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### Work-from-Home: A Lifeline for Kashmiris Amid Job Shortages

Farzana Nisar

oughly two calendar years ago, Muhammad Nadeem, a diligent and ambitious young man, stood on the threshold of a new chapter in his life. With his newly earned degree in hand, he was filled with a potent mix of excitement and apprehension. As he bid farewell to the familiar walls of his university, he set out on a journey to find a job that would set his career in motion. Little did he know that the job market was still

reeling from the impact of the pandemic, and a daunting job crunch awaited him

Days turned into weeks, and weeks turned into months, but Nadeem's efforts were met with disappointment. His optimism started to fade; doubts began to cloud his mind as he wondered if his years of studying had been in vain. The weight of expectations from his family burdened him further.

He applied for some government job openings through the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), but the



exams kept getting delayed, or the posts were scrapped owing to different reasons. "I managed to secure interviews

with private companies, but the number of job openings was few and the competition was intense," Nadeem said.

23.1% IN MARCH THIS YEAR. Jammu and Kashmir featured on the third spot of the unemployment graph as per CMIE. As a consequence, many individuals in Kashmir face underemployment, where they are unable to secure full-time positions or work in fields that match their qualifications.

WITH AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF

"Besides, these companies required me to relocate outside the region and the remuneration offered by them was not enough to sustain a comfortable life in a different city, let alone contribute to my family's

expenses back home."

It was then that a friend came to his rescue with a suggestion. Aware of the limited job options in the region, the friend recommended exploring remote | More on P10

#### **Rains Force Closure Of Banihal Highway**

**Press Trust Of India** 

Jammu: Most parts of Jammu and Kashmir received heavy rains on Monday, bringing respite from sweltering heat but also triggering landslides at multiple locations that blocked the key Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and other roads, officials said.

Authorities closed all schools upto class 10 in Ramban due to a threat of flash floods owing to heavy rainfall, they said.

The 250-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was blocked due to multiple landslides and shooting stones from the hillock at Cafeteria Morh and Mehar in Ramban town in the wee hours of the day, the officials said.

However, the stranded vehicles were cleared around 2.30 pm after road clearance agencies managed to make it worthy of one-way traffic.

No fresh traffic was allowed either from Srinagar or Jammu on the highway this morning, the officials said.

They said the traffic on Mughal road, an alternative link connecting the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu region with south Kashmir's Shopian district, was also suspended for several hours due to a landslide at Hari Katha near Behramgalla. | More on P10

#### **Schools Closed In Doda, Ramban**

mid heavy rains and warning of flash floods, warning or massive Ramban and Doda have directed for closure of schools upto Class 10 and Class 8 respectively. "It was decided to close the schools upto Class 10 for the day as the district has been experiencing heavy rains amid imminent warning for flash floods", said a district administration Ramban official, as per news agency GNS. "The teachers concerned have been however asked to attend their duties | More on P10

## **Waiting For Day When Permanent Peace Will Come To J&K: Rajnath**

'Democratic Process in J&K Soon'; 'AFSPA Shall Be Removed After Lasting Peace'

**Press Trust Of India** 

Jammu: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) had been removed from large parts of the northeast and he was waiting for "permanent peace" in Jammu and Kashmir so it could be removed from here too.

Speaking at a National Security Conclave here, the Union minister also asserted that India has changed the mindset of the whole world, including the US, on the issue of terrorism.

"Today, AFSPA has been removed from large parts of the northeast. I am waiting for the day when permanent peace will come in Jammu and Kashmir and AFSPA will be removed from here too," Singh said.

Jammu and Kashmir, he said, has suffered the brunt of terrorism for a long time and people here know how the poison of terrorism hollows out the society.

Noting that the entire



network of terrorism was operating in Jammu and Kashmir for decades, he said, "Today strict action has been taken against that network by weakening it to a great extent. We have stopped the funding of terrorism, stopped the supply of arms and drugs and along with the elimination of terrorists, the work of dismantling the network of underground workers who work

here is also going on". Referring to the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, Singh said while the common people of Jammu and Kashmir were kept away from the mainstream for a long time, they also became a "hindrance" in taking action against anti-national forces.

Without naming Pakistan, he said countries using terrorism as a state | More on P10

#### **'Decision On Surgical Strikes Was Taken In 10 Minutes'**

ndia is getting more powerful and can hit terror networks on this side of the border as well as across it if the need arises, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday, asserting that the world has understood the meaning of zero tolerance for terrorism through the country's actions. "Pulwama and Uri were both unfortunate incidents. The prime minister took just 10 minutes to take a decision (on carrying out surgical strikes) which shows his strong willpower. Our forces not only neutralised the terrorists on this side but also went across the border to finish them off," Singh said. Addressing a national security conclave held at the University | More on P10

### **J&K Admin Represents Aspirations** Of All Citizens: LG

Takes Strong Note Of Fake Complaints Raised On Grievance Cell

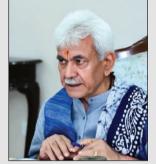
**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Stating that his government represents the aspirations of all the citizens and every section of the vibrant society, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Monday that time-bound delivery of services, prompt and effective redressal of grievances form the core of Union Territory administration's development initiatives.

Sinha made these remarks while interacting with citizens during his monthly LG's Mulaqaat"- Live Public Grievance Hearing programme, at the Civil Secretariat here on Monday.

Interacting with the people, concerned Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police through Video Conferencing, the LG took appraisal of the action taken on the grievances received from the citizens. Sinha also directed the DCs to constructively en-

gage with citizens, prioritize concerns of the poor and



needy and resolve all issues in a transparent manner.

"For maintenance of parks and other such public properties, we also seek the participation of residents. We are committed to the goal of providing a better quality of life to our citizens and community participation would play a key role in cleanliness of parks and public spaces," he said.

**On Fake Complaints** 

Taking strong note of fake complaints on Jammu and Kashmir Integrated Grievance Redress and Monitoring System" | More on P10

WITH THE ABROGATION OF ARTICLE 370 (of the Constitution), our aim is to restore normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir as swiftly as possible. We are committed to commencing the democratic process in the region at the earliest, thus fulfilling the long-standing aspirations of its people."

#### **AMARNATH** YATRA

### **Use CCTVs To Monitor Movement Of Suspects: DGP**

Also Directs Officers To Use Drones, Other **Tools To Monitor Security Of Pilgrims** 

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Just days ahead of the annual Amarnath yatra to begin, the Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Monday directed security forces to use drones and other necessary tools to monitor the security of pilgrims, besides installing CCTV cameras at important locations to monitor the movement of suspects.

Singh passed these directions while chairing a joint meeting of Jammu Zone Police & the officers of central armed police forces (CAPFs) at Police Control Room Jammu. He also reviewed the security arrangements and deployment plans for the Amarnath yatra in Jammu Zone, a police spokesperson said Monday.

Addressing the meeting, he



said, the DGP emphasized on all the officers to maintain very close coordination which he said, is of utmost importance to ensure an incident free yatra.

Singh, he said, directed that the sectoral officers and PCRs must have the information regarding the availability and location of special teams like Drone Units, bomb disposal squad, dog squad, quick reaction teams | More on P10

### **Traders Await Buyers In Srinagar** Livestock Market Ahead Of Eid-al-Azha

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: Ashiq Mohammad, a trader from Rajasthan, comes here every year with sacrificial animals ahead of Eid al-Azha and heads back home after selling his livestock within days.

This year, however, what should have been the busiest time of the year for Mohammad has turned into a waiting game with high prices keeping buy-"I have been coming here for

five years now and business is very slow this year. People used to be very fond of buying these animals but due to soaring prices, they are not buying them like they used to," Mohammad said.

"In the past years, my live-stock would sell out in two days. This year, it has been five days and the majority of animals haven't been sold yet," he said. Some traders in the livestock market, which was swarming

with sacrificial animals with

colourful markings and painted



horns, said they were selling their livestock at a loss.

Mohammad Shafi Kupwara's Handwara said he brought around 35 home-reared animals to the market, hoping to get some good returns.

"In the last two days, I have only sold around eight to 10 animals. This year business is slow. Buyers don't have enough money to buy animals and

hence they are staying away," Shafi said.

Abdul Majid, a livestock trader from the Lolab area in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district said, "I brought 50 sheep from my hometown for selling here. I bought them for Rs 330 per kilogram and I am selling them for almost the same price. I am incurring losses due to this."

The government | More on P10

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**Death Of Tangmarg Man** Due To Rash, Negligent Driving

# Tipper Driver Sentenced To 1 Yr Jail, Fined Rs 50K

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar, June 26: A court in Tangmarg has convicted and sentenced a man for rash and negligent driving in which a person had died eleven vears ago in north Kashmir's

Baramulla district. According to prosecution, on July 2012, police station Tangmarg received information from reliable sources, one person namely Bilal Ahmad Magrey was hit and

critically injured by a stone near stone crusher Shrai Nallah in Tangmarg. Magrey was later taken to Tangmarg Hospital for where he expired, police said.

However, subsequently it transpired following investigation that Magrey had not died

due to any stone but passed away after being hit by a Tipper (JK05-6067), which was driven by the accused at the time of occurrence, the pros-

ecution said. On 14 July 2012, the prosecution said that a formal FIR (No. 90/2012) was registered under section

279, 304-A RPC in police Tangmarg. Later the charegesheet was filed on 19-12-2012, and the court of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class

Tangmarg, Towseef Ahmad Mir, eventually today convicted and sentenced accused, Riyaz Ahmad Dar son of Abdul Khaliq Dar.

'...prosecution (have) fully established beyond any shadow of doubt that the accused person caused | More on P10

#### **Man Held With 380 Fake Gold Biscuits**

olice on Monday arrested a man after recovering 380 fake gold biscuits from his possession in Khanpora area of Baramulla district. Javid Ahmad Dar was nabbed by a police party when he tried to flee from a checkpoint established at Khanpora Bridge, a police spokesperson said Monday. Dar, he said, was apprehended tactfully by

the police party. "During search, 380 fake gold biscuits weighing about | More on P10

#### **Man Injured In Leopard Attack**

man was attacked and injured on Monday by a leopard on Monday by a loop... Kashmir's Baramulla district. Ali Sher Khan of Lachipora village was passing through the forest area of Dazna in Bijhama when a leopard appeared there and attacked him, reports said. Khan suffered multiple injuries in the surprise attack of the beast. He was removed to the nearby hospital for treatment. His condition, reports said, is stated to be stable.

#### **NIA Searches In 4 Kashmir Districts**

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he National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted a series of raids across four districts in Kashmir on Monday as part of its probe into an alleged conspiracy involving newly-floated offshoots of proscribed Pakistanbacked terror outfits to destabilise Jammu and Kashmir. "Twelve locations in the four districts

of Kulgam, Bandipora, Shopian and

the crackdown. The locations were

residential premises | More on P10

Pulwama were raided as part of

#### **DGPC Delegation Calls On LG Sinha**

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delegation of District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC), Srinagar called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan here on Monday. The members of the delegation including Gurmeet Singh Bali, Jaspal Singh, Ranjit Singh, Jasbir Singh Wazir and Jasbir Singh Oberoi apprised the LG on the preparations made by the DGPC to celebrate the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji at Gurudwara Chattipatshahi, an official spokesperson said. | More on P10

#### **Woman Killed In Cylinder Blast**

young woman was killed on Monday when an LPG cylinder Monday when the Last Symmetry and Exploded inside her house in North Kashmir's Kupwara district. 24-year-old that Zeenat Tariq, daughter of Tariq Ahmad Khan, a resident of Shatpora Haihama suffered critical injuries at her home in a gas cylinder explosion, officials told a local news agency GNS. "She was immediately shifted to SDH Kupwara for treatment from where she was referred to SMHS hospital where she succumbed | More on P10

#### **Worker Dies Under Mysterious Circumstances**

42-year-old man, who was working at India's First Cable Stayed Railway Anji Bridge at Harotekote area in Reasi district, died under mysterious circumstances near the Bridge site on Monday. The officials identified the deceased as Suresh Yadav, son of Bal Chander Yadav of Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh, adding that the body was shifted to District Hospital Reasi for postmortem. Meanwhile, Reasi police started an | More on P10

Monday - Saturday (9am - 6pm)

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### **The Next Big Advance In Cancer Treatment Could Be A Vaccine**

**Associated Press** 

The next big advance in cancer treatment could be a vaccine. After decades of limited success, scientists say research has reached a turning point, with many predicting more vaccines will be out in five years.

These aren't traditional vaccines that prevent disease, but shots to shrink tumors and stop cancer from coming back. Targets for these experimental treatments include breast and lung cancer, with gains reported this year for deadly skin cancer melanoma and pancreatic cancer.

"We're getting some-thing to work. Now we need to get it to work better," said Dr. James Gulley, who helps lead a center at the National Cancer Institute that develops immune therapies, including cancer treatment vaccines.

More than ever, scientists understand how cancer hides from the body's immune system. Cancer vaccines, like other immunotherapies, boost the immune system to find and kill cancer cells. And some new ones use mRNA, which was developed for cancer but first used for COVID-19 vaccines.

For a vaccine to work, it needs to teach the immune system's T cells to recognize cancer as dangerous, said Dr. Nora Disis of UW Medicine's Cancer Vaccine Institute in Seattle. Once trained, T cells can travel anywhere in the body to hunt down danger.

'If you saw an activated T cell, it almost has feet," she said. "You can see it crawling through the blood vessel to

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get out into the tissues." Patient volunteers are

crucial to the research. Kathleen Jade, learned she had breast cancer in late February, just weeks before she and her husband were to depart Seattle for an around-theworld adventure. Instead of sailing their 46-foot boat,

patients' weak immune systems, said Olja Finn, a vaccine researcher at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

"All of these trials that failed allowed us to learn so much," Finn said.

As a result, she's now focused on patients with earlier disease since the ex-



Shadowfax, through the Great Lakes toward the St. Lawrence Seaway, she was sitting on a hospital bed awaiting her third dose of an experimental vaccine. She's getting the vaccine to see if it will shrink her tumor before surgery.

"Even if that chance is a little bit, I felt like it's worth it," said Jade, who is also getting standard treatment. Progress on treatment

vaccines has been challenging. The first, Provenge, was approved in the U.S. in 2010 to treat prostate cancer that had spread. It requires processing a patient's own immune cells in a lab and giving them back through IV. There are also treatment vaccines for early bladder cancer and advanced melanoma.

Early cancer vaccine research faltered as cancer outwitted and outlasted

Zahida Bano

perimental vaccines didn't help with more advanced patients. Her group is planning

a vaccine study in women

with a low-risk, noninvasive

breast cancer called ductal

carcinoma in situ. More vaccines that prevent cancer may be ahead too. Decades-old hepatitis B vaccines prevent liver cancer and HPV vaccines, introduced in 2006, prevent cervical cancer.

In Philadelphia, Dr. Susan Domchek, director of the Basser Center at Penn Medicine, is recruiting 28 healthy people with BRCA mutations for a vaccine test. Those mutations increase the risk of breast and ovarian cancer. The idea is to kill very early abnormal cells, before they cause problems. She likens it to periodically weeding a garden or erasing

**Applicant** 

(Non-Applicant)

#### Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

#### **JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT** Office Of The Executive Engineer PHE Division Baramulla

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 24 of 06/2023 dated 24.06.2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Baramulla invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/ of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various Water Supply schemes of PHE Division Baramulla of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on overall percentage rate basis, in the

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	<ul> <li>Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring</li> </ul>					
	Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc.					
	at various Water Supply schemes of PHE Division Baram-					
	ulla of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan					
	Mission (JJM)					

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) The tender inviting authority is Superintending Engineer Hyd Circle Sopore/Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE)

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM)Critical Dates

i	Date of issue of tender notice	24.06.2023 at 18.00hrs
ii	Publish Date	24.06.2023 at 18.00hrs
iii	Document download/ sale start date	24.06.2023 at18.00hrs
iv	Bid submission start date	24.06.2023 at 18.00hrs
v	Bid submission end date	05.07.2023 upto16:00hrs
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The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.

The valid bids

The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Baramulla. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table.

a. The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Baramulla.

4. The ha The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Bid Security Declaration and

other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial

The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in. Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphebla@gmail.com

#### .ANNEXURE ISCHEME WISE LIST OF WORKS

S.No	Name of Water	Description of work	Jal Shakti	Estimat-	Time of	Class of
	Supply		(PHE)	ed cost	completion	Contractor
	Scheme		Division	(in Lacs)	(Days)	
1.	WSS Binner	Laying Fitting of Pipes, Constt of Chain Link Fencing		23.71	45 days	BEE/CEE
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		under JJM	ащ			
3.	WSS Goal	Laying fitting of pipes, construction of Chain link		34.11	45 days	AYY/BEE
	Tangpora	fencing, C.G.I Roofing with truss on pump House and	lo o			
		Construction Protection wall of WSS Goal Tangpora	Division			
		under JJM.	ā			
4.	WSS Ladoora	Retrofitting of W.S.Scheme Ladoora by way of Laying	분	15.99	45 days	BEE/CEE
		and fitting of Main /Submain /Distribution System	_			
		and Constt. of Chowkidar Quarter (for providing				
		100percent FHTC) under JJM.				
5.	WSS Kawhaar	Laying fitting of pipes for WSS Kawhaar Kaliban		18.76	45 days	BEE/CEE
	Kaliban	under JJM				

No. PHE/Bla/CC/3073-83 DIPK-4201/23 Date 26.06.2023

**Executive Engineer** Jal Shakti Department PHE Division Baramulla

#### **Presented** Rafia Hassan JO Code: JK-00161

In the matter of: Mohd Ayoub Wani F/o Lubna Ayoub R/o Narapora Shopian

U.T Through Registrar of Births and Deaths **BDO Keller Shopian** 

(Non-applicant)

#### **Notice To Public At Large**

Whereas, the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant in this court for seeking directions to the nonapplicants for registration of particulars of the applicant's daughter namely Lubna Ayoub D/o, Mohd Ayoub Wani R/o Narapora Shopian who was born on 31-08-2010 at Home

Whereas, through the medium of this proclamation, the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the registration of the death certificate of the applicants, they/she/he shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 15 days from the date of issuance of this publication. If the date fixed is declared holiday the matter will be taken upon the next working day.

Given under my hand and seal if this office on 26-06-2023 Chief Judicial

Magistrate Shopian

#### **Presented Rafia Hassan** JO Code: JK-00161

In the matter of:

Mohd Ayoub Wani F/o Sana Ayoub R/o Narapora Shopian

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Whereas, the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant in this court for seeking directions to the nonapplicants for registration of particulars of the applicant's daughter namely Sana Ayoubi D/o, Mohd Ayoub Wani R/o Narapora Shopian who was born on 04.06.2013 at Home

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Magistrate Shopian

#### **Public Notice**

My name and mother's name in my previous passport bearing no. K5108778 has been written inadvertently as Bhat Humaira Amin and Naseema respective but as per my Matric certificates my correct name is Humaira Amin and mother's correct name is Naseema Amin . Now I want my passport to be re issued as per my Matric certificate . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the regional passport office srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall nj

Humaira Amin D/o Mohammad Amin Bhat R/o Malik Angan, Namchibal Fateh kadal Srinagar

ضمون درخواست : شبيراحمه باباولد ثناالله باباسا كنهموضع پیدت پوره پائين تخصيل كنزر بمرادحصول PROPERTY CERTIFICATE اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر سائل کے کاغذات دفتر بذامیں زیر کاروائی ہیں۔ بروئے رپورٹ بیٹواری وحلقہ بیان حلفی مصدقہ ودیگر دستاو بزات پیش کردہ سے بایا جا تاہے کہ سائل شبیراحمدولد ثنااللہ بابا کامکان رہائثی مع صحن نمبرخسرہ ۱۴۷ آبادی دھ میں واقہ ہے جس کی مالیت تقریباً Rs/- 946875 رویبہ ہے۔ لہذا بطلوبه مرتفيكيث أجرا كرنے ميں اگر كَسْ شخص بااشخاص كوكو كى عذر يااعتراض ہوتو

وہ اپناعذریااعتراض ساتھ یوم کے اندرپیش کریں۔میعادگزرنے کے بعدکوئی عذريااعتراض قابل قبول نهن ہوگاہ۔ نائب تحصيلدار كنزر

ازنیابت هرده شوره بااجلاس ارشاداحم ملک ضمون درخواست منجانب: ـ وسيم احمد وصا قب رياض و فيصل رياض ساكنه تركه بيه بغرض حصول RBA سرٹفیکیٹ تحت ایس آ رآ و126 اشتہار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔ تعامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سایل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول نامافرادكنبه ر باض احمد بٹ 47سال كحريلوكام 45سال فاطمه بيكم مزدوري وسيم احمد بث

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Sd/-**Executive Engineer** (R&B) Division Kulgam

Sd/-

#### IN THE COURT OF JMIC, JUDGE SMALL CAUSES, SRINAGAR Present:- Ms Tabasum

a whiteboard.

Registrar Births & Deaths SMC, Srinagar. **PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Whereas an application has been received from the applicant for registration of brith of of Zahida Bano in the records of SMC Srinagar. Objection, if any, be submitted in writting before the undersigned within seven days from the date of this Publication. The details of the Person are as under:-Name: - Zahida Bano

Father's Name:-Ab. Majeed Bhat Mother's name: Rafeeqa DOB: 14-05-1997

Residence: Karpora Nehru Park Srinagar

Sd/-

### Place Of Birth:-Karpora Nehru Park Srinagar

nj	Judge Small Causes, Srinagar

#### Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam

NITNo.35/2023-24/RnB/Kul/e-tendering/3060-80 Dtd 23-06-2023 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S.		Est. CostIncld:			Time of	Class of					Amount
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									IDMT		Lac)s
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1	Construction of Lane/ Drain near H/o Manzoor Ahmad Zargar onwards at MC Kulgam.	4.13	200	82600	15 days	Dee & MSME	IDMT	Executive Officer M.C	4.50	0.00	4.50
						only		Kulgam			
2	Development of Lane/ Drain from near H/o Master Gh Hassan Onwards at Reshipora MC	3.12	200	62400	15 days	Dee & MSME	IDMT	Executive Officer M.C	3.52	0.00	3.52
	Kulgam.					only		Kulgam			
3	Construction of Lane/ Drain from H/o Sajad Ahmad Dar via MohdRafiqHandoo at MC Kulgam	3.87	200	77400	15 days	Dee & MSME	IDMT	Executive Officer M.C	4.50	0.00	4.50
						only		Kulgam			
4	Development of Lane/ Drain at Bafand Mohalla Opposite Old Hospital Kulgam at MC	4.37	200	87400	15 days	Dee & MSME	IDMT	Executive Officer M.C	4.50	0.00	4.50
	Kulgam.					only		Kulgam			
5	Re-Construction of steps near OP Nawaz School and Construction of lane from Degree Col-	6.44	300	128800	20 days	Cee, Dee & MSME	IDMT &	Executive Officer M.C	4.00	2.67	6.67
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۲	Ahmad Khan , Manzoor Ahmad Zargar and Ab Rehman Sheikh.	7.71	200	54200		only		Kulgam	5.00	0.00	5.00
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S. No.	Particulars	Dated		
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice.		23 -06-2023	
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	24-06-2023	(10:00AM)
	<b>3</b>	То	0107-2023	(04:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From	24-06-2023	(10:00AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	То	0107-2023	(04:00PM)
6	Date and time of opening of bid (online)		03- 07-2023	(11:00AM)
		In the office	of Executive Engineer PWD (R&	B) Division Kulgam

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

websitewww.iktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Demand Draft/ Treasury Challan / Receipt credited to MH 0059-Rev:Misc: and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR / FDR pledged to Executive Engineer (R&B) Di8ion Kulgam (tender receiving authority). -Refer Govt: order No: O.M. No.A/24(2017)-651 Dated:- 07-06-2018. However the Date of uploaded e-Challan/ treasury Receipt /CDR/FDR must be in between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End

Earnest Monty (2% of the Advertised cost) from all the bidders in the shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering and 5% performance security of the allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG by the Successful Bidder). The same shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period of the work. The EMD 2% of successful bidders shall be release after receipt of 5% Performance Security) vide Chief Engineer (R&B) Kashmir, Srinagar's Circular No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-72

dated 01-01-2022

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

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.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-2 &3.1  $Bidders\ must\ ensure\ to\ upload\ scanned\ copy\ of\ all\ necessary\ documents\ like\ CDR/PAN/TIN/Demand\ Draft$ 

with the bid and all documents be submitted physically to Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Kulgam before dateof opening of bid.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/ Receipt credited to MH 0059-Rev: Misc: must be uploaded with the bid. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents

as are required All other terms and conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double Agreement Form)

No 3081-83 DIPK-4138/23 Dtd 26-06-2023



### KASHMIR OBSERVER Srinagar | Tuesday | 27-06-2023 |

### **Ban Imposed On Use Of Motorbikes By Students Below 18 During School Hours**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Authorities on Monday ordered a blanket ban on use of motorbikes during school hours by students below 18 years of age in Central and North Kashmir.

According to Kashmir News Observer, Joint Director, Central and North for School Education Department said this in a communique to Chief Education Officers of Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora.

The officer said, "A large number of complaints are making rounds in media and social circles about the rash driving and stunt biking and reckless movement of two wheelers by school boys studying in different classes of government and private schools."

"The students are doing this without any objection or control from the Head of the Institutions and school managements resulting into injuries, minor accidents and loss of lives which is otherwise avoidable and needs proper counseling, advice and blanket ban in and around school premises," it reads.

The Joint Director accordingly directly the Chief Education Officers of Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora to

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Police have arrest-

ed a man For allegedly "prac-

ticing" as a dentist without a

proper license in the Kani-

kadal area in the old city on

and health officials in the

presence of the Magistrate

sealed the fake dental clinic.

the clinic in the congested area

failed to provide a license or

proper certificate supporting

his practice when police asked

led by SHO Shaheed Gunj

Basharat Ali, and Zonal

Sources said that a team

him to produce the same.

Officials said that police,

The 'fake' doctor running

Monday, officials said.

**Fake Dentist Held In** 

**Srinagar, Clinic Sealed** 

sensitize all the Head of the Institutions of government as well as private schools not to allow any student below the age of 18 years to use any bike or Scooty during the school hours.

'Even don't allow any student to use bike or Scooty without wearing of helmets and driving licenses issued by the competent authority," the officer informed CEOs.

It also said that the Zonal Education Officers concerned shall also be activated to conduct surprise checks in and around government and private institutions and ensure that this trend is discouraged henceforth and the safety and security of all students is given top priority with a view to maintain discipline, morality and decency in and around the schools and institutions.

"Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir, SSP Traffic City and SSP Traffic Rural are also requested to intensify the surprise checking of bikes Scooty riders and intercept the minor students who don't wear helmets or don't have driving licenses and are below the age of 18 years so as to curb this menace with iron hand and ensure rule of law and rules of traffic are observed by one and all religiously," it reads. KNO

Medical Officer Dr Shafkat

in the presence of Tahsildar

South Moeen Azhar Kakroo

raided the clinic following

information and sealed it



People were busy buying sacrificial animals at largest Mandi in Eidgah area of Srinagar ahead of Eid-ul-Adha (feast of sacrifice) on Monday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

### **Avoid Dumping Hides, Offal Of Sacrificial Animals Into Water Bodies: LC&MA**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: In view of Eid-ul-Adha, the Lakes Conservation and Management Authority (LC&MA) today appealed to the general public to avoid throwing or dumping hides and offal of sacrificial animals in Dal Lake and other water bodies.

In a statement issued here, the authorities at LC&MA informed that on the eve of Eid-ul-Adha it has been observed that people throw or dump the hides and offal of such animals in Dal, Nigeen, Brari Nambal and other water bodies, thereby causing absolute choking of navigation channels.

accordingly. The man mas-Dal Lake is our collective querading as the doctor has asset that needs to be conserved also been arrested. Police and the same cannot be achieved said that the clinic was eswithout the active support and tablished in a residential participation of the general pubarea at Kanikadal Srinagar. lic. In past years our water bod-A formal case FIR numies at several points witnessed ber 50/2023 under section 420 massive blockage due to dumphas been registered against ing of animal hides and their ofthe quack at Shaheed Gunj fal. In respect of Dal Lake, the police station in this regard. JK LCMA was necessitated to Tahsildar South Moeen undertake a massive drive to Azhar Kakroo also conremove animal hides in the past.

firmed that the clinic has Being a stakeholder of water been sealed by the police and bodies, it is obligatory for all to that the imposter has been avoid dumping of animal hides and their internal organs into water bodies, failing which a strict action as warranted under law shall be taken against violators. Also heavy fines will be re-

la Abdullah from STP Lam to Nishat.

The rally was attended by Assistant Professor SKUAST, Naseem Geelani and 38 students

## Mosques, Shrines In Srinagar

rinagar: As Eid-ul-Adha draws closer, the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has decided to carry out cleanliness around all major mosques and shrines in the city. It also warned of strict action against those throwing hides and offal of sacrificial animals on the roadside.

A senior official at SMC said the civic body has directed all the concerned officials to carry out cleanliness around all major places of worship in Srinagar. He said the corporation

the official said.

alized against the violations. In a sequel, an awareness rally was carried out under the

supervision of Project Officer,

Watershed Management Ghaza-

of the university. At the occasion, the general public was emphasized upon to take care of water bodies and avoid them from littering.

# SMC To Kick Off Cleanliness Around

has also made arrangements for the collection of hides and offal of sacrificial animals. "Teams have been constituted for the collection of hides and offal of sacrificial animals. However, if anyone is found

or drains, will be dealt with as per municipal laws," he said. The places identified for the Eid prayers will be cleaned, and for that, all elaborate arrangements have been put in place,

throwing them on the roadside

### Int'l Day Against Use of **Drugs & Trafficking**

#### GHSS, Kothibagh Hosts Program On Drug Abuse

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: International day against use of drugs and trafficking under WHO theme "Together, we can tackle world drug problem" was celebrated at Girls Higher Secondary School Kothi Bagh (GHSS) Srinagar

on Monday. GHSS, Chief Medical Officer Srinagar and "Healthy Minds" a project of Kashmiri American Society for HealthCare, Medical Education & Research and HELP Foundation J&K jointly organized the event.

The program was inaugurated by Nusrat Bukhari, Principal and Dr Asifa MO with CMO Srinagar. Team of experts from the CMO office included Dr Syed Epidemiolo-Saniva. gist NCD, Dr Tasaduq Shafi, Epidemiologist IDSP Dist Srinagar and Dr Asifa Medical Officer CMO. Team of Healthy Minds counselors included Adil Nazir, Sumaira Sofi, Uzma Sami, Insha Ashraf and Uzma Zaffar, the audience included students and faculty members of the school.

arrested (KNT).

Highlighting alarming figures of substance abuse in J&K, speakers Adil Nazir, counselor at Healthy Minds and Dr Syed Saniya shed light

were also highlighted and appreciated by the audience.

Dr Syed Ahmed, Project Manager KASHMER highlighted brief details of various healthcare related projects done



in detail about predisposing factors & triggers that push youth towards substance abuse and its negative socioeconomic impact, necessary preventive measures and legal aspects to tackle the challenging aspects of care in its early period. Interactive sessions between audience and speakers generated interesting debate and exchange of relevant information about drug menace in

our society. Commendable efforts put in by the

in the valley with the support and collaboration of reputed NGOs of Kashmir, HELP Foundation and Help Poor Voluntary Trust.

He also advocated for various measures that educational institutions could take as a preventive strategy to help students stay away

from drugs. A pledge ceremony was held by all teams and the audience affirming their efforts to tackle drug problems in the world under the

theme 2023 by WHO. Govt at various levels

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR** Office Of The Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Srinagar, **NEAR J&K BANK ZALDAGAR** 

Telefax No. 0194-2952696, e-mail Id: xenmidsrinagar@gmail.com

Sub: - Extension in bidding time for this office e- NIT No. 07 of 2023-24, dated: 05.06.2023 for below mentioned work: -

"Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Vertical turbine motor of 40HP capacity to be coupled with available 05 cusec pump at Lift Irrigation Scheme Zazna-A".

Ref: - JK Government official e-Procurement portal Tender ID No.: - 2023\_IFC\_215109\_1

#### **Exension Notice 1**

In view of Eid holidays coinciding with bid submission end date, the critical dates are extended as

03/07/2023 at 1400 hrs Bid submission/ Document download / sale end Date Date and time of Bid opening 04/07/2023 at 1230 hrs

Rest of the terms and conditions shall remain un-altered as laid down in the original e-NIT.

No. MIDS/Ts/1189-86

No: MHCHD/TS/2494-97,

DIPK-4165/23

Dated: 26-06-2023

DIPK-4187/23 Dated: - 26-06-2023

Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Srinagar

#### Government of Jammu & Kashmir **Mechanical Hospital & Central Heating** Division, Srinagar

(Phone No: 0194-2496089, www.medkmr.org, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

Subject: Outsourcing of Manpower for operation of various mechanical support services at Govt. 500 Bedded Children Hospital, Bemina, Srinagar for a period of 03 months w.e.f 01-07-2023

Ref : This office NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2023-24/23/e-tendering Dated08.06.2023

#### CANCELLATION

In view of minimum number of bidders not qualifying for opening of cover 2nd, the above referred e-NIT is hereby cancelled and shall be issued afresh shortly.

> Sd/-Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar



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SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081 Ambulance: Kashmer EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

#### **AIRPORTS**

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

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#### **HIGHWAY STATUS**



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



#### **PRAYERS FAJR** 3:36 **ZUHR** 12:33 **ASR** 5:33 7:50 Magrib ISHA 9:31

#### This Day In History

- 1709 Peter the Great of Russia defeats Charles XII of Sweden at the Battle of Poltava.
- 1862 Battle at Garnett's/Golding's Farms, Virginia
- 1864 Atlanta Campaign: Battle of Kennesaw Mountain,
- 1940 Soviet Army attacks Romania
- 1940 USSR returns to Gregorian calendar
- 1950 North Korean troops reach Seoul, UN asks members to aid South Korea, Harry Truman orders US Air Force & Navy into Korean conflict
- 1957 The British Medical Research Council publishes a report suggesting a direct link between smoking and lung
- 1960 British Somaliland becomes part of Somalia
- 1961 Ghana imposes a total ban on exports to South Africa and South West Africa
- 1962 NASA civilian pilot Joseph A. Walker takes X-15 to 6,606 kph, 37,700 m
- 1962 Ross Perot begins Electronic Data Systems
- 1962 In South Africa, the General Law Amendment Act (Sabotage Act) No 76 commences, increasing the state president's power to declare organisations unlawful and to add further restrictions to banning orders
- 1973 Uruguayan president dissolves parliament and heads a coup d'état
- 1976 Air France Airbus hijacked in Germany to Uganda 1978 - Soyuz 30 carries 2 cosmonauts (1 Polish) to Salyut
- 6 space station 1978 - US Seasat 1, 1st oceanographic satellite, launched
- into polar orbit 1979 - Heavyweight Muhammad Ali confirms that his 3rd
- retirement is final (it isn't) 1980 - Italian plane crashes into Tyrrheense Sea, kills 81
- 1982 STS-4, 4th NASA Space Shuttle mission, launches
- 1983 NASA launches space vehicle S-205 1983 - Soyuz T-9 carries 2 cosmonauts to Salyut 7 space
- station 1994 - Aerosmith become first major band to let fans
- download a full new track free from the internet 1995 - Space shuttle STS-71 (Atlantis 14), launches
- 2001 The International Court of Justice finds against
- the United States in its judgement in the LaGrand Case. 2007 - The Brazilian Military Police invades the favelas of
- Complexo do Alemão in an episode which is remembered as the Complexo do Alemão massacre.

#### From KO Archives

# J&K To Stop Shahtoosh Trade

Observer News service

shawls world-over.

RINAGAR: the government will stop Shahtoosh trade owing to world-wide criticism and problem being face by traders dealing in it outside, the chief minister of the State Dr Farooq Abdullah told mediapersons here today. Dr Abdullah said that though the state has its own act regulating the Shahtoosh trade, yet it has become problematic to sell it beyond the state in view of ban in the rest of the country. Even

weaving of Shahtoosh invites action The chief minister also referred to the recent judgement of the High court on this issue.

To a question Dr. Abdullah said the government is contemplating to amend the state law in this regard. He said the

government is considering several proposals to rehabilitate the Shahtoosh traders of the State "Instead of Shahtoosh we will promote Pashmina in a big way which is State's one of the monopolized items having tre-

mendous potential," the chief minister said, adding that exhibi-

tions would be held at important centres to popularize Kashmiri

(Kashmir Observer, June 26, 2000)

**Commendable efforts put** in by the Govt at various levels were also highlighted and appreciated by the audience.

### Israel 'Must Kill Thousands' Of Palestinians: Ben Gvir



Tsraeli National Security Min-Lister Itamar Ben Gvir once again renewed calls for a widescale military operation in the occupied West Bank, urging the need to kill "thousands" of Palestinians.

Ben Gvir made the comments on Friday, 23 June, during a press conference where he called for the immediate legalization of the illegal Evyatar settlement outpost in the West Bank, which sits on privately owned Palestinian land.

'The Land of Israel must be settled and at the same time as the settlement of the Land a military operation must be launched. [We must] demolish buildings, eliminate terrorists, not one or two, but tens and hundreds, and if necessary even thousands," the security minister said.

"The Land of Israel is for the people of Israel, we are backing you, run to the hills, settle down. We love you," Ben Gvir said, offering his "full and complete backing" to settler groups who regularly march in protest against Evyatar's dismantlement.

The minister's comments come following an unprecedented escalation of violence in the occupied West Bank.

Last week, a brutal Israeli raid took place in Jenin, involving the first airstrike on the West Bank in over 20 years. The following day, four Israelis were shot and killed in the Eli settlement north of Ramallah.

In response to the shooting, settlers violently rampaged through the West Bank, torching homes and assaulting Pal-

On 21 June, the Israeli military launched its first targeted drone assassination in the West Bank since the Second Intifada. Several resistance members were killed in the strike.

Marking the second aerial assault on the occupied West Bank in less than a week, some interpreted the events as the early stages of the operation which Ben Gvir and others have been calling for.

However, Israel has yet to take an official decision on launching such an operation. as the military establishment believes that it would be costly.

Ben Gvir's comments follow a decision by the prime minister to give Bezalel Smotrich, Israel's Finance Minister, significant control over administration in the West Bank, a move seen as the early steps of a de-facto annexation of the

### Man Lynched By 'Cow Vigilantes' On Suspicion Of **Carrying Beef**

**Press Trust of India** 

MUMBAI: A 32-year-old man was lynched allegedly by a group of 'cow vigilantes' on suspicion of transporting beef in Maharashtra's Nashik district, police said on Monday.

This is the second incident in Nashik in nearly two weeks after the killing of a person by 'cow vigilantes'.

The latest incident took place at around 5.30 pm on Saturday near Gambhirwadi on Ghoti Sinnar Road in the Igatpuri area of Nashik, located more than 150 km from Mumbai, an official said.

Eleven persons have been arrested in this connection, the Ghoti police said.

Two men from the Kurla area in Mumbai, who were transporting meat in a car were attacked allegedly by a group of 10 to 15 'cow vigilantes' with steel rods and wooden sticks, the official said. The two men, Afan Ansari (32) and his associate Nasir Qureshi (24), who were on their way to Mumbai, received serious injuries in the

attack, he said. Both were rushed to SMBT



Hospital in the Dhamangaon area where Ansari was declared dead during treatment, the official said, adding the other injured person wa dergoing treatment.

Based on Qureshi's complaint, the Ghoti police have arrested 11 persons and a case has been registered on charges of murder, he said.

The meat samples have been sent to a forensic lab for testing and further probe is underway

into the case, he said. On June 8, three men transporting cattle on a tempo were attacked allegedly by a group of 'cow vigilantes', police ear-

The body of one of them, identified as Lukman Ansari (23), was recovered from a gorge at Ghatandevi in the Igatpuri area on June 10, they said.

### "Trying Alliance Against BJP, **But Congress, CPI(M)...": Mamata Banerjee**

**Press Trust of India** 

COOCH BEHAR (WEST BEN-GAL): Days after the mega opposition meeting in Patna, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee criticised the role of CPI(M) and Congress, saying despite her efforts to form a grand opposition alliance against the BJP at the Centre, their actions as playing second fiddle to the saffron camp in the state are throwing a spanner in the efforts.

Drawing the battle lines, opposition parties on Friday resolved to take on the BJP unitedly in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections at a crucial meeting, even as fissures emerged with the AAP asserting that it would be difficult for it to be part of any such gathering in future till the Congress publicly supports it on the ordinance issues.

Over 32 leaders, including Ms Banerjee, of more than a dozen political parties, had attended the meeting hosted by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in Patna.

"We are trying to form a grand alliance (Mahajot) against the BJP at the Centre.



are trying to work with the BJP in Bengal. I will break this unholy nexus in Bengal," the TMC supremo said while addressing a panchayat election rally here on Monday.

This is for the second time in the last ten days that Mamata Banerjee has criticised the Congress and CPI(M) for having a tacit understanding with the BJP.

Reacting to Ms Banerjee's claim, West Bengal Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the "credibility of the TMC in the fight against the BJP was always under a question mark".

"We all know the role that TMC had played in all these years in the fight against the BJP." Echoing Mr Chowdhury, the CPI(M) said Ms Banerjee should be the last person to lecture the Communists and the Congress on ways to fight against the BJP.

Meanwhile, the BJP rubbished the allegations of having any form of understanding with the CPI(M) and the Congress in the state.

"The CPI (M), Congress, and the TMC are in the same boat. It is the BJP which is fighting against the anti-people policies of the state government," BIP leader Rahul Sinha said.

### **Pakistan Army Sacks 3 Senior** Officers Over Attacks By Ex-PM **Khan's Supporters**



**Press Trust of India** 

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan Army on Monday announced that three officers including a Lieutenant-General were sacked and action was taken against three major- gener als and seven brigadiers for failing to protect the military installations during the May 9 violent protests following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan.

Khan's party workers vandalised over 20 military installations and government buildings, including the Lahore Corps Commander House, Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad.

The Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi was also attacked by the mob for the first time.

Military spokesman Ma-

jor General Arshad Sharif said the army conducted two probes into the protests by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf supporters and took action.

"Âfter a deliberate accountability process, keeping the requests of in-court inquiries in view, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against those who failed to keep the security and honour of garrisons, military installations, Jinnah House and General Headquarters intact.

"Three officers, including a Lieutenant-General, have been removed and strict disciplinary proceedings completed against other officers, including three major generals and seven brigadiers, have been completed," he said.

He said probes were carried out by officers of major

general level officers.

"All the people involved (in May 9 violence) will be punished under the Constitution and law," said Sharif while addressing a press conference.

He described the incident of May 9 as "extremely disappointing, condemnable and a black chapter in the history of our country".

"The events of May 9 have proven what enemies couldn't do in 76 years, a bunch of miscreants and their facilitators did," the officer said, as he described the incident as "a conspiracy against Pakistan".

The May 9 violence elicited a strong reaction from the government and military with vows of taking action against the culprits, leading to an ongoing crackdown against those involved.



### **Wrestlers Say Fight Against** WFI Chief Will Continue In **Court, Not On The Streets**

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day after asserting that they Acould hit the streets again to resume their agitation against WFI chief, the protesting wrestlers on Sunday said the fight against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh will be fought in the court and not on roads. Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia posted identical tweet where they said the government has fulfilled its promise of filing a chargesheet against Singh.

"In this case, the wresters' will continue till we get justice but it (fight) will be in court and not on road," the statement on twitter read.

"Regarding the reform in WFI, the election process, as promised, has begun. We will wait for fulfilment of promises made by the government regarding the July 11 elections." A few minutes after posting the statement, Vinesh and Sakshi tweeted that they are tak-ing a break from social media for a few days.

On Saturday, in a live address on social media, the trio of Vinesh, Sakshi and Bajrang had attacked former wrestler and now BIP leader Yogeshwar Dutt for questioning the IOA ad-hoc panel's

decision to grant them exemption from Asian Games trials. In that near 40-minute address, the wrestlers had asserted that their fight against Singh will continue and they will deliberate how to continue this fight after evaluating the chargesheet filed against Singh.

"People are asking us why are we silent . The time (to suspend protest) was till June 15. This fight will continue, whether it is on the mat or off the mat, but the fight for justice will continue," Vinesh had said, "Till Brij Bhushan is not put behind bars, he doesn't pay for his sins, it will continue. We are waiting for a copy of chargesheet. We will evaluate if it is strong enough for justice. Whether we will sit on road or put our lives at stake, we will decide. That's why we are silent. Our fight has not ended," she had said.

Vinesh also alleged that Dutt was targeting them because of his self interest.

"You (Dutt) had scared wrestlers that's why they did not come in the second protest (from April 23). You put pressure on them that they will lose their jobs. People told us that they were with us but they have compulsions that they can't come," Vinesh.

### **Wife Entitled For Equal Share In Property, Rules Madras High Court**

**Press Trust of India** 

The Madras High Court has ruled that a wife is entitled to an equal share in the property bought by her husband and said the many roles played by her cannot be less equated with the 8-hour job of the hus-

Justice Krishnan Ramasamy gave the order recently over a property dispute involving a couple, with the original appellant, since deceased.

He claimed ownership for the property while alleging she was also involved in an extramarital affair. His children were later impleaded in the case following his death.

The judge said the defendant woman being a homemaker, though she did not make any direct financial contribution, played a vital role in managing the household chores by looking after the children, cooking, cleaning and managing day-today affairs of the family without giving any inconvenience to the plaintiff who had gone abroad for work.

"And moreover, she sacrificed her dreams and spent her entire life towards the family and children," the court noted.

"In the generality of marriages, the wife bears and rears children and minds the home. She thereby frees her husband for his economic activities. Since it is her performance of her function which enables the husband to perform his, she is in justice, entitled to share in its fruits," the judge observed.

A wife, being a homemaker performs many tasks-- a Manager, Chef, "Home Doctor" and also "Home Economist" with financial skills, the judge said. "Therefore, by performing

these skills, a wife makes t home as a comfortable environment and her contribution towards the family, and certainly it is not a valueless job, but it is a job doing for 24 hours without holidays, which cannot be less equated with that of the job of an earning husband who works only for 8 hours," he said.

When the husband and wife are treated as two wheels of a family cart, then the contribution made either by the husband by earning or the wife by serving and looking after the family and children, would be for the welfare of the family and both are entitled equally to whatever they earned by their joint effort, the court added.

#### **NEWS MAKERS**

### **Squeezing Of Testicles Is Not 'Attempt** To Murder', Says Karnataka High Court

**Press Trust of India** 

BENGALURU: Squeezing another person's testicles during a fight cannot be termed 'attempt to murder', the High Court (HC) of Karnataka has

It differed with the trial court which had convicted a 38-year-old man for 'causing grievous hurt' for such an incident. It also reduced the sentence from seven years' imprisonment to three years.

The HC reasoned that the accused had no intention of murdering the victim and the injury was caused during

'There was a quarrel between the accused and complainant on the spot. During that quarrel, the accused chose to squeeze the testicles. Therefore, it cannot be said that the accused came with an intention or with preparation to commit murder. If at all he has prepared or attempted to commit murder, he could have brought some deadly weapons with him in order to commit murder," it said.

The HC said that the accused has caused grievous hurt to the victim. Though the injury may have caused the death of the victim it was not the intention of the accused.

"Though he has chosen the testicles which is the vital part of the body which may cause death and the injured was taken to the hospital, also undergone surgery and the testicle was removed which is a grievous hurt. Therefore, I am of the view, it cannot be said that the accused with an intention or preparation had attempted to commit murder. The injury caused by the accused could be

brought under Section 324

of IPC by causing grievous injury by squeezing the private part which is the vital part of the body," Justice K Natarajan said in his recent judgement.

The complaint by the victim Omkarappa stated that he and others were dancing in front of the 'Narasimhaswamy' procession during the village fair when the accused Parameshwarappa came there in a motorcycle and picked up a quarrel. During the fight that ensued, Parameshwarappa squeezed the testicles of Omkarappa causing grievous injury. After the police inquiry and trial, he was convicted and sentenced.

Parameshwarappa, a resident of Mugalikatte in Kadur in Chikkamagaluru district, approached the HC with an appeal challenging his conviction by the trial court in Chikkamagaluru.

### Suspecting Affair With Wife, Man Slits Friend's Throat And **Drinks His Blood**

**KOLAR:** Karnataka Police have arrested a man for allegedly slitting his friend's throat and drinking his blood suspecting an affair with his wife in this district of the state, police said on Monday.

The arrested person has been identified as Vijay, a resident of Chintamani. The police have also arrested his associate Jhon Babu on charges of filming the gory act. According to the police, the victim was identified as Maresh, a resident of Madempalli in Cheluru taluk.

Police said that Vijay and Maresh were into cloth and bangle-selling business. They lived in rented houses in Gandhinagar locality of Chi-

Vijay suspected Maresh of an affair with his wife. In connivance with another accused John Babu, Vijay hatched a conspiracy and called Maresh near Siddapura cross alone on June 19. On reaching the designated spot, Vijay questioned Maresh about the alleged affair before slitting his throat with a knife. He drank his blood and warned him to stay away from his wife.

### **New Zealand PM Flew To China With** 2 Air Force Planes "For Backup"

Agencies

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m kins}$  ew Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins took two air force jets with him on a trip to China in case the one he was traveling in broke down.

Hipkins flew to Beijing on Sunday in a Royal New Zealand Air Force Boeing 757, leading a delegation of company execu-

tives in the hope of expanding trade with his nation's biggest export market. A second 757 accompanied the first as far as Manila in the Philippines, acting as a backup in case of any mechanical problems, the Prime Minister's office said Monday in Wellington.

Given the importance of the trip and the long distance involved, "it was considered that

a backup aircraft was justified to ensure the success of the mission to our largest trade partner," a spokesperson said. "The 757s are around 30 years old, are nearing the end of their economic lives, and are due for replacement between 2028 and 2030."

Opposition parties said the need to take a second aircraft was an environmental embarrassment to the country and illustrated the poor state of its defense force.

"If we've got a climate emergency it doesn't make a lot of sense to have a second 30-year-old 757 trailing the other one," Christopher Luxon, leader of the main opposition National Party, told NewstalkZB. David Seymour, leader of the libertarian

ACT Party, claimed the amount of CO2 emitted by the extra plane "would be the equivalent of someone driving a Ford Ranger 606 times

the length of New Zealand." "Some people might bring a spare phone charger with them while traveling overseas in case they lose one or it breaks. Chris Hipkins needs to bring a spare Boeing aircraft with him," said

Seymour. "New Zealand's outof-date air fleet is becoming a source of national embarrassment.

New Zealand's aging air force fleet has a track record of stranding politicians due to mechanical problems. Last year, then prime minister Jacinda Ardern got stuck on Antarctica when her air force C-130 transport plane broke down. She had to be flown home by an Italian aircraft.

### **Modi Govt Opened New Avenues** For J&K's Youth: Singh

**Press Trust Of India** 

JAMMU: Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Monday said the Narendra Modi government has opened new avenues for Jammu and Kashmir's youth,



particularly the residents of border villages.

Addressing the National Security Conclave here in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who was the chief guest, Jitendra Singh said earlier, most of the defence equipment was imported from other countries, but after the government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over in 2014, it is now the other way round.

The export of defence equipment from India has gone up six times in the last nine years, he asserted.

"Youths are India's biggest asset with people up to 40 years of age making up 60 per cent of our population. With avenues open for the elderly people, 60 years and above, India will emerge as a developed nation during the Amrit Kaal by the centenary year of the country's Independence," Singh, the minister of state for personnel, said.

He said the Modi government has opened new avenues for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the residents of border villages.

"Earlier border villagers used to take shelter in a block or gram panchayat buildings, but the Union government first sanctioned bunkers for civilians and later approved family bunkers also," the minister said.

Singh said national security will be further strengthened with two landmark agreements signed during the historic visit of PM Modi to the US.

"One is the deal for manufacturing jet engines for the LCA Tejas fighter jets, and the other is that US warships will now be berthing at our Naval Shipyards for extensive repairs. This demonstrates the trust reposed in our capabilities by the US," he said.

Singh said the country's defence infrastructure will gain from the Indo-US pact on quantum computing.

"In the nine years of the Union government, India has turned the tide from being just an importer of defence items to being an exporter of arms and ammunition. There has been a substantial jump in the export of defence items," the minister

He said "all this" helps in creating jobs for the youth.

"In J&K, the youth are also gaining with the launch of several startups in lavender cultivation and under the Aroma Mission," said Singh, a Lok Sabha member from Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur constituency.

### **BJP's Reaction To Oppn Meet In Patna Shows It Was** A Success: Omar

**Press Trust Of India** 

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah on Monday said the reaction of the BJP leadership, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, is proof that the meeting of opposition parties in Patna was a success.

He also said militancy will not come to an end in Jammu and Kashmir till the time the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is at the helm.

Time will prove whether it (the opposition meet) was a photo shoot or not. If the entire BIP leadership. cluding the home minister who is the second most power-

ful person in the country, has issued a statement about the meeting, it gives you some idea about its success

"What will be the outcome of this meeting, please wait till (the) 2024 (Lok Sabha polls). Why are you so worried now?" Abdullah asked reporters in the Daksum area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district, around 100 kilometres from here.

Leaders of opposition parties met in Patna on Friday to chalk out a common strategy to unitedly take on the ruling BJP in next year's general election. The meeting was convened by Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) chief Nitish Kumar. Abdullah and People's Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti attended

the meet among others. Reacting to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's statement on removal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) from Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah said militancy will not come to an end in the Union Territory till the time the

BJP is at the helm. "Peace cannot be restored while they (BJP) are there, we have seen that. Militancy has been revived in the areas that were declared militancy-free and we could have considered removing the AFSPA from these areas before 2014.

"There is no place in Kashmir where militancy is not seen. What we have seen in Rajouri-Poonch shows that effects of

> militancy are seen in those areas where there was none a few years ago. This much can be said that militancy will not end in Jammu and Kashmir till they (BJP) are in

power," he added. Asked about the NC's stand on elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the former chief minister said decisions to boycott polls in the past were taken under certain circumstances.

"Today, the situation is that we are not ready to boycott any election. We will participate in all elections and make our best effort to win," he said.

On an alleged incident of Army personnel forcing people to shout "Jai Shri Ram" inside a mosque in Pulwama district. Abdullah said it needs to be investigated and those guilty should be punished.

On the ethnic violence in Manipur, the former Union minister said it is a matter of regret.

"It is more regrettable that it has been going on for more than 50 days now. There is no end to the bloodshed there but since the place is so far from Delhi, probably it is being ignored. We hope that the Centre will make all efforts to restore peace there," he added.



SRINAGAR'S LARGEST SACRIFICIAL ANIMAL MARKET in Eidgah is witnessing a slow business this Eid-ul-Azha, with high prices keeping buyers away.

### We Will Never Let The Sanctity Of **Our Borders Be Violated: Rajnath**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**JAMMU:** India will procure MQ-9B drones from the US by following the established procedure and will compare the "best price" offered by manufacturer General Atomics to other nations before concluding the purchase, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday.

On the eastern Ladakh standoff with China, Singh reiterated that India wants to resolve the border issue through dialogue and in a peaceful manner while asserting that the government will never compromise on the country's border and its self-respect.

"We will never let the sanctity of our borders be violated," the defence minister said at a national security conclave in Jammu, adding that the talks are continuing at military and diplomatic levels to resolve the dispute.

On the drone deal with the US, Singh said the defence ministry will compare the acquisition cost of the drones with the best price General Atomics offered to other countries, adding the acquisition will be made only by following the established procurement procedure.

India and the US firmed up the drone deal during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's highprofile visit to Washington.

Singh rejected speculative reports on the price and other terms of purchase relating to the procurement of 31 MQ-9B drones from the US.

His comments came a day after the defence ministry said



it is yet to finalise the cost and specific terms of purchase of the MQ-9B long endurance drones from the US

Strongly trashing reports in section of social media on the price as well as the acquisition process, the ministry said it will examine the "best price" offered by the manufacturer to other nations before concluding the procurement.

The defence minister described the overall border situation with China as a matter of perceptional difference but noted that there are agreements and protocols based on which the armies of the two countries carry out the patrolling.

Referring to the standoff in eastern Ladakh, he said the Chinese Army ignored the agreed protocols and unilaterally tried to change the status quo on the Line of Actual Control.

He lauded the valour and dedication of the Indian Army which prevented the attempts by China's PLA (People's Liberation Army) to change the status quo, according to a state-

On Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), the defence minister said Pakistan does not have a locus standi there as it has il-

legally occupied the area. The Indian Parliament has unanimously passed at least

PoK is a part of India," he said. Singh also mentioned the deal between US defence major General Electric Aerospace and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to co-produce F-414 fighter jet engines in India.

three resolutions which state that

"With this deal, we will become the fourth country to manufacture jet engines. Tejas aircraft will be fitted with these Made in India engines," he said.

Singh touched upon the measures taken by the government to bolster national security, including strengthening border infrastructure and achieving 'Aatmanirbharta' (self-reliance) in defence.

He listed out a number of steps taken to attain self-reliance, which included notification of positive indigenisation lists and earmarking 75 per cent of the defence capital procurement budget for the domestic industry in 2023-24.

"India does not want to depend on imported weapons. Our national security will only strengthen when we become self-reliant in defence manufacturing," Singh said.

"Our aim is to 'Make in India, Make for the world'. Our efforts are bearing fruit. Today, we are manufacturing tanks, aircraft carriers, submarines and various kinds of weapons," he said. "Defence exports

crossed Rs 16,000 crore a meagre Rs 900 crore before 2014. The exports will soon touch the Rs 20,000 crore

### Rajnath Singh Meets BJP Leaders In Jammu

#### Takes Feedback On Prevailing Political Situation In J&K

**Press Trust Of India** 

**JAMMU:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited the BJP headquarters here on Monday and held a meeting with senior leaders on the prevailing political situation in Jammu and Kashmir, a party leader said.

Singh was welcomed at the Trikuta Nagar office on the city outskirts by the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Ravinder Raina, who briefed him about the current political and security situation in the Union Territory, the leader said.

He said Union minister Jitendra Singh, Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore, former

deputy chief ministers Nirmal Singh and Kavinder Gupta, besides former legislators, Panchayati Raj Institution members and corporators were present on the occasion.

The defence minister took feedback from all the leaders on the prevailing political and security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and the working of various party units at the grassroots level, the BJP leader said.

He added that the party's preparations for upcoming elections and the ongoing month-long programme to highlight the achievements of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government over the last nine years also came

up during the interaction that lasted for more than an hour.

The BJP leaders also told the defence minister about the party's efforts to assist the Amarnath Yatra pilgrims, who have started arriving here for the annual pilgrimage scheduled to commence in the south Kashmir Himalayas on July 1.

Singh was also briefed about the party's growing activities in the Kashmir valley, the leader said.

He said the defence minister expressed satisfaction over the functioning of the BJP in Jammu and Kashmir and asked the leaders to reach out to people to educate them about the achieve-

### **Double Whammy For Kawa Family Of Bandipora**

Siblings Die One After Another Plunging Shahtul Pora Village In Mourning

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** A youth from Sumbal area of Bandipora died at the SK institute of medical sciences (SKIMS) here on Monday, a day after his sister lost her life while trying to save her brother from the gushing waters of Jhelum river.

The twin tragedy has devastated the family of Mohammad Afzal Kawa and left the entire village in a state of shock and mourning.

The house which was bustling with celebrations last week after Kawa's daughter Nuzhat Ian qualified matriculation exams, is now reeling under shock.

According to locals, Kawa's son Nazakat Ali went to have a bath at Jhelum to beat the heat. Her sister Nuzhat also joined him. However, destiny had something else in store for the siblings.

"Nazakat drowned while bathing in the Jhelum river. His sister couldn't resist and jumped into the water to save her brother. In this effort, she lost her life," a relative told Kashmir Observer.

Nazakat, however, he said, was rescued by the locals and taken to the SKIMS, Bemina for treatment. The doctors there referred him to SKIMS, Soura for advanced treatment.

On Monday, Nazakat, lost his battle with life. The news of Nazakat's

death plunged the village into mourning. Hundreds of wailing men and women assembled at Kawa's house to express solidarity with the

Heart wrenching scenes were witnessed when Nazakat's funeral was taken out; just a day after his sister was buried in similar circumstances.

### **PM's Assurance In US Followed** By Absurd Statements By BJP **Ministers: Mehbooba**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**SRINAGAR:** PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said Prime Minister Nar-

endra Modi's assertion in the US about the safety of minorities in India was followed by absurd statements by BJP ministers. The former Jammu

and Kashmir chief minister was tifies BJPs mistreatment of miresponding to tweets by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and union finance min-

ister Nirmala Sitharaman about former US president Barack Obama's statement on the condition of minorities in India.

'PM's assurances in USA about Indian minorities being safe is followed by absurd statements from BJP ministers. One mocks Obama's muslim surname & issues veiled threats. Another jus-

norities by invoking bombing of muslim countries. BJP's doublespeak," Mehbooba tweeted.

### **Ban Underage Students** From Riding 2-Wheelers: JD **Education to CEOs**

**Agencies** 

**SRINAGAR:** Authorities on Monday ordered a blanket ban on use of motorbikes during school hours by students below 18 years of age in Central and North Kashmir.

Joint Director North for School Education Department said this in a communique to Chief Education Officers of Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora. The officer said, "A large

number of complaints are making rounds in media and social circles about the rash driving and stunt biking and reckless movement of two wheelers by school boys studying in different classes of government and private schools.'

The students are doing this without any objection or control from the Head of the Institutions and school managements resulting into injuries, minor accidents and loss of lives which is otherwise avoidable and needs proper counseling, advice and blanket ban in and around school premises,"It reads.

The Joint Director accordingly directly the Chief Education Officers of Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora to sensitize all the Head of the Institutions of government as well as private schools not to allow any student below the age of 18 years to use any bike or Scooty during the school hours.

"Even don't allow any student to use bike or Scooty without wearing of helmets and driving licenses issued by the competent authority," the officer informed CEOs.

It also said that the Zonal Education Officer's concerned shall also be activated to conduct surprise checks in and around government and private institutions and ensure that this trend is discouraged henceforth and the safety and security of all students is given top priority with a view to maintain discipline, morality and decency in and around the schools and institutions.

#### **Baramulla Municipal Prez Touseef Raina Losses No Confidence Motion**

**Agencies** 

**BARAMULLA:** President Municipal Council Baramulla Touseef Raina on Monday was ousted after losing floor test after a no-confidence motion was moved against him.

New dates for polls will be decided by the district magistrate.

An official told a local news agency KNO that Raina, President MC Baramulla lost the floor test by a margin of one vote. "The councillors had moved a no-confidence motion against the incumbent president on May 25," he said.

Following a no-confidence motion, a floor test was mandated for the incumbent president to prove his majority. But he lost the floor test today by a margin of one vote. 10 councilors voted against Raina." the official said.

The dates about the new president will be notified later by the district magistrate.

Until then Mudasir Ahmed Tantray, vice president, shall hold the chair of President incharge, the official added.

On May 25, a majority of elected councilors of Municipal Council Baramulla submitted the no-confidence motion against Raina, saving he has 'failed to deliver his duties and is inefficient'.

"During the last one and a half years, Raina failed to purchase a single street light. In the last 2 years around Rs 8 crores out of 10 under capex budget lapsed. Isn't this an inefficiency? asked Omar, a councilor, questions while speaking to the media at the time of moving noconfidence.

"I thank my friends and supporters.

and all the great people of our historic city, Baramulla, for your support and cooperation while I had the privilege of chairing the municipal council. I did my best despite opposition from a range of very powerful parties. I lost a floor test by one vote this morning against their combined strength. I will continue to work, pray, and hope for a better future for Baramulla," Touseef Raina wrote on social media sites.

### International Day Against Drug Abuse Observed in Budgam

Small Camps To Be Organised At Block Level To Ensure Awareness Against The Menace Of Drugs Reaches The Last Corner Of The District: DC Akshay Labroo

**BUDGAM:** In the context of International day against drug abuse, one day seminar was organised by District administration Budgam in collaboration with social welfare department.

**Observer News Service** 

The seminar was chaired by Deputy Commissioner ( DC) Budgam Akshay Labroo (IAS). Besides SSP Budgam Al-Tahir Gilini, District Programme officer Budgam, CEO, CMO, DSWO, DIO, other officers and officials of the department were present on the occasion.

Speaking as chief guest on the occasion, the DC Budgam, emphasised on massive awareness generation on drug abuse as its important part followed by enforcement and treatment to curb the

menace in the society. He said, though the Civil and police administrations are doing their work however, we all as society have to play the role and save our youth. He said District administration is putting all efforts to curb the menace.

He said the need is to involve youth towards co curricular and sports. The DC said, small camps need to be organised at block level so that awareness against menace of drugs percolates to the person living in last corner of the District. SSP Budgam while addressing the

seminar advised the parents to pay keen attention towards the behavior of their children & not to put any psychological pressure upon them which could attract them towards drug menace. He also advised youth to take part in sports activities besides excelling in their academics for proper channelization of their energy.

He said, we should treat Drug victim as a patient not as a criminal, so that together we could take him out from this drug- nit which is spreading in our community at large. While presenting the welcome address, the DSWO, Dr Farhana Asgar, highlighted the achievements by the District Administration

in curbing the menace in Budgam. She said that social welfare office Budgam has been working tirelessly to

create awareness through nukad nataks, seminars and other public outreach programmes under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan to ensure the drug abuse is controlled and fully curbed in the District. DSWO also hailed the Police and other

concerned civil departments for playing pivotal role in curbing the drug abuse. She said that first additional treatment facility was set up in Budgam. She said, district has bagged second position at national level for its work under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan across

the country last year.CMO Budgam,

CEO, DIO also spoke on the occasion and urged youth to stay away from the drugs.The guest speakers emphasised upon everyone to play a role in creating awareness and help in curbing drug abuse from society.

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# Cautious optimism on AFSPA

nion Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday that the controversial Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) will be repealed from Jammu and Kashmir once peace is firmly established in the region. Speaking at a security conclave in Jammu, Singh highlighted the successful containment of insurgency in the North East and the removal of AFSPA from substantial parts of the region. While he refrained from providing a specific timeline, the minister hoped that the day will not be far when the law will be withdrawn from J&K too.

The AFSPA, enacted in 1958, grants extensive powers to the armed forces in areas declared as "disturbed." While it was introduced with the intention of maintaining security in regions grappling with militancy, it has been a subject of debate and criticism due to alleged human rights excesses committed under its purview.

In J&K, the withdrawal of the AFSPA has been a longstanding debate but ultimately it has gone nowhere as the defense ministry has shown itself disinclined to do away with it. But contrary to the official narrative, Kashmir has come a long way since 2019. The region has witnessed an incremental decline not only in militancy but also a decrease in the influx of the Pakistani militants. More than 500 militants have been killed, most of them local youth and hailing from South Kashmir. This has considerably thinned the footprint of militancy in the area helping restore some uneasy normalcy. Pakistan, believed to be forced by its ongoing economic hardships and international pressure, has cracked down on the leaders of Kashmir centric militant groups like Lashkar and Jaish-e-Mohammad.

However, it is very unlikely that the demand for the withdrawal of the AFSPA from J&K will find any traction at the national level where a near political consensus exists about the continuation of the law in the region which is seen as necessary to reign in the militancy.

The law gives the army and the paramilitary forces sweeping powers to conduct their operations as "under this Act, no prosecution, suit or other legal proceeding shall be instituted," against the security personnel acting in good faith in the line of duty. And it is these grounds that the Valley politicians have tapped into to often fashion a political narrative for the phase-wise rollback of the law. The rationale of the defense forces is that they cannot operate freely without the AFSPA in a conflict zone like Kashmir. And the centre is least likely to overlook the opinion of the armed forces on security, more so, in a place like Kashmir. But a clear roadmap outlining the conditions and benchmarks necessary for the revocation of AFSPA would provide hope to the people of J&K and demonstrate its responsiveness to their longstanding grievances against the law.

#### OTHER OPINON

### Bridging the gap

India has fared well in education, and in political empowerment, with representation of women of over 40% in local governance, thanks to efforts on the ground after the 73rd and 74th amendments. But, as the report points out, women represent only 15.1% of parliamentarians, "the highest for India since the inaugural 2006 edition." This should spur Parliament to take it to the next level by acting on the long-pending Women's Reservation Bill, which proposes to reserve 33% of seats in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies for women, and was first introduced in the House way back in 1996. To understand where things stand on women's participation in politics, consider this: Nagaland, which became a State in 1963, elected its first two women MLAs only in 2023.

On providing even access for men and women on economic participation and opportunity, India ranks near the bottom with less than 40% parity. On the one hand, there are upticks in parity in wages and income, but then shares of women in senior positions and technical roles have dropped. Another concern is India's performance in health and survival, though an improvement in sex ratio at birth has driven up parity after more than a decade of slow progress. It is imperative that girls get access to education through all levels of school and college; and they also need paid work. Women end up doing so much unpaid work at home that many do not have the time or energy to opt for paid work. Providing girls with a job-assured education will automatically improve all development indices including nutrition, and break the vicious cycle of early marriage leading to poor maternal and child health. If the pandemic revealed the fragility of life, it was infinitely harder on women, with their labour participation rates dropping, thus reducing household incomes. Often, even if they get a job, women are constrained by patriarchal and cultural norms; besides, there are serious safety concerns. The pandemic may have stalled progress to achieve gender equality by 2030, but work towards bridging the gap must go on in earnest.

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# **Unmasking The Mirage**

Unemployment and its Impact on Marriages in Kashmir

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Society's distorted valuation of individuals based solely on their vocations, status, and financial prowess births a cascade of afflictions: belated nuptials, fractured unions, superficial love alliances, and even the tragic epidemic of suicides

arriage, the opulent spiritual act of commitments, unfolds in Islam as a celestial contract adorned with profound responsibilities. Rooted in divine belief, it heralds a spiritual union, sealed under Allah's watchful gaze. Far from a mere dalliance, it breathes life into humanity's survival, bestowing purpose and nurturing the very fabric of existence. One of the profound Hadiths that sheds light on the significance of marriage states, "When a man marries, he has fulfilled half of his religion, so let him fear Allah regarding the remaining half." This profound saying underscores that marriage is not merely a worldly affair, but a deeply spiritual act that brings one closer to Allah and completes one's religious obligations. The sacred goal of becoming husband and wife surpasses the carnal realm, beckoning partners to harmonize as stalwart allies, offering unwavering support, boundless respect, and collective effort, weaving a symphony of shared endeavors. The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, illuminated the path of marriage with his divine guidance. He once said, "The most complete of believers in faith are those with the best character, and the best of you are the best to their wives." This timeless Hadith encapsulates the essence of marital harmony, emphasizing the paramount importance of virtuous behavior and kindness towards one's spouse.In the Islamic ethos, husband and wife are akin to celestial garments, interwoven with a delicate grace. Such is the momentous weight that marriage bears on life's grand tapestry that accurate counsel becomes a priceless gem for those who seek its luminous wisdom. For the divine tenets prescribe chastity, humility, honesty, compassion, kindness, loyalty, and philanthropy as foundational virtues, unveiling a path that transcends mere ritualistic fulfillment.The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, further imparted wisdom concerning timely action in the realm of marriage. He advised, "Do not delay in three things: offering the obligatory prayer when its time comes, performing the funeral prayer when the deceased's body is ready, and marrying a woman when a suitable match is found." This Hadith highlights the importance of seizing opportune moments in forging marital bonds, ensuring that the blessings of companionship, love, and familial stability are not need-

Society's distorted valuation of individuals based solely on their vocations, status, and financial prowess births a cascade of afflictions: belated nuptials, fractured unions, superficial love alliances, and even the tragic epidemic of suicides. The insightful study titled "Youth in India 2022," orchestrated by the erudite Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, has unveiled a

lessly postponed



compelling revelation: Jammu and Kashmir has transgressed the customary bounds of matrimonial unions. Astonishingly, a staggering 29.1% of its vibrant youth remains unmarried and possesses the loftiest proportion of unwedded youth in comparison to the other states of this magnificent nation, India.

Regrettably, contemporary times have witnessed an unsettling predilection for government employees, while skilled artisans, labourers, and small traders find burgeoning prevalence of elaborate customs woven into the fabric of nuptial ceremonies, wherein extravagance assumes myriad forms, such as the incorporation of novel gastronomic delights in the grandiose wazwaan or the ostentatious splendour of opulent banquet halls, demanding a fortune worth lakhs of rupees. Islam completely forbids any extravagance in all spheres of life including marriagesOne should always remember the saying of Prophet Mohammad (SAW) regarded sim-

The sacred goal of becoming husband and wife surpasses the carnal realm, beckoning partners to harmonize as stalwart allies, offering unwavering support, boundless respect, and collective effort, weaving a symphony of shared endeavors

their worth forsaken. A haunting ritual of discrimination emerges, weighing the legitimacy of income sources, the halal or haram, the eligible or ineligible, casting a shadow on the essence of genuine connections. In this sombre reality, we stumble through life's intricate choices, unaware of Allah's commands and the teachings bestowed by the Holy Prophet. Let us not forget that unemployment, a transient state, neither besmirches nor defines an individual's worth. Rather, it is our collective responsibility to ensure justice prevails, upholding the rights of the jobless. We beseech Allah to illuminate our path, resurrecting the teachings we have forsaken in our pursuit of worldly gains. The pervasive phenomenon of postponed matrimony can be ascribed, in essence, to the scourge of unemployment, for myriad are the factors that obstruct individuals from embarking on the sacred journey of wedlock, be it the odious burden of dowry or the exorbitant demands of Mehr.

Furthermore, one must not overlook the culpability of the

ple marriages the best marriages "The best marriage is that upon which the least trouble and expense are bestowed" (Mishkat).

In the resplendent tapestry of Islamic matrimony, we uncover a symphony woven with divine threads, where souls entwine. hearts synchronize, and purpose intertwines. Let us embrace this celestial covenant, glistening with the brilliance of profound virtues, as we traverse the pathways of marital bliss, tethered by love, spirituality, and a shared vision. In this sacred communion, we shall find solace, harmony, and the resplendence that surpasses the transitory, emerging triumphant in the eternal embrace of Allah's grace.

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### Change Your Life and Personality

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

Consider this, in a village two children are born. One grows up in the village itself and another is raised in a developed country abroad. After twenty years, they both will have different personalities. The village boy will have his own set of hobbies and dreams. On the other hand, the one raised abroad will have a different set of values meditated by a completely different society abroad. Therefore, it is obvious that you do not control your life, society does. One might mistake ones life as though luck directed it, however, things aren't that simple.

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

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

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

closer to success from every failure.

If you are so concerned about

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

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

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

Mohsin Nazir

ddressing the traffic challenges in Jammu and Srinagar requires a multi-faceted approach, encompassing effective parking management, passenger vehicle regulations, speed enforcement, public awareness campaigns, and infrastructure development. While these measures can provide temporary relief, it is imperative to invest in long-term infrastructure development and explore innovative solutions to ensure smoother

traffic flow

#### **Hilal Ahmad Dar**

ecognizing the dire state of traffic manage-ment in Jammu and Srinagar, the UT administration has recently directed concerned officers to devise a comprehensive plan that addresses short-term and long-term requirements. While this initiative is a step in the right direction, it is important to critically analyse existing bottlenecks and associated factors to develop an effective strategy. In the absence of wider roads, flyovers, metro rail services, and other infrastructural developments, certain measures can be adopted to alleviate the traffic situation. This article explores some potential solutions that can contribute to easing traffic congestion in the cities.

#### **Parking Management:**

Launch a campaign against vehicles parked on roads, addressing both the manner and method of parking. Strict enforcement against vehicles causing obstruction or inconvenience should be undertaken. However, alternative parking options must be provided to vehicle owners to avoid exacerbating the problem. Encourage the development of multi-level parking facilities in congested

sengers/staff/students. This will prevent long queues of vehicles and minimize traffic congestion caused by haphazard stops. Create dedicated zones for boarding and deboarding near schools, colleges, and other busy areas to streamline the movement of passenger vehicles.

#### **Minimum Speed Limits:**

Introduce minimum speed limits to discourage crawling traffic caused by passenger vehicles engaged in boarding and deboarding activities. This will ensure a smoother flow of vehicles and prevent unnecessary traffic jams. Implement speed-monitoring devices and enforce penalties for vehicles impeding the traffic flow below the prescribed minimum speed limit.

#### **Provision of Parking Lots:**

Establish paid parking lots at short distances throughout the cities to discourage erratic and haphazard parking. This will encourage drivers to utilize designated parking spaces, reducing on-street parking congestion. Explore the feasibility of constructing parking lots near major commercial areas, tourist attractions, and public transportation hubs roads clear for normal traffic movement and ensure unobstructed access for emergency services. Collaborate with local communities and residents to identify suitable overnight parking areas, such as unused open spaces or private parking lots, and provide them with secure parking options.

#### **Traffic Rules Awareness:**

Promote awareness of traffic rules among the general public through educational campaigns and community engagement. This will foster a culture of responsible driving and contribute to more effective traffic management. Conduct regular road safety awareness programs in schools, colleges, and workplaces to educate individuals about traffic rules, safe driving practices, and the importance of following traffic regulations.

#### Addressing Vehicle Registration:

Make vehicle registration conditional upon the prospective owner having sufficient space for overnight parking. Legislative measures can be considered to enforce this requirement, ensuring that vehicles are not added to the streets without adequate parking arrangements. Conduct regular inspections to ensure compliance with parking requirements and impose penalties for violations.

#### **Time Restrictions for Heavy Vehicles:**

Restrict heavy vehicles, such as loaded trucks, from plying during peak hours to minimize congestion. By regulating the movement of these vehicles, traffic flow can be improved during crucial periods. Collaborate with relevant stakeholders, such as transportation companies and logistics associations, to establish designated time slots for heavy vehicle movement and enforce compliance through strict monitoring.

#### **Increased Deployment of Traffic Personnel:**

Deploy a greater number of traffic personnel on the roads to monitor and enforce traffic rules. Their visible presence will act as a deterrent to traffic violations and promote compliance among drivers. Conduct regular training programs for traffic personnel to enhance their skills and knowledge of traffic management techniques. Utilize technology, such as traffic cameras and real-time monitoring systems, to assist traffic personnel in effectively managing traffic flow.

#### **Infrastructure Development:**

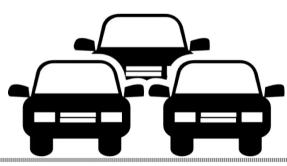
Invest in the development of infrastructure to accommodate the growing vehicular population. Explore options such as widening existing roads, constructing flyovers and underpasses at congested intersections, and implementing intelligent transportation systems. Collaborate with urban planners and experts to design efficient road networks that can handle increased traffic volume and ensure smooth traffic flow.

Addressing the traffic challenges in Jammu and Srinagar requires a multi-faceted approach, encompassing effective parking management, passenger vehicle regulations, speed enforcement, public awareness campaigns, and infrastructure development. While these measures can provide temporary relief, it is imperative to invest in longterm infrastructure development and explore innovative solutions to ensure smoother traffic flow. By adopting a comprehensive and proactive approach, the UT administration can pave the way for a more efficient and organized traffic management system in Jammu and Srinagar, With proper planning, community engagement, and continuous monitoring, the abundance of vehicles can coexist with limited roads, ensuring a safer and more sustainable transportation environment for all.

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# TRAFFIC WOES

# Enhancing TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT in Jammu and Srinagar



consuming additional road space.

#### **Deviation for Passenger Vehicles:**

Implement designated stopping points for passenger vehicles to pick up and drop off pas-

areas to provide adequate parking space without to encourage commuters to park their vehicles and use alternative modes of transportation.

#### **Overnight Parking Regulations:**

Strictly prohibit overnight parking of vehicles on public roads and lanes. This will help keep

### Amaliah

The day of Arafah is one of the important days in the Islamic Calendar. It is the ninth day of the month of Dhul Hijjah and the day before Eid al-adha. On this day, pilgrims performing Hajj gather on the plain of Arafah and spend the day supplicating to Allah.

This day is also significant in Islam as it is the Day the Prophet ( gave his farewell sermon, and the day this verse was revealed in the Qur'an: "This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion." (Surah al-

Ma'idah, verse 3) There are various acts of worship Muslims are recommended to perform on this day such as fasting, supplicating (du'a) to Allah, glorifying and praising Allah and seeking His forgive-

The reward of fasting on the Day of Arafah: The Prophet (\*) was asked about fasting the day of Arafah and he said, "It will expiate the sins of the previous and upcoming years." Then, the Prophet ( ) was asked about fasting on the day of Ashura and he said, "It will expiate the sins of

the past year." (Sahih Muslim 1162) The importance of du'a on the Day of Arafah The Prophet (🚧) said, "The best supplication is that which is made on the day of Arafah. The best of it is what was said by myself and the prophets before me: There is no God but Allah alone, without any partners, unto Him belong the dominion and all praise and He has power over all things." (Sunan al-Tirmidhi 3585)

Here are some of the du'as of the prophets mentioned in the Qur'an:

The du'a of Prophet Yunus (peace be upon him)

لَّآإِلَـهَ إِلَّآأَنتَ سُبُحَـنَكَ إِنِّى كُنتُ مِنَ ٱلظَّـلِمِينَ Transliteration:

La ilaha illaa anta subhanaka inni kuntu mina

There is no God but You, glory be to You for I have certainly been among the wrongdoers. (Surah al-Anbiya, verse 87)

Prophet Yunus made this beautiful du'a whilst stuck inside a whale, and Allah (exalted is He) saved him from his situation immediately.

By sincerely repenting to Allah and glorifying Him, Yunus was saved from danger and imminent death by the mercy of Allah. The Prophet (🚁) also mentioned the virtue of this du'a in an authentic hadith:

Sa'd reported: The Messenger of Allah (\*\*) said, "The supplication of Jonah, Dhul Nun, when he called upon Allah inside the belly of the whale was this, 'There is no God but You, glory be to You for I have certainly been among the wrongdoers,' (21:87). Verily, a Muslim never supplicates for anything with it but that Allah will answer him." (Sunan al-Tirmidhi 3505)

By beginning your du'as with this du'a it is a way to be certain that Allah will accept your supplication!

The du'a of Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) Prophet Musa is the most mentioned prophet in the Qur'an across several surahs. Throughout his lifetime, he made several du'as which Allah preserved in the Qur'an for us to benefit from and utilise. One such du'a appears in Surah al-Qasas. Prior to making this dua, Prophet Musa helped two women feed water to their flock at a lake crowded with men. Then he returned to a place of shade and called out to Allah in desperation:

#### ۯۜڮ۪ٳڹۜۜؽڸؚڡؘٙٲٲڹڒؘڶؙؙٛڞؘٳڶؽۜڡؚڹؗڂؘؽڕۣڡؘٛقؚۑڕؙ

Transliteration:

Rabbi innee limaa anzalta ilayya min khairin

"My Lord, indeed I am, for whatever good You would send down to me, in need." (Surah al-Qa-

sas, verse 24)

Allah answered Musa's du'a immediately, blessing him with wealth and family!

Du'a for an expanded chest and easy task:

#### رَبّاشُرَحُلِيصَدُريوَيَسِّرُلِي أَمْريوَا حُلُلُ عُقُدَةً مِنْلِسَانِي يَفْقَهُواقَوْلِي

Transliteration:

Rabbish rahli sadri wa yassirli amri wah lul uqdatan min lisaani, yaf kahu kauli

"My Lord, expand for me my breast [with assurance] and ease for me my task and untie the knot from my tongue that they may understand my speech." (Surah Taha, Verses 25-28)

Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) made this du'a before facing the tyrannical oppressor, the Pharoah, and Allah granted him ease and success in this task.

The du'a of Prophet Ayyub (peace be upon him) Prophet Ayyub was tested with years of illness, the loss of his wealth and children, and his du'a after enduring this for years is a beautiful example of the etiquette in which we should ask Allah

Transliteration Annee massaniyad-durru wa-anta arhamurraahimeen

"Indeed, harm has afflicted me, and You are the Most Merciful of all those who show mercy" Surah al-Anbiya, verse 83)

Allah responded to this du'a by removing the hardship from Ayyub and restoring what he had lost. The du'a of Adam and Hawaa (peace be upon

After being expelled from paradise with his wife Hawaa, Adam was inspired by Allah to utter words of repentance, and Allah subsequently forgave Him. This du'a is a great example of the Mercy of Allah and His love of forgiving His slaves. Transliteration:

Rabbana dhalamnaaa anfusana wa il-lam tagfir lana wa tarhamna la-na-koo-nan-na mi-nal-

OPHETS FOR THE DAY OF ARAFAH

"Both cried out: 'Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If You do not forgive us and do not have mercy on us, we shall surely be among the losers" (Surah al-A'raf, verse 23)

The du'a of Prophet Nuh (peace be upon him) Prophet Nuh (peace be upon him) spent almost one thousand years calling his people to worship Allah alone, and he was met with their ridicule and mocking of him. In the preceding verses, the people of Nuh mocked him and denied him, calling him a madman, causing Nuh to call out to Allah with this du'a:

#### رَبَّهُأُنِّىمَغُلُوبٌفَانُتَصِرُ

Transliteration: annee maghloobun fantasir 'My Lord, Indeed, I am overpowered, so help."(Surah al-Qamar, verse 10)

Immediately after, Allah responds by opening the skies and ending down rain, sending water from springs in the earth, and carrying Nuh and those who followed him in the arc to safety.

The du'as of Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him)

### رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِنْ ذُرِيَّتِي رَبَّنَا وَتَقَبَّلُ دُعَاءِ رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيُّ وَلِلْمُوْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْمِسَابُ

Transliteration:

Rabbij alni muqeemas salati wa min zurriyati Rabbana wa taqabbal du'a Rabbanagh fir lee waliwalidayya wa lil mumineena Yawma yaqoomul hisaab "My Lord, make me an establisher of prayer,

and [many] from my descendants. Our Lord, and accept my supplication. Our Lord, forgive me and my parents and the believers the Day the account is established" (Surah Ibrahim, verses 40-41) The du'a of Ibrahim for Makkah

#### رَبَّ اجْعَلُهُٰذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنَّا وَاجْنُبْنِي وَبَنِيَّ أَنْنَعُبُدَ الْأَصْنَامَ

Transliteration:

Rabbij 'al haazal balada aaminanw wajnubnee wa baniyya an na'budal asnaam

"My Lord, make this city [Makkah] secure and keep me and my sons away from worshipping

idols." (Surah Ibrahim, verse 35) After building the Kaaba, Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) made du'a for this city to be protected and for his offspring to be protected from shirk. We can use this du'a to make du'a for our own descendants to be safe from shirk and misguidance.

The du'as of Prophet Zakariya (peace be upon him)

#### رَبَّلَاتَذَرُنِي فَرُدًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُالُوَارِثِينَ

Transliteration

Rabbi laa tadharnee fardanw wa Anta khairul waaritheen

"My Lord, do not leave me alone [with no heir], while you are the best of inheritors." (Surah al-Anbiya, verse 89)

#### رَبُّهَبُلِيمِنُلَدُنُكَذُرِّيَّةً طَيِّبَةً إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاء

Transliteration:

Rabbi hab lee mil ladunka zurriyyatan taiyibatan innaka samee'ud du'aaa

"My Lord, grant me from Yourself a good offspring. Indeed, You are the Hearer of supplication."(Surah Ali' Imran, verse 38)

Prophet Zakariya (peace be upon him) saw Maryam (peace be upon her) with rare, out of season fruits in her prayer area, and was inspired to name du'a for a child which was seemingly impossible. He was immediately given the good

news of a baby boy, Yahya! Many of the above du'as are du'as to either seek aid from Allah or to seek forgiveness, which are two of the most important things we should be asking Allah for, as He is the Most Forgiving and the Most Merciful. I hope these du'as are beneficial for you to utilise this Arafah!

# When Wealthy Adventurers Take Huge Risks, Who **Should Foot The Bill For Rescue Attempts?**

**Associated Press** 

hen millionaire Steve Fossett's plane went missing over the Nevada range in 2007, the swashbuckling adventurer had already been the subject of two prior emergency rescue operations thousands

And that prompted a prickly question: After a sweeping search for the wealthy risktaker ended, who should foot the bill?

In recent days, the massive hunt for a submersible vehicle lost during a north Atlantic descent to explore the wreckage of the Titanic has refocused attention on that conundrum. And with rescuers and the public fixated first on saving and then on mourning those aboard, it has again made for uneasy conversation.

"Five people have just lost their lives and to start talking about insurance, all the rescue efforts and the cost can seem pretty heartless — but the thing is, at the end of the day, there are costs," said Arun Upneja, dean of Boston University's School of Hospitality Administration and a researcher

There are many people who are going to say, 'Why should the society spend money on the rescue effort if (these people) are wealthy enough to be able to ... engage in these risky activities?'

That question is gaining attention as very wealthy travelers in search of singular adventures spend big to scale peaks, sail across oceans and blast off for space.

The US Coast Guard declined Friday to provide a cost estimate for its efforts to locate the Titan, the submersible investigators say imploded not far from the world's most famous shipwreck. The five people lost included a billionaire British businessman and a father and son from one of Pakistan's most prominent families. The operator charged passengers \$250,000 each to participate in the voyage.

"We cannot attribute a monetary value to Search and Rescue cases, as the Coast Guard does not associate cost with saving a life," the agency said. While the Coast Guard's cost for the mission is likely to run into the millions of dollars, it is generally prohibited by federal law from collecting reimbursement related to any search or rescue service, said Stephen Koerting, a US attorney in Maine who specializes in maritime law

But that does not resolve the larger issue of whether wealthy travelers or companies should bear responsibility to the public and governments for exposing themselves to such risk.

"This is one of the most difficult questions to attempt to find an answer for," said Pete Sepp, president of the National Taxpayers Union, noting scrutiny of government-funded rescues dating back to British billionaire Richard Branson's hot air balloon exploits in the 1990s.

"This should never be solely about government spending, or perhaps not even primarily about government spending, but you can't help thinking about how the limited resources of rescuers can be utilized,' Sepp said.

The demand for those resources was spotlighted in 1998 when Fossett's attempt to circle the globe in a hot air balloon ended with a plunge into the ocean 500 miles off Australia. The Royal Australian Air Force dispatched a Hercules C-130 transport aircraft to find him. A French military plane dropped a 15-man life raft to Fossett before he was picked up by a passing yacht.

Critics suggested Fossett should pay the bill. He rejected the idea.

Late that same year the US Coast Guard spent more than \$130,000 to rescue Fossett and Branson after their hot air balloon dropped into the ocean off Hawaii. Branson said he would pay if the Coast Guard requested it, but the agency didn't ask.

Nine years later, after Fossett's plane



vanished over Nevada during what should have been a short flight, the state National Guard launched a months-long search that turned up the wreckage of several other decades-old crashes without finding the

The state said the mission had cost taxpayers \$685,998, with \$200,000 covered by a private contribution. But when the administration of Gov. Jim Gibbons announced that it would seek reimbursement for the rest, Fossett's widow balked, noting she had spent \$1 million on her own private search.

We believe the search conducted by the state of Nevada is an expense of government in performance of government action," a lawyer wrote on behalf of the Fossett estate.

Risky adventurism is hardly unique to wealthy people.

The pandemic drove a surge in visits to places like national parks, adding to the

popularity of climbing, hiking and other outdoor activities. Meanwhile, the spread of cellphones and service has left many feeling that if things go wrong, help is a call away.

Some places have laws commonly referred to as "stupid motorist laws," in which drivers are forced to foot the emergency response bill when they ignore barricades on submerged roads. Arizona has such a law, and Volusia County in Florida, home to Daytona, enacted similar legislation this week. The idea of a similar "stupid hiker law" is a regularly debated item in Arizona as well, with so many unprepared people needing to be rescued in stifling triple-digit heat.

Most officials and volunteers who run search efforts are opposed to charging for help, said Butch Farabee, a former ranger who participated in hundreds of rescue operations at the Grand Canyon and other national parks and has written several books

Searchers are concerned that if they did charge to rescue people "they won't call for help as soon as they should and by the time they do it's too late," Farabee said.

The tradeoff is that some might take that vital aid for granted. Farabee recounts a call in the 1980s from a lawyer who underestimated the effort needed to hike out of the Grand Canyon. The man asked for a helicopter rescue, mentioning that he had an important meeting the following day. The ranger rejected that request.

But that is not an option when the lives of adventurers, some of them quite wealthy, are at extreme risk.

At Mount Everest, it can cost tens of thousands of dollars in permit and expedition fees to climb. A handful of people die or go missing while hiking the mountain every year — prompting emergency response from local officials.

While the government of Nepal requires that climbers have rescue insurance, the scope of rescue efforts can vary widely, with Upneja estimating that some could cost "multiple dozens of thousands of dollars.

Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs did not respond to a message seeking comment.

On the high seas, wealthy yachtsmen seeking speed and distance records have also repeatedly required rescue when their voyages run astray.

When the yacht of Tony Bullimore, a British millionaire on a round-the-world journey, capsized 1,400 miles off the Australia Coast in 1997 it seemed he might be done for. Clinging to the inside of the hull, he ran out of fresh water and was almost out of air. When a rescue ship arrived, he swam

desperately toward the surface. 'I was starting to look back over my life and was thinking, 'Well, I've had a good life, I've done most of the things I had wanted to," Bullimore said afterward. "If I was picking words to describe it, it would be a miracle, an absolute miracle.

### **New Cognitive Subtype Of Depression Discovered**

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Scientists have described a new category of depression, labelled the cognitive biotype, characterised by patients' inability to plan ahead, display self-control, sustain focus despite distractions and suppress inappropriate behaviour.

Accounting for 27 per cent of depressed patients and not effectively treated by commonly prescribed antidepressants targeting serotonin (SSRIs), imaging showed decreased activity in two brain regions responsible for the aforemen-

**Office Of The Executive Engineer** 

**Mechanical Irrigation Division Baramulla** Short Term e-Tender

tioned cognitive tasks.

The researchers at Stanford Medicine, US, said that targeting these cognitive dysfunctions with less commonly used antidepressants or other treatments may alleviate symptoms and help restore social and occupational abilities.

Tender ID no.

### Government of Jammu & Kashmir

# Office Of The Divisional Forest Officer Urbanforestry Division Srinagar

e- NIT NO: - 05 of 2023-24 DATED:- 21 - 06 -2023

Rehabilitation of Degraded Forests by carrying afforestation by means of broadcasting Seed-balls, Dibbles and Patch Sowing and all other as-Name of Work: sociate operations as per site conditions in S-Park Range Urban Forestry Division, Srinagar For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Governor UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

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Patch Sowing :					
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2. Boninar Spark = 2000 No's					
Total = 7000 No's					

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.Q), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental Website:-www.jktenders.gov.in.

Position of TS: Accorded Position of Funds: Budgeted Position of AA: Accorded Publishing Date:-Download Start Date: 22.06.2023 from 06:00 PM Bid submission Start Date 22.06.2023 from 06:00 PM Bid submission End Date: 03.07.2023 Upto 06:00 PM Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online: 04-07-2023 at 11:30 AM in the office of the office of Conservator of Forests Srinagar Circle Srinagar Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online: Will be opened after evaluation of technical bids

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website: https://jktenders.gov.in. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act. Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.

Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Security Depositin the shape of CDR Pledged to DFO Urban Forestry Division Srinagar. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in

physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.eCDR, Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for

the current year 2023-24, PAN, Valid GSTRegistration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document). The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.

Guarantee from scheduled bank valid till completion of contract before issuance of contract allotment by the Tender opening committee In case the bid of lowest / successful bidder is found unbalanced then he has to produce additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/Bank

In case the bid of lowest / successful bidder is found unbalanced then he has to produce additional performance security of 3% in the shape of CDR/FDR/Bank

Guarantee from scheduled bank valid till completion of work before issuance of contract allotment as per details given below:-

Up to and including 15% below rate over advertised cost NIL Greater than 15% up to and including 20% below rate over advertised cost 5% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR/ Bank Guarantee.

Greater than 20% upto and including 25% below rate over advertised cost 10% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR/ Bank Guarantee. 3. Greater than 25% upto and including 30% below rate over advertised cost 15% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR/ Bank Guarantee.

Greater than 30% below rate over advertised cost 20% in shape of CDR/FDR/ Bank Guarantee. 5. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise). 8.

The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.

The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. 10. The Release of payments will be as per the actual work done bill to be furnished by the concerned Range officer duly certified. 11.

12. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

No:- DFO/UFD/Lease/2023-24/1332-37

DIPK-4169/23 Dated:-26.06.2023

NIT No: E-06of 2023-24 For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, sealed e-tenders In two covers are invited from experienced, reputed and registered firms/ genuine manufacturers/authorized distributors/dealers/workshop holders / SSI Unit holders for the following work: S. Name of work Cost of Estimated Earnest money Valid- Time of Pro-Whether Cost (Rs in (Rate in Rs) tender Accorded/ ity of comple- gramme No. Position of document Funds (Rate in Rs) Mechanical work viz providing fitting of coupling, fabrication/fitting of cooling ring and welding works to be carried 50.00 1008.00 0.504 out at Lift Irrigation Scheme Zehanpora, Shahkhata. Urgent welding work to be carried out at lift irrigation 180.00 50.00 0.09

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downloaded from the website https://jktenders.gov.in from 24-06-2023(05:00pm). The bids shall be submitted in electronic format on the website https://jktenders.gov.in from

24-06-2023 (06:00 pm) to 03-07-2023 (6:55 pm). The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on the time and date, in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Baramulla in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. In case offices happen to be closed due to holiday, or any other reason, on the schedule date of opening, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the scheduled time and venue. The complete bidding shall be online. Prequalification bids shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Baramulla on 04-07-2023 at 01:00 pm after which the

financial bids of qualifying bidders shall be opened on the same day. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

No. MIDB/CC-02/920-29

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Dated: 26-06-2023

(33/0.44KV) at Lift Irrigation Scheme Saifkhul.

**Executive Engineer** Mechanical Irrigation Division

Divisional Forest Officer, **Urban Forestry Division** 

Srinagar

### **EPFO Extends Deadline To Apply For Higher Pension Till July 11**



**Press Trust Of India** 

NEW DELHI: Retirement fund body EPFO has extended the deadline for filing applications to opt for a higher pension till July 11.

This is the second extension of the deadline for applying for a higher pension. Earlier, it was extended from May 3, 2023, to June 26, 2023.

The last opportunity of 15 days is being given to remove any difficulty faced by the eligible pensioners/ members, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation said in a statement.

"Accordingly, the last date for submission of Applications for Validation of Option/ Joint Options by employees is extended to July 11, 2023," it added.

"Online facility has been made available by EPFO for submitting Applications for Validation of Options/Joint Options for pension on higher wages. The facility is for eligible pensioners/members in compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated November 04, 2022," the statement said.

Timeline for applying for higher pension has been extended by 3 months for the employer and 15 days for the employee (member)," Raghunathan KE, Member representing Employers, Central Board of Trustees, EPFO, told PTI.

A lot of verification needs to be done as these are involving financial transactions, he added.

"We are happy and complement EPFO for three months time for employers and also 15 days for employees. EPFO once again proves to be considerate and compassionate to field issues," he said.

Any eligible pensioner/mem-

ber who on account of any issue in the updation of KYC, faces dif-S&P Global Ratings. ficulty in submitting an online application for validation of option / joint option, may immediately lodge such grievance on EPFiGMS for resolution, as per

### **S&P Retains FY24 India Growth** Projection At 6 Pc, To Be **Fastest Growing In Asia Pacific**

**Press Trust Of India** 

NEW DELHI: S&P Global Ratings on Monday retained India's GDP growth forecast at 6 per cent saying it will be the fastest-growing economy among Asia Pacific nations.

The GDP growth forecast for the current and the next fiscal has been kept unchanged from the forecast made in March partly on account of domestic resilience.

"We see the fastest growth at about 6 per cent in India, Vietnam, and the Philippines," S&P Global Ratings said in its quarterly economic update for Asia-Pacific.

medium-term outlook remains growth relatively solid. The Asian emerging market economies remain among the fastest growing ones in our global growth outlook through 2026," said Louis Kuijs, Asia-Pacific chief economist at

S&P said retail inflation is likely to soften to 5 per cent this fiscal from 6.7 per cent, and the RBI is expected to cut interest rates only early next



"In India, under the assumption of normal monsoons, we expect headline consumer inflation to soften to 5 per cent in fiscal 2024 from 6.7 per cent. Softer crude prices and tempering of demand will bring down fuel and core inflation, respectively.'

"The inflation and rate hike cycles have peaked, in our opinion. But we expect the Reserve Bank of India to cut

rates only in early 2024, as it wants to see consumer inflation moving to 4 per cent--the centre of its target range," Kujis said.

S&P has lowered the growth forecast for China to 5.2 per cent from 5.5 per cent for

"For the rest of the region, we have left it broadly unchanged, in part because of domestic resilience," S&P said.

### **Centre Directs FCI To Conduct E-Auctions Of Wheat, Rice To Check Inflation**

NEW DELHI: Chairman and Managing Director of Food Corporation of India Ashok KK Meena said that the central government has directed the agency to conduct the e-auctions of wheat and rice to check the "inflationary trends" and to control the price of such staple foodgrains.

The maximum quantity that a buyer can bid for is limited to 100 tonnes in this e-auction. To accommodate the small wheat processors and traders, the minimum quantity has been kept to 10 tonnes.

The bidding is also limited to the local buyers by ensuring that the GST registration of the State is mapped and checked before stocks are released. These measures are taken to ensure a wider local reach for the stocks offered in a particular State," a food ministry release said

About 4 lakh tonnes of wheat is being offered in the 1st eauction from 457 depots across the country.

The base price of wheat has been kept at the same level at Rs. 2150 per 100 kg. The base price of Rice is Rs 3100 per quintal. The e-auction for rice under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) would commence on July 5, 2023.

"6 weekly e-auctions of wheat were conducted by FCI till 15.03.2023. The total quantity of 33.7 LMT wheat was offloaded and the prices of Wheat came down by 19 per cent due to this massive intervention in a span of 45 days," the release added.

In order to manage overall food security and to prevent hoarding and unscrupulous speculation, the government earlier this month decided to impose stock limits on wheat for traders, wholesalers, retailers, big chain retailers and processors. The order will be applicable with immediate effect and will be applicable until

March 31, 2024. To manage the overall food security of the country as well as meet the needs of the neighbouring and other vulnerable countries amid the double whammy, India in 2022 amended the export policy of wheat by putting its export under the "prohibited" category, which is still in force.

### Sensex, Nifty Settle On A **Mixed Note In Volatile Trade**



**Press Trust Of India** 

**MUMBAI:** Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty closed on a mixed note in a volatile trade on Monday amid weak trends in the global markets. While auto, IT and pharma

shares advanced in a restricted trade, selling in index heavyweight Reliance Industries, HDFC twins and Tata Consultancy Services capped the gains.

In a lacklustre trading, the 30-share BSE Sensex dipped 9.37 points or 0.01 per cent to settle at 62,970, logging its third day of decline. During the day, it hit a high of 63,136.09 and a low of 62,853.67.

The NSE Nifty edged up by 25.70 points or 0.14 per cent to settle at 18,691.20. It moved between 18,722.05 points and 18.646.70 in the day trade.

"The global market exhibited a negative bias as concerns regarding economic growth emerged in light of the political instability in Russia. This instability led to an increase in oil prices, driven by worries over potential supply disruptions, given Russia's status as one of the largest oil producers," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

On the domestic front, the

market experienced limited downside as the pharma and auto sectors provided support, he added.

From the Sensex pack, Tata Consultancy Services, Reliance Industries, NTPC, Bharti Airtel, Power Grid, Larsen & Toubro, HDFC Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Tech Mahindra and HDFC were the major laggards.

On the other hand, Maruti rose the most by 1,67 per cent. Tata Motors, Titan, UltraTech Cement, Bajaj Finserv, Mahindra & Mahindra, State Bank of India and IndusInd Bank were

In Asian markets, Seoul ended in the green, while Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower. Equity markets in Europe were trading lower. The US markets ended in negative territory on Friday.

"Weak Asian and European cues dampened the domestic market sentiment, as benchmarks ended mixed in a rangebound session amid selective buying in key sectoral stocks. Global markets are dictating trends back home and investors don't want to be in a hurry to take long positions in times of high uncertainty," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd.

### Handicrafts, Handloom **Directorate, NIFT Unveil Packaging Prototypes For Jammu Handicrafts**

Initiative will enhance sales, earnings of artisans, weavers: Rohit Kansal

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: Union Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles and Director General NIFT, Rohit Kansal, and Secretary in Industry & Commerce Department, Smita Sethi Monday attended unveiling ceremony of pack-

Other dignitaries present on the occasion were Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu, Dr. Vikas Gupta, MD JKTPO Khalid Jahangir and other officers of the Industries and Commerce department.

Another important aspect of the event was unveiling

packaging presentation to create a benchmark having international standards and to determine the unique selling point of chosen Jammu Handicrafts and Handloom goods.

The artisans and weavers of Jammu division were enthusiastic and grateful to



aging prototypes and craft document for Handicrafts and Handloom products of Jammu region at JLN Udyog Bhawan Jammu.

The event was organized under the guidance of Vikramjeet Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce.

Dr Javid Ahmed Wani, Director National Institute of Fashion Technology, Srinagar, apprised the artisans and weavers from Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts of the packaging project through a detailed comprehensive presentation.

of the craft document exhibiting the crafts of Jammu division by the dignitaries.

The event was aimed to create a strategic and attractive packaging design solution for branding Handicraft and Handloom items of Jammu division viz Basohli Painting, Basohli Pashmina, Phulkari Products, Calico Printing and Lathe cum Lacquer. The project envisions evolving a roadmap to create unique and sustainable packaging to add value to the artefacts of the Jammu cottage industry, to give a unique the department of Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu for providing such suitable packaging for their handmade products.

Speaking on the occasion, Rohit Kansal appreciated the efforts of Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu and NIFT Srinagar as having professionally, designed packaging prototypes, in tune with the market-demand. It would definitely increase the sales of the products viz-a-viz wage earnings of the artisans and weavers of Jammu region, he added.

### **Sebi Comes Out With Disclosure Formats Of Governance Compliance For REITs**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**NEW DELHI:** Capital markets regulator Sebi on Monday came out with disclosure formats for compliance reports on governance and annual secretarial for emerging investment vehicles -REITs and InvITs.

These would come into force from the financial year 2023-24 onwards, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in four separate circulars.

Under the format for compliance report on governance, Sebi said infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) and real estate infrastructure trusts (REITs) will have to disclose the name of the investment managers, the composition of the board of directors of the investment managers as well as the composition of committees, meetings of the board of directors, along with meetings of committees, on a quarterly basis.

In addition, the regulator has issued separate formats for the financial year that need to be submitted by the investment managers of InvITs and REITs.

For the governance report, such investment managers are required to submit a quarterly compliance report to the stock exchanges within 21 days from the end of each quarter. The report needs to be signed either by the compliance officer or the



chief executive officer of the investment manager.

With regard to the annual secretarial compliance report, Sebi said the investment manager of the InvIT and REIT will have to appoint a practising company secretary on an annual basis to examine the compliance of all applicable rules consequent to which, the practising company secretary is required to submit a report to such investment managers.

In the format for the annual secretarial compliance report, the investment managers of the investment instruments have to disclose the compliance with the regulatory norms, deviations and observations made by the practising company secretary.

In addition, disclosures need to be made about actions taken against the InvIT and REITs, their promoters and directors either by Sebi or by stock exchanges and the action taken by the investment manager to comply with the observations made in previ-

### **I-T Dept Tweaks Disclosure Norms For Charitable Institutions**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**NEW DELHI:** The income tax department has tweaked disclosure norms for charitable institutions claiming I-T exemption by seeking additional details.

As per amendments to the Income Tax Rules, which will come into effect from October 1, charitable institutions will have to now disclose whether the activities undertaken by them are charitable, religious or religious cum charitable.

The amendment also includes a declaration under which the charitable institution will have to give details of dona-



tions received from a person in excess of ₹2 lakh in a single day. The details to be furnished include the name of the payer, address, amount of payment and PAN (if available).

Nangia Andersen LLP Partner Vishwas Panjiar said the government had

recently revamped the registration requirement applicable for charitable organisations for claiming tax exemption or obtaining an 80G certificate under the Act.

"The government have now made consequential amendments in the Income-tax Rules (Rule 2C, 11AA and

17A). The amended Rules shall be applicable from 1 October 2023 itself. Further, 'undertaking' given at the end of reforms also slightly tweaked and requires an additional undertaking from the applicant," Panjiar said.

Under the Income Tax law, the income of charitable institutions, religious trusts, and medical and educational institutions are exempt from tax. However, these institutions are required to seek registration from

the I-T department.

### **Rupee Declines 8 Paise Against Dollar Amid Geopolitical Worries**

**Press Trust Of India** 

MUMBAI: The rupee declined by 8 paise to close at 82.04 against the US dollar on Monday amid geopolitical concerns and firming crude oil prices.

Volatility in equity markets and FII outflows also weighed on the market sentiment, analysts said. After opening lower, the rupee staged a recovery to hit the day's high of 81.94 in

morning trade amid early gains in equities and a weaker greenback in the overseas However, the local currency retreated from early highs amid volatile stock markets and touched a low of 82.05 in af-

ternoon trade at the interbank foreign exchange market. The rupee finally settled at 82.04. showing a loss of 8 paise over the previous close of 81.96 against the US dollar.

The rupee remained in a narrow and

tight range between 81.95 and 82.05. The capital market also traded within a limited range, providing minimal signals or triggers for the rupee. Market participants are eagerly awaiting key data releases, building permits, and CPI and Non-Farm Payrolls data in the upcoming weeks, as these indicators are closely monitored by global central banks.

### Lulu Group To Invest Rs 10,000 **Crore In India Over 3 Years**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**HYDERABAD:** UAE-based Lulu Group will be investing Rs 10,000 crore in India on various ongoing projects over the next three years and the UAE-based conglomerate has invested over Rs 20,000 crore in the country, Lulu Chairman Yusuff Ali MA said on Monday.

Yusuff Ali also said the Lulu Group has committed about Rs 3,500 crore in investments in Telangana in the next five years in various projects including a Destination Shopping Mall (Rs 3,000 crore) and also in other cities in the state.

He also said that his aim is to provide employment to 50,000 people in India and so far his various enterprises have given over 22,000 jobs.

He said, "We have got an investment of more than Rs 20,000 crore in different areas including shopping



malls, hotels, and food processing units (in India). We will increase this.'

"We have started the construction of a shopping mall in Ahmedabad. And also another one in Chennai we are coming up. A food processing plant is coming up in Noida and another one in Telangana. It is Rs 10,000 crore investments in the next three years," Yusuff Ali said when asked about the overall investments on the upcoming projects.

He further said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has liberalised NRI investment laws and according to that all investments by non-resident Indians are treated as domestic investments.

He said a five lakh sq ft Lulu Mall built with an investment of Rs 300 crore here will be inaugurated in August and an export-oriented modern integrated meat processing plant and state-of-the-art Destination Mall (2.2 million sq ft ) will also come up.

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#### **Work-from-Home**

job opportunities. Intrigued by the idea, Nadeem decided to explore the remote job market, and discovered a multitude of possibilities. "While scrolling through job listings on LinkedIn, I stumbled upon an intriguing advertisement for a work-from-home opportunity from a Bangalore based company that had recently implemented a remote work policy," Nadeem said.

He went through interviews and assessments and was eventually hired as a content writer. "I earn Rs 25,000 per month. I know this is not the best that one could get but in these times of inflation, it helps me bring some income into the family. At least, it is better than doing nothing," Nadeem added, in a gentle tone.

Kashmir has been grappling with a job shortage, with fluctuating but generally low unemployment rates that have left numerous qualified individuals, like Nadeem, struggling to find work. The lack of diverse industries and the dependency on a few sectors, contribute to their challenges.

With an unemployment rate of 23.1% in March this year, Jammu and Kashmir featured on the third spot of the unemployment graph as per Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). As a consequence, many individuals in Kashmir face underemployment, where they are unable to secure full-time positions or work in fields that match their qualifications.

In the face of limited local employment prospects, the concept of remote work has provided a glimmer of hope and a means of livelihood for many. The Covid-19 pandemic accelerated the shift towards online jobs, but their popularity and demand have persisted even when there is no immediate risk or crisis.

"They offer individuals the chance to tap into a global job market, connecting them with potential employers and projects from around the world. This newfound accessibility has opened doors to a wide range of industries and professions that were previously out of reach due to location constraints," said Abdul Mukeet, a Mass Communication graduate, who works remotely in the advertising and marketing industry.

"Despite good talent, Kashmir does not offer enough avenues to fully utilize them. Remote jobs are no longer confined to menial tasks; people are now engaging in meaningful work such as coding, virtual assistance, and HR responsibilities."

For the people of Kashmir, remote opportunities have been particularly significant, Tahir Hussain Bhat, who works as Human Resource (HR) recruiter for Monster.com, an India Based employment website, expressed. "In areas where traditional job opportunities are limited, remote work provides a lifeline for individuals seeking employment. They provide an alternative and allow individuals to leverage their skills and qualifications in sectors that may not be prevalent in their local area," Tahir said.

"I know people who have found opportunities in fields such as digital marketing, software development, content creation or online consulting, which can be pursued regardless of their physical location," he added.

As remote working is getting more mainstream, gig work - which refers to short-term, freelance, or contractbased jobs - is becoming a viable employment option for many. Jameel Husaain has a Masters in Computer Applications (MCA) and presently works as a freelance graphic designer and animator, operating from the comfort of his own home. Initially, he collaborated with a valley-based organization, but soon realized that it did not align with his expectations. "I get paid according to the number of tasks I complete, and it has given me a chance to earn higher than the jobs available locally. Freelancing remotely also helped me to showcase my skills and expertise to a broader audience," Jameel said. "This exposure to diverse clients and projects will enhance my career prospects in

the long run." Not only freshers, but even experienced candidates, who have previously worked in traditional office settings, are transitioning towards online jobs. Recognizing the advantages of flexibility, work-life balance, and a global job market, these seasoned professionals are embracing virtual work environments. "I have previously worked in Chandigarh, where I had a 9 to 5 job. I presently work-from-home as a data analyst and I have the freedom to choose my working hours," Tariq Bhat, a management graduate said. "Besides flexibility and convenience, it offers me a competitive salary."

### Customer Service jobs on demand

Businesses are recognising the rising importance of improving customer experience as there has been an exponential surge in demand from jobseekers for call center and remote customer service jobs since pre-pandemic, The Economic Times reported while quoting a survey. The growth of online businesses and ecommerce has fueled the demand for roles such as customer service representatives and opened up new avenues for Kashmiris as well.

Khalid Hassan, a customer adviser in FIS global, a fintech company also believes that these jobs are trending in Kashmir and he too reasoned that 'berozgari' is driving individuals towards virtual customer service jobs. "Many of my friends work as customer service representatives who provide support through phone calls, emails, live chats, and social media platforms. These jobs usually don't require any prior experience," Khalid said.

"Security concern is another factor that influences people's decision to stay in Kashmir and opt for remote work-from- home," another call center executive, wishing anonymity said. "Due to various untoward incidents in the past, families in Kashmir may feel uncomfortable or hesitant about sending their children outside the region to work. While the financial aspect may be a consideration, the peace of mind and the ability to stay connected with family and community is equally important."

#### **Shattering Glass Ceilings**

When the pandemic restrictions confined people to their homes, Insha Mushtaq's father, a shawl vendor stayed put. The earnings dropped and the family began to suffer financially. It was during this challenging time that Insha, a twelfth-grade student back then, took matters into her own hands and decided to work as a Client Service Executive for the leading e-commerce site, Myntra.

"While the societal norms in most families often restrict girls from venturing outside the region for work, the advent of remote work has swung open a new door of possibilities for women in Kashmir," Insha said. Insha has simultaneously continued her studies alongside as well.

With Bachelors in Education, married Iram Gul, 35, had always dreamt of making a career in teaching. In Kashmir, where private schools offered meager salaries, online tutoring emerged as a saving grace for her. She not only covers her own expenses, but also supports her family.

"Since I had no prior teaching experience, a reputed school in Anantnag offered me Rs 7000 per month, for 5 classes a day. I couldn't shake off the feeling that I deserved more," Iram said. "Now, I deliver two or three lectures a day and get Rs 400 for each class," elated Iram added. Iram found remote work more satisfying because it allows her to pursue her career while also being there for her family. "The flexibility it offers has made it easier to juggle between personal and professional responsibilities."

#### **Rains Force**

The road was cleared around noon as the weather improved, the officials said.

Jammu recorded 41.2 mm of rainfall over the past 24 hours ending 8.30 am on Monday, resulting in an appreciable drop in night temperature which settled at 23.2 degrees Celsius compared to 29.1 degrees Celsius the previous night.

Kathua district of Jammu region recorded the highest rainfall of 108.8 mm followed by highway town of Batote in Ramban with 62.2 mm, while Srinagar recorded 26.8 mm of rainfall since Sunday night, a spokesperson of the meteorological department said.

The weatherman has predicted mostly wet weather till the monthend and advised people to remain cautious during the active phase of monsoon in the Union Territory.

"The rain may lead to localised flash floods and mudslides in vulnerable spots, especially in Jammu region (during June 27 and 30). People are requested to remain cautious during active phase of monsoon," the spokesperson said.

#### **Waiting For Day**

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"It has also been said in this joint statement that Pakistan should put a stop to every terrorist act taking place in its territory and should not allow its land to be used for this," he said, adding Pakistan was also asked to take action against those behind the 26/11 Mumbai and Pathankot attacks.

Democratic Process Soon, But..

Earlier Defence Minister said the democratic process would soon be initiated in Jammu and Kashmir. However, he did not give a specific timeline for it.

The senior BJP leader also said the government cannot provide a specific time frame for the withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) from the region.

"With the abrogation of Article 370 (of the Constitution), our aim is to restore normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir as swiftly as possible. We are committed to commencing the democratic process in the region at the earliest, thus fulfilling the long-standing aspirations of its people," Singh said in response to a query from PTI on when will the Assembly polls be held in Jammu and Kashmir.

Asked whether the restoration of the legislative setup (holding elections) would enhance or disrupt the security situation, he said he cannot offer a precise time frame for conducting the Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir. However, he expressed confidence that the process would not be unnecessarily delayed.

"I cannot provide a specific time frame, but I assure you that it will not be a lengthy process. That is what I can confidently say," Singh said.

Addressing a security conclave in Jammu, the defence minister said, "Today, the AFSPA has been removed from large parts of the northeast. I eagerly await the day when a lasting peace will be established in Jammu and Kashmir and the AFSPA can also be lifted from the region."

"I cannot give you any time frame", he added.

In response to queries on the opposition's demand to send an allparty delegation to Manipur for an assessment of the ground situation in the violence-hit northeastern state, Singh said the home ministry would take appropriate decisions in the matter.

"The Ministry of Home Affairs will consider the ground situation and make decisions that are in the best interest of Manipur. The justifiability of the decisions will be ensured," he said

Asked about concerns regarding China's assistance to Pakistan in constructing border infrastructure, Singh said, "We possess the capability to address any such challenge. We will undoubtedly overcome such challenges."

#### **'Decision On**

of Jammu, the minister stressed that the world, including Muslim countries, is united against terrorism. He said cash-strapped Pakistan would achieve nothing by "parroting Kashmir" and should instead put its house in order.

In his over 40-minute address, the minister asserted that India has taken major action against terrorism under the Modi government and referred to the surgical strikes carried out across the Line of Control (LoC) in 2016 and the Balakot air strike in 2019.

"Bharat ab pehle jaisa Bharat nahi raha. Bharat takatwar banta jaa raha hai. Zaroorat padi to Bharat seema ke iss par bhi maar sakta hai aur zaroorat paditoh uss paar bhi jaa sakta hai (India is not the same as it used to be. It is getting more powerful. If needed, India can hit on this side of the border and can go across the border as well," the defence minister said

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government started effective action against terrorism and, for the first time, not only the country but also the world came to know the meaning of zero tolerance against terrorism, he said amid applause from the audience.

Terrorists attacked an army camp in the border town of Uri in September 2016, resulting in the death of 19 soldiers. A fortnight later, the Indian Army carried out a surgical strike across the border and destroyed launch pads for Pakistansponsored terrorists.

In February 2019, forty CRPF personnel were killed in a suicide attack on their convoy by terrorists in Pulwama district of south Kashmir.

Twelve days after the terror attack, the Indian Air Force (IAF) destroyed the terrorist camp in Balakote in Pakistan.

The defence minister said Jammu and Kashmir has suffered the brunt of terrorism for a long. "People here know how the poison of terrorism hollows out the society," he said.

Targeting the previous UPA government, he said it failed to take strict action against Pakistansponsored terrorism despite nefarious attempts by Pakistan to bleed the country that left thousands of innocents dead.

Noting that the entire network of terrorism was operating in Jammu and Kashmir for decades, he said, "Today strict action has been taken against that network by weakening it to a great extent."

"We have stopped the funding of terrorism, stopped the supply of arms and drugs and along with the elimination of terrorists, the work of dismantling the network of underground workers who work here is also going on," the minister said.

Without naming Pakistan, he said countries using terrorism as a state policy have to understand very well that this game will not last long.

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"There has been a rote statement that India is diverting the attention of the world from Kashmir. I want to clearly tell the government of Pakistan that nothing will be achieved by parroting Kashmir. Take care of your house," he said.

The defence minister said Pakistan does not have a locus standi on Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

"A unanimous resolution has been passed in the Parliament of India regarding PoK that it is a part of India only. Not one but at least several proposals with this intention have now been passed in the parliament," he said.

He said that given the improved situation in Jammu and Kashmir and the oppression and injustice being meted out to the people in PoK, the day is not far when the people of PoK will demand that they want to be part of Jammu and Kashmir.

Referring to the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, Singh said while the common people of Jammu and Kashmir were kept away from the mainstream for a long time, it posed a "hindrance" in taking action against anti-national forces.

Singh said it would not be an exaggeration to say that the Modi-led government has laid a strong foundation for "revolutionary reforms" in the country, which is the biggest achievement of this government.

"I remember the words of Modi at his oath ceremony in 2014 when he said 'saughandh iss mitti ki desh nahi mitne doonga, desh nahi jhookne doonga ((I vow on this country's soil, I won't let the country be erased. I won't let the country bow down)," he said, adding the prime minister has kept his pledge in letter and spirit

#### J&K Admin

(JK-IGRAMS), the LG also sought an end to stop this practice.

"The platform is meant for providing hassle-free public services and to identify deficiencies, if any, to achieve the objective of peoplecentric governance. Through public outreach programmes, we need to sensitize and encourage people to file genuine grievances for more transparent, accountable and citizen-friendly governance," he said.

The LG also took note of various complaints, lodged by the citizens against the dilapidated condition of the roads, incomplete government buildings, reinstallation of hand pumps and dysfunctional well.

Reviews Eid-ul-Azha, Amarnath Yatra Preps The LG chaired a meeting to re-

rie LG chaired a meeting to review arrangements by District Administrations for Eid-ul-Azha festival and the annual Amarnath Yatra, beginning on July 1.

Sinha said that traffic is a major issue, particularly in Ramban, Anantnag and Udhampur, especially Ramban being the most vulnerable area. He called for a comprehensive traffic plan to ensure seamless traffic movement during the annual pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath in Anantnag district.

Deputy Commissioner and SSP Ramban briefed the chair on the condition of critical stretches and the contingency route being identified to divert the traffic. IGP Traffic also informed the chair that bottlenecks have been identified and viable solutions are being explored for smooth traffic movement during the yatra period.

#### **Schools Closed**

positively", the official told said.

CEO Ramban has in the meantime confirmed about the directive from the district administration saying the directive has been passed for the safety of student community.

Similarly, the district administration Doda also has ordered for closure of the schools upto Class 8 across the district for the day.

"The staff and Heads of Institutions have been asked to take all necessary and precautionary measures to avoid any untoward incident during the ongoing inclement weather conditions", Deputy Commissioner Doda in a directive.

### **Use CCTVs To Monitor**

(QRTs) to ensure that services of these teams are utilised on real time basis in case of any emergency.

The spokesperson said that the DGP reiterated that every officer deputed for the yatra must be aware of his/her role of responsibility.

"He directed for effective and efficient deployment at Yatri Niwas Jammu, National Highway and other important places for safe and secure pilgrimage. He directed for the use of drones and other necessary tools to monitor the security of pilgrims. The DGP directed the officers to ensure that all SOPs issued for the purpose are followed in letter and spirit," the spokesperson said.

The DGP, he said, directed the officers to issue SOPs to the field officers and conduct the mock drills as recommended in SOPs and get ready for the forthcoming task. He directed for sufficient deployment of manpower at Railway stations and Airports to assist the traveling pilgrims.

With regard to vehicular traffic movement, the spokesperson said, Singh directed to ensure that lane discipline is followed to avoid unnecessary jamming. He directed that every traffic police personnel deployment for traffic management should be given wireless coverage which he said is an effective tool for real time coordination.

"Any traffic jamming at any place on National Highway should be communicated with all the beat officers so that necessary steps are taken accordingly," Singh said, while passing directions to use cameras and other necessary tools to monitor the vehicular movement.

The DGP directed the officers to formulate contingency plans, with focus on disaster management and swift response mechanism, to deal with any untoward situation during the yatra.

The DGP directed for installing CCTV cameras at all important locations including lungars, eateries and petrol pumps to monitor the movement of suspects," the spokesperson said.

The DGP J&K later on visited Base Camp, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu and took first hand stock of arrangements of security deployments, logistic facilities for yatris and traffic arrangements for vehicle parking being put in place for the pilgrimage of Amarnath Yatra. He was accompanied by ADGP Jammu Zone, IG CRPF Jammu Sector and other senior officers of Police & CAPFs.

#### **Traders Await**

has not fixed the prices and authorities are not paying attention, he

"I am selling local breeds that have been fed good quality fodder but since many traders have brought animals from other states, they are selling them for around Rs 400 per kilogram," he said.

Another seller Rouf Ahmad also said authorities should fix prices. Since there are no fixed prices, buyers are discouraged, he said.

"Even the traders are not satisfied with these prices and the inflation is high," he added.

Eid al-Azha will be celebrated on Thursday. The festival commemorates the readiness of Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his son in order to prove his obedience to Allah.

#### **Tipper Driver**

the death of one Bilal Ahmad Magrey while driving the Tipper bearing Registration No. JK05-6067in a rash and negligent manner," the court said after hearing Sr Prosecuting Officer Salim Javid for police and counsel for the accused.

"Thus, this court is of considered opinion that the charges against the accused person are proved to the extent of Sec 279, 304-A RPC. All the ingredients of Sec 279, 304-A RPC are fully made out," the court said and convicted the accused, Riyaz Ahmad Dar son of Abdul Khaliq Dar under section 279, 304-A RPC," the court said.

Subsequently, the court sentenced Dar one year's simple imprisonment for the offence under section 304-A RPC and ordered him to pay compensation amount of Rs.50,000 to the legal heir of the deceased. The court also sentenced him to two months of simple imprisonment for the offence under section 279 RPC

"All the sentences shall run concurrently. If the fine and compensation amount is not paid, then he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for a period of two months," the court added.

#### **Man Held With**

380 grams were recovered from his possession," the police spokesperson said.

The accused, he said, has been shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

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Accordingly, the spokesperson said, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Baramulla and investigation has been initiated.

#### **NIA Searches In 4**

of hybrid terrorists and overground workers linked with newlyformed offshoots and affiliates of banned terrorist outfits. Premises of sympathisers and cadre of these organisations were also searched extensively," the NIA said in a press release.

The agency said it has found several digital devices containing large volumes of incriminating data during the searches.

"These will be subjected to a thorough scrutiny by the agency to unravel the details of the terrorist conspiracy, which the NIA started investigating a year ago after registering a suo moto case (RC-05/2022/NIA/JMU) on June 21, 2022," it added.

The newly-floated terror outfits being probed by the premier investigating agency include The Resistance Front (TRF), the United Liberation Front Jammu and Kashmir (ULFJ&K), the Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), the Jammu and Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), the Kashmir Tigers and the PAAF.

These outfits are affiliated to Pakistan-backed organisations, such as Laskhar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr and Al-Qaeda, which have been banned by the government of India.

The premises of those who were raided are under the NIA's scanner for their alleged involvement in the collection and distribution of sticky bombs or magnetic bombs, improvised explosive devices (IEDs), funds, narcotic substances and arms and ammunition. They have allegedly been engaged in spreading activities relating to terror, violence and subversion in Jammu and Kashmir.

The NIA probe has revealed that Pakistan-based operatives are using social media platforms to promote terror. Drones are being used by them to deliver arms and ammunition, explosives and narcotics to their operatives and cadre in the Kashmir valley.

The terror conspiracy under investigation relates to plotting by the banned outfits in both physical and cyber space to unleash violent terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir with sticky bombs, IEDs and small arms. The organisations, supported by their masters in Pakistan, have been conspiring to commit acts of terror and violence by radicalising youngsters and mobilising overground workers to disturb peace and communal harmony in the Union Territory, the NIA said.

#### **DGPC** Delegation

The delegation, he said, also discussed various other issues of the members of Sikh Community including employment opportunities for youth and protection and conservation of Sikh heritage.

The spokesperson said that the LG assured the members of the delegation of all the support. Sinha, he said, asked the delegation to motivate and encourage young generation to avail the benefits of the self-employment initiatives under Mission Youth and other schemes of the Government.

"The government is committed to facilitate the spirit of enterprise among the youth and we have taken many steps to create supportive infrastructure for skill development, financial support etc to meet the aspirations of young generation," the LG added.

Meanwhile, Abhay Sopori, Santoor Maestro accompanied by his mother Professor Aparna Sopori also called on LG Sinha at Raj Bhavan.

Sopori apprised the Lt Governor on his upcoming projects and discussed the issues related to promotion of art, culture and music of lammu Kashmir.

Later, a delegation of Joint Traders Association Lal Chowk Srinagar led by Feroz Ahmad Baba also met LG and apprised him on various concerning issues of the trader's community of Lal Chowk. They also submitted a memorandum of demands to the LG.

Sinha assured the delegation of redressal of the genuine concerns and issues on priority.

#### **Woman Killed In**

shortly after", they said. Confirming it, a police official said that they have taken cognizance of the incident.

#### Worker Dies

investigation in this regard. As per the information, the apparent cause of death may be heart attack—(KNO)

### **Two Matches Played In Srinagar Premier League**



**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srinagar Premier League action continued on Monday as two Round 4 matches were played at Synthetic Turf TRC.

In the first match, JK United FC took on Sports Council Football Academy at 4:30 PM.

JK United scored the first goal through Sandeep, before doubling their lead via Jitender in the 17th minute. Sandeep added the third goal in 22nd minute to end the first half 3-0 in favour of JK United.

Yasir scored the fourth goal for JK United in the 50th minute, before Parvaiz added the fifth in 53rd minute. Yasir struck again in the 63rd minute to make the scoreline 6-0. JK United boys added two more goals to win

The second game was played at 7:00 PM between FC1 and Lonestar Kashmir FC. The highly anticipated fixture did not disappoint as both teams played competitive football. The first half ended 1-1. The final half of the match proved as exciting as the first as both teams showed their intent to score

At 2-2, the match was heading towards a draw when FC1 player Shafqat scored the winning goal in the final minute to help FC1 take the game 3-2.

The District Football Association (DFA) Srinagar also an-"Mumbai's nounced on Monday that the league matches today, Tuesday, June 27, stand postponed.

#### **Use Amar Singh College Playground After Official Hours: Admin**



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Amar Singh Collge authorities on Monday asked local residents, clubs and other organizations wishing to use college playground to seek proper permission.

'The college has around 5000 boys and girls on its rolls in different disciplines and on a day there is a huge foot fall of students in the college. The students have to play in the college play ground as per college sports calendar," an official communique noted.

"It has been observed that itsiders enter the college sports ground during official

college which hinders our college boys and girls sports activities," it added.

"Accordingly, public in general and residents in the vicinity of Amar Singh College in particular are informed through this notice that college play ground is meant primarily for bonafide students of Amar Singh College and as such no outsider will be allowed to use the playground during official time 09:00 AM to 05: 00 PM," the officials said.

"However, the residents in the vicinity, clubs and other organizations who want to play in the college playground beyond college hours and holidays can seek proper permission from college hours from the backside of the authorities," the notice concluded.

### **Sports Department Felicitates Specially-Abled Student-Athlete**

**Observer News Service** 

BARAMULLA: Muzamil Shakeel Beigh, a deaf and mute student hailing from the scenic village of Kralweth Kunzer in the world-famous tourist destination of Gulmarg, has successfully passed his 10th-grade examinations, securing an impressive 287 marks. Results of the exam were declared recently.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer Baramulla during his visit to Muzamil's home congratulated him for his achievement and expressed his good wishes with the brilliant student-athlete. He also passed on congratulatory message of Director of the Department Subash C Chhibber.

District Sports Officer presented Muzamil a personal sports kit as a token of acknowledging for his keen interest and remarkable achievement in academics and sports.

## 2023 WC: Mumbai, **Kolkata To Host Semis**



**Press Trust of India** 

NEW **DELHI:** Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium and the Eden Gardens in Kolkata --both iconic venues -- have emerged as the frontrunners to host the two semifinals of the 2023 World Cup.

This means the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai -- another venue with a rich legacy -- could lose out on organising one of the biggest games of the ODI showpiece.

Wankhede and Kolkata's Eden Gardens are two likely venues for the World Cup semi finals. Earlier, Chennai was also in the race, but it seems Eden is slightly ahead now," a BCCI source told

"One of the reasons could this year's World Cup. As hosts,

**Press Trust of India** 

HARARE: All-rounder Logan

van Beek's super over hero-

ics powered Netherlands to

a famous win over the West

Indies, who suffered their

second consecutive ICC Men's

World Cup Qualifier defeat,

The defeat means, the two-

time former champions will

now have to beat Sri Lanka,

Oman and Scotland, then hope

results go in their favour to

for the prestigious tourna-

stand a chance of qualifying

The Christchurch-born Van

Beek, who has also represent-

ed New Zealand at the World

U-19 Basketball Champion-

ships in 2009, struck 30 with

the bat before taking the ball

and conceding just eight, lead-

ing his side to a victory which saw them finish second in

Group A and take two valuable

points into the Super Six stage.

swashbuckling 174 helped

Zimbabwe maintain their 100

per cent record as they beat

A Harare thriller saw both

the Netherlands and the West

Indies finish on 374 from their

50 overs, at which point van

Having fallen to the final

ball of the regular innings for a

14-ball 28 with just a single re-

quired, the all-rounder struck

three sixes and three fours

from the super over bowled by

Beek took centre stage.

USA by 304 runs.

Elsewhere, Sean Williams'

here on Monday.

be the November weather in Chennai where there is always chance of rain.

Twelve hosting associations were called to Mumbai on Monday to discuss the details and finalise the venues before Tuesday's official announcement.

If India qualify for the semifinals, they will play their lastfour stage game in Mumbai.

The Wankhede Stadium hosted the final of the 2011 World Cup, in which a Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led India beat Sri Lanka to end a 28-year-old title drought, while the Eden Gardens played host to the summit showdown between Australia and England in the 1987 edition, in which the former country prevailed.

There will be 10 teams at

WC Qualifiers: Netherlands Shock

**West Indies In Super Over Thriller** 

Jason Holder.

Holder had earlier held a

brilliant catch to dismiss van

Beek and force the unlikely tie

but the Dutchman then seized

control, removing Johnson

Charles and Romario Shep-

herd with consecutive balls

following his fireworks with

the bat to decide the outcome.

ly with the bat after being put

in as openers Johnson Charles

and Brandon King (76) added

101 before the former was

Sharmah Brooks (25) and King

76) in consecutive overs be-

fore another century stand.

this time between Shai Hope

and Nicholas Pooran, ended

when the former was caught

on the rope while looking to

bring up a half-century with a

Pooran brought up his sec-

ond consecutive century be-

fore kicking on with Keemo

Paul as the Windies hammered

Saqib Zulfiqar dismissed

trapped lbw for 54.

maximum.

The Windies started strong-

India have qualified directly, as have Afghanistan, Austra-lia, England, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Pakistan, and South Africa through the 2020-2023 ICC Cricket World Cup Super League.

Two other teams will make it to the World Cup through the World Cup Qualifiers, which is being currently played in Zimbabwe.

Apart from former champions Sri Lanka and the West Indies, the Qualifiers also feature Ireland, Nepal, the Netherlands, Oman, Scotland, the UAE, the USA, and hosts Zimbabwe.

At the World Cup in India, the 10 teams will play each other once in a round-robin league featuring 45 matches.

These will be followed by the semi-finals and the final

61 off the last five overs.

Indies fought back.

up a frantic finish.

Chase at third man.

to force a super over.

est-ever ODI score.

Wesley Barresi

Netherlands openers Vi-

kramjit Singh (37) and Max

O'Dowd (36) added 71 inside

10 overs in reply but Roston

Chase dismissed both as West

Bas de Leede (33) kept Neth-

erlands on track and after

both were removed by Akeal

Hosein, Teja Nidamanuru and

captain Scott Edwards put on

143 from just 15 overs to set

go and the game was back in

the balance when centurion

Nidamanuru (111) picked out

Aryan Dutt (16) and van

Beek took the equation to five

from as many balls but Joseph

took two wickets at the death

at the second time of asking to

lead his side to a momentous

victory following their high-

Van Beek made no mistake

Edwards (67) was first to

### **Jeddha To Host The 2023 Club World Cup: FIFA**

**Agencies** 

The 2023 Club World Cup will be played in Jeddah, the home city of Saudi Arabian champion Al-Ittihad, which has signed Karim Benzema, FIFA said Monday.

Al-Ittihad will be joined by

the six continental club champions - including Champions League winner Manchester City - for the Dec. 12-22 tournament. It will be the last edition in that format before the 32team version launches in 2025 in the United States.

FIFA said the 2023 tournament will be played in the King Abdullah Sport City Stadium and Prince Abdullah Al Faisal Stadium. They hold about 62,000 and 27,000 spectators, respectively.

Benzema will be trying to retain the trophy he helped Real

Madrid win in February, beating Saudi club Al-Hilal in the final hosted by Morocco.

Al-Ittihad will open the next tournament in a first-round game against Auckland City, the Oceania champion. The winner advances to the second round, joining León of Mexico, Al-Ahly of Egypt and Urawa Red Diamonds of Japan.

Man City and the South American champion enter at the semifinal stage. The Copa Libertadores final is played on Nov. 4.

Each continental champion from 2021 through 2024, except in Oceania, also qualifies directly for the expanded tournament

FIFA picked Saudi Arabia in February to host the 2023 Club World Cup, giving the kingdom its latest international soccer event in an aggressive push to make a bigger impact in world sports.

### Ilkay Gundogan To Join **Barcelona An A Free Transfer**

**Agencies** 

BARCELONA: Ilkay Gundogan ended his trophy-laden seven-year stay with Manchester City by agreeing to join Barcelona on a free transfer on Monday.

The Germany midfielder's last act as a City player — and as the team's captain — was to lift the Champions League trophy, which completed a treble of major titles for the English club.

Now, he is heading to Spain on a two-year contract for a new experience, even though Pep Guardiola wanted to keep the 32-year-old Gundogan — the first signing of the City manager's era from 2016. This club made me realize all

my dreams and I will forever be thankful for this opportunity," Gundogan said. "I will carry City always in my heart. Once a blue, always a blue.'

Having missed out on securing the return of Lionel Messi, Barcelona made the signing of Gundogan a priority to add some experience to a midfield already containing youngsters

Pedri González and Gavi Páez, two of its pillars going forward, but no longer including veteran leader Sergi Busquets, who is leaving the club. Frenkie de Jong also played an important role last season for Barcelona coach Xavi Hernán-

dez, despite efforts by the club to sell him in the offseason of 2022. Barceloa has set Gundogan's buyout clause at 400 million euros (about \$435 million).

In a statement, the Spanish champions described their latest signing as a player "who reads the game to perfection" and "one of the world's best midfielders of the last decade or so."

### **Luka Modric To Stay With Real Madrid For Another Season**

MADRID: Real Madrid extended Luka Modric's contract on Monday, keeping the veteran midfielder for another season.

Madrid agreed to extend the contract of the 37-year-old Croatian until the end of the 2023-24 campaign, just like it did with Toni Kroos last week.

The moves allow Madrid to keep two of its most experienced players in a midfield that will be refreshed by the recent signing of 19-year-old Jude Bellingham from Borussia Dortmund.

The Spanish club also has Eduardo Camavinga, Federico Valverde,



Aurélien Tchouaméni and Dani Ceballos in the midfield. Ceballos also had his contract extended recently.

Modric will be playing his 12th season with Madrid. He has made 488 appearances with the club and won 23 titles, including five Champions Leagues and three Spanish leagues. He won the Ballon d'Or and FIFA's The Best awards for player of the year in 2018.

### Women's World Cup Guide: How To Watch, Schedule & Favourites

Agencies

The United States will be **■** playing for an unprecedented three-peat at this year's Women's World Cup. It won't be easy for the No. 1 team in

the world. Co-hosted by Australia and New Zealand, the quadrennial tournament for international soccer's most coveted trophy kicks off July 20 and features an expanded field of 32 teams, up from 24. There are 64 matches during the tournament.

That means more competition for the two-time defending World Cup champion U.S., which won the 2015 event in Canada and the 2019 tournament in France. The Americans have won four titles overall, most of any nation.

WHAT'S THE WORLD CUP **SCHEDULE AND WHERE IS IT** 

The 32 teams are divided into eight groups of four teams each. Each team plays a threegame, round-robin group stage, running from July 20 to Aug. 3.

The top finishers advance to the round of 16 from Aug. 5-8. The quarterfinals are set for Aug. 11-12 and the two semifinal matches will be played Aug. 15-16. A third-place game is set for Aug. 19 in Brisbane ahead of the final in Sydney.

The final will air at 6 a.m. ET on Aug. 20 in the United States. The broadcast schedule is

complicated by the time difference. The United States is playing in Group E with Vietnam, the Netherlands and Portugal. The opening match is against Vietnam on July 22 in Auckland, which, because of the time difference, will air in the U.S. on July 21 at 9 p.m. ET.

A rematch of the 2019 final against the Netherlands is set for July 27 in Wellington, air-



ing at 9 p.m. ET on July 26 in the U.S. The last group game against Portugal is set for Aug. 1, airing at 3 a.m. ET that same day.

**HOW TO WATCH THE FIFA** WOMEN'S WORLD CUP Fox holds the Englishlanguage media rights in the United States for the Women's World Cup. Telemundo holds the Spanish-language rights.

Fox will broadcast a record 29 matches over the air on its main network and the rest of the games will be aired on FS1. All matches will be streamed on the Fox app.

FIFA struck collective deal with the European Broadcasting Union in mid-June, ending a standoff with a broadcasters in five major European television markets. The deal guarantees the games will air in France, Germany, Spain, Italy and Brit-

**PLAYERS TO WATCH** 

There are two distinct groups of players to watch at this World Cup: Veteran superstars and talented youngsters.

Canada's Christine Sinclair leads a group of veterans that includes Brazil's Marta, Australia's Sam Kerr, France's Wendie Renard and American Alex Morgan.

Sinclair, who is 40 and likely playing in her final World Cup, is international soccer's all-time leading scorer, among women or men, with 190 career goals.

Young stars include 22-yearold U.S. forward Sophia Smith, 21-year-old Jody Brown of Jamaica and 19-year-old Melchie Dumornay of Haiti.

Smith doubled up last year as both the U.S. Soccer Player of the Year and the National Women's Soccer League's Most Valuable Player.

**TEAMS TO WATCH** 

The United States is ranked No. 1 in the world in the latest FIFA rankings. The Americans are a strong team despite recent injuries, but their dominance in international play will be challenged at this World Cup.

Germany, ranked No. 2, won back-to-back World Cups in 2003 and 2007. Third-ranked Sweden knocked the United States out of the 2016 Olympics in the quarterfinals. Seventhranked Canada won the gold medal at the Tokyo Games.

Considered a contender, England has been hit by a series of injuries to top players including Beth Mead, Fran Kirby and captain Leah Williamson. All three will miss the World Cup. France switched coaches in March after a trio of players threatened to skip the tournament. Australia can't be counted

out as co-hosts. The Matildas will be boosted by Kerr, one of the world's best players.

**BETTING GUIDE** 

The United States is a +240 favorite to win the World Cup, according to FanDuel Sportsbook. England is next at +380, followed by Spain at +650.

There's also a big group of teams the oddsmakers say have little chance of lifting the trophy, including Jamaica, Vietnam, Argentina, Zambia, Nigeria, Costa Rica, Morocco, Philippines, South Africa, Haiti and Panama. All are at +43,000.

# **Zoos And Universities** Must Work Together To Improve Conservation

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The word zoo is complicated and can have different meanings to different people.

For some, a zoo is an organisation committed to animal well-being and wildlife conservation that offers its visitors a fun and educational experience. To others, it is a place where people pay to see exotic animals in poor conditions.

Zoos a shortening of zoological gardens can refer to both zoos and aquariums. Zoos accredited by bodies such as the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria make important contributions to conservation and the recovery of endangered species.

With more than 700 million visitors receiving conservation education globally and more than USD 350 million spent on wildlife conservation, zoos are the third largest contributors to conservation initiatives after The Nature Conservancy and World Wildlife Fund.

Nonetheless, many zoos have the capacity to do more for conservation science and practice. We see this potential in the groundbreaking work of zoos with global reach including Chester Zoo, Zoos Victoria and the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance.

The modern zoo

Zoos continue to renegotiate their social contract with the public as societal values change. Today, the modern zoo must focus not only on the well-being of its animals, but also emphasise its impact on conservation.

In Canada, the Calgary Zoo has established the Wilder Institute with a vision to become Canada's leader in wildlife conservation. The Toronto Zoo has a mission of Connecting people, animals and conservation science to fight extinction.

These, and other examples, highlight the continued shift toward investing in conservation science by zoos in Canada, with an increased focus on collaborative research.

How do zoos produce research in conservation science?

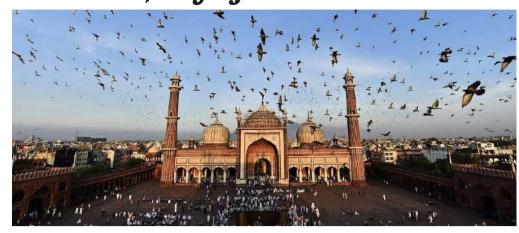
While many zoos have dedicated staff for conservation projects, collaboration with universities can help zoos increase their contribution to conservation science.

Historically, in Canada and other countries, most published research from zoos is related to veterinary sciences, not conservation. Academic institutions can provide scientific and technical expertise in conservation science, as well as access to envelopes of funding that are not available to zoos alone.

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### **Follow Govt Guidelines, Don't Share Pictures Of Slaughtered Animals, Says Jamiat to Muslims**



**NEW DELHI:** Prominent Muslim organisation Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind on Monday urged Muslims to strictly follow government guidelines while offering sacrifice on Eid-ul-Azha and not to share pictures of slaughtered animals on social media.

Eid ul-Azha, also called the festival of sacrifice, will be celebrated on Thursday.

Muslims across the globe offer sacrifice of animals as permitted by law in their respective countries as a symbol of the willingness and obedience to God that

Prophet Ibraham showed in offering his son Ismael as sacrifice.

In a statement, Jamiat Ulemee-Hind chief Maulana Arshad Madani said that in view of the current situation, it is important that Muslims take precautionary measures while offering the sacrifice of animals.

He urged them not to share pictures of slaughtered animals on social media.

Madani also urged Muslims to strictly follow the government guidelines while performing 'qurbani (sacrifice) and not to sacrifice prohibited animals.

He urged them to take the

administration into confidence wherever anyone tries to stop the legitimate sacrifice.

Madani also advised Muslims to take special care of cleanliness on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha and stressed that animal waste should not be thrown on the roads, streets and drains, but buried in a manner that it does not raise any stench.

The Jamiat chief asserted that every possible effort should be made so that no one gets hurt by the actions of Muslims.

He also urged people to file a complaint with the local police station if there is "any kind of provocation by sectarian elements".

# Air India Pilot Says 'Duty Hour Over', Grounds Flight In Jaipur

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The Air India pilot of an international flight from London to Delhi stopped in Jaipur and refused to take the flight further saying that his duty time was over. The passengers, who were on board had to wait for six hours and were finally sent to Delhi by road.

Due to bad weather in Delhi, three international and two domestic flights were diverted to Jaipur on Sunday. These included two flights of Air India, two of SpiceJet and one of Gulf Stream.

Air India flight AI-112 was scheduled to reach Delhi at 6:00 a.m. from London. The flight was diverted to Jaipur due to bad

The second Air India flight to be diverted was going from

Dubai to Delhi. The Gulf Stream flight was going from Bahrain to Delhi, While one flight of SpiceJet was going from Pune while the other was

going from Guwahati to Delhi. The passengers of this Air India flight tweeted Aviation Minister Ivotiraditya Scindia and MP Rajyavardhan Rathore.

After this, Air India replied and promised a solution soon. However, despite this, people had to suffer for more than six hours. Later Air India sent some passengers to Delhi by Volvo bus and some by cabs.

Food and other facilities were provided to them by the airport



