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3 Years Since Galwan Clash **India Strengthens Combat Readiness Along LAC**

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New Delhi: India has significantly enhanced military infrastructure, surveillance and combat capabilities along the nearly 3,500 km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China since the deadly clashes in Galwan Valley in 2020, sources in the defence establishment said Wednesday on the eve of the third anniversary of the hostilities.

The Indian and Chinese militaries are engaged in talks to reduce tensions along the frontier as the two sides are still locked in a standoff in a few friction points though they managed to disengage from some others.

The Galwan Valley clashes on June 15, 2020 were the first deadly skirmish between the two militaries along the LAC in five decades and they signifi-cantly strained the bilateral ties.

India has managed to significantly reduce the "infrastructure differential" with China along the LAC in the last three years in view of consistent focus on building helipads, airfields, bridges, tunnels, troop habitats and other required facilities, the sources said when asked about measures that have been taken following the Galwan clashes.

"The infrastructure development along the entire LAC is

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taking place at a fast pace. The main focus has been to bring down the infrastructure differ-

ential," said a source. Our troops and equipment are adequately deployed now to deal with any eventualities, the sources said.

We are maintaining a posture that is focused on defeating any evil design by the adversary, they said.

sources identified The strengthening of all forms of surveillance including electronic ones as another significant aspect of boosting overall military preparedness by the Indian armed forces. "The overall efforts to en-

hance the infrastructure, surveillance and military capabilities are based on a wholeof-the-government approach," the source said.

It is learnt that senior commanders of More on P10

At DPS Srinagar, LG Plays A

Teacher; Asks Math Equations 'Learning Beyond Syllabus Sows Seeds Of Curiosity, Creativity And Individuality Among Children'



Nazir Ganaie

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday interacted with children at Delhi Public School, Srinagar where he

played a teacher and asked a series of mathematical equations to participating students -- while urging authorities to create the campus into a "centre of curiosity." "We must not push our

Failure is a first step of the deep learning process," LG said, during a half an hour long speech at Delhi Public School, Srinagar campus. "The learning environment that exists beyond syllabus sows More on P10

Gifts His Luxury Watch To A Kid

n the move with his officers amidst hundreds of participating children at the mini Indoor Stadium of Delhi Public School, Srinagar, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, received a rousing reception and many curious questions. Sinha was interacting with the students of Delhi Public School, Srinagar during a function held at the School campus here. While bidding adieu to the students after attending a two-hour long event at the School campus, the LG gets a compliment from a kid for his luxury watch, he smiles, takes a step ahead, More on P10

AMARNATH YATRA

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sory issued on Thursday.

taking the pilgrimage to the

Himalayan shrine located in

south Kashmir for achiev-

ing physical fitness and asked

them to start a preparatory

morning and evening walk,

The yatra to the 3,880-me-

tre-high holy cave in south

Kashmir Himalayas is sched-

uled to commence on July

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Pahalgam route in Anantnag

district and the 14 km short-

er but steep Baltal route in

about 4 to 5 km per day.

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Pilgrims Banned From

Carrying 40 Food Items

Another **Intrusion Bid Foiled In Poonch**

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Jammu: An infiltration bid by militants was foiled along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir leading to the seizure of a large consignment of arms and ammunition, the army said on Thursday. Officials said the seizure, includ-

ing steel core bullets and Pakistanmade medicines, was made during a search operation in Krishnaghati sector early Thursday.

"In a joint operation, alert troops of the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police foiled an infiltration bid along the LoC in Krishnaghati sector on the intervening night of June 14 and 15," Jammu-based Army PRO Lt Col Devender Anand said.

In the operation, he said one weapon, two pouches and two rucksacks were seized. The recovered items include one AK-74 rifle with nine magazines and 438 rounds, two pistols with four magazines and 60 rounds, six hand grenades, clothing and medicines. "By this swift action another

infiltration bid has been foiled, which had the potential to disturb peace in More on P10

Fish Kill Not Unusual But Toxicity Not Ruled Out: LCMA Says SKUAST Requested To Conduct Tests For Presence Of Toxicity In Dal-Nigeen Waters

M Ahmad



J&K Srinagar: Lake Conservation & Management Authority (LCMA) has said that last month's fish kill in Dal Lake was a sign of "environmental stress" but not an "unusual" event. Nevertheless, LCMA has not ruled out the possibility of the fish kill due to the presence of pesticide and herbicide in the floating gardens and gardens around the area.

Hundreds of dead fish were seen floating over the water along fringes of Oberio Ghat, SKICC corners to Nishat Pipe Line

Bund (Nishat Basin of Dal Lake)

on May 22 this year, Dr Bashir

Ahmad Bhat, Vice Chairman

LCMA informed J&K and Ladakh

High Court in compliance to the



Jammu: More than 40 food items have been banned at the upcoming Amarnath Yatra and the pilgrims have been advised to achieve physical fitness by walking at least 5 kilometres a day, the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board said in its health advi-The banned food items include drinks, fried and fast The health advisory also called upon devotees under-

> Ganderbal district. "Before V011





Another Shocker From Srinagar

Middle-Aged Man Held For **Sexually Harassing Minor**

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: In yet another shocking incident, a middleaged man was arrested by the police under stringent provisions of Prevention of Children from Sexual Offenses (POSCO) Act for allegedly molesting his 13-year-old female relative in Chanapora locality in the uptown Srinagar on Thursday.

The arrest comes a day after a school teacher was arrested under the same act for molesting and sexually assaulting two minor girl students at a private school in Rawalpora area. Pertinent to mention here that four people accused of molesting and sexually harassing minors have been arrested by the police during this month so far.

Police said the

accused was arrested after the victim filed a complaint of sexual harassment at police station Chanapora in this regard. A formal case FIR No. 40 of 2023 under POSCO Act stands registered at the concerned police station and the accused has been arrested.

The accused has been identified as 48-years-old Mushtaq Ahmad Khan son of Ghulam Ahmad Khan of Housing Colony Chanapora. "One Mushtaq Ahmad Khan (48

Yrs) S/o Gh Ahmad Khan R/o Housing Colony Chanapora arrested for sexually harassing

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According to a circular, the CEO has warned that in case the student is found involved More on P10

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Srinagar: In a bizarre circular

issued by the education de-

partment in North Kashmir's

Rupwara district, the Chief

Education Officer (CEO) has

directed heads of high and

higher secondary schools of

the district to get affidavits

from parents that their wards

are not involved in drug re-



9th, 10, 11 & 12. Accordingly the HOIs of HS and HSS are directed to get an affidavit from the parents to the effect that their ward is not involved in any drug related activities." reads the circular.

It added that in case the student is found in any type of such activities, More on P10

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Summer **Break In HC** From June 19

CEO Kupwara Issues Bizarre Order

Parents To Submit 'No Drug

Activities' Affidavit For Wards

•he High Court of J&K and Ladakh will be observing summer vacations from June 19 to July 8, according to an order by Registrar General, Shahzad Azeem on Thursday. "It is hereby notified that the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh will observe Summer Vacations with effect from 19th of June, 2023 to 8 of July, 2023 (both days More on P10

On May 25, he said, fish

specimens and water samples

were collected from the sites.

The specimen collected was

of small fish (fingerlings) of

PcK Refugees Get Domicile Certificates With 'Original Place Of Residence'

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: "We have been reconnected to our roots", says Anil Mahajan, who is among the over 21,000 displaced people from Pakistan-controlled Jammu and Kashmir (PcJK) given a new domicile certificate mentioning the place they originally belonged to.

The certificate carries the name of the "original place of residence" in PcJK from where their family members had migrated during the Partition in 1947, said officials in the Jammu

and Kashmir administration that is issuing the document. "We have been reconnected to our roots. It is very emotional,' said Mahajan, whose domicile

certificate mentions the Mirpur area in PcJK as his original place of residence. "Everybody in my family has got one. They took our details and provided us with the domicile certificates. It is really very encouraging", he told PTI over phone from Chandigarh where he currently lives.

The certificate, the officials said, is exclusively for those who were displaced from areas of Jammu and Kashmir that are under the "illegal occupation of Pakistan". In 1947, they migrated to different parts of India, including Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

"It is an emotional moment

for the people belonging to PcJK that they have got a domicile certificate issued by the Jammu and Kashmir administration with the place of origin in PcJK written as residential places,' SoS International chairperson Rajiv Chunni told PTI here.

Several displaced people belonging to PcJK have got these certificates with the place of domicile mentioned as their post-migration residential address, he said.

Mahajan, who owns an IT firm in Delhi and got the certificate recently, said it gives a "feeling of belongingness"

Jaipur-resident Ashwani Kumar's certificate mentions his original place More on P10

Landslide Blocks **Banihal Highway**

raffic was disrupted on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway Thursday following a landslide near Ramban town, traffic department officials said. The landslide struck the 270-km highway near Cafeteria Morh around 1 am, blocking the only allweather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, the officials said. They said the mouth of an under-construction More on P10

LG Makes Surprise **Visit To Shelter Home**

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ieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid a surprise inspection to a shelter home for urban homeless at Boria Basti, Bahu Fort here on Thursday. During his visit, the LG reviewed facilities being provided to the dwellers, an official spokesperson said. Sinha, who was accompanied by the senior civil and police officials, also heard their grievances during the interaction. More on P10

SIU Attaches Militant's 26 Kanal Land

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he Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of Kupwara police in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday attached properties belonging to a Pakistan-based militant involved in "numerous terror acts". The militant, Almas Rizwan, is a member of The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of Pakistanbased group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). Almas Rizwan Khan, More on P10

Minor Girl Drowns To Death

n a second such tragic accident in the Valley in the last 24 hours, a two-year-old girl drowned to death in Sumbal area of North Kashmir's Bandipora district. Two-year-old Jannat Zehra, daughter of Javid Ahmed Dar of Odina village drowned in an irrigation canal in Ankhulu village in Sumbal area on Thursday afternoon, reports said. The family and neighbours, More on P10

Woman Injured **In Bear Attack**

n yet another incident of mananimal conflict, a woman was attacked and injured by a black bear on Thursday in North Kashmir's Kupwara district. Saja Begum, wife of Wali Mohammad Mir was working in her paddy fields in her native village of Audoora in Handwara on Thursday morning when a bear appeared there and attacked her, reports said. The cries of Saja Begum, reports More on P10

Woman Slips To Death in Rajouri

48-year-old woman died after falling off a bridge Hin Rajouri on Thursday morning. Quoting officials, news agency GNS reported that while crossing the bridge a woman slipped and fell into a rivulet in the Kandi area. Soon after, a rescue operation was launched at the site and the body of the woman recovered later on. they said. The officials identified More on P10

Amarnath Yatra, a 14-kilometer trek, check the list of banned food items and the items that you are allowed to carry on the pilgrimage," officials said.

As per the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) advisory, the foods that have been banned include heavy Pullav, fried rice, puri, bathura, pizza, burger, stuffed parantha, dosa and fried roti, More on P10



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73	14	Director Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir	JK02AD 6611	Ambassador	2006	Exhibition Ground Nea PCR Batamaloo Srinaga			
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110	25	Director Ecology Environment &	JK01M 0656	Ambassador	2008	Directorate of Ecology Environment & Remote			
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112		Director Fisheries	JK01C 8896	Swaraj Mazda	1998	Fisheries Training Centr Kokernag			
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117	28	Chief Wildlife	JK01G 7925	Bolcro	2003	Hokarsar HMT Srinaga			
118	20	Warden J&K	JK01F 8957	Qualis	2002	Police Golf Course New Grand Lalit Srinagar			
119	-	Principal Govt.	JK01D 8060	Swaraj	1998				
	29	Polytechnic for		Mazda Tata		Govt. Polytechnic for Women Bemina Srinaga			
120	30	Women Srinagar Director Command Area Development	JK01A 0197 JK01Q 1832	Mobile Ambassador	2011	Command Area Development Department Lal Mandi			
122	31	Department Kashmir Secretary J&K Socially & Educationally Backward Classes	JK01J 9620	Ambassador	2006	Srinagar Civil Secretariat J&K Srinagar			
123	32	Commission Director Floriculture Department Kashmir	JK01L 4241	Bolcro	2008	Floriculture Departmen Polo Ground Srinagar			
124	-	Managing Director	JKE 3346	Gypsy	1988				
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128	34	Director Indian Institute of Carpet Technology Srinagar	JK01Q 3047	Bolero	2011	Indian Institute of Technology Nowshara Srinagar			
129	35	Deputy Commissioner Relief Rehabilitation (M) J&K	JK01P 1277	Bolero Camper	2010	State Motor Garages Bemina Srinagar			
		Chief Executive							

Before The Hon'ble Court Of Principal District And Sessions Judge At Srinagar

Caveat Appl. No. /2023

In the case of: Mst. Shareefa W/O Abdul Majeed Dar R/O Dar Mohalla, Soura, Srinagar, Kashmir; ...(Caveator)

Versus

Public At Large IN THE MATTER OF:-Caveat Petition. May It Please Your Lordships,

The humble Caveator most respectfully submit as under:-1. That the caveator is the permanent resident of the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir, as such has every right to invoke the extra ordinary jurisdiction of this Hon'ble court for protection of her legal, fundamental rights and the allied interests thereto guaranteed to them under the Constitution of India. 2. That the Caveator is the lawful owner and in possession of land

measuring 10 Marlas underneath and appurtenant thereto comprising under Survey No. 830/206 min, 828/509/205/1 min, situated at Mouza Owanta Bhawan, Tehsil Eid-gah and District Srinagar Whereof the said property had been purchased by the caveator in way back October-2021 by virtue of registered Sale-deed registered by the learned Court of Sub-Registrar Srinagar

That in the eventuality of any kind of Appeal/LPA, writ petition or any other legal proceedings filed by the non-Caveator or any third person against the Caveators, in that eventuality Caveators may be heard before passing any exparte order/direction.

That caveat is supported with an affidavit duly sworn by the Cave

In the premises, it is therefore prayed that the caveat application be taken on record and in case of any Appeal/LPA, with a network of any other proceedings filed by the non-Cave-ator or any third person against the Caveator, thus in that eventuality, the Caveator may be heard before passing any ex-parte order, in the interests of justice. Any other order direction or albeit which this Hon'hle court may deem fit and proper

be also passed in favour of the applicant-caveators and against the non-Caveator. Srinagar

Caveator through Counsel M/s Bilal Ahmad Khan (Advocate) & Associate, Advocates; 16-06-2023 Tell No.9682552217 Email Id: bkbilalkhan777@gmail.com

Before The Hon'ble Court Of Principal District And Sessions Judge At Srinagar			
Caveat Appl. No/2023 In the case of:			
Mst. Nadia Rafiq W/O Muneer Ahmad Sofi R/O Shahi Mohalla, Owanta Bhawan, Soura, Srinagar, Kashmir;			
(Caveator)			
Public At Large Versus			
IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat Petition.			
May It Please Your Lordships,			
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passed in favour of the applicant-caveators and against the non-Caveator.			
Srinagar: Caveator through Counsel,			
16-06-2023 M/s Bilal Ahmad Khan (Advocate) & Associate, Advocates:			
NJ Tell No.9682552217 Email Id: bkbilalkhan777@gmail.com			
Before The Hon'ble Court Of			

Principal District & Sessions Judge At Srinagar. From the office of Adv suhail wani and Adv Rafi Sidig In The Case Of Mohammad Amin Sofi S/o Abdul Gaffar Sofi R/o Zam Zam Colony, Rawalpora, Srinagar .Caveator Vs Public at Large ...Non-Caveators In The Matter of: Caveat Application under section 148-A of C.P.C. May It Please Your Honour The Caveator humbly submits as unde 1. That the Caveator apprehend that the non-Caveators may file any proceeding before this

The interested bidders shall have to deposit an amount of ₹ 350000/= (Rupees Three Lacs Fifty Thousand Only) in the shape of CDR / FDR only pledged to the Deputy Director, State Motor Garages Department Kashmir as a security deposit w.e.f. 19.06.2023 (10:00:00) to 27.06.2023 (16:00:00) and submit the same in original to the Directorate of State Motor Garages Department J&K Srinagar / Jammu before participating in the Auction proceedings.

Portal with The detailed terms and conditions are available on GeM Auction ID No. 6011.

No:- RCD-5/1732-39/DSMG DIPK-3535/23 Dated: 15-06-2023

(P.K. Bhat) Accounts Officer, State Motor Garages Department, J&K, Jammu/Srinagar

rwise the in any manner and any such orders granted on false representations of the non-Caveator would be an abuse of the process of the court. 3. That the non-caveators have been duly served by publication. In the premises, it is therefore prayed that in case any suit or any other proceedings are filed before this Hon'ble Court no order be passed in ex-parte unless the Caveator being heard inperson or through their counsel in the interest of law and justices.

Hon'ble Court to seek an ex-parte interim order in which the Caveator is a party. 2. That in case any suit or any other proceedings are filed before this Hon'ble Court no ex-parte ad-interim relief may be granted in favour of the non-Caveators without hearing the Caveator

Caveator through Counsel Adv Suhail wani

Public Notice

I, Balkisa Akther, spous of NO 9113827x Nk Ali MOhd Dar resident of Vill: Iskander pora, PO:iskander pora, Teh: Beerwah & Distt Budgam (J&K) have changed my Name from BALKISA AKTHER to BILKEESA AKHTER Vide Affidavit dt 03.06.2023 before munsiff court magam (Name and place of the court) BMG

From The Office Of Advocate Khudisfandyar And Qazi Ayaz

Vs

In the case of: Ghulam Mohammad Tarig S/o. Hussam Ud Din Balkhi R/o Dawood Colony, Anchar, Soura, Srinagar Applicant/Caveator

Public at Large

Non applicant/Caveator

In the matter of. Caveat Petition in terms of Section 148-A of CPC The Caveat has reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file a suit ot any other type of proceedings or any other proceedings before the Hon'ble Court on the ground of distorted facts/ misrepresentation and concealing the material facts and may succeed in obtaining some relief or order in ex-parte at the back of Caveator and without providing reasonable opportunity to the caveator and in such eventuality the caveator will be put to irreparable loss and inconvenience. It will be proper that the caveator will be given Opportunity of being head by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order or direction.

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Public Notice

My name & Residence has been wronlgy written in my passport bearing no: L1914191 as Abdul Hamid Bhat R/o Tengwwani Tukroo Shopian while my correct name & R/O is Ab Hamid Bhat R/o Tengwani Tukroo Shopian 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 Regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Ab Hamid Bhat S/oNabir Bhat fko R/o Tengwani Tukroo Shopian

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Valley Uro-Con 2023

3 Day Premier Medical Conference Begins At GMC Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Valley Uro-Con 2023, a premier medical conference being hosted by the Postdoctoral Department of Urology at the Super Specialty Hospital Srinagar began on

Thursday. Dr Syed Sajad Nazir, Head of the Department Urology and Chairman Valley Uro-Con 2023 said the conference aims to bring together esteemed healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, and community leaders to explore the latest advancements in urology and renal transplant towards improving health outcomes in our community.

He said that one day one eight advanced urological procedures were performed by renowned urologists.

geries, Retrograde Intrarenal Surgerv(RIRS) One

laser excision of very large (200 gm) prostate by Ashish Saini and Bipolar excision of enlarged Prostate (118 gm) by Dr Anshuman Kapoor.

The process include Renal Stone Disease Sur-

by Prof (Dr) Sved Sajjad Nazir and another by Prof (Dr) Kandarp Parikh, Carcinoma Prostate (Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy) performed by Prof (Dr) C Malikarjuna, Two Pelvi-ureteric Junction obstructions (PUJO): Laparoscopic repair of PUJO (Pveloplasty) One by Prof (D C Mallikarjuna and another by Dr. Syed Md Ghouse, Non Functioning kidney due to stones: Laparoscopic (Retroperitoneoscopic) nephrectomy by Prof(Dr) Muneer Khan, Thulium



A street vendor sells traditional Kashmir rice, maize flour flatbread in Srinagar on Thursday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Employees Salaries Withheld At HUDDs Headless Town Planning Section

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In the absence of the Chief Town Planner, the general public have been deprived of getting building permissions, while more than a hundred employees of the Town Planning Section of the Housing and Urban Development Department are without salaries since March this year.

Iftikar Ahmed Hakim, the Chief Town Planner attained superannuation in March this year, and since then the post is lying vacant.

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Planning said.

The main functions of Town Planning include Master Plans preparation, Planning Schemes, Development Plans, tourist destination areas and rehabilitation schemes. It also conducts surveys and studies besides preparing technical reports and documentation of projects. However, everything has come to a grinding halt in the absence of the Chief Town Planner.

Insiders said that since March, the general public has been deprived of getting building permissions. "No BOCA meeting has taken place. Despite taking up the issue with the authorities, the post of CTP is lying vacant," they said.

An official in the Town Planning Department on condition of anonymity confirmed that after the retirement of the Chief Town Planner (CTP), the post is vacant and employees including him are without salaries. He said in the absence of any CTP, no meeting of the Building Operations Controlling Author ity (BOCA) is possible. [KNT]

Dated:-14.06.2023



This Day In History

- 1487 Battle of Stoke, Nottinghamshire: Henry VII beats John de la Pole & Lord Lovell
- 1745 British fleet occupies Cape Breton on St Lawrence River
- 1746- Battle at Piacenza: Austria & Sardinia beat Spanish and French army
- 1779 Spain declares war on Great Britain in support of the US, and the siege of Gibraltar begins
- 1815 Battle at Ligny: French army under Napoleon beats Prussia
- 1815 Battle at Quatre-Bras: allies strike French
- 1832 Battle of Kellogg's Grove, Illinois
- 1891 John Abbott becomes Canada's third prime minister
- 1898 China's emperor De Zong (Guang Xu) receives Kang Youwei
- 1903 Roald Amundsen commences the first eastwest navigation of the Northwest Passage by leaving Oslo, Norway
- 1903 Reichstag elections with gains for the Social Democratic Party of Germany
- 1907 Tsar Nicolas II of Russia dissolves the Second Duma (parliament) and issues an edict that will increase representation of propertied classes while reducing that of peasants, workers and national minorities
- 1930 Sovnarkom establishes decree time in the USSR

Removing 'Illegal' Power Connection In Srinagar Observer News Service

Woman Injured While

Srinagar: A woman fell down and sustained injuries when she tried to allegedly remove an illegal power connection on seeing an inspection team of Power Department at Tankipora area in the old city on Wednesday.

The woman has been shifted to SMHS Hospital for treatment. She has suffered head injuries.

After the installation of smart meters in Kashmir, people, mostly those who can't afford to pay hefty power bills, alleg-

One of the relatives of the injured woman said that she hurriedly tried to remove the wire from the window of her house when an inspection team arrived in the locality and

unfortunately, she lost the balance and fell down.

Addressing academics

and students at the inau-

gural session, Prof Nilofer

underlined the need to

KU Seminar Highlights

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Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir Estates Wing, Main Campus Shalimar - 190 025

Notice Inviting e-Tender

and Director, Gauri Kaul E-NIT No. 19 of 2023-24(FRESH) Foundation, highlighted

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For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir, e-tenders (in Single-cover system) for Civil

Prof Nilofer Khan Thursday chaired a seminar on 'Elderly Abuse', a first-ofits kind event organized by the Varsity to put a spotlight on the issue. which experts described as "alarming in Kashmir".

Srinagar: Vice-Chancel-

lor University of Kashmir

Observer News Service

The seminar was jointly organized by the Department of Social Work (DoSW), KU, in collaboration with Gauri Kaul Foundation, a nonprofit organization working for elderly care, to commemorate the World Elderly Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)-2023.

spread awareness on elderly care beyond the four walls of the University to create a society that values its elders and treats them with all respect, dignity, compassion and empathy.

the present seminar.

'Elderly Abuse' In Kashmir

persons of which, he said, at least 50% reported to be facing elderly abuse in one or the other form. "We saw these 26,237 patients in two different

settings: those who were Saying that the Unifinancially dependent and versity of Kashmir is always open to such discussions having great societal significance, the VC congratulated the DoSW and Gauri Kaul Foundation for joining hands to hold orders in these senior citi-

In his keynote address, Dr Zubair Saleem, Senior Geriatric Consultant

those who were financially independent. Besides various effects that we documented like cardiovascular diseases, preliminary disease etc., there was one drastic thing that we noticed which is the psychiatric and sleep dis-

his Kashmir-based study

of nearly 27,000 elderly

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3	72-2023-24-ADEN-II- ASR	Annual zone under ADEN		ordinary repair & ma	aintena	ance in the section	on of SSE/W/BEAS
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Sd/-**Executive Engineer SKUAST-Kashmir**

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- 1932 Germany forbids SA/SS-gang fights
- 1940 Communist government installed in Lithuania
- 1957 French offensive in Algeria
- 1958- Government troops land on North-Celebes Indonesia
- 1961- Reconnaissance satellite Discoverer 25 launched from the US
- 1963- Soviet space mission Vostok 6 is launched with Valentina Tereshkova onboard, who becomes the 1st woman in space
- 1963- Levi Eshkol replaces David Ben-Gurion as Israeli Prime Minister
- 1972- The largest single-site hydro-electric power project in Canada starts at Churchill Falls, Labrador
- 1980- US Supreme Court rules that live, human-made micro-organisms created in labs could be patentable, in Diamond v. Chakrabartv
- 1982- Britain makes request to Argentina to arrange for return of prisoners
- 1983- European Space Agency launches European Comm Satellite 1, Oscar 10

From KO Archives



Observer News service

RINAGAR : Two women in the remote Rajwar area of the border district of Kupwara are reported to have delivered at the security camps where they have been reporting along with all other villagers over the recent days.

According to reports, several villages in the area have been sealed off by the security forces with the residents being made to report at the Wadar camp of the 21 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) daily The villages are Shathigam, Nichama, Chanjmulla, Bonawadar and nearby places.

On June 10, reports said, a pregnant woman, Saja w/o Abdul Gaffar Mir of Nichama delivered a baby in the camp itself similarly, another woman, Shahmali w/o Muhammad Shafi of Wadar delivered a baby at the same camp yesterday. However, the latter child died soon after. Police are reported to have strongly protested the security forces excesses in the area.

(Kashmir Observer, 16 June, 2000)

NEWS

India Okays Move To Buy **Armed Drones From US** Ahead Of PM's Visit

Agencies

NEW DELHI: The Defence Ministry has approved the procurement of US-made armed MQ-9B SeaGuardian drones, sources told Reuters today.

India will buy 31 drones made by General Atomics worth slightly over \$3 billion, one of the sources said.

The Defence Ministry's initial clearance for the procurement comes just days before Prime Minister Narendra Modi leaves for a state visit to the US next week.

According to the two sources, the Defence Ministry's top body for capital procurement met today to approve the deal, which is expected to be announced when PM Modi meets US President Joe Biden next week

Mr Biden has made deepening defence ties with India a priority to counter China's growing dominance, and has offered to collaborate on military technology even though the two countries lack a formal security alliance.

The ministry's "Acceptance of Necessity" is the first step in the procurement process, which now needs clearance from PM Modi's cabinet.

The US government approved the sale of 30 drones to India more than two years ago, but the Defence Ministry had been sitting on the decision.

However, once dates for PM

High Court Setback For Al Jazeera On Release Of **Documentary Film** examined by the authorities, duly constituted in law for the

Press Trust of India

PRAYAGRAJ (UP): The Allahabad High Court on Wednesday restrained Al Jazeera Media Network Private Ltd from telecasting the film "India....Who lit the Fuse?" in the country, considering the "seriousness" of allegations made in a PIL against the movie

Al Jazeera is a news channel based in Doha, Qatar.

A bench comprising Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra and Justice Ashutosh Srivastava passed the order on the public interest litigation (PIL) filed by one

Modi's four-day US visit starting June 21 were finalised, the Biden administration started nudging India to show progress on the deal.

The drones will predominantly be used by the Indian Navy in the Indian Ocean Region.

The Indian Navy has leased two MQ-9B unarmed

drones since

ous BJP government. The government will introduce a Bill in this regard in the upcoming legislature session, which starts on July 3.

"The Cabinet discussed the anti-conversion Bill. We have approved the Bill to repeal the changes that were brought in by them (BJP government) in 2022. It will be tabled during the session starting from July 3," Law and Parliamentary Af-fairs Minister H K Patil told reporters after the Cabinet meeting.

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BENGALURU: The Karnataka

Cabinet on Thursday decided

to repeal the anti-conversion

law brought in by the previ-

Karnataka Cabinet

Decides To Repeal Bjp's

The Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Act (anti-conversion law) came into effect in 2022, despite opposition from Congress.

The Act provides for the protection of the right to free-dom of religion and prohibition of unlawful conversion from one religion to another by misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by any fraudulent means.

It proposed imprisonment from three to five years with a fine of Rs 25,000, while for violation of provisions with respect to minors, women, SC/ST, the offenders will face imprisonment from three to 10 years and a fine of not less than Rs 50,000.

The Act also makes provisions for the accused to pay up to Rs 5 lakh as compensation to those who were made to convert, and with regards to cases of mass conversion, there shall

It also states that any marriage that has happened for the sole purpose of unlawful conversion or vice-versa by the man of one religion with



Karnataka Govt Decides To Remove **Chapters On RSS Founder And** Savarkar From School Textbooks

"Regarding text book re-

Law and Parliamentary Af-

fairs Minister H K Patil said

Primary and Secondary

Education Minister Kumar

Bangarappa said it was

Congress' promise in the

manifesto to revise the text

books and the Chief Minis-

ter Siddaramaiah has con-

sistently given his guidance

another faith shall give a declaration in a prescribed format

at least 30 days in advance to

the district magistrate or the

additional district magistrate

specially authorised by the

district magistrate in this re-

gard of his residing district or

place of birth within the state.

Also, the religious converter

who performs the conversion

shall give 30 days' advance

notice in a format, to the dis-

trict magistrate or the addi-

tional district magistrate.

on this. (PTI)

after the cabinet meeting.

Karnataka Cabinet on Thursday approved the revision of Kannada and BJP was in power, and had also promised to scrap the National Education Policy Social Science textbooks of (NEP). Classes 6 to 10 in the state, vision the cabinet discussed for the current academic year by removing the chapthe proposal brought by the ters on RSS founder Kesdepartment, the lessons to hav Baliram Hedgewar and be removed and added, and the decisions to be taken, Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar among others. and has given its approval,'

It has also consented to add chapters on Savitribai Phule, Nehru's letters to Indira Gandhi and poetry on BR Ambedkar, and do away with the changes that were brought in by the previous BJP government.

The Congress had in its poll manifesto promised to undo the changes made to school textbooks when the

verting the woman before or after marriage, shall be declared as null and void by the family court.

Wherever the family court is not established, the court having jurisdiction can try such a case, on a petition presented by either party thereto against the other party of the marriage.

The offence under this Act is non-bailable and cognisable. The Act mandates that persons who wish to convert to

2 Pakistani Journalists Booked For Inciting **Attacks On Military Installations On May 9**

Press Trust of India

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two journalists

of the Pakistan Penal Code booked journalists Shaheen Se

'Will Shut Down Operations In India If...': Karnataka HC Warns Facebook

Press Trust of India

The High Court of Karnataka has orally warned Facebook (Meta) that it may order its operations in India to be shut down if it does not cooperate with police investigation over a fake profile. An Indian national from Man-

galuru, Shailesh Kumar, is in prison in Saudi Arabia allegedly over a derogatory Facebook post against the king of that nation and Islam. His wife Kavitha has complained to the local police that it was a fake profile of her husband on which the derogatory message was posted.

The police have failed to complete the investigation on the fake profile prompting Kavitha to approach the high court. Her petition, originally filed in 2021, was heard by Justice Krishna S Dixit on Wednesday. Earlier on June 12, the HC had ordered: "The Commissioner of Police. Mangalore (Mangaluru), is directed to study the case papers and be present before the Court to answer as to why there has been arguably enormous delay in accomplishing the investigation of the matter when a citizen of this country is languishing in a jail of a foreign country after trial and conviction when his specific stand was that his Facebook ac-

count was hacked." Mangaluru city police commissioner Kuldeep Kumar Jain and the investigating officer in the case were present in the HC on Wednesday. Kavitha's complaint to the police stated that



Shailesh has been working in Saudi Arabia for the past 25 years. He had put up a post in support of the Indian Government's Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizenship (NRC) move. He allegedly received a threat call over this post following which he deleted his account. Subsequently, some miscreants created a fake account in his name and uploaded a derogatory post against the Saudi king and Islam, she said.

Following this post, Shailesh was arrested in Saudi Arabia, tried and sentenced to 15 years in jail. Based on the information he provided, his wife filed the police complaint about the fake profile in her husband's name. The police commissioner informed the HC on Wednesday that the investigation has been delayed as Facebook has not cooperated with the police. When the HC questioned the counsel for Facebook, the counsel informed the court that he had no information about the exact location of the incident. This prompted the HC to issue the warning that the operations of Facebook would have to be ordered to shut down if it did not cooperate with the investigation.

"Their Courage, Bravery Will...": Rajnath Singh's **Tribute To Galwan Heroes**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The courage, bravery and sacrifice of the Army personnel killed in the Galwan Valley clashes will continue to inspire coming generations, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday while paying homage to them on the third anniversary of the conflict.

The clashes in June 2020 were the most serious military conflict between India and China in decades.

"Today, we pay homage to those brave soldiers who made supreme sacrifice while protecting our nation in Galwan vallev. Their courage. braverv and sacrifice will continue to inspire coming generations," the defence minister tweeted. The eastern Ladakh border standoff escalated significantly following the clashes on June 15, 2020, in which 20 Indian Army personnel laid down their lives. In February 2021, China officially acknowledged that five Chinese military officers and soldiers were killed in the clashes though it is widely believed that the death toll on the Chinese side was much higher. The Indian and Chinese militaries are engaged in talks to reduce tensions along the frontier as the two sides are still locked in a standoff in a few friction points though they managed to disengage from



some others.

Following the escalation in tension in the eastern Ladakh standoff, the Army has taken a series of measures to boost its operational capabilities in the eastern sector that include procurement of all terrain vehicles, precision guided ammunition high-tech surveillance equipment, radars and weapons. The militaries of the two countries have held 18 rounds of high-level talks so far with an objective of taking forward the disengagement process in the remaining friction points and restoring peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh. The 18th round of high-level military talks between the two sides were held on April 23 during which they agreed to stay in close touch and work out a mutually acceptable solution to the remaining issues in eastern Ladakh at the earliest. The two sides completed disengagement in several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks.



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day, meeting his counterpart

Ajit Doval, Foreign Minister S

Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin

had spent two days in Delhi and

announced a joint roadmap for

defence industry cooperation,

providing a boost to India's am-

bitions of manufacturing more

The US has been trying to

wean India away from its tra-

ditional arms dependence on

Russia, its largest exporter of

also poised to approve manufac-

turing of General Electric's en-

gines in India for the country's

domestically produced fighter jets, which will also be an-

nounced during PM Modi's visit.

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Jaishankar and PM Modi. A week earlier, American

Sudhir Kumar who argued that the film, if released/ broadcast, is likely to create hatred amongst different religious denominations and thereby destroy the secular fabric of India.

Prayers were also **ALJAZEERA** made to command the respondents 1 to 3 i.e. Union of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Central Board of Film Certification to review and certify the film in question before its telecast/broadcast.

The court also directed the Central government and the authorities constituted under it, to take appropriate measures warranted in law to ensure that the film is not allowed to be telecast/ broadcast unless its contents are the present petition," it said. "In view of the deliberations and discussions held above, we restrain the fifth respondent i.e. Al Jazeera from telecasting/broadcasting/releasing the film 'India....

Who lit the Fuse?' till the issues raised in the present petition

are adjudicated after notice to the fifth respondent," the court said.

Counsel for the petitioner submitted that though Al Jazeera is only a news organization but it has exceeded its ambit so as to broadcast films, position as investigations on its news channel with the singular intention of creating distress and endangering public order in the country.

on charges of sedition and terrorism for their alleged involvement in the violence that engulfed the country on May 9 following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan, a media report said on Thursday. The Aabpara police station here registered the case against anchormen Sabir Shakir and Moeed Pirzada and another individual more than a month after the violence occurred, the Dawn newspaper reported.

"I was afraid to walk out of

"It was to the degree that

"I know there are others that

allegations of assault and ha-

At that time former political

aide Brittany Higgins alleged

that a fellow conservative

staffer raped her on a couch in

rassment inside parliament.

P^{akistan} booked

The case was registered against the complaint of an unnamed citizen and includes various sections terrorism laws.

The FIR claimed that on May 9, the complainant was present at Melody Chowk, where an angry mob vanproperty, taking dalised instructions from Shakir Pirzada and Syed Akbar Hussain via video messages, the report said.

The complainant claimed that the persons named in the FIR incited people to commit violence and encouraged them to attack the installations of the armed forces, spread terrorism, provoke mutiny and create chaos in the country.

The case followed a similar FIR registered earlier this week where the police

Saeed Khan, as well as Army officer-turned-Youtuber Adil Raja and anchorperson Syed Haider Raza Mehdi, for abetting mutiny and inciting people to attack military installations across the country.

Separately, global media watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF) urged Pakistan to immediately dismiss the ludicrous mutiny accusations in a complaint with no credibility that an individual has brought against two journalists in the federal capital.

Although manifestly absurd, the charges could carry the death penalty, it said.

"Sexually Assaulted By Powerful Men In Parliament": Australian Lawmaker

Agencies

SYDNEY: An Australian lawmaker on Thursday detailed allegations that she had been sexually "assaulted" in parliament, stating the building was "not a safe place" for women to work.

In a tearful Senate address, independent Lidia Thorpe said she had been subjected to "sexual comments", cornered in a stairwell, "inappropriately touched" and "propositioned" by "powerful men".

Thorpe had on Wednesday accused a fellow senator of "sexually assaulting" her, before being forced to withdraw the remark under threat of parliamentary sanction.

On Thursday, Thorpe restated the core of her allegations against conservative David Van, who has strenuously denied the claims.

Van said he was "shattered and battered" by the allegations, telling local media they



were "utterly untrue."

Van's Liberal Party suspended have experienced similar things him Thursday over the claims. and have not come forward in While the allegations were the interests of their careers." protected from Australia's se-'Sexist culture' vere defamation laws, Thorpe said that Van had engaged law-Since 2021, Australian politics yers in the matter and she had has been roiled by high-profile

to restate her case to navigate parliamentary rules. Saying that "sexual assault" meant different things to different people, Thorpe described her experiences in the crucible

of Australian democracy. a cabinet minister's parliamen-"What I experienced was betary office following a night of ing followed, aggressively propheavy drinking in March 2019.

Man Shoots Wife To Kill Her, Gets Hit By The Same Bullet, Dies

Press Trust of India

NOIDA: A couple died allegedly from a single bullet fired by the husband, who held his wife in a close embrace, in a freak incident in western Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad district, police officials said.

The husband, Anek Pal, was aged around 40, and his wife, Suman Pal, was around 38 years old. According to the police, the couple has left behind four children-a daughter and three sons.

Both worked in Chandigarh as dailywage earners and had come to their native place in Moradabad, they said. Superintendent of Police (Rural Moradabad) Sandeep Kumar said the incident took place at the couple's home in Khanpur village under the Bilari police station limits on the intervening nights of June 13 and 14.

"The relatives, acquaintances, and children of the couple told the police that the husband and the wife frequently fought over various issues. As of late, they have been fighting a lot.

"On the night of June 13, Anek Pal performed his prayers at home and

then held his wife in an embrace before shooting her. The same bullet hit the body of Anek Pal in his chest and crossed his back. Both were injured by the gunshot and taken to a hospital, but they did not survive," Kumar said.

The police said they have not received any complaints from the relatives of the dead couple, whose fights have increased in the last week since Suman lost a mobile phone during a wedding function.

Police Circle Officer (Bilari area) Ankit Kumar told PTI that the firearm used in the episode was a country-made weapon, and an investigation is underway to find out how it was procured. On suspicion of the husband performing occult practice prior to the incident, the officer said a probe was on to ascertain it.

Asked about the custody of the four children of the couple, Kumar said, "Right now the children are at their home in the village. Their maternal relatives have approached the police for their custody. The matter would be looked into in detail and further decisions made accordingly in accordance with the rules."

Top Saudi Diplomat To Visit Iran



Agencies

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud will visit Iran on Saturday amid warming relations between the two Middle Eastern powers, official sources say.

The sources said on Thursday that the top Saudi diplomat will hold talks will Iranian officials during his Saturday trip to Tehran. Earlier, some sources raised the possibility of the reopening of the Saudi embassy during Prince Faisal's Tehran visit.

Last week, Iran officially reopened its embassy in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, in line with a China-brokered reconciliation agreement that restored their ties severed seven years earlier. Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed in Beijing on March 10 to resume their relations and reopen their diplomatic missions within two months.

In a joint statement after signing the agreement, Tehran and Riyadh highlighted the need to respect each others' national sovereignty and refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of one another.

STATE

Jammu DC Reviews **Amarnath Yatra Preparations**



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A senior official of the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday took stock of the preparations and security for the upcoming Amarnath pilgrimage in the Union Territory, officials said.

The 62-day pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine in south Kashmir is scheduled to start on July 1 and continue till August 31.

Jammu Deputy Commissioner Avny Lavasa, flanked by senior officers of various departments, visited the Yatri Niwas, Jammu Railway Station, Vaishnavi Dham, Saraswati Dham and Panchayat Bhawan.

Lavasa reviewed the arrangements, including accommodation, security, installation of wi-fi, power and water supply,

cleanliness and sanitation and medical facilities among others at the registration counters, lodgement centres and Yatri Niwas, they said.

The deputy commissioner also inspected the RFID centre to be established at the Tourist Reception Centre building within the premises of the railway station, they said.

Lavasa directed the concerned departments to make sure that the pilgrims do not face any hardships on account of lack of basic amenities.

The yatra can be undertaken through two routes -- the traditional 48-km route through Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag and the 14-km shorter but steep Baltal route in Ganderbal district of central Kashmir.

Last year, 3.45 lakh people vis-

SMART CITY PROJECT

Eco-Friendly Bamboo Kiosks Coming Up In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Braving soaring summer heat, a group of workers are busy constructing eight eco-friendly bamboo kiosks a new addition to the winter capital Jammu under the smart city project.

The first-of-its-kind structures on the roadside near the Jammu bus stand are being constructed by Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL), a special purpose vehicle constituted in August 2017 for the implementation of the development works aimed at giving a new look to the city of temples.

The bamboo kiosks are part of the ongoing works aimed at making the city attractive, cit-izen-friendly and sustainable. After construction, the huts will be handed over to Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) for setting up a smart vending zone with a uniform look."

underneath the shade of a flyover to escape the scorching sun, said they are expecting to complete the job within a week and hand over the possession to the concerned authorities.

"It is both wind and waterproof. The base is made of iron and we also use polythene and fibre sheets. One hut takes almost four to five days for completion," he said, adding they have imported the bamboo material from Assam.

In the private sector, he said their firm had constructed restaurants and huts at different places in Rajouri and Katra the base camp for the pilgrims visiting the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Rea-

si district. Officials familiar with the bamboo project said the JSCL plans to set up a total of 28 such kiosks across the city.

"Each bamboo hut of 8x10 feet costs an amount of Rs 60,000. The first eight huts are expected to be auctioned by the JMC within the next fortnight and depending upon the response, a decision will be taken with regard to the rest of



JAMMU AND KASHMIR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, Manoj Sinha on Thursday interacted with the students of Delhi Public School (DPS), Srinagar. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Govt Gears Up To Hold ULB Elections In J&K

Revision Of Voters In Urban Areas. Delimitation Of Wards To Be Undertaken

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In a first step to-wards holding urban local bodies' elections in Jammu & Kashmir later this year, the J&K's Housing & Urban Development Department will place a formal request before the chief electoral officer (CEO) for undertaking revision of electoral rolls. The government will also carry out delimitation of wards in urban areas of J&K before unveiling the schedule

of polls. To begin with, the J&K government on Wednesday appointed Anil Koul, Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department as nodal officer for the conduct of forthcoming municipal elections in Union Territory of Jammu &

Kashmir. According to an order is-sued by the Housing & Urban Development Department, the nodal officer will coordinate



with chief electoral officer, all deputy commissioners, commissioners of municipal corporations and Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu/ Kashmir for placing request to chief electoral officer J&K for undertaking an exercise for revision of electoral rolls in the municipal areas.

His terms of reference also includes inclusion/ exclusion of wards in consultation with concerned Municipal Corporations and Municipalities.

The government has also ordered that the deputy director/

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secretary of respective ULBs/ Municipal Corporations shall be the liaison officers and shall provide all assistance and proper coordination to the nodal officer for smooth conduct of municipal elections, 2023.

J&K has two Municipal Corporations, 19 Municipal Councils and 57 Municipal Committees. Sources said that ULB polls are likely to be held in the month of September 2023.

"The election schedule could be announced in the month of August 2023," sources said, adding that the term of the incumbent Municipal Corporations and other Municipalities is ending in the month of October- November.

The last ULB polls in Jammu & Kashmir were held in the month of October 2018 when the erstwhile state was under Governor's Rule. The polls were boycotted by National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party-(KNO)

3 Dead In Separate Accidents In Rajouri, Kishtwar

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Three people were killed and four injured in two separate road accidents in Rajouri and Kishtwar districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, police said.

Two women, Shah Jahan (40) and Shahnaz Akhtar (35), were killed and three including a 10-month-old girl were injured when the car they were travelling in skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge at Targain in Budhal area of Rajouri district around 7.30 am, a police official said.

He said the injured were taken to hospital by the rescuers and their condition was stated to be serious.

In another incident, the official said a private car rolled down from Sinthan top in Kishtwar district after its driver lost control while negotiating a blind curve on the hilly road around 7.45 am.

Latief Ahmad Malik, a resident of Anantnag district, was killed and his co-passenger Ilyas Ahmad Wani was critically injured in the accident, he said, adding the vehicle was on its way to Kishtwar from Anantnag district.

SIT To Probe Heroin Smuggling, Shooting Incident In Samba



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A special investigation team has been formed to bust a drug trafficking racket after the recovery of heroin worth Rs 14 crore near the International Border in Samba district, police said on Thursday.

Three alleged narcotic smugglers from Punjab were arrested after they shot at two local youths in the border village of Rangoon in the early hours of Monday. One of the smugglers

was also injured in the shooting, the police said. Later, 2.8 kilograms of heroin worth Rs 14 crore was recovered at the instance of the accused who were identified as Jagdeep Singh (21) and Satinderpal Singh of Tarn Taran and

Sunny Kumar (22) of Amritsar, they added.

Samba Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Benam Tosh set up the five-member SIT to probe the schooting incident and bust the entire smuggling racket so that conviction is secured at the court of law, a police official said.

"The SIT has been constituted to ensure that no perpetrator, aider, abettor or conspirator of the crime goes scot-free and an exemplary, lacunae-free investigation is conducted to bring forth the facts of the case," the official added.

The police have already registered a case under various sections of the Indian Penal Code. Arms Act and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in the case.

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Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of JSCL Rahul Yadav said.

He said similar bamboo kiosks will be set up in other parts of the city after the success of the project.

According to Union Minister Jitendra Singh, there are huge reserves of bamboo spread across Jammu and Kashmir, which have remained unexplored and largely unutilised.

The minister of state in the Prime Minister's office had approved three bamboo clusters in Jammu, Katra and Samba areas in 2020 for making Bamboo basketry, Agarbatti and Bamboo Charcoal.

"The Bamboo products are in great demand both in India and abroad and through start-ups, the youth can explore huge entrepreneurial opportunities in this sector," Singh, who also organised a bamboo workshop in Jammu city sometime back, had said.

Raj Kumar, one of the workers from Delhi who were busy assembling the bamboo sticks

"INDIA MEDITATES"

the kiosks," an official said. Rahul Kumar, the head of the Delhi-based firm, which has managed the contract, said the shop-style huts can be shifted in an easy manner for installation somewhere else.

"These can be dismantled and reassembled anytime without any loss. These have a lifespan of 25 years and need paint every two years to overcome the wear and tear," he said.

Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma said the city is going through a transformation and the bamboo huts are a new way of displaying kiosks.

"This is part of our endeavour to make our city more attractive and presentable, especially for the people visiting the city to offer their prayers at the famous temples," he said.

AWANTIPORA: The two-day Film Fest was organized by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication in collaboration with Film South Asia and the Hri Institute for South Asian Research and Exchange.

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Two-Day Film Fest

Concludes At IUST

Six films by different media institutions were screened today. The Film, "Dream Wages" was adjudged best in recognition for its message towards promotion of SDGs etc.

As a part of the fest, a workshop on Reframing Visual Depiction and a photo-exhibition were also organized. The program saw enthusiastic response from participants, students and faculty members from different media departments including MERC University of Kashmir, Department of Convergent Journalism Central University of Kashmir and media departments of Govt. Degree College Anantnag, Govt. Degree College Baramulla, Govt. College for Women M.A. Road and Islamic University of Science and Technology.

Prof. Manzoor A Malik, Dean Academic Affairs IUST presided over the valedictory session of the program. He congratulated the department and applauded the contributions of the students from the participating institutions. The jury members, Ms. Laxmi Murthy (Director Hri Institute for South Asian Research and Exchange), Mr. Alok Adhikari Assistant Director Film SouthAsia, Mr. Pawas Manandhar, a film researcher, appreciated the students' unwavering commitment, attention to detail and enthusiasm towards film making.

DIPR, Art Of Living Organises Mental Wellness Session

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SRINAGAR: Department of Information and Public Relations J&K in collaboration with 'The Art of Living' Thursday conducted a program "India meditates" a mental Wellness session at Pandit Bhajan Sopori Auditorium DIPR Srinagar.

Celebrating 75 years of independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav), DIPR in collaboration with The Art of Living together conducted the session aimed to teach and train the employees, artists and students of J&K to tackle the stressful and challenging situations at different stages of life and to help to internalise meditation in their life styles for experiencing improved health, peace happiness and become aware of their inner latent potential.

The event witnessed more than 100 participants including the officers and

employees of the Information Department, theatre artists, musicians, and students of different schools.

In his welcome address Cultural Officer Kashmir Burhan Hussain said "we are all aware of the tremendous rise in Anxiety disorders, Depressions and other Health Ailments Globally, hence mental fitness and mental health awareness becomes the priority to be dealt with".

Vandana Daftari, the Regional Director for Art of Living conducted the session which was appreciated & applauded by all present.

Participants shared that they had never experienced such a state of calmness & peace before and were overwhelmed by the experience.

Officers of the Information Department appreciated the initiative taken by Art of Living and plan to host many such events across J&K for their employees &

staff.

It is worth mentioning that "India Meditates" is a collaborative initiative of The Art of Living and Ministry of Culture, Government Of India, under the aegis of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" (AKAM), as a special offering to benefit the citizens on the occasion of 75 years of independence for our Country. The aim is to reach out to the society and encourage people to experience Meditation.

Regional Director of Art Of Living said that according to the World Health Organization (WHO), the issue of mental illness affects an estimated 350 million people around the world today and in this scenario investing in mental health is the paramount need .The economic and social costs of poor mental health are significant, underscoring the urgency to prioritize mental well-being on a global scale.

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Subject: Appointment to the post of Junior Assistant (Revenue Department) District Cadre Anantnag in pursuance to Advertisement Notification No. 02 of 2021 under Item No 460 issued by the J&K SSB.

1. Letter No. Rev-NG/13/2023(7152177) dated 20.03.2023 from Administrative Department, J&K. Ref: 2. Letter No. JKSSB/PLAN/25/2022-03 dated 16.03.2023 from J&K Service Selection Board.

ORDER NO: 293FC (REV) OF 2023

DATED: 14/06/2023.

On the recommendations of the J&K Service Selection Board, and endorsed by the Administrative Department vide their letters referred above, sanction is hereby accorded to the temporary appointment of the below mentioned candidate(s) as Junior Assistant in the Revenue Department, District Cadre Anantnag, in the pay level-4 (Rs 25500-81100).

S. No.	District Cadre	Name of the candidate (Mr./Ms.)	Parentage (Mr.)	Address	Category	CID Character verification form no.
1.	Anantnag	Neha Bhagat	Ramial	Near Bus Stand Stand. Chakrohi, Suchetgarh, Jammu.	SC	65093 dated 08.06.2023
2.	Anantnag	Abid Ahmad Mir	Mohmad Ramzan Mir	Sadoora, Anantnag	RBA	62063 dated 13.06.2023

The appointee(s) shall report to the Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, within a period of twenty one (21) days from the date of issuance of this order and shall be allowed to join after the production of following documents/certificates (in original) to be verified subsequently:-

Academic/ qualification Certificates.

(i)

(ii)

- Matriculation/Date of Birth Certificates.
- (iii) Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer of the District.
- (iv) Domicile Certificate issued by the competent authority.
- If the candidate(s) has taken loan for self employment from DIC/Employment Department, to be ascertained from the District (V) Industries Centre (DIC) and District Employment & Counseling Centre of the domicile District, they shall relinquish the proprietorship of unit/enterprise and also stakes, if any, in such self employment unit/enterprise before joining the Government service. They shall be required to repay the entire loan liability in suitable EMIs to be worked out by the DDO concerned from their salary. DDO concerned shall obtain an affidavit from the concerned appointee(s) regarding both relinquishment of proprietorship and stakes if any, in such a self-employment unit/enterprise and recovery to be made and also personally monitor its recovery.
- (vi) Valid relevant Category Certificate, if any, applicable.
- The above appointment shall further be subject to the following conditions:-
- The clearance received from the Criminal Investigation Department, J&K is provisional and it shall be mandatory for the appointee to (a) fill in the Verification Rolls (V-Rolls), as available through the online mode under the Electronic Employment Verification System (EVS). Any false information provided by the appointee, or an adverse finding subsequent to the V-Roll submitted electronically shall result in cancellation of appointment ab-initio, without any further notice.
- The appointee shall give an undertaking in the shape of an affidavit to the effect that if, on verification, genuineness of the qualification (b) /category certificate from the concerned issuing authority are found fake/forged, the appointment shall be treated to have been cancelled ab-initio
- The salary of the appointee shall not be drawn and disbursed to them unless a satisfactory report in respect of (a) above is received (C) in their favour.
- (d) The appointee shall be initially on probation for a period of two years.
- The appointment of the candidate shall be governed by the "New Pension Scheme" as per SRO 400 of 2009 dated 24.12.2009. (e)
- The inter-se-seniority of the appointee shall be strictly as per their merit in the select list. (f)
- (g) The cadre allocated by appointing authority/SSB shall not be changed under any circumstances.
- (h) This appointment order is issued subject to outcome of any petition(s) pending in any competent Court/Tribunal, etc.
- If the appointee fail to join within a period of 21 days (twenty one) days from the date of issuance of this order they shall forego their (i) right to appointment which shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio without any further notice

By order of the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) J&K.

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Endless Wait For Polls

ormer Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and National Conference Vice President, Omar Abdullah, has challenged the BJP to conduct Assembly elections alongside the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. Talking to the media on Wednesday, Abdullah said the BJP didn't want Assembly polls in the union territory as it feared losing them. His statements reflect the growing frustration among the political parties of J&K with the Election Commission's refusal to hold polls in the near future. Omar said that in the absence of assembly elections, various individuals have been appointed to influential positions, effectively ruling the region without a democratic mandate. He questioned that while the BJP has shown enthusiasm in conducting other elections, such as panchayat polls, Urban Local Bodies elections, and even the parliamentary elections, it remained puzzling why they evaded the assembly elections.

Other parties have the same refrain. The Chief Spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Congress, Ravinder Sharma, has accused the central government of deliberately delaying the Assembly elections in the region because it anticipates defeat for the BJP. Sharma argued that if the BJP were to lose the elections, it would undermine their narrative that the abrogation of Article 370 was supported by the people of J&K. Similarly, R S Chib, the General Secretary of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) and a former minister, also echoed similar sentiments, attributing the delay in Assembly elections to the declining popularity of the BJP among the people. Chib questioned why the BJP could conduct local body polls but not hold Assembly elections, suggesting that they were aware they could not form a government independently.

J&K has been without an Assembly since November 2018 when the legislative assembly was dissolved by the then-governor Satyapal Malik. The imposition of the governor's rule in June 2018 followed the BJP's withdrawal from the PDP-BJP coalition government led by Mehbooba Mufti. The last Assembly elections in J&K took place in 2014. The current Assembly term was originally set to end in 2020 but was extended by the central government in 2019. Despite this extension, the central government has not yet announced a date for the next Assembly elections in the union territory. Following the fresh delimitation last year, the new J&K Assembly has 114 seats, of which 24 are in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Of the rest 90 where elections could be held, 47 are in the Kashmir Valley and the rest 43 in the Jammu region.

But the delay in the electoral process has been a source of deep unease in J&K. The Election Commission of India must promptly address these concerns and ensure that the democratic process is upheld in the union territory.

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Third-Party Funding in Arbitration Issues and Developments

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rbitration, a binding voluntary alternative dispute resolution process by a private forum chosen by the parties, is now one of the principal methods of resolving disputes across the world. This is one of the consequences of the increased globalization of world trade and investment. Developments in the field of arbitration are on the rise and one of these developments is third-party funding (TPF). TPF refers to the financial support provided by an external party to a party involved in legal proceedings, typically in exchange for a share of the proceeds or a contingent fee. In international arbitration, the concept of TPF has been recognized as an important practice and its prevalence in the commonwealth countries, as well as in the United States, has sparked debates around the globe regarding its potential impact on the administration of justice. Third-party funding, a practice that has gained significant attention in recent years, has become an important and controversial subject of European Union (EU) Law. Numerous judicial pronouncements on the subject have made it an interesting topic to debate upon. In USA, lawyers are permitted to fund the entire litigation and take their fee as a percentage of the proceeds if they win the case. Third-Party Litigation Funding / Legal Financing agreements are also not prohibited. In UK, Courts and Legal Services Act, 1990 permits litigation funding agreements between legal service providers and litigants or clients, and also permits Third-Party Litigation Funding or Legal Financing agreements, whereby the third party can get a share of the damages.

The third-party funding in arbitration provided by external entities to parties can also be termed as financed arbitration. It has gained momentum in the last decade and has expanded its purview to different aspects of arbitration. Most frequently, it is being utilized to solve issues related to Mergers and Acquisitions. TPF is common in all types of commercial arbitrations, however, it poses some challenges when it comes to investment treaty arbitration. Many countries across the world have already adopted the idea of TPF. England and Wales are widely using TPF for resolving issues and are also referring to the doctrine of maintenance which means the support from a person in litigation without having any legitimate interest in the same. Singapore has also come up with the adoption of TPF with the abolition of the tort of main-

tenance and champerty. This has also given rise to the legalization of TPF in international arbitrations taking place in the country. A similar step has been taken by Hong Kong; however, many countries have not supported the idea of TPF due to transparency issues.

In solving the issue of transparency, many Institutions such as the International Centre for



Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), International Court of Arbitration (ICC) and other arbitration institutions have made an amendment to their rules which requires disclosure of TPF, if any. The ICC Arbitration Rules, 2021 state that each party must promptly inform the Secretariat, the arbitral tribunal and the other parties, of the existence and identity of any non-party which has entered into an arrangement for the funding of claims of defences and under which it has an economic interest in the outcome of the arbitration.

The interpretation of TPF in the European Union (EU) has faced a lot of criticism. It was in the year 2021 when Axel Voss, Member of the European Parliament, came up with a report that was submitted to the EU Legal Affairs Committee, related to the adoption of the Directive of the European Parliament and the third-party funding in litigation and arbitration. In the same year, a draft was published by European Parliament's Legal Affairs Committee which was examined by the Economic Affairs Committee. During the analysis, it was found that TPF has been growing rapidly due to its collective actions. Also, the reference to the United Kingdom was made where TPF has been growing rapidly and is now a vital area for commercial disputes. Later, the German Federal Bank also made comments on the draft and suggested that TPF can facilitate the early delivery of justice instead of delays. In the initial report published in June 2021 from which the resolution stemmed, the EU Parliament criticized the TPF industry as being a "profit-making enterprise, in which justice for the claimant may or may not be a by-product," resulting in the potential "financial exploitation" of European citizens. While the resolution is only

TPF, it has possible wide-ranging ramifications for the disputing parties in funded international arbitration. The year 2022 has been the year of remarkable changes in

a preliminary step toward the

enactment of an EU Directive on

the laws of the European Union. A resolution was adopted in September, 2022, aimed at protecting

the EU members against the prac-

tice of third-party funding. This

includes not only litigation but

also national and international

arbitration. It is mostly based on

setting the cap, up to 40% for re-

covery by the funder and also sets

the obligation for the payment of

adverse costs and other disclo-

sures. This step has been contra-

dictory to the report that was pub-

lished in the year 2021. However,

these adoptions are also a result

of changing rules of TPF in the IC-

well determined through judicial

pronouncements also. As, in the

case of Akhmedova v. Akhmedov,

it has been held by the English

Court that TPF facilitates the pro-

cess of delivering justice. Howev-

er, the view was not the same in

the Court of Ireland. In the case of

Persona Digital v. The Minister

for Public Enterprise, the concept

of TPF was determined to be un-

ethical. It was held that the inclu-

sion of any third party having no

separate interest is in contradic-

tion with the tort of champerty.

Later in the year 2021, in Merricks

v Mastercard, the risks associated

with TPF were predicted by the

Competition Appeal Tribunal and

it came out with potential ways in

which the risks can be managed.

The Tribunal stressed upon the

The pathway of TPF can be

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third parties (non-lawyers) funding the litigation and getting repaid after the outcome of the litigation. The concept of TPF has been given statutory recognition by various States like Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, etc., in civil suits under the Civil Code of Procedure, 1908, through state amendments but TPF is still a novel concept in India which will surely gain popularity as well as recognition with the efflux of time.

While TPF comes with a plethora of benefits to the parties, lacking the essential resources to pursue a legal claim, it also poses various challenges such as the issue of confidentiality and privilege. The TPF process requires access to sensitive information to access its viability. This may lead to concerns in terms of confidentiality and privilege of attorneyclient communications. Due to differences in history and legal procedures, the TPF market is still in the process of development and shows variations between countries. Lately, many investors have entered the TPF market and there is also a lack of information about its size and structure. These investors often operate as private entities or are affiliated with hedge funds or financial institutions. As a result, information regarding their operations and the state of the market as a whole are scarce. Another major concern is the possibility that litigation funders may influence claim organizations taking part in legal processes only to further their financial interests. This can make people wonder about the claim organization's decision-making process and its independence as well as transparency. Therefore, it may necessitate careful analysis and a precise definition of what constitutes extraordinary circumstances to reinforce the notion of maintaining a sizeable amount of the award for the aggrieved parties. Keeping in view the legislations in various countries, evolution of third-party funding cannot be disregarded as it is now a recognized as well as an emerging practice across the world. Regularization and legal recognition of TPF in countries where it has not received legal certainty, will help in bringing the best practices to the table and it will also become a game-changer for dispute resolution practice in the world.

The Universal Basic Income debate

Thether or not to provide a universal basic income (UBI)—a sum of money provided by the State to all citizens to take care of the bare necessities of life—is an idea that does not appear to go away. If an earlier chief economic advisor proposed it as a "conceptually appealing idea" in the Economic Survey for 2016-17, the current CEA, V Anantha Nageswaran, has disposed of it, stating it was not necessary for the country. Not so long ago, a UBI was also recommended in a report on inequality commissioned by the Economic Advisory Council to the prime minister. A member of Niti Aayog also backed the provision of a quasi-universal basic rural income. A UBI or quasi-UBRI scheme has considerable appeal among economic reformers who prefer a minimalist State, as it represents a possible alternative to various social welfare programmes that are not effective in bringing down poverty levels. It is far better instead to scrap these programmes and subsidies and provide a direct cash transfer to the beneficiaries.

The current CEA feels that a UBI is not needed, as India needs to focus more on economic growth to take care of the aspirations of its people, adding that it should not be on the agenda over the near-term. The larger question as to whether the benefits of growth trickle down to take care of poverty and other aspirations of the people certainly deserve greater public discussion. More debate, however, is warranted on the CEA's specific objections to a UBI as it creates "perverse incentives" in dissuading people from making their own efforts to seek incomegenerating opportunities. In other words, a UBI contributes to a backward-bending supply curve for labour as people substitute time previously for paid work for greater leisure. However, a couple of pilot studies done in Madhya Pradesh in 2011, funded by UNICEF and coordinated by the Self-Employed Women's Association, do not support his reservations. In the first pilot, eight villages were chosen, wherein every man, woman and child was provided with a monthly payment of initially Rs 200 for each adult and Rs 100 for each child.

Subsequently, these payments were raised to Rs 300 and Rs 150, respectively. The second pilot was held in a tribal village, where every adult and child was paid Rs 300 and Rs 150, respectively, every month for 12 months. Another tribal village was used as a comparison. The results indicated that people who received unconditional cash transfers did not use it to increase leisure and reduce work. More such studies are needed across India to examine whether a UBI incentivises working less.

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sufficiency of funding and appropriate safeguards that would take care of the conflicts. In the general purview of international arbitration, several issues have already been addressed that will fuel up the protection strategy in the EU too.

India has no specific law related to TPF but the Indian law does not forbid TPF either. In Bar Council of India v. A.K. Balaji, (2018) 5 SCC 379, the Supreme Court observed that in India, Advocates cannot fund litigation on behalf of their clients but there appears to be no restriction on

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Change Your Life and Personality

HERE'S no real "you". You're just a blueprint of the society in which you were born and one that made you. Your habits, hobbies, interests, religion, beliefs and actions are all meditated by society. What you are right now is not the actual you. However, there is a possibility to discover and rediscover yourself. You are the creator of your own story. However this change will hardly come overnight.

Consider this, in a village two children are born. One grows up in the village itself and another is raised in a developed country abroad. After twenty years, they both will have different personalities. The village boy will have his own set of hobbies

and dreams. On the other hand, the one raised abroad will have a different set of values meditated by a completely different society abroad. Therefore, it is obvious that you do not control your life, society does. One might mistake ones life as though luck directed it, however, things aren't that simple.

However, no matter what society has done, you can change it if you don't like your story that you are living. You can completely recreate it no matter how old and strong your story is. You have the power, because you are the author of your own life story. This is the highest power for a human being.

You have to first accept it deep

within by increasing your self understanding. Research on it, analyse your past. Listen and watch struggle stories of people who then become successful all over the world. One thought can change your life. Plant your thoughts deeply in your subconscious mind through gratitude affirmations. Do this until your belief in your abilities becomes stronger.

Then the next step is to destroy your fear of people. As they say, "sabse bada rogh, kya kahenge log". If you don't remove this fear then you can't unlock your true potential or inner voice. Listen to the inner voice not the outer voice. No matter how many failures you have faced, you become closer to success from every failure.

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If you are so concerned about what people are thinking, then how can you make your decisions? You will act on their expectations of you and not on your inner voice.

Life is what you make it, it's your choice. Don't compromise in life, enjoy it to the fullest. Don't make excuses. Be patient, work hard. Keep a learning attitude, an open mind and do not see through the beliefs you hold but see things as they are.

Make a commitment that no matter what your boring story was in the past and that you will live life on your own terms and conditions.

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The Power of Hard Copy Books Enhancing Children's Attention and Making Them More Imaginative Through Traditional Reading

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In an era dominated by technology and digital advancements, the debate between hard copy books and digital books continues to unfold. While the convenience and accessibility of digital books are undeniable, the traditional medium of hard copy books holds a significant place, especially when it comes to children's reading habits. In this article, I have tried to shed light on the importance of reading hard copy books over digital books among children, focusing specifically on how this preference can enhance attention and cognitive skills in young minds.

The Multisensory Experience:

The multisensory experience offered by hard copy books is a key advantage that sets them apart from their digital counterparts. Through touch, sight, and even smell, hard copy books engage multiple senses, creating a rich and immersive reading experience. Children can experience the joy of physically flipping through pages, feeling the texture of paper, and interacting with vibrant illustrations. These sensory interactions not only stimulate the senses but also foster a deeper connection with the content, resulting in enhanced attention and concentration. The tactile nature of hard copy books adds a valuable dimension to reading, making it a truly multisensory journey for young readers.

Reducing Screen Time:

In today's digital age, children are frequently exposed to screens for long periods of time. However, embracing hard copy books presents a valuable chance to decrease screen time and mitigate the potential negative consequences of excessive device usage. Encouraging children to read physical books allows parents and educators to strike a healthy balance between technology and traditional reading, resulting in improved attention spans and overall well-being. By prioritizing the use of hard copy books, we can provide children with a much-needed break



from screens and promote their holistic development.

Enhancing Focus and Concentration:

Reading hard copy books is instrumental in helping children develop and sustain focused attention. Unlike digital books, physical copies eliminate the distractions of notifications, ads, and hyperlinks that can easily divert a child's focus. The act of physically turning pages and following the linear structure of a book encourages concentration, enabling children to immerse themselves fully in the story or subject matter without interruptions. This sustained focus not only enhances their reading experience but also nurtures vital cognitive skills that can extend beyond the realm of reading and into other areas of learning. By engaging with hard copy books, children cultivate the ability to concentrate deeply, fostering their overall cognitive development and academic success.

Promoting Comprehension and Retention:

Multiple studies have consistently demonstrated that reading from hard copy books significantly improves comprehension and information retention in comparison to digital reading. The tactile aspect of holding a physical book and the physical act of turning pages contribute to the formation of mental maps of the material being read. These sensory experiences create a stronger connection between the reader and the text, enhancing understanding and memory recall. Moreover, hard copy books provide an environment free from the distractions commonly found in digital reading, enabling children to actively engage with the content by underlining, highlighting, and taking notes. This active reading approach further reinforces comprehension and retention by encouraging deeper interaction and reflection. The combination of the tactile experience and reduced distractions in hard copy books establishes them as a powerful tool for enhancing the learning process and maximizing children's cognitive abilities.

Fostering Imagination and Creativity:

Hard copy books have a distinct ability to ignite children's imagination and creativity. Through the tactile experience of holding a physical book, children are prompted to create vivid mental images, bringing characters, settings, and events to life in their minds. This imaginative exercise not only fosters a sense of wonder but also enhances cognitive skills linked to creativity and abstract thinking. Furthermore, the absence of backlit screens in hard copy books helps reduce eye strain, enabling children to immerse themselves in the story for longer periods. This uninterrupted engagement allows for a deeper connection with the narrative, as children can fully immerse themselves in the story's world. By encouraging children to read hard copy books, we provide them with an invaluable opportunity to explore their imagination, nurture their creativity, and develop a profound appreciation for the power of storytelling.

Cultivating a Love for Reading:

The physical presence of a book and the act of turning pages evoke a sense of anticipation and excitement that can profoundly impact a child's relationship with reading. When children hold a book in their hands and embark on the journey of turning its pages, they enter a world of possibilities and imagination. This tactile experience creates a unique connection to the story, heightening their engagement and fostering a lifelong love for reading. Furthermore, the joy of browsing through libraries or bookstores exposes children to a vast array of literary treasures. They have the opportunity to explore diverse genres, discover new authors, and dive into captivating stories. This exposure broadens their horizons and nurtures a curiosity that extends well into adulthood. By immersing themselves in different literary worlds, children develop an appreciation for the written word and a hunger for knowledge. The physicality of books, combined with the thrill of exploration, paves the way for a lifelong journey of learning, growth, and a deep connection with the written word.

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5 Subtle Signs You're Smarter Than You Think

Alice Boyes

Some forms of smartness are highly recognized and rewarded, like the speed of thinking and social charisma. However, other types of smartness (skills, selfknowledge, wisdom) are just as important, but people overlook them. If you have these forms of smarts, you may not have even noticed them.

Are you smart in these critical ways?

1. You know what your self-sabotaging patterns are.

We don't tend to self-sabotage in new ways, we self-sabotage in the same ways over and over again.

Example: You avoid decisions or tasks that make you feel anxious or overwhelmed, even though this has cost you.

People often criticize themselves for selfsabotaging, but if you're aware of what your patterns are, you're a step ahead of the general populace. This is especially true if you can recognize a similar pattern occurring across different contexts (such as at work and in your personal life) and times (in the recent and distant past).

Recognizing your patterns is the first step in improving them, but huge swaths of people never get this far. If you can see your patterns, that's a strength.

To level up your capacity to recognize abstract patterns of self-sabotage, check out this post with 30 examples of self-sabotage.

2. You're able to maintain and repair relationships.

Humans succeed through relationships. Our bonds with other people help us



achieve and support our well-being. This is true at the species level (we do better as a species through working together) and at the individual level (people who are adept at relationships succeed more).

However, a lot of focus is on people's ability to form relationships. Maintaining and repairing relationships is an underrated skill, but it's at least as important.

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Example: A friend had ignored my last two texts. Out of the blue she messaged me and texted: "Sorry, I didn't reply. I've been going through some health issues. We're going to... (an event we usually go to together). Hope to see you there. Hope all is good with you!" This was a simple action that repaired our relationship.

What relationship could you repair or maintain through a simple action? Even

people who have this strength (they know what to do) sometimes underuse it.

3. You can quickly utilize feedback.

When I was training as a clinical psychologist, my classmates and I were understandably nervous about failing our exams. A supervisor told me something immensely reassuring that has still stuck with me over 15 years later. She said: "We don't worry about students who can take feedback." They wanted to make sure that, when a student was advised to make an adjustment to their therapeutic style, they:

would understand it and wouldn't be defensive

could quickly adjust their behavior

These are two slightly different skills. One is understanding the rationale, and one is seeing opportunities to use the advice and execute.

Instead of focusing on being perfect, think about how you can nimbly incorporate feedback. I mean feedback broadly, both formal feedback and your observations of what works for you in your personal and work life, and what doesn't. Your results are a form of feedback, too.

4. You're observant.

This doesn't sound like a hugely exciting strength but it's massively important.

Scientific discoveries start with observation. You might have heard famous stories of this—how penicillin was discovered by accident. More broadly, all science starts with observation. Scientists observe something they decide they want to test through research.

In day-to-day life, observation is an im-

portant skill for all sorts of reasons, including seeing opportunities, gathering selfknowledge, and maintaining relationships.

Examples: You observe a strategy that's working for someone else and you put your own spin on it to use it yourself. Or, you notice what types of compliments someone responds to. Or, you notice patterns in what makes a problem you're having better and worse.

5. You can see how general advice applies to you.

Knowledge transfer is a skill I've already touched on, but I'll call it out specifically.

When you read advice (like the posts here at PT), does it ever feel like that advice has come at exactly the right time for you, or was written specifically for you? If you ever have these experiences then you probably have a strength in knowledge transfer. You can read general examples and see how they apply to you.

It should be obvious how this skill is important for learning and improving. However, if you naturally have this capacity and or you've honed it over the years, you might not even recognize that it's a strength that not everyone shares.

Which of the five strengths I've outlined have you been overlooking? Now that you see how important that strength is, how can you use it more? How can you flex the strength you already have, in more ways that will benefit you? Consider how you can enhance your happiness and well-being, as well as getting ahead in your life and career, and managing your relationships.

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'One-Shot Chikungunya Vaccine Found Safe, Effective In First Phase 3 Trial'

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single-dose vaccine for chikungunya was found safe and produced a strong immune response against the viral disease, according to the results of the first phase 3 trial of the preventive published in The Lancet journal.

However, the researchers were unable to investigate whether the VLA1553 vaccine, developed by French biotech company Valneva, protects against subsequent disease since the study was not conducted in regions where chikungunya is endemic.

Chikungunya is a mosquitoborne

ease caused by the chikungunya virus (CHIKV), which is endemic in some regions of Africa, Asia, and the Americas.

It causes a fever in patients roughly four to eight days after they have been bitten by an infected mosquito. Symptoms include headaches, fatigue, nausea, and severe muscle and joint pain.

The joint pain is often debilitating and usually lasts for a few days but may be prolonged, lasting for weeks, months or even years. Serious disease and death is rare, but older people and newborn babies are most at risk.

Currently, there are no approved vaccines to prevent the disease caused by CHIKV infection nor are there effective antiviral treatments for the disease. "This could be the first chi-

kungunya vaccine available for people living in endemic regions, as

Chikungunya Test w e 1 1 as for travellers to endemic areas or areas at risk for an upcoming outbreak," said study lead author, Martina Schneider, Clinical Strategy Manager at Valneva.

"Our promising results showed good persistence of antibody levels after vaccination, which is important considering that chikungunya outbreaks may recur suddenly. As age is a risk factor for severity and mortality of chikungunya disease, the strong immune response observed in older participants might be particularly beneficial," Schneider said in a statement.

author Katrin Study Dubischar, Program Director, Chikungunya Vaccine at Valneva noted that there is no dedicated treatment or vaccine available against chikungunya.

"Moreover, it is currently regarded as one of the viruses most likely to spread globally, and studies have shown that climate change is driving the spread of the mosquitos that carry it into new areas of the world. Therefore, having an effective vaccine is important for preparedness for future outbreaks," Dubischer said.

The study enrolled 4,115 healthy adults across 43 study sites in the US. 3,082 participants were given one dose of VLA1553 via an injection in the arm, and 1.033 were given a placebo.

All participants were included in the safety analysis but the immune response was only tested in a subgroup of 362 participants (266 given the vaccine and 96 given the placebo).

Participants had their immune responses assessed one

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week, 28 days, three months, and six months after their vaccination. They also recorded adverse events in an electronic diarv for 11 days after vaccination.

After a single vaccination, VLA1553 induced antibody levels at a level that is considered to protect against disease among 99 per cent (263/266) of participants. There was no difference in immune response according to age, the researchers said.

VLA1553 was generally well tolerated across all age groups with most adverse events being mild or moderate. In those given the vaccine, the most common adverse events were headaches, fatigue, muscle pain, joint pain, and pain at the injection site.

After six months, there were more adverse events recorded for those given VLA1553 than those given placebo. The safety profile in older adults was similar to that of adults.

The authors note some limitations of their study. It did not take place in an endemic region, so participants' pre-existing immunity to the chikungunya virus is unknown, as is the safety of the vaccine in this population.

In addition, the vaccine is made from a weakened version of the live virus, so is likely to be unsuitable for people with weakened immune systems, and pregnant women.

Date.09-06-2023

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. **Office Of The Executive Engineer Rural Engineering Wing Baramulla.**

E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No: - 25/Xen/Rew/Bla/2023-2024 Dated 13-06-2023 For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, I&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on pe

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	EMD AMOUNT	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA/TS
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	C/O Fencing arround Govt. Middle school mirchipora of under Area Development Plan (PRI) 2023-24 Block tangmarg pyt halqa pandithpora	1.61	200	3220	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accord
2	Fencing of jinazghah and Graveyard at pandithpora under Area Development Plan (PRI) 2023-24 Block tangmarg pyt halqa pandithpora	2.43	200	4860	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accord
3	Fencing of old and new Graveyard at mirchipora under Area Development Plan (PRI) 2023-24 Block tangmarg pyt halqa pandithpora	2.47	200	4940	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accord
4	Imp. of road from gund astan to h/o assadullaha parra at gund maqsood under Area Development Plan (PRI) 2023-24 Block tangmarg pyt halqa pandithpora	2.32	200	4640	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accord
5	Construction of bathroom of GOVT. middle school at pandithpora Under ADP pri grants year 2023-24 Block tangmarg pyt halqa pandithpora	2.70	200	5400	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accord
6	Imp of makainar road at mirchipora under Area Development Plan (PRI) 2023-24 Block tangmarg pyt halqa pandithpora	1.23	200	2460	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accord
7	c/o of path from h/o satar bhat to masjid sharif and path from jamia masjid sharief to h/o mohd ashraf bhat and path from under Area Development Plan (PR1) 2023-24 Block tangmarg pyt halqa pandithpora	1.95	200	3900	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accord
8	Reconstruction/Construction of Culvert on Nehalpora Khul at Cherry Colony Pyt. Halqa Druroo under ADP (PRI) year 2023-24 Block Tangmarg	3.00	200	6000	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accord
9	C/o of Tile path At Pandolari Near Ghulam Mohidin Shiekh Panchayat Baba Reshi under Area Development Plan (PRI) 2023-24 Block Tangmarg	2.96	200	5920	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accord
10	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 no. culverts NEAR JAMIA MASJID SHARIF AND NEAR HOUSE OF JABAR RATHER AT CHANDILORA UNDER ADP AT PYT. CHANDILORA BLOCK TANGMARG YEAR 2023-24	2.97	200	5940	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accord
11	C/o P Bund at Graveyard at Fajipora Panchayat Mulbangil under Area Development Plan (DDC) 2023-24 Block Tangmarg	2.94	200	5880	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accord

(B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the dep www.iktenders.gov.in as per the scheduled date given below.

Whole Genome Of Highly Adaptable Foxtail **Millet Sequenced**

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Press Trust Of India

n a new research, scientists have mapped the complete genome of an important cereal crop, Setaria or foxtail millet, advancing our understanding of its domestication and evolution, along with a genetic explanation for its agricultural traits.

The study was led by researchers at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China, and

The researchers established the entire set of Setaria's, or the Setaria pan-genome, by assembling 110 representative genomes from a worldwide collection of 1,844

Setaria species. Performing largescale genetic studies for 68 traits across 22 environments in 13 geographical locations, each climatically distinct, the scientists identified potential genes and marker-panels for foxtail millet's geographical evolution and enhance-

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR Office of the Executive Engineer Quality Control & Procurement Division, HMT, Srinaga

TENDER DOCUMENT

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-Tenders are invited on item rate basis in two covers (details recorded in tender document) from Registered Original itemManufacturers or their authorized distributor/dealers as per speci-fications / details annexed to the e-NIT. SUPPLY OF WATER TESTING CHEMICALS/ REAGENTS/CRM FOR WATER TESTING LABORATORIES

Subject of Supply: SUPPLY OF WATER TESTING OF KASHMIR PHE JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT SRINAGAR

General	
Client Name	Chief Engineer, Kashmir PHE, Jal Shakti Deptt, Srinagar.
Circle	Superintending Engineer, PHE Mechanical, Jal Shakti Department, Circle South, Srinagar.
Division	Quality Control & Procurement Division PHE Jal Shakti Department, HMT Srinagar.
Bidding Type	Öpen
Amount Details	
Estimated Cost	Rs 3470700.00
Bid Document Fee	Rs 1000.00 In the shape of treasury Challan/ e-transfer to J&K Bank A/c
(Non-Refundable)	No:0005010100005110 IFSC: JAKA0CHINAR
Bid document fee payable in	Executive Engineer QC&PD PHE Jal Shakti HMT Srinagar.
the shape of treasury Challan/	e-mail: xenmandp@gmail.com
e-transfer under major Head MH-	
0215-Rev-Misc to:	
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 70000in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG from nationalized banks only having a branch in
	Srinagar with a validity of 45 days after bid validity period.
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in	Chief Accounts OfficerJal Shakti Kashmir PHE Department, Srinagar.

The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:07.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance deptt)that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat.In the event of inadequate response to a tender ,participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted.

Technical Bids will be opened on 24-06-2023 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engi REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.

If the Bidder quotes his Bid exceeding the tendering Cost, his bid will be automatically rejecte

Period of downloading of From 13-06-2023 to 23-06-2023 up to 6:00 PM

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13-06-2023

Date of Issue of Tender Notice 13-06-2023

4 Bid Submission End Date

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Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)

- In case of dilemma/confusion, the rate and the unit against any item shown in Boq , the SOR rate along with its unit
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein Name of work and NIT No. in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site <u>www.iktenders.gov.in</u> and con utomatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The **bids of Responsive bidders** shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla
- 3. All The Bidders has to deposit Earnest Money (2% of Advertised cost) in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering s per the Circular of Finance Department
- The 1ST Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3 % of allotted cost of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% performance security. Unbalanced Bid:
- The successful bidder shall have to deposit an additional performance security in the shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG before award of contract in case the bid of the successful bidder is found to be unbalanced and the following scale shall apply thereto:

included scientists at New York University, US, and is published in the journal Nature Genetics

"Because it is a crop that can grow across a wide range of environments - including arid lands - it has the potential to be important for food security under climate change," said Michael Purugganan, the study's co-senior author.

Foxtail millet, considered to be the foundation for early Chinese civilisation, is one of the oldest domesticated grain crops in the world and has been grown by humans for roughly 11,000 years. It held a dominant position in Chinese agriculture before the introduction of high-input agricultural practices like irrigation and chemical fertilizers.

The protein-rich grain is resilient to drought and able to thrive in low-nutrient soils because it employs C4 photosynthesis, a highly efficient form of photosynthesis helping it adapt to different environments.

ment.For instance, the researchers found that the gene SiGW3 regulates grain yield of foxtail millet. Further, by con-

structing the first graphbased genome sequence of Setaria, the scientists offered insights into genomic variation across wild and cultivated Setaria, an understanding of which equips researchers with valuable genetic tools to pursue biological research and breeding efforts.

"This paper is a significant milestone, as it paves the way for the next generation of comparative genomics studies that can help to decipher the molecular mechanism of C4 photosynthesis.

"The large-scale comparative genomics, genome-wide association study, and genomic selection studies of Setaria not only provide opportunities for gene discovery and breeding advancements in foxtail millet itself, but also offer insights for other crops to enhance global food security," said Diao.

ڈ**ل کالونی بمنہ رکھآ رتھ کی** سڑکوں کی مرمت کا مطالبہ ذل کالونی بمندر کھآرتھ کے مقامی لوگوں نے علاقے میں خت حال سڑک کی مرمت اور میکڈم نہ بچچانے کے خلاف سخت برہمی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کداس عنمن میں کئی بار متعلقہ حکام سے اپیل کی لیکن انہوں نے کوئی کا رروائی نہیں کی ۔ رکھآ رتھ بمند کے لوگو ں نے کہا ہے کہ علاقہ کی سڑکیں بشمول 40فٹ روڑ پر میکڈم نہ ہونے سے جگہ جگہ . گڑھے بن گئے میں جبک B2،B34 اور B4 لائنوں کی سڑک بھی کافی خت ہے اور اس سڑک پر چلنا دشوار بن گیا ہے ۔ انہوں نے اس عنمن میں متعلقہ حکام سے اپیل کی ہے کہ اس علاقہ کی سڑکوں کی مرمت کا کا مور کی طور پر شروع کیا جائے تا کہ لوگوں کو راحت ملے۔ DIPK-3507/23 داحت مل

favour of: Tender Dates Bid Document Downloading Start 10-06-202302:00PM Date. Bid Document Downloading End 27-06-202316:00PM Date. Clarification Start Date 10-06-2023..... ..15:00PM Clarification End Date 28-06-2023... On Line Bid Submission Start Date 10-06-2023...15.00PM Bid Submission End Date Date of opening of Cover 1st. 28-06-2023..03:00PM 29-06-2023......2:00PM **Bid Validity Period** 180 days from opening of the Price Bid Executive Engineer QC&PD PHE Jal Shakti HMT Srinagar payable at Srinagar. Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Kashmir PHE Deptt. Srinagar. Officer Inviting Bio **Bid opening Authority** Engineering Complex, Near Silk Factory, Raj Bagh Srinagar Kashmir -190001. (e-mail: Address kmrphed@gmail.com)

The tenders of qualifying/eligibility criteria, consisting of general and commercial terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in

The bids shall be submitted in electronic format on the website www.jktenders.gov.in.The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time, will be opened on the time and date (given in the critical date schedule), in the office of the Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Kashmir PHE Deptt. Srinagar in presence of the bidders who wish to be present. In case offices happen to be closed due to a holiday, or any other reason/s, on the schedule date of opening - the bids will be opened on the next working day at the scheduled time and venue or on any day convenient/feasible to the tender opening committee/authority of the Department. THE COMPLETE BIDDING SHALL BE ONLINE IN TWO COVER SYSTEM:

The Cover 1st of bids shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Kashmir PHE Deptt. Srinagar on the time and dategiven in the broadband information of tender or any other date and time convenient to Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Kashmir PHE Deptt. Srinagar.

The date and time of opening of 2nd coveri.e. Financial Bids shall be notified separately. The Financial bids of qualified bidders shall be opened online on same website in the office of Chief Engineer, Kashmir PHE, Jal Shakti Deptt, Srinagar, The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from opening of the Price Bid INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS REGARDING E-TENDERING PROCESS:

The interested bidder can download the NIT/bidding document from the website http://iktenders.gov.in To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get (DSC) "Digital Signature Certificate" as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. This certificate will be required for digitally signing the bid. Bidders can get above mentioned digital certificate from any approved vendor. The Bidders, who already possess valid (DSC) Digital Signature Certificates need not to procure new Digital Signature Certificate.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. The bids cannot be up loaded without Digital Signature. No Proposal will be accepted in physical form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule.

Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids whatsoever reasons may be. All the required information for bid must be filled and submitted online.

The details of cost of documents, EMD specified in the tender documents should be the same, as submitted online (scanned copies) otherwise bid will not be accepted.

Bidders can contact the undersigned for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.

Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user onwww.jktenders.gov.in, e-tendering portal to store important documents like Experience certificate, Balance sheet, VAT Certificate, sales Tax Clearance Certificate and other related documents etc., and attach these certificates as non-Statutory documents while submitting their bids.

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

Bidders are advised to scan their documents at 100 DPI (Dots per Inch) resolutions with Black and White, JPEG Scan properly, convert scanned images to PDF.

Any relaxation under MSMED Act is applicable to the tender.

The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in

(As per J&K Finance Department Order No: - A/24(2017)-651, Dated: - 07-06-2018, furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. Hence hardcopies need not to be submitted. The hardcopies along with EMD shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1(Lowest Bidder) for each of the item on tender as per BOQ evaluation after opening of Financial bids).

Position of Funds: - The availability of funds shall be ensured before placement of Supply order.

No.:PHE/QC&PD/893-98

Dated:15-06-2023

Upto and including 15% below Nil
 2.
 >15% upto and including 20% below

 3
 >20% upto and including 25% below

 4
 >25% upto and including 30% below
 5% 10% 15% >30% below

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids. The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited, If:-

- Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms a) and conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit b)
- Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract. c)

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

- 3.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website <u>www.iktenders.gov.in</u>to acquaint bid submission process.
- 7.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
- 7.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- 7.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial
- 7.6. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the Inducts must examine to upon statistic opponents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copes if need arises. 7.7. DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED IN SOFT:
- ned copy of valid registration card along with Latest Renewal , EMD/TR as per NIT, GST, L PAN.
- 7.8. The earnest money in favour of un-successful/ non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original, irrespective of Hard copies, failure of submission of tender document fee by the bidder using site shall entail him for blacklisting.

- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt in favour of the Executive Engineer REW, Division Baramulla and Earnest Money/Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG if applicable pledged to Executive Engineer. REW Division Baramulla (Tender receiving Authority) must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original treasury challan/receipt (cost of tender document), CDR/FDR/BG (earnest money/bid security) and relevant bid documents etc be submitted to the tender opening authority by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid. The tender receiving authority reserves the right of opening of the tenders on due date or any other convenient available date or rejecting any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create 10. similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- Price escalation & taxes: -The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates 11. quoted shall be deemed to include **price escalation and all taxes** up to completion of the work unless otherwise, specified deductions on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are 12.
- In case of CRF & any other specified project the relevant guidelines/ standard bidding documents shall be followed 13. 14.1. All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria/ qualification 14.
 - information with their bids
 - Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of
 - Valid GST No. & Pan No. along with the latest GST Return form GST-3/GSTR-3B.
 - Copy of earnest money deposit & tender document fee indicating name of work therein

14.2. The bidders at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before ubmission of bid.

- 14.3. Nonattendance of pre-bid meeting will not be cause of disqualification of the bidder
- 14.4. All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English language
- If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the rate list / quantity schedule, cost of such item/ items shall be deemed to be part of the overall/ total contract value. No rates shall be allowed for such item/ items in the allotment of contract. 15.

Executive Engineer REW Baramulla

Dated: 15-06-2023

No: 193-200 DIPK-3486/23

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Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) QC&PD

HMT Srinagar

BUSINESS

Tourist Villages In J&K Receiving Huge Tourist Influx: Govt

'Homestay concept succeeds in alluring huge tourist influx to rural tourist villages'



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Located 88 kilometers from Jammu in district Udhampur, 'Panchari' a snow capped mountain surrounded by dense cedar forests, is all set to receive and captivate tourists this year with its natural magnificence and grandeur. Many admirers of Panchari compare its scenic beauty and winter snowfall with glabally acclaimed as best destination 'Gulmarg'.

"Panchari, a fascinating tourist destination abundantly blessed with natural scenic splendour and grandeur, started receiving heavy tourist rush after being declared as the first Tourist Village with Homestay facilities by the J&K government under Tourist Village Development Programme (TVDP).

The construction of vintage huts and creation of other requisite utilities in this picturesque spot has further added to its infrastructural edifice to accommodate the

Notably, the government initiated promotion of homestay tourism in the UT by launching Panchari as the first tourist village with homestay facilities under TVDP. The ambitious programme has the potential to mobilize the diverse geographical and socio-economic landscape of entire Jammu and Kashmir region.

steeply rising tourist influx'.

In January of this year, the Anderwali hamlet of Sangerwani village in South Kashmir's Pulwama district was festively adorned. A group of tourists from Pune city in Maharashtra chose this place for a pre-wedding shoot. Yogi, a professional event photographer from Pune, who was part of the group, said that he was astonished with the fascinating natural beauty of the place, stating that he had been there before with his family. He informed his friends, Rohit and Shilpa, about this beautiful place in Pulwama, and they decided to have their

pre-wedding shoot there.

Centre Discontinues Sale Of Rice, Wheat Under Omss To State **Govts To Check Price Rise**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Centre has discontinued the sale of rice and wheat from the central pool under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) to state governments, a move that will hit some states, including Karnataka, offering free grains to the poor.

This decision has already been conveyed to the Karnataka government, which had sought 13,819 tonne of rice for its own scheme under the OMSS without e-auction for July at the rate of Rs 3 400 per quinta



limits on wheat till March 31, 2024, had also announced offloading of both rice and wheat under the OMSS to cool down the open market prices and curb hoarding.

It had announced the sale of 15 lakh tonne of wheat under the OMSS from the central pool

India's Domestic Air Passenger Traffic Grows 15% To 132.67 Lakh In May: DGCA

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India's domestic air passenger traffic grew 15 per cent year-on-year to 132.67 lakh passengers in May 2023, according to DGCA data. The country's domestic air passenger traffic was 114.67 lakh passengers in the yearago period.

Low-cost carrier IndiGo increased its market share to 61.4 per cent from 57.5 per cent during the previous month, carrying a total of 81.10 lakh passengers, as per the DGCA data released on Thursday.

Last month also saw the grounding of city-based carrier Go First.

Go First, which is currently undergoing insolvency proceedings at the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), has not flown since May 3. All three Tata Group air-

lines–Air India, AirAsia India and Vistara (which is 49 per cent owned by Singapore Airlines)-also witnessed their market share growing se-



nering 9.4 per cent, 7.9 per cent and 9 per cent of the total traffic pie, respectively.

The total number of passengers flown by Air India and Vistara during the month under review stood at 12.44 lakh and 11.95 lakh, respectively.

AirAsia India carried 10.41 lakh passengers in May 2023, the data showed. The combined total of these

three airlines was 34.8 lakh passengers, 26.3 per cent of

ger traffic in May 2023.

The market share of Akasa Air, which launched its air services in August 2022, also rose to 4.8 per cent in the previous month compared to 4 per cent in April 2023.

On punctuality parameters, Akasa Air recorded an on-time performance of 92.6 per cent, the highest among all the domestic carriers from four key metro airports in May, as per the data.

Govt Cuts Import Duty On Refined Soybean & Sunflower Oils To 12.5%

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government has reduced the import duty on refined soybean and sunflower oils to 12.5 per cent from 17.5 per cent with effect from Thursday to boost the domestic availability and check prices, a finance minis-

try notification said. Usually, India imports 'crude' soybean and sunflower oils and not their 'refined' form. Yet, the government has reduced the duty on refined soybean and sunflower oils. With this reduction, the ef-

fective duty on refined edible oils stands at 13.7 per cent, including cess on social welfare. The effective duty on all major

crude edible oils is 5.5 per cent. Commenting on this, Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) Executive Director B V Mehta said the move may have some temporary impact on market sentiments but unlikely to attract imports.

"Basically, government



wants to keep the prices of sunflower oils. edible oils under check. Even

According to SEA, the delayed onset of monsoon in Kerala by a

week led to delay in sowing. "The Met Department has forecast near normal monsoon, however El Nino is not ruled out completely and may spoil the chances of normal monsoon, which may impact kharif crop and domestic availability Currently, there are no imof vegetable oils in next oil year port of refined soybean and 2023-24," Mehta added.



Exports Dip 10.3% In May; Trade Deficit At 5-Month High

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NEW DELHI: Exports declined the fourth-consecutive for month by 10.3 per cent yearon-year to USD 34.98 billion in May, while the trade deficit widened to a five-month high of USD 22.12 billion.

According to the data released by the commerce ministry on Thursday, key export recording negative sectors growth include petroleum products, gems and jewellery, engineering goods, ready-made garments of all textiles and chemicals.

Imports also declined 6.6 per cent, six-month in a row, to USD 57.1 billion against USD 61.13 billion in the same month last year, the data showed.

The trade deficit in May 2022 stood at USD 22.13 billion. The last high was in December 2022, when the gap was USD 23.89 billion.

Cumulatively, exports during April-May this fiscal contracted by 11.41 per cent to USD 69.72

billion, while imports declined 10.24 per cent to USD 107 billion. Briefing reporters on the data, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said headwinds still continue at the global trade front as there is a "whole lot of" recession and slowdown

in many countries. The fall in economic growth in certain developed markets has impacted import demand, he said, adding there is also low demand in OECD nations. However, he expressed hope

that the demand will pick up in developed countries.

"We are expecting that slowdown conditions should improve and demand should pick up," Barthwal said.

He also informed that the ministry is working on a trade strategy to promote exports.

As part of that, the Department of Commerce, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Invest India and Indian missions abroad would focus on 40 countries.

Sebi Notifies Disclosure Rules; Asks Top 100 Listed Cos To Confirm Or **Deny Mkt Rumour From Oct 1**

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NEW DELHI: To streamline the disclosure requirements, Sebi has notified rules asking the top 100 listed companies by market capitalisation to confirm, deny or clarify any market rumour reported in the mainstream media from October 1.

Further, for the top 250 listed entities, the rule will kick in from April 1, 2024, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a notification.

These companies will have to "confirm, deny or clarify any reported event or information in the mainstream media which is not general in nature and which indicates that rumours of an impending specific material event" are circulating amongst the investing public, within 24 hours from the reporting of the information.

To strengthen the corporate governance at listed entities, Sebi came out with a framework to address the issue of certain shareholders enjoying special rights perpetually. Any special right granted to the shareholders of a listed entity will be subject to the approval of the shareholders in a general meeting by way of a special resolution once every five years starting from the date of grant of such special right.



a way that those special rights (nomination rights) would continue to be available even after significant dilution of their holding in those entities. This permits the shareholders to enjoy such special rights perpetually, which is against the principle of rights being proportional to one's holding in a company.

Also, the regulator said that all directors appointed to the board of a listed entity need to go through a periodic shareholders' approval process, thereby providing legitimacy to the director to continue to serve on the board. This would substantially adress the concerns around the

According to a recent order

issued by the Food Corporation of India (FCI), "The sale of wheat and rice under the OMSS(domestic) for state governments is discontinued".

However, the sale of rice under the OMSS will be continued for northeastern states, hilly states and states facing law and order situations, natural calamities at an existing rate of Rs 3,400 per quintal, it said.

FCI may liquidate rice under the OMSS to private parties from the central pool stock as per the requirement in order to moderate the market prices, it added.

On June 12, the central government while imposing stock to flour mills, private traders and manufacturers of wheat products through e-auction. It had, however, not fixed the quantity of rice for these traders for the sale under the OMSS. The move comes amid the slow progress of monsoon and rising prices of rice and wheat. Rice prices have increased by up to 10 per cent in the last one vear at the mandi level, while by 8 per cent in the last one month, as per the official data. Monsoon rains are crucial as about 80 per cent of the country's total rice production is grown during the kharif season and sowing will begin next month onwards.

Dir Agri Advocates Commercial **Cultivation Of Exotic Vegetables**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Igbal Thursday visited various Farmer's fields under exotic vegetable cultivation program at Naira Pulwama Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture highlighted the commercial im-

portance of exotic vegetables

for the agri-economy of the

region. He interacted with the farmers engaged with the cultivation of exotic vegetables in the district and farmers also shared their views and experiences with the Director.

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tween crude and refined soya

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some temporary sentiment

impact on market," Mehta

said in a statement.

He said to the farmers that special interventions have been proposed for the promotion of exotic vegetable cultivation on commercial lines in the region. He assured them of every possible support from the department for the development of the agriculture sector.

Director Agriculture directed the officials of the department to keep a close liaison with the farmers and ensure the awareness under Kisan Sampark Abhiyan so that farmers are able to submit the application under various projects of HADP on its dashboard so that maximum benefits are provided to them.

This comes amid public institutional shareholders increasingly voicing their concerns against special rights being conferred upon the promoters, founders, and certain body corporates of those companies.

Sebi noted that shareholders' agreements are drafted in such

grant of board permanency by listed entities to certain selected persons -- mostly promoter-directors or related persons -- by invoking the rights conferred on it by the AoA of a company or by such persons being appointed as directors deliberately making them not liable to 'retirement by rotation' and without a defined tenure.

"With effect from April 1, 2024, the continuation of a director serving on the board of directors of a listed entity shall be subject to the approval by the shareholders in a general meeting at least in once every five years from the date of their appointment or reappointment, as the case may be," Sebi said.

Commissioner Secretary I&C Interacts With Prominent Investors

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, held an interactive meeting with prominent investors in J&K from different sectors at Srinagar on Thurday.

The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen ties between the government and the investor community, explore potential partnerships and discuss opportunities for mutual growth of J&K and Industrial sector as well as to discuss ways to alleviate challenges in grounding investment in the UT.

About 50 investors representing diverse sectors like Pharmaceutical, Power, Hospitals, Packaging Industry, Food Processing, Manufacturing sector, Tourism Sector, Private Industrial Parks, IT and ITES, CA stores and Start Ups expressed their keen interest in J&K's investment prospects. They lauded government's efforts to facilitate a conducive business ecosystem.

Commissioner Secretary highlighted the importance of collabo-

ration between public and private entities to drive innovation, foster entrepreneurship and unlock full potential of Industries in J&K

He assured the investors that their feedback and suggestions would be taken into consideration, aiming to address any barriers and enhance the ease of doing business. The Government's ongoing efforts to streamline processes, provide service delivery through Single Window system and foster a skilled workforce were also highlighted during the meeting.

Commissioner Secretary mentioned that such meetings will be held atleast once in every guarter to further strengthen ties with the investors. He assured that there would be an open house on every Friday where any investor can meet him and discuss their issues.

This meeting signifies government's strong commitment towards forging meaningful partnerships with investors and fostering an environment conducive to sustained economic growth.

Over 600 Youth Participate In Daylong Job Fair At Budgam

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: District Employment and Counseling Centre (DE&CC) Budgam/ MCC Budgam with the support of District Administration Budgam Thursday organized a one day Job Fair at Government Boys Higher Secondary School Budgam.

The Job fair was inaugurated by the Director, Employment J&K, Nisar Ahmad Wani in presence of Joint Director Employment Kashmir, Hakeem Tanveer, Principal BHSS Budgam and other dignitaries.

This is for the first time that NCS centre for differently Abled persons Srinagar participated in the fair and registered 4 candidates for rehabilitation. As many as 12 reputed private companies participated in the job fair to conduct on spot interviews and provide jobs to the unemployed youth of the district.

The companies that participated in the job fair include Future Solutions, Royal International, SBI Life, Win Placement Services Wizkid Educorp, Fairdeal motors, Natural Lifecare Tata Aia life Insurance, Wishfin Technologies and v5 global, Zoonak technologies etc.

Around 600 candidates attended the job Fair out of which 201 candidates got registered themselves on spot on the Employment Department's J&K portal. As many as 48 candidates were shortlisted for various jobs on the spot by job providing companies.

Wiz kid educorp registered 210 candidates for the skill training program. There was an overwhelming response from the candidates.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director Employment said such kind of Job fairs will be conducted in other parts of the valley in future where National, multinational and reputed companies participate and provide job opportunities to the maximum number of unemployed youth.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM KASHMIR

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Sub: Operation of tourist trade unit without tourism registration / Non-renewal of registration certificates by tourist trade units.

CIRCULAR

It has been observed that a large number of tourism related units including hotels/ Guest houses/Restaurants/Cafe's/Dhabas/Tour and Travel Units etc are operating their business without a registered license or have not got their registration certificates renewed from time to time. This tantamounts to carrying of tourist trade business at such Units, unauthorizedly and is punishable under Section 28 of J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978/2011.

It is, therefore, enjoined upon all those hoteliers/Guest House Owners/Restaurant owners/ Cafe's/Dhabas/Tour and Travel Units etc that they should register/ renew their registration certificates within 03 weeks' time. Online registration/renewal facility is available for the tourist traders round the clock.

In case the hoteliers/Guest House Owners/Restaurant owners etc fail to comply, the Department shall be constrained to take action against them as per Act and the defaulters shall be booked as per Law.

No. Reg/999/232/DTK	DIPK-3482-23	Dy. Director Tourism
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News

Harwan, Palli panchayats dominates first ever Panchayat Rankings released by CS Calls rankings 'bedrock for evidence based planning and acceleration of development process'

Srinagar: In what could be termed as a historic milestone in planning process, Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today released the rankings of Panchayats under the Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP), a J&K government initiative to assess the performance of these rural administrative units on key developmental parameters.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary complimented the whole team of Planning Development & Monitoring Department headed by Administrative Secretary, RaghavLangar for carrying out this massive exercise of data collection, compilation and ranking of Panchayats using scientific criteria.

Dr Mehta called this exercise a foundation stone for adopting a more focused approach with several key datasets available with each District. He observed that these rankings have pinpointed the lacunae in each sector or area of the district thereby making targetted interventions possible.

He termed the rankings a significant achievement which has laid foundation for evidence based planning in future. He made out that these rankings tell us all about our endeavours made till now and the way forward. He urged all the Deputy Commissioners to thoroughly go through these rankings and formulate plans accordingly to fill the developmental voids pointed out in this ranking system.

Dr Mehta observed that this data has an added advantage of providing us a baseline to measure our progress in future. He exuded hope that in the years ahead with such planning process at our back, most of our problems would find resolution expeditiously. He directed that all rankings may be made public in the shape of compendium so that people also have fair idea about the kind of interventions needed in their areas.

He called it a tool towards ensuring good governance in the UT. He also advised creating a permanent dashboard for monitoring and updating these rankings monthly. He also directed the Housing & Urban Development Department for carrying out Town rankings in the days ahead on similar lines.

The first of its kind Panchayat rankings released today has put Syedpora, Harwan Panchayat of District Srinagar at first rank with a overall score of 91.69 out of 100. It is followed by Palli (Samba) with a score of 90.71, Balhama-A, Khonmoh (Srinagar) at 3rd spot with a score of 89.04. Then comes NarwalBala (Jammu) at 4th spot with score of 88.93, Nowgam-A (Srinagar) ranking 5th, Khonmoh-A (Srinagar) at 6th, Birpur Upper (Samba) at 7th, Theed-A, Dara-B of Srinagar at 8th and 9th rank with Gatha Panchayat of Baderwah (Doda) ranking 10th in the list of most developed Panchayats in the UT.

The lowest scoring Panchayats include Buglinder-B (49.78) of Tulail District Bandipora, Dhakikote (50.01) of District Reasi, Channa-A (51.58) of Reasi, Panchalthan (51.77) in Anantnag, Bandhar (51.96) in Reasi, Neeru (51.97) in Tulail, Bandipora, Badhal-A (52.58) in Rajouri, Zadigye-B (52.73) in Bandipora, Balihote-B (52.94) in Ramban and Zadigye-A (53.46).

Out of the total of 4291 Panchayats, 73 fall in the score range of 50-60, 1054 in 60-70, 2359 in 70-80 and 807 Panchavats in the range of 80-90 across all the districts of J&K.

Regarding the procedure for determining the rankings of Panchayats it was informed that the APDP has been conceived on the analogy of ABDP of UT of J&K. It was revealed that 100 Parameters/Indicators across 09 sectors have been identified for assessing 285 aspirational panchayats in consultation with the District Development Commissioners concerned.

The process included rating all the 4291 Panchayats spread over 285 Blocks and 20 Districts of the UT on

"It is to mention that Dal Lake did

not encounter any environmental fac-

tors like algal bloom and water explo-

sion which could result in fish kill," he

said, adding, "The preliminary inves-

tigation of the specimen did not indi-

socio-economic indicators concerning the lives of the people residing in the rural areas. One most backward panchayat in each block have been selected from 4291 Panchayats of UT of J&K, on the basis of least aggregate score obtained on the selected 100 parameters/ indicators in the Panchayat Development Index (PDI) in the concerned Block. The relevant data was then collected from the concerned districts.

These 100 measurable indicators identified across 9 Sectors namely Agriculture & allied Activities (6 indicators), Health & Nutrition (11), Education (13), Rural Development & Sanitation (7), Individual Beneficiary Schemes Skill Oriented (4), Development (4), Basic Infrastructure (17), Environment (5), & Good Governance (33) are providing insights into existing status and will also capture incremental progress over a period of time.

Additional financial assistance of

Rs. 10 Lakh is being provided to the selected Panchayats for improving the key performance indicators mentioned in the Panchayat Development Index.

Among the Border area almost 77 Panchayats from 82 border Blocks fall in the aspirational panchayats programme. Out of these based on the set criterion the most backward Panchayat found through assessment is Buglinder-B from Block Tulail District Bandipore having score 49.78. While as, the last Aspirational Panchayat selected from Border Areas is Panchayat Nanga of Block Ramgarh, District Samba having a score of 79.59 making it the most developed Panchayat among the Border panchayats spread across 08 districts of the UT.

These rankings were today released by the Chief Secretary in presence of all the Administrative Secretaries, District Development Commissioners, HoDs of Planning, Finance and other concerned departments.

CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

India Strengthens

the Army's Northern Command would review the overall situation along the LAC in eastern Ladakh on Thursday

The need for quick mobilisation of troops and weapon systems gained renewed focus in the wake of the lingering border row between India and China in eastern Ladakh.

Following the escalation in tension in eastern Ladakh standoff, the Army has taken a series of measures to boost its operational capabilities in the eastern sector that included procurement of all terrain vehicles, precision guided ammunition, high-tech surveillance equipment, radars and weapons.

The militaries of the two countries held 18 rounds of high-level talks so far with an objective of taking forward the disengagement process in the re-maining friction points and restoring peace and tranquillity along the LAC in eastern Ladakh.

The 18th round of high-level military talks between the two sides were held on April 23 during which they agreed to stay in close touch and work out a mutually acceptable solution to the remaining issues in eastern Ladakh at the earliest.

The two sides completed disengagement in several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks.

India has been maintaining that its ties with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas.

On June 8, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that any expectation of normalisation of India's ties with China when the border situation in eastern Ladakh is not normal is unfounded.

"The fact is the relationship is imacted. And the relationship will conknowledge economy. He said under the guidance of PM Narendra Modi, an unprecedented task of transforming the entire education system through the National Education Policy was underway.

"Our focus is to make education a powerful medium for independent research, growth of independent ideas and the classrooms to be a place where dreams and aspirations are born," he said.

Boom of Artificial Intelligence

The LG also highlighted the important role of teachers in empowering students through modern and traditional knowledge. He said that Artificial Intelligence has brought unprecedented change in every sphere of our lives. Soon, AI-powered schools will provide customized education, enhance the capability of children but despite this advanced technology only teachers will be able to provide 'education of conscience.'

He emphasized that the teachers' task was not to finish syllabus but to hone raw potential within the children and to transform the learning journey into a creative, engaging and collaborative way. "They should put every child through this process so that he or she can recognize the inner courage and wisdom.'

The LG impressed upon the teaching community to make the learning process engaging and collaborative, and provide the children with the space to enrich their personality and individuality.

'The learning environment that exists beyond syllabus sows the seeds of curiosity, creativity and individuality in the children. Education must incul cate curiosity in young minds, provide an opportunity for their inner creativity to shine and help them to achieve their individuality," the LG said. Sinha also spoke about the reforms introduced, over the past few years, to overhaul the education sector. He informed that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, an unprecedented task of transforming the entire education system through the National Education Policy was underway. "Our focus is to make education a powerful medium for independent research, growth of independent ideas and the classrooms to be a place where dreams and aspirations are born," he observed.

lacs. Let us both public and private schools work with the same cause for education," he opined. "The investment in private schools should be approximately sixty (60) thousand crores. Private schools are trying to supplement the education efforts of the government yet they are treated as parasites. Why is it that our UT which declared education free in 1951 has the lowest standard of education? In seventy years, we should have become an Education Hub of the country."

On the occasion, the LG took round the learning and recreational centre for specially-abled children in the school.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Mohammad Aijaz, DIG central Kashmir, Sujit Kumar, Pro Vice-Chairperson, Kiran Dhar, Principal, DPS Srinagar, Shafaq Afshan, teachers, and a large number of students of DPS were present.

Gifts His Luxury

comes back and removes it from his wrist and gifts it to the kid."

"Your watch is very nice," the kid was heard saying. "The kid held his hand and started reading the watch... LG Sinha smiled, took a step ahead, came back and gifted it to the kid."

The students, according to school authorities, are said to be enrolled in the 7th standard.

Sinha, who was flanked by Chairman Vijay Dhar, Principal, DPS Srinagar, Shafaq Afshan, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Mohammad Aijaz, Pro Vice-Chairperson, Kiran Dhar, told the Principal and Dhar that his children were "smart" enough.

Another Intrusion

Poonch district." Lt Col Anand said. mental stress which occurs with rapid fluctuation in temperature or sustained high temperatures, generally cooler water has a potential to hold more oxygen so a period of sustained high temperature can lead to decrease in oxygen level in a water body," he said, adding, "Depleted oxygen levels become the most common cause of fish kill." A short period of hot weather increases the temperature in the surface laver of water and the warmer water tends to stay near the surface, he said. "If a heavy rain or wind occur the layers can mix thereby mixing of water layers that is greater in high oxygen with the waters having low oxygen and thereby reducing the oxygen levels throughout the water column that leads to fish kill instantly.' He said S.K. University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology has been requested for conducting tests for presence of toxicity in Dal-Nigeen waters in order to ascertain use of pesticides, herbicides, weedicides etc.

dead fish wan't alarming as such beeverything is allowed, the board cause it was restricted to few pockets added.

district magistrates The Ganderbal and Anantnag districts shall issue appropriate orders under the Ranbir Penal Code specifying penalties to be imposed for violation of the food menu prescribed above, it added.

For the prevention of high altitude sickness, the board has advised 14 steps for every devotee aspiring to take the Yatra to the cave shrine.

"Do prepare for the Yatra by achieving physical fitness it is advisable to start a preparatory morning and evening walk, about 4-5 km per day," it said, further advising devotees to start deep breathing exercises and Yoga, particularly pranayam for improving oxygen efficiency of the body.

Do check with your physician prior to travelling to higher elevations, if you have any existing pre-existing medical conditions, it said.

Board has also issued five points of advice to prevent hypothermia, which include a healthy diet with plenty of fluids, including warm drinks, and regular meals for energy so that the body can generate heat.

It has further advised devotees to avoid alcohol, caffeine and smoking as they all increase the rate at which the body loses heat.

The advisory further elaborated that in view of cold weather conditions in high altitude sites in the Yatra area where temperature abruptly falls 2 to 5 degrees Celsius, vatris, especially elderly people may suffer from hypothermia.

Middle-Aged Man

his 13 years old female relative. FIR 40/2023 in POSCO Act registered at Channura PS Srinagar police salutes the courage of this brave child in reporting this crime," police said in a tweet. On Wednesday, police arrested an Arabic teacher of a private school for molesting and sexually assaulting two minor female students of classes 4th and 5th at Rawalpora.

with the relief commissioner's office in Jammu, they said.

Kashmiri migrants are those who left the Valley during the height of militancy in the 1990s

Kumar said that "as many as 165 families here (Rajasthan) have got domicile certificates of Jammu and Kashmir. We urge the government to provide us relief on the pattern of displaced Kashmiri migrants. We have been given nothing".

Landslide Blocks

tunnel was also blocked by the debris. The tunnel is being constructed to bypass the problematic stretch and is expected to be completed by next year. After the landslide, the concerned agency working on the four-lane highway project immediately pressed men and machines and managed to clear the road of the major debris.

However, intermittent shooting of stones from the hillock hampered the restoration of stranded traffic till 11 am, the officials said.

No fresh traffic was allowed either from Jammu or Srinagar this morning, the officials said, adding the traffic will be restored once the stranded vehicles are cleared.

LG Makes Surprise

The spokesperson said that the LG directed the officials to ensure round the clock availability of all basic amenities, sufficient water supply, proper sanitation and cleanliness in the premises.

The Shelter Home is being run by Jammu Municipal Corporation, through NGO Jagriti Mahila Udyog Kendra

SIU Attaches

cate any conspicuous characteristic of any known disease in fish.' However, he said, toxicity is a real factor and a very common cause of fish kill and the use of pesticide and herbicide in the floating gardens and gardens around the area cannot be ruled out. "Some of the pesticides and herbicides reportedly used contain chlorpyriphos which is a potent contact

of lake only, he said.

poison. The levels of toxic elements in water and biological magnification if any in the food chain needs an elaborate and detailed study which can be taken up with University of Kashmir and SKAUST in due course of time," he

said. Referring to the observation and preliminary investigation of water quality and site survey, he said, it was observed that water had an odor that may be attributed to the decomposition of specimen at sites though the water clarity and color was normal on May 25 when sampling of site was done.

He said quality and quantity of biological diversity of planktons observed in the sites of the Nishat basin are not affected.

"The Prima facia (investigation) indicates that the fish kill may have occurred on 22-23rd May due to thermal stratification as there was a sudden rise in temperature and humidity after many days of cloud cover and rains.

"Fish kill are often sign of environ

tinue to be impacted. If there is any expectation that somehow we will normalise (ties) while the border situation is not normal, that's not a wellfounded expectation," he said.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake area.

At DPS Srinagar,

the seeds of curiosity, creativity and individuality in the children," apparently jubilant Sinha said, adding "Education must inculcate curiosity in young minds, provide an opportunity to their inner creativity to shine and help them to achieve their individuality."

Sinha, who has a B. Tech And M. Tech degree in Civil Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi, recalled his college days and narrated to students his stint at the college and the role of the teachers in shaping up the career of the students.

"Till my college days, there were many concepts which were just concepts without any clarity. But when you are curious and you strive for answers, you get many of them... If you look back and you will find out many of the inventions have been done by people who don't have long formal education. It is their mind, their curiosity and the way they use their hands that make them so special in the world," he said.

He said that education awakens the mind, instills doubt and curiosity in the students, ignites critical thinking, scientific temper, creativity and nurtures their unique personality. The LG said every student must follow the four Mantras in life. Knowing one's inner self, finding the inner voice, learning through practice and learning through collaboration.

"Children are future of our nation and they need to learn skills that will prepare them for the real world." he said, adding "It is collective responsibility of teachers and school management to transform the school campus into a campus of curiosity, where the focus is on creativity rather than rote learning and where the innovativeness of the children is rewarded and not just top marks."

He said, while looking back, the country had a remarkable place in the

G20 Summit in Srinagar – 'J&K has come out of the dark era'

Speaking on the successful conduct of G20-Summit in Srinagar, LG Sinha said, the world has witnessed the "rise of peaceful and emerging Jammu Kashmir.'

"Jammu Kashmir has come out of the dark era, when schools used to remain shut for months together. Students must tell their parents and other members of the society that a great opportunity has finally arrived. Now, schools are functional round the vear. Work culture in Businesses, offices has improved. Youths are able to realize their dreams and the common man is enjoying quality life," said the

"First requirement for development and education is peace. We all must put our efforts in ensuring peace through collective participation," he said

Chairman DPS Srinagar, Vijay Dhar, highlighted the achievements of the School including learning school and virtual interface developed for specially-abled children. He stressed on the need for public and private schools to come together to extend quality education to all.

"We have twenty-five thousand government schools whose strength approximately is sixteen (16) lacs students in the state then we have seven 7000 private schools whose strength should be approximately twelve (12)

The officials said army troops opened fire after picking up the movement of suspected militants attempting to sneak into this side from across the border late Wednesday night.

However, the militants managed to escape taking advantage of thick foliage and darkness, leaving behind the consignment of arms and ammunition.

The operation in the area was still continuing when the last reports were received, the officials said.

Separately, police assisted by the army also launched a cordon and search operation in Makhyala and Bainch villages following reports of suspicious movement.

However, no one was arrested during the operation, officials said.

Fish Kill Not

(local name Gang- e-gad) were also seen, he said.

"Fish kill is difficult to predict even when conditions that contribute to fish are known to exist," he said, adding, "Fish are incredibly adaptable animal, but for sensitive fish sudden fluctuation in water quality and thermal stratification results in mortality though the tolerance limit of fish vary from species to species."

He said that the fish kill is not unusual but happens every year, attributing to the various environmental factors in different seasons of the year.

"The fish kill is an annual phenomenon of natural water bodies and domesticated fish ponds. It may result from variety of causes; the most common cause of fish kill is suffocation due to thermal stratification."

Various other environmental factors such as Pollution, (Ecological Hypoxia) Oxygen Depletion can also be the reason at times, he said.

'This condition may be brought by the Algal blooms, high temperature, diseases, poaching with chemicals, under water explosion etc. Sometimes the causes of many fish kill phenomenon are still unknown," he said, adding, "Use of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and chemicals alter the chemical parameters of water and also results in fish/fingerling mortality."

The fish kill phenomenon of the May 2023 was at few sites of Nishat Basin of Dal Lake only where the quantum of

Summer Break

inclusive)," reads the order, adding, "The period commencing from 19 day of June to 24th of June, 2023 shall be 'No Work Period' for the High Court."

wIn terms of Rule 12 of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Rules, 1999, he said, the Chief Justice nominated the Judges for both wings of the Court to be the Vacation Judges to hear all matters of urgent nature for the period.

For Jammu Wing, Justice Rajesh Sekhri will be vacation judge from June 26 to July 1 and Justice Rahul Bharti from July 3 to 8.

Similarly, he said, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi will be vacation judge from June 26 to July 1 and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal from 3 July to 8. **Pilgrims Banned**

bread with butter, cream-based foods, pickle, chutney, fried papad, chowmein among other fried and fast food items.

Keeping in view the health of the devotees, the board has recommended healthy options like cereals, pulses, green vegetables and salad along with a few rice dishes.

Apart from 40 banned items

A resident of Gurez, the accused teacher, police said, was putting up in a rented accommodation in Hyderpora locality in uptown Srinagar.

Also on Wednesday, a man accused of sodomising a minor boy in Kreeri area of Baramulla district was arrested by the police.

Earlier this month, a government school principal was placed under suspension, hours after he was arrested by the police for allegedly molesting and harassing his students within and outside the school earlier this month.

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

the admission of the student will be cancelled ab initio. (KNS)

PcK Refugees

of residence as Siyak in PcJK and all 12 members of his family have received the document.

"We are very happy to get this domicile certificate from the Jammu and Kashmir administration with our place of place of origin written as place of domicile in it. This is the first thing we have got in the past over 75 years from Jammu and Kashmir authorities," Kumar, who heads an organisation 'Kashmiri Welfare Society' for displaced people of PcJK in Rajasthan, said.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had said that over 21.000 domicile certificates have been issued through camps in Delhi, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.

According to officials in the Relief Commissioner's Office-Jammu, 1.58 domicile certificates have been issued both to Kashmiri migrants and displaced people of PcJK. Over 5,000 families of displaced people of PcJK living in various parts of India have been registered as displaced persons

originally a resident of Diver Lolab in Kupwara, has been "a persistent threat to peace and security" of Jammu and Kashmir since he went to Pakistan in the early 1990s, a police official said. He said Khan was earlier a member of Tehreek Jehadi Islami but has shifted allegiance to TRF now.

"Almas' strategic involvement in numerous acts of terror has caused immense suffering and loss of innocent lives in the Valley in the past. The Jammu and Kashmir Police has been actively pursuing his acts to bring an end to his destructive activities," the official said.

Following extensive intelligence gathering and meticulous investigations, the SIU team of Kupwara Police identified and subsequently attached the militant's properties -- 26 Kanals and 4 Marlas (3.25 acres) of land at three different locations in Diver Lolab.

"This measure aims to disrupt his illicit network and restrict his ability to carry out further acts of terror," the official said.

Minor Girl

reports said, recovered the minor girl in an unconscious state and rushed her to the Community health Centre (CHC) Sumbal for treatment. However, the doctors there declared her dead.

After completion of medico-legal formalities, the body of the baby girl was handed over to her family for last rites. This is the second such incident in

the Valley in the last 24 hours.

On Wednesday, two-year-old Talib Ahmad Ganie drowned to death in Nallah Sukhnag in Central Kashmir's Budgam district.

Woman Injured

said, caught the attention of other villagers who rushed to the spot and chased away the beast.

Saja Begum, who sustained serious injuries in the surprise bear attack, was removed to the hospital for treatment.

Woman Slips

the deceased woman as Shamim Akhter, wife of Khadam Hussein, resident of Kandi Rajouri. A police official confirmed the incident and said that they have taken cognizance of the incident.

SPORTS



Srinagar Premier League: Two Matches Played

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srinagar Premier League witnessed two high-profile teams battle it out on Thursday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

In the 4:00 PM kick off, Real Kashmir FC took on STFC Natipora. The match turned into

Natipora boys outplayed Real Kashmir in both halves of the match to take home a 4-1 win. In the other match of the day, Downtown Heroes FC played Kashmir Maharaja FC, with kick off at 7:00 PM. The Heroes came out flying and romped to a 7-0 win.

an unexpected drubbing as the

JD YSS Inaugurates Inter Zonal Sports Competition



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: After the completion of Inter School Zonal Level competitions conducted by all eight sports zones of District Srinagar, District Youth Services and Sports Office (DYSSO) Srinagar organised Inter Zonal competi-tions for Boys/Girls falling under the age group of 14 and 17 years at twin higher secondary schools of the district on Thursday here.

About 250 boys and girls are participating in these competitions. For Boys, the competitions were conducted at MPML HSS School Bagi Dilawar Khan, while for Girls, the Inter Zonal activities were carried out at Govt. Girls HSS Zadibal Srinagar. Many student players from all eight sports zones of Srinagar participated in this mega event.

Joint Director Kashmir of the Department of Youth Services and Sports I&K Waseem Raia inaugurated the competitions while trying his hand on a Carrom board. A pledge against drug abuse and its hazardous effects was also taken by all the participants and officials on this occasion.

District Youth Services And Sports Officer Srinagar Gh Hassan Lone, Zonal Physical Education Officers of different zones of the District. I/c Media & Publicity Wing of the Department Azhar Hajini, I/c Activity Section Muzaffar Ahmed, and other senior officials and officers of the Department were also present. These Inter Zonal competitions are being conducted in

Chess, Carrom, Rope Skipping, Tennikoit, and Table Tennis at various venues.

District Srinagar Indoor Rowing Championship 2023 Concludes



2023 Asia Cup In Hybrid **Model From August 31**



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Ending months of speculation around Asia Cup, the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) on Thursday announced that the tournament will be staged in a hybrid model with four games in Pakistan and nine in Sri Lanka from August 31 to September 17.

The deadlock over the staging of the 50-over tournament was broken last week when the Jay Shah-led ACC accepted Pakistan Cricket Board's hybrid model of conducting four non-India games in Pakistan. The hybrid model was pro-

posed as the BCCI had made it clear that it won't send its team to Pakistan due to the longstanding geo-political tensions between the two countries.

"We are delighted to announce that the Asia Cup 2023 will be held from 31st August to 17th September 2023 and will see the elite teams from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Nepal, compete in a total of 13 exciting ODI matches.

'The tournament will be hosted in a hybrid model with four matches being held in

Pakistan, and the remaining nine matches being played in Sri Lanka," said the ACC in a statement.

Karachi to meet PCB chairman

Najam Sethi last month, it was

decided that Pakistan won't

set any conditions for compet-

ing in the World Cup, provided

four Asia Cup games are held

in the country as they have the

Playing a tournament with-

out Pakistan would have meant

that the broadcasters would be

giving ACC just half the amount

committed for the tournament

because of two assured India-

Pakistan games and may be

a chance of a third, if the two

version for the ACC Asia Cup

2023 has been accepted. This

means the PCB will remain

as the event host and stage

matches in Pakistan with Sri

Lanka as the neutral venue,

which was required due to the

Indian cricket team's inability

to travel to Pakistan," said PCB

have loved to see the India crick-

et team in action in Pakistan for

the first time in 15 years, but

we understand the BCCI's posi-

tion. Like the PCB, the BCCI also

requires government approval

and clearance before crossing

"Our passionate fans would

chief Najam Sethi.

borders," he added.

"I am elated that our hybrid

teams reach the final.

hosting rights.

The 2023 edition will feature two groups, with two teams from each group qualifying for the Super Four stage. The top-two teams from the Super Four stage will then face off in the final.

India, Pakistan and Nepal have been bracketed in one group while Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan form the other group. The city of Lahore will host matches in Pakistan while the games to be played in Sri Lanka will be held in Kandy and Pallekele.

The approval of the Asia Cup's schedule also means that Pakistan will travel to India for the ODI World Cup in October-November. The archrivals are expected to face off at the world's largest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad on October 15.

Now that the Asia Cup dates and venues have been announced, the schedule of the ODI World Cup in India will be made public soon.

It is understood that once ICC CEO Geoff Allardice and chairman Greg Barclay visited

Ben Stokes Happy With Own Fitness, Oozing Positivity On Eve Of Ashes

Agencies

LONDON: Positivity has been the watchword for Ben Stokes since taking over as England cricket captain a year ago and oozing it on Thursday on the eve of a highly anticipated Ashes series against Australia. About his own battered body, which he believes is ready to stand up to scrutiny in the most storied test series in the sport. About the team's attacking mindset, which he insists is ingrained in his players now and is not for changing under his leadership. And about bringing Moeen Ali out of test retirement, one of Stokes' biggest decisions in his short tenure. Facing reporters wearing a



Man Utd Negotiating Exclusivity With Qatar's Sheikh Jassim

Agencies

MANCHESTER: English football club Manchester United is negotiating granting exclusivity to the consortium led by Qatar's Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad al-Thani in the talks to sell itself for more than \$6 billion, people familiar with the matter said on Thursday. Members of the Glazer family

ly, which own minority stakes in Manchester United and control it thanks to a dual-class share structure, would be cashing out as part of the proposed deal, one of the sources said.

The Qatari offer is currently viewed by the Glazers more favorably than a bid from British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe, founder of chemicals producer INEOS, the sources added. Ratcliffe's offer envisions that the Glazers would keep some interest in Manchester United. Manchester United is widely seen as one of the most prized assets in all of sport.

A \$6 billion deal would make the deal one of the biggest sports deals ever, following the similarly-sized sale of the National Football League's Washington Commanders earlier this year.



Shares of Manchester United jumped nearly 15% on the news, before paring some gains. Manchester United would not be allowed to negotiate with any bidder other than Sheikh Jassim for the exclusivity period. It could not be learned how long this period may last. The sources cautioned that the situation remained fluid and a new bid from Ratcliffe could prevent Sheikh lassim from securing exclusivity. The sources requested anonymity because the matter is confidential. Representatives for Manchester United and Sheikh Jassim did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The club is the fourth-richest soccer club in the world, according to analysis by Deloitte.

Messi Nets His Fastest Argentina **Goal Against Australia**



Agencies

BEIJING: Lionel Messi delighted Argentina fans in Beijing when he scored the fastest goal of his international career, netting after 79 seconds as the world champions beat Australia 2-0 in a friendly at a raucous Workers' Stadium on Thursday. Fans immediately got their money's worth when Argentina won the ball in Australia's half in the second minute and Enzo Fernandez found Messi, who sidestepped two defenders before beating the keeper with a curling shot from outside the box.

Messi, who last week confirmed wanted to move to Americar side Inter Miami, has now scored in seven straight games for Argentina and the country's talisman has shown no signs of slowing down ahead of his 36th birthday next week. "We always enjoy being with the national team." Messi said. "It was complicated to play because of the heat and humidity, but beyond everything we continued with the same idea.'

ing have been awash with people wearing replica Argentina jerseys in recent days. Hundreds queued outside the hotel each day in the hope of catching a glimpse of Messi leaving for training.

CAPACITY CROWD

A sea of blue-and-white had greeted the teams as they stepped out onto the pitch with an overwhelming majority of the 68,000 capacity crowd sporting Argentina colours. "I can't see any yellow shirts anywhere," Australia coach Graham Arnold said before the match. "I just really hope Lionel Messi gets a little percentage of the shirt sales because I've never



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 4th District Srinagar Indoor Rowing Championship 2023 ended on a high note on Thursday at Indoor Sports Complex in Elahibagh. The event was attended by esteemed guests, with Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson of the Waqf Board, as the Chief Guest.

The championship was organised by the District Rowing Association in collaboration with J&K Rowing and Sculling Association and the J&K Sports Council. The event saw over 250 enthusiastic boys and girls from

different schools and clubs in Srinagar participate with great fervour.

The closing ceremony of the championship was graced by distinguished personseveral alities, including Tariq Ghani, President of the CCIK, Farooq Ganderbal. and other esteemed members of the CCIK.

A total of 55 races took place during the championship. Ms. Bilquis Mir, an International Player of Kayaking and Canoeing and the esteemed Director of Water Sports, highlighted the profound significance of sports activities in the daily lives of people of all ages.

bucket hat, Stokes was calmness personified while many in cricket are getting caught up in the excitement of what

less of the opponent, that's is likely to be an explosive few what we are going to stick to," weeks between two long-time rivals, starting with the first Stokes said. "Obviously, conditions can test at Edgbaston from Friday.

England, Stokes said, was dictate how you can do that ready for Australia with its but we will always try to adapt "Bazball" approach — whether to the conditions and still have it proves successful this sumthat positive mode, which is to mer or not. go out and have as much fun as we can and always look to put

"We have found a style and a way in which we want to play our cricket that has been very successful and regard-

Messi has been the focus of attention ever since he landed in Beijing last week. The Argentina captain has legions of supporters in China where soccer is popular and fans often look further afield for teams to follow given the poor state of the men's national side.

The areas around the stadium and the hotel where Messi and his team mates have been stayseen so many Argentine number 10 shirts in my life!' Argentina doubled their lead in the second half when Rodrigo De Paul floated in an enticing cross into the box and substitute German Pezzella found space between two defenders to fire home a free header. Just before the corner was taken for the goal, a fan in a Messi jersey ran onto the pitch and briefly hugged the bemused Argentine, dodged several flailing security personnel, ran to the

keeper Emiliano Martinez. Roared on by the capacity crowd, he continued to outmanoeuvre and outpace stewards before running back to Australia's box where they eventually got hold of him and took him away.

centre circle and high-fived goal-

Hoor Fatima Youngest Champion In 2nd Kashmir Open Chess Tournament

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Hoor Fatima, the remarkable three-year-old chess prodigy, has etched her name in history as the youngest champion of the prestigious 2nd Kashmir Open International FIDE Rated Chess Tournament.

The tournament, organised by The Kashmir Chess Club and held at the Indoor Sports Complex, Polo Ground in Srinagar (J&K), commenced on June 10 and concluded on Thursday.

With participation from 120 players hailing from various parts of India, including an international player from Russia, Hoor's triumph is nothing short of extraordinary. Her tenacity propelled her to claim the coveted title in this five-day long chess tournament.

Hoor's remarkable achievement not only showcases her



exceptional talent but also message of inspiration and symbolizes the rise of a new resilience to aspiring chess generation of sporting heroes players across Kashmir and in Kashmir. evond.

In a tournament where sea-Hoor's victory serves as a soned players from around testament to the transformathe world converged, Hoor tive power of sports, showcas-Fatima defied all expectations ing how dedication, perseverby participating in the tourance, and a love for the game can propel individuals to exnament. Her triumph at such a tender age sends a powerful traordinary heights. Her suc-

cess resonates deeply within the Kashmir community, where children find hope and motivation in her remarkable iourney.

As the tournament's youngest champion, Hoor Fatima becomes a beacon of inspiration for her peers, encouraging them to pursue their passions and dreams, regardless of their age or circumstances. Her achievement sends a resounding message that dreams can be realized through hard work, determination, and an unwavering belief in one's abilities.

Her parents, Bilal Ahmad and Salam Ashai, recognise the dual importance of education and chess in shaping wellrounded individuals. They highlight the cognitive benefits, problem-solving abiliand character-building ties. aspects that chess provides, offering children a sense of empowerment and resilience amidst tumultuous times.

Man City Starts EPL Title Defense **Against Vincent Kompany's Burnley**

ham and Nottingham Forest in its

first six games - before a tough-

looking October when City plays

Arsenal (Oct. 7) and Manchester

United (Oct. 28) away either side

Arsenal, which ran City sur-

prisingly close in the title race

last season, begins the campaign

with matches against Notting-

ham Forest, Crystal Palace and

League for the first time in six

years, with its first two group

games in Europe coming imme-

Arsenal is in the Champions

of hosting Brighton.

then Fulham.

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pressure on the opposition re-

gardless of who it is. Not facing

the man, but facing the ball."

MANCHESTER: Manchester City will begin its latest English Premier League title defense against Burnley, a promoted team managed by City great Vincent Kompany.

The opening round of the season also contains a match between two of the league's so-called "Big Six" as Chelsea – with a new manager on board in Mauricio Pochettino hosts Liverpool.

City's trip to Turf Moor will start the season on Aug. 11 and on a Friday night – and it's laden with narrative because of the presence of Kompany, who spent 11 years (2008-19) at the club and has a statue outside the team's Etihad Stadium.

City's early season schedule looks relatively benign - the champion also plays promoted Sheffield United and host Ful-



diately ahead of Premier League matches against Tottenham and Man City.

The first league game for new Tottenham manager Ange Postecoglou is a London derby at Brentford, while Manchester United is at home to Wolverhampton on Aug. 14.

Luton will play its first topflight match since 1992 away to Brighton. The following week, Kenilworth Road will become the smallest ground to host a Premier League game when Burnley visits.

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Collective Effort In Jeopardy, **Drop Our Names From Textbooks: Academicians To NCERT**

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Days after political scientists Yo-gendra Yadav and Suhas Palshikar wrote to the NCERT, asking their names to be dropped from textbooks, 33 academicians, who were part of the Textbook Devel-opment Committee (TDC), have written to the council, saying their collective creative effort is in jeopardy.

The academicians have also demanded that their names be dropped from the textbooks.

The signatories to a letter sent to NCERT Director Dinesh Saklani include Kanti Prasad Bajpai, a former JNU professor who currently serves as the vice dean at the National University, Singapore, Pratap Bhanu Mehta, a former vice-chancellor of the Ashoka University, Rajeev Bhargava, a former director of CSDS, Niraja Gopal Jayal, a former JNU profes-sor, Nivedita Menon, a JNU pro-fessor, Vipul Mudgal, the head of civil society watchdog Common Cause, K C Suri, a former professor at the University of Hyderabad who is now associated with the Gitam University, and Peter Ronald deSouza, a former director of the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies.

"Since there are several substantive revisions of the original texts, making them thereby different books, we find it difficult to claim that these are the books we produced and to associate our names with them.... We are now given to believe that this creative collective effort is in jeopardy," the letter read.

The textbooks were the result of extensive deliberations and collaborations among political scientists from various perspectives and ideological backgrounds and originally intended to impart knowledge about India's freedom struggle, the constitutional framework, the functioning of democracy and key aspects of Indian politics, while also integrating global developments and theoretical principles of political science," it said.



In a letter to the NCERT last week, Yadav and Phalsikar had said a rationalisation exercise has "mutilated" the books beyond recognition and rendered those "academically dysfunctional", and the textbooks that were a source of pride for them earlier have now become a source of embarrassment.

The National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT), however, had said the withdrawal of anyone's association is out of question as textbooks at the school level are developed on the basis of knowledge and understanding on a given subject and at no stage, individual authorship is claimed. The dropping of several top-ics and portions from NCERT textbooks last month triggered a controversy, with the Opposition blaming the BJP-led Centre for "whitewashing with vengeance". At the heart of the controversy was the fact that while the changes made as part of the rationalisation exercise were notified, some of the controversial deletions

were not mentioned. This led to allegations about a bid to delete these portions surreptitiously. The NCERT had described the omissions as a possible oversight but refused to undo the deletions, saying they were based on the recommendations of experts. It had also said the textbooks were anyway headed for a revision in 2024, when the National Cur-riculum Framework (NCF) kicks in. However, it subsequently changed its stand and said "minor changes need not be notified".

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At Least 79 Migrants Dead And Dozens Feared Missing After Fishing Vessel Sinks Off Greece



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KALAMATA: A fishing boat carrying migrants trying to reach Europe capsized and sank off Greece on Wednesday, authorities said, leaving at least 79 dead and many more missing in one of the worst disasters of its kind this year.

Coast guard, navy and merchant vessels and aircraft fanned out for a vast searchand-rescue operation set to continue overnight.

It was unclear how many passengers might still be in the water or trapped in the vessel, but some initial reports sug-

gested hundreds of people may have been on board. Authorities said 104 people have been rescued so far after the boat sank overnight in international waters some 75 kilometres (45 miles) southwest

of Greece's southern Peloponnese peninsula. The spot is close to the deep-

est area of the Mediterranean Sea and such depths could hamper any effort to locate a sunken metal vessel. Twenty-five survivors were

hospitalised with symptoms of hypothermia. At the southern port of Kala-

mata. around 70 exhausted sur-

vivors bedded down in sleeping bags and blankets provided by rescuers in a large warehouse, while outside paramedics set up tents for anyone who needed first aid.

Katerina Tsata, head of a Red Cross volunteer group in Kalamata, said the migrants were also given psychological support. They suffered a very heavy

blow, both physical and mental," she said The Greek coast guard said

79 bodies have been recovered so far. It said the survivors included 30 people from Egypt, 10 from Pakistan, 35 from Syria and 2 Palestinians. The Italybound boat is believed to have sailed from the Tobruk area in eastern Libva.

That country plunged into chaos following a NATO-backed uprising that toppled and killed longtime autocrat Moammar Gadhafi in 2011.

Human traffickers have benefited from the ensuing instability and made Libya one of the main departure points for people attempting to reach Europe on smuggler's boats.

The migration route from North Africa to Italy through the central Mediterranean is the deadliest in the world, according to the United Nations

migration agency, known as IOM, which has recorded more than 17,000 deaths and disappearances there since 2014.

Smugglers use unseaworthy boats with as many migrants as possible crammed in sometimes inside locked holds for journeys that can take days.

They head for Italy, which is directly across the Mediterranean from Libya and Tunisia, and much closer than Greece to the Western European countries that most migrants hope to eventually reach.

In February, at least 94 people died when a wooden boat from Turkiye sank off Cutro, in southern Italy, in the worst Mediterranean sinking so far this year.

The Italian coast guard first alerted Greek authorities and the European Union border protection agency, Frontex, about an approaching vessel on Tuesday.

The IOM said initial reports suggested up to 400 people were on board.

A network of activists said it received a distress call from a boat in the same area whose passengers said it carried 750 people but it was not clear if that was the vessel that sank.

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Five Indian Schools On Shortlist For World's Best School Prizes 2023

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London: Five inspirational Indian schools in Delhi, Gujarat and Maharashtra were on Thursday named in the top 10 shortlists across different categories for the second annual USD 250.000 World's Best School Prizes, organised in the UK to celebrate schools worldwide for their enormous contribution to society's progress.

The five World's Best School Prizes - for Community Collaboration, Environmental Action, Innovation, Overcoming Adversity, and Supporting Healthy Lives celebrate schools for the pivotal role they play in developing the next generation of learners and for their enormous contribution to society's progress, especially in the wake of COVID.

This year's Indian shortlist has schools from Delhi, Gujarat and Maharashtra in the running for the prize – founded last year by UK-headquartered T4 Education and organised in collaboration with Accenture, American Express, Yayasan Hasanah, and the Lemann Foundation.

"Schools across the globe will learn from the story of these trailblazing Indian institutions and the culture they have cultivated," said Vikas Pota, Founder of T4 Education and the World's Best School Prizes.

"The schools shortlisted for the World's Best School Prizes, no matter where they can be found or what they teach, all have one thing in common – they all have a strong school culture; their leaders know how to attract and motivate exceptional educators, inspire change, and build excel-lent teaching and learning environments," he said.

Among the Indian schools to make the cut includes Nagar Nigam Pratibha Baalika Vidhyalaya (NPBV) F-Block, Dilshad Colony-1st, a government school in Delhi in the Community Collaboration category for breaking through the traditional mould to provide community-based interventions and

support to bridge the gap between teachers, students, and parents. Shortlisted in the same category is Oberoi International School, an independent international school in Mumbai for bringing

hope, empathy, and shared pos-sibility to its students and surrounding communities.

The Riverside School, an independent international school in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, which has gained worldwide recognition for its groundbreaking, studentcentric approach to education, particularly through its "I CAN" pedagogical model, has been made the shortlist for the World's Best School Prize for Innovation. English Snehalaya Medium School, a charity school in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, which has transformed the lives of children living with HIV/ AIDS and those from sex worker families and ended secondgeneration prostitution in its district, has been shortlisted for the World's Best School Prize for

Overcoming Adversity. Finally, Shindewadi Mumbai Public School (The Akanksha Foundation), a charter school in Mumbai, is in the running in the Supporting Healthy Lives category for attempting to reverse the impact of low immunity and poor nutrition among its student body and wider community after the lockdown.

The Prizes were established in 2022 by the digital media platform T4 Education to share the best practices of schools that are transforming the lives of their students and making a real difference in their communities. The top three finalists for each of the five World's Best School Prizes will be announced in September, followed by the winners in October.

T4 Education said the winner of each prize will be chosen based on rigorous criteria by a "Judging Academy" comprising distinguished leaders across the globe, including academics, educators, NGOs, social entrepreneurs, government, civil society, and the private sector.



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