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#### Srinagar Sizzles, Mercury Touches 34.0°C Mark

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**Srinagar:** Sweltering weather conditions continued unabated as Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir Valley recorded the season's hottest day so far on Wednesday, officials said.

A meteorological department official here said that the maximum temperature in Srinagar soared to 34.0°C and it was 4.8°C above normal for the season. Today's temperature surpassed the previous highest of 33.3°C recorded on Tuesday, the official said.

Other places including Pahalgam (28.4°C), Qazigund (33.0°C), Kokernag (31.5°C), Kupwara (33.1°C) and Gulmarg (24.6°C) also recorded the hottest day of the season so far, he said.

Regarding the forecast, he said, mainly dry weather was expected "but a brief spell of shower and thunderstorm at one or two places towards late afternoon or evening can't be ruled out".

From June 24-28, he said, generally cloudy weather with intermittent light to moderate thunderstorms at fairly widespread places has been forecast. "Few places over Jammu Division may receive intense showers for a short period," he said.

Also, minimum (night) temperature recorded an increase at most places and settled above normal across J&K.

He said Srinagar recorded a low of 19.7°C against 18.2°C on the previous night and it was above normal by More on P10

# Biden Will Not 'Lecture' PM Modi On Human Rights: White House

**Agencies** 

Washington: US President Joe Biden welcomes Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday for two days of talks that the White House sees as bolstering "one of the defining partnerships of our age," despite ongoing US concerns about human rights.

Washington wants India to be a strategic counterweight to China while PM Modi is seeking to raise the influence that his country, now the world's most populous, has on the world stage.

Joe Biden and PM Modi are



expected to announce a variety of agreements related to defense cooperation and sales, artificial intelligence, quantum

computing and investments in India by Micron Technology and other US companies. Joe Biden is expected to NOT ABOUT CHINA. But the question of China's role in the military domain, the technology domain, the economic domain will be on the agenda,"

bring up US concerns about democratic backsliding in India, but he will not lecture PM Modi on the subject, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan told reporters. When the US sees challenges to press, religious or other freedoms, "we make our views known," Sullivan said. He added, "We do so in a way where we don't seek to lecture or assert that we don't have challenges ourselves."

"Ultimately, the question of where politics and the question of democratic institutions go in India is going to be determined within India by Indians. It's not going to be determined by the

United States," Sullivan said.

Modi has been to the United States five times since becoming prime minister in 2014, but the trip will be his first with the full diplomatic More on P10

#### Banihal Highway To Remain Shut On Friday

Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** No traffic will be allowed on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Friday due to repair and maintenance works, an official said on Wednesday.

The advisory to observe 'no traffic day' on the NH-44, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was issued by Ramban Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mussarat Islam, amid ongoing preparations for the annual Amarnath yatra in the valley beginning July 1, the officials said.

The first batch of pilgrims will leave for Kashmir from Jammu base camp Bhagwati Nagar on June 30, a day ahead of the scheduled commencement of the yatra to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine, housing the naturally formed iceshivling. More on P10

## LG Sinha Reviews Eid-Ul-Azha Preparations

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**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday reviewed preparations of district administrations and various departments ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

Chairing the meeting, the LG took appraisal of augmentation of the supply of essential items and services, security and traffic management in view of Eid-ul-Azha.

Sinha impressed upon the

Deputy Commissioners, SSPs

and officers of stakeholder departments to make all necessary arrangements for the festival.

He also directed the DCs to constitute Joint Teams for market inspection, monitoring and implementation of notified rates of essential items.

"Sanitation and cleanliness in and around religious places, availability of Doctors, medical facilities, fire and emergency services should be ensured," the LG said.

The meeting was attended by LG's Advisor More on P10

## Yoga Is India's Greatest Gift To Humanity: LG

Asks People To Make Yoga A Part Of Their Daily Routine For Stress Free And Healthy Life

**Observer News Service** 

**Srinagar:** Stating that Yoga is India's greatest gift to the humanity as it has transcended the boundary of religion, sect and geographical barriers to bring happiness in people's lives, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha Wednesday advised people to make Yoga a part of their daily routine for stress free and healthy life

"Yoga is not just a physical exercise, but it also symbolizes the spirit of oneness between body-mind and nature. This rich



and ancient tradition, based on prevention for better health, has been accepted by medical science and researchers as a unique and significant practice of the traditional system of medicine which offers tremendous physical and mental health benefits for people of all ages," Sinha said.

The LG was addressing Yoga enthusiasts at the 9th International Yoga Day celebrations at Botanical Garden here on Wednesday. He said everyone should make Yoga a part of their daily routine for a stress free and healthy life.

"Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, One World, One Health. This year's theme underlines the vision of "One Earth, One Family, More on P10





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## **WhatsApp Users Can Now Silence Incoming Calls From Unknown Contacts**

eta Founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg has announced a new privacy feature 'Silence Unknown Callers' to provide users more control over their incoming calls on WhatsApp.

This new feature helps to automatically screen out spam, scams and calls from unknown people for increased protection, the company said in a statement.

When the feature is enabled,

unknown calls will not ring on the users' phone, but will be visible in their call list.

Additionally, the company has introduced 'Privacy Checkup' to help make sure that everyone knows about the options of protection on the messaging platform.

This step-by-step feature guides users through important privacy settings to help them choose the right level of protection, all in one place.

"Protecting the privacy of your

messages remains the driving force behind what we're building at WhatsApp," the company said.

"While end-to-end encryption is the foundation to ensure your calls and messages are secure, we continue to add more layers of privacy on top including the recently launched Chat Lock to protect sensitive chats behind a password, Disappearing Messages that vanish, screenshot blocking for View Once, and the ability to keep your online presence private," it added.



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#### **Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore.**

NITNo- 39 of RnB -Sopore of 2023-2024 e-tendering DATED 21.06.2023 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the

S.No.	NameofWork	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ DOC (In Rupees)	E/Money	Time for complete work	or etion of		Class of Contractor	M.H of Account
1	2	3	4		5		6	7	8
01	Improvement of interior link Roads at different Spots of Gohbugh	6.96	300/-	13920/-	20 days		07.07. 2023	DEE/CEE	PRI Grants
02	improvement Khak road BWO P-wall at feasible spots at Palhallan D	7.82	300/-	15640/-	20 d	lays		DEE/ CEE	PRI Grants
03	Construction of Cement Con- crete Drain At BonikahDuroo B	4.98	200/-	9960/-	15 da	ays		DEE	PRI Grants
04	onstruction of Protection Wall at Main Khul with Passenger Shed near Panchayat Ghar at Goshbugh A	7.92	300/-	15840/-	20 d	lays	07.07. 2023	DEE/CEE	PRI Grants
05	construction of Cement con- crete Main Adda to H/o Bashir Ahmad Shah at Tengpora	6.93	300/-	13860/-	20 d	lays	07.07.2023	DEE/CEE	PRI Grants
06	construction of R/Wall ,Construction of Protection P Wall on Nallah Khalree on road side from Chinar to H/o MohdShafiMalla and others at Hygam R	9.89	600/-	19780/-	20 d	lays		DEE/ CEE	PRI Grants

Project Authority: Positionoffunds: Available Position of AAA/TS/Accorded

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other detail's can be seen/downloadedfromthedepartmentalwebsitewww.jktenders.gov.inasperscheduleofdatesgivenbelow

1	Date of issue of tender Notice	21.06.2023					
2	Period of downloading of bidding docu-	21.06.2023	06.07.2023( upto 4.PM)				
	ments						
3	Bid Submission start date	21.06.2023					
4	Bid submission End date	06.07.2023 (4.00 PM)					
5	Date and time of opening of bides ( online)	07.07.2023(12 PM) in the office of Ex. Engineer R&B					
	Division, Sopore						

Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan/CDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore . Besides that,  $the successful \ bidder \ will \ have \ to \ provide \ Performance \ Security \ @5\% \ at \ the \ time \ of \ contract \ award, strictly \ in \ accordance \ with \ accordance \ accordance \ with \ accordan$ the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

3(b) Geotech Photographs Minimum 03 sets (01 set Comprising of Photograph before, during and after execution

of work) of size 26 cm x21 cm to be provided. The date and time of opening of BidsshallbenotifiedonwebSitewww.jketenders.gov.inandconveyedto the bid $ders \ automatically \ through \ an e-mail \ message \ on \ their e-mail \ address. \ The \ bids \ of \ Responsive \ bidders \ shall be opened \ on line$ on same websiteintheofficeofthe Tenderreceivingauthority).

The bids for the workshall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical Bids.Instruction to bidders regardinge-tendering process.

6.1, Bidders are advised to download bid submissionmanual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on websitewww.jktenders.gov.in acquaintbidsubmissionprocess.

 $To \ participate \ in \ bidding \ process, bidders have toget 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technologies ($ 

ogyAct-2000.Bidderscangetdigitalcertificatefromanyapprovedvendor. The bidders have to submittheir bidson line in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be acceptedinphysicalform..

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The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other relevant biddocuments shall be obtained from the lowest bidder-document and the relevant biddocuments of the relevant biddbeforethefixationofcontract.

Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOO (Bill of Ou antities) contents. In no case they should attempt to creation of the contents of the contentstesimilarBOQmanually.

Price escalation and taxes:- The unitratesandprices shall be quotedbythebidderentirelyinIndianRupeesand the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes uptocompletion of the workunless otherwise, specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contactor ongrossamount of the billaspertherates prevailing at

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

In case of CRF and any other specified project the relevant guide lines/standard bidding document Shall be followed and the control of the13,

All bidders shall upload thefollowing information and documents with their bids.

 $All\ bidders\ shall upload copies of original documents defining constitution/legal status.\ Place of registration and$ 

principal placeofbusinesswithcellNo:andcorrespondenceaddress.

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AllbiddersshalluploadGSTINNo.andPANcard.

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No: 3280-99 DIPK-3888/23 Dated: 21 .06.2023

Executive Engineer, R&B Division Sopore

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#### Office Of The Chief Engineer **Srinagar Smart City Ltd**

(A J&K Government Undertaking)

Email: - tenders.sscl@gmail.com

(CIN: U70200JK2017SGC010107)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-N.I.T NO: 12-SSCL of 06/2023-24 DT:- 20/06/2023

Tel. No: 0194-2455370

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor UNION Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Engineer, Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), invites bids from bidders who shall be an Agency/ Entity/ Company/ Firm incorporated in India under the (Indian) Companies Act 2013/ Firm registered under the Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008/ Approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Union Territory Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments, for the work as detailed in table

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Organization	Estimated Cost	Cost of Tender Document	Earnest Money	Head of Account	Class Of Contract	Time Allowed for completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Facade improvement of Heritage Markets of the Downtown, Srinagar (Part-C).	Srinagar Smart City Ltd	Rs. 4.89 Cr.	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs. 9.78 Lacs/-	SSCL	Agency/ Entity/ Company/ Firm/ Approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments	04 Months

2. The Bid document consisting of Information to Bidders (ITB), Information and Documents to be furnished along with the Bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, and set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents will be uploaded on the website: www.jktenders.gov.in from 20/06/2023. The Bidders can take part in the bidding process as per below tabulated schedule

S. No.	Particulars		Schedule
1	Date of issue of IFB	:	Date: 20-06-2023
2	Availability of Bid Document on e-procurement portal	:	Date: 20-06-2023 & Time: 16:00 Hrs.
3	Dead line for Submission of bids	:	Date: 04-07-2023 & Time: 16:00 Hrs.
4	Last Date for receipt of physical instruments of Cost of Bid Document and Security Deposit.	:	Date: 04-07-2023.
5	Opening of Technical Bids	:	Date: 05-07-2023 & Time: 14:00 Hrs.
6	Date of opening of Financial Bid	:	To be informed separately

- 3. Bids shall be received "on line" on or before 04/07/2023. The bidder must possess Compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and proper used ID.
- 4. If any date specified herein is a holiday, then the next working day will be considered for the activity and the time will remain the same
- The Schedule indicated above is tentative and the Employer may change any or the entire schedule with prior intimation to all bidders.
- 6. Interested and eligible bidders may submit their complete proposal as prescribed in the Bid Documentalong with the receipt of requisite Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and non-refundable Cost of Bid Document.
- 7. The Cost of Bid Document is to be paid through DD/NEFT/RTGS in favour of Chief Executive OfficerSrinagar
- Smart City Limited with Bank Account details as under: ICICI Bank Ltd. Name of Bank: Branch: Karan Nagar, Srinagar

252705001239. Bank Account Number: IFSC Code: ICIC0002527 190229002 MICR Code:

- The Earnest Money Deposit (Bid Security) may be paid through CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Smart City Limited, with Bank Account details as stated above or may be submitted through a Bank Guarantee, having a validity of 60 days beyond Bid Validity Period of 120 days. The Bank Guarantee shall b pledged to Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Smart City Limited, Srinagar and shall be submitted in the format provided in the Bid Document.
- 9. The eligible bidders registered as Micro and Small Enterprises shall be provided bid document free of cost and shall be exempted from depositing Bid Security subject to furnishing of relevant valid certificate/documents for claiming such exemption. However, in lieu of Bid Security, the MSE bidder is required to submit the Bid Security Declaration on a duly notarized non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 100/- in the format as provided in
- 10. The bidder is required to quote in the prescribed format provided on the e-procurement portal and theselection will be done on least cost basis
- 11. Right to revise or amend this notice and / or the Bid Document, fully or partially, prior to the last datenotified for submission of offers or on any subsequent date is reserved by the Employer.
- 12. The Employer will not be responsible for any delay in submission of bid due to any reason.
- 13. The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, cancel the bidding process, atany time prior to the award of contract, without assigning any reason therefor and thereby assumes no responsibility of incurring any liability to the affected applicants.
- 14. Any information regarding the IFB and / or Bid Document can be had from the office of undersigned during
- 15.All bidders shall upload Verification Certificate from concerned Chief Engineer /Superintending Engineer of Enlistment Registration Card. 16.If verification is not done then it is mandatory to upload affidavit from First Class Executive Magistrate
- regarding the Genuineness of the Contractor Card. The Bidders are subject to be disqualified if they have made misleading or false representation in the forms, statements, affidavits duly attested by Magistrate and attachments submitted in proof of the qualification requirement: and/or Record of poor performance such as

abandoning the works, not properly completing the contract, inordinate delays in completion, litigation history, or financial failures etc.

No: SSCL/CEO/23-24/1923-26

DIPK-NB-1441/23 dated: 21-06-2023

Chief Engineer Srinagar Smart City Limited.

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The mother's name of my Daughters namely Zaib Ul Nisa Falisha Aijaz & Bareen Aijaz in School records has been wrongly recorded as Darakhshan while her correct name is Darakshan Mushtaq 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 G.D Goenka Srinagar within aperiod of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Darakshan Mushtaq

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عنوان: درخواست منجانب معراج الدين وعادل احمد ومزمل كمار پسران عبدالاحد كمار ماكنه موضع پلهالن تخصيل بين بمرادا جرائى بيك واردًا يئريا/سوشل كاست سر تفيكيت تحت SRO

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نوان: درخواست منجانب محسن ا کبرولد محمدا کبرنجارسا کنه پاپهالن پیش بمرادا جرائی شوشل کاست ىرڭفىكىيە تخت SRO 294/144 بذمرەنجار

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> امین بیگم زوجه محمد اکبر 45 سال گھریلو کام شاحبینه اکبردختر محمدا کبرنجار 26سال زیرتعلیم عا قب اکبرولد محمدا کبر 19 سال ۔۔

نخسن اکبرولدمهمد اکبرنجار 18 سال ۔۔ سکےعلاوہ اورکوئی افراد کنبہ نہیں ہے۔ کنبہ کی سالانہ آمد نی 103200 رویے تک ہے ۔ برففیکیپ زبر بحث اجراءکرنے میںاگر کہا گرکسی مخص کو کوئی عزرباا عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد مشتہر اخبارسات دن کے اندراندرآ ہے عذر باعتراض ودالت ھذاکودفتری ادقات کے دوران پیش کریں بعد گزرے میعاد کو بی عذریاعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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کے مطابق سائل کاوالد متو فی محمہ قاسم پرہ ولدعلی محمہ پرہ مورخ2012-12-27 کو فوت ہو چگاہے متوفی کا کنہمہ بڈیل افراد پر شمل ہے غلام احمد يره ولد محمد قاسم بسرمتوفى 65 سال وكأندارى غلام احديره ولد محمد قاسم پسرمتوفی 63 سال د كاندارى نثار حسین پره ولد محمد قاسم ۔۔ 60 سال زمینداری

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## Food Safety Dep't Seizes 10 **Quintals Of Stale Dressed Chicken In Srinagar**

**Observer News Service** 

The Food Safety Department Kashmir seized ten quintals of dressed chicken in Srinagar which was being sold in violation of Food Safety Act, an official said here.

Reports reaching here said that on the basis of specific information received that raw dressed chicken imported from outside the state is being sold in the market in violation of Food Safety Standards Act, which includes non-maintenance of cold chain, a team of Food Safety Officers under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Food Safety Kashmir inspected the premises of Eve Enterprises situated at Parimpora and seized 10 quin-

tals of such chicken. The whole quantity was destroyed on spot and samples were lifted for further legal action. The premise was also found in unhygienic condition and hence was sealed in the interest of public health.

The official said that the food business operators dealing with imported raw chicken and meat are directed to follow all the Rules and Regulations of Food Safety Standards Act failing which strict action under law shall be initiated against them The drive shall be intensified in the coming days keeping in view the ensuing Eid-ul-Adha.

The general public is informed by virtue of this press release that in case they observe any such violation, they should register their complaint on toll free No. 104 and their all credentials shall remain confidential, he said.

Raw meat, chicken and fish are categorized as high risk foods. The sale, storage and distribution of all meat products if not maintained under recommended temperature (-18 C for prolonged storage and 0-5 C for brief storage) can deteriorate its quality rapidly thereby rendering it potentially hazardous for human health. Thus the public in general are advised to follow similar practices at home also to consume all meat products safely, he added.

## **Body Of Minor Retrieved From Hokersar Wetland After 3 Days** Ikhlas was retrieved this morning

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Body of seven-years old boy, who drowned in the Hokersar flood-channel at Bemina area of the city three days ago, was retrieved on Wednesday, officials said.

Ikhlas Ahmad, eight-years old boy from Hamdania Colony Bemina, according to locals slipped into Hokersar flood-channel on Sunday while playing football with his friends

Officials said the dead body of

and later handed over to his family for last rites after conducting necessary medico-legal formalities.

They said the police and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) team launched the rescue operation as soon as the incident took place. They said the locals also chip-in the rescue operation.

Locals said the minor boy slipped into the flood-channel while playing football with his friends on the fateful day.

"A joint rescue operation was

launched on Sunday by the police and SDRF after the boy slipped into the Hokersar flood-channel, we had also availed the services of expert divers and after three days of strenuous efforts, dead body was retrieved and later handed over to the family for last rites,' they added.

Meanwhile hundreds of people from Bemina and its adjoining areas attended the funeral of eightvear old Ikhlas, who drowned in the flood-channel of Hokersar wet-



Students from various schools gathered to attend 9th International Yoga Day in Srinagar on Wednesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## **Arrangements For Upcoming Eid-ul-Azha Finalized In Srinagar**

DC Srinagar Constitutes Market Checking, **Rate Enforcement Teams** 

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: A meeting of all Sectoral/Zonal Officers was today held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex to review the arrangements for the upcoming auspicious Festival of Eid-ul-Azha.

Besides, representatives of J&K Wakf Board. the meeting was attended by Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir, Superintendent of Police (Hars), SP Traffic, Superintending Engineers of R&B, PDD and PHE, SDM, East, SDM, West, Chief Medical Officer, all

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At the outset, the Commissioner Deputy took a Department wise review of the arrangements being put in place for smooth celebrations of upcoming Eid-ul-Adha festivities in the District.

The DC passed directions to all Departments to take elaborate measures well in advance for smooth celebrations of auspicious Eid-ul-Azha festivities.

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# Poor Internet Connectivity Impacts Education AT KU

**Observer News Service** 

Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited

Srinagar: Students of the University of Kashmir (KU) have voiced their concerns regarding the inadequate internet connectivity within the campus, significantly impacting their academic pursuits and hampering their ability to engage with the wider world.

The students have raised alleons that jammers have been covertly installed within the university premises, deliberately disrupting internet connectivity.

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"Our academic performance is suffering due to the lack of proper internet connectivity. It's hard to keen up with online lectures and participate in virtual discussions when the connection keeps dropping," Mushtaq Ahmad, another student said.

"The alleged installation of jammers is deeply concerning. It raises questions about our right to access information and communicate freely. We hope the authorities address this issue promptly to ensure our academic and personal development is not hindered," Saleem Ahmad, a law student said.

Meanwhile, according to an official, no complaints have been received from etudents thus far However, in the event of any issues arising, we will promptly ad-

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## **This Day In History**

- 217 BC Battle of Raphia: Ptolemy IV of Egypt defeats Antiochus III the Great of the Seleucid kingdom.
- 168 BC Battle of Pydna: Romans under Lucius Aemilius Paullus defeat and capture Macedonian King Perseus, ending the Third Macedonian War.
- 1377 Richard II succeeds Edward III as king of England 1476 - Battle at Morat/Murten: Charles the Stout invades Switzerland1533 - Ferdinand of Austria and Ottoman Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent sign peace treaty
- 1593 Battle of Sisak: Allied Christian troops defeat the
- 1596 Cornelis de Houtmans fleet reaches Banten Java 1611 - Henry Hudson set adrift in Hudson Bay by mutineers on his ship Discovery & never seen again
- 1633 Galileo Galilei forced to recant his Copernican views that the Earth orbits the Sun by the Pope (Oct 31 1992 Vatican admits it was wrong)
- 1980 Pope John Paul II beatifies Kateri Tekakwitha, making him the 1st Native American to be beatified 1981 - Iran president Bani Sadr deposed
- 1983-1st time a satellite is retrieved from orbit by Space Shuttle
- 1987 The International Labour Organisation, meeting for its annual conference in Geneva, calls for international sanctions against South African minerals
- 1987 A bomb blast in a Johannesburg video-game arcade kills an unborn baby and injures ten people
- 1990 Nelson Mandela addresses the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid in New York, saying that nothing has occurred in South Africa to reverse the **ANC's position**
- 1991 Underwater volcano, Mount Didicas, erupts in Philippines
- 1992 Two skeletons excavated in Yekaterinburg, Russia identified as Tsar Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra
- 1994 FIFA World Cup: USA beats Colombia 2-1 in 1994
- world cup match (1st win since 1950) 2002 - An earthquake in western Iran measuring 6.5 on
- the Richter scale kills more than 261 people.
- 2009 Two Metro subway trains collide in Washington. D.C., killing 9 and injuring over 80

#### From KO Archives

## People Launch Forum For Mughal Road

rinagar- To counter elements inimical to the construction of the Mughal Road, residents of Shopyan have launched a Forum campaign in favour of resuming work on the crucial project.

The road. which takes off from Shopyan and leads to the Poonch district links the Kashmir valley to the Jammu province and is an alternative to the existing, but unreliable, Srinagar-

Ever since the central government cleared the project, it has been facing roadblock of various sorts, including environmental concerns voiced by certain quarters, but last month the Supreme Court had ruled that attempts to halt work on the road were illegal.

Locals in the Shopyan however say that some vested interests and regressive elements are opposed to constructing the alternative to the Srinagar-Jammu highway. They have united under a non-political banner, the Front Against Anti-Mughal Road Elements, which will kick off its campaign to mobilize public opinion in favour of the road by a seminar in the Shopyan town hall on the coming Monday. The Mughal Road is a long standing demand of the people in the valley, particularly in Shopyan and experts consider it a viable substitute for the

Srinagar-Jammu highway. The valley's sole surface link with the rest of the country, is prone to massive landslides in bad weather and remains closed or weeks on end. Travelers often get stranded for days together, and a dependent Kashmir is deprived of essential supplies. Experts believe that constructing the Mughal Road would

bring such problems down to zero. But Shopyan residents say that the project is prey to petty politics as some vested interests are bent upon sacrificing the collective interests of Kashmiris. A public delegation from Shopyan said that for now they have deemed it appropriate to adopt a democratic approach, but if their voce goes unheard; they will take to the streets, and entire responsibility for the consequences

will lay on the government

(Kashmir Observer, 22 June, 2007)

## **India Slams China For Blocking Move To Designate** Sajid Mir As 'Global Terrorist'

**Press Trust of India** 

India has hit out at China for blocking a move to designate Pakistan-based LeT leader Sajid Mir as a "global terrorist" by the UN, saying it shows a lack of genuine political will to fight the scourge of terrorism.

China on Tuesday blocked a proposal moved by the US and co-designated by India to blacklist Mir under the 1267 Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council as a global terrorist and subject him to assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo.

Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist Mir is wanted for his involvement in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.

In a strongly-worded statement, Joint Secretary at India's permanent mission in New York Prakash Gupta said on Tuesday if efforts to ban terrorists fail due to "petty geopoliti-cal interests", then "we really do not have the genuine political will to sincerely fight this challenge of terrorism".

'The first and most critical gap we feel addressing is avoiding double standards, and this self-defeating justification of good terrorists versus bad terrorists. Terror act is a terror act, plain and simple. Any justification of any kind being used should not be countenanced by anybody," he said at United Nation's counter-terror meeting.

Gupta said in this day and age of accountability and transparency, can evidence-based list-



ing proposals be blocked without giving any reason.

He said India has fought against terrorists in practically real-time on a daily basis.

"While the 9/11 terror bombings in this iconic city of New York had changed the landscape of the global counterterrorism architecture, the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks shook the collective conscience of the world's largest democracy," he said.

Gupta also played an audio clip of Mir in which he can be heard instructing terrorists from Pakistan during the Mumbai 26/11 terror attacks.

Ten fully armed assailants from across the borders well trained in conducting urban warfare, descended on the shores of Mumbai and wreaked havoc for three days. The carnage resulted in the killing of 166 innocents, including 26

"Justice still continues to elude the victims of the Mumbai terror attack," he said. Mir was listed as a proscribed terrorist under the national laws of India and under the laws of the United States and several other countries globally, he said.

## **India Ranks 127 Out Of 146** For Gender Parity: World **Economic Forum Report**

**Press Trust of India** 

**NEW DELHI:** India has ranked 127 out of 146 countries in terms of gender parity -- an improvement of eight places from last year -- according to the World Economic Forum's annual Gender Gap Report,

The World Economic Forum (WEF) ranked India at 135 out of 146 countries in the Global Gender Gap Index in the report's 2022 edition.

India has improved by 1.4 percentage points and eight positions since the last edition, marking a partial recovery towards its 2020 parity level, the report stated.

The country has attained parity in enrolment across all

levels of education, it said. India has closed 64.3 per cent of the overall gender gap, the report said. However, it underlined that India has reached only 36.7 per cent parity on economic participation and opportunity.

The index ranked India's neighbours Pakistan at 142. Bangladesh at 59, China at 107, Nepal at 116, Sri Lanka at 115

and Bhutan at 103. Iceland is the most genderequal country in the world for the 14th consecutive year and the only one to have closed more than 90 per cent of its gender gap, according to the report.

În India, while there has been an uptick in parity in wages and income, the share of women in senior positions and technical roles has dropped slightly since the last edition, the report pointed out.

On political empowerment, India has registered 25.3 per cent parity, with women representing 15.1 per cent of par-liamentarians -- the highest for the country since the inaugural report in 2006.

Out of the 117 countries with available data since 2017, 18 countries -- including Bolivia (50.4 per cent), India (44.4 per cent) and France (42.3 per cent) -- have achieved women's representation of over 40 per cent in local governance.

This comes after Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani earlier this year said the WEF recognised the need to enumerate women's participation in local government bodies in its Gender Gap Report after the government

raised the with it in Geneva. For India, the 1.9 percentage point improvement in the sex ratio at birth has driven up parity after more than a decade of slow progress, the report said.

# **Just 30 Hours Of Air Left** On Titanic Sub, Search Like "Going Into Space"

LONDON: Rescuers trying to find the orca-sized submersible that vanished on its way to visit the wreck of the Titanic are facing a gargantuan task that will test the limits of technical know-how, experts say.

Teams from around the world were racing against the clock Tuesday to locate the vessel and its five-person crew before their oxygen runs out -- projected at under a day and a half from now.

But scouring a 7,600-squaremile (20,000-square-kilometer) area of the North Atlantic to a depth of more than two miles is not easy

"It's pitch black down there. It's freezing cold. The seabed is mud, and it's undulating. You can't see your hand in front of your face," Titanic expert Tim Maltin told NBC News Now.

"It's really a bit like being an

astronaut going into space."
The 21-foot (6.5-meter) submersible, named Titan, was carrying three fee-paying passengers when it vanished Sunday: British billionaire Hamish Harding, Pakistani tycoon Shahzada Dawood and Dawood's son Suleman.

OceanGate Expeditions, which runs the Titan's trips, charges \$250,000 for a seat.

The company's CEO Stockton Rush and French submarine operator Paul-Henri Nargeolet, nicknamed "Mr Titanic" for his frequent dives at the site, are also aboard.

US Coast Guard Captain Jamie Frederick told reporters

Press Trust of India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Yoga celebra-

tion at the UN headquarters

in New York, on Wednesday,

created a Guinness World Re-

cord for the participation of

people of most nationalities.

on the first leg of his maid-

en state visit to the US at

the invitation of President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill

Biden, led a historic event

at the UN Headquarters to

Modi, who is in New York

Tuesday that his organization was co-ordinating the search.

But, he said, it was incredibly difficult, and far beyond what the coast guard would normally tackle.

'While the US Coast Guard has assumed the role of search and rescue mission coordinator, we do not have all of the necessary expertise and equipment required in a search of this nature," he said.

This is a complex search effort, which requires multiple agencies with subject matter expertise and specialized equipment."

Frederick explained that rescuers were using multiple methods as they comb the vast area for the Titan, which lost contact with its mothership just two hours into its dive near the Titanic's watery grave.

"The search efforts have focused on both surface with C-130 aircraft searching by sight and with radar, and subsurface with P3 aircraft, we're able to drop and monitor so-

Seafloor, water column or surface

So far, the searches have

PM Modi-led Yoga session in US

creates Guinness World Record

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The Yoga celebration led

by Prime Minister Modi at

the UN headquarters cre-

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Record for participation of

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The prime minister, wear-

ing a customised white yoga

T-shirt and trouser, thanked

people for coming here

ties, officials said.

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proved fruitless.

The effort was being augmented Tuesday by a huge pipe-laying vessel, which has a remotely operated vehicle expected to be deployed at the Titan's last known position.

Jules Jaffe, who was part of the team that developed the optical imaging system used to find the Titanic in 1985, said rescuers would have to look in three separate places.

"It's either sitting on the seafloor, somewhere in the water column, or sitting on the surface," he told ABC10 in San Diego.

"It could be in the water column. I think that's probably the most likely place it is." Jamie Pringle, a professor of forensic geosciences at Keele University in Britain, said if the mini-sub had settled on the ocean floor, it could be

very difficult to spot. "The bottom of the ocean is not flat; there are lots of hills and canyons," Pringle said, according to NBC.

Adding to the challenge: the enormous pressure four kilometers under water, around 400 times what it is on the surface.

from far away to attend the

"I'm delighted to see

you all. And I thank you

all for coming. Friends.

I'm told that almost every nationality is represented

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He was joined by Presi-

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hammed, and New York City

mayor Eric Adams.

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## **Palestinian Villagers Say Israeli Settlers Have Torched Dozens Of Homes And Cars** In Revenge Attack

Agencies

JERUSALEM: Palestinian residents of a West Bank village say hundreds of Israeli settlers have entered the community and set fire to dozens of homes and cars.

The attack on Wednesday comes a day after a pair of Palestinian gunmen killed four Israelis outside a West Bank settlement.

Residents in Turmus Ayya said the settlers rampaged through the main road of the town.

Witnesses said the Israeli army entered the town and settlers were withdrawing.

The Israeli military on Wednesday deployed additional forces across the occupied West Bank, while Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced plans to build 1,000 new settler homes in an initial response to a Palestinian shooting attack that killed four Israelis a day earlier.

The Israeli settlement announcement threatened to further raise tensions after two days of deadly fighting in the territory. The Palestinians and

the international community oppose settlement construction on occupied lands sought by the Palestinians for a future state.

Netanyahu said the homes would be built in Eli — the site of Wednesday's deadly attack in which a pair of Palestinian gunmen opened fire outside a gas station. His far-right government is dominated by settler leaders and supporters.

"Our answer to terror is to strike it hard and to build our country," Netanyahu said.

The shooting came a day after seven Palestinians were killed in a daylong battle against Israeli troops in the militant stronghold of Jenin. The worsening violence has created a test for Israel's government and prompted calls for a widespread military operation in the West Bank.

Israeli media identified the four killed as Harel Masood, 21, Ofer Fayerman, 64, and Elisha Anteman, 18, Nahman-Shmuel Mordoff, 17. An Israeli civilian killed one assailant at the scene, while Israeli troops chased and killed the second shooter after he fled.

## "Nothing Of The Sort": Minister On "Deletion" Of Darwin's **Theory From Books**

**Press Trust of India** 

PUNE: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has sought to assuage fears about the 'deletion' of Charles Darwin's theory of evolution from the NCERT textbooks and

said "nothing of this sort has happened." Mr Pradhan was speaking at an event at the Bhandarkar Oriental Research tute in Maharashtra's Pune city on on Tuesday.

"A controversy is going on these days that Darwin's theory of evolution has been removed from science books by the NCERT and the periodic table has been left out, but I would like to state here publicly that nothing of this sort has happened," he said.

After the controversy broke out, Mr Pradhan spoke to the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), which is an autonomous body, and sought details, the minister said.

"According to them, experts

had advised that during CO-VID-19, some repetitive parts could be reduced and later brought back. So the content in Classes 8 and 9 is unchanged. In the book of Class 10, some portion related to the theory of evolution was omitted last

vear, and it is unchanged in Classes 11 and 12," he said.

There is a view that students who would not study 10 would miss out on some specific subjects related to Darwin's theory

of evolution, which is a valid point, the minister conceded. Listen to the latest songs. only on JioSaavn.com

"Periodic table is taught in Class 9, and is also being taught in Classes 11 and 12. As per the NCERT, one or two examples (related to the theory of evolution) were omitted. But I would like to assure you that the National Education Policy is being implemented, and as per that policy, new textbooks are being prepared," Mr Pradhan

#### **NEWS MAKERS**

## **Tibet Leader Calls On China To Avoid Crisis Of Two Dalai Lamas**

**Agencies** 

↑ ny attempt by China to find its own reincarnation of Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama may result in two differ-

ent successors and a "lifelong headache" for Beijing, the leader of Tibet's governmentin-exile said. The current Dalai Lama, 87,

is the 14th reincarnation of the leader of Tibetan Buddhism and when he dies there will be a search for his successor. The new reincarnation is traditionally found inside Tibet;

however, with the region under Chinese control since 1959, there have been suggestions the next Dalai Lama might be found elsewhere.

Penpa Tsering, president of the government-in-exile, warned Beijing that if it tried to appoint its own reincarnation there would be two Dalai Lamas, during a speech in Australia's capital, Canberra, on Wednesday

'This is going to be a lifelong problem," he said. "So does the Chinese government want a lifelong headache on their hands or not? It's something the Chinese government can chew on.'

Tibet is currently a "huge prison where nobody can go in, nobody can go out," Tsering told the National Press Club. He refuted suggestions

by the Chinese government that the region is a "socialist "If Tibet is a socialist paradise, then why doesn't the Chinese government allow others to see the paradise for

themselves?" he asked rhetor-

ically, adding that the region has no political or civil rights. Tibet has been an autonomous region of China since the People's Liberation Army entered the country in 1950, leading to the eventual flight of the Dalai Lama to India nine years later. The Tibetan spiritual leader and the government-in-exile are currently situated in the Indian town of

During his speech, Tsering urged Australia to sanction Chinese officials for "crimes against humanity" in Tibet, criticizing Canberra for failing to apply its international punishments equally.

Dharamshala.

## Man Stayed At 5-Star Hotel For 2 Years Without Paying. The Bill Came To...

**Press Trust of India** 

**NEW DELHI:** A five-star hotel here has alleged to have suffered a loss of ₹58 lakh when one of its guests colluded with some hotel staff and stayed for almost two years without making any

The hotel, Roseate House in Aerocity near the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, has lodged a case at the IGI Airport police station.

According to the FIR lodged recently by Vinod Malhotra, an authorised representative of Bird Airports Hotel Private Limited, which operates Roseate, guest Ankush Dutta stayed for 603 days which cost ₹58 lakh but checked out without paying a single penny. The FIR alleges that Prem Prakash, head of the Front Office Department of the hotel, who was authorised to decide room rates and had access to the hotel computer system to track dues of all guests, allowed Dutta's long stay to violate the hotel norms.

The hotel management suspects that Prakash might have received some cash amount from Mr Dutta for letting him overstay by manipulating its inhouse software system that maintains and monitors the stay/visit of guests and their accounts.

"A criminal conspiracy was hatched by guest Mr Ankush Dutta along with some known and unknown hotel staff, including Mr Prem Prakash with a motive to gain wrongfully and deprive the hotel of its rightful dues," the FIR said.

"In pursuance of the said conspiracy, the alleged staff of the hotel forged, deleted, added accounts entries and falsified a large number of entries in the account of the said guest Ankush Dutta in the Opera software system of the hotel," it added. The hotel has alleged that Dutta checked in on May 30, 2019, and booked a room for one night.

## **VBA Leader Visits Tomb of Aurangzeb**

**Press Trust of India** 

AIMIM MP Imtiaz Jaleel has claimed the language of political parties changed after Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) leader Prakash Ambedkar visited the tomb of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in Maharashtra's Aurangabad district.

Talking to reporters here on Tuesday, Jaleel further claimed the political language was different when he had visited the Mughal king's tomb.

Notably, the VBA leader's visit on Saturday took place against the backdrop of protests and clashes in parts of Maharashtra recently over social media posts glorifying

Aurangzeb. All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) leader Jaleel supported Ambedkar's move to visit Aurangzeb's tomb here.

"The language they (other political parties) used when we visited there (tomb) has changed today. They had then created an uproar. It is now being said he (Ambedkar) has the right under the Constitution. I want to say everyone has the right to do what they wish to, go anywhere they want to. This is the beauty of the Constitution," said the

> Lok Sabha member from Aurangabad. He claimed the freedom of speech and expression was being "murdered" now.

Asked if he supported Ambedkar's visit to Aurangzeb's tomb, Jaleel said, "Yes it can be supported. He

wished to go there. I tell those people who are opposing the visit that this is the teaching of Chhatrapati Shivaji. People who oppose it don't know why Chhatrapati Shivaji was great." Jaleel said he does not know what was Ambedkar's intention behind visiting the tomb, but he knows the structure is protected by the central government's archaeological department.

## **KPs Throng Special Camps** In Jammu To Get Voter IDs

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Braving scorching heat wave conditions, hundreds of Kashmiri Pandits are flocking to special camps established by the Jammu and Kashmir government here to obtain their voter IDs.

The initiative comes as a response to the longstanding demand of various Kashmiri Pandit organisations to issue Electors Photo Identification Cards (EPICs) to the displaced members of the community now residing in Jammu and other parts of the country.

The distribution of EPICs is being carried out for those Kashmiris who have migrated out of the 47 assembly constituencies in Kashmir division, but are registered to vote there.

Expressing gratitude towards the chief electoral officer and district election officers for providing EPICs to Kashmiri migrants in Jammu, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner K K Sidha said before even if forms were being sent to constituencies, the cards would often not reach the applicants.

"This time we are thankful to the chief electoral officer and district election officers, who have provided EPICs to Kashmiri migrants here," Sidha told PTI.

He also said the camps for distributing EPICs have already commenced and will continue for the next two weeks. The newly revised EPICs will be issued as per the April 2023 summary revision, he said.

Sidha acknowledged certain challenges such as corrections, duplication and the failure to generate EPICs but assured that such issues will be compiled for the smooth issuance of voter IDs.

For Kashmiri Pandits residing outside Jammu and Kashmir,

**Vice Chairman** 

SRINAGAR: Suman Bery, Vice

Chairman, NITI Aayog met the

Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha at Raj Bhawan here on Wednesday, an official spokes-

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**NITI Aayog** 

**Meets LG** 

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their EPICs will be sent through their representatives via post, the commissioner said.

Several Kashmiri Pandits spoke to PTI and expressed happiness over receiving their voter IDs for the first time since they migrated out of Kashmir

Moti Lal Bhat who hails from Ashmuji village in Kulgam district said, "We are extremely happy to receive these cards. It's the first time since 1990, when we left our homes in Kashmir, that we have obtained these cards.

Rikit Bhat Sirhama who hails from village in South Kashmir said, "Most of our cards have arrived from Kashmir. These cards will ensure smooth voting this time."

However, some Kashmiri Pandits raised concerns about not receiving their cards at the camp and criticised the lack of communication from the chief electoral officer.

Ramesh Koul, a native of Ratnipora area in South Kashmir, urged the government not to deceive the people attending the camp.

Sheela from Habbakadal constituency in Srinagar also expressed disappointment as she returned home without any cards for her family.

"I came here in such hot weather. I am disappointed," she lamented.

The relief commissioner's office has established four special camps at Muthi, Jagti, Butanagar and Ploura for the distribution of EPICs in the city.

Several Kashmiri Pandit organisations, particularly the BJP, have been advocating for the issuance of EPICs to the displaced community where they currently reside rather than in the Kashmir Valley from where they were forced to leave.

**AC Approves** 

**SRINAGAR:** In a significant decision to ensure availabil-

ity of quality healthcare, the

Administrative Council (AC)

which met here Wednesday

under Lieutenant Governor

Manoj Sinha approved trans-

fer of land for construction of

125 bedded hospital at Re-

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advi-

J&K and

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nor: Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta.

Mandeep Kumar Bhandari,

Principal Secretary to the

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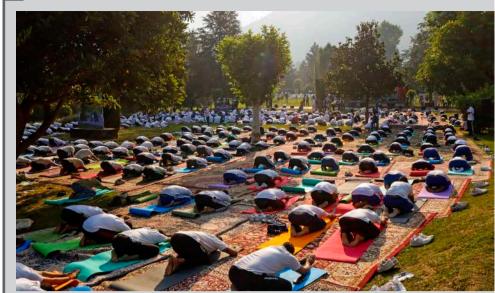
Chief Secretary,

ed the meeting.

**Land For** 

**Budgam** 

Hospital



**HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ON WEDNESDAY** converged at the Botanical Garden here to take part in International Yoga Day celebrations led by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

## **Vice President Dhankar At JU Convocation Today**

'211 Gold Medals, 265 PhD degrees Will Be Awarded To Students'

**Agencies** 

**JAMMU:** Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar will attend the University of Jammu's 'Special Convocation' on June 22. wherein 211 Gold Medals for the years 2016-2019 and 265 PhD degrees for the years 2017–2019 will be awarded to the students.

This was stated by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu during a curtain raiser press conference held here.

The VC informed that besides the Vice President of India, the Convocation will be graced by Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&K UT and Chancellor, University of Jammu.

The VC further said that University of Jammu, in its efforts to give a boost to the local language and culture has taken the initiative to promote Dogri, which finds a place in the banners, invitation cards, and programme schedule of the Convocation alongside English.

The promotion of Dogri began with a project undertaken by the University to translate the Constitution of India into Dogri, and thereafter the University organised a ten-day multi-arts festival, "Duggar Darpan," in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), Ministry of Culture, Government

of India, Regional Centre, Jammu

and Kashmir, he said.

Prof. Rai further shared that the University is envisioning having the signages in the University in Dogri as well.

To promote national and regional languages, the University is in the process of setting-up a full-fledged Directorate of Hindi and a Centre of Excellence in Dogri, said Prof. Umesh Rai, who further added that this has been possible with the liberal support from the Govt. of J&K.

Prof. Umesh Rai said that the University has also taken numerous new initiatives in sync with the Prime Minister's call for a "Land to Lab" and "Lab to Land" approach. (KNO)

## **Fully Geared Up To Ensure Smooth Yatra: BSF**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**SUCHETGARH:** Border Security Force personnel are fully geared up to ensure smooth conduct of the Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir which is scheduled to start on July 1, a senior officer said here on Wednesday.

Hundreds of BSF personnel participated in a yoga session held at the Octerio Border Outpost here on the occasion of the International Day of Yoga."We want our soldiers to stay healthy and fulfil their duties efficiently. We have included yoga in our daily routine and it helps our soldiers stay stressfree," said BSF Deputy Inspector General Chiter Pal on the sidelines of the event here.



About the upcoming Amar- Amarnath in south Kashmir will nath pilgrimage, the DIG said, "Our biggest challenge is Ama-Vatra which is starting from July1. We have made full preparations for that. Our jawans are fully geared up and alert." The annual pilgrimage to the

3,880-metre-high cave shrine of

continue till August 31. The journey can be undertaken through km route through Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag and the 14-km shorter but steep Baltal route in the Ganderbal district of central Kashmir.

'Minor's Consent Insignificant'

## **Court Denies Bail To** Rape-Accused

M Ahmad

SRINAGAR: A court here on Wednesday rejected bail application of a man, accused of kidnapping and raping a minor girl from Bemina Srinagar in 2021.

Turning down the contention of the man that the girl eloped out of her free will with him, the court said that consent of the minor carries "little significance."

According to police, a complaint was received by the victim's father that his daughter left home for college and did not return back and she could not be traced even after a long search. On receiving the information, the police said, a missing report was entered on 9 November 2021 and the girl subsequently recovered after five days. On enquiry from her, police said, the girl revealed that one person namely Mo-hammad Sultan Najar alias Arif of Kudbal Chadoora Budgam kidnapped her to commit rape on her. Subsequently, a case (FIR No. 346/2021) under section 363, 376 IPC was registered in police station Parimpora Srinagar. The birth certificate of the girl was procured and she was found to be minor and as such offences under rel-

evant sections of POCSO Act were also incorporated against the accused.

The police filed a charge sheet under section 363, 376 IPC and section 5/6 of POCSO Act against Najar on 18 January

last year. "The offence under which the accused is charged carries a heavy punishment and the only defense which has been taken by him is that the victim was in a relationship with him and had voluntarily eloped with him," Court of presiding officer fast track court For POCSO Cases. Srinagar, Arti Mohan, said.

"This defense however has not been put by the accused to the prosecutrix/victim at any stage during her cross examination before this court and the accused has not been able to extract anything from the prosecutrix/victim which would convince this court that the relationship between them was in fact consensual," the court said, adding, "Even otherwise the victim being a minor, her consent carries little significance and would not be of much help to the accused so far his defense is concerned". Ultimately, the court rejected the bail application.

#### **'A GOLDEN CHANCE TO SHOW 'KASHMIRIYAT'** Mehbooba Asks Party Workers To Support Amarnath Yatra

**Press Trust Of India** 

**SRINAGAR:** PDP president Mehbooba Mufti Wednesday urged party workers to support the upcoming annual Amaranth Yatra and serve the yatris, calling the pilgrimage a "golden chance" to

remind the country of Kashmiriyat.

"We had invited office bearers of the party from Anantnag district in south Kashmir and Ganderbal to direct our workers and activists to support the upcoming Amarnath Yatra.

"The yatris are our guests, there should not be any lack in taking care of them as it is our tradition," Mufti told reporters

here after a party meeting. She said when attempts are being made across the country to "communalise" the Hindu-Muslim ties, the valley has remained the place that has constantly sent a message of brotherhood to the country.

"Today, this yatra is a golden chance for us to remind the whole country once again of

the Kashmiriyat. I appeal to all my party workers to make this yatra successful, welcome the yatris and help them in every way," she said.

In her interaction, the politician stressed the importance of her decision, coming at a

time, when "shops of Muslims are being demolished and they are being evicted from their homes like in Uttarakhand, and lynched in the name of religion."

The former chief minister also appealed to the gov-

ernment not to cause any inconvenience to the local population as they help the yatris. "While facilitating the yatra,

or while providing them facilities during their movement, there should not be any inconvenience to the locals who are the real hosts of this yatra.

"Last year, we saw that many patients could not reach pitals, some pregnant women delivered babies on roads. So I appeal to the government that there should not be any inconvenience to the locals," she said.

COLLEGE ON WHEELS

## 1,100 Women Students From **J&K To Go On Educational Tour Across India**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**JAMMU:** Around 1,100 women students from different universities of Jammu and Kashmir will go on a "college on wheels", a rail journey, to different parts of the country later this year, Vice Chancellor of University of Jammu Prof Umesh Rai said on Wednesday.

"This will be an educational tour and not a pleasure trip No expenses will be charged from the students who will work on their self-chosen projects during the journey likely to take place at the end of October or early November," Rai told reporters here on the eve of a special convocation at the university.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, who will be coming here on his maiden visit to Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, will be the chief guest at the convocation.

The programme will see felicitation of students from 2016-19 and 2017-19 batches with 265 gold medals and 211 PhD degrees.

Rai lauded J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, who is also chancellor of the University, for releasing funds in advance for the 'college on wheels.'

"We are in talks with the Navy chief to facilitate the visit of the students to INS Vikrant in Mumbai, and Goa shipyard and docks. We have already spoken to the Director of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, who will apprise the students about their research labs," he said.

Rai said ISRO chairman has also accepted the varsity's proposal to allow the students to visit their station and take them to Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

"The students will be drawn from dif-



ferent universities and colleges across Jammu and Kashmir. The girls are being taken first," he said.

He said that 10 students under the guidance of one mentor will study the problems being faced by people at each place of their visit. Two bogies of the train will be converted into libraries, he added.

Asked about the delay in holding of convocations, Rai said the university is holding another special convocation followed by a regular convocation to complete the backlog.

"Whatever the reasons for delay in holding of convocations, we will try to ensure that they are held on a regular basis," he said.

The VC also spoke about various initiatives like opening of a centre for skill, innovation, incubation and entrepreneurship development centre the varsity has undertaken.

He said the university has also created the Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, and a centre of excellence for promotion of Dogri and introducing the Directorate of Hindi.

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**Government of Jammu and Kashmir** 

## **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFI** MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE PAHALGAM



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Cancellation of Tender Notice E-Auction of Entry Fee Toll Plaza Sarbal Pahalgam (E-NIT No: MC/ PGM/23/64 dated: 09.06.2023)

#### NOTICE

Whereas Municipal Committee Pahalgam circulated auction notice vide No MC/ PGM/20/449-54 Dated: -26/03/2021 invited offers from interested persons/parties for participation in the auction of entry fee collection contract at toll plaza sarbal for the year 2021-22 extended further upto 02 more years with compound escalation of 10% for subsequent years on the final acceptance bid of previous year.

Whereas the minimum reserve bid was fixed Rs 1.05 Cr (Rupees one crore and five lacs) and M/S Cell Air Multiventure prop Tufail Ahmad Khan offered highest bid among others for an amount of Rs 1,25,10,000(Rs one crore twenty-five lacs and ten thousand) for contract of collection of Entry fee/Terminal Tax for the year 2021-22.

Whereas after completion of 1st year the contactor showed his willingness to continue the contract for 2<sup>nd</sup> year 2022-23 w.e.f 25/06/2022 to 24/06/2023 with 10% escalation on 1st year's bid amount which calculates to Rs. 13761000/- (Rupees One Crore thirty-seven lacs and sixty-one thousand only).

Whereas the contract of the above contractor for second year i.e. 2022-2023 was about to complete on 24th June, 2023, Municipal committee Pahalgam floated a fresh tender notice on Jk tenders for the year 2023-24 through E-NIT No: MC/PGM/23/64 dated: 09.06.2023 vide endorsement No: MC/PGM/23/1285-90 dated: 09.06.2023 with the condition that the said tender notice would only be valid if the current contractor chooses not to continue the contract of toll plaza for the third year i.e. 2023-24.

Whereas a confirmation was submitted through email by the current Contractor namely M/S Cell Air Multi-ventures prop: Tufail Ahmad Khan R/o: Batmaloo Srinagar vide communication No: CMV/MCP/06/23/13 dated: 13.06.2023 informing this office that he intends to continue the contract period for the 3rd year. i,e 2023-24.

In view of the above the E-NIT No: MC/PGM/23/64 dated: 09.06.2023 vide endorsement No: MC/PGM/23/1285-90 dated: 09.06.2023 uploaded on jktenders.gov.in is hereby withdrawn/cancelled.

NO:- MC/PGM/23/1366-69 dated:- 19/06.2023 DIPK-NB-1410-23 DT: 21-06-2023

**Executive Officer,** Municipal Committee, Pahalgam.

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## **Melting Hindu Kush**

he alarming findings of a recent study conducted by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) should serve as a wake-up call for the world. The Hindu Kush Himalayan region, encompassing the towering peaks of the world's highest mountains, is facing an imminent crisis. Rapidly melting glaciers and shrinking permafrost pose a severe threat to the lives and livelihoods of approximately two billion people residing downstream.

The ramifications of this unfolding environmental catastrophe are dire. Freshwater supplies, sustaining 12 rivers that traverse 16 nations, are at risk of depletion over time. The consequences will be far-reaching, adversely affecting agriculture, food security, energy sources, and biodiversity hotspots. Glacial lake outburst floods, landslides, and flash floods are becoming increasingly common, leaving devastation in their wake.

While the planet continues to warm at an alarming rate, with temperatures already surpassing pre-industrial levels by 1.2 degrees Celsius, urgent and concerted action is needed. The burning of fossil fuels, the primary driver of climate change, must be curtailed through swift and substantial emissions cuts. It is essential that governments, donors, and international agencies align their efforts to combat this existential crisis.

The melting ice in the Himalayas is a stark reminder of the interconnectedness of our world. The impacts will not be confined to the region alone; they will reverberate globally. Rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and the displacement of millions are just a few of the consequences we will face if we fail to act decisively.

Kashmir Valley too has a cause to be worried about the turn that the climate is taking. According to reports and some surveys, many natural streams in various parts of the Valley have run dry in recent years. And the reason for this is the steady depletion of the glaciers. This has not only reduced the discharge in the rivers and streams but also made many water bodies extinct, affecting the irrigation in the Valley. Experts worry that the fast melting glaciers are decreasing the discharge in the region's rivers, limiting their capacity to irrigate land. Triggering alarm bells is the slowly shrinking Kolahai glacier, the biggest in Valley, which is the source of Lidder and Sindh, two major streams of river Jhelum.

That is why it is critical that the world acts in concert to address this deepening crisis. Governments must honour their commitments to limit global warming under 1.5 degree celsius and transition away from fossil fuels. The melting ice in the Himalayas is an unmistakable signpost on the road to a climate catastrophe. Let us heed this warning, unite our efforts, and take decisive action to preserve the glaciers that shape our world. Failure to do so will bring about irreversible consequences, further exacerbating the already precarious state of our planet.

#### OTHER OPINON

## Inglorious age

geing in the modern age can be a challenging experience, not only because of accompanying health infirmities but also attendant societal neglect. A sinister manifestation of this neglect is the rising incidents of abuse — physical, psychological, sexual and emotional — against the global elderly population. India, unfortunately, is not an exception to this malaise in spite of its reputed familial culture. Expectedly, elderly women are more vulnerable to the phenomenon than their male counterparts as a result of existing inequities. The recent report by HelpAge India, Women & Ageing: Invisible or Empowered?, sheds light on this gendered angle to elderly abuse. The study, which collected data from over 7,911 elderly women respondents across 20 states and two Union territories, shows that although 16% were found to be suffering at the hands of family members and relatives, in the majority of cases, these excesses had not even been reported either due to the fear of retaliation or a lack of awareness about redressal mechanisms. The survey also highlighted several other, telling, conditions. A disproportionate percentage of the victims are from rural areas; 25% among them are octogenarians; 54% are illiterate; and less than half of the population is financially secure. This shows that India, despite its ageing demographic, has not been sensitive towards the flagrant violation of the rights of the elderly.

Of course, this festering crisis needs to be seen in juxtaposition with the rapid structural transformations in modern society. The disintegration of joint families, increasing life expectancy, the erosion of traditional support systems along with minimal social security have augmented the marginalisation of the elderly. There has been a proliferation of old-age homes — yet another symptom of the market profiting from receding personalised care systems — but access to and the quality of care provided in these facilities remain uneven. There is thus an urgent need for a comprehensive — and nuanced — re-evaluation of policy for geriatric care. Legal protections, such as the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, and sensitisation programmes must be made robust and expansive. The elderly must also have at hand counselling services to deal with loneliness or bereavement. Law and order initiatives, such as the initiative of the Calcutta Police to ensure the security of the elderly, are commendable. But abuse at home is more subtle and chronic. Does the future generation want to inherit the legacy of failing its elders?

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# Governing The Unknown

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echnology is changing the world faster than policymakers can devise new ways to cope with it. As a result, societies are becoming polarized, inequality is rising, and authoritarian regimes and corporations are doctoring reality and undermining democracy.

For ordinary people, there is ample reason to be "a little bit scared," as OpenAI CEO Sam Altman recently put it. Major advances in artificial intelligence raise concerns about education, work, warfare, and other risks that could destabilize civilization long before climate change does. To his credit, Altman is urging lawmakers to regulate his industry.

In confronting this challenge, we must keep two concerns in mind. The first is the need for speed. If we take too long, we may find ourselves closing the barn door after the horse has bolted. That is what happened with the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty: It came 23 years too late. If we had managed to establish some minimal rules after World War II, the NPT's ultimate goal of nuclear disarmament might have been achievable.

The other concern involves deep uncertainty. This is such a new world that even those working on AI do not know where their inventions will ultimately take us. A law enacted with the best intentions can still backfire. When America's founders drafted the Second Amendment conferring the "right to keep and bear arms," they could not have known how firearms technology would change in the future, thereby changing the very meaning of the word "arms." Nor did they foresee how their descendants would fail to realize this even after seeing the change.

But uncertainty does not justify fatalism. Policymakers can still effectively govern the

unknown as long as they keep certain broad considerations in mind. For example, one idea that came up during a recent Senate hearing was to create a licensing system whereby only select corporations would be permitted to work on AI.

This approach comes with some obvious risks of its own. Licensing can often be a step toward cronvism, so we would also need new laws to deter politicians from abusing the system. Moreover, slowing your country's AI development with additional checks does not mean that others will adopt similar measures. In the worst case, you may find yourself facing adversaries wielding precisely the kind of malevolent tools that you eschewed. That is why AI is best regulated multilaterally, even if that is a tall order in today's world.

Another big concern is labor. Just as past technological advances reduced demand for manual labor, new applications like ChatGPT may reduce demand for a lot of white-collar labor. But this prospect need not be so worrying. If we can distribute the wealth and income generated by AI equitably across the population, eliminating plenty of work would not be a problem. Far from being diminished by not working, feudal lords were aggrandized by their leisure.

The problem, of course, is that most people do not know how to use free time. Pensioners often become anxious because they do not know what to do with themselves. Now, imagine that happening on a massive scale across younger cohorts. If left unchecked, crime, conflict, and perhaps extremism would become more likely. Averting such outcomes would require modifying our education systems to prepare people for the leisure force. As in earlier eras, education would mean learning how to

enjoy the arts, hobbies, reading, and thinking.

A final major concern involves media and the truth. In How to Stand Up to a Dictator, the Nobel laureate journalist Maria Ressa laments that social media has become a powerful tool for promoting fake news. As Amal Clooney points out in her foreword to the book, autocratic leaders can now rely on "an army of bots" to create the impression that "there is only one side to every story."

This is a bigger challenge than most people realize. It will not go away even if we pass laws prohibiting automated disinformation. As Amartya Sen pointed out more than 40 years ago, all description entails choice. Reality is so complex that we cannot possibly represent it without making decisions about what to include and what to omit. In a world that is drowning in information, savvy influencers do not need to make up news; they can simply be biased in what they to report. News can influence voters' opinions in ways both subtle and flagrant. Just compare the images of Donald Trump and of Joe Biden that Fox News chooses.

We cannot solve the problem of authoritarian influence by banning fake news. Our best hope again lies in education. We will need to do a better job teaching people to be discerning and less susceptible to manipulation.

Innovation in law and policy must go hand in hand with innovation in education, and all are necessary to keep up with innovation in technology.

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## Education: An Enriching Journey Beyond Grades

write to shed light on an essential aspect of education that often goes overlooked in our society—the notion that education encompasses far more than just grades. While academic performance is crucial, it is equally important to recognize that true education extends beyond test scores and certificates. It encompasses the development of crit-

ical thinking, creativity, empathy, and a thirst for lifelong learning.

In our pursuit of academic excellence, we must not forget that education should nurture well-rounded individuals, capable of navigating the complexities of life with wisdom and compassion. It is through a holistic approach to education that we can empower our students to

become responsible global citizens, equipped not only with knowledge but also with the skills and values needed to thrive in an ever-changing world.

One of the fundamental aspects of education that transcends grades is the cultivation of critical thinking skills. Education should encourage students to question,

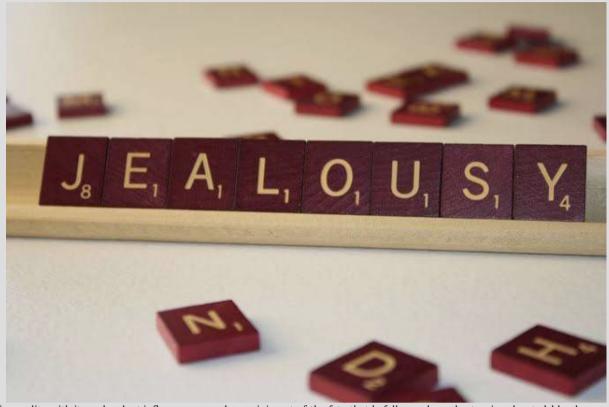
analyze, and think independently. By fostering an environment that promotes curiosity and the exploration of diverse perspectives, we enable young minds to develop the ability to make informed decisions, solve complex problems, and adapt to new challenges.

Sabina Hafeez

# Jealousy: A Cataclysmic Pathway to Self-Destruction

#### Peer Mohammad Amir Qureshi

'ealousy or Envy is a pernicious affliction that ravages the heart and soul, engenders a venomous disposition its bearer. This potent sentiment, entwined with resentment, anger, hostility, inadequacy, bitterness, and humiliation, pervades all strata of society, sparing neither age nor gender. Known as Hasad also, envy manifests as an inevitable approach to self-destruction, a notion echoed in the profound words of the Prophet (PBUH): "Beware of jealousy; for verily it destroys good deeds, the way fire destroys the wood.Ensnared within the suffocating grasp of jealousy, hearts languish in captivity, bound by its merciless hold, while the mind is enshrouded in a mist of covetous musings. This tyrannical power extinguishes the flames of personal evolution, impeding the revelation of one's genuine talents. The journey towards self-discovery and contentment becomes obscured, as aspirations wane under the weight of comparisons and envy. Only by severing the fetters of jealousy can one liberate their unparalleled gifts, unlocking the portals to their extraordinary potential."Envy festers when one becomes incapable of enduring the bounties bestowed upon another by the divine. Whether it be wealth, knowledge, fame, or societal respect, the jealous soul, plagued by the disease of the heart and soul, resorts to backbiting and deceit, spewing venomous words in a futile attempt to tarnish the envied individual's reputation. Jealousy, Hasad, assumes various forms, including rational, familial, romantic, power-driven, and sexual, permeating every facet of human existence. Jealousy, like a toxic venom, seeps into the core of one's existence, eroding the purity of their being. It warps perceptions, distort-



ing reality with its malevolent influence. Its insidious nature spreads like poison, contaminating the bonds of trust and love, leaving behind a trail of broken relationships and shattered hearts. Only by recognizing and confronting this destructive force can one hope to restore harmony and foster genuine connections built on trust and understanding.

Within the teachings of Islam, jealousy stands unequivocally condemned. It not only transgresses the boundaries of righteousness but also possesses the power to corrupt even the most virtuous

souls, reminiscent of the fate that befell Satan, once a luminary among the celestial beings. Globally, research illuminates the gender disparities in jealousy's manifestations, with men exhibiting heightened sensitivity toward sexual infidelity and women fixating on emotional be-trayal.Beyond its detrimental effects on the heart and soul, jealousy, scientifically proven, inflicts harm upon the physical well-being of the envious individual. Dr. Gonzalez-Berrios elucidates the somatic toll exacted by jealousy, precipitating symptoms such as stomach aches, headaches, chest pain, elevated blood pressure, palpitations in the throes of acute anxiety, insomnia, diminished appetite, and compromised immunity.In essence, envy emerges as a cataclysmic force, one that jeopardizes not only our spiritual and emotional equilibrium but also our very physical existence. Let us strive to transcend the shackles of jealousy, embracing instead the virtues of contentment and gratitude, for in doing so, we nurture our souls and elevate our beings.Jealous individuals, driven by their covetousness, resort to criticism, faultfinding, blame, and even verbal abuse against those whom they envy. History attests to jealousy's dark allure, serving as a chilling motivation for heinous crimes, including acts of murder. In the context of Islam, envy finds no legitimate grounds except in two specific cases, as elucidated by our noble Prophet: "There is to be no envy except in two cases: (to-wards) a person whom Allah has granted wisdom, and who rules by this and teaches it to the people, and (towards) a person whom Allah has granted wealth and property along with the power to spend it in the cause of the Truth." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]Jealousy, devoid of any remedy, lies beyond the purview of earthly physicians. Only Allah possesses the power to alleviate its grip. Therefore, let us eternally express gratitude to the Almighty for the blessings bestowed upon us. Let us rejoice in the good fortune of others and beseech Allah to grant us the endurance witnessed in those who are envied. A jealous heart is destined for failure, hindering the attainment of one's goals. In cases where jealousy festers among colleagues or partners, it nurtures an unhealthy atmosphere of cutthroat competition that must be eradicated. Instead, let us dedicate ourselves to our work, striving to achieve our objectives without succumbing to insecurities that someone may usurp our rightful place.

The Quran reminds us, "Do they envy others for the bounty that Allah has bestowed upon them?" (Quran 4:54). May Allah guide us towards righteousness, shielding us from the allure of wicked

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# 9 Ways to Make the Most of Dhul Hijjah

**T**f you were to ask anyone to name a sacred month in Islam, their immediate response would probably be ▲ 'Ramadan.' Each month in the Islamic calendar has its own virtue and the sacred months typically refer to seasons of warfare, or prominent events at the time of the Prophet (PBUH). For instance, Dhul Qa'adah – the month to sit – refers to sitting back or not fighting, Muharram means forbidden where fighting is prohibited, and the month of Rajab, which means to remove and refrain (referring to weapons). Dhul Hijjah is the last of the 12 months of the Islamic calendar. It is the month where millions of Muslims around the world gather to perform Haii. This pillar of our faith may be one of the strongest references to the month that we know. Not many of us are able to go on Hajj, but that does not mean that we cannot take actions to commemorate and observe the month from home, and to reap its many rewards.

The month of Dhul Hijjah is one of the holiest periods of the Islamic year. A month of increased spirituality, we witness two very special occasions within the same month (Hajj and Eid ul Adha) – all in devotion to Allah (SWT).

Many people don't know that the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are better than all the other days of the year.

Prophet Muhammad (\*\*) said: "There are no days on which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these ten days [meaning the (first) ten days of Dhul-Hijjah]." [Bukhari]

The fact that these months are placed together means that even if you feel like you haven't unlocked your full potential or achieved all your spiritual goals during Ramadan, you still have Dhul Hijjah to strive for. It is as though Allah, in His infinite wisdom, placed these months together so that we do not despair. These beloved ten days offer another chance to gain immense rewards, have our sins forgiven and reach great levels of piety, Insha'Allah.

In this spirit, we've partnered up with Islamic Relief UK\* to bring you this handy guide of 9 ways you can make the most of the sacred days:

#### 1. Fasting

From Allah's boundless generosity, comes another opportunity after Ramadan, to have our sins wiped away by fasting on the day of 'Arafah, the ninth day of the month.

Prophet Muhammad (\*\*) said: "Fasting on the day of 'Arafah is an expiation for two years (of wrongdoings), the year preceding it and the year following it." [Muslim]

This is our chance, with the additional ten days Allah has gifted us, to draw closer to Him once again and make the most of the ample opportunities He has given us to please Him. Since good deeds are beloved to Allah during

nine days of Dhul Hijjah. If you miss out on fasting be- hair of wool, one reward." [Ibn Maajah, 3127] cause of circumstances beyond your control (menstruation or illness, for example), you are still rewarded as if you had fasted. So accept the gift Allah has given you and focus on the other deeds you can do.

#### 2. Hold on to your obligations

During the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah, all the pillars of Islam are combined in a way that doesn't occur again for the rest of the year. From Hajj, reciting the Shahadah, prayer, fasting, to giving in charity - this is the only time of the year that we are able to fulfil all the pillars of Islam and the best way to begin to do this is by ensuring that we are fulfilling the obligatory acts of worship before embarking on voluntary good deeds.

The Prophet Muhammad ( said: "Allah said: "... the most beloved things with which My slave comes nearer to Me, is what I have made compulsory upon him." [Bukhari]

#### 3. A completed Hajj

The first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are often referred to as the best ten days of the year. It is another opportunity gifted to us by Allah to turn back to him and have our sins wiped away. For those of us not performing Hajj this year, this is still a great time of blessing and immense reward. Although the majority of us will not be able to perform Hajj this year, and many will have saved up to do Hajj but have had their plans delayed for two years due to CO-VID-19 restrictions, Allah's mercy and generosity allows us to still earn rewards similar to those granted during a

completed Hajj. Make these a priority and don't miss out: Prophet Muhammad (\*\*) said: "Whoever prays Subh (Fajr) in congregation and then sits in the place where he prayed, remembering Allah until the sun rises and then prays two rakat has the reward of a complete Hajj and Umrah." He repeated "complete" three times. [Tirmidhi]

#### 4. Give Qurbani/Udhiyah

The sacrifice offered on the day of Eid ul Adha is a means of honouring Allah and getting closer to Him. We are able to include our wider community in this sacrifice by offering our Qurbani/Udhiyah to those living in poverty and it may be the only meat they eat all year. Qurbani is obligatory on every Muslim that can afford it. It is best to organise and pay for your Qurbani/Udhiyah before Dhul Hijjah begins to ensure that the Qurbani can reach those who need it most in time.

Prophet Muhammad Res said: "The Companions of the Messenger of Allah (🚧) said: 'O Messenger of Allah, what are these sacrifices (Qurbani)?' He said: 'The Sunnah of your father Ibrahim.' They said: 'What is there for us in them, O Messenger of Allah?' He said: 'For every hair [on the sacrifice], one reward.' They said: 'What

this time, we should make every effort to fast all of the about wool, O Messenger of Allah?' He said: 'For every

#### 5. Best of deeds

Dhul Hijjah is the most sacred of the sacred months. Allah multiplies our rewards for good deeds during this time, which is why we should be even more mindful of sinning or acts that deprive us of Allah's blessings as those too are magnified during this time. Any good deeds done in these ten days surpass good deeds done on any other day of the year. Think of the good deeds you normally do throughout the year, and try to do more of them for the extra rewards!

The Prophet Muhammad 🚧 said, 'There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than in these (ten) days'. [Abu Dawud]

#### 6. Constant dhikr

Keep your tongue moist with the remembrance of Allah throughout these ten days by reciting the Tasbeeh, Tahmeed, Tahleel and Takbeer constantly. Build this beautiful sunnah into a habit by reciting 'SubhanAllah, Alhamdullilah, La ilaha illa Allah, Allahu Akbar' wherever you are!

The following takbeer should be recited after the daily prayers, from the time following Fajr salah on the 9th of Dhul Hijjah, up until 'Asr salah on the 13th of Dhul Hijjah.

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar. La ilaha illa Allah. Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Wa lilahil Hamd.

"Allah is The Greatest, Allah is The Greatest. There is no God besides Allah and Allah is The Greatest. Allah is The Greatest and to Allah belongs all praise.'

This is one of the simplest forms of worship that can be carried out whilst doing almost anything else

Ibn Masud narrated that: Then Prophet Muhammad said: "I met Ibrahim on the night of my ascent, so he said: 'O Muhammad, recite Salam from me to your nation, and inform them that Paradise has pure soil and delicious water, and that it is a flat treeless plain, and that its seeds are: "Glory is to Allah (Subhan Allah) [and] all praise is due to Allah (Alhamdullilah) and 'none has the right to be worshipped but Allah' (La ilaha illa Allah), and Allah is the greatest (Allahu Akbar)." [Tirmidhi]

#### 7. Call on Allah

The ten days of Dhul Hijjah and in particular, the day of 'Arafah, are a time to call on Allah, to beg for His forgiveness, to ask for His mercy and to thank Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

What did the Prophet Muhammad 🚧 say about the

"In it, there is an hour in which no believing worshinper makes a supplication to Allah for good, except that Allah answers it for him, and he does not seek Allah's protection from evil, except that He protects him from

Raise your hands and call on Him in any language, at any time. Pray for yourself first and foremost, pray for your family and friends and pray for the entire ummah. In particular, pray for those that are oppressed around the world and ask Allah to make them victorious in their

#### 8. Learn from the Sacrifices and Steadfastness of Hajar

Dhul Hijjah is an opportunity to reflect on the lessons from the amazing story of Hajar.

When Ibrahim left his wife Hajar and son Isma'il in the middle of the desert, she asked him whether Allah had asked him to do it. When he said, 'Yes,' she responded with, "In that case, Allah will never abandon us." She did not waver in her faith, and knew with full certainty even as she ran between the hills of Safa and Marwa, looking for sustenance for Isma'il, that Allah would not abandon her. Today millions of pilgrims replicate her actions by running between the hills of Safa and Marwa to commemorate her strength and her complete reliance on Allah, and drink from the water of Zamzam that Allah rewarded her with and that we still drink from today.

#### 9. Reflect and ask Allah to allow you to witness Dhul Hijjah next year

Prophet Muhammad's ( last sermon, otherwise known as the Khutbatul Wadaa (the Farewell Sermon), was delivered on Friday the 9th of Dhu al-Hijjah at Mount Arafah during the final and only Hajj that the Prophet ever embarked on in the last few months of his life. In it, he reminded us to not hurt one another, to avoid riba (interest), to treat women well and uphold their rights, that we are all equal in the eyes of Allah, and that racism has no place in Islam, and to seek refuge in Allah from the devil. It is beautifully all-encompassing, to be followed by us for years to come inshaAllah.

"Today I have completed your religion for you, perfected My favour upon you, and have chosen Islam as your religion." (Qur'an 5:3)

You can also take the opportunity to listen to the sermon from Mecca on the day of Arafat, it is available via multiple platforms online.

Say: In the bounty of Allah and in His Mercy – in that let them rejoice. (Qur'an 10: 58)

Celebrate Eid ul Adha by rejoicing in Allah's mercy and bounty. Alhamdullilah for all the goodness that He provides for us and the blessing of Islam. May our worship and good deeds this Dhul Hijjah earn the pleasure of Allah.

## **Lighting Gas Stoves Found To Raise Indoor Benzene Above That In Secondhand Smoke**

Press Trust Of India

ndoor levels of the highly flammable, carcinogenic benzene rise above those in secondhand tobacco smoke upon lighting a gas stove, common in residential living, a new Stanfordled analysis has found.

Benzene also drifts throughout a home and lingers for hours in home air, scientists involved said in the study published in the journal Environmental Science & Technology.

"Benzene forms in flames and other high-temperature environments, such as the flares found in oil fields and refineries. We now know that benzene also forms in the flames of gas stoves in our homes," said study senior author Rob Jackson, professor of Earth system science at the Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability, US.

"Good ventilation helps reduce pollutant concentrations, but we found that exhaust fans were often ineffective at eliminating benzene exposure," said Jackson.

The researchers found that indoor concentrations of benzene formed in the flames of gas stoves can be worse than average concentrations from secondhand smoke, that benzene can migrate into other rooms far from the kitchen, and that concentrations measured in



bedrooms can exceed national and international health benchmarks.

They also found residential range hoods are not always effective at reducing concentrations of benzene and other pollutants, even when the hoods vent outdoors.

The researchers found gas and propane burners and ovens emitted 10 to 50 times more benzene than electric stoves, whereas induction cooktops emitted no detectable benzene whatsoever.

Further, the rates of benzene emitted during combustion were found to be hundreds of times higher than benzene emission rates identified in other recent studies from unburned gas leaking

into homes.

The study said that it was the first to analyse benzene emissions when a stove or oven was in use, as opposed to previous studies, which focused on leaks from stoves when they were off and did not directly measure resulting benzene concen-

The researchers also tested whether foods being cooked emitted benzene and found zero benzene emissions from pan-frving salmon or bacon.

All benzene emissions the investigators measured came from the fuel used rather than any food

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to morning types (13,123 partici-

pants), night owls (9,853) were

younger and drank/smoked more.

were also less likely to report get-

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'Definite' evening people (2,262)

Of the total participants, 8,728

While the researchers found

the chance of dying from any cause

increased risk of dying, they said.

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had died by 2018.

## Lifestyle, Not Being 'Morning' Or 'Evening' **Person, Impacts Longevity, Says Study**

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37-year long study on nearly 23,000 Finnish twins has found that lifestyle choices such as choosing to smoke or drink impacted one's health, more than one's tendency to be a 'morning' or 'evening' person or chronotype, impact health.

The study, however, showed that evening types had a slightly increased risk of dying than morning types, even as staying up late at night was found to have little impact on how long a life 'night owls' lived.

"Our findings suggest that there is little or no independent contribution of chronotype to mortality," said author Christer Hublin, from the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health in neisinki.

"In addition, the increased risk of mortality associated with being a clearly 'evening' person appears to be mainly accounted for by a larger consumption of tobacco and alcohol. This is compared to those who are clearly 'morning' persons," said Hublin.

This research,

co-led by Jaakko Kaprio, from the Finnish Twin Cohort study at the University of Helsinki, followed 22,976 men and women aged 24 years and from 1981 to 2018, taking into account education, daily alcohol consumption, smoking status and quantity, BMI, and sleep dura-

Chronobiology International. At the start of the study, the twins were asked to pick from four possible responses: 'I am clearly a morning person'; 'I am to some extent a morning person'; 'I am clearly an evening person'; 'I am to some extent an evening person'. In 2018, when the study end-

tion. It is published in the journal

to be 9 per cent higher among 'definite' night owls compared to early birds, smoking and alcohol had largely caused these deaths, not This finding was highlighted ed, the researchers checked with by the fact non-smokers were at no



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GIST of Short Term e-Tender e-NIT No: MDS/TS /2023-24/18 Date 20.06.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from Registered contractors for the below men-

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Position of AAA: Works program approved vide No. MED/K/Acctt/403 of 2023 Dated: - 26 - 06 - 2023. Position of TS: Sanctioned vide No. S.E No. 14 Dated: 20 -06-2023.

1. Downloading of Bids: The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov. in from 20.06.2023 (15 Hrs)

Submission of Bids: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 20.06.2023 (15 Hrs) to 03-07-2023 (15 Hrs) in two covers.

Opening of Bids: The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on 04-07-2023(14 Hrs) in Office of the undersigned.

> (Er. JahanAra) Executive Engineer,

> Mechanical Division, Srinagar

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#### Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar

**TENDER NOTICE** NIT No.E-03/2023-24/LSD/Srinagar Dated: - 20-06-2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, e-tenders (In single cover system are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K

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2. All bidders shall upload earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG @ 2% of Advertised Cost pledged to Tender receiving authority i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar. However, the successful biddershall have to provide Performance Security within 02 days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 3% of the total cost which will be released after successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 3% of the total cost which will be released after successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 3% of the total cost which will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 3% of the total cost which will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 3% of the total cost which will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 3% of the total cost which will be released after successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 3% of the total cost which will be released after successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 3% of the total cost which will be released after successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 3% of the total cost which will be released after successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 3% of the total cost which will be released after successful bidder only after the submission of cessful completion of the DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45days beyond bid validity. Pledged to Executive Engineer R&B LandscapingDivision,Rajbagh,Srina

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ExecutiveEngineer R&BLandscapingDivision. Rajbagh, Srinaga

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

#### Office Of The Executive Engineer **Department Of Floriculture Kashmir Srinagar**

e-NIT No: 03 of 2022-23 Dated: 20.06.2023.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory, J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible red Contractors/Suppliers/Firms with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Gove

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

1.	Period of downloading of bidding	21/06/2023 from 10:00 AM to 04/07/2023
	document	up to 04:00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date.	21/06/2023 from 10:30 AM
3.	Bid submission End date	04/07/2023 up to 04:00 PM
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	06/07/2023 at 02:00 PM

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-Challan/copy of receipt from Treasury favouring of Executive Engineer Floriculture Department Kashmir (Tender inviting authority) indicating name of work by crediting the requisite charges to the MH: 0406-02-112-Public Gardens (Floriculture Department Kashmir) in favour of Executive Engineer (Tender inviting authority) Intending bidders must upload earnest money (EMD @ 2% of the Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving

authority, i,e Executive Engineer Floriculture Department Kashmir.

The Ist. Lowest (Successful bidder) has to produce an amount equal to 5% of cost of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Floriculture Department Kashmir (Tender receiving authority) within three (03) days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of work. However, the earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the work/DLP. The typographical error in the BOQ like Unit of item Quantity of item etc, if any found during e-NiT or after end date of NIT shall be rectified in the

No exemption is allowed and so all bidders must upload proof of EMD and Tender processing Fee.

No: EE/FDK/643-49 DIPK-3841/23 Dated: 21.06.2023

(Er. Syed Hilal Ahmad) Executive Engineer Department of Floriculture, **KASHMIR** 

No: MDS/TS / 1633-37 DIPK-3852/23 Dated: 21.06.2023

## **VC NITI Aayog Appreciates Brisk Digital Transformation In J&K**

Offers handholding in making J&K a top Global tourist destination; hub in organic farming



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** On his visit to J&K, Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog, Suman Bery, reviewed the developmental scenario in J&K to explore thrust areas in presence of Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta and other senior officers to help J&K realize the vision of Viksit J&K @ 2047.

During the interactive session, the VC expressed his appreciation for the best practices that have been implemented in the Union Territory (UT) over the past couple of years, which have enhanced the responsiveness and transparency of the administration.

He specifically noted the remarkable digital transformation that has taken place within a span of just two years, enabling the delivery of all services online. Additionally, he commended initiatives such as the compilation of the District Good Governance Index and rankings of Panchayats and Blocks based on key developmental parameters, emphasizing their significance as noteworthy practices.

The VC also observed that NITI Aayog is a platform to share knowledge and good practices among States/UTs to realize the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047. He stressed that the institutional and governance dimensions, supported by financial imperatives, are crucial in shaping the nation's future as envisioned by the Prime Minister.

Mr Bery further noted that all the programmes devised by the UT are designed to enhance the quality of life for citizens and build trust in governance systems, ultimately fostering the development of a modern society aligned with the Aspirational agenda set by our nation for itself. He called for adoption of sustainable models of development, gradually reducing reliance on fossil fuels

and adopting alternatives to it. He assured that NITI Aayog shall be willing to extend support to J&K and mentioned possible areas of cooperation. He suggested that J&K should retain its natural advantages to achieve its aim of being one of the top 50 Global tourist destinations.

## **Go First Struggles To** Resume Ops, Extends Flight **Cancellations Till June 25**



ANI

**NEW DELHI:** Crisis-hit airline Go First on Wednesday announced that its scheduled flight operations will remain cancelled till June 25 due to operational reasons. Earlier, the airline said that operations would remain cancelled till June 22.

Aircraft carrier have been grounded since May 3.

Early this May, Go First filed for bankruptcy at the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and suspended its flight operations due to rising losses, primarily due to delays in the delivery of Pratt and Whitney's engines leading to the grounding of a portion of its fleet. The airline expects immediate resolution and revival of operations.

"We regret to inform you

that due to operational reasons, Go First flights scheduled till 25th June 2023 have been cancelled. We apologise for the inconvenience caused by the flight cancellations," the airline said in a tweet.

"We acknowledge the flight cancellations might have disrupted your travel plans and we are committed to providit said.

"As you are aware, the company has filed an application for immediate resolution and revival of operations. We will be able to resume bookings shortly. We thank you for your patience," the airline said.

There were reports that the grounding of the Go First flights had put pressure on airfares, particularly on select routes where the now-grounded airline had its footprint.

## **All New Pension Formula Soon Amid Pushback Against Reform: Report**

NEW DELHI: The Indian government will likely assure its employees a minimum pension of 40%-45% of their last drawn salary by altering the current market-linked pension scheme to assuage some holdout states, two government officials told Reuters.

The move comes after the government set up a committee in April to review the pension system in a year peppered with state elections, leading up to the national elections in 2024, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi will seek a rare third term.

PM Modi has been forced to re-look at the current pension system, adopted after a significant fiscal reform in 2004. as some states switched back to the older, fiscally straining system of fully funding a guaranteed pension.

The current National Pension Scheme requires employees to contribute 10% of their basic salary and the government 14%. The eventual payout depends on the market returns on that corpus, which is mostly invested in federal

In contrast, the old pension system guarantees a fixed pension of 50% of an employ-



ee's last drawn salary, without requiring them to contribute anything during their working life.

The government is planning to amend the current scheme so that while both employees and the government still make contributions, employees get an assured 40%-45% of their last drawn salary as pension, the two officials said.

But, "we will not go back to the old pension system," said one senior government

The officials did not want to be named as the discussions are private. The federal finance ministry did not immediately respond to Reuters' emailed queries.

This compromise, the government believes, will assuage the concerns of states that went back to the old pension system and cover

the whole country with one fiscally sustainable pension scheme, both the sources said.

Recently, states including Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab have opted to move back to the old pension

Pensions are one of the big spending heads in India's budget.

The government officials said that the amended pension scheme will not stress the budget math as much.

Current returns show employees get around 38% of their last salary as pension.

If, say, the government guarantees a 40% return, it will have to cover a shortfall of just 2%, the second official

However, the outgo will increase if the market returns on pension corpus decline.

## **Commissioner Secretary I&C Chairs 12th Board Meeting Of JKTPO**

Board Approves Activity Plan For 2023-24; Emphasizes Promotion Of Export, Investment, J&K Brands

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Commissioner Secretary Industries and Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, Wednesday chaired the 12th Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) at the Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting accorded approval to budget for 2023-24 fiscal with a strong emphasis on organizing trade fairs, exhibitions and buyer seller meets with good participation besides promotion of export and investment, investor facilitation and building the brand of J&K.

Managing Director JKTPO, Khalid Jahangir, presented meeting's agenda and briefed the board on progress achieved in implementing previous board decisions. The board members deliberated on various agenda items and approved the component wise activity plan of JKTPO for FY 2023-24 as per the ceiling approved by the Finance Department. The Board was informed that the approved amount would be expended on export promotion, investment promotion, investor facilitation, and overall enhancement of trade and commerce activities in J&K.

During the meeting, Commissioner Secretary called for more focus on investment promotion and facilitation activities in I&K. He highlighted the pivotal role of JKTPO in executing investor facilitation activities In Jammu & Kashmir. The organization aims to achieve this through various outreach programs and sector-specific events, with the goal of branding J&K as an investment-friendly destination, he added. To further streamline the process, he advised to strengthen the Investor Facilitation Cell already established within JKTPO, dedicated to assisting existing and prospective investors as well as applicants through a Single Window Portal.

The board also approved conduct of Mega Trade fair in Srinagar by JKTPO in collaboration with ITPO. This Mega trade fair is expected to witness participation of leading buyers and exhibitors from different parts of the country and the globe. This will be first of its kind initiative in J&K, intended to be made annual feature.

## **Iran Expects Big Jump In Trade With Arabs Amid Détente With Saudis**

**TEHRAN:** Iranian businesses believe trade with Arab countries of the Persian Gulf could see a jump in the near future amid a political rapprochement between Iran and Saudi Arabia.

Chairman of Iran Export Confederation Mohammad Lahoti said on Tuesday that better ties between Iran and Saudi Arabia would certainly boost trade opportunities for Iranians living and working in the United Arab Emirates, a major re-exporting hub in the region.

Lahoti said that Iranian busi-

late May to reach \$3 billion. 'This is a fact that Saudi

Arabia is a sort of a leader of the countries in the Persian Gulf and the influence of this country can reflect itself in our positive or negative ties with other Arab countries," Lahoti was quoted by the semi-official ILNA news agency.

The businessman said that Iran's exports to Saudi Arabia had jumped to some \$15 million in the few months that have passed since March when the two countries decided to restore their diplomatic relations under a deal signed in



nesses had major difficulties in the UAE since 2016 when Tehran and Abu Dhabi downgraded their ties mainly because of problems in relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia.

He said trade between Iran and the UAE had increased significantly in the two months to

He said that Iran expects annual trade with Saudi Arabia to reach \$2 billion in the near future, adding that there is a good demand in the kingdom for Iranian-made steel and mining products as well as for dry nuts, carpets and tiles shipped from Iran.

## Training Programme On **Revitalizing Wool, Pelt Industry Begins** At SKUAST-Jammu under HADP

**Observer News Service** 

**JAMMU-** Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. B. N. Tripathi today inaugurated a 7-Day training programme on Revitalizing Wool & Pelt Industry in Jammu and Kashmir under Holistic Agriculture Development Plan organised here in the Varsity Campus. The Workshop has been organised by SKUAST-Jammu in collaboration with the Department of Sheep Husbandry, Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Tripathi, the Chief Guest, in his inaugural address, said that since independence to till date, the production of all agricultural and livestock based commodities has gone up to a remarkable level, but the production of wool has gone down in India due to various reasons like scattered production, unorganized market practices, lack of collectivism/aggregation, lack of processing facilities and dwindling cottage industry. He further said all the sec-



tors are booming except the

The HADP project is in the sheep farming in J&K and to enhance the production and processing of wool with the development of much needed infrastructure in this sector.

The Vice Chancellor was of the opinion that, this is an era of value addition of raw products, so is the value addition of wool to different products will lead to enhance income and livelihood status of sheep farming

communities. He congratulated the organizing team for taking the initiative to organize such an importar training programme which will definitely help to improve the wool and pelt industry in J&K in near future.

Dr. R. K. Samnotra, Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu also spoke on the occasion and said that much of our wool is of coarse nature. He said Jammu and Kashmir is having potential of becoming a global leader in pashmina wool products.

#### **Sebi Takes Action Against** 135 Entities For Duping **Investors Via Bulk SMSs**

**Press Trust Of India** 

NEW DELHI: Markets regulator Sebi on Wednesday said it has taken action against 135 entities involved in the manipulation of share prices of five small-cap companies by circulating bulk SMSs with a "buy" recommendation to public investors. The regulator has restrained these 135 entities from accessing the securities market till further directions and issued impounding orders for Rs 126 crore towards wrongful gains made by them by indulging in such market manipulation.

The modus operandi followed apparently under a pre-planned scheme by the entities mainly centred around the circulation of bulk SMSs with a "buy" suggestion for the shares of the five small-cap companies, Sebi said.

The five small-cap companies whose shares manipulated were -- Mauria Udyog Ltd, 7NR Retail Ltd, Darjeeling Ropeway Company Ltd,

GBL Industries Ltd and Vishal Fabrics Ltd. According to Sebi, the pre-planned scheme involved three major sets of entities PV (price volume) influencers, SMS sender and off-loaders, apart from using a large number of entities, who are mule or conduit entities to operate the fraudulent scheme in these scrips.

As per the first leg of the scheme, price volume influencers were found to have increased the price and volume of the five scrips through manipulative trades, followed by the circulation of buy recommendations through bulk SMSs in the five scrips by the prima facie SMS sender Hanif Shekh, who was prima face the mastermind behind the scheme to lure public investors to buy such shares.

## **Dir Agri Distributes PGS Organic Certificates Among The Farmers**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Igbal Wednesday visited Wachi Shopian and addressed Kisan Sampark Abhiyan (Farmers Orientation Programme) under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) being held from 24th of April - 31st of August 2023.

Addressing the programme, Director Agriculture highlighted the importance of Kissan Sampark Abhiyan and asked farmers to actively participate in such programmes in order to get maximum benefits from the approved projects under HADP for agriculture and allied sectors.

He impressed upon the concerned officers to increase the awareness among the farmers about modern tools and techniques that have been incorporated in HADP to overcome the prevailing constraints and use different extension methods to motivate the farming community in adoption of proposed interventions in the approved projects.

Director Agriculture also

distributed PGS (Participatory Guarantee System) Organic Certificates among the 23 farmers of Wachi Village.

During interaction with these farmers, Director Agriculture said the quality seed is the most critical and basic requirement of a good harvest. He said farmers having access to high quality seed are likely to achieve desirable crop production and earn more income.

He said under the development of the seed and seed multiplication chain project of HADP, the main aim is to achieve self-sufficiency in quality seed production vis-a-vis strengthening the seed multiplication and marketing chain with improved human resource development.

Later, the Director Agriculture along with the Chief Agriculture Officer visited Jablipora fruit and vegetable Mandi and inspected the ongoing packaging and transportation of garlic. He interacted with the stakeholders and received feedback regarding recent interventions by the department for the development of garlic cultivation in the area.



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ii) Notice No. 009-BOPEE of 2023 dated 26-05-2023.

Notice No.014-BOPEE of 2023 Dated: 20-06-2023

Pursuant to Notification No. 024-BOPEE of 2023 dated 26-04-2023 followed by Notice No. 009-BOPEE of 2023 dated 26-05-2023, it is hereby notified for information of all the applicants who have applied for admission to the (12th Based) Para-Medical Diploma & other Diploma (excluding GNM Lateral Entry) Courses-2023 in Government / Private Colleges/Institutions of UT of J&K/ UT of Ladakh, that the Board shall conduct the Counselling for admission to such Courses on the basis of merit secured by the candidates in the Qualifying Examination i.e. 10+2. However, the schedule for conduct of counselling shall be notified separately.

Further, the applicants who have failed to upload their Marks Card due to non-declaration of their results of Qualifying Examination (10+2) or from any other reason during the submission of the online applications are advised to visit the BOPEE website regularly for submission/uploading of their Marks Cards.

The other terms and conditions/eligibility shall, however, remain the same as notified by the Board vide Notification No.024-BOPEE of 2023 dated 26-04-2023 and the e-Information Brochure available on website of the Board. (www.jkbopee.gov.in)

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## **Shorter GRE Test Coming September 2023**

Now In Half The Time, GRE Remains The Most Widely Used Measure Of Graduate Readiness

New Delhi: Today, ETS announced that beginning this September, the GRE General Test will take less than two hours to complete - roughly half the time of the current test.

This makes the GRE General Test the shortest and most efficient test among top graduate, business, and law school admissions. The shorter GRE test will continue to provide test takers and institutions with the same valid and reliable scores they have always counted on from ETS. Registration for the shorter test is now open for test dates beginning September 22, 2023.

Changes to the test include: Removal of the "Analyze" an Argument" task in the Analytical Writing section.

 Reduced number of questions in the Quantitative and Verbal Reasoning sections

Removal of the unscored section

In addition to test changes, test takers can expect to receive their official scores much



faster, in just 8-10 days. These changes mark the first of several planned future updates to the GRE General Test, all of which are intended to provide test takers with a better experience that values their time and reduces anxiety and fatigue. "The changes we're announc-

ing today underscore the emphasis we place on keeping our customers at the center of all that we do," said ETS CEO Amit Sevak. "As we continue to introduce product innovations, we're committed to balancing two things - maintaining rigor and validity, while improving the test-taker experience."

"At IIM Bangalore, GRE is one of the assessments for consideration. Look forward to the new version, which proposes a reduced test duration that reflect ETS's commitment to prioritizing the needs of test takers," said Prof. Kunal Dasgupta, Admissions & Financial Aid, IIM Bangalore. "We congratulate ETS for adapting the GRE General Test to the current times while ensuring that it remains as reliable as ever for institutions and test takers alike."

Beginning in September, test takers can access official GRE test prep resources and practice tests designed for the newer streamlined test. Since the shorter test has the same question types (except for the removal of the Analytical Writing "Analyze an Argument" essay), test takers can continue to use the existing Official GRE Prep materials.

"GRE test was always known for its rigour and reliability. However, especially in current times, a long format assessment test is extremely stressful for students. A shortened GRE test will hopefully take away the stress on the students while maintaining the rigour and reliability associated with the GRE test." said Mahesh Peri, Founder & CEO, Careers 360. He added "India is a large and growing market for study abroad aspirants and this change will only encourage more students to apply for graduate programs across STEM, Management, and streams at international universities of their choice. I am happy that ETS is making this change to the GRE General Test. These improvements will help students

in their education journey." The GRE will continue to be the most valid, reliable, and secure assessment of graduate readiness in the world, just in less time. The score scales will also remain the same, allowing graduate programs to easily compare performance across individuals who test before and after September 2023.

To learn more about these changes, visit www.ets.org/gre/ shorter. To create an account, register for a test, access test prep resources and more, visit www.ets.org/mygre.

About the GRE General Test The GRE® General Test is the world's most widely used test for admission to graduate and professional programs, including business and law. It securely assesses the verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking, and analytical writing skills that are essential for success in most graduate-level programs. GRE scores are an essential part of holistic admissions because of their unique role in the application as the only research-based, fair, and objective measure of cognitive skills. Since first introduced, GRE scores have opened doors for those with fewer socioeconomic resources and educational opportunities than their peers, and they still serve this

## Lt Gen Dwivedi Joins **Troops In Yoga Day Celebrations In Udhampur**



**Press Trust Of India** 

Jammu: Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Wednesday said yoga is tool for stress management and for improving combat efficiency as he complimented the soldiers and their families for incorporating the practice into their daily routine

Officer General Commanding-in-chief, Northern Command, speaking at a function organised at the command headquarters in Udhampur to observe the

International Day of Yoga, commended the soldiers' and their families' use of yoga to combat psychological stress and fatigue in extreme highaltitude areas and harsh cli-

"Yoga is a prime tool for stress management and improvement of the combat efficiency," Lt Gen Dwivedi said.

Jammu-based Army PRO Lt Col Devender Anand said yoga is being promoted as a way of life in the Army, especially for the troops deployed in mountainous and high-altitude areas of northern command.

## PM Modi invites G20 delegates to witness 'festival of democracy' during 2024 general elections

Panaji: Asserting the ethos of 'Atithi Devo Bhava', Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday invited G20 delegates to visit India during the 2024 general elections and witness the "festival of democracy" in all its diversity.

A recorded message from Modi was played at the inaugural session of the G20 Tourism Ministerial Meeting in Goa on Wednesday, in which, he underlined that "terrorism divides, but tourism unites".

The prime minister expressed confidence that the deliberations and the 'Goa Roadmap' would "multiply the collective efforts to realise tourism's transformative power".

A Goa Roadmap and Action Plan, a ministerial communique endorsing it would be issued at the end of the G20 ministerial here on Thursday.

"The motto of India's G20 Presidency, 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' - 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' can itself be a motto for global tourism". Modi said.

In his address, he extolled the

virtues of tourism and its potential to unite people.

"It is said that terrorism divides, but tourism unites. Tourism has the potential to unite people from all walks of life thereby creating a harmonious society," he said.

Modi said India's next general elections will be held in 2024 and he invited G20 delegates to visit the country to witness the "festival of democracy" in the "mother of democracy".

Nearly a billion voters will be taking part for over a month "reaffirming their abiding faith in democratic values," Modi said in his video message.

"With more than a million voting booths, there will be no shortage of places for you to witness this festival in all its diversity," he said.

In the 2014 general elections, some tour operators had offered 'poll tourism' in India, taking different groups of foreign tourists to Varanasi and other places, while the electoral campaigning was underwav.

Modi was elected to Lok Sabha from Varanasi, and subsequently became the prime minister of India. In his message, Modi extended a warm greeting to the ministers and other delegates from various G20 countries, and said, "I welcome you all to incred-

Incredible India is also the tagline for a popular campaign run by the tourism ministry to promote tourism.

"Visiting India is not just about sightseeing, it's an immersive experience," Modi said, adding that India's approach to tourism is based on the ancient Sanskrit verse 'Atithi Devo Bhava' which means a guest is akin to god.

"Be it music or food, arts or culture, the diversity of India is truly majestic. From the high Himalayas to dense forests, dry deserts to beautiful beaches, adventure sports to meditation retreats, India has something for everyone," he said.

He said during India's presidency of the G20, nearly 200 meetings are being organised at 100 different locations all over the country making every experience different from the other.

Tourism ministers and delegates from various G20 countries, including guest countries, are attending the two-day ministerial meeting.

About 130 delegates from countries such as the US, the UK, Spain, South Africa, Mauritius, Australia, Singapore, South Korea, Indonesia, Nigeria, Oman, the Netherlands, Bangladesh, and top international organisations are taking part in the event in Goa.

Modi said tourism ministers rarely get a chance to be tourists themselves even though they are handling a sector worth more than USD 2 trillion

Underling that the meeting was taking place in Goa, one of the major tourist attractions in India, the prime minister urged the dignitaries to take out some time from their serious discussions and explore the natural beauty and the spiritual side of the state.

In the last nine years, the central government has placed special emphasis on developing the entire ecosystem of tourism in India, he said.

"From transport infrastructure to the hospitality sector to skill development, and even in our visa systems, we have kept the tourism sector as a focal point of our reforms," Modi said.

He underlined that India's efforts in the tourism sector are centered on "preserving its rich heritage while creating a world-class infrastructure for

The prime minister emphasised the development of spiritual tourism as one of the focus areas in India. He said the infrastructure upgrade in the eternal city of Varanasi, one of the major spiritual centres, led to a "ten-fold increase in pilgrims taking the number to 70 million today".

India is creating new tourist attractions, Modi said as he cited the example of the Statue of Unity, the tallest statue in the world, which attracted about 2.7 million tourists within a year of its inauguration.

The prime minister expressed happiness that India is also recognising the relevance of the tourism sector for the speedy achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He highlighted that the five interconnected priority areas of green tourism, digitalisation, skill development, tourism MSMEs, and destination management "reflect the priorities of India as well as the global South".

In his nearly eight-minute-long message, Modi also suggested greater use of emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and augmented reality to drive innovation and highlighted that India is "working towards artificial intelligence enabling realtime translation of various languages spoken in the country"

He expressed confidence that collaboration among governments, entrepreneurs, investors and academia can accelerate such technological implementation in the tourism sector.

The prime minister also suggested working together to ease business regulations for tourism companies and assist them in increasing their access to finances and investing in skill development.

Modi expressed happiness that a G20 tourism dashboard is being developed in partnership with UNWTO which will be a first-of-its-kind platform bringing together the best practices, case studies and inspiring stories.

He also spoke of the the upcoming Sao Joao Festival in Goa and said, India is a "land of festivals".

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#### Srinagar Sizzles,

3.9°C for the summer capital Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 17.4°C against 16.2°C on the previous night while the famous tourist resort of Pahalgam recorded a low of 10.6°C

against 9.1°C on the previous night. In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 16.5°C against 14.1°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 2.4°C for the north Kashmir

Kokernag recorded a low of 18.0°C against 15.4°C on the previous night and it was 3.9°C above normal for the

place, the officials said. Gulmarg recorded a low of 13.6°C against 10.2°C on previous night and it was above normal by 3.9°C for the world famous skiing resort in north

Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said. Jammu recorded a low of 30.5°C against 26.1°C on the previous night and it was 4.4°C above normal for

J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 19.0°C (3.9°C above normal), Batote 21.2°C (4.0°C above normal), Katra 25.2°C

(3.2°C below normal) and Bhaderwah 19.2°C (above normal by 4.3°C). of 9.0°C and 12.8°C respectively, he said. (GNS)

#### **Biden Will Not**

status of a state visit, despite concerns in the US over human rights.

Joe Biden is under pressure by his fellow democrats to bring up human rights with PM Modi. PM Modi is being warmly greeted by US CEOs, including at a Friday reception. On Tuesday, he met with Tesla's Elon Musk in New

Both Joe Biden and PM Modi are grappling with Bejiing's flexing its muscle in the Indo-Pacific region and

'This visit is not about China. But the question of China's role in the military domain, the technology domain, the economic domain will be on the agenda," Sullivan said.

PM Modi will visit the National Science Foundation with first lady Jill Biden on Wednesday and have a private dinner with the president Wednesday night at

the White House.

On Thursday, PM Modi will be welcomed with a colorful arrival ceremony on the White House South Lawn. Joe Biden and PM Modi will hold Oval Office talks and attend a state dinner in PM Modi's honor Thursday night.

No joint press conference was planned. White House national security spokesperson John Kirby said work was still ongoing on this subject.

PM Modi has not followed the West in its efforts to back Ukraine and India has been heavily reliant on Russian oil. Joe Biden will bring up Russia and Ukraine ahead of the G20 summit later this year that will be held in India, Sullivan said.

"Across the board, I think you'll see a combination of deep strategic discussions and practical progress, tangible progress in every single dimension of the relationship, all of it reflecting and reinforce the fact that this from our perspective will be one of the defining partnerships of our age," Sullivan said.

#### **Banihal Highway**

"June 23 is a 'no traffic day' on

NationalHighway-44. No traffic will be allowed between Nashri and Banihal tunnels to ensure urgent repair and maintenance works by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)," the office of the deputy commissioner

tweeted. Commuters on the highway have been complaining of enduring snarls in the sweltering heat due to massive traffic jams at different places, especially landslide-prone Dalwas, Cafeteria Morh and Nachlana over the

past fortnight. The officials said overloaded or misfit heavy motor vehicles are also not allowed to ply on the highway as the breakdown of such vehicles causes traffic snarls, bringing inconvenience to others. Traffic police were directed to initiate action against the violators, they added.

Updating on the ongoing construction work, the deputy commissioner said concreting over the leftover portion of the 1.06 km Ramban flyover is almost done. The flyover, once operational, will bypass the Ramban market which also witnesses frequent traffic

## **LG Sinha Reviews**

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Principal Secretary to LG Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Deputy Commissioners, Senior Superintendents of Police and senior officers.

Yoga Is India's

One Future" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Sinha said. "Yoga is India's greatest gift to humanity and it has transcended the

boundary of religion, sect and geo-

graphical barriers to bring happiness in people's lives," he added. The LG said the first Sutra of Maharshi Patanjali-now the discipline of Yoga and second one on cessation of the mind, is the key to understand

"Body-mind together as one in present moment, here and now helps to reduce stress level, brings mindfulness and improves physical strength," he said, adding "The great sage Maharshi Patanjali has observed that disorder within our body-mind

is the main reason for stress, anxiety, inflammation in the body and heart body-mind,'

For Yoga, the LG said, one needs both physical and mental discipline, so that body and mind do not function separately but work in an integrated manner.

"In today's world, doctors, while prescribing the medicine for disease, always give free and important advice on bringing change in lifestyle for long term health. Yoga is the medium which brings change in the lifestyle and strengthens the bond between

people," Sinha added. The said Yoga has helped humanity to remain healthy and today the world is attracted to Yoga and the nation is grateful to the Prime Minister, who will be participating in a Yoga event at

the UN. also congratulated the Directorate of AYUSH, J&K for its efforts in promotion of the traditional system of medicine and for getting the approval of Homeopathic College in Kathua.



## PCB's Likely Chairman Zaka Ashraf Rejects 'Hybrid Model' For Asia Cup, On Collision Course With BCCI

**Press Trust of India** 

ISLAMABAD: The likely new chairman of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Zaka Ashraf has rejected his predecessor Najam Sethi's muchpublicised "hybrid model" for the upcoming Asia Cup, which is slated to be held in Pakistan and Sri Lanka in September.

"The first point is that I had rejected the hybrid model (for Asia Cup) in the past itself - because I do not agree with it. The board of the Asian Cricket Council had decided that it should be held in Pakistan, then we should host it," Ashraf said during a press conference in the Pakistan capital on Wednesday.

Ashraf's comments could also put Pakistan's World Cup participation in a limbo and it is expected that the BCCI will also play hardball and there wouldn't be any middle ground if they back-track from what was agreed upon by members of Asian Cricket Council (ACC). With the ACC executive body approving the hybrid model, if Ashraf doesn't change his stand, the Asia Cup could be held without Pakistan as a five-nation tournament.

"The Asia Cup model has been accepted by ACC and there would be no change. Ashraf is free to say whatever he wants," an ACC board member told PTI.

Ashraf is one of the two nominees for the PCB chairman's post handpicked by Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, who is the patron-in-chief of the board and the man who has the final say in appointment. As of now, Ashraf's appointment is just a formality.

The hybrid model was accepted by the ACC, headed by BCCI boss Jay Shah, after India made it clear that it won't travel to Pakistan due to the prevailing geo-political situation.

It was decided that four games



will be held in Pakistan with the host country playing their group league match against Nepal and three other games involving Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan

would also be scheduled in Lahore. However, things changed dramatically in the last 48 hours after Sethi announced on twitter that he is quitting.

"I don't want to be a bone of contention between Asif Zardari and Shehbaz Sharif. Such instability and uncertainty is not good for PCB.

candidate for Chairmanship of PCB. Good luck to all stakeholders," Sethi had tweeted.

Ashraf, a banker by profession, has earlier been the PCB chairman.

During his media interaction, Ashraf said that he doesn't like the idea of inconsequential games being held in their country when they have got hosting rights.

"All the main matches are happening outside (of Pakistan). (Teams like) Nepal and Bhutan are going to play in Pakistan - which is not fair for Pakistan. I do not know what the board has decided previously, I do not have the access to the information. "I will check, whatever is doable in the shortest possible time, will do that for the betterment of Pakistan," he said.

Ashraf also said that the World Cup issue is yet to be sorted which could mean that the release of schedule will be delayed further.

"There are challenges lined up ahead for Pakistan, there are many pending issues, the Asia Cup is there, then the World Cup, the team's preparations, a lot of issues. I do not want to speak against anyone because I have not (yet) taken over," Ashraf said while not wanting to say anything about Sethi.

"Once I take over, will see what the scenario is. I always take media along, I do not hide anything. We have to work for the betterment of Pakistan, we have a clear conscious." It is understood that Pakistan's demands to play World Cup matches at a neutral venue will not be accepted by either the BCCI or the ICC at any cost, and now Ashraf's tough stance on Asia Cup could spoil relations further.

It may be noted that the last time India and Pakistan were engaged in a bilateral series in 2012, Ashraf was



## Two Matches Of 2023 Srinagar **Premier League Played**

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** The 2023 Srinagar Football Premier League continued on Wednesday, June 21. with two Round 3 matches played at Synthetic Turf TRC.

In the first match, Syed Tajudin FC went head-to-head against Downtown Heroes FC at 4:00 PM. Hafiz Pathan gave the Heroes the lead in the first half, before Imad doubled the scoreline in 39th minute. Shahid Wani then added the third goal in 49th minute. Hafiz Pathan scored his second in 74th minute to make the score 4-0 in favour of the Downtown Heroes. Afreen Parray of the Heroes was awarded man of the match.

In the second game of the day, a 7:00 PM kick off, Sports Council Football Academy locked horns with Real Kashmir FC (Reserves). The first half ended 0-0. However, SCFA took the lead through Rizwan in the 63rd minute and the team managed to hold on to their slender lead till final whistle. Rizwan of SCFA was awarded man of the match.

The 2023 Srinagar Football Premier League will continue on Thursday, June 22, with two matches scheduled.

At 4:00 PM, AG's Office XI will take on Kashmir Maharaja FC. While in the 7:00 PM kick off, Jhelum FC will play JK Bank

## **Goals Galore In Inter School Football Championship**



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Two matches of the 1st Inter School Football Championship 2023 were played on Wednesday at Synthetic Turf TRC and witnessed a combined goals tally of 11.

In the first match of the day, Asawir Jewellers Junior Muslim FA took on R S Profiling Kashmir FA. The matchup proved to be a goal fest, but it was the Kashmir FA who won the match 5-2.

In the second match, Arise Hyundai Bagh-e-Hamdan FA played Asif Memorial Paramedical & Training Institute Barzalla FA. The match saw four goals scored, with the Bagh-e-Ham-

dan boys winning 3-1. The 1st Inter School Football Championship 2023 is being organized by Frisk Film Production in collaboration with J&K Sports Council. The championship is presented by Asawir Jewellers and sponsored by Arise International Academy.

## **YSS Celebrates International** Yoga Day Across J&K

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) on Wednesday organised Yoga practising sessions for it's employees, young students, senior citizens and people from different fields of life in all the 20 districts of J&K to celebrate International Yoga

Renowned Bollywood filmmaker Imtiyaz Ali along with J&K Chief Secretary Dr Arun Gull, Additional Secretary to Government YSS Waseem Raja, Joint Director Kashmir YSS Waseem Raja and hundreds of yoga enthusiasts participated in a mega Yoga display event organised jointly by Department of Youth Services And Sports J&K and J&K Sports Council at TRC's Synthetic Football Turf.

While giving details about the participation in the activities organised in connection with the important day, Director YS&S Subash C. Chhibber



Kumar Mehta, Secretary to Government Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K Sarmad Hafeez, Director Department of YSS Shubash C. Chhibber, Secretary J&K Sports Council Nuzhat

said that 254469 yoga practitioners which include 146338 from Kashmir division and 108131 from Jammu division participated in the programmes organised by the department.

## **Australia, England Docked** 2 WTC Points, Fined 40%



**Press Trust of India** 

DUBAI: Australia and England have been penalised two World Test Championship (WTC) points each while the players of the two sides were also docked 40 per cent of their match fees for maintaining slow over rates during the first Ashes Test.

Australia edged out hosts England with a thrilling twowicket win in the opening Test at Edgbaston on Tuesday.

'Andy Pycroft of the ICO Panel of Match Referees imposed the sanctions after both teams were ruled to be two overs short of their targets af-

into consideration," an ICC release stated on Wednesday.

"Australia captain Pat Cummins and his English counterpart Ben Stokes accepted the sanctions, meaning there was no need for formal hearings," it added. The sanctions see Australia

lose two WTC points, leaving Pat Cummins' side with a total of 10 points after their first Test of the new cycle.

England, on the other hand, are behind all eight of their rivals in the 2023-25 WTC cycle

Cummins' Australia are the reigning WTC champions, having defeated India in the summit clash earlier this month ter time allowances were taken and the current Ashes series is the first of six series that will determine their qualification chances for the next WTC final, scheduled to be held at Lord's in London in June 2025. In accordance with Article

2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to minimum over-rate offences, players are fined 20 per cent of their match fees for every over their side fails to bowl in the allotted time. In addition, as per Article 16.11.2 of the ICC World Test Championship playing conditions, sides are penalised one point for each over short. Consequently, two WTC points will be deducted from both

## **ICC Rankings:** Ashwin Maintains **Top Spot; Root Topples Labuschagne**



**Press Trust of India** 

**DUBAI:** Premier India offspinner Ravichandran Ashwin has maintained the top spot among bowlers, while England's Joe Root toppled Australia's Marnus Labuschagne to become the world's top-ranked batter in the ICC Test rankings released on Wednesday.

Ashwin, who was ignored for the World Test Championship final against Australia earlier this month in London, remained the world No 1 bowler with 860 points, followed by England's James Anderson at second with 829 points.

Among Indian bowlers, Jasprit Bumrah (772) and Ravin-

dra Jadeja (765) occupied the eighth and the ninth spot respectively, with no change in their rankings.
India's batting mainstay

Virat Kohli slipped down one spot to occupy the 14th place, while captain Rohit Sharma was placed at 12th place.

The big shake-up came at the top of batters' rankings, as Root moved five places to dethrone Labuschagne.

The change in rankings came a day after Australia pipped England by two wickets in a thrilling finish to win the Edgbaston Test and take a

-0 lead in the ongoing Ashes. While Root scored an unbeaten 118 in England's first

innings of 393 for eight declared -- a decision debated heavily after their loss in the opening Ashes Test -- Labuschagne failed to make a mark with the bat in both innings.

Root managed scores of 118 not out and 46 in a losing cause during the first Ashes Test in Birmingham and those superb individual efforts saw the 32-year-old rise a massive five places and regain his place as the No.1 ranked Test batter in the world.

Labuschagne dropped to third as a result of scores of 0 and 13 against England, with Kiwi veteran Kane Williamson jumping two places to second



## **Kante Leaves Chelsea To Join** Saudi Champions Al-Ittihad

Agencies

LONDON: N'Golo Kante will leave Chelsea after seven years at Stamford Bridge and join Al-Ittihad as a free agent on a three-year contract, the Saudi club said on Tuesday. The France international, who joined the west London outfit from Leicester City in 2016, will team up with compatriot and Ballon d'Or winner Karim Benzema at Al-Ittihad.

'Don't believe in fake news. Kante is an Ittihad player now," the club posted in a video message on Twitter. British media reported the 32-year-old midfielder has signed a contract worth around 86 million

pounds (\$109.78 million) a year. Benzema left Real Madrid after 14 trophy-laden years and signed a two-year contract with the Saudi Arabian champions in a deal reported to be worth more than 100 million euros (\$109.17 million). Kante has been a mainstay at Chelsea, winning the Champi ons League, Premier League, Europa League and FA Cup during his time with the club.

Kante's last season was plagued by injuries, however, as he missed 38 matches in all competitions with Chelsea

struggling without him and finishing 12th in the league. Several high-profile players have been linked with moves to Saudi Arabia in recent weeks, while Cristiano Ronaldo signed with Al-Nassr in December in a deal reported to be worth around \$220 million per year.

Arsenal agree deal to sign Havertz from Chelsea: Report

Arsenal have agreed a deal in principle to sign German forward Kai Havertz from Chelsea for around 65 million pounds (\$82.72 million), The Athletic reported on Wednesday. The report said personal terms with Havertz have been agreed and the 24-year-old's move across London will see Arsenal pay an initial fee of 62 million pounds with a further three million pounds in add-ons.

Havertz would be Arsenal's second-most expensive signing after they paid a club-record fee of around 72 million pounds for Ivory Coast forward Nicolas Pepe in 2019. Germany international Havertz was signed by Chelsea on a five-year contract in 2020 for around 71 million pounds after two prolific seasons with Bundesliga side Bayer

## **UEFA Ban Mourinho For 4 Games For Abusing Referee**

AS Roma head coach Jose Mourinho has been suspended for their next four matches in the Europa League after the Portuguese boss directed abusive language at referee Anthony Taylor while the club was fined, Europe's soccer body UEFA said on Wednesday. Following Roma's loss to Sevilla in the Europa League final, Mourinho was critical of the refereeing after the game which resulted in Taylor and his family being harassed at **Budapest Airport by supporters** 

of the Italian club. Roma were fined a total of 55,000 euros (\$63,464) and banned from selling tickets to their away supporters for their next match for "lighting of fireworks, throwing of objects, acts of damage and crowd disturbances" and "improper conduct of the team" during the final. The Italian club were also ordered to contact the Hungarian Football Federation within 30 days for the settlement of the damages caused by supporters

Roma finished sixth in Serie A to qualify for the Europa League next season. Meanwhile, West Ham United were

in the stadium.



fined 58,000 euros after their supporters threw objects on the pitch and for invading the field of play following their Europa Conference League final victory over Fiorentina.

The Italian club's skipper Cristiano Biraghi was hit on the head by an object as he prepared to take a corner during the match in Prague, with the defender needing medical attention as blood poured down his neck. West Ham will play in the Europa League next season after winning the final.

Roma were separately fined a total of 80,500 euros and ordered to partially close their stadium (6,000 seats) for throwing of objects during their semifinal against Bayer Leverkusen. The German club were fined a total of 43,000 euros and also ordered to partially close their stadium (5,000 seats) for lighting of fireworks and throwing of

## These Are the Best Airlines Of 2023, **According To Passengers**

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ingapore Airlines has unseated rival Qatar Airways as the world's best airline in 2023, according to an annual poll of fliers. The Middle Eastern carrier slipped into second place, with Japan's All Nippon Airways, Emirates and Japan Airlines rounding out the top five, in the Skytrax World Airline Awards 2023.

Qatar did, however, have an ace up its sleeve. It dominated categories for best business class offerings, including best business class airline, seat and lounge.

In the budget arena, AirAsia was named world's best lowcost airline, while Scoot was the best low-cost long-haul

"This award is a testament to the indomitable spirit of our people, who worked tirelessly and made many sacrifices to ensure that SIA was ready for

the recovery in air travel,' said Goh Choon Phong, chief executive officer of Singapore Airlines. "That has allowed us to emerge stronger and fitter from the pandemic as a leading international airline."

The highest ranked North American airline was Delta, which landed in 20th position -- up four spots on last year. European carriers fared a little better, with Turkish Airlines in sixth spot and Air France taking seventh place. The award for best cabin crew went to Garuda Indonesia, while the cleanest airline award went to ANA.

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The World Airline Awards were determined by an online customer survey, covering fliers from more than 100 countries. It ran from September 2022 until May 2023, with more than 325 airlines featured in the final results.



# Soon, Your Face Will Be The Boarding Pass At Airports In India: Thales



**Agenceis** 

Paris [France]: Remember last year's congestion at Delhi Airport when Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia made a surprise visit there and suggested a few measures to mitigate the chaos?

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Soon, your face will be your boarding pass. Thales, an Aerospace, Space, Defence to Security and Transportation company is working with Indian airport operators for a seamless journey from your home to the boarding without really contacting or looking at anyone in terms of checking your security at Airports.

At the ongoing week-long Paris Air Show, Thales has displayed 'Flv to Gate' biometric passenger journey solutions which will reduce the boarding time by an es-

timated 30 per cent. Ashish Saraf, Vice President

and Country Head for India, Thales said that his company has developed such solutions that one's face will be their boarding passes at Airport.

'The DigiYatra app on your phone will allow you to register your boarding pass, and scan your face, it authenticates the face with your biometrics in Aadhar and registers yourself as a passenger enabled by DigiYatra. Now once you are at the airport, your face is your boarding pass. So when you are at the airport, you can enter using your face because it's already authenticated with your Identity. You will see separate DigiYatra gates at our airports which already exist."

"You go to the main gate security, there also your face is your boarding pass so it authenticates you. You go through security, and at the boarding, you basically again will see the Thales face pod

which will be installed there. It scans your face and you're in so effectively doing a seamless journey from your home to the boarding without really contacting or looking at anyone in terms of checking your security etc. It's actually using your biometrics to authenticate and giving you a seamless boarding experience all the way

to boarding the aeroplane." Mr Saraf clarified that the DigiYatra application, is, however, not mandatory to use this seamless facility.

"If you don't have the app, go to the airport, enrol yourself and you are registered. Then start your boarding process, but with app, it's easy because you can do it from the comfort of your home. but if you're not, then you will find the Digi Yatra kiosk at the airport and you could go to boarding seamlessly," Mr Saraf said.

## 'Adipurush' Dialogues Altered After Public Backlash

Mumbai: The makers of "Adipurush", the latest adaptation of epic Ramayana facing public criticism for the poor quality of its dialogues and visual effects, have revised certain lines in the film. The controversy-ridden film, which registered a bumper opening at the box office only to witness a major drop in collections as negative word of mouth spread on social media, is now screening in theatres with al-

tered dialogues.
"Adipurush", which was released across the country in Hindi, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Tamil on Friday, stars Prabhas as Raghav (Ram), Kriti Sanon as Janaki (Sita) and Saif Ali Khan as Lankesh (Raavan).

Directed by Om Raut and produced by T-Series, big-budget multilingual saga "Adipurush" has been panned on social media over its poor VFX and colloquial dialogues, with dialogue writer Manoj Muntashir Shukla under fire for Lord Hanuman's dialogues in the 'Lanka Dahan' sequence, among others. In the scene, the character of Hanuman had lines like: 'Kapada tere baap ka toh jalegi bhi tere baap ki'. It is now changed to, 'Kapda teri Lanka

ka... toh jalegi bhi teri Lanka'. Shukla on Sunday announced that the makers were ready to "revise some of the dialogues" and the amended lines will be

added to the film by this week. In a long post, he also defended

"I can give countless arguments in favour of my dialogues, but this will not lessen your pain.

Me and the producer-director of the film have decided that we will revise some of the dialogues which are hurting you and they will be added to the film this week," Shukla said in the statement shared on his official Twit-

ter account on Sunday. In his statement, which he wrote in Hindi, Shukla said it is possible that in a three-hour film he may have written "something different from your imagination for 3 minutes of duration", but viewers shouldn't hurry to label him as a "Sanatan drohi"

"I wrote more than 4,000 lines as dialogues in 'Adipurush', some sentiments got hurt on five of those lines. In those hundreds of lines. where Shri Ram was glorified, Maa Sita's chastity was described, I was hoping to receive praise for them, which I don't know why I did not get," he added. T-Series, the studio behind the movie which was mounted on a reported budget of Rs 500 crore, on Wednesday tweeted that the film had earned Rs 395 crore gross in five days.

But a breakdown of these official numbers show that Monday and Tuesday figures are significantly lower than what the film made on its opening weekend: Rs 140 crore on day one, followed by Rs 100 crore each on day two and three.

In contrast, "Adipurush" earned Rs 35 crore on Monday and Rs 20 crore (gross figures) on Tuesday. The production banner also announced on Wednesday that audiences can now watch the movie at a reduced price of Rs 150 on Thursday and Friday.

