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4 Infiltrators Killed In **North Kashmir**

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Four militants were killed as security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control in Kupwara district on Friday, police said.

The security forces also recovered a huge cache of arms, ammunition and narcotics-like substances from the scene of the gun battle in Machil sector of Kupwara district, they said.

Detailing the operation, a defence spokesman said the army detected suspicious movement in Kala Jungle of Machil sector during the intervening night of June 22 and June 23.

"... the terrorist movement was tracked during the night. At around 0430 hours, four terrorists were spotted crossing the Line of Control from Pakistan. They were engaged upon coming in effective range by the ambush parties. Intense firefight ensued, resulting in the elimination of all four terrorists, without any harm to our troop," he said.

The spokesman said nine AK series rifles, three pistols, four grenades, 288 AK and pistol rounds, 55 suspected narcotics packets and other huge quantity of war-like stores were recovered

'The recovery of large amount of war-like stores, More on P10

PM Fulfilled Mookerjee's Dream By Revoking Art-370: Shah • Successful G20 Meet Proved Peace Prevails In Kashmir

- Youth Carrying Laptops, Not Stones Anymore; 70% Drop In Terror Incidents

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi fulfilled dream of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) ideologue Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee by abrogating Jammu and Kashmir's spe-cial status and integrating cial status and integrating the erstwhile state with the rest of the country. In his address, Shah also

listed achievements of the Modi government after scrapping the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and splitting the state into two Union



Territories in August 2019. He said that by remov-ing Article 370, PM Modi has given the rights of

munities, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, women and senior citizens.

nion Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the Amarnath pilgrimage, sources said. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla and top officials of the intelligence agencies, High-Level Meet paramilitary forces, police and the civil administration attended the meeting here. More on P10

MANY IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR HAVE BIG HOUSES in foreign

lands and many used to go for 45-60 days' vacations in foreign countries. Where did this money come

also slammed More on P10

Reaches Out To Youth In Kashmir 'Those Who Handed Over

Arms, Stones To You, Were Never Your Well-Wishers'

ll-round development has come to Jammu and Kashmir Article 370, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday, as he exhorted the youth of Kashmir to ensure that they carry pens and

laptops instead of ston Shah also said that during the rule of the previous governments in Jammu and Kashmir, democracy was limited to 80- 85 people only and three families -- the Abdullahs, Muftis and the Gandhis -- had taken control over democracy but now its future is decided by **More on P10**

regulatory body.

"A great honour...": PM **Modi addresses** joint session of **US Congress**



Washington: Addressing the joint session of the US Congress for a historic second time, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that it is an exceptional privilege to do it twice, adding that there have been even more momentous developments in another Al - America and India.

PM Modi received standing ovation and applause when he said, "There are millions here, who have roots in India. Some of them sit proudly in this chamber. There is one behind me, who has made history. I am told that the Samosa Caucus is now the flavour of the House,"

Addressing the joint session of the US Congress, PM Modi said, "It is always a great honour to address the US Congress. It is an exceptional privilege to do so twice. For this honour, I extend my deepest gratitude on behalf of 1.4 billion people of India. I see that nearly half of you were here in 2016. I can also see the enthusiasm of the old friends and the new friends in the other half."

"Our era is at a crossroads. Through the long and widening road that we have travelled we have made the test of friendship, he added.

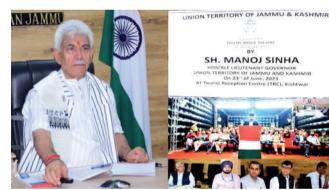
Chants of "Modi, Modi...." were heard as the Prime Minister addressed the joint session of the US Congress on More on P10



Observer News Service

Jammu: Maintaining that the J&K was witnessing a new era of peace and development in Amrit Kaal, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday that the aspiration of youth was the biggest strength of his administration in developing progressive and inclusive Jammu and Kashmir.

Sinha made these remarks after inaugurating the innovative edu-infotainment digital movie theatre at TRC Kishtwar on Friday. He congratulated the people of Kishtwar, District Administration and all stake-



movie culture to the district. three decades in picturesque "J&K is witnessing a new era Kishtwar is a symbol of aspiraof peace and development in tional society," the LG said. Amrit Kaal and the launch of

TRIAL OF UAPA CASES Govt Designates 4 More Courts

Agencies

Srinagar: In a significant move, the Jammu & Kashmir Government has designated four more courts for trial of offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act-1967.

J&K's Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs has designated four more courts- two each in Kashmir and Jammu- for trial of offences under the UAPA. With this development, the

number of courts designated under the NIA Act for trial of offences under UAPA has gone upto 11. According to a notification is-

ued by the Department of Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs,

the court of additional district and sessions judge (fast track Court) Budgam has been designated for

trial of offences under UAPA in

the jurisdiction of Budgam dis-

trict. More on P10

Court Rejects Bail To Drug

Peddler In 'Public Interest'

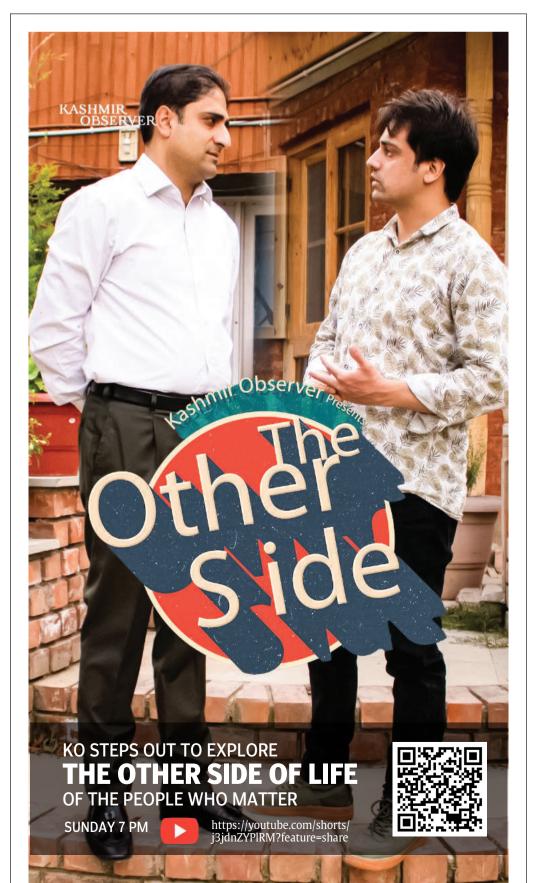
Prosecution Says Drug Trade Serious,

Needs To Be Dealt With 'Iron Hands'

RBI Slaps Rs 2.5 Cr Penalty On J&K Bank

Observer News Service

Besides J&K Bank, the cen-tral bank also slapped Bank Srinagar: The Reserve Bank of Maharashtra a fine of Rs of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.5 1.45 crore and Axis Bank a crore on Jammu and Kashmir penalty to the tune of Rs 30 Bank (J&K Bank) for nonlakh. The penalties were imcompliance with certain posed on June 22nd in these directions issued by the three banks. More on P10



from? This was money meant for the poor" reservation to hill com-"This justice could have been ensured by Modi only," he said. The Home Minister

holders on the return of the a movie theatre after almost

all boundaries More on P10

"Art and Creativity transcend

J&K IS WITNESSING A NEW ERA of peace and development in Amrit Kaal and the launch of a movie theatre after almost three decades in picturesque Kishtwar is a symbol of aspirational society."

Srinagar Records Hottest June Day After 18 Yrs

Qazigund, Pahalgam Record 2nd Hottest Day In 33, 15 Years Respectively; MeT Predicts Respite From Today

Agencies

Srinagar: Amid the ongoing heat wave in Kashmir, Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir has recorded the hottest June day after 18 years at 35.0 degree Celsius on Friday while Qazigund and Pahalgam in South Kashmir recorded second hottest June day inthe last 33 and 15 years respectively.

An Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng told a local news agency KNO that the mercury settled at 35.0 degree Celsius today, which is the equal warmer June day recorded

on June, 03 2018.

The all-time highest June day was recorded on June 29, 1978 at 37.8 degree Celsius, he said. He said that Kokernag has recorded the highest maximum temperature in June in 18 years where the mercury settled at 33.3 degree Celsius while the previous and all time highest temperature was recorded on June 24, 2015 at 34.9 degree Celsius. Qazigund and Pahalgam

in South Kashmir have also recorded the hottest day of the season after the gap of 33 and 15 years respectively. According to More on P10

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A court here rejected bail application of a 'drug peddler' who according to police was arrested with 360 bottles of Corex (codeine phosphate) 31 August on year last from Parimpora area of Srinagar.

While declining the bail plea of the accused, Bashir Ahmad

Bhat of Maloora Srinagar, the court of 3rd Additional Sessions Judge Srinagar Sandeep Kour said where public interest would be defeated, personal liberty has to be curtailed by established process

and procedure of law. bail, "...while granting interest of the public is to

be considered and on weighing the personal liberty and public interest, if there are

grounds that public interest would be defeated and personal liberty has to be curtailed by estab-

lished process and procedure of law, the bail can be declined," the court said while referring to a judgement of the

Supreme Court. "It is a settled More on P10

4 Injured In **Fox Attack**

hree women, including a minor girl on Friday sustained injuries after being attacked by a fox in North Kashmir's Kupwara district. Reports reaching said that three women namely Saja Begum (70) wife of Mohammad Dayam War, Mugli Begum (60) wife of Mohammad Shaban Ahanger, Khalida Begum (28) Shabir Ahmad War and a four-year-old girl Ayat Irshad daughter of Irshad Ahmad Ahanger were More on P10

Female Tourist Slips To Death

SHORT

tourist died on Friday after slipping into a Hriver at Butapathri in famous ski-resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district, officials said. They said that one Shalo Anand (46) wife of Sandeep Anand was with her family when she slipped into the river. The female was immediately rescued and taken to a nearby health facility, where she was declared dead on arrival, they said. Confirming it, a police official said that More on P10

Lady Drug Peddler's **Assets Frozen**

TAKES

ammu and Kashmir Police on Friday froze the bank savings and other financial instruments amounting to Rs 18, 36,611 of a "notorious female drug peddler" and her family in north Kashmir's Bandipora district An official said that the action was taken under the provisions of the NDPS Act after the seized assets were identified as proceeds derived from illegal sale of narcotic drugs. "Bandipora Police More on P10

Youth Injured By Black Bear

youth was attacked and injured on Friday by a black bear in Sonamarg area of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. 27-year old Rayees Ahmad Sheikh of Chundusa village of Baramulla was attacked by a black bear on Friday evening near Youth Hostel Sonamarg, leaving him seriously wounded, reports said. The injured youth was immediately removed to the Primary health centre (PHC) Sonamarg More on P10



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'30 Min Daytime Nap May Boost Brain Health, Delay Ageing By 7 Years'

IANS

eople who take about 30 minutes of nap during daytime may have improved brain health that can significantly lower risk of dementia, according to a study.

The study led by researchers at University College London in the UK and the University of the Republic in Uruguay showed that daytime napping slowed the rate at which brains shrink as we age, by seven years.

The study, published in the journal Sleep Health, gathered data from almost 400,000 people in Britain aged between 40 and 69.

The findings showed that the average difference in brain volume or the size of the organ between people programmed to be habitual nappers and those who were not was equivalent to 2.6 to 6.5 years of ageing.

"Our findings suggest that, for some people, short daytime naps may be a part of the puzzle that could help preserve the health of the brain as we get older," said Dr Victoria Garfield, MRC Unit for Lifelong Health & Ageing at UCL.

In the study, the researchers looked at 97 snippets of DNA thought to determine



people's likelihood of habitual napping. MRI scans revealed that their brain volume was 15.8 cubic centimetres bigger than those

who did not nap.

They however, found no link between napping and the size of the hippocampus

This is the first study to attempt to

untangle the causal relationship between habitual daytime napping and cognitive and structural brain outcomes. Our study points to a causal link between habitual napping and larger total brain volume

-- the region of the brain linked to memory and learning.

"This is the first study to attempt to untangle the causal relationship between habitual daytime napping and cognitive and structural brain outcomes. Our study points to a causal link between habitual napping and larger total brain volume," said lead author Valentina Paz, from University of the Republic and UCL.

"I hope studies such as this one showing the health benefits of short naps can help to reduce any stigma that still exists around daytime napping," added Dr Garfield.

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

In the case of :- 1. Sharifa Akther D/o Abdul Rahman Pandith R/o

Khanyar, Srinagar 2. Kaiser Ahmad Khan S/o Ghulam Mohammad Khan R/o Kathi

Darwaza, Srinagar 3. Abid Hussain Khan S/o Gh Mohammad Khan R/o Kathi Darwaza, Srinagar

4. Nighat Imtiyaz W/o Mehraj ud din Garivaz

R/o General Bagh, Kathi Darwaza, Srinaga

V/S Public at Large

In the matter of:- Caveat petition.

May it please Your Honour, The caveator Submits as under:

Srinagar

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That the caveator is the permanent resident of J & K Union Territory as such having every right to invoke the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court for the protection and safeguard of his legal rights and interests thereof. Hence this petition.

That the caveator has every apprehension that the Non-Caveators may file a civil suit or any other legal proceedings against the caveator before this Hon'ble Court.

That the Caveator may be given opportunity of being heard before passing any order/direction be passed in ex-parte which will prejudice the rights of the Caveator.

That the copy of this application has been provided to the non-applicant through registered post. Copy of postal receipt is annexed herewith.

That this petition is supported by an affidavit duly sworn by the petitioner

In the premises, it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased that before passing any order or direction the caveator or his counsel may be heard before passing any order interests of justice. Date:

Caveator through Counsel Adv. Asrar Ali

(Caveators)

(Non-Caveators)

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB Certificate for my wards namely Syeda Farishta Zehra (DOB: 16-03-2018) and Syed Ali Reza (DOB:01-03-2021). If anybody is having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Block Development Officer Sherabad Khore Tehsil Pattan within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Syed Mohammad F/o Syed Farishta Zehra and Syed Ali Reza fko

R/o Budibugh Flagerpora

Public Notice

I have applied for the issuance of pesticides license under Name & Style "Naikoo Enterprises Wangam Shopian" If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Plant Protection Officer Lalmandi Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Adil Mansoor Naik S/o Mohd Mansoor Naik fko R/o Wanigam Sudershanpora Shopian

ازعدالت سب بحج ميوسپل مجسٹريٹ سرينگر بااجلاس مهرين مشتاق رجيرار برتفس اينذ ذيتفس Arshid Hussain الیں۔ایم۔سی سرینگر(سیول) Lone مائل اسائلہ رخواست بغرج اندراج تاريخ پيدائش /وفات Ghulam Mohammad Lone 20-07-2016 : ارت دفات / عامله مندجه عنوان الصدر ميں سائل سائلہ نے عدالت مذامیں ایک رارج تارح /وفات one S/o Mohd Akber Lone 20-06-2023 مورخه R/o Ahmada Kadal Kachlach-pora Lal Bazar Sgr

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR **Department Of Social Forestry** (Direction Office) **M&E** Section

ABBREVIATED SHORT TERM AUCTION NOTICE

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, It is hereby For and on behall of LL Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, It is hereby notified for the information of public in general and timber dealers/extraction contractors in particular that the sale of trees/felled stuff of different species on the basis of "as it is where it is", existing in below mentioned locations of Social Forestry Divisions of Jammu, Kathua & Poonch shall be held through an open auction at Office Complex of Regional Director, Department of Social Forestry, opp. Nittoo Lane, Talab Tilloo, Jammu on the dates/ time mentioned below as per the short term Auction Notice No:- DIR/DSF/M&E/ 2808-19 Dated : 22-06-2023.

The details of the stock to be put to auction are given below:

S. No.	Name of Location / Unit	Species	No. of trees	No of Logs	Est. Vol. of Timber	Est. Qty. of Fire-	Earnest Money Shape	Date of Auction	Time
					(cft)	wood (Cfts)	of CDR		
I.	S.F. Division, Jammu		Last Da	te of Re	eceipt of CDR	06/07/20	023 Up to	04:00 Pi	n
1	Strip Plantation Gorkha Nagar Bahu Fort (near house of Sham Lal Corporator)	Eucalyptus	07	0	562.72	0			
2	Strip Plantation Gorkha Nagar JDA	Eucalyptus	06	0	661.19	0	Rs. 4500/-		
	Total (1+2)		13		1223.91	0	1		
	Strip Plantation Ward No. 21	Eucalyptus	0	193	819.976			-	
3	Gandhi Nagar Jammu	D. Sissoo	0	03	11.284		Rs. 3300/-		
3		Broad Leaved	0	03	5.906	25 Qtls	RS. 3300/-		
		Total		199	837.166	25 Qtls			
4	Strip Satrayan R.S Pura (Near House	Eucalyptus	11	0	593.59	12.39			
*	of Girdhari Lal)	F/W in Cfts	**	0	595.59	12.59			
5	Strip Plantation Siddher Satrayan	Eucalyptus	04	0	71.52	30.64	Rs. 2800/-		
5	(near House of Satpal)	F/W in Cfts	04	0	/1.52	30.04			
	Total (4+5)		15	0	665.11	43.03	1		
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	Bhagat)	F/W III Cits					Rs. 2600/-		
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9	Strip Plantation Mahalshah (near house of Smt. Jeeto Devi)	Eucalyptus	04	0	187.62	15.32		- 10	30
10	Strip plantation Mahalshah (near house of Sh. Sunil	Eucalyptus	04	0	325.95	-	Rs. 2000/-	0	÷:-

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VC NITI Aayog Conducts Exclusive Interaction Session AT SKICC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Vice Chairman NITI Aayog, Suman Bery, has conducted an exclusive interactive session with representatives from various sectors in Jammu and Kashmir, including Handicrafts and Handloom exporters and artisans, associations of Industries, Agriculture and allied sectors here at SKICC.

The session aimed to address their concerns and discuss strategies for promoting growth and development in the region.

During the session, representatives from the Handicrafts and Handloom exporters and artisans sector presented their views and highlighted their issues and concerns. They projected their issues related to Pashmina Industry, GST implementation and challenges in exportation.

Similarly, industrial representatives raised their concerns, focusing on the need for incentives for existing MSME units under the new industrial policy. They also stressed the importance of supporting the manufacturing sector, improving connectivity to the outside world, and implementing measures to further ease the business environment.

Various stakeholders, including the Houseboat Owners Association Land other tourism stakeholders, and the hospitality sector, highlighted the urgent need for infrastructure upgradation to cater to the growing demand of tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir.

They highlighted the positive impact of the re-

cent G20 event, which created awareness and pub-

licity about the region. The Vice Chairman acknowledged the significance of this event and assured the stakeholders that their concerns would be considered for resolution.

Furthermore, representatives from the agriculture and allied sector provided valuable insights and raised several concerns during the session.

These concerns included processing of C-Grade apples, road connectivity, establishment of horticulture estates, and the need for incubation centers. Farmers engaged in dairy, poultry, and sheep farming also expressed their viewpoints, contributing to a comprehensive discussion on the challenges faced by the agricultural community.

Besides, an academic delegation also had the opportunity to present their issues before the Vice Chairman. They called for infrastructure development to enhance skilling programs, emphasized the importance of research, and sought liberal funding for educational institutions. Additionally, they urged for the establishment of a Law University to support the legal education

sector in the region. The Vice Chairman assured all stakeholders that their issues and demands would be thoroughly discussed and considered for appropriate action.

The interactive session was moderated by Secretary Planning Development and Monitoring, Dr Raghav Langer.



An Anaerial view of world famous Dal Lake from Pari Mahal situated at the foothills of Zabarwan range, with Hari Parbat Fort in the background. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Market checking Intensified Across Srinagar Ahead Of Eid-ul- Azha

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to curb the practice of illegal profiteering and black marketing in Srinagar District ahead of the upcoming festival of Eid ul- Azha, the Special Market Checking teams of District Administration Srinagar Friday conducted intensified market checking in various parts of the City.

The drive was conducted on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad to ensure all essential commodities are sold at Government approved rates as per the quality standards with sufficient availability of consumables.

The checking squads headed by Tehsildar concerned and Officers from Police, Food Safety, SMC, FCS&CA and Legal Metrology Departments under the supervision of SDM West and SDM East conducted intensive market checking in various Tehsils of Srinagar City and inspected various markets within their jurisdiction.

During the drive a fine to the tune of over Rs 22000 was imposed on the erring shopkeepers for violating different provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act.

While several erring shopkeepers were also booked found failing to maintain the quality of food items, not displaying rate lists of essential commodities, selling expiry products, besides indulging in practices of illegal profiteering and sale of underweight products.

During the drive conducted today, the market checking teams inspected business units including Bakery, confectionery,

grocery, vegetable, fruits, milk, meat and chicken selling shops. They also check several food Processing units to check hygienic conditions. While the Date of Manufacture, Use-by Date etc was also checked.

In addition, a huge quantity of wazwan was also destroyed in the Zainakote area.

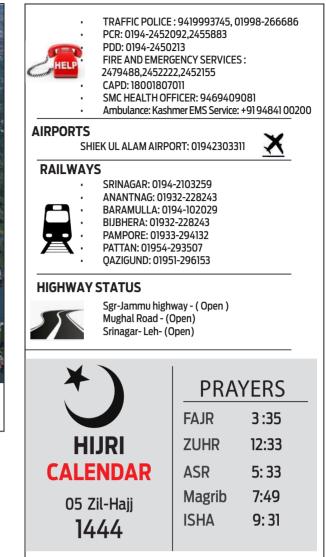
Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner stressed on owners of all Business establishments/ shopkeepers to maintain quality and standard of essential commodities and ensure all essential commodities are sold at Government approved rates. He asked the Market checking teams to continue the drive.

The DC also directed the Tehsildars to inspect Mandies established for sale of sacrificial animals and keep proper check on rates.

VC KU Inaugurates Webinar On IPR, Calls For Hand-Holding Of Aspiring Innovators

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof Nilofer Khan Friday inaugurated a national-level webinar on Intellectual Property Rights and reiterated her call for hand-holding of young and aspiring innovators "from the very early stage".



This Day In History

- 451 10th recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet 843 - Vikings destroy Nantes
- 972 Battle of Cedynia, the first documented victory of Polish forces; Mieszko I of Poland decisively defeated Odo I of Lusatia
- 1128 Afonso I of Portugal defeats army of his mother Theresa
- 1314 Battle of Bannockburn; Scotland regains independence from England
- 1396 Crusaders under Earl of Nevers reach Vienna
- 1397 Sultan Bajezid I releases captured crusaders for ransom
- 1529 Zürich and Catholic cantons sign Peace of Kappel
- 1658 French fleet recaptures Duinkerk
- 1662 Dutch invasion of Macau repulsed (Macau Day)
- 1795-US & Great Britain sign Jay Treaty, 1st US extradition treaty
- 1812-Napoleon Bonaparte's forces invade Russia crossing the Neman River
- 1866 -Second Battle at Custozza: the Austrian Imperial army, joined by the Venetian Army
- decisively defeated the Italian army, despite the Italians' strong numerical advantage.
- 1898- American troops drive Spanish forces from La Guasimas, Cuba
- 1917 Russian Black Sea fleet mutinies at Sebastopol
- 1922 -Adolf Hitler begins a month long prison sentence for paramilitary operations; he rails against the 'Jewish sell-out' of Germany to the Bolsheviks

200 Fridays: Mirwaiz Delivers No Sermon At Historic Jamia Masjid

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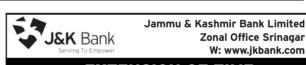
Srinagar: Anjuman-i- Auqaf Jamia Masjid Friday it has been a record 200 Fridays since the Mirwaiz of Kashmir has been allegedly barred by the authorities from delivering the Friday sermons from the pulpit of the historic Jama Masjid.

Anjuman said that the pain and anguish of this religious repression on the Muslims of the valley have caused them is extremely unfortunate. Despite repeated appeals for his release from all sections and quarters of J&K and outside the authorities have denied it so far.

Anjuman Auqaf said that a protest was held on this in Jamia Masjid today on Friday prayers, in which a large number of men and women present strongly urged the government to release the Mirwaiz immediately. They said that since 2019 August the pulpit of Jama Masjid has fallen silent which was the source of religious, moral education, and spiritual solace for them.

On behalf of Anjuman, Imam Hai of Jama Masjid Ahmed Syed Naqshbandi expressed deep dismay that despite repeated appeals to allow the Mirwaiz to come to Jama Masjid to resume his responsibilities as the Mirwaiz, the authorities are not paying any heed. He said that before the commencement of Ramzan a delegation of prominent religious leaders and scholars as part of the Muthahida Majlis e Ulema (MMII) had sent a letter to the LG requesting an appointment with regard to discussing the release of till date, they have not received any reply, despite reminders.

Imam Hai asked that while the authorities are thoughtful of the sentiments associated with the annual Amarnath yatra and provide all assistance to the pilgrims for its smooth conduct which is how it should be, why are the sentiments of the Muslim community being ignored and hurt by keeping the Mirwaiz away from the Jama Masjid? He said that for decades it has been the tradition of the revered Mirwaizeen, that they prayed for the safety of the pilgrims as they embarked on the difficult terrain of the yatra and asked people to assist them, and today it is the Mirwaz who is being barred from his fundamental rights as a human and his duties of the Mirwaz. [KNT]



EXTENSION OF TIME

With reference to the tender notice Dt:16-05-2023, issued by this office, regarding advertisement for premises for housing Social Service Counter for Naidyar Branch at Ranger Stop Saida Kadal, Srinagar, the last date for receipt of the tenders is extended up to 7th of July 2023. The tender documents can be downloaded from the link www.jkbank.com. The parties who have already applied in response to the tender notice Dt:16-05-2023 need not apply again. Other terms and conditions shall remain the same. Sd/-

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- 1930-1st radar detection of planes, Anacostia DC
- 1931- USSR & amp; Afghanistan sign neutrality treaty
- 1932- Coup ends absolute monarchy in Thailand
- 1940- France signs an armistice with Italy during WW II
- 1942- Africa Korps invades Egypt
- 1943- Allies begin 10-day bombing on Hamburg
- 1961-Iraq demands dominion over Kuwait
- 1966 -Period of relative peace following WW II exceeds that following WW I
- 1975- Moon tremor perceived (hit by Taurid meteors)
- 1982- Soyuz T-6 Launch (USSR)
- 1983- 7th Space Shuttle Mission-Challenger 2 lands at Edwards AFB
- 1985-18th Space Shuttle Mission (51-G)-Discovery 5 returns to Earth

From KO Archives

Legislators Ward Off Heat, Head To Kashmir

RINAGAR- As temperatures rise across the country, legislator's from several states, including Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand, are making a beeline for the cool climate of the Kashmir.

An eight-member team from Jharkhand legislative Assemly is arriving in Srinagar on a Sunday for five-day study tour, fficial sources said.

The team includes chairman, members and officials of the question and call attention committee of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly they said.

Another team of 30 members is arriving in Srinagar on Tuesday from Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly on a study tour for eight days, the sources said.

They said the team comprises members, their spouses and officials on the committee on welfare of Schedules Castes, Schedules Tribes and other backward classes of MP Legislative Assembly.

The Question Reference Committee of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly will join the other team in Leh district of the State from June 6 for a seven-day visit, the sources said.

The 25-member team comprises of the chairman of the committee, members, spouses and officials, they said.

(Kashmir Observer, 24 June, 2007)

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Braving Saudi Heat, Millions Gather In Mecca For Hajj

Agencies

MECCA, SAUDI ARABIA: Enormous crowds of worshippers thronged Mecca, Islam's holiest city, on Friday for the biggest hajj pilgrimage in years, with more than two million expected to brave the scorching Saudi Arabian heat.

Pilgrims in white robes and sandals packed the ancient city, now dotted with luxury hotels and air-conditioned shopping malls, after flooding in on planes, buses and trains for the annual rites.

This year's hajj -- one of the world's biggest annual religious gatherings, with a tragic history of stampedes and other disasters -- could break attendance records, officials said.

"As the hajj draws near, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia prepares... for the largest Islamic gathering in history," Minister of Hajj and Umrah Tawfig Al-Rabiah said in a video published by the ministry this week.

Rites include circling the Kaaba, the large black cube in Mecca's Grand Mosque, praying on Mount Arafat and "ston-ing the devil" by throwing pebbles at three giant concrete walls representing Satan.

More than two million people from more than 160 countries will attend, Rabiah said -- a dramatic increase on the 926,000 from last year, when numbers were capped at one million post-pandemic.

In 2019, about 2.5 million people took part. Only 10,000 were allowed in 2020, at the height of the Covid-19 pan-demic, rising to nearly 59,000 a year later.

The hajj is among the five pillars of Islam and must be undertaken by all Muslims with the means at least once in their lives

'Unbelievable feeling' Travellers from around the world have been pouring into Jeddah's modernised airport, some of them using streamlined visa services to disembark from planes straight onto buses to their accommodation. Some 24,000 buses will be in service to ferry the pilgrims, as well as 17 trains capable of moving 72,000 people every hour, officials said.

"It is an unbelievable feeling that is very emotional," Souad bin Oueis, a 60-year-old Moroccan pilgrim, told AFP after arriving on her first visit to Saudi Arabia along with her husband.

On Joint Space Mission

"Even Sky Not The Limit

For India-US": PM Modi

Press Trust of India

WASHINGTON: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India has taken a "big leap forward" in space cooperation after it joined the Artemis Accords, which advance a common vision of space exploration for the benefit of all

humankind. Grounded in the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 (OST), the Artemis Accords are a non-binding set of principles designed to guide civil space exploration and use in the 21st century. It is an American-led effort to return hu-

mans to the moon by 2025, with the ultimate goal of expanding space exploration to Mars and beyond. On Thursday, India decided

to join the Artemis Accords. "By taking the decision to join the Artemis Accords, we

have taken a big leap forward in our space cooperation. In

fact, in short, for India and America partnership, even the sky is not the limit," Prime Minister Modi told reporters at a news conference here at the White House with President Joe Biden.

In a fact sheet, the White House said India has signed the Artemis Accords, which advance a common vision of space exploration for the benefit of all humankind.

India joins 26 other countries committed to peaceful, sustainable, and transparent cooperation that will enable exploration of the Moon, Mars, and beyond.

According to a joint statement issued after the meetings at the White House, Biden and Modi set a course to reach new frontiers across all sectors of space coopera-

tion

"The leaders applauded our growing cooperation on earth and space science, and space technologies. They welcomed the decision of NASA and ISRO to develop a strategic framework for human spaceflight cooperation by the end of 2023," it said.

The two leaders hailed the announcement by NASA to provide advanced training to Indian astronauts at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, with a goal of mounting a joint effort to the International Space Station in 2024.

The leaders celebrated the delivery of the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite to ISRO's U.R. Rao Satellite Centre in Bengaluru and looked forward to NISAR's 2024 launch from India.



17 Oppn Parties Join Hands Against BJP For **2024 Elections**

Press Trust of India

PATNA: As many as 17 Opposition parties on Friday resolved to fight the 2024 Lok Sabha elections unitedly to defeat the BJP and work with flexibility by setting aside their differences and will meet in Shimla next month to chalk out a joint strategy.

Addressing a joint press conference after an almost four-hour meeting, during which leaders of these parties expressed their views, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said they will meet in the next few days to give final shape to their plan of fighting together. "We had a good meeting and

several leaders expressed their views during the meeting. Seventeen parties have decided to work together and contest the Lok Sabha elections unitedly," he told reporters.

The meeting is viewed as a starting point for Opposition unity ahead of the Lok Sabha polls to unitedly take on the Narendra Modi-led BJP.

Kumar, who hosted the meeting, said they were working in the national interest and accused the BJP of acting against the country's interest as it was trying to change India's history.

Sources said differences emerged between the AAP and the Congress after Arvind Keiriwal insisted that the Grand Old Party should make its stand public on the Delhi ordinance, failing which it would not be possible for his party to attend future meetings of the Opposition.

"The black ordinance is anticonstitutional, anti-federalism, and outright undemocratic... Congress' hesitation and refusal to act as a team player, especially on an issue as important as this one, would make it very difficult for the AAP to be a part of any alliance that includes Congress," the AAP said in a statement.

"Until the Congress publicly denounces the black ordinance and declares that all 31 of its RS MPs will oppose the ordinance in the Rajya Sabha, it will be difficult for AAP to participate in future meetings of likeminded parties where the Congress is a participant," it added. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge announced that the next meeting would be held in

Shimla next month. "We have decided to prepare a common agenda and will take decisions in the next meeting on how to move forward," he said.

About 350 Pakistanis Were On **Migrant Boat That Sank Off Greece And Many May Have Died, Official Says**

Agencies

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's interior minister said on Friday that an estimated 350 Pakistanis were on board an overcrowded fishing boat carrying migrants that sank off Greece last week, and that many remain missing and may have died in one of the deadliest incidents in the central Mediterranean Sea

been recovered. Khan said many of the missing Pakistanis are feared dead. "So far, 281 families have contacted the government saying their sons or dear ones might have been among those who were on the boat," he said.

Khan's comments shocked the lawmakers, who appeared distressed as he spoke. It was the first time that a senior of-

Indo-US Joint Statement Reduces Pakistan To Promoter Of Cross-**Border Terrorism: Imran Khan**

Press Trust of India

LAHORE: Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan on Friday said that the joint statement issued by India and the US during the ongoing state visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to America has reduced the country to a "promoter of cross-border terrorism in India and nothing more".

In their joint statement following one-on-one meetings and delegation-level talks on Thursday, Prime Minister Modi and US President Joe Biden called on Pakistan to punish perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai and Pathankot attacks



'The question we want to ask from former Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa and PDM is that after a year in government and countless trips of Pakistan's FM to the US, the joint India/US statement reduces Pakistan to a promoter of cross-border terrorism in India and nothing more," Khan said in a series of tweets on Friday. He alleged that Gen Bajwa along with his PDM cronies claimed that he (Khan) had isolated Pakistan internationally. He said the "imported government experiment has not just made Pakistan irrelevant internationally but our democracy, rule of law and the entire economic and institutional structure is also collapsing right in front of our eyes." Khan, 70, was ousted from the post of Pakistan's premier last year in April after the opposition led by the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz brought a no-confidence motion against his government and won it.



those invited to the State Dinner hosted in the honour of Prime Minister Narendra they live in and playing a sig-Modi at the White House on nificant role in strengthening The menu, comprising

the India-US relationship. The guests here "symbol-

Narayen -- also attended the event. The first course of the

State Dinner included mari se so much about the US-

Later, Prime Minister Modi in his address to the Joint Meeting of the US Congress said there can be "no ifs or buts" in dealing with terrorism and sought action against state sponsors of terrorism, in a veiled attack on Pakistan. He said that more than two decades after 9/11 and more than a decade after 26/11 in Mumbai, radicalism and terrorism still remain a pressing danger for the whole world.

Khan, also the chief of the Pakistan-Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) party, criticised the current coalition government Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) and the former Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa for their fake high claims and countless trips to the US.

mostly vegetarian taking note of the dietary restrictions of the visiting prime minister, included marinated millets, stuffed mushrooms, grilled corn kernel salad and cardamom-infused strawberry shortcake. More than 400 guests

Mukesh Ambani, Google

CEO Sunder Pichai and Apple

CEO Tim Cook were among

Thursday.

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During his address. PM

Modi said, "There are mil-

lions here, who have roots

in India. Some of them sit

proudly in this chamber.

There is one behind me, who

has made history." Modi was

referring to Kamala Harris.

the first Black, South Asian,

and woman to be elected to

the post of Vice President.

Harris' mother Shyamala

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Indian origin.

Both are US lawmakers of

the Indian-American com-

munity were dressed in tra-

were invited for the dinner hosted by US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden at a specially decorated pavilion on the South Lawn of the White House. In his address at the State Dinner, Prime Minister Modi applauded the role of Indian Americans in the all-round development of the nation

India relationship - our energy, our dynamism, and our potential", he said.

"You have gathered a group of exceptionally talented and remarkable people tonight. I must commend you for that," he said thanking President Biden and the first lady for hosting the dinner and raised a toast for his 'wonderful" hosts.

Modi spoke in Hindi with the speech being translated to English.

Industrialist Anand Mahindra, corporate leader Indira Nooyi and the CEOs of Microsoft and Adobe --

nated millet, grilled corn kernel salad, compressed watermelon and a tangy avocado sauce and the main course had stuffed portobello mushrooms and a creamy saffron-infused risotto.

Satya Nadella and Shantanu

Dishes on request of guests included sumacroasted sea bass, lemon-dill yogurt sauce, crisped millet cakes and summer squashes. For dessert, rose and cardamom-infused strawberry shortcake was served. Wines on the list were Stone Tower Chardonnay "Kristi" 2021, PATEL Red Blend 2019 and Domain Carneros Brut Rose.

Interior Minister Rana ficial has reported that so many



Sanaullah Khan told lawmakers in the National Assembly that an estimated 700 migrants were on the boat when it sank June 14.

Only 104 people, including 12 Pakistanis, were rescued and 82 bodies have

Pakistani citizens are missing since the boat sinking.

Officials are currently collecting DNA samples from people who say their relatives were on the vessel to help in the identification of the bodies. AP

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Multiple Standing Ovations For PM Modi's Historic Address To US Congress

Press Trust of India

WASHINGTON: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nearly hour-long address to the US Congress evoked multiple standing ovations, applauses and cheers from American lawmakers and chants of 'Modi, Modi' from members of the diaspora community sitting in the grand House Chamber at the US Capitol here.

PM Modi became the first Indian leader to address the joint session of the US Congress twice on Thursday. He first addressed a joint meeting of the US Congress in 2016.

PM Modi arrived in the House Chamber to a rousing reception as lawmakers stood up and applauded as he walked up to the podium to deliver his address.

Members of the Indian-American community sat in the visitor galleries in the chamber and erupted into



applause and chanted 'Modi, Modi' as the Indian leader walked in.

entist, hailed from Chennai. PM Modi waved to the diaspora in the galleries overment, former House Speaker head before he began his Nancy Pelosi smiled and address. PM Modi's address looked over at Congressmen received about 15 standing Ro Khanna and Raja Krishovations from US lawmakers namoorthi sitting across the and multiple applauses. aisle from her and applaud-

On several occasions, the diaspora broke into chants of 'Modi, Modi' and 'Bharat Mata **Flyer Arrested For Allegedly Talking About 'Hijacking' On Vistara Plane**

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: A 23-year-old male passenger on board Vistara's Mumbai-Delhi flight was arrested after he was heard speaking over his phone about a "hijacking plan" shortly before the plane was to take off from the city airport, officials said on Friday.

The incident occurred around 6.30 pm on Thursday at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, they said.

After a crew member and others around him heard his conversation, the passenger, hailing from Haryana, was deplaned and handed over to the security personnel. A thorough check of the aircraft was conducted and the flight later took off for Delhi with the rest of the passengers following a clearance by the authorities.

The incident took place before the flight was to take off for Delhi around 7

pm. All the passengers were occupying their seats and the cabin crew members were engaged in their work." a police official said.

"A member of the cabin crew and others heard the male passenger speak over his mobile phone. They heard him saying in Hindi - 'Ahmedabad ka flight board karne wala hain. Koi bhi dikkat



ho to mujhe call karna.' (Will board a flight to Ahmedabad. Call me in case you face any difficulty)," he said.

The passenger also said, 'Hijack ka sara planning hain. Uska sara access hain, chinta mat karna.' (All planning for hijacking is done. Don't worry as there is an access), according to the official.

2 UP Students Make Yoga **Day Reel Atop Moving** Goods Train, Land In Jail



Press Trust of India

NOIDA: Two college students, who were seen posing for a social media reel while standing atop a moving goods train in Greater Noida on International Yoga Day, have been arrested by the Railway Protection Force, officials said on Friday.

The video showed the two bare-chested men, aged 19 and 22, flexing their muscles as the train crossed a water body.

The duo, natives of Jarcha in Greater Noida, were held on Thursday after the video clip went viral on social media.

"Police took immediate cognisance of the video in which two youths are seen performing stunts on the goods train. Both of them have been arrested by the Railway Protection Force," a police spokesperson said.

An official of the local Jarcha police station said the accused are college students. "They told police that the video was made by them on June 21, which was International Yoga Day, as they wanted to become popular on social media," the official told PTI.

STATE

Govt Undecided On Summer Break In Schools

Vacation For Schools Depends On Ongoing, Upcoming Weather Conditions: Alok Kumar

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The government Friday said that it was undecided about the summer vacations for schools in Kashmir division keeping in view the ongoing and upcoming weather conditions.

Speaking to a local news agency KNO, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Alok Kumar said, "We are aware of the weather situations but we only can't think of the current heat wave only."

He said that in July, there could be more harsh sunny days. "Keeping in view all the things, we have not decided anything yet and the announcement of summer vaca-tions will be probably in the first week of July.

Kumar said that the department will see when "we will announce summer vacations for schools in the Kashmir division"

"On Monday there is a prediction of rain and thereafter the temperature as per the prediction is a bit low. After that there are some Eid holidays," he said.

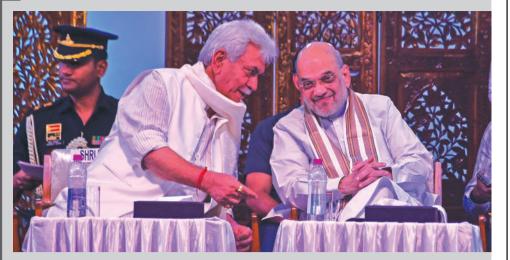
Kumar further said, "If the division," he said.

temperature still hasn't fall, only then we will take a call about the summer vacations for schools in Kashmir division.'

On asking about the summer vacations for colleges falling under the winter zones of Jammu and Kashmir, Kumar said that there was no such proposal for the higher educational institutes.

The principal secretary advised the parents not to worry about their wards and ensured that the vacation will be announced at an appropriate time. In the meantime, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Friday also said that the announcement of summer vacation in schools and colleges will be taken after in the upcoming week.

Bidhuri said that the government was monitoring the weather situation and will take calls on summer vacation soon. "After Sunday if we find that the weather is not good, we will have a discussion and accordingly we will take the decision regarding summer vacation in schools of Kashmir



HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH AND J&K LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MANOJ SINHA sharing lighter moments during the inauguration of three-day Vitasta Festival at SKICC Srinagar on Friday. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Oppn Unity Nearly Impossible: HM Shah On Patna Meet

Press Trust Of India

IAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday dubbed as a "photo session" the meeting of opposition leaders in Patna, and said their unity is nearly impossible and they will face drub-bing in the next Lok Sabha polls.

Addressing a public rally here, Shah also slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, saying he has the habit of criticising everything.

Referring to the opposition meet underway in Bihar's capital, Shah said, "A photo session is happening in Patna. All the opposition leaders have come together on a single platform to convey a message that they will challenge BJP, NDA and Modi (in 2024).

opposition leaders is that your unity is nearly impossible and even if it gets real, please come in front of the people as in 2024, Modi's return with 300 plus seats is confirmed," he said.

Top leaders of Opposition parties are holding deliberations to chalk out a roadmap for the formation of an anti-BJP front for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.The meeting is being hosted by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his deputy Tejashwi Yadav.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's US visit, Shah said, "A lot of agreements are taking place especially in the field of space, defence and semiconductors. The world's biggest companies are now interested in investing in India under the leadership of the

prime minister".

In a period of nine years, Modi has made India the world's fifth largest economy which was earlier placed at the 11th place, he asserted.

Lashing out at Rahul Gandhi, he said, "Rahul baba has a habit of criticising, be it abrogation of Article 370, foundation of Ram temple or ban on triple talaq.' Gandhi, he said, "will be

pitching against Modi for the post of prime minister in 2024 but the people know whom to choose'

"Will you make Modi once again the prime minister to ensure that Jammu Kashmir flourishes and becomes the safest place," he asked the gathering which responded by chanting "Modi, Modi".

DSEK Issues Instructions To Promote Tobacco-Free Edu Institutions

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In a bid to protect the youth from the harmful effects of tobacco, the Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) has issued circular instructions to all educational institutions in the Kashmir division to raise awareness among students, teachers, and other stakeholders regarding the 'Guidelines for Tobacco Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI).

Notably, recognizing the urgent need to prevent children and young adults from initiating tobacco use, the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) of 2003 has implemented several provisions.

DSEK in a circular said, "These provisions include the prohibition of tobacco product sales within 100 yards of an educational institution. the ban on selling tobacco products to or by individuals under the age of 18, and the prohibition of any form of direct or indirect tobacco product advertisements."

In line with the objective of early intervention and increasing awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has released the comprehensive 'Guidelines for Tobacco Free Educational Insti-

tutions (ToFEI)' "It emphasizes the crucial role that educational institutions play in creating a healthy and tobacco-free environment in society," the circular reads. To actively promote these

guidelines, the DSEK, in colaboration with the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir, has launched a dedicated campaign from 31st May to 31st July 2023 across all educational institutions in Kashmir. "The campaign encompass-

es various activities such as awareness programs, pledgetaking ceremonies, essay writing, painting and quiz competitions, road rallies, and morning processions," the circular reads.

In light of this initiative, the heads of all educational institutions in the Kashmir division have been placed under strict instructions to disseminate information about the 'Guidelines for Tobacco Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI)' and make concerted efforts to contribute towards a healthier India.

"The circular instructions must be strictly adhered to in order to ensure the success of this campaign and the overall goal of a tobacco-free educational environment," the DSEK circular reads.

An official told a local news agency KNO that by raising awareness among students, teachers, and stakeholders, the DSEK has taken an initiative to instill a sense of responsibility and understanding about the hazards of tobacco use.

"With the collective effort of educational institutions and the wider community, we can pave the way towards a healthier and tobacco-free future for youth particularly the school going children," the official said.

OFFICE OF ADVOCATE TAWHEED AHMAD SOFI (J&K HIGH SRINAGAR WING) **BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF** J&K SRINAGAR WING AT SRINAGAR.

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V/S **PUBLIC AT LARGE**

(Non-Caveators)

Caveat petition on behalf of above named caveators with the prayer that in the event of presentation of any petition, application or motion by any person against the caveators the caveators may be put to notice before passing any order.

May it please your Lordship,

The caveat is most humbly submitted as under:

1)That the caveator has been appointed as Lumbardar for the village Heing Rajpora and the caveator is having apprehension that any person from general public may jointly or severally file/ present any case, petition or application against the caveators, and by misrepresenting the facts, will get any ex-parte order or direction from this Hon'ble Court, in that eventuality the caveator is praying that before passing any exparte order, direction the caveator may be put to notice. In the premises it is, therefore humbly prayed that in case any petition, case or application is filed against the Caveator by non-caveator or any person, agency, institution etc, the Caveator may be put to notice before passing any ex-party order or direction, same shall serve the ends of Justice.

From J&K To Perform Hajj Agencies

In A First, Over 12,000 Pilgrims

SRINAGAR: A record number of pilgrims for the first time have left for the Hajj pilgrimage this year from Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Friday and that over 12,000 pilgrims have left to perform Hajj in 40 batches.

According to the details, a total of 12,067 pilgrims have left for the pilgrimage this year.

It is for the first time since the Jammu & Kashmir Hajj Committee (JKHC) was formed in 2008 that such a huge number of pilgrims have left for the pilgrims from the Union Territory of J&K.

Officer, J&K Haj Executive (JKHC), Shujaat Committee Ahmed Qureshi told a local news agency KNO that the 6,698 males and 5,369 females have

Amarnath Yatra

DC Kulgam Reviews Security, **Other Arrangements**

ments for smooth and hassle Observer News Service

free yatra.

left for the pilgrimage this year. Additionally, 111 ladies without mahram have also gone to perform Hajj this year.

He said that the pilgrims have left for the pilgrimage in 40 batches including 38 from Srinagar and two from Mumbai. Compared to previous year,

the number of pilgrims has gone up by over 100 per cent as only 6,000 pilgrims had gone to perform Hajj in 2022, he said. Notably, the first batch of pilgrims for Hajj-2023 from Jammu and Kashmir left for Jeddah on June 07, 2023.

He said that pilgrims will return back on July 17 from Madina. It is worth to mention here that the Hajj was suspended for two consecutive years in wake of the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020 and 2021–(KNO)

Tirupati Balaji Temple In Jammu **Press Trust Of India**

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah Friday paid obeisance at the newly constructed Tirupati Balaji temple in the Majeen area here, officials said. Shah arrived here in the

The minister first went to the BJP office at Trikutanagar and

After addressing a a public rally in the Bhagwati Nagar area of the city. Shah headed for the



the inauguration event.

The home minister exvisiting the Balaii temple dur-

fice in Trikutanagar on Friday, Shah held discussions with pressed his happiness about BJP leaders to gather feedback

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Amit Shah Pays Obeisance At New

morning on a two-day trip to Jammu and Kashmir.

paid his respects to Jan Sangh founder Shyama Prasad Mukherjee on his death anniversary.

ing his stay, he added.

Kishen Reddy on June 8.

KULGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal-Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Friday convened a meeting of officers to review security and other arrangements for smooth conduct of Annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2023.

At the outset, the DC was briefed by CRPF, Police and other security wings about the arrangements made for smooth conduct of SANJY-2023

The DC instructed all the security wings to ensure elaborate security arrangements at all places and keep close coordination during the Yatra.

Dr Bilal also took a detailed review of arrangements including provisions of water, electricity, Medicare facilities, sanitation and other related arrangements.

The officers from all concerned departments apprised the DC about preparations and arrangements that have been put in place by their depart-

While reviewing the status of public conveniences/toilets, he exhorted upon the ACD and DPO for maintaining sanitation and cleanliness and sufficient public convenience/toilets at the locations which fall in the district. The meeting was attended by ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; SP NH-44 Shabir Ahmad; ADC Viqar Ahmed Giri; ACR Mir Imtiyaz-ul-Aziz; ACD, Mohammad Imran; ACP, Shurjeel Ali;

While reviewing the arrange-

ments, the DC maintained that

the District Administration is

committed to provide best fa-

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96 % Of Over 3.22 Lakh Grievances **Raised On JKIGRAMS Till Date Disposed Of: Official**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: More than 3.22 lakh complaints have been raised on the Jammu and Kashmir Integrated Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (JKIGRAMS) portal till date and 96 per cent of them have been disposed of, an official said on Friday.

The portal allows people to raise grievances against departments of the Jammu and Kashmir administration.

Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) Secretary V Srinivas on Friday chaired a meeting of grievance redressal officers of Jammu and Kashmir to assess the effectiveness of the JKIGRAMS portal, a statement issued by the Per-

sonnel Ministry said. During the meeting held at the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat, Rehana Batul, Secretary, Public Grievances said 3,10,132 of the 3,22,964 grievances received on the JKIGRAMS portal till date have been disposed of -- a disposal rate of 96 per cent.

Out of the 26,739 grievances received on the JKIGRAMS portal through the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) portal, 25,755 have been disposed of -- a disposal rate of 96 per cent.

Citizens can register their grievances online against central and state government departments through CPGRAMS managed by DARPG under the Personnel Ministry.

Tirupati Balaji temple, built in the lower Shivalik range on the

outskirts of the city. Accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, the home minister offered prayers

to Lord Venkateshwara, while the priests chanted shlokas, Thalari Ravi, the PRO of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), told PTI.

Meets Survivors Of Rajouri Militant Attack

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday met the survivors of a militant attack on a village in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir in January this year and assured them of government support, officials said.

Seven persons were killed and 14 injured when terrorists struck Dhangri village in Rajouri on January 1. While five persons, including two brothers, were killed in firing by militants, two children lost their lives when an improvised explosive device (IED) which was left behind by the fleeing militants exploded the next morning.

In a tweet, Shah said, "Met Smt. Suraj Sharma and her family, who are the survivors of the Rajouri terror attacks. Their courage and bravery are India's pillars of strength in ending the menace of terrorism. I extended my deepest condolences and assured them of government support." He also shared three photo-

graphs of the meeting, which took place at the Raj Bhawan here. Suraj Sharma, a widow, lost her two sons Deepak and Prince in the attack. She is the lone survivor of the family.

She was accompanied by Sushil and his wife who lost their child. and Pawan Sharma who was injured in the attack, which also claimed the life of his brother.

Jammu and Kashmir.

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Do Darul Uloom Need to Catch Up with Today's World?

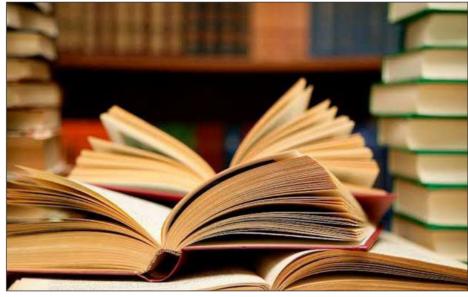
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G G With their incompetence in mundane worldly affairs growing by years and the relevance of their scholarship being questioned, seminaries and the people involved have a dual role to play. They must equip themselves thoroughly with the modern forms of knowledge, as much as is necessary for the efficient discharge of their functions as preachers, legislators and interpreters of the divine commandments

arul Uloom – the centres of Islamic learning, have lately earned criticism from both the insiders and those outside the fold of Islam for various reasons. On the one hand, these institutions are being blamed for regression, parochialism and anti-progressive outlook and on the other hand they are held responsible for fostering extremism, misosophy and causing conflicts and clashes among people. They stand on the margins of our imagination and at times serve the purpose of the "other", the other with which to associate all forms of backwardness and intellectual lag.

The selfless and invaluable services rendered by these institutions for the promulgation and preservation of religious sciences can't be ignored or undermined easilv. But the fact is to be accepted that our institutions of traditional religious learning have failed to read the pulse of the era and their absolute disconnect from contemporary sciences and sources of knowledge has not only removed them farther away from the affairs of common man but their entire raison d'etre has come under scrutiny. The youth trained in secular sciences and educated from colleges and universities find a total disconnect with the institutions of religious learning and the knowledge gap separating the two is only widening with time. This disconnect has the consequence that the message and teachings of religion fail to be delivered to the younger generation and this launches them into the orbit of confusion and rebellion.

Seminaries prepare their students to dispense religious knowledge among people and help them run their affairs as per religious scruples. They are well-versed in religious sciences and are at the same time expected to be aware of the pulse of the era. But what we witness instead is a double irony - the religious sciences taught in seminaries are based on curricular structure popularly known as Darsi Nizami which is no less than seven centuries old. One can gauge for oneself the changes world has gone through during this time, but these changes nowhere reflect in the curriculum being taught by seminaries. In addition to this stagnation in core curriculum, an attitude of total indifference has been adopted towards normative and positive sciences



and this ignorance from modern episteme has at times made religious scholars fall for non-sense and at other times turned them into mediocre. This is evident from the religious rulings (Fatwas) we have been witness to at one time or the other because these Fatwas are usually passed in absence of the proper knowledge of human affairs – the affairs these Fatwas pertain to.

With their incompetence in mundane worldly affairs growing by years and the relevance of their scholarship being questioned, seminaries and the people involved have a dual role to play. They must equip themselves thoroughly with the modern forms of knowledge, as much as is necessary for the efficient discharge of their functions as preachers, legislators and interpreters of the divine commandments. They must simultaneously strive to present the teachings of Islam in modern day idiom, the academic parlance which youth can relate to and to address issues which have a living relevance to the society. English is undoubtedly the lingua franca of our times and no matter how much it be ignored, but the corpus of quality literature that has been generated in English in the past few decades is indispensable and invaluable to any scholar of Islam. How many of our Darul Uloom pass outs can read these books and how many of them have the primary skill of reading Basic English? This is said, not to demean or dishonour them in any sense, but to ring an alarm bell – to awaken them to the challenges lying ahead and to request them humbly to wake up to the call. To this end an active, continuous and positive exchange of ideas and individuals needs to be started between traditional Madrasas and modern day universities. A professor from University may be called upon for a lecture at a traditional seminary to make the students aware about the impulses and requirements of modern times.

We do not expect and nor is it sensible to expect Darul Ulooms to produce scientists and inventors, as some people often complain. It is only expected from Darul Ulooms to be true to their cause and impart in their students the knowledge that has contemporary relevance in addition to equipping them with an understanding of religious classics. It is only this medley of tradition and modernity which can appeal to youth and rationalise their adherence to Islam.

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Double Standards In Tragedies

Refugee boats vs. Titan submarine

MEHMET ÇELIK

www.nile the narrative surrounding the submarine holds undeniable importance, we must not overlook the tragically common occurrence of lives lost in the Mediterranean

In an incessant stream of heartwrenching events that unfold every passing minute, it has become all too apparent that few corners of the world remain immune to the onslaught of misfortune. Tales of anguish, conflicts and sorrow permeate the headlines, casting a somber veil over individuals, families, communities and nations at large.

In recent days, amid the myriad of distressing accounts, certain stories have seized the limelight across all forms of media, from the sprawling reaches of Twitter timelines to the prominent pages of newspapers. First and foremost, the harrowing tale emerged of a fishing vessel crammed with refugees embarking on a dangerous journey from Africa to Europe. Tragically, the boat capsized in international waters, carrying with it the hopes and aspirations of approximately 750 men, women and children hailing from Syria, Egypt, the Palestine and Pakistan. Their aim was to reunite with loved ones residing in Europe.

The grim aftermath reveals that over 500 migrants have seemingly perished. Investigations are underway, delving into the realms of human trafficking and the adequacy of rescue responses. It is our fervent hope that those complicit in these heinous acts, as well as those responsible for insufficient rescue efforts, will be held accountable. Yet, one fact remains abundantly clear: hundreds of lives



Migrants rest in a shelter, following a rescue operation, after their boat capsized in the open sea, Kalamata, Greece, June 14, 2023. (Reuters Photo)

embarked on this perilous voyage searching for a brighter future, only to find their dreams shattered along the way.

While the world collectively mourned the loss of these souls, another tragic narrative emerged and captured the attention of global headlines. The 21-foot-long pilot-driven submersible, Titan, operated by the U.S.-based OceanGate Expeditions, abruptly lost contact with its surface vessel on Sunday morning. This unfortunate incident occurred approximately one hour and 45 minutes into what should have been a two-hour dive to the historic Titanic shipwreck – the most renowned wreck in the world.

Two tragic tales

These two stories, originating from different corners of the globe, embody two separate tragedies, transpiring across two vast seas, with countless lives lost in pursuing disparate dreams. It compels all of us, as readers and writers alike, to look introspectively and confront fundamental questions: Do certain lives hold greater significance than others? Are we genuinely impartial in dedicating equal coverage to the loss of human lives? Or do we, as readers, extend the same measure of attention to stories of lives relinquished in distant lands as we do to those closer to home? These queries serve as a litmus test, determining our individual commitment to integrity and the value we ascribe to human lives, regardless of their prox**These two** stories, originating from different corners of the globe, embody two separate tragedies, transpiring across two vast seas, with countless lives lost in pursuing disparate dreams. It compels all of us, as readers and writers alike, to look introspectively and confront fundamental questions: Do certain lives hold greater significance than others?

imity or geographical origin.

Should we prioritize the plight of children fleeing war in one region while neglecting those in other parts of the world? If we lavish more attention upon a submarine-carrying business magnate and disregard refugee boats navigating treacherous Mediterranean waters, then it behooves us to question our stance on human dignity, values, and the pursuit of peace. The pernicious ailment of double standards not only corrupts individual character but also exposes the moral fiber of countries and the international community at large, as it shapes their responses to issues affecting countless individuals, families, women and children worldwide.

This week, the global community

solemnly marked World Refugee Day, with esteemed leaders delivering statements to commemorate the occasion. President Recep Tayyip Erdo an aptly remarked, "The arrogant mentality, whose roots date as far back as to colonialism, plays a big role in the fact the Mediterranean, which had served as a cradle of civilization throughout history, has turned into a big graveyard of refugees in recent years. The humanitarian tragedy that took place in plain view last week in the Aegean Sea in which hundreds of innocent people, most of them children, lost their lives has become the most recent and most shameful example of this."

While the story of the submarine is undeniably significant, we must not lose sight of the narratives surrounding lives tragically lost in the Mediterranean - an all-too-common occurrence. Conflict narratives have regrettably become the norm, yet we must never forget that refugees losing their lives in pursuit of a better future or the innocent children whose lives are claimed by wars are more than mere statistics - they are profound human stories. Each profoundly touches the lives of families, mothers, fathers, and children. If we fail to provide equal coverage to all tragic incidents, succumbing to the temptation to sensationalize certain events over others, then we must question the depth of our commitment to preserving the sanctity of human life.

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MY MEMORIES Of Recent Travel To

Zainab Masooma Mirza

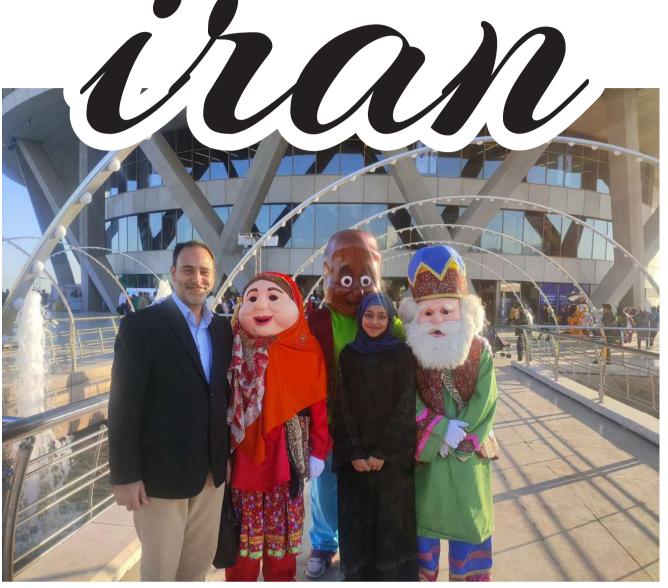
When the plan of going to Iran earlier in the year was first made, I didn't expect much. The situation had not been great (that's what the media told everyone), there were jailings and killings and whatnot. I thought we'd just go to a few religious places and maybe some nice tourist places. What I did not expect was for it to become the best trip of my life. Baba (my father) and Appi (my sister) were with me on this memorable trip.

The day we had to leave - March 16th - was the last day of my grade 9th exams. I was quite stressed about the exam and didn't give much thought to the trip. We had a late evening flight to Delhi, and the following day - in the night - flight to Tehran. The flight was great - the food even better, I was quite sleepy by the time we reached Tehran. Appi came to pick us up from the airport and I remember being impressed by the way she knew her way around. We reached the hotel in the morning, had breakfast, then slept till sunset.

That evening, we went to the mausoleum of Imam Khomeini (r.a.), it was one of the most beautiful nights. The golden dome was shining against the slowly darkening starry sky. The night was peaceful... We sat inside the mausoleum for around an hour, there were just a handful of people. Sitting there, it was so relaxing. All the troubles and worries, they just disappeared. It made me feel light. That is the thing about every religious place we went to in Iran, they all gave me a unique sense of tranquilness.

To express our respect to the souls that responded to the call for courage and sacrifice, we took a walk down behesht-e-zehra, a martyrs' graveyard next to the mausoleum. Walking there made us all reflect on what it means to build a nation. We traveled by metro for most of the time in Tehran, it was quick and cheap. Some stations, the ones with the markets, were way more crowded than others, but overall, it was a nice system of transportation.

The next day, we decided to go and visit the Shah's palace. I'd heard about its extravagance from my sister but that didn't prepare me for the lavishness of the place. The throne room seemed as though it was made of silver. There were tiny fragments of mirrors all over the room and ceiling which made the whole place look like it was covered in stars. There were also quite a few museums, there were old photographs, dresses, diaries. One in particular stood out to me, it was the diary of a King. He was talking about fireworks, and celebrations and feasts. I felt this strange feeling of anemoia (a nostalgic sense of longing for a past you've never lived in yourself). How the place where he once used to have banquets was now a museum for people. The days we spent there were the days leading up to Navroz. There were all these festivities everywhere, parades and programmes. The general vibe was one of joyfulness and merriness. The rush in the bazaars was also a part of it. Once we stepped out of a station, I was suddenly being pushed against people. There wasn't even a handful of space between people. It was just one great crowd moving forward, we did try to explore the bazaar but soon realized it was in waste. The bazaar could not be toured, at least not that day. Later that day, my sister decided to take me to her dorm. The thing is, people from outside need a special application to enter the dorm, we didn't have it. She told me that it was fine, and that she'll just sneak me in, she seemed to be quite sure so I didn't say anything. The plan was, she would use her ID



At Milad Tower during Nowruz

to get me in, then come back a few minutes later to come in herself. Well, that plan went down the drain within a second of reaching there. The guard caught us and we tried giving excuses and eventually Appi just said the truth and that was when they let me in. Honesty is the best policy indeed.

The trip going there was fun in a weird kind of way. Me and my sister had these school bags, and we were just walking

school bags, and we were just walking till the bus station, it felt like a normal university student's life. Worrying about how to get in, thinking of what to cook, talking about her exam, all of that finally made the trip seem real. I was there, just walking and talking with her. That was when I first felt like I wanted to live there someday. The dorm itself was huge to be honest. It could easily house over 500 students; it had a large ground and several buildings. The view from the rooms also won me over. The skyline shining against the black sky, it was all really impressive. to leaders, there were roughly 30 of them. Highly realistic, it was quite a collection. The highlight of the night and the trip though was the revolving restaurant. We paid a hefty sum, and it was completely worth it. We expected a night filled with fun and good food. It didn't disappoint and instead surprised us at the end with a little adventure of its own. We'd thought we'd stay there till one we were there. We didn't stay in Qom for long and went back to Tehran by road. We had a flight to Mashhad.

The hotel we had booked for Mashhad was at a walking distance from the shrine of Imam Reza (a.s.). We went there every day, at fajr, zuhr and maghrib. The shrine itself was enormous. With several courtyards and mosques, the actual tomb was at the center. close, supportive family relationships and that family be prioritized over self). In every religious place, there would be a separation of halls, there would be an area specifically for females then another for families. People, regardless of gender, could sit together there and pray together.

At night, we went to a famous market called Vakil Bazaar, it is a really big area that used to be the center of the city once. It had big courtyards and arcs. We walked for quite a while but still couldn't cover the whole place. Later, while waiting in line for food, a group of dancers started performing. Everyone cheered them on and it provided entertainment for us too. We had a lot of fun that time.

Between Shiraz and Isfahan, there's an area called "Persepolis", the seat of the government of the Achaemenid Empire. The emperor then built a great entrance which he called the "Gate of All Nations", only the ruins now remained but was nevertheless impressive. There were humongous rocks mounted on top of each other and museums were scattered across the whole area. We trekked a lot and enjoyed the various museums but the heat killed us. Ice cream quite literally became our savior.

Isfahan would be our final destination before heading back to Tehran and as the closer it didn't disappoint. After reaching there late at night, we just slept and the next morning went to a famous mosque. Me and my sister were bickering a lot throughout the morning and finally at lunch, we snapped. We ignored each other and I started sulking. Then when we had to decide where to go in the evening, she pointed out that there were these bridges not far from the hotel, but we'd have to walk quite a bit to reach from one bridge to another. She knew I hated walking but then we ended up going there anyway. My mood was still sulky and I kept on drifting off from them until we reached the bridge. It was such an ethereal place. The huge bridges against the sunset and the lights, the freshness of the air and the sound of the river rushing just made my anger dissipate in an instant. The final highlight of the whole trip, Isfahan's famous bridges were probably

OUR LAST STOP IN TEHRAN WAS MILAD TOWER. ROUGHLY HALF A KILOMETER TALL, it is the world's sixth tallest tower. It's a multipurpose tower with four galleries and five floors at the top. One of them being a VIP revolving restaurant. We went there early in the afternoon and explored all the museums and galleries on the top. One of the floors had all these models of influential and important people, from poets to leaders, there were roughly 30 of them.

The next day we headed over to Azadi Square, a green city square with a tower (Azadi Tower) at the center. Since we were there around Navroz, we could see all sorts of decorations... From giant eggs to sufre (a Navroz tradition where seven objects starting with the alphabet seen are arranged). It was quite sunny but breezes kept us cool while we enjoyed the greenery.

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At the shrine of Hazrat Masooma Qom (a.s.)

revolution, around an hour and a half. We bought food, had fun, gave each other dares, baba was so relaxed he fell asleep halfway through. Once we finished our food and were just sitting and chatting, there was a sudden disturbance. People from the tables in front of us started running towards the exit. At first, I thought it was some kind of game but then when the staff started evacuating everyone out and smoke filled up the place, we realized there was a fire. We picked up all our stuff and were in the lobby waiting for the elevator to reach the top floor, no one relaxed until we were safe downstairs. Someone had already called for the fire station by then. I remember looking back at the building and seeing two elevators flashing with red lights and thinking about how brave they were, rushing up to save people when everyone else was rushing down to save themselves.

The trip we had planned out was spread across several cities in Iran. After Tehran, we had to go to Qom. They're not too far apart, we went by road. And that road trip was one of the three highlights of the whole journey. The way we were sitting was not too comfortable, but I still enjoyed myself. The view was nothing special, just desert land from both sides and tiny hills but there were these little things all throughout the journey that made it special. Things that made me realize how much happiness people have. We came across people having picnics, laughing, playing, dancing... The whole time I was smiling.

Once we reached Qom, the place where we had decided to stay was a religious study center. The room an Irani friend had booked for us had twelve beds. And we ended up using all of them. The whole place just gave off a comfortable feeling. Within an hour of reaching, we left for the shrine of Masooma-e-Qom (a.s.). The shrine was beautiful. Then we went to a few markets too, but we just kept on coming back to the shrine. Almost magnetically we'd go there again and again for as long as A golden dome in the middle of all the marble, it could easily be discerned from all the other mosques. There was this undercurrent of white noise made by thousands of people just talking. Instead of being annoying, it felt comforting, all these people together to pay their respects to an Imam (a.s.). We didn't really do much else, the shrine took up most of our time.

Next up on our trip was Kerman, the city where martyr Qasim Suleimani was buried. We visited his grave first and the next day we visited an out of the main city area called 'Mahan'. It was a beautiful garden, not unlike Shalimar Bagh. After enjoying the fresh air there, we headed to a dervish's mausoleum. On our way into the mausoleum, we were given some tiny plants and bouquets as a sign of appreciation for observing hijab.

It was these little instances of humanity that we saw throughout the trip that made it seem more enjoyable. Whenever we would go to markets, they would give us discounts when they'd know we were students, the drivers would try their best to tell us about the places and would be genuinely curious about where we came from after knowing we were tourists, people in the metro would give up their seats for older people in an instant. It really warmed my heart seeing all this.

After Kerman, Shiraz was the next stop. We kicked the trip off by exploring the neighborhood of the hotel we were at. It was quite close to the tombs of two famous poets, Hafez and Saadi. We walked there and had a fun time save for the boiling temperature. The tombs themselves were very pretty and had these beautiful waterfalls near them. Indeed, these great personalities deserved such a beautiful place of rest.

Shah-e-Cheragh Shrine was also on our list of places to visit in Shiraz. It's a shrine of Imam Reza's (a.s.) siblings. After visiting so many shrines, I came to a realization that the shrines were not only of spiritual significance, but they encouraged familialism (a cultural value that emphasizes warm, where I enjoyed the most.

We started out by walking across the long bridges, there were parks built around it and people were all just relaxing. The atmosphere was a soothing one. One of the bridges had a cafe built under it where we had Iranian tea and cake. Listening to the river and drinking tea felt so wholesome. We walked for a long time, but I didn't mind it at all. The view was completely worth it. After around 3 hours we called it a day and headed back to the hotel.

The next day we went to a famous square called "Naqsh-e-Jahan", it represents the three elements needed to build a strong nation; trade, education and spirituality. We trekked up Sofeh Mountain, a mountain from where we could see the night view of the entire city (another great experience). After that we headed back to Tehran.

In Tehran we only had a day to meet some people and pack up our things. Despite that, my sister made time for shopping and a nice dinner. The second time in Tehran was nothing fancy, but a fitting end. We did a whole round of Iran and ended up back at Tehran. The next day we left early in the day.

On the flight back to India, I remember just looking back on the trip and feeling utterly satisfied with everything. The whole trip had been fun and vibrant. The culture was something new and I realized I liked it. The whole idea of unrest in Iran was just that - an idea. There was not one time on the whole trip that I felt anything even remotely was wrong. I learnt a lot about my own self. Traveling and being in new places, discovering new things made me discover a lot about myself too. Experiences that I never thought I would have, I had them. And it certainly helped in making me decide where I want to go for higher studies. I'll always look back on this trip as a part of who I am. This trip, like every other experience, has shaped me into who I am now. I am very grateful that God gave me such an opportunity.

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Researchers Get New Insights Into Human Gut-Brain Connection

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study led by Laureate Institute for Brain Research researchers has made significant progress in understanding the mysterious gut-brain connection, a complex relationship that has long baffled scientists due to the difficulty of accessing the body's interior.

The study was published in the peer-reviewed scientific journal 'Nature Communications.' The researchers were able to successfully have participants swallow a minimally invasive vibrating capsule in order to measure neural responses during gastrointestinal stimulation, providing a novel approach to studying this intricate connection. The capsule was designed by Vibrant Ltd. Healthy adult male and female volunteers ranging in age from 18 to 40 took part in the study. According to the researchers, the volunteers detected stimulation of the vibrating capsule under two conditions: normal and enhanced. The improved stimulation condition resulted in improved perceptual accuracy, faster stimulation detection, and reduced variability in reaction time, indicating that this method has the potential to be studied in various clinical populations. This is a significant breakthrough because it shows that this novel approach to studying gut feelings is viable.

The researchers also discovered the "gastric evoked potential," a late neural response induced by capsule stimulation



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in specific brain areas. The amplitude of these neural responses increased with stimulation intensity and was significantly related to perceptual accuracy. This finding opens up new possibilities for measuring and understanding the neural processes that govern the gut-brain connection.

"We were able to localize most of the capsule stimulations to the gastroduodenal segments of the digestive tract using abdominal X-ray imaging," said Dr Sahib

Khalsa, a psychiatrist and neuroscientist at LIBR, and senior author of the study. "This finding is crucial as it provides a more precise understanding of where these gut-brain interactions are originating.""The potential clinical implications for the results of this study are substantial," said Dr Khalsa. "The vibrating capsule method could transform the clinical approach to disorders of gut-brain interaction, including eating disorders and certain gas-

trointestinal disorders such as irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) or functional dyspepsia."Dr. Khalsa continued. "This would provide a much-needed tool for assessing gut sensation in these conditions and could lead to more personalized and effective treatment strategies. It also opens up the possibility of identifying perceptual or biological mediators of successful treatment, which could serve as predictive markers for future therapeutic interventions.

Oral Probiotic May Help Treat Dry Eye Disease: Study

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ral administration of a commercially available probiotic bacterial strain was found to improve dry eye disease in a mice model, according to researchers. Dry eye is a common condition in

which tears produced by the eye can't keep the eye adequately lubricated. It can cause eye stinging and burn-

ing, inflammation, blurry vision and light sensitivity. Extreme cases can result in damage to the eye's surface if left untreated.

The most common treatments involve the application of eye drops, gels or ointment. This new, unconventional treatment involves bacteria in the intestinal tract.

"The 'friendly' bacteria that live in the human gastrointestinal tract have been linked to health and protection against disease in many parts of

the body, including the gut, brain and lung," said Laura Schaefer, from Baylor College of Medicine in Texas, US.

"It's therefore not surprising that the gut microbiome also has effects on our eyes," she added.

Schaefer presented the findings at ASM Microbe 2023, the annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology.

In the study, the team used an orally administered probiotic bacterial strain -- Limosilactobacillus reuteri DSM17938 -- in a dry eye mouse model.

DSM17938 is a human-derived, commercially available probiotic bacterial strain that has already demonstrated protective effects in the gut and immune system in humans and mice, but it has not been tested in the context of eye health.

Mice were first treated with antibiotics, which kills many of the "friendly" bacteria living in the gut. They were then exposed to very dry conditions and fed daily doses of either probiotic bacteria or a saline solution as a control. After five days,



the eyes were examined for disease.

The mice that were fed the probiotic bacteria had healthier and more intact corneal surfaces. In addition, these mice had more goblet cells in their eye tissue, which are specialised cells that produce mucin, an essential component in tears.

Taken together these data suggest that the right oral probiotic could help treat and manage dry eye symptoms, the researchers said.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS:-Ince security shall be furnished by the contractor within 10 days of issuance of LOA, Opening of Bid, failing which the concerned tender issuing authority shall forfeit the perfor Perform: y and shall be recommended for blacklisting and issue a fresh tender forth mance

and shall be recommended for blacklisting and issue a fresh tender forthwith. The contractor shall start the work after 10 days of after issuance of NTP, failing which the penalties viz, forfeiting performance security and shall be recommended for blacklisting.

If the contractor/firms fails to complete the work within the time mentioned in the NIT/Contract, then the allotted contract will automatically treated as cancelled after forfeiting the ance security of the contractor/firm and work put to fresh tender without serving any notice from this office.

A civil contractor who does not own HMP and is bidding for Bitumen Macadam Works is required to upload an MOU with HMPO, from whom the material/machinery for the subject work will be procured. The Memorandum of Understanding must be registered and duly attested by Judicial/Executive Magistrate (notary shall not be accepted), specifying clearly that failure on part of the HMPO shall be deemed failure on part of the bidder, and vice versa. Failure of submission of MOU will result in the bid to be treated as non-responsive.

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.pmgsytendersjk.gov.in as per below schedule:

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21-06-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	22-06-2023 (11:00 AM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	22-06-2023 (12:00 PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	27-06-2023upto 03:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	27-06-2023 at 04:00 PM

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Division Handwara and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer, PMGSY (JKRRDA) Division Handwara The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and

relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer, PMGSY (JKRRDA) Division Handwara at the time of allotment. 2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of time: bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified n after the deadline of submission of bids.

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

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- Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required pe rformance security within specified time period after issue of letter of acceptan
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Rinders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website Site www.pmgsytendersik.gov.in to acquaint bid subi 5.2

- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form
- 5.3 5.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT with technical bid online. All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All documents pertaining to the 5.5 5.6 bid must be in English):

All bidders must submit copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number (a)

A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor Registration Act. with renewal side (Latest). (b)

- Treasury Challan/Earnest mone
- Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card
- Scanned copy of GSTIN registration and most recent clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of the latest quarter/latest month.

(f) All bidders shall upload Verification Certificate from concerned Chief Engineer / Superintending Engineer of Enlistment Registration Card. (g) 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. (h) All those Cards which stand renewed/generated through JKPWDOMS does not require any verification as the same is authenticated by the website itself created by JK PWD.

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Power Tariff To Be 20% Less During The Day, Higher **During Peak Night Hours**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: consumers across the country will soon be able to save up to 20 per cent in power bills by planning usage during solar hours or day time as the government is set to implement 'time of the day' tariff.

The 'time of the day' (ToD) tariff provides for varying rates during different time of the day and it will allow consumers to avoid electricity usage for washing clothes, cooking and other purposes during peak hours when powe r rates are higher.

Consumers can now schedule works their like washing or cooking during off-peak hours (daytime or solar hours) when tariff is lower

ToD tariff would be applicable for commercial and industrial consumers, having demand of 10 KW and above, from 1st April, 2024. For all other categories of consumers except agricultural, the new rule will be applicable from 1st April, 2025.

For those with smart meters, ToD tariff will be effective immediately after installation of such meters.

Government of India has introduced two changes to the prevailing power tariff system, through an amendment to the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020. The changes are: introduction of Time of Day (ToD) tariff, and rationalization of smart metering provisions," a power ministry statement said on Friday.

Rather than being charged for electricity at the same rate though out the day, the price a user pays for electricity will vary according to the time of day, it explained.

Under the new tariff system, the statement said, the rate of

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electricity during solar hours (eight hours in a day as specified by the State Electricity Regulatory Commission) shall be 10 per cent to 20 per cent less than the normal charges, while it will be 10 to 20 per cent higher during peak hours. According to Union Power and New & Renewable Energy

M i n - ister R K Singh, ToD iff is a win-win for tarconsumers as well a s the

electricity providers. The ToD tariffs comprising separate tariffs for peak hours, solar hours and normal hours. send price signals to consumers to manage their load according to the tariff.

With awareness and effective utilisation of ToD tariff mechanism. consumers can reduce their electricity bills," Singh said in the statement.

He explained that since solar power is cheaper, the tariff during the solar hours will be less.

During non-solar hours thermal and hydro power as well as gas-based capacity is used. Their costs are higher than that of solar power and this will be reflected in Time of Day Tariff. He said the new mechanism will also ensure better grid integration of renewable energy sources thereby facilitating fast-

er energy transition for India. 'The ToD tariff will improve the management of renewable generation fluctuations, incentivise demand increase during the periods of high RE generation hours and thereby increase grid integration of larger quantity of renewable power," Singh added.

Most of the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) have already implemented ToD tariff for large commercial and industrial category of consumers.

Inflation Slowing Down Personal Consumption, Affecting Pvt Investment: RBI Paper

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India, US Decide To End Six Trade

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Retaliatory Customs Duties

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Inflation is slowing down personal consumption expenditure, which in turn is moderating corporate sales and holding back private investment in capacity creation, said a Reserve Bank paper on Friday.

The paper, authored by a team led by RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra, underlined the need for lowering inflation to revive consumer spending and boost corporate revenues and profitability.

The retail inflation based on the consumer price index (CPI), which remained above 5 per cent during 2022-23, is now on the decline and fell to a two-year low of 4.25 per cent in May, following RBI's monetary policy actions and government measures.

"Recent national accounts data and corporate results when read in conjunction clearly show that inflation is slowing down personal consumption expenditure. This, in turn, is moderating corporate sales and holding back private investment in capacity creation," said the article published in the RBI's latest



The Reserve Bank, however, said the views expressed in the bulletin articles are of the it said. authors and do not represent

India's real GDP growth in Q4 2022-23 at 6.1 per cent was the highest among major economies of the world, and CPI inflation came down to a 25-month low of 4.25 per cent in May 2023.

Kharif sowing, it said, has begun on the back of a record rabi harvest, and the manufacturing sector has posted a pick-up in net profits.

Credit growth is rebasing global economic activity has to more durable sources of funding, and the Indian rupee is turning out to be the most stable currency among emerging market peers.

FCIK Demands Exemption For Agro-Forestry Based Units **From Requirement Of Licenses**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has demanded exemption from licenses for several categories of wood-based industrial units including those based on agro and farm forestry in J&K

The demand came up in a meeting of wood based units held at FCIK office under the chairmanship of President Shahid Kamili. The members informed the meeting that there were several categories of wood based units which only consumed the timber which was grown by farmers in their private land and had nothing to do with the coniferous and other species of timber grown in forests of J&K, said a statement. The meeting was informed that the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change had exempted several categories of wood-based industries including agro-forestry from the requirement of licenses as per a gazette notification of amendment to wood-based industries (Establishment and Regulation) Guidelines, 2016 amended further from time to time. According to the members, these notifications exempted indusas agro-forestry, agriculture crops and several other species

of wood from any licenses. The members said that there were about 5000 units across Kashmir valley engaged in manufacture of fruit boxes made from popular timber grown under agro or farm forestry and all these units do not use any timber derived from J&K's government forests. The meeting was informed that these units provided direct employment to more than 50000 employees.

The members alleged that instead of supporting these units, various wings of the forest department in Kashmir valley were involved in their harassment on one or the other pretext of deficiency of formalities connected to issue and renewal of licenses.

"in contrast to the Gazette notifications issued by Ministry of Environment and Forest regarding rules and regulations governing wood based industry, the UT guidelines makes it mandatory to obtain NOC from Pollution Control Board for renewal of licenses who in turn asks for NOC from Fire and Emergency Services" said the members, adding that this and other formalities forced the unit holders to abandon their operations and run from department to department.

Centre To Sell 4 Lakh Tn Of Wheat, 5 Lakh Tn Of Rice In **Open Mkt To Cool Retail Prices**

Press Trust Of India

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NEW DELHI: The Centre will sell 4 lakh tonnes of wheat and 5 lakh tonnes of rice from buffer stock to bulk consumers and traders in the first round of auction to be held shortly as part of its measures to control rising retail prices of these two foodgrains.

The government will take all possible measures to bring down retail prices and this includes a reduction in the duty of wheat, an official said on Friday. Food Corporation of India (FCI), the government's nodal agency for procurement and distribution of foodgrains, will conduct an e-auction of wheat on June 28 and that of rice on July

5 to boost domestic supplies and control prices. The tenders will

be floated soon. "We are seeing. trend in retail prices of wheat and rice. The government has directed us to start Open Market Sale Scheme (OMMSS). The focus is on bringing down retail prices," FCI Chairman and Managing Director Ashok K Meena told reporters here. On June 12, the government imposed stock limits on wheat with immediate effect till March 2024 in a bid to check hoarding and contain rising prices. It also decided to offload 15 lakh tonnes of wheat to bulk consumers and traders from the central pool under the OMSS. The Centre had decided to sell rice to bulk buyers under the OMSS but did not specify the total quantity. "We are issuing the tender for

wheat tonight (Friday) and the

first round of auction for 4 lakh tonnes will be held on 28th June. The auction of 5 lakh tonnes of rice will be held on July 5," he said.. The maximum quantity that

a buyer can bid for is limited to 100 tonnes in this e-auction. For small wheat processors and



traders, the minimum quantity has been kept at 10 tonnes.

The reserve price of wheat has been fixed at Rs 2,150 per quintal for Fair and Average Quality (FAQ) grain and Rs 2,125 per quintal for under relaxed spec

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resolve the disputes on mutually agreed terms and later inform the Geneva-based WTO about the same.

Commenting on this, comnerce and industry minister

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WASHINGTON/NEW DELHI: India and the US have agreed

to end six key trade disputes at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) while New Delhi

taken steps towards deepening bilateral cooperation to

"The leaders welcomed

According to trade experts, both countries can

"While economies like India are rebounding, some others are slowing or contracting,"

tion Arrangement (MRA) for authorised economic operators (AEOs) of both countries, the CBIC said.

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NEW DELHI: India and UAE on

The AEO programme enables Customs administration to identify safe and compliant exporters and importers and to provide them with better facilitation. Under MRA, Customs authorities recognize AEOs of both countries, which in turn helps expedite customs clearances. "In pursuance of greater trade facilitation & ease of doing business, India & UAE signed the Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Authorised Economic Operators of both countries today, on sidelines of the 141st/142nd sessions of



WCO Customs Co-operation Council meeting, in Brussels,' the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) tweeted.

Earlier in September 2021, India and the US had signed a MRA AEO. The Customs authorities of both countries have already evaluated each other's AEO programme and are working to quickly implement the reciprocal arrangement for authorized economic operators.

will also remove retaliatory customs duties on certain American products such as almonds, walnuts, and apples.

The six disputes include three initiated by India and as many by the US.

Announcing this, United States Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai in a statement said that these tariff cuts will restore and expand market opportunities for US agricultural producers and manufacturers. A joint statement issued after the meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President joe Biden said that both the countries have tween the two countries through mutually agreed solutions," it said.

The USTR said that the two countries "have agreed to terminate six outstanding disputes" at the WTO.

These include countervailing measures on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India, certain measures relating to solar cells and modules, measures relating to the renewable energy sector, export-related measures, certain measures on steel and aluminium products, and additional duties on some products from the US.

Piyush Goyal said that this decision is a "big victory' and will be mutually benefi-

cial for both countries. He said, its a "package deal" and now there are no pending India-US disputes at WTO

In 2018, the US imposed 25 per cent and 10 per cent import duties on certain steel and aluminium products, respectively, on grounds of national security. In retaliation, India in June 2019 imposed customs duties on 28 American products, including chickpeas, lentils, almonds, walnuts, apples, boric acid, and diagnostic reagents.

cations (URS). The reserve price of rice has been fixed at Rs 3100 per quintal.

Meena said the bidding is also limited to local buyers by ensuring that the GST registration of the state is mapped and checked before the stocks are released. To identify genuine processors and traders, a valid FSSAI licence is also made mandatory for participation.

To control the hoarding of wheat, the government has decided that the declaration in wheat stock monitoring system portal is mandatory for participation in the auctions. Asked about the total quantity of rice to be sold through OMSS, Meena said it has not been decided yet.

'Agri Deptt Trying To **Optimize Utility Of Departmental Farms'**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Friday visited Seed Multiplication Farm Allow pora Shopian and inspected different blocks of the farm besides taking stock of different activities.

Addressing the staff and technical experts of SMF Allow pora, Director Agriculture said that Department from last two years has started many initiatives and is endeavouring to optimize the utility of Departmental farms to attain self reliance in the field of seed requirement for Kashmir Division.

He said the department has already fixed bench marks and targets for every departmental farm in the valley so far as the production of different kinds of seeds is concerned, and after visiting different farms during recent times they are satisfied and optimistic that the department could achieve those targets in an effective manner.

Director Agriculture appreciated the efforts of the concerned officers and technical experts of Allowpora Farm and asked them to work with close coordination so that this Farm could achieve new heights in the years to come.

Director Agriculture was accompanied by some of the senior officers of the Department during the visit.

Agri Deptt Holds Awareness Programme On Daksh Kisan Portal

Observer News Service

KULGAM: A daylong awareness programme on 'Daksh Kisan Learning Management System' (DKLMS) was organized by Agriculture Production Department Kulgam at Government Degree Colleges, D. H. Pora & Kulgam under 'Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP)'.

The programme was attended by Principal Government Degree College D. H. Pora, and Kulgam, Chief Agriculture Officer, Faculty members, Block level officers from agriculture & allied departments and a large number of students in their respective Colleges.

Resource Person Shabeer Ahmad Mir highlighted the background of HADP, Kisan Sampark Abhiyan, Daksh Kisan web portal, Kisan Saathi IT dashboard and importance of the event in Skill development and empowerment of farmers, agri-preneurs and employment opportuni-

ties for educated unemployed youth. Technical Officer, Dr. Nisar Ahmad Dar delivered a detailed presentation on Daksh Kisan and said that the web portal offers orientation and 121 skilling certificate courses for all interventions, latest techniques, exploration of new possibilities in agriculture and allied sectors through this online Learning Management System, featuring multi-lingual videos and learning material in four languages.

He further emphasized on participants to register on Daksh Kisan portal to become skillful agri-preneurs to adopt the agri and allied sectors as start ups and entrepreneurship avenues.

Moreover, pamphlets were also distributed among the students in the event having a simple OR code on the pamphlet that on scanning opens the homepage of DAKSH KISAN Portal where students can register themselves for free and undertake skilling courses of their interest.

Sensex, Nifty Extend Losses Into 2nd Day On Rate Hike Fears Press Trust Of India extending their declines for

MUMBAI: Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty buckled under selling pressure for the second straight session on Friday as a bearish trend in global equities and concerns over rate hikes by central banks unnerved investors.

Besides, selling pressure in index majors Reliance Industries, Infosys and L&T also dragged the benchmark indices lower, traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 259.52 points or 0.41 per cent to settle at 62,979.37. During the day, it tumbled 364.77 points or 0.57 per cent to 62.874.12.

The NSE Nifty declined 105.75 points or 0.56 per cent to end at 18,665.50.

On a weekly, the BSE benchmark fell 405.21 points or 0.63 per cent and the Nifty dipped 160.5 points or 0.85 per cent.

"Nifty fell for the second consecutive session on June 23 pulled lower by negative global cues. Global stocks fell on Friday,

extending their declines for the week and edging towards their worst week since March, as traders worried that central banks' efforts to curb sticky inflation will lead to recessions and strengthen the US dollar," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities.

Tata Motors was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, skidding 1.77 per cent, followed by SBI, Power Grid, Tata Steel, Infosys, UltraTech Cement, Titan, Larsen & Toubro, Reliance Industries and Maruti.

On the other hand, IndusInd Bank, Bharti Airtel, Asian Paints, NTPC, HCL Technologies, HDFC and Sun Pharma were the gainers. "Global central banks are currently focused on addressing inflation and have reiterated their commitment to reaching their target levels, as evidenced by the hawkish commentary from (US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome) Powell and the unexpected rate hike by the Bank of England," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge declined 1.24 per cent and smallcap index fell 1.17 per cent.

All the indices ended in the negative territory, with commodities declining by 1.87 per cent, oil & gas falling by 1.74 per cent, consumer durables (1.67 per cent), metal (1.61 per cent), utilities (1.34 per cent), industrials (1.17 per cent), IT (0.99 per cent) and auto (0.94 per cent).

The downward revision of earnings guidance by a major US tech company Accenture has raised concerns about potential earnings downgrades in the Indian IT sector, resulting in pressure on IT stocks.

"However, the domestic market is not expected to experience a significant correction due to favourable domestic economic indicators and correction in international commodities prices to sustain earnings growth on a QoQ basis," Nair added.

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4 Infiltrators

including substantial narcotics material, to be used for terror funding indicates the vicious plan of Pakistan to utilise terrorists to derail the existing peace in Kashmir Valley. This successful operation is a big blow to the narco funding and other plans of the terrorists," he added.

He said the operation is in progress as an extensive search of the area is being carried out.

This is the second major infiltration bid foiled by the army in as many weeks. Five militants were killed in an infiltration bid in Kupwara district last Friday.

successive governments of Jammu and Kashmir for failing to bring down the graph of militancy.

He also said that despite opposition, PM Modi has taken progressive initiatives like removal of Article 370, construction of Ram Mandir and removal of Triple Talaq. Mookerjee's Dream Fulfilled

In his address, Shah said that due to the sacrifice, courage and determination of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, J&K is united with India and Article 370 has been abrogated.

Mookerjee, he said, not only resigned from the post of Minister of Industry and Supply in 1953 in his protest against the proposal to include Article 370. but also maintained that the country can't have 'Do Vidhan, Do Nishan, Do Pradhan'. Shah said that fulfilling the dream

of Mookerjee, PM Modi abrogated Article 370 on August 5, 2019

"The whole country including Jammu and Kashmir will remain indebted to the contribution of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Pandit Prem Nath Dogra, for making Jammu and Kashmir the crown of Mother India," he said.

J&K On Path Of Development

Asserting that J&K is marching ahead on the path of development under the leadership of PM Modi, Shah said that the program of distribution of Golden Health Cards has been completed today. He said about 97 lakh people are getting the benefit of this Golden Health Card.

The Home Minister said that in the entire country only poor people get the benefits under Pradhan MantriAyushman Bharat Yojana, while in Jammu and Kashmir, PM Modi has decided to provide all health facilities up to Rs.5 lakh free of cost to all the citizens.

"The Jammu and Kashmir government is making payments of Rs 2 crore everyday under this scheme," he said.

G-20 Carried Message Of Good Tourism

Expressing satisfaction over the recently concluded G-20meeting in Srinagar, the Home Minister said that during the conference, the leaders of many countries took the message of good tourism of Kashmir.

The message of the improved situation in Kashmir reached the whole world," he added.

He said that when it y ed to hold a meeting of the G20 in Srinagar, many people offered various comments and some, including former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti, made various predictions. "But all these predictions were proved wrong as the G20 meeting in Srinagar was held successfully,' he said and appreciated the Jammu and Kashmir administration headed by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for it.

"Many in Jammu and Kashmir have big houses in foreign lands and many used to go for 45-60 days' vacations in foreign countries. From where this money came? This was money meant for the poor," he said. Now development funds are actual beneficiaries reaching through direct benefit transfer (DBT), he said.

In the last four years, he said, the government built about 1.86 lakh houses for people in Jammu and Kashmir and Rs 23,000 crore was given to beneficiaries of various schemes through DBT.

The home minister also appealed to people to come forward and join hands in the march for development and fulfil PM Modi's dream of a peaceful and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

'70% Drop In Terror Incidents'

The Home Minister said that under the leadership of the PM, the Government of India has cracked down heavily on terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that during the previous government, there were 7.327 terrorist incidents in 10 years in which 2,056 civilians were killed.

"While in the last 9 years, with a decrease of about 70%, 2,350 terrorist incidents happened in which 377 civilians were killed," Shah said.

"After the abrogation of Article 370, only 32 calls for strike and bandh were reported, while the incidents of stone pelting have also come down by 90% in the last 47 months," he added.

'Youth Carrying Laptops, Not Stones'

The Home Minister said that a new Jammu and Kashmir is being built under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Earlier, he said, the youth of the Valley used to have stones in their hands, but now they have laptops.

"These educated youths are going to shape the future of Jammu and Kashmir and the country. This change has become possible only due to the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the last 9 years," he added.

'UPA Govt Was Involved In Rs 12L Crore Scam'

Shah said on Friday that the Modi government has laid a strong foundation for eradication of corruption from the country, while the previous UPA government was involved in "scams" worth Rs 12 lakh crore.

"Modi replaced the UPA government which was involved in scams worth Rs 12 lakh crore. The prime minister has laid the strong foundation for a corruption-free India," Shah said addressing a public rally.

'New Policies Developed For J&K' Maintaining that during the last 9 years, PM Modi has worked towards making India 5th largest economy in the world, Shah said that the government of India has formulated various policies for the development of J&K, including Industrial Policy, Industrial Land Allotment Policy, Private Industrial Development Policy Estate Wool Processing, Handicraft and Handloom Policy, New Film Policy in 2021, Home Stay and House Boat Policy for Tourism. "Due to these policies, the investment in Jammu and Kashmir is going up and the number of tourists is also increasing continuously," he said.

briefing, sources said.

Shah was apprised about the situation along the International Border as well as the Line of Control, they said.

He gave necessary directions to the security agencies to ensure a peaceful atmosphere in the Union territory, sources said. The security review meeting

came days ahead of the annual Amarnath pilgrimage.

The 62-day-long annual pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath, located at a height of 3,880 metres in the south Kashmir Himalayas, will begin on July 1 and continue till August 31.

At a meeting on June 9 in New Delhi, Shah had said the Modi government's priority was to ensure a comfortable Amarnath pilgrimage.

He had then directed officials to make adequate security arrangements along the entire pilgrimage routes in Jammu and Kashmir.

The pilgrims travel through two routes – Baltal and Pahalgam – in Jammu and Kashmir.

All the pilgrims will be given RFID cards so that their real-time location can be traced and everyone will be given Rs 5 lakh insurance cover. There will be insurance cover of Rs 50.000 for each animal carrying the pilgrims, sources said. Last year, 3.45 lakh people visited

the holy cave and this year, the figure could go up to 5 lakh, they said. The sources said that to avoid

any incident like last year's flash flood which claimed 16 lives near the shrine, the National Disaster Response Force has started identifying ideal locations for setting up pilgrim camps keeping in mind any possible natural disaster.

Indian Air Force helicopters are expected to be deployed to carry out aerial sorties in the upper reaches of the holy cave to check for glacial events and the formation of lakes that may trigger flash floods downhill.

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

The aerial surveys may be conducted by a team with expertise in remote sensing and satellite, hydrology and disaster response.

Once a dangerous water build-up is spotted, contingency measures will be taken along the pilgrimage routes, especially in the areas near the cave shrine, they added.

Recently, a lot of snow has been found along both the routes – Baltal and Pahalgam – leading to the holy cave and therefore the Border Roads Organisation has been given the task to clear the snow by June 15, the sources said. (PTI)

Reaches Out

35,000 elected representatives. Addressing an event after the inauguration of the three-day Vitasta Festival here. Shah said those who

of panchayats to take place preventing people from becoming Panchs and Sarpanchs," he said.

Shah said that the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done the work of percolating democracy and strengthening it by bringing panchayati raj to the grassroots level in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah said the panchayati raj system in Jammu and Kashmir was a reality now.

"Whenever the (assembly) elections take place, whoever forms the government, but the start we have made of Panchayati Raj, no one can abolish it. The panchayat elections are now a reality forever. This change is possible only when the heart is full of commitment to democracy," he said.

Referring to the situation in the Union territory, Shah said the incidents of stone-pelting and strike calls have been brought under control.

"We have seen incidents of stone pelting in J-K, bandh incited by Pakistan, and destroying peace and development here, bomb blasts and bullets, all these incidents have been bought under control. I do not want to give out the figures, but you all know and feel it. Today schools, colleges, industries are running, 1.88 crore tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir in 2022, which is the biggest figure since independence, he added.

The home minister said with such a large number of tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir, in the next five years, the number of hotel rooms in the region, especially the Valley, would be more than three times of the current figure.

This change, he said, happens when there is dedication to bring about a change.

"If someone comes to rule and enjoy the power, then he cannot bring about any change. Changes happen if mind is connected with the happiness, sorrow and progress of the people," he said.

"The youth of Jammu and Kashmir, especially of the Valley, should come forward and lead the process of change and work towards taking Jammu and Kashmir to new goals and height.

"Those who put stones and weapons in your hands are not you wellwishers. The government is trying to improve your future by providing laptops, electricity, building roads, promoting tourism," he said.

Shah said change is the need of the hour and the youth from the valley should join hands with it.

"The change is waiting for you, the whole country is ready to take you forward, and the market of the whole world is open for the youth of the valley. You should come forward and be a part of the change and take pledge to fulfil the resolution of the Prime Minister to build a new Kashmir," he said.

"Those who do not seek change are against the welfare of the youth The world has moved ahead

crossroads, I am here to speak about our calling for this century," he added.

PM Modi said he can relate to the battles of patience, persuasion and policy. "I can understand the debate of ideas and ideology. But I am delighted to see you come together to celebrate the bonds between two great democracies - India and the United States," the prime minister said.

"India is the home to all faiths in the world and we celebrate all of them. In India, diversity is a natural way of life, today the world wants to know more and more about India," he added.

Prime Minister Modi's first visit to the US took place in 2014, during which he had a working visit and delivered his inaugural speech at the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

In 2016, he returned to attend the Nuclear Security Summit and held a meeting with then-President Barack Obama at the White House. That same year, PM Modi made another trip to the US and addressed a range of topics, including terrorism, climate change, and the strong Indo-US partnership, in his first speech to the US Congress.

Prime Minister Modi, on his firstever state visit to the United States. received a ceremonial welcome upon his arrival at the White House. Upon his arrival at the White House lawns, PM Modi who was dressed in a traditional white kurta pyjama teamed with a powder blue jacket was greeted by President Biden and First Lady Jill Biden.

A US delegation led by Vice President Kamala Harris, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin assembled to greet PM Modi. The Indian delegation led

by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, NSA Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra and Indian Ambassador to the US Taranjit Sandhu were also present.

J&K Witnessing

and bring people closer. Cinema is not just a medium of entertainment, but it is also an integral part of the culture, society and a reflection of change happening around us," he added.

Stating that Kishtwar has immense potential for film tourism. the LG said that the movie-theater and infotainment center for children will be an important step to harness the potential of local talent. He also shared the efforts to revive the J&K's bond with the film industry.

"Significant steps like Film policy, opening of cinema halls in the districts have created a vibrant film ecosystem in the UT. Today, Jammu Kashmir has become the most preferred destination for the filmmakers and more than 300 movies and web series were filmed last year. This is also providing huge opportunities to the local youth," he said.

In the month of July, Sinha said

operational controls'.

According to RBI's inspection, &K Bank non-complied in --- (i) failed to ensure integrity and quality of data submitted to CRILC, (ii) extended term loans to a corporation (a) without undertaking due diligence on the viability and bankability of the projects to ensure that revenue streams from the projects are sufficient to take care of the debt servicing obligations and (b) failing to ensure that the repayment/servicing of said term loans were not made out of budgetary resources and (iii) created financial/ non-financial messages in SWIFT without first ensuring that the underlying transactions have been duly reflected in the CBS.

On Friday, J&K Bank's share price closed at 56.50 apiece, down by 2.99% on BSE. (With inputs from livemint)

Srinagar Records

Keng, the mercury in Qazigund settled at 34.2 degree Celsius, which is the hottest June day in the last 33 years while all the highest temperatures at 35.7 degree Celsius have been recorded on June 25, 1990 and on June 26, 1988.

In Pahalgam also, the second hottest maximum temperature in June was recorded today after the gap of 15 years at 30.2 degree Celsius while the previous hottest day has been recorded on June 09, 2021 at 30.3 degree Celsius. However, he said that the hottest day of all time was recorded on June 25, 1990 at 32.0 degree Celsius.

Moreover, the weatherman has predicted respite from the ongoing heat wave from tomorrow onwards, saying that there is a possibility of light rain, thunderstorm at scattered places of Jammu and few places of Kashmir division as well.

Deputy Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad told KNO that from June 25-28, the weather would remain generally cloudy with possibility of intermittent light to moderate thunderstorms at many places.

A few places over Jammu division may receive intense showers for a short period, he added.

Court Rejects

position of law that liberal approach in the matter related to the narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is uncalled for," the court said and rejected the bail plea. While counsel for the accused

said that his client was "innocent", the prosecution had resisted the bail application.

In its objections to the applica-tion, the prosecution stated that the accused was involved in grave and heinous offence and as such he was not entitled to the concession of bail. It said 360 bottles OF Corex (Codine Phosphate) of 100 ML each were recovered from the possession of accused which falls within the purview of commercial quantity, and carries imprisonment which extends unto 20 years besides fine to the extent of two lakh rupees. It said the accused was in the trade of selling the drugs to the youth which definitely is a matter of concern as such demands rejection of the bail application at this stage. "The accused is involved in the commission offences which are totally heinous and crime against the interests of the society and the same is to be dealt with iron hands". The court, the prosecution said, is the guardian and custodian of the rights and interests of the society as such in order to uphold the majesty of law and to maintain the confidence of law abiding citizens in the justice delivery system the application for bail of accused deserves to be rejected.

He also said the successful hosting of the G20 meeting would give a big boost to the tourism industry in Kashmir.

Panchayati Raj System Re-Implemented

Lauding the leadership of PM Modi, the Home Minister said that the government has re-implemented the Panchayati Raj system in J&K. Presently, Shah said, there are 32,000 newly elected Panch, Sarpanch and members of Tehsil Panchayat and District Panchayat, who are taking Jammu and Kashmir ahead on the path of development. **Big Push To Health Sector**

Taking a dig at successive governments of Jammu and Kashmir, the Home Minister said that compared to just 4 medical colleges built in 70 years, the Modi government established 9 new medical colleges and 15 nursing colleges in the last 9 years.

"Earlier there were only 500 medical seats, now 600 MBBS seats have been added to it. The number of degree colleges and engineering colleges has also been increased from 96 to 147 and IIT and IIM provided to Jammu," he added.

Hits Out At NC, PDP, Cong

Mincing no words to attack his political opponents, Shah said that J&K was ruled by three families for many years, while 42,000 people were killed because of terrorism. He blamed Article 370 for hampering development of the erstwhile state.

"But still these people say that we should keep Article 370," he said.

The home minister claimed that during earlier regimes, funds meant for the poor and farmers used to go into the pockets of a few.

In the year 2022, Shah said, a record 1.88 crore tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that from 1947 to 2014. there was a huge shortage of jobs in the region but under the leadership of PM, the centre has provided 28,000 government jobs to the youth, established 51,000 units of self-employment, provided livelihood to 70,000 youth under the Mission Youth and allocated an industrial package of 28,400 crore, with complete transparency

Modi Honoured În US Like No One Before

Speaking on the ongoing visit of PM Modi to the United States, the Home Minister said that the Biden government has bestowed the honour of the State Guest to the PM of India.

"The honour given to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has not been given to anyone till date. Agreements are being signed between India and USA in the field of space, defence, semiconductor, and many big companies are eager to invest in India," he said.

Meanwhile, Shah, who is also the Minister of Cooperation, laid the foundation stone of Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Samba and inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development schemes in Jammu.

Several dignitaries including Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh were present on the occasion of inauguration and foundation stone laying of CFSL, Samba and various development schemes.

Reviews Security

At the meeting, the home minister took stock of the security situation and was given a detailed

have known only the history of Jammu and Kashmir in the last four decades think that this is a disputed or disturbed area.

"But Kashmir is a land which has borne the brunt of bloodshed in the past and emerged victorious and more stable and peaceful," he said, adding this land saw nearly 40,000 deaths due to terrorism in the last three to four decades but today the same Kashmir is celebrating Vitasta Festival and marching ahead.

The home minister chose the occasion to call upon the youth of Kashmir to think about the rich cultural heritage of the valley.

"Those who handed over arms and stones to you, they were never your well-wishers. You should have pens, laptops and books in your hands and not stones," he said, in an apparent reference to stone-pelting protests in the past.

He compared Kashmiri culture with the Vitasta (Jhelum) river and said, "If one knows the right history of Kashmir, hate has never been its part. Whosoever came to Kashmir was welcomed with open arms."

The home minister also highlighted the all-round development in Jammu and Kashmir since abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which accorded special status to the erstwhile state, in 2019.

Attending another function, where Shah inaugurated or laid the foundation of 84 development projects of about Rs 586 crore, he said during the rule of the previous governments in Jammu and Kashmir, democracy was limited to 80-85 people only and three families had taken control over democracy.

Shah said there is democracy in Jammu and Kashmir now because 35.000 elected representatives are deciding the future of their village, tehsil and district themselves. He said that in the coming days, the MPs, MLAs and new leaders will emerge from these people only.

However, the home minister said, there was a time when democracy was held "hostage" by three families Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhis. "They did not allow the elections and now is the time for Jammu and Kashmir to walk along with the nation and the world," he added. (PTI)

"A great honour

Thursday. PM Modi also received a standing ovation twice, while speaking.

Speaking further on his previous visits to the US, Prime Minister Modi said, "Standing here seven Junes ago, when Hamilton swept all the awards, I said that the hesitations of history were behind us. Now, when our era is at a crossroads, I am here to speak about our calling for this century."

He also said that there have been many advances in AI (Artificial Intelligence) in the past few years.

PM Modi coined a new acronym to showcase the partnership between US and India saying that there has been even more momentous development in another AI-America and India.

"In the past few years, there have been many advances in AI-Artificial Intelligence. At the same time, there has been even more momentous development in another AI- America and India," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said as he addressed the joint sitting of the US Congress today.

"This is not an era of war but it is one of dialogue and diplomacy and we all must do what we can to stop the bloodshed and human suffering. The stability of the Indo-Pacific region has become one of the central concerns of our partnership. We share a vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific. More than 2 decades after the 9/11 attacks and more than a decade after 26/11 in Mumbai, terrorism and radicalism still remain a danger for the whole world," Modi said.

"Last year India celebrated 75 years of independence. Every milestone is important but this one was special. We celebrated a remarkable journey of our 75 years of freedom after thousand years of foreign rule in one form or another. This was not just a celebration of democracy but also of diversity..,"PM Modi said.

"Now, when our era is at

three more cinema halls will be opened, which can become the center of information and exchange of ideas for the youth.

"The aspiration of youth is our biggest strength in developing progressive and inclusive Jammu Kashmir. We are fully committed to provide all the resources for their holistic growth and development," he added.

The LG also urged the people of Jammu Kashmir to actively contribute in the conduct of AmarnathYatra, and make the annual pilgrimage as successful as G20 meeting.

Govt Designates

Similarly, the court of additional district and sessions judge Ganderbal has been designated for trial of offences under UAPA in Ganderbal district.

The notification further states that the additional district and sessions judge(fast track court) Doda will hear UAPA cases of Doda and Kishtwar district while the additional district and sessions judge, Poonch will have jurisdiction over UAPA cases of Poonch and Rajouri districts.

It is worthwhile to mention that Supreme Court has observed that all offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), whether investigated by the National Investigation Agency or by the investigating agencies of the State Government, are to be tried exclusively by Special Courts set up under the NIA Act–(KNO)

RBI Slaps

The J&K Bank, according to reports, was slapped Rs 2.5 crore penalty for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Creation of a Central Repository of Large Common Exposures-Across Banks', read with 'Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC) – Revision in Reporting', 'Loans and Advances -Statutory and other Restrictions' and 'Time-bound implementation and strengthening of SWIFT-related

4 Injured In

attacked by a fox on Friiday eve-ning at Lacchhe area in Handwara.

The injured were taken to a nearby health facility. However, the doctors there referred them to District Hospital Handwara.

A medical officer at District Hospital Handwara told a local news agency GNS that all injured persons were stable.

"They are being administered with required treatment and are likely to be discharged soon", the medical officer said.

Female Tourist

the tourist had head injuries which she suffered after slipping into the river. (GNS)

Lady Drug

has frozen bank savings & other financial instruments to the tune 18,36,611 belonging to a noof torious drug peddler Posha Begum & her family under NDPS Act," Bandipora police tweeted.

It further said that all of these were illegally acquired assets through the sale of drugs.

Youth Injured

for treatment. However, the doctors there referred him to SK institute of medical sciences (SKIMS) Soura for advanced treatment.

SPORTS





Inter-College Volleyball & **TT Tourney Concludes**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2nd Inter-College Volleyball and Table Tennis Tournament (Men/Women) 2023 organised by Department of Physical Education, Govt. College of Education (IASE) M.A Road Srinagar concluded on Friday here.

In Volleyball Men, 11 teams participated and the final was played between GCOE (IASE) M.A Road Srinagar and AAA Memorial Degree College Bemina, in which AAA Memorial Degree College emerged as winner.

In Volleyball Women, eight teams participated and the final was played between SP College Srinagar and GCW M.A Road Srinagar, with GCW lifting the trophy.

In Table Tennis Men, 10 teams participated and the final was played between AAA Memorial Degree College Bemina and Gandhi Memorial College, where AAA Memorial Degree College emerged as the winner.

In Table Tennis Women, 10 teams participated and the final

of the institution and PTIs from participating institutions were also a part of occasion.

Syed Hashmeer Football **Cup Begins In Bandipora**



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad, on Friday inaugurated the ninth edition of Syed Hashmeer Football Cup 2023 at Shere-Kashmir Stadium, Bandipora.

The tournament is being held in the memory of sportsperson Late Bilal Ahmad Tantray and is being

was played between GCOE (IASE) M.A Road Srinagar and Islamia College of Science and Commerce Srinagar in which GCOE (IASE) emerged as the winner. The prize distribution ceremony was conducted in Multipurpose Hall where, Principal Prof. Dr. Seema Naz was the chief guest. Sports Committee

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The national selection panel on Friday effectively brought curtains down on veteran Cheteshwar Pujara's international career by dropping him from Indian Test squad for the two-Test series against the West Indies, starting July 12.

Championship cycle (2023-2025)

the PTI recently. The other significant devel-

opment was Ajinkya Rahane's re-appointment as the vice-

Council and DFA Bandipora. The inaugural Match was played between Ali Jan FC Srinagar and Elites Blues Baramulla.

Officials said 16 local teams from Bandipora and eight teams from outside the district are participating in the tournament.

organised and self-sponsored by

Hashmee Football Club Bandipora

in collaboration with J&K Sports

District Budgam Pencak Silat Championship Inaugurated



No Pujara: Team India **For WI Tests Named**



back in the previous game. has been given complete rest from both Tests and ODIs after

Inclusion of powerhouse domestic performers Yashasvi Jaiswal and Ruturaj Gaikwad in the 16-member squad is a clear indication that the fourmember panel, headed by Shiv Sunder Das, is now looking at the next two-year World Test

That Pujara will be dropped and skipper Rohit Sharma is likely to lead the Test side in the Caribbean was reported by

captain of the Test side just after

nearly three months of hectic competitive cricket, the selectors have indeed started the phasing out process by dropping the profligate Umesh Ya-

While Mohammed Shami

dav and bringing in the consistent Kolkata seamer Mukesh Kumar in the main squad. Navdeep Saini, whose career had been on a free-fall since the historic tour of Australia, also gets a chance for

resurrection as his hit-thedeck (140 clicks) bowling might be effective on the slow Caribbean tracks. All three new entrants --

Jaiswal, Gaikwad and Mukesh were the stand-by players for the WTC final. They have been very consistent in domestic cricket over past few seasons

The ODI squad didn't have any major surprise with 17

Pakistan Foreign Ministry Evaluating World Cup Participation In India

Reuters

🚬 akistan's foreign ministry said it is "evaluating all aspects" of the country's participation in this year's 50-overs World Cup in India with bilateral cricket stalled between the South Asian neighbours due to soured political relations. The two countries have played each other

members literally picking themselves. The injured Jasprit Bumrah, Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul, whenever fit, also select themselves and together these 20 players will most likely make the core group going into the big World Cup.

India Test squad: Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Virat Kohli, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ajinkya Rahane (VC), KS Bharat (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Axar Patel, Mohd. Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Jaydev Unadkat and Navdeep Saini. India's ODI squad: Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Virat Kohli, Surya Kumar Yadav, Sanju Samson (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Hardik Pandya (VC), Shardul Thakur, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Jaydev Unadkat, Mohd. Siraj, Umran Malik, Mukesh Kumar



Ashes: England Name Rehan Ahmed As Moeen Ali Cover

Agencies

he England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) have named 18-year-old leg-spinner Rehan Ahmed as a cover for spinning all-rounder Moeen Ali for the ongoing Men's Ashes Test against Australia. During the first day of the Ashes 2023, Moeen Ali was hampered by a blistered spinning finger at Edgbaston. Rehan Ahmed came to the

limelight with an impressive fivewicket haul on his Test debut in Karachi last year. The 18-year-old will join the rest of the squad this weekend in London. Rehan got success playing for Leicestershire in this year's County Championship. So far, he has picked just six wickets at 67.66 in ten matches. However, he also performed well with his bat as he scored 423 runs at an average of 38.45, including four half-centuries and a best of 90 against Glamorgan.

Moeen Ali in the first test had taken three wickets by conceding 204 runs. He was visibly having issues with his right index fin-

ger, which earned him a 25 per cent match-fee fine after he was punished for using a drying agent mid-match. England's head coach Brendon McCullum was positive about Moeen Ali's availability for the next test match.

McCullum said after the match, "I'm pretty confident that we can get on top of Moeen's finger, that will give us an opportunity to select him in the next game and, if he's available, he will be selected. I thought Moeen did a great job."

England Men's Ashes Test Squad: Ben Stokes (Durham) Captain, Rehan Ahmed (Leicestershire), Moeen Ali (Warwickshire), James Anderson (Lancashire), Jonathan Bairstow (Yorkshire), Stuart Broad (Nottinghamshire), Harry Brook (Yorkshire), Zak Crawley (Kent), Ben Duckett (Nottinghamshire), Dan Lawrence (Essex), Ollie Pope (Surrey), Matthew Potts (Durham), Ollie Robinson (Sussex), Joe Root (Yorkshire), Josh Tongue (Worcestershire), Chris Woakes (Warwickshire), Mark Wood (Durham).

United States To Host 2025 Club World Cup - FIFA



The Associated Press

GENEVA: The United States will host the Club World Cup in 2025, the first time the FIFA tournament will have 32 teams. Real Madrid, Manchester City

and Chelsea already earned places as recent Champions League winners for the expanded tournament lineup that is set to test stadiums and operations one year before the 2026 World Cup.

The United States will host the men's World Cup with Canda and Mexico, and FIFA could

Storied European teams have visited the United States for preseason friendly games for vears but the expanded club tournament will give fans a rare chance to see 12 of them play competitive games.

FIFA said in March the basic qualification path for clubs was to win a continental championship in any of the four years from 2021 to 2024 in the five main confederations: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

Europe with 12



Observer News Service

BUDGAM: A two-day long District Budgam Pencak Silat Championship commenced on Friday at Indoor Sports Stadium here.

The event is being organised by District Budgam Pencak Silat Association in collaboration with Pencak Silat Association of I&K under the My Youth My Pride initiative of J&K Sports Council. Ms, Shah

Farheen was the Chief Guest at the inaugural ceremony, while office bearers of the District Association were also present on the occasion. More than 440 players from different schools/clubs will participate in this District Championship. The winners of this district event will be shortlisted for the forthcoming State and National level championships held in next month.

only in multi-team events at neutral venues over the last decade and doubts remain over Pakistan's involvement in the World Cup in October-November.

Pakistan's Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari was among the foreign ministers who travelled to India's Goa last month for a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting, becoming the first senior Pakistani leader to visit India in nine years. Foreign ministry spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said Pakistan was of the view that "politics should not be mixed with sports". "India's policy of not play-

ing cricket in Pakistan is disappointing," Baloch said in Islamabad on Thursday. "We are observing and evaluating all aspects relating to our participation in the World Cup including the security situation for Pakistani cricketers and we will offer our views to PCB (Pakistan Cricket Board) in due course.'

Doubts over Pakistan's participation have meant that the dates and venues for the World Cup are yet to be confirmed with just over three

months left before the start of the tournament. India has already ruled out travelling to Pakistan for the Asia Cup, which is scheduled to begin on Aug. 31. In response, Pakistan threatened to boycott the World Cup if they lose the hosting rights to the Asia Cup.

Looking for a compromise, the Asian Cricket Council said the regional tournament will be hosted in a 'hybrid model' with four matches held in Pakistan and the remaining nine in Sri Lanka.

yet give some Club World Cup games to those countries.

The Club World Cup will take place in June-July 2025. The United States was chosen as host Friday during an online meeting of the FIFA Council.

FIFA praised "the United States' position as a proven leader in staging global events and because it would allow FIFA to maximize synergies with the delivery" of the 2026 tournament.

The Seattle Sounders also are in the lineup for the Club World Cup as the 2022 champion of North American soccer region CONCACAF. The Americans should get another entry as the host nation.

South America with six are the only continents with more than four entries. Extra places should be awarded according to team rankings by results a four-year span in continental competitions.

The current seven-team Club World Cup for continental champions played every season creates little broad appeal and FIFA has long wanted to stage a full-sized tournament every four years.

This expanded version in 2025 is a huge commercial opportunity for FIFA to try new broadcasting models and sign new sponsors, funding hundreds of millions of dollars in prize money for the clubs.

Soccer Official Says The India-Pakistan Game Could Be A Turning Point For Sports

The Associated Press

ricket contests between India and Pakistan are -difficult to organize but soccer may have shown the region's most popular sport how to build bridges.

The national football teams met Wednesday for the first time since 2014, with Sunil Chhetri scoring a hat-trick as No. 101-ranked India beat No. 195-ranked Pakistan 4-0 at Bangalore in the opening game of the South Asian championship.

There may have been an onfield brawl after India coach Igor Stimac was red carded for preventing Pakistan from taking a throw-in late in the first half, but just having the game at all was a cause for satisfaction at a time of so much uncertainty in cricket ahead of the World Cup.

"It could be a turning point," Haroon Malik, leader of the committee running the Pakistan Football Federation, told The Associated Press in the wake of the game. "Football

unites the world and we need to enjoy playing each other and we need to have fun.

"The emotion of playing India is always special.'

That's certainly the case in cricket, where both teams are among the world's elite. The last India-Pakistan cricket encounter was at the World Twenty20 tournament in Australia last October, when more than 90,200 fans packed the Melbourne Cricket Ground to witness India scrape to a narrow, last-ball victory.

It's not lost on anyone that most recent meetings have been on neutral turf.

India and Pakistan have met in only 60 test matches dating back to 1952, a remarkably low figure considering the proximity of the countries.

The last bilateral test series was in late 2007, when India hosted three tests, and the last time India traveled to India for a test series was in early 2006.

In the limited-overs format, the last eight one-day international meetings have been on



neutral turf – including World Cup group games at Adelaide, Australia in 2015 and at Manchester, England in 2019. India's cricketers haven't

played in Pakistan since July 2008, less than a year before a terrorist attack on the Sri Lankan team's bus during a

test match at Lahore in 2009. International cricket was suspended in Pakistan until Zimbabwe toured in 2015. New Zealand, England and Australia have all toured there in the last 18 months but India indicated last October it would not travel to Pakistan to play in the Asia

Cup in August and September.

On June 15, the Asian Cricket Council announced that the six-nation tournament will be split between Pakistan and Sri Lanka, where India is expected to play its games.

In response, Pakistan hasn't yet approved its team to travel

to India for the 50-over World Cup, which is due to start in October.

There were no heavy overtones for soccer's South Asian Cup, although Pakistan players only received their visas two days before the game and there were some travel delays which disrupted match preparations. Soccer's world governing body, FIFA, last July ended Pakistan's 15-month suspension for "third-party interference" and retained Malik as head of the "normalizing committee" running the national federation after years of infighting by groups of officials.

The national team comprises Pakistani players from lowertier leagues around the world, meaning little time for overseas and domestic-based players to practice together before events such as the SAFF tournament.

"For the record, the governments of India and Pakistan have been super supportive' Malik said. "It would not have happened otherwise. It took longer than it should have,

but there were processes that had to be completed and were completed."

The All India Football Federation declined to comment on the proceedings but has been supportive.

'The AIFF has gone all out to have us come and play and the South Asian Football Federation has been actively assisting too," Malik said. "The spirit of unity is an important part of any sport and I hope that football can lead the way."

It could take some time for the spirit of unity to be restored in cricket.

Former Pakistan captain Javed Miandad told reporters earlier this week that Pakistan should not play at the ICC Cricket World Cup if India does not visit first for the Asian tournament.

"We should refuse until they visit," Miandad said. "Sports is something which strengthens ties and builds relations. But, I strongly believe that until India come to Pakistan, we have no reason to go there either."

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Former New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern Is Writing A Book On Leadership

Just 37 when she became prime

minister in 2017, Ardern was seen

as a global icon of the left. She

shocked New Zealanders in Janu-

ary when she said she was step-

ping down because she no longer

had enough in the tank to do the

Since then, Arden has an-

nounced she will temporarily join

Harvard University this year after

being appointed to dual fellowships

at the Harvard Kennedy School. She

has also taken on an unpaid role

This month, Ardern received one

of New Zealand's highest honors

for her service leading the coun-

try through a mass shooting and

pandemic. She was made a Dame

Grand Companion, meaning peo-

ple will now call her Dame Jacinda.

with a team of publishers Pen-

guin in New Zealand and Australia,

Macmillan in Britain and Crown in

the United States. The publishers

did not immediately respond to

requests for comment.

Ardern said she was working

combating online extremism.

job justice in an election year.

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Former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced Friday she is writing a book, with the focus more on leadership than on politics.

In an Instagram post, Ardern said she is often asked whether she will write about her five years as New Zealand's leader.

"At first, my answer was no. I didn't want to write a book that hauled over the internal politics of the last five years, and then someone convinced me that I didn't have to," Ardern wrote.

That maybe it might be worth expanding on some of things I talked about in my valedictory instead like the idea you can be your own kind of leader and still make a difference. And so that's what I'm planning to do. Ardern said she had no date for when the book will be published.

But I hope when it's done, it's the kind of book that would have made a difference to my 14-yearold self. Ardern wrote.

Jamia Moves Up In Asian University Rankings, "Efforts Being Recognised" Says VC



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The Jamia Millia Islamia has moved up 32 places in this year's Times Asia University Rankings, to reach the 128th spot in the continent. Speaking on the achievement,

vice chancellor Najma Akhtar said on 23 June that the varsity's efforts have been recognised internationally and vowed to continue to work on further improving its ranking. The university was at 160 in the London-based Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings last year. For the Asia rankings, THE as-

sessed the performance of 669 universities from 31 countries on the same 13 performance indicators/parameters. It also announces a THE World University Rankings annually.

The universities were judged across their core missions of teaching and research, as well as on knowledge transfer and international outlook for a comprehensive and balanced comparison. "It is a matter of great pride and satisfaction for the whole Jamia fraternity as this achievement reflects the hard work put in by teachers, non-teaching staff and other stakeholders of the university," Akhtar said in a

statement. "Our efforts have been recognised internationally and I hope that the university will continue its endeavours to improve its performance further in coming years," she added.

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Your Mom Worried About You Not Getting Married, Lalu Prasad Tells Rahul Gandhi

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Riday, gave a paternal rep-Friday, gave a paternal reprimand to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his refusal to tie the nuptial knot, pointing out the consternation it was causing to his mother Sonia Gandhi.

The aging septuagenarian, who was the last among the galaxy of opposition leaders to address the press briefing after the much vaunted opposition meet, was in his element as he regaled the delegates and the media persons alike with his characteristic sense of humour.

"You do not heed our advice to get married", said Prasad while complimenting 53 years old Gandhi for wearing a half sleeved shirt, which the RJD supremo said was a perfect foil for the "Modi kurta".

"Baat maaniye, shaadi kariye", said Prasad, adding "your mummy keeps fretting over your refusal to get married".

"We would like to be a part of your wedding procession (baraat) said Prasad, evoking a shy smile from Gandhi and guffaws from others present on the occasion.

The seasoned politician was, however, not all mirth and levity as he also lauded Gandhi for the "Bharat Jodo Yatra" and slammed the Narendra Modi government at the Centre for withdrawing Rs 2,000 notes, less than a decade after these were introduced following demonetization.



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