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SC Declares ED Chief's Extensions Invalid

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday held as "illegal" two notifications by the Centre granting extension of service. for one year each time, to Indian Revenue Service officer Sanjay Kumar Mishra as the chief of the Enforcement Directorate.

However, the top court upheld the amendments made to the Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Act, 2021 and the Delhi Special Police Establishment (Åmendment) Act, 2021 as (Amendment) Ret, 2021 as well as to the Fundamental (Amendment) Rules, 2021 by which the government can give a maximum of five-year tenure to CBI and ED chiefs.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai, Vikram Nath and Sanjay Karol said in view of the peer review being conducted by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) this year, and to enable smooth transition, Mishra's tenure will be till July 31.

FATF is a global body that leads action to tackle money laundering, terrorist and proliferation financing.

"The impugned orders dated November 17, 2021 and November 17, 2022 granting extensions to the tenure of the respondent More on P10

ARTICLE-370 ABROGATION

Supreme Court To Conduct Daily Hearing From August 2

'Won't Rely On Centre's Affidavit For Larger Issue'

Fixes July 27 As Deadline **For Filing Written** Submissions, Convenience **Compilations By Parties**

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday said it will commence day-today hearing from August 2 on a batch of petitions challenging abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution that bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, which passed several procedural directions, fixed July 27 as the deadline for filing of written submissions and convenience compilations by different parties.

The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant said hearing on the clutch of petitions will be held on



a day-to-day basis except on Mondays and Fridays, which are days for hearing miscellaneous matters in the apex court. Only fresh petitions are taken up on these days for admission hearing and regular matters are not heard. It appointed two lawyers -- one each from the petitioner's and the govern-

ment side -- to prepare convenience compilation and file it before July 27, and made it clear that after the said date no documents will be accepted. A convenience note gives the court a snapshot of the entire case to assist it in quickly appreciating the facts.

The five-judge bench said that Centre's affidavit filed on Monday with regard to the conditions prevailing in Jammu and Kashmir after the August 5, 2019 notification will have no bearing on the constitutional issue to be adjudicated by the five-judge bench.

Senior advocate Raju Ramachandran, who is leading the Raju petitioners challenging the constitutional validity of More on P10



Kashmir on Tuesday welcomed the Supreme Court's decision to hear a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution on a day-to-day basis. The apex court on Tuesday said it will commence day-to-day hearing from August 2 on the petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 that bestowed a special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah said he is confident that there is a strong case in favour of the restoration of Article 370. "It took four years for the case to get to the Supreme Court. It shows how strong our case is. Had it been weak, believe me, they (Centre) would have started the hearing within weeks. It took so long because the Constitution was blown to pieces on August 5, 2019," More on P10



Infiltrator **Killed Along** LoC In Rajouri

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Jammu: A militant was killed after the Army foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said on Tuesday.

Alert troops detected suspicious movement of a group of militants near the LoC in the Nowshera sector on Monday night, defence spokesman Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said.

The movement of the infiltrators was kept under constant observation and when they reached near the fencing, they were challenged and a gunfight ensued, he said.

One militant was seen falling near the LoC while two others were injured and they were seen taking cover in the jungle, the spokesman said.

The thick jungle and foliage besides the inclement weather helped the injured terrorists to escape, he added.

Additional troops were moved in and the area around the incident site was cordoned off, Lt Col Bartwal said.

War-like stores, including one AK 47 rifle, three AK magazines with 175 rounds, one 9 mm pistol, two magazines with 15 rounds, four hand grenades, communication More on P10

Now, JKPSC To Fill Up SKIMS Vacancies

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Union Territory administration on Tuesday empowered Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) to fill up all gazetted and faculty vacancies under direct quota at the Sher-e-Kashmir institute of medical science (SKIMS) Soura and Medical College, Bemina.

The decision comes over five months after the government ended the autonomy of SKIMS and its administrative control was given to the Health and Medical Education Department In an order by the General Administration Department (GAD), the government said that the recruitment against all the Gazetted/Faculty vacancies/ posts under direct quota, borne on the establishment of SKIMS, Soura as well as SKIMS Medical College, Bemina, henceforth, shall be made through J&K Public Service Commission. "This is in More on P10

Srinagar-Jammu Highway Reopens After 3-Days Normal Traffic Expected To Be **Restored Today: DGP**

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Jammu: Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Dilbag Singh on Tuesday took stock of the progress of maintenance and restoration work along the strategic 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway Partial traffic, including vehicles carrying stranded Amaranth Yatra pilgrims, was allowed on the highway, which was opened after three days of closure following multiple landslides and

places in Ramban district. "The traffic on the highway was suspended on July 7 after a portion of road was washed away by flash floods. The National Highway authority of India (NHAI) has done a tremendous job in making the road trafficable in the shortest possible time," Singh told reporters at Seeri, where about 100 metres of road length was caved in on Sunday. The DGP, who visited the problematic spots between Banihal and Ramban, said all stranded More on P10



Amarnath Yatra Resumes From Jammu

he Amarnath Yatra resumed from the Jammu base camp on Tuesday afternoon after remaining suspended for three days in view of the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway for repairs in the Ramban section. A fresh batch of pilgrims was allowed to move towards Kashmir for their onward journey to the Amarnath cave shrine as the highway, which had been damaged at several places due to incessant rainfall, was opened, they said. Amarnath pilgrims usually leave Jammu between 3.45 am and 4.30 am every day. The suspension of the yatra had left around 15,000 pilgrims More on P10



A woman joined by her kids carries dry grass for their cattle in the outskirts of Srinagar city on a hot Tuesday afternoon. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

HC Upholds Conviction Of Rape Accused Duo In 34 Yr-Old Case

However Reduces Sentence To Five Years, Observing They've Already Become Senior Citizens Now

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Srinagar: Observing that small discrepancies cannot form ground for discarding testimony of a prosecutrix, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Tuesday upheld conviction of two persons held guilty by a trial in 2006 for a woman in Handwara area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district 34 years ago.

"The only requirement of law

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is that before placing reliance upon sole testimony of the prosecutrix, the Court should be satisfied that the testimony of the prosecutrix is of sterling nature," a bench of Justice Sanjay Dhar said while upholding judgment of Sessions Judge Kupwara on 22 November 2006 by which the accused, Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Dar

and Lassa Ganie were convicted for raping a woman in 1989.

However, the court reduced quantum of punishment of both the convicts from ten years to five years and asked them to surrender before the trial court within fifteen days.

"In the instant case having regard to the age of the prosecutrix, who was a grown-up lady at the relevant time and considering the fact that the occurrence has taken place some 34 years back and by now the prosecutrix as well as the appellants must have settled in their life. a lenient More on P10

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Top Security Brass Holds Joint Meeting In Jammu

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Jammu: A joint security review meeting attended by senior Army and police officers was held here to coordinate and facilitate smooth and synergized operations against anti-national elements operating in the hinterland, a defence spokesman said.

The meeting, which was also attended by officers from civil intelligence agencies including Intelligence Bureau and Criminal Investigation Department (CID), was held at Rakhmuthi in Akhnoor sector,

the spokesman said. He said the meeting was organized to coordinate and

facilitate smooth. svnergised operations with special emphasis on the ongoing security situation of hinterland and flood threat.

Parts of Akhnoor were inundated after the Chenab crossed the danger mark on Sunday. prompting the authorities to shift dozens of families to safer places as a precautionary measure.

However, the improvement in the weather over the past two days provided much needed relief to More on P10

Haj Pilgrims To **Arrive From July 18**

he authorities have asked relatives of Hajj pilgrims of Kashmir Division, except Srinagar, to collect vehicle passes from the office of respective Deputy Commissioners (DCs) from July 13, to receive the pilgrims at the Srinagar International Airport here. The flights carrying Hajj pilgrims to Valley will start arriving at the airport from July 18. "The relatives of pilgrims of UT Ladakh, Jammu Division and district Srinagar shall collect the same from Haj House, Bemina, More on P10

Girl's Body Retrieved After 4 Days

escue workers on Tuesday retrieved the body of a girl from a river in North Kashmir's Kupwara district, four days she drowned in the water body along with two of her relatives.

The body of Ronak Jan (12), daughter of Abdul Jabbar of Sulkote village was found at Awatkul from Pohru river, nearly 3 kilometers from the accident site, on Tuesday afternoon, reports said. The body of the minor girl was retrieved by a joint More on P10

NIA Searches 5 Places In Kashmir

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he National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday carried out raids at five locations in the Kashmir valley in a crackdown on newly-floated offshoots of proscribed Pakistanbacked militant groups operating in the Union territory, officials said. The operation was conducted in Anantnag, Shopian and Pulwama districts in south Kashmir as part of the agency's ongoing investigation into a physical and online conspiracy by militants to launch a series of attacks in Jammu More on P10

Train Mows Down Chhattisgarh Teen

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teenager from Chhattisgarh died after Abeing hit by a train in Chithram area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the youth identified as Jugal Khishor son of Mast Ram of Chhattisgarh came under a moving train near Chithram village. He said that in the incident he received critical injuries and died on the spot. "The deceased person was mentally unsound More on P10

Clerk Caught With Bribe Cash

government employee on Tuesday was caught by the sleuths of anticorruption bureau (ACB) in North Kashmir's Kupwara district for accepting a bribe in order to help a woman establish a business unit. Saifudin Wani, clerk in the office of District Industrial Complex, Kupwara, was arrested by ACB after receiving a complaint from a man alleging that the government official was demanding Rs 5000 as bribe for helping him process More on P10

Militant Houses Raided In Kishtwar

he Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday carried out raids at the houses of four militants, who are operating from across the border and making efforts to revive militancy in Kishtwar district, a senior police officer said. The raids are underway at Mughal Maiden, Chatroo and Singhpora areas and are aimed at eliminating the militant ecosystem in the district by identifying various over-ground workers and supporters of militancy, More on P10



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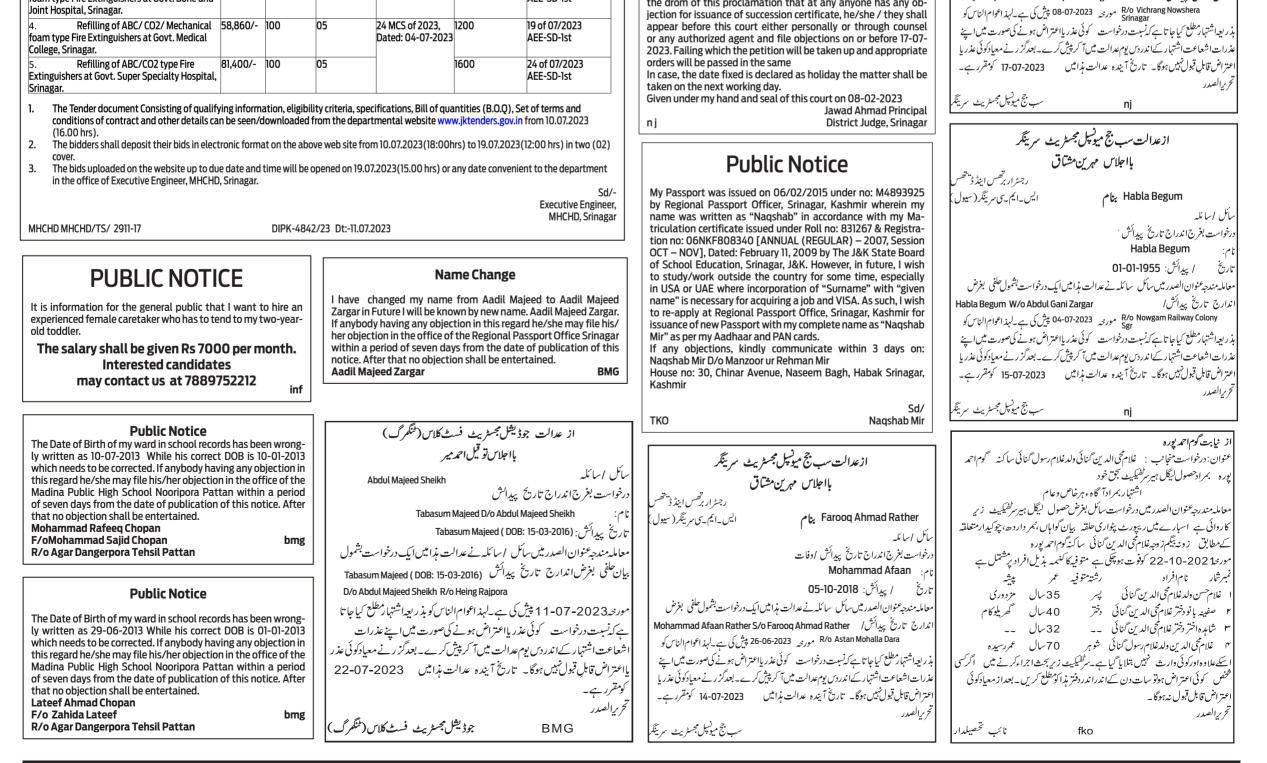
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Two Held For Assaulting Fellow Student At KU

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Srinagar: Police on Tuesday arrested two individuals accused of beating and seriously injuring a fellow LLB student at Kashmir University. According to a senior

According to a senior police officer, the two students, identified as Ali Agha from Rajbagh area of Srinagar and Burhan Bhat from Qazigund Anantnag, were taken into custody for allegedly assaulting their fellow student in the varsity. The case has been

341, 307, and 324 of the IPC, the officer added. Meanwhile, the investigation is currently underway.

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Artisans Who Represented Kashmir In G20 Meet Felicitated In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: An impressive felicitation ceremony was held today by the Department of Handicrafts & Handloom (H&H) Kashmir to acknowledge the Handicrafts and Handloom artisans who represented Kashmir in the third G20 tourism and working group meeting and Youth 20 (Y20) group's Y20 Consultation at Srinagar.

The best master crafts people who have done excellent work in the field of handicrafts for furthering the respective art had put on display their masterpieces during the two events which brought tremendous honor to the valley besides creating an exceptional opportunity for global economic cooperation and policy coordination among the world's

major economies. The exhibitions held at University of Kashmir and SKICC featured numerous stalls displaying a variety of Kashmiri bandiaroffa including

Ing a variety of Kashmiri handicrafts, including Pashmina shawls, Silk carpets, Wood carving, Papier machie and Copperware. The visiting delegates from more than 20 countries were left mesmer-

The visiting delegates from more than 20 countries were left mesmerized by the craftsmanship and the live demonstrations by skilled artists created an immersive experience to the onlookers. Director Handicrafts

& Handloom Kashmir distributed certificates among the artisans who had put their masterpieces on the display during the prestigious events. While congratulating the participant artisans he hailed their dedication and commitment for their cooperation which has been commendable



A black smith is busy fabricating objects out of iron by hot and cold forging on an anvil in Srinagar. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Srinagar Becomes Model District Of India Under SBM-G 2.0

Figures Among Top 10 Districts, Achieves 3-Star Category At All India Level

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Srinagar District has achieved yet another milestone and became the Model District of the country under Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G) 2.0.

Under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, the District has achieved the journey of making all the 26 villages as Model villages and completed the target of 100% Model Villages under prestigious cleanliness scheme Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-G 2.0).

The District Administration Srinagar with dedicated Team of Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj launched an ambitious plan to transform all the villages of the District into Model villages under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-G 2.0).

The District had embarked on a cleanliness mission to transform its rural villages into Model Villages with a vision to enhance the living standards of its inhabitants, improve infrastructure and promote sustainable development, this initiative aims to bring about a comprehensive socioeconomic upliftment.

The Srinagar District (Rural) comprised four CD-Blocks Harwan, Khonmoh. Srinagar and Qamarwari have jurisdiction of 21 Gram Panchayats comprising 26 villages from picturesque foothills of Faqir Gujree, Harwan to Sangri Khonmoh and plain areas of Lasjan, Nowgam and Panzinara. Recognizing the need for inclusive cleanliness of villages,

To achieve the vision to reality, a rigorous saturation campaign was launched to ensure that all the Households, Schools/Anganwadi Centers. Panchayat Ghars in the villages of the District have access to a functional toilet, with separate facilities for men and women. Besides, a number of drains/soakage pits were constructed in the villages for disposal of grey water in forward linkage with UEED of Srinagar Municipal Corporation. As a result of which, all 26 villages of District Srinagar were declared as ODF Plus in Aspiring Category.



This Day In History

1191 - English King Richard I the Lionheart and Crusaders defeat Saracens in Palestine

1537 - Battle of Albancay: Diego de Almagro defeated by army led by Alonso de Alvarado on behalf of Francisco Pizarro

1542 - French troops under Maarten van Rossem occupy Flanders

1549 - Kett's uprising occupies Norwich, England

1679 - Britain's King Charles II ratifies Habeas Corpus Act allowing prisoners right to be imprisoned to be examined by a court

1690 - Battle of Boyne: in Ireland, Protestant King William III defeats English Catholic King James II

1691 - Battle of Aughrim (Aghrim) Ireland, William III beats James II

1774 - Citizens of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, pass a symbolic declaration of independence

1785 - 1st manned flight by gas balloon in Netherlands

1790 $\,$ - French Revolution: The Civil Constitution of the Clergy is adopted, putting the Catholic Church in France under the control of the state

1801 - Second Battle of Algeciras: British fleet beats French and Spanish (six days after losing the 1st Battle of Algeciras)

1812 - US forces led by General Hull invade Canada (War of 1812)

1862 - Federal troops occupy Helena, Arkansas

DC Srinagar Releases District Statistical Handbook

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Tuesday released the Annual publication "District Statistical Handbook of the DisThe Deputy Commissioner also released Book Constituency Wise Village Amenity Directory, social Evaluation Report on tors Beti Bachao Beti Padhao the D (BBBP) scheme, Evaluation Report on Revised National Tuberculosis Control Distri

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ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AWANTIPORA, KASHMIR. Tele: 01933-247954/247955. Website: www.iust.ac.in ADMISSION NOTIFICATION NO. 02 OF 2023

On-line Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to below mentioned Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) for the Academic Session 2023. The candidates are advised to peruse Admission Guidelines / Prospectus 2023 (available on the University website) & go through the Admission Procedure to check the eligibility criteria/ other details before filling and submitting their Online Application Forms:

PROGRAMME ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

trict Srinagar compiled by District Statistics and Evaluation Office (DSEO) Srinagar here at a simple Book release function held in the Office Cham- ber of the DC Srinagar.	B.A. Islamic Studies Having passed 10+2 with a minimum of 45% marks from the J&K Board of School Education or from any other recognized board Based on the candidate's performance in the University Entrance Test IMPORTANT DATES: Availability of Online Application Forms 12-07-2023 Last Date for submission of Online Application Forms/Deposition of Application Fee 27-07-2023 The candidates whose result of the qualifying examination is yet to be declared can also apply online provisionally. The detailed Admission Notification No. 02 of 2023 is available on the University website <u>www.iust.ac.in</u> . For any further query/information, the candidates may contact: EPABX: 01933-247954/247955 Phone: 9858306455 / 9906400789 Email ID: admissions@iust.ac.in	 1863 - In New Zealand, British forces invade Waikato, home of the Maori King Movement, beginning a new phase of the wars between Maori and Colonial British 1878 - Fever epidemic in New Orleans begin, it will kill 4,500 1879 - Agricultural and industrial tariffs are introduced in Germany
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E iapmd.kmr@jkbmail.com POSSESSION NOTICE Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002 Whereas Mr. Tanveer Bashir, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 08.08.2022 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely M/s Imaad Sales to repay an amount of Rs.416,04,01796 (Rupees Eight Corres Sixteen Lacs Four Thousand Seventeen and Ninety Six Paise Only) being the balance outstanding as on 31.07.2022 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon. The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the O6 th day of July of the year 2023. The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregat- ing to Rs. Rs.8,16,04,017.96 (Rupees Eight Corres Sixteen Lacs Four Thousand Seven- teen and Ninety Six Paise Only) together with future interest thereon from 01.08.2022 and other charges incurred or to be incurred. The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets. Description of the Immovable Property (As	Khata no. 147. Khewat no. 34) situated at Mouza Khushinora. Tehsil Rohama. District	<section-header><section-header><section-header><text><text><text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text></text></text></section-header></section-header></section-header>
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NEWS



Islam Occupies 'Position Of Pride' In India: NSA Doval

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on Tuesday said India has been a melting pot of cultures and religions that have co-existed in harmony for centuries, and Islam occupies a unique and significant "position of pride" amongst the religious groups in the country.

Mr Doval's remarks came during an event here at the India Islamic Cultural Centre where Muslim World League Secretary General Sheikh Dr Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, who is on an India visit, also addressed the gathering.

Mr Doval hailed Al-Issa as an authentic global voice of moderate Islam and a profound scholar with a deep understanding of Islam.

Hailing the "excellent" relations between India and Saudi Arabia, Mr Doval said the ties were rooted in shared cultural heritage, common values and economic ties.

"Our leaders share a common vision for the future and have been closely interacting with each other," the National Security Advisor said.

In his remarks, Mr Doval said India as the world's largest democracy and the mother of democracies is a land of incredible diversity.

"In your (Al-Issa) talk you elaborately mentioned diversity as a fundamental trait of our existence. It (India) has been a melting pot of cultures, religions, languages and ethnicities that have co-existed in harmony for centuries. As an inclusive democracy, India has successfully managed to provide space for all its citizens regardless of their religious, ethnic and cultural identities," he said.

"Amongst its numerous religious groups, Islam occupies a unique and significant position of pride with India being home to the second largest Muslim population in the world," he said.

As Nato Meets On Ukraine, Russian Officials **Fire Warnings At West**



Kremlin warns on risk of moving NATO infrastructure near Russian borders

Agencies

s NATO leaders gather in Lithuania for a meet-Ting that is being dominated by the Ukraine war, and Kyiv's desire to join the military alliance, Russia has issued a series of threats.

Maria Zakharova, spokesperson of the Russian foreign ministry, told Al Jazeera on Tuesday: "We had an objective to weaken NATO because the United States, Britain and the entire NATO had an objective to weaken Russia. Just look at their statements for years, they wanted to weaken our country.'

Sergey Lavrov, the Russian foreign minister, warned that Moscow would take "appropriate steps" in the event of "possible NATO enlargement", adding that his country would protect its "le-

gitimate security interests". Addressing reporters in the Russian capital on Tuesday, he said, in comments carried by the Tass news agency, that the Kremlin was struck by the speed at which Finland

cow's aggression in Ukraine and Sweden abandoned their long-held principle of neuand how to counter it. Hours before it began, Rustrality in order to join NATO. sia attacked Kyiv with Irani-Before invading Ukraine on February 24, 2022, Russia re-

an-made Shahed drones and peatedly warned the Western air raid sirens rang out in the military alliance against making capital; Ukraine said it shot all Ukraine a member, saying it did of them down.

not want NATO on its doorstep. NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said that he expects the While there is broad consensus among NATO memgroup to "send a clear, united bers to support Ukraine's fuand positive message on the path towards membership for ture membership, some states Ukraine", but those comments such as the US and Germany stress that Kyiv's application were not strong enough to can only be seriously considsatisfy Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who claimed it was "absurd" that ered after Russia's war ends. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told a regular news a timeline for joining the allibriefing: "Russia is perceived ance was not set.

US President Joe Biden said enemy, as an adversary. It is in that Washington and its allies were discussing sending more arms and equipment to Ukrainian forces - pledges that saw Russia baulk.

By announcing more aid plans, the US has signalled a subject to in-depth analysis in lack of interest in talks to end the war, Russia's RIA news agency cited senior diplomat day summit is the issue of Mos-Konstantin Gavrilov as saying.

Teachers Of Private, Government Schools Entitled To Same Pay: Delhi Court

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At the heart of NATO's two-

sure our own security.

"We are monitoring this

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Teachers of unaided private schools are entitled to same pay and emoluments as their counterparts in government schools, the Delhi High Court has said The court made the remarks while rejecting a private school's plea challenging the directive of a single-judge bench of the high court to pay its teachers according to the Seventh Central Pay Commission. The court observed that section 10 of the Delhi School Education Act provides that the scale of pay and allowances, medical facilities, pension, gratuity, provident fund and other prescribed benefits of a recognised private school shall not be less than those of

the employees of the corresponding status in the government school

It also noted that the Directorate of Education here in a notification on October 17, 2017, directed that all recognised schools shall implement the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission.

Education) Act, 1973," said the court in its recent order.

"Consequently, this Court is of the view that the present appeal is bereft of merit. Accordingly, the present appeal and application are dismissed but with no order as to cost," it said

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sion was not extended by

The single-judge bench,

in its judgement passed in

December 2021, directed the

school to grant benefits and

salaries to the teachers un-

der provisions of the Seventh

Central Pay Commission and

further held that they were

entitled to arrears with effect

from January 1, 2016.

the school.

Law Commission Gets 46 Lakh Replies On Uniform **Civil Code As Deadline Nears**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: As the deadline to send views on the Uniform Civil Code ends in two days, the Law Commission has so far received nearly 46 lakh responses, sources said today.

The Commission is also likely to call certain organisations and people for a personal hearing in the coming days. Some of these invitation letters have already been sent, they said. Till Monday evening, the panel had received nearly 46

lakh responses. On June 14, the Law Commission initiated a fresh consultation process on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) by seeking views from stakeholders, including public and recognised religious organisations, on the politically sensitive issue.

Earlier, the 21st Law Commission, the term of which ended in August 2018, examined the issue and solicited the views of all stakeholders on two occasions. Subsequently, a consultation paper on "Reforms of Family Law" was issued in August 2018.

"Since more than three years have lapsed from the date of issuance of the said consultation paper, bearing in mind the relevance and importance of the subject and also the various court orders on the subject, the 22nd Law Commission of India considered it expedient to deliberate afresh over the subject," the panel had said in



a 'public notice'.

Appearing before a parliamentary committee earlier this month, representatives of the law panel had defended the fresh consultation exercise, noting that the preceding commission had brought out its suggestions in 2018 and its term had also come to an end. That is why, they have begun a fresh initiative which is essentially "informational".

In its consultation paper issued on August 31, 2018, the previous Law Commission headed by Justice B S Chauhan (retd) said while the diversity of Indian culture can and should be celebrated, specific groups or weaker sections of the society must not be "disprivileged" in the process.

It said the Commission dealt with laws that are discriminatory rather than providing a uniform civil code "which is neither necessary nor desirable at this stage".

The consultation paper said most countries are now moving towards recognition of difference, and the mere existence of difference does not imply discrimination but is indicative of a robust democracy.

Trinamool Leading With Over 18,000 Seats In Bengal Rural Polls



Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: According to the latest declarations by the State Election Commission, the TMC is leading in 18,332 gram panchayat seats. Its nearest rival BJP is leading in 4,592 seats out of 63,329 seats as of 5,30 pm.

ing venues spread across 22 districts. The maximum number of counting centres is in South 24 Parganas at 28, while the minimum is in Kalimpong at four. Some northern districts are also facing inclement weather.

"Counting began at 8 am and likely continue for the next

World Muslim League **Chief Says India "Great** Model For Coexistence"

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Saudi Arabia's former Minister for Justice, considered a leading global voice on moderate Islam, on Tuesday said that India with its diversity is "a great model for coexistence" and that the country can send a message of peace to the world.

"We have talked just moments ago about the different components in the Indian society and we have been in the past days engaging with them. And I know that the Muslim component of the Indian society, they are, as I said, proud of their Constitution and proud of their nation and they are proud of the brotherhood that they share with the rest of the

common objectives that we share. We have heard a lot about Indian wisdom and we know that it has contributed a

lot to humanity..." "We know that here coexis-tence is very important... we also work on promoting stability and harmony all over the world. We know that the Indian component, with all its diversity, is a great model for coexistence not only in just mere words but also on the ground." The visiting Saudi delegate

said that his organisation is working across the world to promote religious awareness.

"There is this pessimist theory in the world that says that the clash between civilizations is unavoidable, and thus such a clash depends on two factors. There are religions and also civilizations.

components of the Indian society," Al-Issa said in the national capital today.

Al-Issa who is the current Secretary General of the Muslim World League (MWL), an organisation based in Saudi Arabia and representing Muslims worldwide, was delivering an address at an event at the India Islamic Cultural Centre in the national capital organised by the Khusro Foundation.

The Saudi leader is on a fiveday visit to India that began on July 10.

Appreciating "Indian wisdom", Al-Issa said, "We reach out with the different components and diversity for the

'That's why the United Nations has been aware of such theories, and they have established an organization, an organ within the United Nations called the Alliance of Civilizations," Al-Issa said.

He further stated that the Muslim World League in cooperation with the United Nations and their leadership have launched an intitiative titled "Building Bridges between the East and the West" from the platform of the United Nations. "Yes, we can cooperate together, and yes, we can live in peace together," he said.

A bench of Justice Manmohan and Justice Mini Pushkarna said schools cannot evade their statutory responsibility and are bound to pay the statutory dues as per the law.

"It is the undisputed position of law that teachers of unaided private schools are entitled to the same pay and emoluments as those of government schools, in terms of the obligation enjoined upon the private recognized schools under the DSE (Delhi School

CPI(M) is leading in 1,894 Three teachers of the seats. The Congress in 1,142 appellant school had approached the single-judge seats. of the high court earlier Other parties which included after the benefit of the Sev-

the newly formed ISF are leading in 1,721 seats, while independents which included TMC rebels won 718 seats and led in 216 seats.

Counting of votes for the three-tier panchayat polls to nearly 74,000 seats which besides the gram panchayat seats, also includes 9,730 panchayat samiti seats and 928 zilla parishad seats, began at 8 am on Tuesday peacefully amid tight security, officials said. There are around 339 counttwo days. It will take time for the ballots to be counted and the results to be compiled," an SEC official said.

In Darjeeling hills, out of the 598 seats in Darjeeling and 281 in Kalimpong, the BGPM was leading in 21, whereas the BJP was head in one, and the independents were leading in four. All the counting venues are manned by armed state police personnel and central forces, with prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC being imposed outside the venue to avoid any untoward incidents. There are a total of 767 strong rooms across 22 districts.

NEWS MAKERS

MEA Employee Honey-Trapped by Pakistan!

Agencies

GHAZIABAD: Weeks after the arrest of DRDO scientist Pradeep Kurulkar in an espionage case, another government employee has been apprehended by Ghaziabad Police in a honey-trap case. Naveen Pal, an employee of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), was taken into custody on Tuesday on charges of passing confidential documents to Pakistan.

According to Free Press Journal report, Naveen Pal had been sharing sensitive information, including documents related to the G-20 summit, with a female ISI agent named Anjali through WhatsApp. A probe into Pal revealed multiple financial transactions in Pal's bank account. DRDO Scientist Espionage-Honeytrap Case: Special Pune Court Sends Accused Pradeep Kurulkar to ATS Custody Till May 16.

Authorities are now intensifying their efforts to gather additional evidence and ascertain the full extent of Pal's involvement in the alleged espionage case. Multiple security and investigative agencies, including the Intelligence Bureau, are currently interrogating the accused.

The case against Naveen was filed by Sub-

Inspector Prahlad Singh from Crossing Republic Police Station under various sections of the Government Secrets Act of 1923 and Section 66F of the IT Act. Following the filing of the case, the police apprehended Naveen near the Shani temple on Monday afternoon. According to multiple reports,

Naveen, a resident of the Bhim Nagar area of Crossing Republic, holds a 12th-grade education and works as a Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) in the Ministry of External Affairs. DRDO Espionage Case: Accused Scientist Dr Pradeep Kurulkar Leaked Secrets To Get Intimate With Pakistani Agent, Called Her 'Babe', Reveals Maharashtra ATS Chargesheet.

During the investigation, the police discovered an Apple mobile phone in Naveen's possession. Upon examining the photo backup section of the device, they found classified documents related to the Ministry of External Affairs and the G-20 summit, all marked as 'secret.' Additionally, screenshots of some documents were also found, which Naveen had shared via WhatsApp using the contact saved as 'Anjali Calcutta.' Initial findings indicate that Naveen claimed to have befriended a girl named Anjali on social media.

Rising Prices: Tomatoes As Birthday Gift Now



Press Trust of India

THANE: Amid soaring prices of tomatoes in the country, a woman received more than 4 kg of the kitchen staple as a gift on her birthday in Maharashtra's Thane district.

The price of tomato, which was once ₹20 per kg, has shot up to ₹140 per kg and has become unaffordable to the common man.

Sonal Borse, a resident of Kochadi in Kalyan, received more than 4 kg of tomatoes as a gift from her relatives

on her birthday on Sunday.

A video of the woman cutting a birthday cake with baskets of tomatoes on the table has gone viral on social media.

Talking to reporters, Ms Borse said she was really delighted by the gift her brother, aunt and uncle gave her on the occasion.

Tomatoes are supplied from Nashik, Junnar and Pune to Mumbai. However, tomato farmers suffered losses due to the unseasonal rains and Cyclone Biparjoy.

BARAMULLA CENTRAL CO-OPRATIVE BANK LTD. Head Office: Baramulla Kashmir

APPENDIX-IV POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule-8(1)] (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Nodal Officer of Baramulla Central Cooperative Bank Branch Kupwara under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets

And Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFEASI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 8 and 9 Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002,

had issued a Demand Notices dated: 15-03-2023, calling upon the Borrower M/S GM Filling Station Prop's: Mohbat Ali Khan S/O: Rahmatullah Khan R/O: Shartpora Hyhama Kupwara & Gh Nabi Rather S/O: Haji Gh Qadir Rather R/O: Turkapora Handwara District Kupwara to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being

Rs.3.69.58,835-00 (Rupees three crore sixty nine lacs fifty eight thousand eight hundred thirty five only) as on 15-03-2023, and interest thereon within sixty days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The said borrower and Guarantor having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken physical/symbolic possession of the mortgaged property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read

with Rule 8 of the security interest enforcement) rule 2002 on dated. 11-07-2023 The said Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Baramulla Central Cooperative Bank Head Office Baramulla, for an amount Rs.3,69,58,835-00 (Rupces three crore sixty-nine lacs

fifty-cight thousand eight hundred thirty-five only) as on 15-03-2023 and further interest thereon together with incidental expenses, costs, charges less repayment. Description of the mortgaged Immovable property

Dated 11.07-2023 Registered mortgage of land measuring 2 kanal and 9 marlas under khewat No-148, survey No-109min, and Khata No-725 along with petrol pump, shops at Bumhama District Kupwara Dated : 11-07-2023 Nodal Oficer

Baramulla Central Cooperative Bank Ltd

STATE

Ex-MLC Surinder Choudhary Dumps BJP, Joins NC

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Former Jammu and Kashmir MLC Surinder Choudhary joined the National Conference here on Tuesday, ending over a year-long association with the **BIP**

He had quit Peoples Democratic Party on March 30 last year and crossed over to the BJP within a week in the presence of senior leaders including the party's national general secretary Tarun Chug and Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina.

Earlier in the day, Choudhary his decision to quit the BJP through a tweet while accusing the Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief of encouraging familism and corruption. Choudhary had lost to Raina in the Nowshera Assembly constituency of Ra-jouri district in the 2014 assembly polls.

Welcoming Choudhary and his supporters to the National Conference, the party's vice president and former chief minister Omar Abdullah accused the BJP is using state machinery to browbeat those who want to leave the party and join the NC.

"You cannot think of the pressure which was put on Choudhary to stop him from joining the National Conference. Officers who are supposed to serve the public are being used to put pressure on the BJP's opponents. I want to

'Post Pandemic New World Order'

Lt Gen Ata Hasnain

India Emerging As Robust

Economy Despite Challenges:

tell the officers that this is not your job and this administration is not going to stay forever," Omar Abdullah said while addressing a huge gathering on the occasion.

He claimed that a leader of a regional party had decided to join the National Conference recently but was forced to give up succumbing to the pressure from the BJP even though he is not affiliated with the party.

"This is what is happening in Jammu and Kashmir, leaving people distressed," Omar Abdullah said and asked party workers to step up their activities in every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Our responsibility is to reach out to the people, stand with them and bring back smiles on their faces to pull Jammu and Kashmir out of this cesspool," the NC vice-president said.

He said Choudhary started his political career at the National Conference in 1995 and with his rejoining, the party will strengthen further at the grass-root level. The former MLC thanked the National Conference and pledged not to leave the party again.

He slammed the BIP over its claims of development and restoration of peace in Jammu and Kashmir and said he is ready for a debate with the saffron party leaders to expose their claims.

Hold J&K Assembly Elections With Parliamentary Polls: Omar

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Tuesday advocated for holding the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir with the parliamentary polls next year, saying the people need an opportunity to choose their elected government rather than being ruled through the Raj Bhavan. He also defended "parivarvaad" (familism) in politics

and also questioned the remarks of Home Minister Amit Shah that three families -- National Conference, PDP and Congress -- are responsible for terrorism-related deaths in the Union Territory.

"I have no grudge against rime Minister (Narendra Prime Modi) who is a big man and also elder to me. I do not have any objection (for his remarks against me). However, I want to tell him that he should announce assembly elections and we will see whom the people

will vote for," Abdullah said. He was responding to a question about Modi's remarks that "if you want the advancement of the Abdullah heirs, then vote for NC. But if you want the progress of your son, daughter and grandchildren, vote for BJP.

"You (PM) are not giving an opportunity to the people let election be held, the results will be before you whether they like NC or not. We are not those who are ruling people through Raj Bhavan," Abdullah said, referring to the Lieutenant Governor's rule in J-K post the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

He said, "You have to go for parliamentary elections (next year), let assembly elections (in I-K) be held with it. Give us an

opportunity, we will see who is right and who is wrong." The former chief minister said the BJP is afraid of losing

assembly elections and is deliberately delaying the polls.

"They think one of us is going to win and so they are not holding the polls because they know there is a lot of difference between what they are saying and what they are doing."

He said he is confident that if assembly elections are held today, the BJP is not "going to cross 10 seats, leave aside their claim of 50 plus seats".

On BJP's remarks that the party is ready for the polls but the decision is to be taken by the Election Commission, Abdullah said the election commissioner has time and again made it clear that they need a signal from the Centre that the situation is conducive for holding the polls in J-K.

"Election Commission is on record as having said that we accept there is a vacuum and that vacuum needs to be filled. It is obvious that the Election Commission is not given a green signal for polls in J-K," he added. On accusations of the party

pursuing "parivarvaad", he said there is no party in the country, except Leftists, which can have no familism.

"BIP senior leaders have adjusted their sons and daughters somewhere. The only difference is that we do not hide it and accept it. We have a political background and have to present our report card before the public who either accept us or reject us. This

is democracy and everyone has a right to take part in elections.

"If I belong to a political family that does not mean I have no place for politics. It is my right

during his June 23 visit to Jammu and Kashmir that who will take responsibility for the deaths of 42,000 people due to terrorism in J-K while criticising the NC, PDP and Congress, Abdullah said, "If for an argument, we accept that we are responsible for the deaths before 2014, but let them also say who is responsible for killings in the past nine years.

"What happened in Pulwama (where over 40 CRPF personnel were killed in 2019) and Rajouri, Budhal (where several army personnel were killed in 2022-23)? I accept my faults but what about the selective killings of minority community members including Kashmiri Pandits in the past three years in the Valley. I am not in government, neither the PDP, nor Congress, and if you are holding us responsible, let the responsibility for killings post 2014 be fixed as well.

"Let the people, whether it is Lt Governor, Director General of Police, chief secretary, Army commander and Chief of army staff, be identified. We also want to know," the NC leader said.

entertainment because he ex-

hibited exceptional talent, am-

bition, and curiosity".

Chief Secretary Launches Mobile Dost App

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a momentous occasion and a leap towards mobile governance (m-governance), the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Tuesday launched the path breaking Mobile Dost App in sync with the vision of Apka Mobile HamaraDaftar, a pioneering initiative for mobile-based delivery of citizen-centric services in J&K.

This remarkable event marks a significant milestone in the digital transformation of the region, bringing unparalleled convenience and accessibility to the residents of Jammu & Kashmir in terms of mobility

parent governance system. While launching, Mobile Dost app, the Chief Secretary expressed his satisfaction stating, "this revolutionary app signifies a significant step towards a digitally empowered Jammu 2 Kashmir".

He further added that the administration is committed to providing seamless, citizencentric services to its residents, fostering ease in accessibility, mobility, transparency and efficiency in governance. With the Mobile Dost App, we aim to enhance accessibility and convenience, ensuring that every individual can benefit from government services at their



in accessing online services.

The Mobile Dost App aims at empowering people of Jammu & Kashmir by providing a comprehensive platform to access all the Government to citizen Services (G2C) directly from their mobile devices. With just a few taps, residents can now effortlessly avail themselves of numerous services, enhancing their daily lives and fostering an efficient, effective and trans-

fingertips, he added.

On the occasion, Dr Mehta congratulated the IT Department and thanked the Government of Haryana for their support in the development of the mobile application. He expressed hope that 'Mobile Dost' would enhance the accessibility and inclusiveness of government service delivery in sync with the vision of 'Apka Mobile HamaraDaftar'.

RS Bali, Wife And Son Cremated In Baramulla

Officers, officials of several departments, others pay their

respects

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Director Finance, Forest Department, RS Bali, his spouse, and their beloved son were consigned to flames on Tuesday amidst tears and profound grief.

The tragic demise of RS Bali has left a lasting impact as hundreds of mourners from all walks of life gathered at Chandoosa Village in Baramulla District to pay their respects and

Pursuing his zeal and passion for art and filmmaking, bid farewell. Officers and officials from Fi-Shoaib recently graduated from New York Film Academy nance Department, along with the Forest Department, School (NYFA), in Los Angeles, California, and has had the opportu-Education Department, and various other departments at-

place at Chandoosa Baramulla, where a multitude of officers, fellow relatives, neighbors, and individuals from all sections and religious communities gathered to pay their respects.

Sh. Bali, his spouse, and their son tragically lost their lives in a devastating accident while traveling on Mughal road on July 9, 2023.

The news of this heartwrenching incident has left everyone present at the cremation site in deep grief, with tearful eyes, as they prayed for the eternal peace of the departed souls.

During the cremation ceremony, representatives from the J&K Finance Association and J&K Accounts Employees Association were also present to express their profound sorrow and offer their prayers for the well-being of the injured daughter, who is

CUK Chancellor, said the appointment of Prof. A Ravinder GANDERBAL: Central Univer-Nath, as Vice-Chancellor, CUK, sity of Kashmir (CUK), Chancelhas been an amazingly positive lor, Lt. Gen Syed Ata Hasnain development. The 100-days tar-(Retd) Tuesday said that India get, document set by him, shows should be considered as the nahis absolute commitment and retion in the world which is only solve, to pursue the goal of maklooking towards peace, stability ing the varsity, a centre par ex-

Lt. Gen Syed Ata Hasnain as-

Kashmiri Youth Selected For Academy's **Gold Rising Program in Hollywood**

cellence, on academics, research and infrastructure front. pired that people of Kashmir should proliferate and develop better skills, have best of the infrastructure and other facilities to live a peaceful life He said that as an army man, he advocates a policy to win the hearts and minds of people by helping in their economic growth, development and sustainability and providing education to the children and imparting skills to the youth, for the overall development of the society and the country, adding that the interface and interaction of students promotes the peace, harmony and tranquillity. He said the university should engage world class consultants and technology driven construction techniques to establish the permanent structures.

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livering a special lecture on "Post New World Orde

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friends and permanent enemies,

only permanent interests on

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revolve," Hasnain, said, while de-

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Lt. General said, that India is progressing leaps and bounds in all the major sectors and is emerging as a leading economy in the world, post pandemic. "Despite the challenges and difficulties faced during the Covid outbreak, the country has progressed and bounced back on all fronts, and currently has a robust economy, when compared to other developed countries of the world," he said. CUK Chancellor, said, the Covid hit the country socially and economically. "However, as most of the world went through recession, India bounced back and its GDP has reached \$3.75 trillion in 2023.'

selected batch of emerging talent who demonstrate passion, prowess, and potential as a future leader in the film industry, from among thousands of applicants from across the world, sources said.

Academy accept

Rising Program of 2023.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is a professional honorary organization with the stated goal of advancing the arts and sciences of motion pictures.

As part of the Academy Gold Rising Program, Shoaib Shawl will be able to take advantage of the robust networking esteemed network of current event offerings, growth and



development opportunities, professional mentorship, and more for a curated personal enhancement program like none other in the realm of entertainment, they said.

"Welcoming to Hollywood", the Academy Gold Rising team wrote to Shoaib Shawl that "he has been selected to join this and future leaders in film and

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nity to work as a proc designer and director in several projects throughout these years.

While his parents hail from Rajouri town Shoaib has been brought up mainly at Jammu and Dehradun. After completing his schooling in Dehradun he joined the New York Film Academy, Los Angeles.

With his acumen in direction, cinematography, production designing, script writing, Shoaib aims to give a voice to the lesser-known yet magnificent culture of Jammu and Kashmir, and represent it globally through his art and films.

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Apple Industry Needs Protection

he reduction of import duty on Washington apples from 70 percent to 50 percent is a major blow to the apple industry in Kashmir. The decision is likely to have a major impact on apple growers and traders in the region, who are already struggling to cope with the challenges of the past few years.

The apple industry is the backbone of the Kashmir economy, and it provides employment to millions of people. Currently, five lakh families (around 25 lakh people) in the state are practicing horticulture. Apple occupies around 40 percent of the total area under fruit and accounts for 90 percent of the total production of fruits in the state.

The reduction in import duty will make it much more difficult for local apple growers to compete with imported apples. The Washington apples are of high quality and are often sold at a lower price than local apples. This will make it difficult for consumers to choose local apples, and it will lead to a decline in demand for local apples. The move is also likely to have a negative impact on the prices of local apples which are already under pressure due to the unseasonal snowfall, and frequent closure of Jammu-Srinagar National.

Already, the growing costs of pesticides and transportation have reduced considerably the returns from exports. And if the sector suffers major losses because of the low-priced imported apples, it would not only affect the apple farmers but also the economy as a whole. The existing state of affairs is thus grim news for the region.

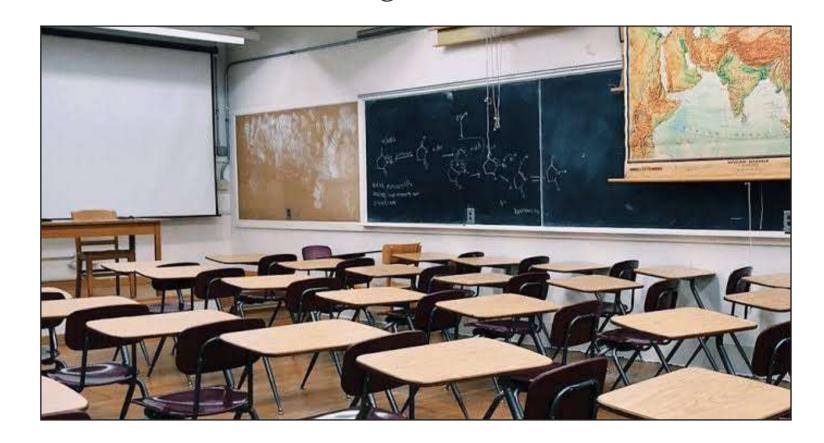
Though Kashmir accounts for more than 75 percent of India's total apple production, the imported apples have threatened to further undermine its profitability. In 2021, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed the imposition of a 35 percent Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess in the Union Budget on the apples. However, the cess was not levied on the domestic production of apples. This was expected to benefit Kashmiri apple but it hasn't as the Iranian apple and those from other countries are reducing its appeal for Indian consumers.

The government should have done more to protect the local apple industry, instead of making it even more difficult for apple growers to compete with imported apples. There is a demand for a hike in import duty by apple growers who believe that a higher duty would protect the interests of local farmers.

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The Silent Suffering The Melancholic Saga of Private Teachers



Peer Mohammad Amir Qureshi

" School administrators cunningly exploit the

high unemployment rate in the valley, knowing that they can easily replace these educators at the drop of a hat, as soon as an employment notice is published

t the forefront of molding the minds that will shape a nation's destiny, stands the figure of a teacher. These custodians of knowledge are revered as the architects of our society, their significance echoed time and again. Throughout the annals of history. teaching has held an exalted position, an act of virtue that illuminates the path of seekers. Islam, recognizing their eminence, has endowed teachers with utmost respect, bestowing upon them profound rights. The immortal words of Hazrat Ali (RA), "Teach me but a solitary word, and I shall be your devoted servant for life," encapsulate the pinnacle of reverence for teachers

The plight of private school teachers is a lamentable saga, wherein they find themselves beleaguered by the very parents they serve and the school authorities they toil under. These educators, often treated as subservient beings and relegated to second-class citizenship, bear the burden of arduous challenges and tribulations while carrying out their noble duty. Are they not entitled to recompense and timely remuneration for their countless hours of unwavering lectures? Shockingly, the J&K Private School Association reveals that a staggering 65,000 teaching and non-teaching staff members lack any source of income. As private teachers endure the disheartening delay in receiving their dues, they must also shoulder the responsibilities of their families and fulfill other obligations. School administrators cunningly exploit the high unemployment rate in the valley, knowing that they can easily replace these educators at the drop of a hat, as soon as an employment notice is published. It is imperative to acknowledge that several esteemed educational institutions in the valley have begun to recognize and value the tireless efforts and unwavering dedication of their

educators. This progressive trend is certainly praiseworthy. However, it remains an unfortunate truth that, as a society, we have consistently failed to comprehend, acknowledge, and truly appreciate the profound sacrifices made by our teachers.

In recent years, the delicate fabric of the student-teacher relationship has grown fragile, descending into a state of disarray. In a realm where wisdom once held court, private teachers now stand at the precipice of a disheartening reality. The delicate dance between mentors, pupils, and parents has undergone a metamorphosis, casting aside the regal air of respect and embracing an era of nonchalance. With each step toward informality, the pillars of authority crumble, sowing seeds of mediocrity within the fertile fields of education. The symphony of reverence, once harmonious, now fades into an unsettling silence, leaving private educators to grapple with a profound loss that tarnishes the very fabric of learning.Private school teachers find themselves caught in the crossfire of parental scrutiny, unable to exercise disciplinary

and enthusiastic efforts, private teachers receive meager wages. often lower than those of peons or drivers employed by the same institutions. Tragically, their hard work goes unpaid, forcing them to endure months of waiting for their meager paychecks. Adding to their predicament, private schools withhold separate wages for teachers during winters, despite collecting substantial tuition and fees during this period and organizing winter camps to enroll more students. The majority of private school teachers in Kashmir continue to grapple with melancholy, burdened by unrealistic expectations, a sense of inad equacy, and financial constraints. The uncelebrated champions of Kashmir's pedagogical framework, private instructors, bear the formidable burden of colossal impediments while endeavoring to mold the intellects of forthcoming generations. Their adversities, spanning from waning reverence to fiscal hardships and restricted occupational advancement, persistently evade widespread acknowledgment. It is of utmost urgency for society, educational establishments, and the governing authorities to apprehend and rectify the dire predicament afflicting private teachers in Kashmir. Through provisioning them with ample sustenance, equitable remuneration, and avenues for self-development, we can bestow upon these resolute educators the means to discharge their pivotal function in shaping the destiny of the upcoming generation of Kashmir.

t 2.35 p.m. Indian Standard Time on July 14, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) plans to launch the Chandrayaan-3 mission to the moon onboard a Launch Vehicle Mark 3 from Sriharikota. Chandrayaan-3 is largely a replica of its predecessor, Chandrayaan-2, that was launched in July 2019 in the form of an orbiter and a lander ('Vikram') bearing a rover ('Pragyan'). While the orbiter entered into orbit around the moon, the surface mission failed in September when the lander crashed instead of executing a slow descent. ISRO later identified a problem in the guidance software and unexpected dispersion in the propulsion system during certain phases of the descent. In Chandrayaan-3, the rocket will place the payload in an elliptical orbit around the earth, where a propulsion module will take over and pilot the lander to a circular orbit around the moon. Finally, the lander will detach and begin a series of manoeuvres culminating in a gradual landing (on August 23-24 this year) over the surface. To improve the chances of success at this stage, ISRO has strengthened the lander's legs, lowered its minimum thrust, enhanced the availability of power, and upgraded the landing sequence.

This will be India's second attempt to soft-land a lander and rover on the lunar surface, and demonstrate end-to-end capability in the relevant technologies. Soft-landing on the moon is a complicated exercise and the possibility of failure exists, even if it may be lower — yet there is good reason to focus on the consequences of a complete success. The mission will play out with India's decision to join the Artemis Accords in the backdrop; in this group, if the mission succeeds, the country will be just the second to have soft-landed a rover on the moon. The importance of this feat cannot be overstated: a slew of public and private moon-landing missions is in the works worldwide as the establishment of permanent bases on the natural satellite has emerged as a major geopolitical goal. The Accords define the U.S.-led axis while China and Russia are working on an 'International Lunar Research Station'. The success of Chandrayaan-3 will also make it the surface mission closest to the lunar south pole to date, a region of the moon that has been found to be geologically unique and host to spots in permanent shadow. To study these and other features, the mission has six scientific payloads. A seventh instrument, on the propulsion module, will profile the signs of life on earth to help scientists look for similar signs on planets beyond the solar system. Taken together, Chandrayaan-3 offers opportunities for India to lead the world's response to the moon's growing importance in the scientific and the political milieus.

The Hindu

measures against their students without repercussions.

Distressingly, incidents like the recent arrest of a private teacher in Ghaziabad for reprimanding two students highlight this disconcerting shift. Increasingly, parents dictate the terms of their children's education, deciding whether homework and assignments should be given, thereby eroding the autonomy of Teachers. The disposition of their wards, including their interest in writing, learning, and reading, now solely determines the direction of education. Teachers find themselves at the beck and call of their students and, at times, are even dismissed when the school administration prioritizes results above all else, turning these dedicated instructors into scapegoats. Despite their diligent

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On Reading

he letter by Mr. Juveria Khan on 'Reading a Book a Day' appeared in this column on July 5, 2023 lays emphasis on the importance of developing good reading, and making it a passion when this habit is fast-declining, especially among the youth. Reading is one activity that opens doors to new worlds. It can broaden your perspective, shape your attitude towards life and open up new ways of thinking. Reading has both physical and mental health benefits and these benefits

can last for a lifetime. Reading also gives us the freedom to move around in space, time and history, and gives us a deeper perspective on ideas, concepts, feelings and knowledge. Research has shown that a person who reads every day gets better at it over time and feels more positive too.

Despite living in the digital era, reading a printed book over the online version is still preferred by many. There are multiple reasons why a large swathe of Indian readers always prefer hard copy of books to online reading. Psychologically, the 'ownership' factor could be a key reason, besides like the nice feeling you get while touching a new book, its fragrance, pleasure of turning the pages, easy portability, leisure reading - all make a physical book comfortably win over an e-book. However splendid the cover image of an e-book may look on screen, it is still an image rather than a physical thing. Another major disadvantage with an e-book is that you cannot look at more than one page at once.

In fact, a study from West Chester University of Pennsylvania reveals that students who read on iPads had lower reading comprehension than when they read traditional printed books. A good physical book is like a full course of a sumptuous meal, whereas an e-book is just fast food. Said the noted American novelist Harper Lee: "The book to read is not the one that thinks for you, but the one which makes you think.

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Spot a Stroke, Save a Life

Dr Ashraf Kashmiri

Recognizing a stroke is crucial for timely medical intervention, which can potentially save lives and reduce the risk of long-term disabilities. However, it is important to note that this article provides general information and should not replace professional medical advice. If you suspect someone may be experiencing a stroke, always call emergency services immediately.

A stroke occurs when the blood supply to the brain is interrupted, leading to the death of brain cells. It is a medical emergency that requires immediate attention, as it can result in severe brain damage or even be fatal. Recognizing the signs and symptoms of a stroke is essential to initiate appropriate actions promptly. Here are some important points to consider:

1. Understand the common signs and symptoms:

Face Drooping: One side of the face may droop or feel numb. Ask the person to smile, and observe if one side of their face appears uneven or droopy.

Arm Weakness: Ask the person to raise both arms. If one arm drifts downward or if they have difficulty holding it up, it may indicate arm weakness.

Speech Difficulty: Listen to their speech. Slurred speech, difficulty speaking, or the inability to speak coherently can be signs of a stroke.

Time to Call Emergency Services: If you notice any of these symptoms, call emergency services immediately. Quick action is crucial in stroke cases to improve outcomes.

2. Learn additional signs and symptoms:



stroke.

Sudden Severe Headache: A sudden, severe headache with no apparent cause, often described as the worst headache of one's life, can be a sign of a stroke.

Dizziness and Loss of Balance or Coordination: Sudden dizziness, loss of balance, or difficulty walking or maintaining coordination may indicate a stroke. Confusion and Disorientation: Sudden confusion, trouble understanding or speaking, and difficulty comprehending

what others are saying can be signs of a

Trouble Seeing: Sudden difficulty seeing out of one or both eyes, blurred or double vision, or a sudden loss of vision may indicate a stroke.

3. Use the FAST acronym:

Remember the acronym FAST to help identify and respond to a possible stroke:

Face: Ask the person to smile. If one side of the face droops or feels numb, it may be a sign of a stroke.

Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. If one arm drifts downward or is weaker than the other, it may indicate arm weakness, which can be a sign of a stroke.

Speech: Listen to their speech. Slurred or garbled speech, difficulty speaking, or inability to speak coherently can be signs of a stroke.

Time: If you observe any of these signs, call emergency services immediately. Time is critical in stroke cases, and prompt medical attention can make a significant difference.

4. Observe the person's behavior:

Sudden Weakness or Numbness: Note if the person suddenly experiences weakness or numbness in their face, arm, or leg, particularly on one side of the body.

Altered Mental State: Pay attention to any sudden confusion, trouble understanding, or difficulty grasping simple instructions or questions.

Loss of Coordination and Balance: Observe if the person has sudden difficulty walking, maintaining balance, or experiencing sudden falls.

Severe Headache and Neck Stiffness: Take note if the person experiences a sudden, severe headache along with neck stiffness or pain, which may indicate a hemorrhagic stroke.

5. Seek medical help immediately:

Even if the symptoms appear to improve or disappear, it is crucial to call emergency services or go to the nearest emergency room immediately. Do not delay seeking medical help or wait for the symptoms to worsen.

Inform the medical professionals about the suspected stroke symptoms and the time they started. Timely treatment can significantly improve a stroke patient's chances of recovery.

Remember, while it is important to be vigilant and knowledgeable about stroke symptoms, this information is not meant to replace professional medical advice. It is always recommended to consult them.

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Why are Dogs the New Villains in India?

Zeyad Masroor Khan Vice

For over 14,000 years in recorded history, dogs have been our best friends. Through the corridors of time, across cities, towns, villages. forests, islands, deserts and mountains, the human-dog partnership has endured. It's a testament to this friendship that some hu mans have even battled legal restrictions to be buried along with their furry friends. Yet, an escalating hostility against dogs is emerging in certain regions of India. "It kills me when I see how inhuman our society has become for dogs. The uber-rich people of these concrete jungles have probably lost the ability to think of anyone but themselves," said Anupama Kalra, who runs a dog rescue center among the high-rise apartments in Gurgaon. Kalra, who helps find pet parents for adoption of dogs, says she is seeing a rising demonization of dogs in her vicinity, following the viral spread of videos depicting dog attacks in India. In recent times, many videos depicting canine attacks, some resulting in grievous harm and loss of lives, have gone viral on social media. Incidents of dogs attacking people in elevators, on streets and in homes were reported from many places, including Noida, Mumbai and Kerala. In my hometown Aligarh in April 2023, after a man was fatally attacked by a group of dogs, this matter became a major discussion point in the town "When will the administration be serious about eradicating dogs from our city?" a family friend asked me. While dog-catching vans roamed around the outskirts of the city, some localities had discussions to hire people to kill dogs living in their area. Even though the Indian constitution bats for protection for animals, India is said to be on a brutal path to deal with its stray dog population. However, experts say that dogs have not suddenly become more aggressive, it's our perception of them that is changing. So we tried to find out the truth behind the growing demonization of dogs in India, the root causes behind dog attacks and who, if anyone, is responsible for them. For this, we talked to animal activists, rescuers, urban planners, digital-rights organizations and a dog psychic.



nicipal practice is that dog owners should register their pet with authorities, which is rarely practiced. The urban planners need to have an idea of the animal population they are trying to handle, so they can devise a plan. In reality, one can adopt a dog, abandon it or run over it, without any repercussions. The whole system is dysfunctional of sorts." Raman told VICE.

Wrath of the RWAs

A primary player in this game of hostilities are the RWAs (Resident Welfare Associations) and Apartment Societies in metro cities. "RWAs are actually the biggest culprits. They hinder our plans to rescue and feed the dogs in their locality. In fact, they'd rather let their leftover food go to waste than give it to the dogs," Kalra told VICE, adding that hunger anxiety is, in fact, a major reason behind dog attacks.

"The members of the RWA keep breaking the bins I put outside their locality for leftover food. In other cases, residents would hit the dogs with sticks or even run them down over by cars," added Kalra. In many of these localities, the leftover food will eventually become a part of the mountains of garbage landfills, fast becoming a nightmare for administrators in India.

Kalra also has solutions. "These societies could consider the dogs as their collective responsibility. If the market associations get involved, they can easily take care of 15-20 dogs of their locality, feed them, get them vaccinated, take them to veterinarians or safely neuter them. When hunger anxiety is gone, dogs become more loving and friendly, or just keep sleeping for hours," Kalra said.

On the other hand, administrators have their own set of problems. There are around 1.5 crore stray dogs in India. Between 2019-2022, the number of people bitten by animals in India was close to 1.5 crores. In the first six months of 2022, the number of cases of dog bites in the country went up to 14.5 lakh cases. Overall, nearly 174 lakh people are bitten by dogs in the world every year. But why do they actually bite humans? Mirroring their masters

According to animal communicator and dog psychic Asha Arun, the primary reason for the rise in increased aggression among dogs are, unsurprisingly, the humans. "The foremost language used by dogs to communicate with humans is mirroring, in which they try to copy human behavior. So if humans around them are aggressive, it would pass onto them," said Arun. "First thing a dog picks up is your energy, then your emotions and anxieties, and then your body language. The last thing that matters to them s verbalisation or your words," she added,

Another reason, Arun says, stray dogs might be aggressive is because of their inborn territorial nature. "For them, it's not only human space but also their space. At night, they enter a guarding mode. When some stranger approaches them, first they bark and then come to sniff them. It is crucial to remain calm during this sniffing. Carrying treats is another effective way to safeguard yourself and make them see you as friends," said Arun.

For pet dogs attacking their owners and people in elevators, Arun points the needle to pet parents and dog owners who haven't

learned how to train their dogs. Unable to interpret the cues of their pet's body language, they often inadvertently provoke aggression in them. "When we are anxious about our dog attacking another person, we mostly hold their leash with more pressure. We don't know that for the dog, it is a sign we are not sure of the person in question. Thus, they try to 'take charge' of the situation and become the masters," said Arun.

In line with Arun's observations, several researchers have also documented that it's mostly human error that leads to dog bites, how emotional states of humans is a major factor and what is the human and dog behavior that often precede an attack. Other studies have devised effective framework management that will significantly reduce dog bites and found out how communities in Bangalore have dealt with the problem through responsible practices. But why aren't we able to use this knowledge to reduce cases of bites and be more compassionate to the animals at the same time? Urban chaos

The primary reason, as per Madhav Raman, urban planner and partner at Anagram Architects, is the overlap between health policies and municipal policies, apart from bad policy implementations. "The mu-

Handling the population of stray dogs is also the responsibility of the municipal corporations, but their guidelines are never applied. "Municipal authorities need to have an empathetic and pragmatic view for the strays, and not see them as a problem to be extinguished. Their standard policy is to round up dogs, neuter them and leaving them at a distant location. It is very disorienting for dogs. After that, they will be extremely nervous if humans approach them," Raman said.

Raman added that municipal governance for animals in a rapidly urbanising society like India is shockingly low. "In the Delhi master plan, every area as per its population should have land allocation for a veterinary facility. We rarely see them," he said. According to Kalra, this is because of systemic corruption within municipalities and administration. "Lakhs of money is being passed in the name of animal welfare in India. They are supposed to set up veterinarian hospitals, dispensaries, rabies vaccination and sterilization. Most of this money eventually goes into the pockets of contractors and goons," said Kalra.

At the same time, videos of canine attacks continue to keep going viral on social media, shared on RWA WhatsApp groups, and contributing to this demonisation of stray and domesticated dogs.

Prateek Waghre, Policy Director, Internet Freedom Foundation told VICE that such viral content can indeed alter perceptions about the prevalence of dog attacks. "A combination of more exposure to such content on social media, as well as increased coverage in the more traditional forms of media, leads to availability and recency biases where the spurt in content/news about such incidents increases the risk perception in the minds of people," said Waghre. "It is also further complicated by the loss of lives in such instances, which can lead to performative policy responses that may have unintended long term consequences," he added.

In the hysteria surrounding dog attacks, the silent truth is that the primary culprit for dog attacks is none other than us – the humans. Instead of taking responsibility, we conveniently pass the blame onto the canines, often portraying them as the villains.

LIFE & TIMES

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Why Your Bones Get Weaker With Age and What to Do About It

By Marygrace Taylor | LiveStrong.Com

here's no bones about the fact that your risk for sustaining a debilitating fracture increases with age. "Bone health is important at

all stages of life. It takes on more significance as people age because strength and bone density are generally not maintained as we get older," says Minisha Sood, MD, a board-certified endocrinologist at Northwell Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

That can lead to low bone mass and set the stage for osteoporosis, a bone disease marked by porous, less-dense bones that can raise the risk for bone fractures, notes the Bone Health & Osteoporosis Foundation (BHOF).

Not every factor leading to osteoporosis can be changed. But understanding how the condition develops can help vou control the culprits that can be managed, so you can keep your bones healthy as you get older.

What Causes Osteoporosis?

We all gradually lose bone mass as we age. When a person has osteoporosis, this bone mass loss happens even faster, to the point where the structure of their bone tissue starts to change.

The causes that lead to osteoporosis are complex. While changes related to aging are often the driver, other factors that can become more likely as we get older can also come into play.

1. Age-Related Hormone Changes

The hormones estrogen and testosterone help keep bones healthy and strong, but they tend to decline as we age, which can affect bone health.

For this reason, people who go through menopause can experience rapid bone loss during this time of life, Dr. Sood says.

2. Certain Health Conditions

Some health problems can affect your bones and increase the chances for osteoporosis. These include rheumatoid arthritis (RA). some cancers, HIV/AIDS, anorexia

nervosa and other endocrine or gastrointestinal diseases, according to the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS).

These conditions can affect anyone, but some, like RA and cancer, become more common with age.

3. Medication Use

Some medicines can weaken your bones, especially if you take them long-term, the BHOF says. These include:



- Aluminum-containing antacids such as Alamag Antiseizure medicines (only
- some) such as Dilantin or Phenobarbital Aromatase inhibitors (some-

times used to treat breast cancer) such as Arimidex, Aromasin and Femara

Chemotherapeutic drugs used to treat cancer

Cyclosporine A and FK506 or Tacrolimus (immunosuppressive drugs used after organ transplants but also sometimes used to treat autoimmune conditions like RA or psoriasis)

- Gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) such as Lupron and Zoladex (used to treat conditions including prostate cancer. endometriosis and uterine fibroids)
- Heparin (a blood thinner) Lithium (used to treat certain mental health conditions like bipolar disorder)
- Medroxyprogesterone acetate for contraception (Depo-Provera) Methotrexate (used to treat RA, psoriasis and some cancers) Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs)
 - such as Nexium. Prevacid and Prilosec

Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) such as Lexapro, Prozac and Zoloft (glucocorticoids) Steroids such as cortisone and prednisone

Tamoxifen (premenopausal use) Thiazolidinediones such as Actos and Avandia (used to manage type 2 diabetes)

Thyroid hormones in excess Talk with your doctor if you

take one of these medications and are worried about your bone health. The benefits of the drug may outweigh the potential risks to your bones. But in some cases, you may be able to switch treatments or make an adjustment to your dose to lower your fracture risk. Other Risk Factors for Osteoporosis

Certain people are at higher risk for osteoporosis. Here are some more things that can increase your chances for bone problems:

and Asian women are more likely to get osteoporosis compared to women of other races or ethnicities, per the Cleveland Clinic.

deficiencies: Nutrient Over time, consistently falling short on calcium and vitamin D can cause bones to be weaker and increase the chances for osteoporosis, Dr. Sood notes.

Bone structure. Being thin or petite can increase the odds for osteoporosis, because smallerframed people have less bone to lose in the first place, per NIAMS.

Family history. Having parents or grandparents with osteoporosis can up your chances, the Cleveland Clinic notes.

Activity level. A sedentary lifestyle can cause your bones to lose density at a faster rate, according to NIAMS. Smoking and drinking.

Both tobacco use and alcohol use can negatively affect bone health and make osteoporosis more likely, Dr. Sood says.

"Calcium-rich foods are best," Dr. Sood says, because they often come packaged with other compounds and nutrients that can help your body absorb the mineral.

To Be Continued

Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Office of the Deputy Director Law Enforcement, Kashmir MESSAGE FOR FARMERS

All the orchardists/farming community of the valley are advised not to Purchase/ use the below mentioned batch No of pesticide product in their fields, which has been declared as Misbranded by the Agriculture Chemist Department of Agriculture Lalmandi Srinagar.

The details of Misbranded Pesticide product is as under:-

S.No	Name of the Product	Active Ingredient	Batch No	Date of Manufac- ture		Manufactured/ Marketed by
1	Uthane M-45	Mancozeb 75%WP	KT5MA20056	04.11.2022	02.11.2024	M/s ULP Ltd

All the Enforcement Officers/ Inspectors are directed to seize stocks of the above said pesticide product under Batch No: KT5MA20056 proceed further as per the provisions of Insecticides Act-1968 and Rules made there under.

Sd/-
Deputy Director Law Enforcement
Kashmir

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Bandipora Forest Division Chitternar.

e- NIT NO: - 10 OF 2023-24 DATED: 10-07-2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmi /Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:

S. NC	DNAME OF WORK			CLASS OF CONTRAC-		TIME OF COMPLETION
01	Providing & Fixing of Barbed Wire Fencing with wooden fence Posts & Planting of Conifer & Broad Leaved Plants and SC works in Comptt 39b/T Tulail of Gurez	(Rs. In lacs) 7.94	(EMD)INR 15880.00	TOR "C&D" Class PWD Contractor/"B" Class		60 calendar days (Fencing work & Pit work for Planting) plantation work to
	Range Scheme (CAMPA CA) Note:- plants to be supplied by the department			Forest Contractor		be carried out in the planting season.
02	Providing & Fixing of Barbed Wire Fencing with wooden fence Posts & Planting of Conifer & Broad Leaved Plants and SC works in Comptt 66/KG Markoot of Gurez	2.60	5200.00	"D" Class PWD Contractor/"B" Class		45 calendar days (Fencing work & Pit work for Planting) plantation work to
	Range Scheme (CAMPA CA) Note:- plants to be supplied by the department				200/=	be carried out in the planting season.
03	of Conifer & Broad Leaved Plants In Comptt 38/T Jurniyal of Gurez Range	7.08	14160.00	"C&D" Class PWD Contractor/"B" Class		60 calendar days (Fencing work & Pit work for Planting) plantation work to
	Scheme (CAMPA CA) Note:- plants to be supplied by the department				300/=	be carried out in the planting season
04	Providing & Fixing of Barbed Wire Fencing with wooden fence Posts & Planting of Conifer & Broad Leaved Plants In Comptt 68/KG Gurrai Nallah of Gurez Range	0.50	1000.00	"D" Class PWD Contractor/"C" Class	Rs.	15 calendar days (Fencing work & Pit work for Planting) plantation work to
	Scheme (CAMPA CA)			Forest Contractor	200/=	be carried out in the planting season.

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specification, bills of quantities, (B.O.Q) set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Website: -www.jkt Position of AA: Accorded.

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DIPK-4896/23 dated: 11-07-2023

Position of Funds: - Budgeted.	
Publishing Date: -	11-072023
Download Start Date:	12-07-2023 from 04:00 PM
Bid submission Start Date:	12-07-2023 from 04:00 PM
Bid submission End Date:	01-08-2023 Up to 04.00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical BidOnline.	02-08-2023 at 10.00 AM in the Office of the Conservator of Forests Srinagar Circle at Shiekh Bagh Srinagar.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid Online:	To be opened (Online) after Technical Evaluation is Completed. Date will be notified separately.

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: - https://jktenders.gov.in

 The date for opening of Technical & Financial bids online shall be opened as per time schedule mentioned above.
 Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security Deposit in the shape of EMD for requisite amount and pledged to Divisional Forest Officer Bandipora Forest 02. 03. Division Chitter 04.

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. 06. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e Bid security (EMD), Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renew for the current year 2023-24, PAN, Valid GST Registration, 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.
 As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of advised cost and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of five percent may also be demanded.

09. The Department w 10. The Department s the newspaper under circulation. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise). 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 Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender doc MSME without civil contractor Card are not eligible.

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NO: - DFO/Bpr/Actt/Tender/2023-24/ 363-68 DIPK-4834/23 Dated: - 11-07-2023.

Divisional Forest Officer, Bandipora Forest Division

PS Khan Mohalla Kuzwera

PS Mir Mohalla Gowherpora

MS Rather Mohalla Kultre

PS Bongam Kenihama

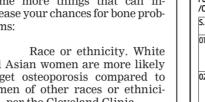
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GMS Gowherpora

CS Shalina

Government Of Jammu and Kashmir Office of The Zonal Education Officer, Zone BK Pora 190015 Budgam.



Subject:-Engagement/Hiring of helpers/AAYAs under ECCE for the year 2023-2024. Reference:-Order No:-07 of CHIRAG 2023 Dated:-09/01/2023. Reference:-Edu/PD/SmS/ECCE/Helpers/1861-1905/2023-25 DT:-06/06/2023. CEOB/SmS/23/3239-51 Dated:-08/06/2023.

Public Notice Notice No 02 of 2023 DT:-10/07/2023.

In the backdrop of the approval accorded by the administrative department school education j&k vide communication No. Edu/PD/ SmS/ECCE/Helpers/1861-1905/2023-2024 Dt.06/06/2023.Applicationa are invited from the desirous female candidates for engagement of AAYA/Helper in the enlisted schools in annexure 'A'. The applications must reach this office within 15 days from the date of publishment of this notice. The applications on a prescribed form along with recent passport size photograph be pasted on the applications appended with.

1. Domicile Certificate.

- 2. Age proof-DOB/8th pass certificate.
- 3. Present Residence Certificate.
- 4. Oualification Certificate.
- 5. Photostat of BPL Ration Card (E-Ticket of CAPD).
- 6. Death certificate of father /husband (if applicable).
- 7. Divorce papers (if applicable) from competent authority.
- 8. Physical fitness certificate from competent authority.

Terms and Conditions.

1. The Deployment of AAYA shall be purely terminus and shall start from the date they are engaged /hired and shall conclude with the end of academic session.

2. Only female candidates are eligible

3. Minimum qualification of AAYA is 8th class pass.

4. Preference will be given to candidates from BPL category in the below mentioned order priority.

a. Widow b. Divorced c. Orphan

d. only candidate among the poorest of the poor in the village /ward.

5. The age of the candidate must be 18 to 45 years as on 1st January of the deployment year.

6. The applicant must be domicile /permanent resident of the village /ward where the enlisted school is situated.

7. All other terms and conditions will be as per the above mentioned Govt Order.

NO:-Date:-

DIPK-4862/23 dated: 11-07-2023

Zonal Education Officer

List of schools with pre primary section for support	
at pre primary level (existing) 2023-24.	

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S No	Zone	School Name
1	BKPORA	GPS Rekhshalina
2	BKPORA	MS Zoolwa
3	BKPORA	BMS Summerbugh
4	BKPORA	PS Goalpora
5	BKPORA	PS Karnabal Summerbugh
6	BKPORA	PS Goripora
7	BKPORA	GPS Pahroo
8	BKPORA	PS Shah Mohalla Puhroo
9	BKPORA	GPS Karigari Mohalla Khanda
10	BKPORA	GPS Khumani Colony Suthsoo
11	BKPORA	BMS Checkpora Kallan
12	BKPORA	PS Check No 2
13	BKPORA	MS Gangipora

22	BKPORA	PS Jameelabad
23	BKPORA	PS Zeenipora
24	BKPORA	PS Bagh I Shukur Shah
25	BKPORA	MS Malikgund
26	BKPORA	PS Bonpora Sanzipora
27	BKPORA	PS Asthan Mohalla Nowbugh
28	BKPORA	GMS Bugam
29	BKPORA	PS Alamdar Colony Bugam
30	BKPORA	BPS Shankerpora
31	BKPORA	GPS Shankerpora
32	BKPORA	BMS Moochuwa
33	BKPORA	PS Aribagh
34	BKPORA	GMS Kralpora
35	BKPORA	PS Bilalabad Kralpora
36	BKPORA	CS Tanghar
37	BKPORA	PS Wopalpora
38	BKPORA	PS Gopalpora
39	BKPORA	BMS Wathora
40	BKPORA	GMS Sheikhpora
41	BKPORA	GPS Bonhar
42	BKPORA	PS Balpora Wathora
43	BKPORA	PS Alamdar Colony Magraypora

Government Of Jammu and Kashmir Office of The Zonal Education Officer.

Zone BK Pora 190015 Budgam.

Subject:-Application for Engagement / hiring of AAYA/Helper for academic year 2023-2024

1. Name of the School:
2. Name of Village/Ward:
3. Name of the Applicant:
4. Parentage D/O.W/O.Wd/O:
5. Residence:

Village	Tehsil	District

6. Documents/Certificates to be attached. **BKPora** a. Qualification Certificate. b. Date of Birth Certificate. C. Domicile Certificate/PRC. d. Photostat of BPL Ration Card. e. E-Ticket of CAPD. F. Death Certificate of Father/Husband of applicant in case of Widow or Orphan from competent authority. g. Divorce Papers (if applicable) from competent authority. h. Physical Fitness Certificate from competent authority. Declaration:-I certify that above given information is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein. In case any of the information is found fraud fake and misleading, my candidature shall be fortified at any time and I shall be responsible for the consequences whatsoever under law. Place: - . Date: - ... Signature of Applicant

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BUSINESS



Aviation Body DGCA Puts SpiceJet Under Enhanced Surveillance

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Aviation watchdog DGCA has put SpiceJet under "enhanced surveillance" amid the budget airline facing multiple financial headwinds in recent months, a senior official said on Tuesday, but the carrier refuted any such development.

It also comes against the backdrop of various lessors seeking repossession of aircraft leased to SpiceJet and some of the cases have been settled by the airline.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has put SpiceJet under enhanced surveillance for more than three weeks now and it is an ongoing process, the official told PTI.

According to the regulatory official, the enhanced surveillance includes increased night surveillance and spot checks. The focus is to ensure that

due to financial issues, there are no potential adverse impact on the flight operations and that there is no "cutting corners" on safety, the official said on the condition of ano-

nymity. The enhanced surveillance is also to check whether safety obligations are being met or not, the official added.

When contacted, a SpiceJet spokesperson said, "The information is absolutely incorrect and is strongly denied". No such communication has

been received by the airline from the DGCA, the spokesperson said in a statement. SpiceJet, which has been

facing various headwinds, has settled the issues with certain aircraft lessors.

On June 21, the airline said it has entered into a settlement agreement with Nordic Aviation Capital (NAC), a lessor for its 0400 planes.

He also appreciated Mr. Dar

and Army chief General Asim

Munir for the "valuable efforts

they have made" for the econ-

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Pakistan Gets \$2bn From Saudi Arabia Day Before **Key IMF Meeting**

Press trust Of India

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has received deposits of \$2 billion from Saudi Arabia, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said on July 11, ahead of a key meeting of the IMF to endorse a loan for the cash-strapped country.

Last month, the Pakistan government and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reached a long-awaited stafflevel agreement to inject a \$3 billion Standby Arrangement (SBA) into the ailing economy after months-long negotiations that pushed the country to the brink of default.

The Executive Board of the IMF is set to meet on July 12 to review the SBA for Pakistan.

"State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has received (a) deposit of \$2 billion from the Kingdom of

GST Council Approves 28% Tax On Online Gaming; Clarifies On Taxation Of Utility Vehicle



NEW DELHI The GST Council on Tuesday decided to levy the maximum 28 per cent tax on

The panel also exempted GST (Goods and Services Tax) on

satellite launch services pro-

Food and beverages consumed in cinema halls will attract a GST of 5 per cent, equiv-alent to the levy charged in hotels and restaurants, instead of 18 per cent which in many cases the cinema halls were charging.

The definition of utility veground clearance of 170 mm.

not cover sedans. Giving details of the deci-

meeting, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the decision to levy maximum tax on online gaming and casinos was not intended to kill the

industry but considering the against levy of 28 per cent tax "moral question" that it cannot on full value, Revenue Secretary be taxed at par with essential Sanjay Malhotra said the govcommodities. ernment will continue to fight those cases in courts. "28 per

cent tax was always the case in

online gaming. Today's decision

is only to clarify it and put an

An amendment to the GST

law to define online gaming,

horse racing and casinos as

'actionable claim', like lottery

and gambling, is likely in the

ensuing monsoon session of

A group of ministers (GoM)

on taxation of online gaming,

casinos and horse racing on

whether to impose a 28 per

cent GST on the face value of

bets, or gross gaming revenue

(platform fees) had submitted

its report to the government in

To a question, Sitharaman

said AAP-ruled Delhi and Pun-

jab raised the issue of Enforce-

ment Directorate sharing in-

formation with GST Network

notification will empower our

tax authorities with more infor-

mation. The GSTN is recipient of

information. There were doubts

that GSTN will start sharing in-

formation about private busi-

nesses to other law enforcement

agencies, like ED. It was clarified

that Director FIU will provide

information to tax authorities

wherever they feel there is any

chance of tax evasion or money

laundering. This information

can be used by tax authorities,"

Malhotra said.

"It was also clarified that this

December last year.

(GSTN).

Parliament.

end to these debate," he said.

"We are purely looking at that what is being taxed because it creates value, profit is being made ... based on the wager people win. Today's decision looks at what is to be taxed and what not," Sitharaman said, adding that the IT ministry is looking at the regulatory aspect of online gaming, while the GST Council has taken decision solely for tax purpose.

The tax on online gaming companies would be imposed without making any differentiation based on whether the games required skill or were based on chance.

Officials said the decision was taken to discourage young people from getting addicted to online gaming. Some state ministers raised concerns over how this addiction had become a menace.

Explaining the rationale for 28 per cent tax on online gaming and casinos, Sitharaman said it was impractical to meet the industry demand for levy of tax on platform fees as it was impossible for tax authorities to go after every player and find where all the bets have been placed.

"It is impossible to pierce the veil of opacity," she said, adding that every state was in agreement that online gaming and betting should be taxed at the highest rate on full face value. On legal challenges mounted by some gaming companies

J&K Bank Commissions CRM At Doumi Doosi



After Junking Vedanta, **Foxconn Plans To Apply Separately For Chip Manufacturing Unit In India**

will take time. Foxconn first

entered India in 2006 and we

are still here. The group looks

forward to growing alongside

India's nascent semiconductor

"Foxconn has sound chan-

stakeholders

nels of communications with

across India, and we have been

consistent and clear with them

at all levels about our contin-

ued commitment to invest in

On its decision to pull out of

the JV with Vedanta, Foxconn

said both parties mutually

agreed to part ways. "This is

not a negative. There was rec-

ognition from both sides that

the project was not moving fast

enough, there were challeng-

ing gaps we were not able to

smoothly overcome, as well as

external issues related to the

On reports citing the with-

drawal as a negative example

of the group's investment in-

tegrity, Foxconn asserted "that

rects, it is done only after heavy

consideration of the near-term

impact on our stakeholders.

and on the long-term corpo-

rate health of the group and

our shareholders. Building fabs

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Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: A day after announcing withdrawal from its chip-making JV with Indian conglomerate Vedanta, Foxconn on Tuesday said it is working on plans to apply for incentives under the semiconductor and display fab programme, as the contract manufacturer pledged its commitment to India.

The Taiwanese electronics manufacturing giant said it has been actively reviewing the landscape for optimal partners. The comment assumes significance as Foxconn has pulled out from the USD 19.5 billion semiconductor JV with Vedanta.

"We welcome a diverse set of stakeholders, both inside India and abroad, who also want to see India get to the next level and can complement Foxconn's world-class supply chain management and manufacturing efficiency," Foxconn said in a

statement on Tuesday. Pledging its commitment to India, Foxconn said it "is working toward submitting an application related to Modified Programme for Semiconductors and Display Fab Ecosystem."

Foxconn said it sees the country successfully establishing a robust semiconductor

phy is a challenge, but Foxconn is committed to investing in Inmanufacturing ecosystem. "It dia," it said.

Bangladesh, India Launch **Trade Transactions In Rupees**

Press Trust Of India

DHAKA: Bangladesh and India on Tuesday launched a muchanticipated trade transaction in rupees, a move aimed at reducing dependence on the US dollar and strengthening regional currency and trade.

This is the first time Bangladesh has done bilateral trade with a foreign country in addition to the US dollar.

Bangladesh Bank Governor Abdur Rouf Talukder described the start of trade settlement in rupees as the "first step in a great journey". "The trade position between India and Bangladesh has seen remarkable growth, with both countries benefiting from their economic cooperation," he said at the launching ceremony here, which was also attended by Indian High Commissioner Pranav Verma

The central bank governor said the transaction costs during trade with India would reduce with the introduction of the Taka-Rupee dual currency card which was "almost ready (to be) launched from September".

Bangladesh and India, however, stage frontier trading in certain areas called "border hut" in a semi-formal manner where both currencies are exchanged on a limited scale.

Officials said under the formal arrangement from now on initially, the trade would be transacted in rupee and then gradually in Bangladeshi currency Taka upon the trade gap between the two countries decreasing. Banks in Bangladesh and India have been given permission to open nostro accounts, an account in a bank of another country for the purpose of foreign currency transactions.



the money but waited for the IMF deal to be announced before depositing it. Similarly, the UAE had promised support which helped Pakistan to convince the IMF that it had backing to fulfil its enough conditions to improve the balance of payments.

Press Trust Of India

the full face value of bets in online gaming, casinos and horse racing, lowered tax on food and beverages sold in multiplexes, and tweaked the definition of utility vehicles for the levy.

import of cancer drug Dinutuximab, and medicines used to treat rare diseases and food used in Food for Special Medical Purposes (FSMP), besides

vided by private operators.

hicles has been tweaked for the purpose of levy of a 22 per cent cess over and above the 28 per cent GST rate. The cess will be imposed on any utility vehicles of 1,500 cc and above engine capacity, length of 4 metres and above and un-laden

This definition will, however,

sions taken at the 50th Council

Saudi Arabia. This inflow has increased the forex reserves held by SBP and will accordingly be reflected in the forex reserves for the week ending 14 July 2023," Mr. Dar said in a statement on Twitter.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also extended deep gratitude to the "leadership and brotherly people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" for the deposit and thanked Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman for ensuring this financial support to Pakistan.

"This deposit will strengthen Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves. It reflects the growing confidence of our brotherly countries and the international community in Pakistan's economic turnaround. We remain committed to making all necessary efforts to improve Pakistan's economy," the Premier said.

According to data released by the SBP on Monday, the cashstrapped country lost over \$4 billion in remittances sent by expatriates to illegal channels in the current fiscal year, much higher than the amount the government struggled to secure from the IMF as a bailout. On Friday, the country's foreign exchange reserves showed improvement for the second consecutive week, when they reached \$4.4 billion, The Express Tribune newspaper reported.

Pakistan's economy has been in a free fall mode for the last many years, bringing untold pressure on the poor masses in the form of unchecked inflation, making it almost impossible for a vast number of people to make ends meet.

Pouni Keasi

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Continuing its extension of convenient banking services to people at their nearest possible locations, J&K Bank today commissioned a Cash Recycler Machine (CRM) at Pouni in district Reasi.

The CRM was inaugurated by Bank's Zonal Head (Udhampur) Rajesh Gupta in presence of Cluster Head (Reasi), Ravi Sharma, Branch Manager Pouni, Amarpreet Singh. other bank officials, besides an impressive gathering of valuable customers and prominent citizens of the

area. On the occasion, the Zonal Head reiterated the Bank's commitment of providing easy and affordable banking

services to people irrespective of their location. "Besides serving our customers and people at large, the CRM machine will also help in reducing footfall at the adjacent branches of the Bank." he said. adding, "the best feature of

CRM is that it is a 24x7 facility which enables people to deposit or withdraw cash at their own convenience". People of the area thanked the Bank management for extending high-tech banking facilities to the area.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TheDirectorateofEmploymentisgoing to organize one day UT level Mega Job Fair at Kashmir Haat (Exhibition Ground Srinagar) on 15.07.2023. The event will involve participation of almost 150 Private Job Providers including 30 national companies with more than 4000 vacancies in different Sectors. All the desirous unemployed youth are requested to participate in the proposed Job Fair and register on the Link https://forms. gle/o1KKpD1SSWdUmFs86

For any query feel free to contact:

Deputy Director, District Employment & Counseling Centre, Srinagar

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NO:DE&CC/SGR/Job Fair/2023-24/908-13 Dr. Sheeba Inayat (JKAS) Dated: 11.06.2023. Deputy Director Employment DIPK-4882-23 DE&CC, Srinagar DT: 11/07/2023

Government of Union Territory Jammu and kashmir **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B CONSTRUCTION DIVISION 1ST** SRINAGAR

EXTENSION NOTICE

Subject;- Construction of New building for Upgradation of Surgery Medicine and Radiology department at GMC Srinagar to accommodate EWS MBBS students. Reference:- This office NIT No:17/of R&B/3019-35/2023-24 dtd.14-06-2023. (e-Tendering).

For the above reference NIT, the dates has been extended as under :-

1.	Bid Submission end date	13-07-2023 upto 4.00 P.M
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Date and time of opening 14-07-2023 at 11.00 A.M in the office of Chief 2. Engineer PWD (R&B) Kashmir . of Bid (online)

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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Executive Engineer,		
(R&B) Construction Division 1st		
Srinagar.		

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, GENERATION DIVISION -1ST SUMBAL (KANGAN)



(Email id: xenesumbal@gmail.com) **EXTENSION-III**

Sub: Extension of dates for submission of tenders.

Reference: 1. This office e-NIT No: GDS/ 03 2023-24, dated 01-06-2023 for "Supply Installation and commissioning of Motorized Rolling Shutter with proper electrical control for main Machine Hall of Power House of USHP-I Sumbal"

Due to poor response, the dates for above referred e- NIT are hereby extended as under.

Sr No	Critical dates	Date
01	Bid Document Submission end date	20-07-2023
02	Date of opening of techno commercial bids	22-07-2023
All other terms and conditions will remain same as laid down in the original NIT.		

No: GDS/997-1002 Date:09/07/2023

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Sumbal

News

BJP Trying To Revive NDA As Winning In 2024 Will Not Be Easy: Omar

Press Trust of India

Srinagar: The BJP is trying to revive the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) ahead of the 2024 general election as winning the polls will not be as easy as it wants to project, National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah claimed here on Tuesday.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister alleged that in the last 5-8 years, the BJP "did not honour friendship" with its allies anywhere but is now seeking rapprochement "out of compulsion". On the issue of a Uniform Civil Code,

Abdullah said it is the BJP's right to raise its agenda.

He said the NC does not support the BJP's agenda but if such a statute is implemented, there should not be any exemption for any community, not even tribals.

"I think our focus should be on the way the BJP is trying to revive the NDA. This is proof that the BJP feels that the ground is not in its favour," Abdullah told reporters here while replying to queries on the party raising "core" issues like UCC.

"One by one, its friends left. Their oldest friends like Shiv Sena or Akali Dal or other parties. So, what has changed is that it has become the BJP's compulsion that it is again offering the hand of friendship, that they are trying to revive the NDA," the NC vice president said.

He said in Andhra Pradesh, the BJP is talking to Chandrababu Naidu's TDP and in Punjab attempts are being made to get Akali Dal back.

They are talking to Shiv Sena in Maharashtra. So, let us leave the BJP's core agenda, the ground which the BJP says is in their favour, the reality is that 2024 (polls) will not be as

easy for them as they want to portray to the people through you (media),' Abdullah added.

On the BJP raking up the plans to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said, "Every political party has the right to place its agenda before the people and seek votes.

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SC Declares

No.2- Sanjay Kumar Mishra for a period of one year each are held to be illegal," the bench said, while partially allowing the writ petitions challenging the extension given to the officer.

The 1984-batch IRS officer was otherwise to remain in office till November 18, 2023, according to the notification issued by the government. The bench said though the court has

held that orders dated November 17, 2021 and November 17, 2022 granting extensions to Mishra are not valid in law, it is inclined to take into consideration the concern expressed by the Union of India with regard to FATF review.

"We are further inclined to take into consideration that the process of appointing the Director of Enforcement is likely to take some time. In that view of the matter, we find that in order to ensure the transition to be smooth in the larger public interest, it will be appropriate to permit respondent No.2 to continue to be in office till July 31, 2023," the top court said.

The bench said the scope of judicial review in a legislative action is very limited and it can be interfered with only on three grounds-as to whether legislature was competent enough to legislate on the subject, whether it affects any fundamental right, and manifest arbitrariness.

"We have found that the legislature is competent to legislate on the subject, and secondly there is no violation of any fundamental rights, and thirdly there is no manifest arbitrariness," it said.

The bench, in its 103-page verdict, said the challenge to Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Act, 2021 and the Delhi Special Police Establishment (Amendment) Act, 2021 as well as to the Fundamental (Amendment) Rules, 2021 is rejected and the writ petitions are dismissed to that extent.

It referred to the 2021 verdict of the top court by which the Centre's power to extend Saniav Kumar Mishra's tenure as the ED Director was upheld but pointed out the court had clarified that extension of service of officers after the age of superannuation should be done only in rare and exceptional cases.

The bench said in the 2021 verdict, this court had not struck down any law, but issued a mandamus (judicial writ issued as a command) which was binding on the parties before it.

"It could thus clearly be see

The bench gave the verdict on a batch of petitions, including those filed by Congress leaders Randeep Singh Surjewala and Thakur, and TMC's Mahua Moitra and Saket Gokhale.

Mishra, 62, was first appointed the ED director for two years on November 19, 2018. Later, by an order dated November 13, 2020, the central government modified the appointment letter retrospectively and his two-year term was changed to three years.

The government promulgated an ordinance last year under which the tenure of the ED and CBI chiefs could be extended by up to three years after the mandated term of two years.

Supreme Court

abrogation of Article 370, said two petitioners -- IAS officer Shah Faesal and Shehla Rashid Shora -- have filed an application for withdrawal of their names from the list of petitioners.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said he has no difficulty if anyone wishes to withdraw his or her name from the list of petitioners.

The bench then allowed Shah and activist Shora to delete their names from the list of the petitioners.

At the fag end of the hearing, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for one of the petitioners, said Shah Faesal's withdrawal from the list of petitioners will create a problem as far as the case title is concerned since he was the lead petitioner.

Advocate Manohar Lal Sharma, who has also filed a petition contesting the abrogation, said his was the first case which came before the court and notice was issued on it, but the cause list shows his name in between the cases filed by other petitioners including some NGOs.

The bench then said it will be appropriate for the present case to be titled as 'In Re: Article 370 of the Constitution' and this will not create any problem for any party to the matter.

The counsel appearing for different groups accepted the suggestion put forth by the bench.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre decided to strip the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir of its special status and bifurcate it into two union territories.

Several petitions challenging the Centre's action of abrogating the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split the erstwhile state into two union territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh- were referred to a Constitution bench in 2019. By abrogating Article 370, the central government had revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. On Monday, while defending the repeal of Article 370, the Centre told the top court that the entire region of Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed an "unprecedented" era of peace, progress and prosperity, with street violence, orchestrated by terrorists and secessionist networks, becoming "a thing of the past". Referring to the "characteristic security situation" in the region, the Centre said organised stone pelting incidents connected with terrorism-separatist agenda, which were as high as 1,767 in 2018, has come down to zero in 2023 till date, and casualty of security personnel has shown a 65.9 per cent decline in 2022 as compared to 2018. The Centre contended that the "historic constitutional step" being challenged has brought unprecedented development, progress, security and stability to the region, which was often missing during the old Article 370 regime. It is submitted that the same has been possible due to the policy of the Union of India of ensuring peace, prosperity and progress in the region, the affidavit said. "It is submitted that the hosting of G-20 Tourism Working Group meeting at Srinagar in the month of May 2023, was a watershed event in the history of valley tourism and the country proudly displayed its resolute commitment to the world that secessionist terrorist region can be converted into a region where even international dignitaries can be invited and global events can be held," it added. The government said after the historic changes, the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have witnessed profound "ameliorative, affirmative and progressive changes in last four years encompassing its entire governance - including the developmental activities, public administration and security matters which has positively impacted every resident irrespective of caste, creed or religion".

the separatist-terrorist networks, had tremendous negative ripple effect on economy and the society as a whole.

"It is submitted that the defining characteristic of the security situation in the region, which has a direct bearing on the day-to-day life of common citizens is 'street violence' which was a methodical and regular phenomenon. The street violence, engineered and orchestrated by terrorists and secessionist networks has now become thing of the past.

"The organized stone pelting incidents connected with terrorism-separatist agenda, which were as high as 1,767 in the year 2018 has come down to zero in the year 2023 till date," the Centre asserted in its 20-page affidavit. It added that 'bandhs' and stone pelting had resulted in intermittent closure of schools, colleges and universities, trade, industries and businesses on a regular basis, leading to severe loss of income, especially of the poor and those who worked in unorganised sectors.

J&K Parties

the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister told reporters after paying homage to his grandmother Begum Akbar Jahan, the wife of NC founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, in Srinagar.

Abdullah said the abrogation of Article 370 may be linked to tourism and G20 events, but the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status as wrong.

"You may package it as you may wish. Link it to tourism or G20 as much as you like, but legally and constitutionally, whatever happened with Jammu and Kashmir was wrong," he added.

The former Union minister also claimed that the government's case is weak.

"The government did not even try to get it listed. There are ways.... If the government was interested, it could have requested the Supreme Court for an early hearing. Had its case been strong, it would have requested the chief justice for a hearing. It did not.

"Thankfully, the chief justice and other Supreme Court judges came here, probably saw the situation and after going back, it was listed. Better late than never," Abdullah said.

He welcomed the decision of top court to set aside the Centre's affidavit in defence of abrogation of Article 370. wholeheartedly welcome what the Supreme Court said today

(Tuesday) with regard to the affidavit

"Now that the CJI has taken interest in this case, it definitely gives us hope. We we would request that the petitions are heard thoroughly and a verdict is given in our favour because we

feel our case is very strong," Sadiq said. To a query on the top court's observation that the Centre's fresh affidavit will have no bearing on the hearing, the NC leader said the affidavit should not matter much as it is more about the developmental aspect.

"The fact that the extra affidavit of the government had more about development and the fact that the court did not agree to it is also a welcome step, because you need to understand that in spite of Article 370, there was development here before 1989. In spite of Article 370, you had a record number of tourists coming to Jammu and Kashmir.

"A record number of one crore pilgrims visited Jammu and Kashmir when Omar Abdullah was the chief minister. So the affidavit should not matter much, because the CJI has said the matter should be decided on the basis of the Constitution," Sadiq said. Senior Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader M Y Tarigami also

welcomed the apex court's decision. "This is a positive intervention. We welcome it. Though it is late as it has taken four years, nevertheless, it has sent a positive message to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh,"

he said. "We expect that justice will be delivered," the Left leader added.

The Centre abrogated the provisions of Article 370 on August 5, 2019 and bifurcated the erstwhile state into the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Abdullah, while addressing the workers who had gathered to welcome former MLC Surinder Choudhary and his supporters on their joining the National Conference in Jammu, questioned the Centre's affidavit in defence of the abrogation of Article 370 and said the foundation stone for the power projects mentioned in the paper were laid during his government.

"They talked about tourism post 2019 as it was not there before the abrogation of Article 370. They talked about peace but did not talked about militancy spreading to peaceful areas of Jammu region especially Poonch and Rajouri districts. They failed to mention the frequent attacks on members of minority communities in the valley over the past several years," he said.

pilgrims were stranded at Kathua and Samba camps.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the Amarnath cave shrine located at an altitude of 3,888 metres in the south Kashmir Himalayas began on July 1.

Since June 30, a total of 43,833 pilgrims have departed for the cave shrine from the Jammu base camp in seven batches. The pilgrimage is scheduled to conclude on August 31.

HC Upholds

view of the matter is required to be taken," the court said, adding, "We have also to take into account the fact that during this long lapse of time, the appellants (both convicts) must have suffered disrepute and mental agony and having regard to the fact that if the appellants are sent to imprisonment for ten years at this advanced age, when they have already become senior citizens, it may not serve the ends of justice."

Accordingly, while upholding the conviction of duo for the offences punishable under RPC Section of 366 (kidnapping) and 376 (rape), the court modified the sentence, ordering that the duo shall undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of five years and pay a fine of Rs.10,000 each.

"In default of payment of fine, the appellants (duo) shall undergo a further imprisonment of similar description for a period of six months," the court said, adding, "The period during which the appellants have remained in custody during the investigation/ trial of the case as also during the pendency of this appeal, shall be set off against the sentence of imprisonment imposed upon them." The court directed the duo to surrender before the trial court within fifteen days.

According to prosecution, on 27 February 1989, the prosecutrix accompanied by her blind mother for treatment at Handwara hospital, went to purchase certain articles from a shop where Dar and Ganie were also sitting. The prosecutrix asked duo the address of the house of a Forester, as in the event of the prosecutrix and her mother not getting bus to their destination, they intended to stay in the house of the forester.

One of the accused introduced himself as the brother of the forester and offered the prosecutrix to take her to the house of the Forester. On this pretext, the duo led the prosecutrix towards Gogipora in an orchard and took her to a shed over there, where she was repeatedly subjected to forcible sexual intercourse by both of them Subsequently, police filed the case and ultimately duo was convicted by the Sessions Court.

Pakistan like Laskhar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr, al Qaeda, etc., the statement said.

"All these cadres and workers are being investigated for activities relating to terror, violence, and subversion in J&K. NIA suspects their involvement in the collection and distribution of sticky bombs/magnetic bombs, IEDs, funds, narcotic substances and arms/ ammunitions," it said.

The NIA took over the suo-motu investigation against these groups on June 21 last year.

"As per NIA investigations, Pakistanbased operatives behind the conspiracy used various social media platforms to spread terror among the people. They were also using drones to deliver arms/ammunition, explosives, narcotics etc., to their agents and cadres in the Kashmir valley," the statement said

Train Mows Down

as verified on the spot from his legal heirs." he said.

Meanwhile, police have taken cog-nizance of the accident.]

Clerk Caught

the case of his wife, an ACB spokesperson said.

The anti-graft body, he said, received a complaint from a man stating that he prepared a file of his wife for establishing a unit under District industries for the activity Tailoring & preparation of readymade garments under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).

"He applied with DIC Kupwara on 06-08-2021. He complained that he is being made to run for one formality or the other and the case of his wife under PMEGP is not being processed on merit for the past 2 years. The case of the complainant was delayed for two vears for want of bribe under PMEGP." he said.

The spokesperson further said that the complainant alleged that despite the fact that he had completed all the formalities in the file, the officers and officials posted at DIC Kupwara failed to process the genuine case of his wife, that even after lapse of time, no action was taken.

"He is now being asked to pay a bribe in order to approve the case and send it to Punjab National Bank for release of loan amount disbursement," he said.

The complainant alleged that Wani was presently demanding a bribe of Rs. 5000/- from him following which he lodged a complaint with ACB and requested legal action against the government employee. As the contents of complaint prima facie disclose the commission of offence punishable U/S 7 of the PC Act 1988 by accused public servant, the spokesperson said, accordingly a Case FIR No. 05/2023 was registered at Police Station Anti Corruption Bureau Baramulla U/S 7 of the P.C Act 1988 & the investigation were initiated. "During the course of investigation a trap team was constituted which laid a trap and caught the accused official of DIC Kupwara red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs 5000. He was arrested on the spot after completing all legal formalities," he said. He further said that the role of other officials/ officers of the DIC Kupwara was also being looked into & investigations are also looking into the circumstances under which the case of the complainant's wife was delayed for two years and was approved immediately after receipt of the bribe amount. "Further investigations in the case are going on," the ACB spokesperson added.

this Court has held that the effect of the judgments of this court can be nullified by a legislative act removing the basis of the judgment. It has further been held that such law can be retrospective. It has, however, been held that retrospective amendment should be reasonable and not arbitrary and must not be violative of the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution," the bench said.

It said the court has held that the defect pointed out should have been cured such that the basis of the judgment pointing out the defect is removed.

"This Court has, however, clearly held that nullification of mandamus by an enactment would be impermissible legislative exercise. This Court has further held that transgression of constitutional limitations and intrusion into the judicial power by the legislature is violative of the principle of separation of powers, the rule of law and of Article 14 of the Constitution of India," the bench said, adding that the basis of the 2021 verdict was not taken awav.

It said the apex court has specifically issued a mandamus that no further extension shall be granted to Mishra in its 2021 verdict.

"The Union of India and the respondent No.2 (Mishra) were both parties in the proceedings before this Court in the [Common Cause (2021 verdict)]. The mandamus issued to be parties was binding on them. We, therefore, find that the respondent No.1 (Union of India) could not have issued orders dated November 17, 2021 and November 17. 2022 in breach of the mandamus issued by this Court vide its judgment dated September 8, 2021 in Common Cause (2021)," the bench said.

The top court had on December 12, 2022 sought the response from the Centre and others to a plea challenging the third extension granted to Mishra. It had issued notices to the Union of India, the Central Vigilance Commission and the ED director on a plea filed by Jaya Thakur which accused the central government of destroying the basic structure of democracy by misusing the enforcement agencies against its political opponents.

It said 'bandhs' and stone pelting, engineered, financed and forced by filed by GOI (in defence of its decision to abrogate Article 370). My initial reaction on social media yesterday was

exactly like this that it is the legality said. and the constitutionality of what happened on 5th August 2019 that we have gone to the Supreme Court," Abdullah later told reporters in Jammu.

He said the politics is not for the Supreme court but for the politicians who have to fight the elections.

Asked about the delayed hearing of the case, the NC leader said he is not going to make any "irresponsible remarks" or say something that is not based on facts.

People's Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti said the top court's decision not to rely on the Centre's affidavit on the abrogation of Article 370 vindicates her stand that the BJP-led Union government's move did not have a logical explanation.

She, however, said there are genuine apprehensions regarding why the apex court has taken up the petitions with such alacrity after remaining silent for four years.

"Hon'ble SC's decision to not rely on GOI's affidavit vindicates that it doesn't have a logical explanation to justify illegal abrogation of Article 370.

"Having said that there are legitimate apprehensions about why SC has taken up the Article 370 with such alacrity after their visit to Kashmir. After remaining silent for four years the decision to hear the case on a daily basis does evoke misgivings. Hope the Constitution of this country by which judiciary swears is not sacrificed at the altar of power to satisfy collective conscience of people who know little about the matter," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister wrote on Twitter.

NC's chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq said the development instills hope among the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"It is a welcome development that the CJI will hear the petitions on a daily basis from August 2. It instills a lot of hope in the minds and hearts of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Sadig told PTI.

He said the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been waiting for this day for the last four years.

Infiltrator Killed

equipment, a large quantity of eatables and clothing, were recovered, he

The Army had launched a massive search operation along the LoC two days ago to thwart the infiltration attempts by militants, the spokesman said

Now, JKPSC

continuation to this department's reference No. GAD(Adm)S1/2020-IV Gated 15.01.2021 vide which the SKIMS stands already advised about filling up all Class IV and Non Gazetted vacancies in the Institute by placing appropriate indents to J&K SSB," the order issued by Deputy Secretary GAD, Suhaib Mohammad Naikoo reads.

It adds that further necessary action in the matter may be taken accordingly and this issues with the approval of the competent authority Lieutenant Governor.

Srinagar-Jammu

vehicles would be cleared by Tuesday and the normal traffic on the highway is expected to be restored on Wednesday.

"People are requested to go through the traffic advisory before starting their journey on the highway," he said. A police spokesman said the DGP inspected the restoration work of di-

lapidated roads at Lambar, Panthyal and Seri in Ramban. Project Director, NHAI, Parshotam

Kumar briefed Singh about the progress of the ongoing maintenance work. The DGP also visited the transit camps in Banihal to review the security arrangements and other facilities

being provided to the pilgrims. Amarnath Yatra

stranded in Jammu and at other places.

Those stranded at Qazigund were also allowed to move towards Jammu, the officials said.

In view of the suspension of the vatra, around 8,000 pilgrims were stranded in Jammu, particularly the Bhagwatinagar base camp.

Similarly, around 6,000 pilgrims were stranded at the Chanderkot base camp in Ramban district. Nearly 2,000

Top Security Brass

the people as the water level started receding. However, the weatherman has forecast another spell of rain on January 15 and 16.

Haj Pilgrims To

Srinagar three days prior to the scheduled date of arrival," an official spokesperson said.

He said that the passes can be had against the production of xerox copy of the identity card of the attendant/ relative having a cover number written on the same.

Girl's Body

rescue team of Police, SDRF, NDRF, Army and MARCOS with active assistance of locals.

Last Saturday, Ronak was among three minors who drowned in river Pohru after the trio tried to retrieve slippers of one of the girls from the water source.

Two of the drowned minors' were rescued safely with timely intervention of locals.

NIA Searches

and Kashmir with sticky bombs, IEDs and small arms.

In the search operation that began in the morning, the agency raided residences of "hybrid terrorists and overground workers (OGWs)" allegedly linked with the "newly-formed offshoots and affiliates" of Kashmiri militant groups, a statement by the NIA spokesperson said.

"Premises of sympathisers and cadres of these organisations were also raided," it said, adding several digital devices containing massive incriminating data were seized.

The NIA is investigating the newly floated groups, including The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu and Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu & Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, PAAF among others.

These groups are affiliated with major organisations operating from

Militant Houses

Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmad Poswal told PTI.

Officials said the houses of militants Jamal Din, Gulzar Ahmad, Shabir Ahmad and Gulabu, who have escaped to Pakistan and are operating from there, were targeted in the latest round of raids in connection with a case registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The special NIA court in Jammu had on April 26 issued non-bailable warrants against 23 militants from Kishtwar operating from across the border. Earlier, non-bailable warrants were issued against 13 terrorists in the district.

The 36 individuals from Kishtwar went to Pakistan after joining the militant ranks over a period of time. Subsequently, two FIRs were registered against them after their involvement in militancy-related activities surfaced during investigations, the SSP said.

SPORTS

Focus On Jaiswal As Team India Starts Transition Phase Against Wounded Windies

Press Trust of India

ROSEAU: The Indian team is set to hit the transition button with much-anticipated debut of Yashasvi Jaiswal in the two-Test series against a wounded West Indies, which is searching for a road to redemption.

While the hosts, after their shock elimination from the ODI World Cup Qualifiers would be eager to prove that they are still relevant in world cricket, the Indian team too is beset by certain challenges.

Cheteshwar Pujara's muchdebated exit has created a slot in the Indian top-order and the immensely talented Mumbai left-hander will hope that he lives up to his 'name' and promise that he has shown at the first-class level before being thrown at the deep end of the pool.

While the strait-jacketed solution is putting the debutant at one drop but Shubman Gill is more naturally suited in the middle-order. Jaiswal, 21, usually opens for Mumbai, West Zone and Rest of India in rednerves first up, No. 3 isn't a bad slot to begin with.

Against a bowling attack comprising of seasoned Kemar Roach, Shannon Gabriel, Alazarri Joseph and Jason Holder, it will be a baptism by fire for young Jaiswal before he faces South Africa in Rainbow nation at the end of the year and the mighty Australians during the 2024-25 winter.

India's new World Test Championship cycle will be a way tougher assignment compared to the previous two editions, when a set team reached back-to-back finals riding on a top-notch pace bowling unit.

But in the absence of an injured Jasprit Bumrah, who might find it difficult to play Test matches on a regular basis and the skilful Mohammed Shami, rested for this series, the Indian attack would surely lack the sting that made the current team a world beater. Of the two others, who were

part of the famed quartet, Ishant Sharma will be making his commentary debut in this series while Umesh Yadav at ball cricket. But to settle his 36, might find it difficult to get



a recall after recovering from a hamstring injury. Hence the five-man attack,

led by 19-Test old Mohammed Siraj and supported by Shardul Thakur with nine long-form games in his kitty, does look really thin on experience in comparison to the West Indies pace attack. It will again boil down to

how West Indies measure up against the guile and artistry better bet behind the stumps

of Ravichandran Ashwin (474 wickets) and Ravindra Jadeja (268), who have close to 750 Test scalps between them.

The choice of four bowlers is automatic but picking one among Mukesh Kumar, Jaydev Unadkat and Navdeep Saini might not be a easy proposition.

Similarly, with two spinners in operation Kona Bharath is a

than Ishan Kishan but the former is on borrowed time due to his performance in front of the wicket. Kishan's flair and being a left-hander can't be ignored for long till Rishabh Pant gets his place back in the side.

The Windsor Park hasn't hosted a Test match in the last six years but this is one format where the assortment Caribbean nations have been at their best in recent years.

It will be foolhardy on India's part to think that West Indies' World Cup qualifier show will impact their Test match performance and that could be a bit of a misnomer.

In their pace attack, the two primary bowlers are Roach (261 wickets), a veteran of nearly 15 years and Gabriel (164 wickets), who has been a potent new ball enforcer. Gabriel doesn't play white ball cricket.

On the Caribbean tracks, both are more than a handful and the 'Holy Trinity' of Indian batting order – skipper Rohit Sharma, the peerless Virat Kohli and comeback-man Ajinkya Rahane, will have more than a job at hand.

All three have to face different kind of challenges. For Rohit, it is still a sketchy

road and his future will only be clear after the 50- over World Cup. He has to win this twomatch series first up and also make significant contribution with the bat in order to remain relevant in the longer format

post World Cup. If one is fair, Rohit has looked most assured in this format compared to shorter ones.

Virat Kohli too needs some tall knocks. The canny West Indies pacers could exploit his problems outside the offstump channel and a string of low scores will again raise questions if yardstick of dealing with a Cheteshwar Pujara is different from dealing with him.

Both Kohli and Pujara have averaged below 30 in the last three years but only the Saurashtra batter copped criticism and eventually got the axe from the side.

For Ajinkya Rahane, the comeback and elevation to vice-captaincy might not give a clear picture as his head would be the first on the chopping block if there are a couple of failures as Ruturaj Gaikwad is considered a ready replacement.

Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul will also comeback at some point.

So the sub-narratives in the main story will be equally intriguing in the next 13 days. Match Starts: 7:30 pm IST.



Pencak Silat Trails For Senior National From July 16

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K Pencak Silat Association is set to conduct open selection trials for both Men & Women for the upcoming 11th Senior National Pencak Silat Championship 2023-24 on Sunday, July 16 at Indoor Hall, Polo Ground here.

Eligible candidates must be in the age group of 17 to 45 years prior to the J&K teams competing in the national championship, which scheduled to be held at Nashik Maharashtra from August 12-15, 2023.

"A player should carry a valid ID proof and recommendations from their district head along with a parent declaration and a medical and health and insurance certificate and other related documents like two passport

to all the affiliated District Pencak Silat Associations to confirm their entries for the above mentioned trails in both the genders in the Senior events," the state-

ment added. "No boarding, Lodging or any Transportation will be provided during the trials. Selected athletes will face the screening team of J&K Sports Council on 17th July 2023 and will be followed by the 21-day coaching camp for the selected athletes

at Srinagar accordingly. "All the interested athletes are requested to kindly follow the procedure as per the rules and regulation laid down in this notice.

"The last deadline for the submission of the names through the district association by or before 12th July 2023

England Keep Faith In Bairstow For 4th Ashes Test



Agencies MANCHESTER: England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on Tuesday named an unchanged 14-member squad for the fourth Ashes Test match against Australia starting at

Old Trafford on July 19. After

going 2-0 down in the series,

the hosts pulled one back in

Leeds with a tense victory, and

ter falling behind 2-0 in the five-match Ashes series. It was difficult for the hosts to reach their mark of 251 on a track where the pacers of both teams had taken 27 wickets in total in the first three innings. But Harry Brook's valiant 75

in the third Test in Leeds af-

sets the stage for yet another historic triumph at Headingley, the same ground where, four years prior. Ben Stokes

Since his appearance against the West Indies in March of last vear. Lawrence hasn't taken part in a Test match, but the 25-year-old might still be considered for the match at Old Trafford. Moeen Ali is almost certain to be in the XI being the lone spinner in the squad.

There are quite a few pacers vying for a place in the XI with Ollie Robinson, Mark Wood, Stuart Broad and Chris Woakes in the squad, facing competition from Anderson and Josh Tongue

Spurs To Talk To Kane Amid Bayern Munich Links

Agencies

LONDON: After links to Bayern Munich, Harry Kane returns to work at Tottenham this week for preseason training.

The uncertainty around the England captain's future at Spurs, however, is not going away.

New Spurs manager Ange Postecoglou held his first news conference on Monday since joining from Celtic and was immediately asked about Kane, who enters the final year of his contract at the London club.

"I haven't had any assurances (about his future) and I wouldn't expect any assurances," the Australian manager said. "He's one of the premier strikers in the world and I want him involved." Postecoglou, known for being

a blunt speaker, plans to hold a meeting with Kane this week. "My conversation with him

will be about how we can make this club successful and I've got no doubts that's what he wants as well," Postecoglou said. "What I want is to introduce myself to Harry and give him my vision of the football club and get a sense from him on



est one valued at 68.5 million pounds (\$88 million).

The question is whether that will tempt others to the table.

Manchester United has long been linked with Kane, and wants to sign a replacement for Cristiano Ronaldo this offseason. Real Madrid needs to replace the departed Karim Benzema and has also been mentioned in connection with Kane.

Then there is Paris Saint-Germain, which is intent on selling Kylian Mbappe unless its World Cup-winning forward signs a new contract.

That means four of European soccer's biggest clubs are potentially in the market for a top-class center forward this summer. It has been claimed that Spurs chairman Daniel Levy's preference would be to sell abroad if he was to sell at all. The theory goes he would even be prepared to accept a smaller transfer fee, rather than see a club great playing for another English team. (AP)

size photographs," the association said in a statement.

"After receiving all the documents, the player is eligible for the selection trials. It is advised

"For further details, Please contact Nassir Ahmad Digoo, President on 9797194893, 9622422766 or jksilat@gmail. com," the statement concluded.

District Srinagar Carrom Championship From July 18



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K Carrom Association on Tuesday said it will organise the District Srinagar Carrom Championship from July 18 to 19 at Carrom Hall, Sher-e-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex for Sub Junior, Junior and Senior Category in boys and girls, men and women.

The championship will be held in collaboration with District Srinagar Carrom Association and Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council under the banner of My Youth My Pride initiative of the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council

"All the desired players, interested schools, institutions, clubs of district Srinagar are requested to register their players on email jkcarrom@gmail.com for the said championship with the format: Name, Parentage, DOB, Institution, Contact No. & Email ID on or before 18th July 2023, for any information contact Organising Secretary on 9906-767-529, 9596-000-200," the association said in a statement.

Sarmad Hafeez Felicitates Winners Of 5th Varmul Cup

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Sarmad Hafeez on Tuesday felicitated the winners of 5th Varmul cup played at Jhelum Sports Stadium here.

Secretary of Sports Counci, Nuzhat Gull; Director of Youth Service and Sports, Subash Chander Chhibber; Interna-

tional cricketer, Parveez Rasool; senior officers of various government departments and large number of locals also witnessed the final match of the Varmul Cup played between ACC Blues and Bradman Sopore.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarmad Hafeez appreciated the efforts of Baramulla Cricket Forum for organizing such a successful tournament.

are looking to save the series again when they meet Australia at Old Trafford from 19 July. For the crucial fourth Test, which would be played at Old Trafford the following week, England has continued to have faith in Jonny Bairstow. The England wicketkeeper-batter endured another tough game, scoring 12 and 5 and missing more catches behind the

(135*) and No. 11 Jack Leach (1^{*}) led England to a Test victory for the ages. The decision on whether James Anderson will play for England in Manchester after he was dropped out of the starting lineup at

Headingley is still up in the air. Even though the hosts are without Ollie Pope because of injury, Dan Lawrence is the only other hitter on the roster.

England squad for the fourth Test: Ben Stokes (c), Moeen Ali, James Anderson, Jonny Bairstow, Stuart Broad, Harry Brook, Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Dan Lawrence, Ollie Pope, Ollie Robinson, Joe Root, Josh Tongue, Chris Woakes and Mark Wood. (ANI)

stumps. England battled back Hasaranga, Gardner Win ICC 'Player **Of The Month' Award For June**

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Sri Lanka spinner Wanindu Hasaranga and Australian women's team allrounder Ashleigh Gardner were on Tuesday named ICC's 'Player of the Month' for their impressive performances in June.

Hasaranga clinched the award following his recordbreaking feats at the World Cup Qualifier games in Zimbabwe. Women's Ashes hero

Ashleigh Gardner becomes the first player to win three Player-of-the-Month accolades.

Both players were selected as the standout performers following a vote conducted among a specialist panel comprising ICC Hall of Famers, former international players, media representatives and global cricket fans registered at icccricket.com, who had been voting since the nominees

were announced last week. With 26 wickets at an average of 10 per scalp during the calendar month, Hasaranga enjoyed several highlights during the prolific period. Heading into the Qualifier as one of the key threats in a strong Sri Lankan lineup, the spinner started in fine fashion. Claiming six wickets in the

tournament opener against the

rious from a strong field of candidates including another star performer at the Qualifier, Zimbabwe's Sean Williams, and the Player of the Match from the ICC World Test course for qualification to the Championship Final, Austra-ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in lia's Travis Head. India which starts on October 5.

Gardner celebrated another prize after driving Australia to early success in the ongoing Cricket, after we made it to the Women's Ashes series. Trent Cricket World Cup in India. I Bridge was the stage of Gardam privileged and honoured ner's success, most notably with the ball, spinning Austo have been chosen as the ICC tralia to a comfortable 89-run win to begin with a Test win. She followed up a valuable

Hasaranga becomes the first 40 in Australia's first innings Sri Lanka player to win the with a four-wicket spell to award since Prabath Jayasurihelp maintain a slender advantage over the hosts.

what he thinks the club needs to do to be successful, and walk out on that training pitch and try to make it happen.'

Tottenham wants to tie the club's all-time leading goalscorer to a new long-term contract.

Bayern, however, may test that resolve, having reportedly made two bids, with the lat-

'Can't Recall Being So Helpless': **Djokovic On Hurkacz**

Agencies

LONDON: Serbian tennis legend Novak Djokovic lauded his round-of-16 opponent Hubert Hurkacz for his serving skills, admitting that he found himself helpless while trying to read Hurkacz's serves. The defending champion Djokovic on Monday needed plenty of hard work to defeat spirited Hubert Hurkacz to advance to the Wimbledon 2023 quarterfinals. Be it indoors or outdoors, returning Hurkacz's serves on grass surface remains as one of the sport's biggest challenges irrespective of playing conditions.

ent matches: last night and today," said Djokovic, who had led Hurkacz by two sets to love overnight before getting a 7-6(6), 7-6(6), 5-7, 6-4 win.

"Completely different conditions. Playing under the was roof more humid, more slippery. Obviously, no wind. A bit easier for the rhythm for the serve. At the same time, it was a bit slower from the back of the court. Today, completely different. Very, very windy. Difficult to get the rhythm and tempo on the toss. It did not seem to affect him much," he said, according to ATP. "I thought maybe that could

be my chance to start reading his



Djokovic found his way to overcome his opponent's strengths somehow and Hurkacz's 33 aces were not able to deny the defending champion a win, but Djokovic clearly felt some sort of frustration and helplessness during his 7-6(6), 7-6(6), 5-7, 6-4 win. "[It was] kind of two differ-

serve a bit better. That was not the case. He was serving incredibly well. I do not recall being so helpless on the return games, to be honest. I knew that he is a big server and he is a fantastic player on the grass particularly, but I did not expect him to serve this well and this accurately. Credit to him," Djokovic added. (ANI)



Hasaranga emerged victo-

UAE, and following up with 5/13 and 5/79 against Oman and Ireland respectively, Hasaranga became the first spinner in history to take three consecutive five-wicket hauls in ODI cricket, setting Sri Lanka on

"It (award) comes at an im-

portant moment for Sri Lanka

Men's Player of the Month,"

Hasaranga was quoted as say-

ing in an ICC release.

ya in July 2022.

Meet Lisa: India's first regional AI news anchor



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Tith the introduction of software like ChatGPT, the advancements to AI have been exponentially increasing in recent years. Despite such technology being relatively new to us, some companies have already utilized it in unique ways.

Odisha TV, an Indian cable television station, is a perfect example of one such company: it has introduced the world's firstever regional AI news anchor, going by the name Lisa.

The Odia-based news station tweeted a video on Sunday showcasing Lisa introducing herself

and even commenting on how her hosting will revolutionize TV broadcasting and journalism:

OTV confirmed that she will present news updates in the future frequently, in multiple languages including Odia, English, etc.

The news station mentioned how difficult it was to train this unique AI and how it hopes to improve Lisa to a level where she can easily interact with others. "Efforts are underway to make Lisa more proficient in Odia in the coming days. You can find and follow Lisa on all the prominent social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, among

others," the TV channel said.

Transparent Mouse: Revolutionizing Cancer Drug Testing

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ancer cells, that are too small to be detected by MRI and PET scans, can be picked up from a new scanning method involving a see-through mouse. In 2018, Prof Ali Ertürk, Helm-

holtz Munich research centre, figured out a way to make dead mice transparent. Recently, his team has used chemicals to highlight specific tissues to scan them in excruciating detail. Scientists say this scanning method could revolutionize medical research.

According to the professor, only large tumours can be observed using MRI and PET scans, not singlecell cancers. Additionally, current drugs only encumber cancer and extend life by a few years, allowing cancer to return. This is due to the fact that those tiny single-celled tumours were not eliminated as they were not visible. Their method does detect those tiny tumours.

While Prof Ertürk developed the process to make a mouse transparent five years ago, the scanning technique makes the most of it. The scanning method involves giving the mouse cancer, followed by making it transparent. Only then is the scanning method used to scan them.

Ōnly a few mice would be required to be made transparent to test the effectiveness of the drug. Mouse studies serve as a fundamental foundation for understanding human body processes, but the technique is applicable to any animal. It even has the poten-

tial to render human tissues and organs transparent, although such a procedure is unlikely to be done in the foreseeable future. 'Advances in technology like

this are essential to driving progress and will hopefully lead to new ways to detect, treat and prevent cancer," said Dr Rupal Mistry, research information manager at Cancer Research UK

Study: Heat killed 61,000 in Europe last summer



ore than 61,000 people died due to the heat during Europe's record-breaking summer last year, a study said on Monday which called for more to be done to protect against even deadlier heatwaves expected in the coming years.

The world's fastest warming continent experienced its hottest summer on record in 2022, as countries were hit by blistering heatwaves, crop-withering

droughts and devastating wildfires. The European Union's statistics agency Eurostat had reported an unusually high number of excess deaths over the summer, but the amount directly linked

to the heat had not been previously quantified. A team of researchers looked at data on temperature and mortality from 2015 to 2022 for

823 regions across 35 European countries, covering a total of 543 million people. The researchers from the

Barcelona Institute for Global Health and France's health research institute INSERM used models to predict the deaths attributable to temperature for each region in every week of

2022's summer. They estimated that 61,672 deaths were linked to the heat between May 30 and September 4 last year, according to the study published in the journal Nature Medicine. A particularly intense heatwave in the week of July 18-24 caused more than 11,600

deaths alone, the study said. "It is a very high number of deaths," said Hicham Achebak, an INSERM researcher and study co-author.

"We knew the effect of heat on mortality after 2003, but with this analysis, we see that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done to protect the population," he told AFP.

More than 70,000 excess deaths were recorded in 2003 during one of the worst heatwaves in European history.

Women and over-80s vulnerable Last year France recorded the

biggest rise in heat compared to its previous summer average, with a jump of 2.43°C, the study said.

Switzerland was not far behind with a 2.30°C rise, followed by Italy with 2.28°C and Hungary with 2.13°C.

Italy had the highest death toll linked to the heat with 18,010, followed by Spain with 11,324 and Germany with 8,173.

The majority of deaths were of people over the age of 80, the study said. Around 63% of those who died due to the heat were women, the analysis said.

The difference became more stark over the age of 80, when women had a mortality rate 27% higher than men.

Previous research has shown that Europe is warming at twice the global average.

While the world has warmed an average of nearly 1.2C since the mid-1800s, last year Europe was around 2.3C hotter than pre-industrial times.

Unless something is done to protect people against rising temperatures, by 2030 Europe will face an average of more than 68,000 heat-related deaths every summer, the new study estimated.

By 2040, there would be an average of more than 94,000 heat-linked deaths -- and by 2050, the number could rise to over 120,000, the researchers said.

"These predictions are based on the current level of vulnerability and future temperatures," Achebak said.

"If we take very effective measures, that vulnerability can be reduced," he added.

Raquel Nunes, a health and climate expert at the UK's Warwick University not involved in the research, said the study "highlights the urgent need for action to protect vulnerable populations from the impacts of heatwaves.'

Chloe Brimicombe, a climate scientist at Austria's University of Graz, said it "demonstrates that heat prevention strategies need to be re-evaluated, with gender and age especially in mind.

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Sikkim Tops Northeast, UP **Among Bigger States In Grievance Redressal: Govt Report**

Press Trust of India

ikkim has topped the northeastern states in addressng public complaints, followed by Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, the Centre said on Tuesday.

The ranking was made in the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) monthly report, released by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) under the Personnel Ministry, for states for June 2023.

"Government of Sikkim tops the ranking among the northeastern states with a score of 66.70 per cent, followed by the government of Assam with a score of 57.45 per cent and government of Arunachal Pradesh with a score of 52.30

per cent. "Sikkim has disposed of 173 grievances with an average closing time of 43 days from January to June 2023," it said.

Lakshadweep has topped the ranking among the Union Territories with a score of 70.41 per cent, followed by the Andaman & Nicobar Islands with a score of 64.55 per cent, and Ladakh with a score of 55.25 per cent, said the statement issued by the Personnel Ministry. Lakshadweep has disposed

of 181 grievances with an average closing time of 14 days to emerge as the topper of this group.

Uttar Pradesh topped the ranking among states with more than 17,500 grievances with a score of 63.90 per cent, followed by Jharkhand with 48.95 per cent and Madhya Pradesh with 43.53 per cent, it said

Uttar Pradesh disposed of 1,23,633 grievances with an average closing time of 24 days to emerge as the topper of this group.

The state received the maximum, 20,470, grievances in June 2023, and also disposed of the maximum number of grievances at 22,168 (including the

carried forward ones), the statement said.

"Government of Telangana tops the rankings in States with less than 17,500 grievances with a score of 74.44 per cent followed by the government of Chhattisgarh with a score of 57.50 per cent and govern-ment of Kerala with a score of 52.16 per cent," it said, adding that Telangana has disposed of 3,043 grievances with an average closing time of seven days to emerge as the topper of this group.

A total of 62,929 grievances were redressed by state/UTs in June 2023.

The DARPG initiated the process of rankings states/UTs from May 2023 onwards on the basis of their performance on the CP-GRAMS portal.

At present, DARPG ranks the states and Union Territories across four categories northeastern states and Union Territories, and two other categories for states bifurcated on the basis of the number of grievances received.

The ranking is part of the endeavour of the Centre to assist the states and Union Territories to review and streamline their grievance redressal systems and have a comparative assessment with their counterparts.

All states and Union Territories have, as on June 30, 2023, a pendency of 1,88,275 public grievance cases, it said.

The pendency across states and Union Territories has decreased from 1,94,780 at May end to 1,88,275 at June end, the statement said.

"The report also brings out the deliberations made during the meeting between the Secretary, DARPG, V Srinivas and the Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir on 23rd June 2023. The objective of the meeting was to assess the status of grievance disposal in the Union Territory (UT) on the central government grievance portal CPGRAMS as well as Jammu & Kashmir government grievance portal JKI-GRAMS," it added.



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