pilgrimage are also underway, the LG said.

"We are making dedicated efforts to strengthen communication connectivity. Telecommunication towers, Cell on Wheels (used to provides temporary network coverage to areas with limited cellular connectivity) are being installed by the telecom service providers. Army is laying an optical fibre cable from Sonamarg to the holy cave," he added.

Last year, 3.65 lakh pilgrims visited the holy shrine, the highest since 2015. As many as 120 additional bank branches were added last year to facilitate the registration of pilgrims. Registration this year is being provided through 542 branches across the country, Sinha said.

Meanwhile, Union Minister Puri expressed gratitude for being a part of "this momentous" occasion.

He said the yatri niwas will comprise 54 rooms and 18 dormitories.

Puri, the Housing and Urban Affairs minister, said the central government was ready to provide all possible support to build more facilities for the Amarnath Yatra pilgrims.

Sinha said the complex, to be built in the scenic lower Shivaliks range on the outskirts of the city, will accommodate 2,500 pilgrims at a time, adding that it will provide accommodation over 30,000 Amarnath pilgrims every year. It will help in traffic management and ensure a seamless experience, he added.

LG Opens Prasad

At the inaugural ceremony, the LG shared initiatives taken by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board for providing better facilities to the pilgrims. The Shrine Board, he said, has also taken several digital initiatives to facilitate the devotees from across the country and abroad, he added.

The LG also distributed the Prasad packages to the people at the airport.

Premium Panchmewa Prasad, Gold Medallions, Silver Coins and other souvenirs will also be available at the Prasad counter.

Pertinently, the Board has taken several measures for enhancing the efficiency of the operation of door-to-door delivery of Prasad boxes, Panchmewa Prasad and minimising the delivery time with real time tracking of Prasad.

Five dedicated Prasad Kendras cum Souvenir Shops have been made operational in the last 10 months besides operationalization of 07 counters in existing establishments. A Modern Prasad Kendra cum Souvenir Shop was inaugurated at Bhawan by Lt Governor in the month of February this year.

LG Calls For

stakeholders must be ensured to dismantle the nexus of poachers," he said.

"Integrated development of wildlife habitats should be our top priority. Our efforts must focus on strengthening ecological integrity, and conservation of priceless resources through people's participation," he added.

The LG also appraised the action taken on the directions passed in the previous meeting.

The Board also discussed the development of city forests in Jammu and Srinagar, and accorded approvals to several agenda points including developing amenities for travelers along Mughal road.

Kashmiris Have

filmmakers from across the country.

"A film policy is there, people are coming from outside. The scenario is changing, which is good news. It is a positive thing for the economy of Kashmir," he added.

Minor Girl Dies

unconscious state.

However, the doctors there declared her dead.

Deeba's tragic death, reports said, plunged Zangli village in mourning. Scores of people visited her residence to offer sympathy with the bereaved family.

Youth Killed After

However, the doctors there declared him dead.

After completing all the medico-legal formalities, police handed over the body to the family for completion of last rites.

Meanwhile, police have started inquest proceeding U/S 174 CRPC in this regard

Mughal Road

the accumulated debris and after a few hours of continuous work, the road was made through for the traffic", the official said.

The strategic thoroughfare connects the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu region with south Kashmir's Shopian. (GNS)

Water Rafting

Yasin M Choudhary inaugurated the rafting trail on the Suran river-bed near Sheromani Dera Santpura Nangali Sahib, passing through Bainch en route to Sher-e-Kashmir Bridge Poonch.

Interacting with the participants of rafting trail, Choudhary said rafting is expected to boost tourism in the region.

The event was supported by the White Water Rafting Federation of J-K, which provided technical assistance and expertise.

"Poonch is blessed with perennial rivers like Suran river which hold great potential for adventure enthusiasts and adventure tourists. We are expecting a positive output on the tourism front with such initiatives," the deputy commissioner said.

Chief Executive Officer, Poonch Development Authority, Mohd Tanveer said the trials were aimed at promoting adventure tourism in the region.

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5 U-16 J&K Footballers Selected For National Trial

Observer News Service



SRINAGAR: Five Under-16 footballers from J&K have been shortlisted for the zonal selection trials for North Zone to be held in DMA Football Academy Ropar, Punjab from 7th June. The five J&K footballers in-

clude Arnab Sharma, Abdul Salah S. Gojri, Ayaan Bilal and Hashim Bilal. They were shortlisted during selection camps conducted in both Jammu and Srinagar for three days under the watchful eyes of top-notch coaches and former international players including Ishfaq Ahmad.

The five footballers are nearing a chance to be part of the national team that is going to participate in the SAFF games to be held in Bhutan.

Pertinently out of the five shortlisted players, Salah and Ayaan have been training in the J&K Sports Council Football Academy.

Sports Activities Under DYSS Continue Across Kashmir



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Youth Services & Sports (DYSS) organised various sporting events on Tuesday across north and central Kashmir. A series of well-organized events and initiatives were conducted in the districts of Kupwara, Baramulla, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Budgam, and Srinagar, showcasing the department's dedication to fostering a culture of sportsmanship, teamwork, and overall development among the youth.

In District Kupwara, various competitions including Badminton and Football Trials were held, attracting a significant number of students from both government and private institutions. District Youth Services & Sports Officer Zahoor Ahmad Wani supervised these programs.

In District Baramulla, a Cleanliness Drive and Kabbadi event were organised, emphasizing civic responsibility, cleanliness, and a drug-free lifestyle among

the youth.

In District Bandipora, sports activities for household women were held in Village KhanDyal. Additionally, an Inter Zonal District Level Yogasana Competition was successfully concluded, recognising the exceptional skills and achievements of the participants.

District Ganderbal witnessed a spectacular Yoga Event that focused on promoting physical, mental, and spiritual well-being among the youth.

In District Srinagar, Inter School Zonal Level Competitions in various sports disciplines were conducted, fostering healthy competition and providing a platform for students to showcase their skills. Additionally, a week of sports activities for household women was initiated.

District Budgam also witnessed a range of sports activities, including events for household women and golden age people in Beerwah and B.K Pora zones.

Inter School Sports Events Organised At Bijbehara



Observer News Service

BIJBEHARA: The Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Bijbehara organised a four-day long Inter School Zonal Level competitions of Kabbadi, Kho Kho and Volleyball for U-14 and U-17 girls on Tuesday at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Bijbehara.

At the inaugural ceremony, Vice Principal GHSS Bijbehara Nazir Ahmad Hajam was the

chief guest who inaugurated the competitions along with the other field officials of ZPEO Zone Bijbehara.

On the first day the competitions of Kabbadi, Kho Kho and Volleyball were conducted among the U-14 girls of different schools of Zone Bijbehara.

The tournament received huge response from the participating schools, as almost 212 students participated in the competitions.

WTC Final: India Face Tough Australia Challenge



Press Trust of India

LONDON: A formidable bunch of Indian cricketers will require a perfect blend of skill and temperament when it clashes with an equally-strong Australia in the World Test Championship final, starting Wednesday, with an aim to end a decade-long global trophy jinx.

India have been the most consistent side over the past two WTC cycles and also reached knockout phases of major white-ball tournaments over the last 10 years but a trophy has eluded them.

The last major ICC trophy India won was way back in 2013 when it bagged the Champions Trophy in England. Since then, the side has lost three finals

and on four occasion it bit dust at the semifinal stage. It also made an exit at the preliminary stage of the 2021 T20 World Cup. The country has been pretty much driving the finances of the sport and considering the vast talent pool on offer, the expectations of dominating the game on field seem only fair.

Out of the six series India played in this cycle, their only series loss came in South Africa and that led to an unexpected change of guard with Rohit Sharma taking over the leadership role from Virat Kohli. They remained unconquerable at home, drew a hard-fought series in England before surviving a slight scare in Bangladesh. Winning the big titles is what defines the

legacy of a team but whatever may be the outcome of the final at The Oval, India head coach Rahul Dravid's opinion about his team won't change.

"In the context of things, you look at this and you see this is the culmination of two years of work. It's a culmination of a lot of success that gets you here," said Dravid ahead of the title clash.

"Winning the series in Australia, drawing series here, being very competitive everywhere that this team has played in the world over the last five or six years. I think those are things that will never change just because you have or you don't have an ICC trophy," he said.

Match starts 3 PM IST.

India No Longer Taken Lightly By Australia, Says Kohli



Press Trust of India

LONDON: Prolific batter Virat Kohli says the Indian Test team has earned formidable Australia's respect after beating them twice in their own backyard and they are no longer taken lightly in the traditional format.

Putting up a solid show of grit and gumption, India pipped Australia in the 2018-19 and 2020-21 editions of the Border-Gavaskar trophy by a similar 2-1 margin.

"Rivalry was intense in the beginning, the environment was also very tense. But since we have won in Australia twice, the rivalry has turned into respect and we are not taken lightly anymore as a

Test team," Kohli told Star Sports.

"We can feel that respect when we play against Australia, that 'they have beaten us twice in our own backyard back-to-back and it will be a battle of equals'." "There used to be tension in the air which is not the case now. When you achieve a standing, make your presence felt in the ground no one takes you lightly."

The familiar foes are slated to play the World Test Championship final at The Oval starting Wednesday.

The talismanic Indian batter said he is always motivated to do well against Australia as they seldom give opportunities to their opponents to excel.

"I understand that mindset

that all 11 players are on the same page and they will look to capitalise on even an inch. So, my motivation increases against this team (Australia) that is so aware and competitive, I have to elevate my game. "The motivation and drive they have, they won't let you comeback in the game. So I had to take my game to the next level," Kohli said.

The former India skipper reckons the result of the WTC final will boil down to teams adjusting and adapting to the conditions.

Both Australia and India have struggled at The Oval. While Australia have won just seven of their 38 Test matches, India have managed just two victories in 14 games

Pakistan May Pull Out Of Asia Cup After SL, Afghan, Bangladesh Reject 'Hybrid Model'

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: Left with no option after Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan backed out of their proposed 'Hybrid Model', hosts Pakistan may pull out of the Asia Cup in September.

According to the 'Hybrid Model' proposed by Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief Najam Sethi, Pakistan were to conduct 3 to 4 games of the Asia Cup in their country, while the rest of the matches involving India could be held at a neutral venue. The idea was floated after India refused to travel to Pakistan because of security concerns.

However, it has become clear now that Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan have all backed the BCCI's push for moving the tournament out of Pakistan.

"It is just a formality now that the Asian Cricket Council executive board members meet virtually or a proper meeting is called later this month. "But the PCB is now aware that Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan are not backing their hybrid model proposal for the Asia Cup," said a well-informed source aware of the developments.

The source said that Sethi was already in touch with his cricket management committee members and also with the relevant government officials to discuss Pakistan's stance if they do not get to host any matches of the Asia Cup at home.

Sethi has repeatedly said that if the tournament is moved to one neutral country from Pakistan, it will not take part in the competition and the source said it is on the cards that PCB will go for a boycott of the Asia Cup.

"Pakistan only has two options. Play the tourney at neutral venue or withdraw," an

Asian Cricket Council (ACC) source said.

"In case Pakistan doesn't play, it will still be called Asia Cup but broadcaster will renegotiate the deal in absence of Pakistan." Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and India have all taken the stance that it is not logistically or financially feasible to host the Asia Cup in Pakistan and some other country and it should be held in one country i.e. Sri Lanka since India can't travel to Pakistan.

The source also said there is a possibility that the Asia Cup might be scrapped entirely this year and India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan could end up playing a multi-team event in 50-overs format before the World Cup.

"There is every possibility the Asia Cup might not be held this year because without Pakistan and India matches the broadcasters are not likely to offer the same amount they were offering to the ACC with Pakistan included," the source said.

The source added that India is also preparing for a four or five nation event at home in the window which would be left open if the Asia Cup is not held.

What effect Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan's decision could have on the relations between these boards remains to be seen.

Pakistan has already rejected a proposal to play some ODI matches in Sri Lanka when it tours the country for a two-Test series after the island nation offered to host all the matches of the Asia Cup.

The source said the recent developments could force Pakistan to show its hand as far as its decision to send its team to India for the World Cup is concerned.

West Ham, Fiorentina Meet In ECL Final

Agencies

PRAGUE: West Ham and Fiorentina haven't won a European trophy for more than 50 years. The drought will end for one of them when they play out the Europa Conference League final on Wednesday in Prague.

West Ham earned its lone European title in 1965, the old European Cup Winners' Cup. Alan Sealey scored twice to beat 1860 Munich 2-0 at Wembley Stadium. The Hammers reached the final again in 1976.

En route to this, West Ham's third European final, forward Jarrod Bowen contributed four goals and can't wait to play it.

Fiorentina's only European trophy was also the Cup Winners' Cup, the first one back in 1961 when it defeated Rangers in a two-leg final 4-1 on aggregate.

By reaching the second finale of the Europa Conference League, Fiorentina has become the first club to contest a final in four major continental competitions.

Fiorentina was defeated by Real Madrid for the 1957 European Cup (the forerunner of the Champions League), and by Juventus in the 1990 UEFA Cup final. It also failed to win the Cup Winners' Cup back to back, losing the 1962 final to Atletico Madrid.

Fiorentina has had a good



buildup. It played the Italian Cup final two weeks ago and was beaten by Inter Milan 2-1. That's the only loss for the Florence-based club in its last six matches. The last warmup for the Conference final was beating Sassuolo 3-1 last Friday for an eighth-place finish in Serie A.

Despite struggling to a 14th-place finish in the English Premier League, West Ham has been a European title contender for a second straight year under manager David Moyes.

Footballers Demand Change For Rampant Online Racist Abuse, Turn To AI For Protection

Agencies

LONDON: Missing penalties in a major international soccer final was bad enough for three Black players on England's national team. Being subjected to a torrent of racial abuse on social media in the aftermath made it even worse.

Monkey emojis. Being told to go home. The N-word.

The even sadder part? Everyone knew it was coming. "It's stupid," said Nedum Onuoha, a retired Black player who was in the top divisions of English and U.S. soccer for 16 years. "But are we surprised?"

It's the latest form of racism: technology-fueled, visual, permanently intrusive and 24/7 — a haunting reminder of the 1980s-style monkey chants and banana-throwing in a social media era.

And it is spiraling out of control on platforms where anonymity is the golden ticket for racists.

"Every time it happens, it knocks you back and floors you," Onuoha told The Associated Press. "Just when you think everything is OK, it's a reminder that it's not. It's a reminder of how some people actually see you."

Racism is the predominant form of abuse on social media reported to Kick It Out, an anti-discrimination campaigner in soccer, according to statistics compiled over the past three seasons in English soccer.

A report last year from FIFA, the governing body of world soccer, showed that more than 50% of players competing in two international tournaments in 2021 — the African Cup of Nations and the European Championship — received some form of discriminatory abuse in more than 400,000 posts on social media. More than a third were of a racist nature.

The problem is, there's barely any accountability and it's so easy. Pull out your phone, find



the handle of the player you want to abuse, and fire off a racist message.

Largely speaking, the abuse hasn't stopped Black players

from using social media. It is an essential tool for marketing, leading to the paradox of soccer players using the same platforms on which they are

abused.

Kylian Mbappe, who has 104 million followers on Instagram and more than 12 million followers on Twitter, was subject-

ed to racial abuse along with fellow Black teammate Kingsley Coman after their French national team lost in the 2022 World Cup final to Argentina.

Real Madrid winger Vinicius Junior, who has repeatedly been the target of racial insults, is followed by 38 million people on Instagram and nearly 7 million on Twitter.

Saka, who has more than 1 million followers on Twitter, remains on social media despite the abuse after England's Euro 2020 loss and more just a few weeks ago, when a message posted on Twitter showed the Arsenal winger with his face made to look like a monkey, alongside the words: "This clown has cost us the league." Minutes before the message, Saka had missed a penalty in an important Premier League game.

With social media continuing to fuel abuse, players and teams are coming up with ways to both raise awareness and

reduce their exposure to offensive users.

GoBubble is a company that configures AI software to act as a filter to stop discriminatory comments from being seen by a social media user. It has customers from the Premier League down to the fourth division in English soccer, around Europe and in Australia.

The company's AI technology is plugged into players' accounts and scans for toxic and potentially harmful words, images and other types of messages which can be filtered out using a traffic-light system.

Governing bodies are reacting, too. During last year's World Cup in Qatar, FIFA and players' union FIFPRO had a dedicated in-tournament moderation service that prevented racist and other forms of hate speech from being seen online by players and their followers. This service will be offered for the upcoming Women's World Cup. (AP)



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