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# Climate-Induced Disasters Killed 552 People Over Past 10 Years in J&K

Budgam district's Gurwaith village many people are yet to overcome the trauma caused to the villagers when two people were killed on May 6 this year by lighting while they were herding their sheep in a pasture. On the same day two more people were killed by lightning in a village in Pulwama district while they were working in their farm. Another person was killed by lightning on July 7 in Kulgam. As many as 2863 extreme weather events in J&K have killed 552 people between 2010 and 2022 besides causing heavy damage to infrastructure and livestock, says a study Extreme Weather Events induced mortalities in Jammu and Kashmir, India during 2010-2022, published in the International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction. Interestingly, out of the total 2863 extreme weather events, 1942 are the lightning events forming the bulk of the overall extreme weather events followed by 409 heavy rainfall



events, 186 landslides, 168 flash floods, 48 heat waves, 42 heavy

and 31 windstorms in the time period analysed in the study.

Ahmed, lead author of the study, there has been an increase in extreme weather events over the past two decades which is seen as a manifestation of global warming and human-caused climate change.

Ahmed said that deaths due to extreme weather events have also increased over the years. He, however, added that despite the increase in extreme weather events, deaths due to heavy rain and snow have decreased which is mainly attributed to better early warning, weather forecasts and improved disaster

management. "Otherwise, such mortalities would have been manifold," Ahmed told Kashmir Observer. For the villagers in Gurwaith,

the lightning strike was a bolt from the blue which sent shivers down their spines. "Lightning has never killed anyone in our village despite being a forest village. But that incident on that fateful day has shocked us all as it took away two lives from our village," villagers in Gurwaith said.

"People are scared following

## **Govt Sets Up Dept Of Public Grievances**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar- Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday accorded sanction to the creation of Public Grievances department in the Union Territory.

"In pursuance of Entry 15 of the Second Schedule of Transaction of Business of the Government of Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir Rules, notified vide Government Order No. 811-JK(GAD) of 2020, dated 01.09.2020, sanction is hereby accorded to the creation of "Department of Public

Grievances," said an order.
The order states that the department will deal with the redressal of Public Grievances, Lieutenant Governor's Mulaqaat - Live Public Grievance Hearing

It will also deal with Jammu and Kashmir Integrated Grievance Redress and Monitoring System -JK-IGRAMS, monitoring disposal of grievances by Administrative Departments and subordinate offices, grievance Redressal Quality Monitoring and monitoring of redressal of grievances received on social media.

"It is further | More on P10

# Rabita Chief Hails PM Modi Over Inclusive Growth

"Salute constitution, democracy" Muslim World League Gen Secy heaps praise on friendly India

**Press Trust Of India** 

New Delhi: A day after meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Muslim World League Secretary-General Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa on Wednesday hailed his "passionate perspective" towards inclusive growth and said they agreed on the importance of working together to confront all aspects of extremism and hatred, regardless of their source.

Al-Issa, who is on an India visit, met Modi on Tuesday and discussed furthering inter-faith dia-logue, countering extremist ideologies, promoting global peace, and deepening partnership between India and Saudi Arabia.

In a tweet on Wednesday, Al-Issa said he had an insightful discussion with the Indian prime minister on a variety of issues, including ways to further human-centric development and the importance of promoting understanding and harmony among the followers of faith and culture.

"I appreciate His Excellency's passionate perspective towards inclusive growth," the Muslim World League (MWL)

**To Be Illuminated** 

Srinagar: With over a month

left for the August-15 celebra-

tions, the authorities in Valley

on Wednesday directed Kashmir

Power Distribution Corporation

Limited (KPDCL) to ensure pow-

er supply to Sher-e- Kashmir

Cricket Stadium besides making

arrangements for illumination of

government buildings to mark

These directions were passed

by the Divisional Commissioner

(Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar

Bidhuri while chairing a meet-

ing of officers to review the ar-

rangements for the celebration

of ensuing Independence Day, an

The meeting was informed that the main function will be

held at S.K Cricket Stadium in

summer capital Srinagar, where

the chief guest shall hoist the

At the outset, the spokesper-

son said, the Div Com highlight-

ed the importance | More on P10

official spokesperson.

the celebration of the festival.

**Govt Buildings** 

On Aug-15

**Observer News Service** 

secretary-general said.

There was also agreement on the importance of working together on confronting all aspects of extremism and hatred, regardless of their source and reason, as peace and prosperity in our diverse world can only be achieved with aware and comprehensive citizenship, he said.

"Also, I elaborated upon the details of this important meeting in my lecture at the India Islamic

Cultural Centre, which was delivered after the meeting with His Excellency the PM: it was attended by senior scholars, both Muslim and non-Muslim, along with thinkers and politicianscoming from different states of India-who valued and appreci-

ated the lecture," Al-Issa said. Tagging a tweet by Al-Issa on their meeting, Modi said, "Pleased to have met H.E. Sheikh @ MhmdAlissa, Secretary General of

@MWLOrg and Chairman of the Organisation of Muslim Scholars. We had a great exchange of views on furthering inter-faith dialogue, countering extremist ideologies, promoting global peace, and deepening partnership between India and Saudi Arabia.

Earlier, in a tweet, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) had said, "PM @narendramodi met H.E. Sheikh @MhmdAlissa, Secretary General of Muslim World League @MWLOrg and Chairman of the Organisation of Muslim Scholars. They had insightful discussions on various aspects of furthering inter-faith harmony, peace and working towards human progress.

MWL is an international NGO headquartered in Mecca, with members from all Islamic countries and sects.

It aims to present Islam and its tolerant principles, provide humanitarian aid, extend bridges of dialogue and cooperation with all, engage in positive openness to all cultures and civilisations, follow the path of centrism and moderation, and ward off movements calling for extremism, violence and exclusion.

# **Court Denies Bail To Accused In Gang Rape Case** 506, 120-B IPC, section 5/6 of

Srinagar: A fast track court here has rejected bail application of one of the accused in gang rape of a minor girl in Panthachowk area here last year. The accused, R Farooq Lone,

had sought bail on the health grounds but the Presiding Officer of Fast Track Court For POCSO cases Srinagar, Aarti Mohan, said that concerned Superintendent jail can be directed to provide adequate medical treatment to him in case required.

According to prosecution, on 21 September 2022, a man filed complaint with police station Panthachowk, stating that four persons subjected his 15-year-old daughter to sexual assault. The complainant further submitted that his daughter knew one of the accused who had developed friendly relationship with her and took some photographs also. Later on his daughter was



blackmailed. The complainant said that the person along with other accused called his daughter to Khonmoh area on the pretext of deleting the photos. However, when his daughter reached the place of meeting she was sexually assaulted by those four persons and after a month his daughter told him about the same incident.

Accordingly, the prosecution said, a case (FIR No. 96/2022) under section 376-D, 506, section 3/4 of POCSO Act was registered. After the completion of investigation, police filed charge-sheet under section 376-DA, 392, 354 (C), 352, 342,

POCSO Act, 67 B(e) IT Act on 15 December 2022.

"In the instant case also, the accused has been charged for commission of offence u/s 5/6 of POCSO Act besides other offences under IPC therefore section 29 of the same would be triggered against him and the presumption of innocence is not available to the accused," said the court.

"Without going into the merits of the statement, lest it may prejudice the accused in any manner, it is sufficient to say that the victim has supported her earlier statement recorded u/s 164 Cr.P.C in material particulars," the court said, adding, "The accused has not brought forth any circumstance which would convince this court that the presumption which has arisen against him stand rebutted in any manner." Subsequently the court rejected the bail application of one of the accused.

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# **LG Calls For Identifying New Sectors Of Employment**

Says Research Should Reflect The Reality Of Accelerated Transformation

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday emphasized on identifying new sectors of employment and increasing interaction with leading academicians, besides insisting that the research should reflect the reality of accelerated transformation.

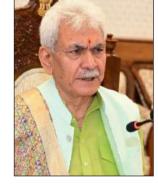
"5Cs- Critical evaluation is a must for future strategy. Critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, curiosity will build an equitable and vibrant knowledge society," the LG said.

He made these remarks while chairing the meeting of J&K Higher Education Council at Raj Bhawan, here on Wednesday.

The meeting deliberated on a range of themes like multidisciplinary education, ecosystem for research and innovation, Indian philosophy and languages, and project based learning mode, combined with needs and challenges of society.

The LC said that Your Degree' is one of the cornerstones of the National Education Policy-2020.

"It will promote applicative learning, skill enhancement aligned with needs of the 21st Century and provide unique opportunity to students to shape their



**WE SHOULD STUDY SUCCESSFUL MODELS OF OTHER** universities like **Delhi University** for reforms in examination."

curriculum," he added.

Sharing the ongoing transformational journey of the education sector in J&K, Sinha said the rapid advancements in education and other sectors and the evolving needs and aspirations of the society requires contribution of learning in classrooms to changes and new solutions.

"Journey of our Amrit Kaal will not only be about degree but also about skills and values. No classroom can afford to teach subjects | More on P10

# **5 Amarnath Pilgrims Die In** 24 Hours, Toll 19

Srinagar: Five Amarnath pilgrims died in the past 24 hours, taking the death toll in this year's yatra in the south Kashmir Himalayas to 19, officials said on Wednesday.

The pilgrims died of cardiac arrest, they added.

Three deaths took place on the Pahalgam axis of the yatra and two on the Baltal route, the officials said.

Two pilgrims each belonged to Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, while the other yatri is yet to be identified, they said.

These five deaths have taken the death toll so far in this year's yatra to 19, including an ITBP officer posted on yatra duty, and a sevadar, according to officials.

lower oxygen concentration at high altitudes is one of the most common causes of fatalities among Amarnath pilgrims and security forces posted

there for duty. Till Tuesday, 1,37,353 pilgrims have visited the cave shrine to have | More on P10

# **India's Defence System Backed By Strong Govt: Thakur**

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: India is one of the most powerful countries and its defence forces and system are backed by a strong government. Union Minister Anurag Thakur said on Wednesday.

On the last day of his two-day visit to Ladakh, the minister for information and broadcasting, interacted with personnel of the army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) as well as locals in the Chumur area near the India-China border.

The people of Ladakh need not worry about external influences as the government has taken appropriate measures

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to safeguard the borders, Thakur asserted, according to a statement.

During an interaction with ITBP personnel at Karzok village, 211 kilometres from Leh, he said, "The present government is working hard to make India a stronger and better nation, the stronger (defence) forces are backed by a stronger government, and under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra | More on P10

### **5 OGWs Arrested** In Budgam

ive militant associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were arrested by a joint team of police and army from Central Kashmir's Budgam district, officials said Wednesday. Rouf Ahmad Wani, Hilal Ahmad Malik, Tawfeeq Ahmad Dar, Danish Ahmad Dar and Showkat Ali Dar were arrested by a joint team of police and army's 62 RR in Khag area of the district, a police spokesperson said Wednesday.

He said incriminating materials have been recovered from | More on P10

# **Teen Dies After Car Rams Into Tree**

teenager girl was killed and three persons injured after a car they were traveling in crashed into a tree in Bijbehara area of South Kashmir's Anantnag on Wednesday afternoon. Quoting officials, news agency GNS reported that the car bearing registration number JK02CS 3742 crashed into a tree near GDC Biibehara, resulting in injuries to four occupants. The injured persons were evacuated

to SDH Bijbehara, where one of the

injured identified as | More on P10

# **Teen Girl Drowns** In Mendhar

teenage girl hailing from Sagra Balnoi area of Mendhar in Poonch district died after she drowned in river water in the village on Wednesday evening. The deceased has been identified as Mehnaz Bi (18) daughter of Mohammad Rafiq resident of Sagra village of Mankote tehsil in Poonchs' Mendhar sub division. Police officials said that the girl was crossing a river stream in the village when she drowned and later her body was fished out of water. Meanwhile, police | More on P10

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# **Accidental Fire Kills Soldier**

soldier was killed on Wednesday in an "accidental discharge of his weapon" along Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district, officials said. The injured soldier, a rifleman, was taken to hospital where he was declared dead, the officials told a local news agency GNS. He has been identified as Deepak Verma (24). The incident, they said, took place near Noorkote along LoC. Further proceedings have been started into the incident, they added.

### **5 Amarnath Yatris Injured In Accident**

car carrying Amarnath pilgrims hit a road divider in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, leaving five people injured, a police official said. The pilgrims from Uttar Pradesh were on their way to the Baltal base camp in Ganderbal district when the driver of their vehicle lost control and hit the road divider at Samroli along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway around 6.15 am, the official said. The injured pilgrims | More on P10

## 2 Gamblers Held **In Tangmarg**

wo gamblers were arrested on Wednesday in an input driven raid in Tangmarg area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district, police said. Acting on specific information about the gambling activities, a team of cops led by PSI Shoaib Mohammad carried out a raid near forest hut Babareshi crossing, a police spokesperson said Wednesday. The gamblers, he said, tried to flee from the spot after noticing the police party approaching them. "But the alert police party chased them and we're | More on P10



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# **Evidence Of Himalayan Rockslide Found, May Have Knocked Off One Of Highest Peaks**

**Press Trust Of India** 

Evidence of a giant rockslide in one of the Himalaya's highest mountain peaks during the Middle Ages has been unearthed, an event that could have possibly knocked several hundred metres off the height of the summit, scientists say.

Jerome Lave from the Universite de Lorraine, France, and colleagues have found geological evidence for an abrupt, high-altitude rockslide that may have occurred around 1190 AD in the Annapurna mountain range of the Himalayas, in central Nepal, that could help understand Himalayan evolution better.

The sudden collapse involving a total rock volume of around 23 cubic kilometres may have brought down the peak by several

hundred metres and prevented the disproportionate growth of the Himalayan



peaks, the scientists said

They suggested the

Having massive implications for landscape evolution and natural hazards, they said, massive supplies of finely crushed sediments could have filled valleys more than 150 km down-

stream and overwhelm Himalayan rivers for more

movements and erosion.

They said that the findings shed light on one potential mode of evolution of high Himalayan peaks and their abrupt erosion by

They called for future

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

### Office Of The Divisional Forest Officer **Bandipora Forest Division Chiternar.**

e-NIT NO: -11 OF 2023-24 DATED: -12 - 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 & Kashmir /Central Govt. Organizations for the following works: -

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	S. NO		ADV. COST (Rs. In lacs)		Cost of Tender Document. Rs)	TIME OF COMPLETION
	1	Up-gradation (Repair/ renovation) Forest Rest House at Baghtoor Gurez of Bandipora Forest Division	7.87	"C and D" Class PWD Contractor	1.00	60 calendar days.

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

12-07-2023 13-07-2023 from 06:00 PM

Position of AA:- available Position of T/S:\_available

Position of Funds: \_Budgeted. Publishing Date: -Download Start Date:

13-07-2023 from 06:00 PM Bid submission Start Date: Bid submission End Date: 31-07-2023 Up to 04.00 PM Date of Opening of Technical BidOnline. 01-08-2023 at 10.00 AMin the Office of the Conservator of Forests Srinagar Circle at Shiekh Bagh Srinagar. Date of Opening of Financial Bid Online: To be opened online at any convenient date and time after completion of evaluation of Technical bids at Sheikh Bagh Srinage

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. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.

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 contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.

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

To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.

The bidders have to submit their Technical &financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD duly renewed for the current financial year 2023-24, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt/Challan (cost of Tender Document).

The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.

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 newspaper under circulation.

The tender accepting Authority however 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 document.

MSME without civil contractor card are not eligible.

NO: - DFO/A/Actt/ 2023-24/

DIPK-5010/23 Dated: - 12-07-2023

Divisional Forest Officer, Bandipora Forest Division, Chitternar

in a paper published in the journal Nature.

presence of permafrost at high altitude to be behind the giant rockslide.

than a century. Despite previous numer-

ous studies on Himalayan erosion, the authors wrote, little is known about how the peaks of the Earth's tallest and one of the most active mountain ranges erode and evolve. The shape and altitude of mountain peaks are constantly evolving in response to tectonic plate

large rockslides.

studies to assess the erosive contribution of giant rockslides on the long-term topographic evolution of these

Government of Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer Mechanical Hospital And Central Heating Division Srinagar

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Gist of e-tender NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2023-24/49/e-tendering Dated:-11.07.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from registered/reputed/experienced firms with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work	(Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (in days)	AA Accorded Vide No:	TS No	Money (in Rupees.)
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I.Maintenance and Repairs of various capacities air conditioning units installed at Govt Chest Disease Hospital Srinagar	1.63	200	5		MHCHD/ TS/37 Dated:- 07/23	3200
2.Relocation of air handling unit from waiting hall of modular theatre at Govt Lalla Ded Hospital Srinagar	0.20	100	5		SD/TS/18 Dated:- 07/23 AEE Sub- Division 2nd	400

Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 11.07.2023 (16.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 11.07.2023(16.00 hrs).

Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site 11.07.2023(18.00 <u>hrs) to 19.07.2023(12:00hrs)</u> in two (02) covers. Opening of Bids :- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 19.07.2023 at 14.00 hrs or

any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

DIPK-4920/23 dated: 12-07-2023

Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

MHCHD/TS/2978-84,

### Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Divisional Forest Officer Seed Development Division, Srinagar

**EXTENSION NOTICE** 

Reference to:- e-NIT NO: - 03 OF 2023-24 DATED: 17-06-2023

Maintenance of nursery stocks means clean practices and constant vigilance necessary to keep nursery stocks, paths, roads and surrounds to be kept weed free. The beds, burms, polybags should be devoid of any unwanted growth in order to induce growth to the principal species. The hand weeding of unwanted species is to be carried out as per demand of the site on regular basis including water as per requirement. The mechanical and chemical methods of weeding are not allowed. The deweeded material should be dumped at a lead of 50-100 meters in available composite pits. Incase of break out of any disease the emergency spraying of fungicide/ pesticide is to be carried out under the supervision of concerned technical staff.

Sr. No	Particulars of Work	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Maintenance of nursery stocks by Deweeding/ Cleaning of polybags, berms, paths and beds, Supply/ Appling of Urea, Regular watering and cleaning of water channels and Spraying of fungicide/ pesticides at Sonwar Nursery, Sonwar Range, Srinagar (CAMPA)	1.66800
2	Maintenance of nursery stocks by Deweeding/ Cleaning of polybags, berms, paths and beds, Supply/ Appling of Urea, Regular watering and cleaning of water channels and Spraying of fungicide/ pesticides at Tangmarg Nursery, Baba Reshi, Baramulla (CAMPA)	1.06400
3	Maintenance of nursery stocks by Deweeding/ Cleaning of polybags, berms, paths and beds, Supply/ Appling of Urea, Regular watering and cleaning of water channels and Spraying of fungicide/ pesticides at Sirch Nursery, Kowbagh Range, Ganderbal (CAMPA)	1.06400

Due to poor response the critical dates for above noted works are hereby extended as per the schedule mentioned below: -

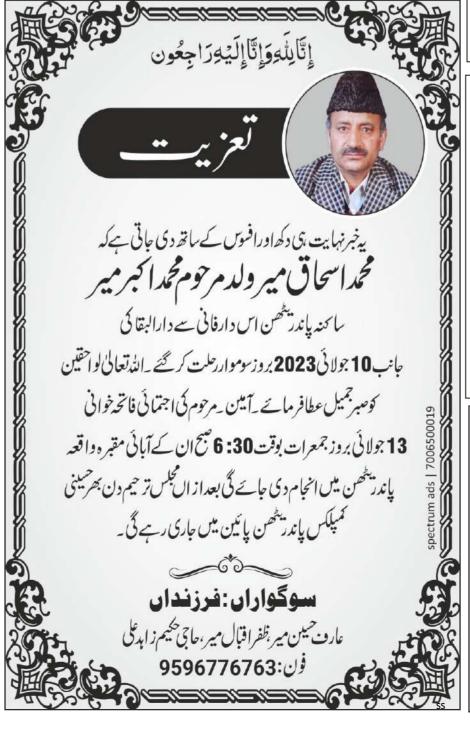
Bid submission End Date online:
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through

22-07-2023 at 04:00 PM in the office of the Divisional Forest Officer Seed Development Division Srinagar To be opened (Online) at any convenient date and time after complete evaluation of Technical Bids received

All other terms and conditions shall remain same NO: -SFRI/SDD/S/F-CAMPA/178-82

DIPK-5000/23 dated: 12-07-2023

Sd/-**Divisional Forest Officer, Seed Development Division** Srinagar.



### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned on my passport bearing no.J7893210 as Rahti Begum instead of Rahma Begum and D.O.B as 05/04/1960 instead of 05/05/1955 as per official records.Now I want to apply for its correction and issuance of fresh passport.If anybody has any objection he/she may contact Regional Passport office Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

Rahma Begum wife of Khazir Mohd Bhat R/o (Dowlat pora) Panju Dangri Kupwara

#### IN THE COURT OF JMIC, JUDGE SMALL CAUSES, SRINAGAR

Present:- Ms Tabasum

Masrat D/o Syed Ghulam Mohammad Dawarki R/o Dargah Gulab Bagh Srinagar

**Applicant** 

v/s Registrar Births & Deaths SMC, Srinagar.

(Non-Applicant) **PUBLIC NOTICE** 

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

Name:- Masrat

Sex:-FEMALE Father's Name:-Syed Ghulam Mohammad Dawarki

Mother's name: Naseema DOD: 24-10-1974

Residence:-Dargah Gulab Bagh Srinagar

Sd/-Judge Small Causes, Srinagar

## **Public Notice**

I have lost my drug licence bearing no: BR/08/1185, BR/05/1166 of my medical store under name & style Sheikh-ulAllam Medical Store Hardu Aboor. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Asst. Drug Controller Baramulla within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Irshad Ahmad Bhat S/o Ghullam Mohi-ud-din Bhat R/o Hardu Aboora

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#### From The Office Of Advocate Waseem Shamas (J&K High Court Srinagar)

In the case of:

Ishtiyaq Ahmad Mir S/o: Ghulam Rasool Mir R/o: saloosa kreeri Baramulla

.... Caveator Versus

Public at Large ...Non-Caveator's In the matter of: Publication for Caveat.

The caveators apprend that the non-caveator may file any suit or writ or any apeal at the back of the caveators and may manage to get ex parte order, therefore the caveators submit in case of any Writ Petition/Appeal/Suit or such proceedings are filed before this Hon'ble court by the non-Caveator's against the Caveators, the Caveator's or the counsel for the Caveator's may be provided an reasonable opportunity of being heard before passing any of the order in the said Writ Petition/Appeal/ Suit or any Proceeding otherwise the Caveator's may suffer such an irreparable loss and injury which cannot be compensated lateron in any manner and same would be an abuse of the process of the court.

> Caveator through counsel Adv waseem shamas Highcourt of jammu and Kashmir at srinagar

# In The Court Of City Judge Srinagar

Faroog Ah Bhat **Applicant** 

Present: Foiza Paul Registrar Birth & Deaths (Non-Applicant)

In the matter of application for registration of date of birth of applicant's Son namely Muhammad Farees Bhat and issuing the certificate thereof under section 13/17 of the Registration of Birth and Death Act

**Notice to General Public** 

Whereas the above titled peition ahs been filed by the aplicant in this court fo seeking direction to the non applicant for egistration of date of birth of his son namely Muhammad Farees Bhat

Whereas, through the medium of this proclamation, the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction iwht respect to the registration of birth of applicant's son who has born on 05-10-2019 at home Nowgam Chowk Sgr to the non-aplicant he/she / they shall file the same befor ethis court in person aor thorugh counsel on or before 27-07-2023. If the date fixed is declared as holiday, the matter will be taken up on te next working day.

Given under my and and sela today on 10-07-2023

Civil Judge JMIC Srinagar



# **SP College Srinagar Accredited With Grade** A+ By NAAC

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: In a significant achievement, Sri Pratap College, Srinagar has been accredited with Grade A+ by NAAC.

The NAAC team consisted of Dr. Satyanarayana Sirasani, Chairperson; Dr. Annasaheb Shankar Rayamane, Member Coordinator and Dr. Yashodhara Sharma, Member, in the month of June, conducted an exhaustive assessment of the College and expressed their appreciation and satisfaction with regard to academics, extra-curricular activities, infrastructure and research activities of the college.

Speaking on this development, Principal SP College, Prof. Ghulam

pressed satisfaction with the NAAC assessment and congratulated all the stakeholders who made it possible for the College. "This is a special moment and would not have been possible without the untiring efforts and sincere dedication of the entire College staff, both teaching and non-teaching as well as research scholars and students" he said.

The Principal also expressed his gratitude to Principal Secretary Education Alok Kumar; Director Colleges, Prof (Dr.) Yasmeen Ashai; Director Finance and Planning and Nodal Principal, Kashmir Division Colleges for the constant support and timely guidance provided for successful completion of the re-accreditation process.

This is a special moment and would not have been possible without the untiring efforts and sincere dedication of the entire College staff, both teaching and non-teaching as well as research scholars and students

# **80 Youth Joins PDP Youth Wing In Lal Chowk**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: More than 80 activists today joined the Youth Wing of People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Lal Chowk, constituency and pledged to take forward the party's propeople agenda.

The new entrants belong to Solina, Barzulla, Jawar Nagar, Wazir Bagh and Raj Bagh areas of the Lal Chowk constituency.

To welcome these young and dynamic activists into the party fold, a simple function was held at the party headquarter, which was presided over by the PDP president Mehbooba Mufti.

Youth Wing Coordinator for Central Kashmir, and Lal Chowk constituency in-charge, Zuhaih Yousuf Mir was also present at the event.

Mehbooba After Mufti welcomed the new entrants, Zuhaib Mir expressed satisfaction over the fact that the worthy

party president, Mehbooba Mufti sahiba's vision is fast attracting people.

Zuhaib Mir said that PDP president's fearless and sincere leadership is paying at the ground level and by virtue of that common people as well as the people in knowhow are showing their keen interest in the programs of PDP.

The new party entrants expressed their willingness to educate the people of Kashmir about their rights which have been snatched from them.

One of the newly joined party workers, Younus Matto said on the occasion, "We will leave no stone unturned to reach the common people and explain to them the main objectives of PDP."

He was loudly applauded for praising the party President, Mehbooba Mufti for her courageous stance about the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.



Fuel stations across Kashmir including Srinagar faces shortage of petroleum products on the 3rd consectuive day on Wednesday KO Photo, Abid Bhat

# **DC Srinagar Presides 3rd Day Of CBC Multimedia Exhibition In Srinagar**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Ajaz Asad today presided over the third day proceedings of the five day multimedia exhibition organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India at Government SP Higher Secondary School, Srinagar.

The multimedia exhibition on the theme of 9 Years: Seva Sushasan Garib Kalyan is underway from July 10 to 14 for public awareness about different public welfare schemes as well as to showcase the strides made by the government in different sectors for inclusive development of the nation.

Addressing a gathering of officers, students, teachers and progressive farmers, Shri Ajaz said that the welfare schemes of the government impact every household. Making special reference to the Ayushman Bharat - Sehat and PM-KISAN, he said schemes like these are making life easy for the citizens.

He however said that there is a lack of adequate public awareness regarding these schemes. He impressed upon the youth especially students to be the brand ambassadors of these welfare schemes and help their families and communities to avail benefits.

He said the multime bition on the nine years' achievements of the government is only a reflection of the development that is evident around us. Making a special mention of the investment by Dubai based Emaar group, Shri Ajaz said that projects like

# **Srinagar Among Top Performers** In Swachh Bharat Mission

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar Mohammad Aijaz Asad Wednesday said that under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 the administration has completed all targets in our villages. He added that Srinagar district is among the 10 top districts across the country in terms of model category.

Speaking at the event held in Srinagar, Deputy Commissioner Aijaz Asad said, "Under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 we have completed all targets in our villages. It has 3 categories, first is Rising category, 2nd is aspiring and then model category. Srinagar has reached the model category and I want to congratulate the Rural Development department for achieving the targets". He said that Srinagar district is among the 10 top districts of the country.

these will generate employment opportunities for educated youth.

He urged the participants to spread the word about the multimedia exhibition so that more people can avail benefits.

The deputy commissioner also visited the departmental stalls setup for public awareness and on the spot delivery of services.

Joint Director, CBC,J&K and Ladakh region Sh. Ghulam Abbas expressed gratitude to all the stakeholders and participants for turning up in great numbers to visit the exhibition.

He informed the visitors about objectives of outreach programs of the CBC and also impressed upon the students to dedicate their youthful energies for upliftment of the poor and vulnerable sections of the society. He said the

last nine years have been dedicated by the government to the service of the poor and marginalized. He said we can only achieve our goal, the goal of Amrit Kaal, by our collective effort.

The third day of the event was dedicated to the awareness of the schemes launched for the welfare of farmers. Chief Agriculture Officer, Manohar Lal Sharma briefed about the activities and achievements of the department of agriculture and farmers' welfare. Resource persons from departments of Agriculture and Horticulture as well as Centre for Financial Literacy also addressed the gathering. Chief Education Officer, Srinagar Sh. Mohammad Shabir along with the Principal, Govt. SP Higher Secondary School, Sh. Nisar Ahmad also attended the

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# This Day In History

- 1643 Battle at Roundway Down: Royalists beat parliamentary armies
- 1835 Swedish-American inventor John Ericsson files for a patent for his screw propeller design
- 1854 In the Battle of Guaymas, Mexico, General Jose Maria Yanez stops the French invasion led by Count Gaston
- 1882 200 die as train derails near Tcherny, Russia
- 1911 Great Britain and Japan renew their alliance of 1902 for another four years; the reason Japan joins WWI on the
- 1935 US-Russian commerce treaty takes effect
- 1943 Greatest tank battle in history ends with Russia's defeat of Germany at Kursk, almost 6,000 tanks take part, 2,900 lost by Germany
- 1953 Battle of the Kumsong River begins last major battle of the Korean war.
- 1960 US Democratic convention nominates JFK as presidential candidate
- 1962 500 Indonesian parachutist land on New-Guinea
- 1963 Indian government announces it will cut last remaining links with South Africa by refusing landing facilities to South African aircraft
- 1969 Russia launches unmanned Luna 15 to Moon
- 1978 Albania drops diplomatic relations with People's Republic of China
- 1980 USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/ Semipalitinsk USSR
- 1982 Iran launches first attack into Iraq
- 1992 The Tripartite Alliance, consisting of the African National Congress, South African Communist Party and Congress of South African Trade Union, outlines a mass action plan for August
- 1995 Space shuttle STS-70 (Discovery 20), launches.

# **KU Organizes Lecture On 'Women Entrepreneurs In North-East India**'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Depart-

ment of Social Work (DoSW), University of Kashmir, organised a

special lecture on "Women Entrepreneurs North-East India".

## **Srinagar Development Authority**

TENDER NOTICE NO: 04/EE of 2023-24

For and on behalf of the Srinagar Development Authority, the Executive Engineer, Srinagar Development Authority, invites tenders by e-tendering system on item rate basis from Registered PWD contractors of J&K UT for below mentioned works:-

S.No	Name of work	Amount of work	Class of contractor	Money	Cost of Tender Docu- ment	Time of completion
01	Upgradation/revamping of General Bus Stand Parimpora by way of GSB filling, Grde-ll and macadamization.	Rs. 4.07 Crores	Regd. Hot Mix "Plant Holder"	Rs. 815000/-	Rs. 10000/-	(30) days

- A). Postion of Funds: (Under SMRDA)
- B). Administratively approved
- C). TS Accorded.
- 01. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of Quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the department websiteWWW.JKtenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

01	Data of a deliable a fit and a Nation	10 th - ( L.L. 2022 - ( // 00 DM)
01.	Date of publishing of tender Notice.	
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents.	From 11th of July (10.00 AM) to 29th July, 2023 upto 4.00PM.
03.	Pre Bid Meeting	15th of July 2023 in the office of Vice Chairman SDA at 12.00 Noon.
04.	Bid submission start date.	17th of July, 2023 from (10.00 AM).
of.	Bid submission end date.	31st of July, 2023 upto {4.00 PM).
06	Date & time of opening of technical bids.	2nd of August, 2023 at 12.00 Noon in the office of Executive Engineer SDA.
07	Date & time of opening of financial bid (on line).	

Executive Engineer. Srinagar Development Authority

No:- SDA/EE/ 302-309 DIPK-NB-1902/23 Dated: 12/07/2023

# Office Of The Principal Govt. Degree College For Women, Sopore (J&K)-193201

(NAAC Accredited Grade "B") Email Id: gdcwsopore@gmail.com

**Notice Inviting e-Tender** E-NIT No. 03 of 2023-24 Dated: 12/07/2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J and K Union Territory, the college is going to outsource the College Canteen for the calendar year i.e. from August 2023 to July 2024. In this connection, e-tenders are invited through online mode (www.jktenders.gov.in) from the registered dealers.

Interested vendors may upload tender documents and quote rates for different items on e-tender portal and will also submit its hard copy super-scribed as "e-tender for outsourcing of college canteen" to the Principal Govt. Degree College for Women Sopore" by or before 27-07-2023. The CDR of Rs 1000/- may also be uploaded on etender portal and will also deposit the CDR in the office of undersigned. The complete e-tender document along with terms and conditions is available for download from www.gdcwsopore.edu.in and (www.jktenders.gov.in). The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all e-tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Complete details for submission and opening of e-tender offers are as detailed

Date of issue of e-tender	12/07/2023
Date of publication of e-tender	12/07/2023
notice	
Downloading of documents/offer	12/07/2023 (04:00 PM)
submission start date	
Last date of submission of e-	27/07/2023 (1:00 PM)
tender.	
Technical opening	27/07/2023 (2:00 PM)
Financial opening	27/07/2023 (2:30 PM)

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# From KO Archives

# Valley Rivers Swell As Glaciers Melt

Pulwama Areas Under Laar Waters

Observer News service

RINAGAR Rivers and streams in the valley have registered an alarming increase in water levels due to the intense spell of heal gripping the region. Several government departments have been put on alert to deal with an imminent threat of floods, even as over two hundred households have been displaced in Pulwama due to

waters from the swollen Laar nullah entering inhabited areas. Glaciers melting under the abnormally high temperatures have raised levels in the Jhelum and other rivers and streams of

In Pulwama a sudden surge in the Laar stream has inundated a large area in Jora village displacing 250 of its six hundred households, a KNS report said. Scores of houses have come under water and hundreds of

kanals of land have been submerged, the report said. People have fled their homes seeking higher ground for safety The Aribal area, located on the banks of the Laar too has been inundated. Water has entered dozens of residential houses

A delegation from the affected areas has met the additional deputy commissioner Pulwama to apprise him of the situation. The ADC has directed the tehsildar concerned to dispatch a team to review the situation and organise relief for the flood-hit

population Water has entered paddy fields in several places in the utile} because of rivers over-flowing their banks.

Experts fear that a flood situation is imminent if the heat

spell persists with its present intensity. The govt has ordered the departments concerned at the district level to be on alert to deal with any eventuality. The metrological department says that although the

maximum temperature is 5 degrees Celsius above normal and the minimum temperature 7 degrees Celsius above normal. the present situation cannot be characterised as an intense or extraordinary heat wave The rest of the Country is experiencing normal monsoons

and rainfall can be expected in the valley within the next two to three days, a spokesman of the metrological department said.

(Kashmir Observer, 13 July, 2005)

# PM Modi To Visit UAE **On His Return Journey From France**



**Press Trust of India** 

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Abu Dhabi on July 15 after concluding a two-day visit to Paris.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Modi would hold talks with Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and ruler of Abu Dhabi.

"The India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership has been steadily strengthening and the prime minister's visit will be an opportunity to identify ways to take this forward in various domains such as energy, education, health care, food security, fintech, defence and culture," it said.

The prime minister is visiting France on July 13 and 14 at the invitation of French President Emmanuel Macron.

Modi will be the guest of honour at the Bastille Day parade on July 14 in Paris where a tri-services Indian armed forces contingent would be participating.

The MEA said President Macron will host a state banquet as well as a private dinner in honour of the prime minister.

The two leaders will also hold wide-ranging talks.

# **Manipur Police's Warning Amid Reports Of Rioters Wearing Commando Uniforms**



**Press Trust of India** 

IMPHAL: In a stern warning, Manipur Police has asked people to stop misusing its black commando uniform after reports suggested that armed rioters were wearing the outfit to create mistrust, officials said

They said information has been circulated throughout all formations to ensure that the Manipur Police Commando uniform, black in colour, is not misused and they have been

instructed to intensify the vigil. This comes after videos were found doing the rounds in which some of the armed assailants were seen wearing the black uniform, which seems to have been stolen during the uprising witnessed in the state

from May 3 onwards. The two groups -- Meitei and Kuki -- have engaged in armed conflicts with each other and the violence has claimed over 150 lives so far.

The police have been asked even to check any vehicle carrying security personnel, especially the India Reserve Battalion and Manipur Police, and their identity cards, the officials said.

There have been occasions where police uniforms have also been misused but such cases are less in number, they said, adding there is a need to put an end to this practice as otherwise the other community feels that the law enforcing agency is biased.

The 45,000-strong Manipur Police was vertically split after the ethnic clashes, with Meitei personnel in the force moving to Imphal valley for safety and the Kuki personnel escaping to

While an assessment was being made about the stolen weapons by the police, efforts were also intensified for their recovery. In this connection, two people were arrested by the police with stolen police weapons which they had purchased from the Imphal valley.

In a related development on better policing, Director General of Police Rajiv Singh, immediately after taking over, had identified that nearly 1,200 personnel were missing from duty, officials said.

His first task was identifying these people and completing the formalities of their "joining comfortable.

The officials privy to the developments said nearly 1,150 personnel have reported back to duty and fresh instructions had been issued to withhold pays of those personnel who are not back.

Recently, the police chief had visited Khangabok area of Thoubal district where jawans of 3rd India Reserve Battalion had foiled an attempt by hundreds of rioters to loot the armoury. This district is known for Khongjom, where the last battle of the independence of Manipur was fought in April 1891 against the British army.

# **G7 Pledges Long-Term Arms Supplies To Help Ukraine Defeat Russia**



**Agencies** 

VILNIUS: G7 nations on Wednesday pledged to offer "enduring" military support to Ukraine to help it fight Russia's invading forces and stop any repeat of the war once it ends.

"We will each work with Ukraine on specific, bilateral, long-term security commitments and arrangements towards ensuring a sustainable force capable of defending Ukraine now and deterring Russian aggression in the future," the G7 said in a statement obtained by AFP.

Ukraine's international backers are looking to reassure Kyiv on their support after military alliance NATO refused to offer the war-torn

country an invitation to become a member.

The group of seven leading democracies -- the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan -said they would look to agree on providing Ukraine's forces with "modern military equipment, across land, air, and sea domains".

That would mean "prioritising air defence, artillery and long-range fires, armoured vehicles, and other key capabilities, such as combat air," the statement said.

The global powers said that they would offer to provide swift military and financial assistance to Ukraine "in the event of future Russian armed

They would also look "to

impose economic and other costs on Russia" if it launched another war once this conflict is concluded.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky had earlier welcomed the promises -- made on the sidelines of a NATO summit in Vilnius -- but said that they could not be a substitute for Kyiv's ultimate goal of joining the alliance.

NATO countries -- spearheaded by the United States -- have been wary of giving Ukraine too concrete a commitment on future membership in the bloc for it fear it will drag the West into war with Moscow.

But Western leaders insist they want to show the Kremlin that it cannot wait for their support to Ukraine to falter.



# 2 Ex BJP Allies Among 24 **Parties For Second Oppn Meet**

Agencies

BENGALURU (KARNATAKA): Top leaders of at least 24 political parties would attend the second Opposition unity meeting being convened by Congress in Karnataka's Bengaluru on July 17-18.

According to sources, eight new parties have extended their support to the Opposition parties' efforts to present a united front against BJP ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

"After last month's mega Opposition meet in Bihar's Patna, top leaders of as many as 24 political parties will be attending the second meeting which is going to take place in Karnataka's Bengaluru," sources said.

"Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK), Kongu Desa Makkal Katchi (KDMK), Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP), All India Forward Bloc, Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), Kerala Congress (Joseph), and Kerala Congress (Mani) are among the new political parties that will be joining the meeting," they said. "Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi will also attend the Opposition Parties meeting," they added. Notably, KDMK and MDMK

were previously allies of the BJP during the 2014 Lok Sabha

Meanwhile, Congress presi-

dent and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge has also invited top opposition leaders for participation in the next unity meeting.

Congress President in a letter addressed to top opposition party leaders reminded them about their participation in June 23 opposition meeting held in Patna called by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish kumar.

"The meeting was a great success as we were able to discuss various important issues that threaten our democratic polity and came to a unanimous agreement on unitedly fighting the next General Elections," Mr Kharge said in his invitation letter.

Congress President further reminded the leaders that we had further agreed to meet again in July. "I believe that it is important to continue these discussions and build on the momentum that we have created. We need to work together to find solutions to the challenges that our country is facing," the letter further stated.

"In furtherance thereof, I request you to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting followed by dinner on July 17 at 6.00 pm at Bengaluru. The meeting will continue on July 18 2023 from 11.00 am onwards. Looking forward to meeting you in Bengaluru," Kharge further

# **UN Motion After Sweden Quran Burning: Who Vote For & Against?**

Agencies

he United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has approved a resolution on religious hatred and bigotry in the wake of a Quran-burning stunt in Sweden that led to protests across the Muslim world.

The motion passed on Wednesday, but was opposed by the United States and the European Union, which said it conflicts with their positions on human rights and freedom of expression. Pakistan and other Organ-

isation of Islamic Cooperation countries, concerned by the incident last month outside Stockholm's main mosque, during which an Iraqi immigrant desecrated the Quran on the Eid al-Adha holiday, had secured an urgent debate at the UN's top rights body on

The resolution, among other things, called on countries to take steps to "prevent and prosecute acts and advocacy of religious hatred that constitute incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence". Pakistan's Foreign Minister

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari told the Geneva-based council via video on Tuesday: "We must see this clearly for what it is: incitement to religious hatred, discrimination and attempts to provoke violence." He said such acts occurred

under "government sanction and with the sense of impunity". Bhutto Zardari's remarks were echoed by ministers from Iran, Saudi Arabia and Indonesia. "Stop abusing

freedom of expression," said Indonesia's Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi. "Silence means complicity." UN human right Volker Turk told the UNHRC that inflammatory acts against Muslims, as well as

are "offensive, irresponsible and wrong". Sweden has condemned the Quran burning but maintains the country has a constitutionally-protected right to freedom of assembly, expres-

other religions or minorities,

sion and demonstration. On Tuesday, France's ambassador Jerome Bonnafont noted that human rights "protect people - not religions, doctrines, beliefs or their symbols ... It is neither for the United Nations nor for states to define what is sacred". How did your country

vote? UNHRC resolutions are not legally binding but are seen as strong political commitments

Tuesday's motion called for countries to review their laws and plug gaps that may "impede the prevention and prosecution of acts and advo-

cacy of religious hatred." Here is how countries vot-

ed: Bangladesh; Bolivia; Cameroon; China; Cuba; Eritrea; Gabon; Gambia; India; Ivory Coast; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Morocco; Pakistan; Qatar; Senegal; Somalia; South Africa; Sudan; Ukraine; UAE; Uzbekistan; Vietnam

No: Belgium; Costa Rica; Czech Republic; Finland; France; Germany; Lithuania; Montenegro; Luxembourg; Romania; UK; US

Abstained: Benin; Chile; Georgia; Honduras; Mexico; Nepal; Paraguay

# Iran's Raisi Begins Africa Trip, Signs Agreements With Kenya



**Agencies** 

ran's President Ebrahim Raisi has received a red carpet welcome from Kenyan counterpart William Ruto as he began a three-country tour of Africa on Wednesday that Tehran has touted as a "new beginning" in relations with the continent.

Raisi's trip to Africa, which will also take him to Uganda and Zimbabwe, is the first by an Iranian president in more than a decade, a bid to diversify economic ties in the face of crippling sanctions from the United States.

The trip, which was due to begin on Tuesday, was delayed by a day to finalise memorandums of understanding which Raisi and Ruto were to sign, according to Kenya's foreign ministry. Iranian and Kenyan ministers

understanding on Wednesday

signed five memorandums of

ogy, fisheries, livestock products and investment promotion, the governments announced. At a press briefing after meet-

related to information technol-

ing Ruto, Raisi, who has previously described Africa as a "continent of opportunities", said he wanted to boost commercial ties with African countries. "None of us are satisfied with

the current volume of trade and the current economic exchange between countries," he said. Iran's foreign ministry said on

Saturday that it expects trade with African countries to increase to more than \$2bn this year, without providing a comparative figure for 2022.

The Kenyan president said he had sought Raisi's commitment to facilitate the export of more Kenyan tea, meat and other agricultural products to Iran and via Iran to Central Asian countries.

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## **NEWS MAKERS**

# **Home Of Sheila Dixit** Likely To Be Rahul Gandhi's **New Address**

**Agencies** 

**NEW DELHI:** Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi is likely to shift his residence to the house of former Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit in the national capital, sources said

Congress MP and son of Sheila Dikshit, Sandeep Dikshit is currently residing in this house at B2 Nizamuddin East in South Delhi district.

According to sources close to the leader, the former Wayanad MP is currently in a process of shifting his house to another building in the same area.

However, the final call has not been taken yet and it will be taken only after approval for security as Rahul Gandhi is accorded Z-plus

He had vacated his house in April itself when he was disqualified from Lok Sabha following his conviction in a criminal defamation case by a



Gujarat court.

It is to be noted that Rahul is currently livng with his mother Sonia Gandhi at 10 Janpath.

Sources also said that after receiving a No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from security agencies, Rahul will be a tenant of Sandeep Dikshit and he will be signing a rent agreement of the 1,500 sq ft flat situated behind Humayun's Tomb.

# 8 Men Throw Chilli **Powder At Cops, Shoot Murder Accused In Rajasthan**

**Press Trust of India** 

JAIPUR: Around eight men barged inside a Rajasthan Roadways bus on Wednesday and shot dead a murder accused who was being escorted by a police team for a court hearing in Bharatpur, officials said. Another murder accused was injured in the firing and is admitted in a hospital in a critical state, they said.

According to police, the bus was stopped near Amoli toll plaza under Halena police station of Bharatpur by around 8 men who came in a car and two motorcycles. They entered the bus and hurled chili powder on the policemen and started firing on Kuldeep Jagheena and Vijaypal. Kuldeep Jagheena and Vijaypal, accused in a 2022 murder case, were being taken to Bharatpur from Jaipur by a team of seven policemen led by a head constable armed with two semi-automatic rifles (SLR). SP Bharatpur Mridul Kachchawa said the two murder accused were rushed to RBM government hospital in Bharatpur where Kuldeep Jagheena was declared brought dead by doctors, while Vijaypal is being treated in a critical condition. Meanwhile, the police said they have identified the culprits with the help of CCTV footage and a vehicle has been recovered. Police in nearby districts, including

Dausa, have been alerted and intense checking on highways is going on.

Detailing the incident, Additional Commissioner of Police (Administration)-Jaipur Rahul Prakash said several bullets were shot at Kuldeep Jagheena, while the policemen managed to protect Vijaypal from the direct assault. He said the police team did not open fire in view of the security of the bus passengers. The officer said an inquiry will be done and action will be taken if any policeman is found guilty of negligence.

Kuldeep Jagheena and Vijaypal were allegedly involved in the murder of Kripal Jagheena, who was shot dead in Bharatpur on September 4 last year over a land dispute.

# Air India Says Passenger **Smoked Inside Lavatory, Assaulted Crew**

**Press Trust of India** 

A male passenger assaulted crew and some other passengers, and damaged the lavatory door onboard an Air India flight from Toronto to the national capital on July 8. the airline said on Wednesday.

The passenger, a Nepalese citizen, was handed over to security agencies on arrival at the airport in New Delhi.

AIR INDIA A passenger on flight AI188 of 08 July 2023 operating Toronto-Delhi displayed unacceptable aggression during flight. He smoked in the lavatory, damaged the lavatory door and assault-

ed crew and passengers, leaving them with minor injuries," an Air India spokesperson said in a statement. According to the spokesperson, the passenger was warned several times by the crew and finally had to be restrained on his seat. On arrival, the passenger was handed over to the security agencies for further course of action as per regulatory require-

ment and the matter has been reported to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the spokesperson said. In recent times, there have been rising incidents of unruly behaviour of passengers onboard flights.

On June 24, there was an incident of a male passenger behaving in a "repulsive manner" onboard an Air India flight from Mumbai to Delhi.

# **Smart Meters Pull Down AT&C Losses In Kashmir: Govt**

Work On Rs 800 Cr Project Under RDSS Scheme Going On, More Works To Be Allotted Soon: MD KPDCL

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The government on Wednesday said that the installation of smart meters have successfully assisted in reducing the Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses in Jammu and Kashmir, saying that the illegal hooking by the consumers have almost come to an end in the areas where the smart meters have been installed.

Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary said that the hooking system has been eliminated from the ground after the installation of smart meters.

"Finally, the measures taken by the government, especially the installation of smart meters has helped in putting an end to technical losses," Choudhary said, adding that the system is not only beneficial for the KPDCL, but for the people too, who can pay now as per the usage only.

"The consumers had to pay the flat rate fixed by the government, even if they don't use the

electricity as per the charges, but now the consumer will be paying only what he has been using," he said.

The Managing Director, KPD-CL further said that the target to reduce the losses through hooking and other related things has been almost achieved.

Asked about the money spent on smart metering and cabling projects, he said the project is being implemented by the Government of India through different schemes like PMDP and

"The schemes are presently going on and Rs 800 crore have been allotted for different contractors under the RDSS scheme for the works that are going on in Baramulla, two parts of Srinagar and Kupwara," he said. He added that more works

are expected to be allotted soon.

Pertinently, the smart meters have been installed in several areas across Jammu and Kashmir while the protests continue to be witnessed, especially in Srinagar areas against the

# **Abdullahs, Soz Pay Homage** To July 13 Martyrs

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Several political leaders in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday paid tributes to the 22 people who were killed while protesting against auto-cratic Dogra rulers in Srinagar on July 13, 1931.

In a statement issued here, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President and Member of the Parliament from Srinagar Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah paid glowing tributes to the 22 valiant martyrs on their 92nd Martyrdom anniversary.

Highlighting the valour and selfless sacrifices of the martyrs. National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah said 13th July 1931 was a watershed moment in the history of Kashmir and marked the beginning of a struggle against tyranny, oppression and despotism.

Abdullah said the sacrifices utes to the martyrs and make a of the valiant martyrs was timeless and continues to inspire millions of people to fight for justice, truth and peace.

"The undying thirst for dignity cannot be suppressed by injustice and the 13th July Martyrs proved that non-violence and persistence always prevails over oppression and tyranny in the end. I pay my humble tributes to the martyrs and make a fervent appeal to the people in general and our youth in particular to be well

informed about the history of our struggle against oppression and tyranny", he said.

His son and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the sacrifices of the martyrs of 13th July will continue to be a beacon of humanity's fight for dignity and justice.
Former Union Minister and

Congress leader Prof Saifuddin Soz also paid tributes to the martyrs.

Soz said that 13th July 1931 was a historic movement in the history of Kashmir which marked the beginning of a struggle against tyranny, oppression and despotism. He said that the sacrifices of the valiant martyrs was timeless and continues to inspire millions of people to fight for justice, truth and peace.

He said that 13th July martyrs proved that non-violence and persistence always prevails over oppression and tyranny in the end and paid huge tribfervent appeal to the people in general and our youth in partic ular to be well informed about the history of our struggle

against oppression and tyranny. He also said that the sacrifices of the martyrs of 13th July will continue to be a beacon of humanity's fight for dignity and justice. He said that it was their sacrifice that proved a turning point in our history and inspired millions of oppressed Kashmiris to rise in unison against oppression.

# **J&K Cong Holds 'Silent Protest' To Express Solidarity With Rahul**



**Press Trust Of India** 

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Congress on Wednesday held a silent protest as part of the party's countrywide "maun satyagraha" programme to express solidarity with party leader Rahul Gandhi after the Gujarat High Court dismissed his plea seeking a stay on his conviction in the 2019 defamation case.

Senior Congress leaders and party activists took part in the protest both in Jammu and Srinagar.

Joint secretary AICC in-charge J-K, Manoj Yadav, said the 'satyagraha' is against the behaviour of the Narendra Modi government towards Gandhi.

"Gandhi did Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. He raised the voice

of the people against the Modi government. While Gandhi highlighted the problems of the people, it pained the Modi government. So, he (Rahul) got the maximum sentence. His Lok Sabha membership was cancelled within 24 hours under a conspiracy. His residence was snatched within 48-62 hours," Yadav told PTI at the JKPCC headquarters at M A Road in Srinagar.

"The government used all ploys, misused agencies to suppress his voice, but it is not Rahul Gandhi's voice only, it is the voice of 130 crore Indians," he said.

To a question about the Supreme Court hearing the pleas challenging the revocation of Article 370, the Congress leader said the party leaders have spoken over the issue and made their stand clear.

"It is a sub-judice matter. We are waiting for it (judgement) and we hope that, we have faith in the judiciary, that justice will be done with the people of Kashmir," he said.

J-K Congress president Vikar Rasool Wani and working president Raman Bhalla led the protest in Jammu in front of Mahatma Gandhi's statue at Satwari Chowk in Jammu. "We are here in full sup-

port of our leader Rahul Gandhi. We held a silent protest against BJP's vendetta politics against Gandhi. They have engineered conspiracy against him," party spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said. Rahul Gandhi fearlessly

raised the voice of the common man, poor, youths and women, and against those who have been looting the taxpayers' money, he said.

#### Amarnath Yatra

# **LG's Advisor Reviews Arrangements At Nunwan** Base Camp,

**Observer News Service** 

PAHALGAM: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Wednesday visited the Nunwan Base camp here and reviewed the arrangements for ongoing Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY)-2023.

During his visit, Advisor Bhatnagar interacted with the devotees, service providers, officers of various line departments as well as representatives of security agencies and took stock of logistics, lodging, health and other facilities for the smooth facilitation of pilgrims.

The Advisor also interacted with the camp administrators, medical staff, and volunteers involved in managing the pilgrimage. He commended their rnathji Yatra holds immense religious significance and it is our responsibility to provide a secure and comfortable environment for the pilgrims. He urged all the stakeholders to work in close coordination to ensure the smooth conduct of the Yatra and extend all possible support to the devotees.

The Advisor further directed all concerned departments to take every possible measure to make Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra smooth, safe and hassle-free for devotees.

He added that Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra has contributed immensely to our composite culture.

During the visit, Advisor Bhatnagar also inspected the Base Camp hospital and took



dedication and hard work in stock of medical facilities being ensuring the smooth operation of the Yatra. He emphasized on the importance of maintaining a high level of sanitation as well as cleanliness in the camp for safe and comfortable experience to the devotees.

Interacting with the officers on the occasion, Advisor Bhatprovided to the pilgrims.

The Advisor, during inspection, interacted with the doctors and other paramedical staff and asked them to keep all the necessary medicines and other medical facilities available. He also directed them to ensure round the clock healthnagar said that the Shri Ama- care facilities during the yatra.

# **RLJP Will Contest Elections On All** Seats In J&K: Saraf

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** The Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) on Wednesday said it would field candidates on all seats whenever the assembly or local bodies' elections are held in Jammu and

Addressing a press conference here, RLJP national general secretary Sanjay Saraf said he has instructed the district presidents to present their list of potential candidates, which will be finalised by the party's parliamentary board for the elections.

"Whether it is assembly elections or local bodies' elections, the party will field its candidates everywhere," he said.

Saraf demanded concession in electricity supply charges for the people in the old city here, saying after the installation of the smart metres, most of the consumers will not be able to pay the bills.

Asked about the Supreme Court hearing the Article 370 petitions, he said, "Let us see the mindset of the honourable court and wait for the outcome of the hearings," said.

# **DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS KUPWARA**

# **NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

NIT No. 01 of 2023-24 e-tendering

DATED: 06-07-2023

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are invited from the reputed firms/ dealers/suppliers/manufacturers registered with J&K Govt, for supply of the following material as detailed

		Period of contract
01	Supply of Building/Defense Material/ Sanitary/ Hardware items, Electric, furniture/furnishing & Stationery.	2023-24

The tender shall be accompanied with CDR of Rs.150000/- pledged to A/O SSP DPO Kupwara. The tenderer shall have to deposit/remit Rs.500/- as cost of tender document in to Govt. Treasury under MH.0055-Police. The tender documents consists of qualifying information and eligibility criteria, specification, terms and conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website jktenders.gov.in as per scheduled dates given below:

Period of downloading tender document	07th July 2023.
Tender submission date starts	08th July 2023
Last date of submission of tenders (on line)	22nd luly 2023
Details of submission of hard copy along with CDR and treasury challan.	23rd July 2023
Date of opening of Tender online	24th July 2023

Date of opening of tenders shall be considered on next working day in case of any eventuality. Terms and Conditions;-

- The tender can be downloaded from the website http;//jketenders,gov.in from 08/ 07/2023 to 22/ 07/2023. The bid document contains qualifying criteria for bidder, specification, bill of quantities and
- Tenders must be accompanied with cost of tender documents in the shape of E- Challan (copy of receipt 02. from treasury) favoring SSP Kupwara to be deposited into MH.0055-Police indicated nature of supply.
- 03. The tenderer has to furnish the earnest money in the shape of CDR from any scheduled bank pledged to Accounts Officer SSP Kupwara.
- The tenders should upload the following documents which are pre-requisite for acceptance of tender.
- Registration Certificate.
- **GST** in Registration
- Pan Card d.
- Relevant CDR and e-challan copy
- Income Tax return/GST clearance certificate. e.
- Undertaking duly signed in the shape of affidavit that the authorized firm has never been barred or blacklisted by any Govt/semi - govt and that all certificates enclosed with the bid are correct. 05.
- The rates quoted shall be inclusive of taxes. 06.
- The rates quoted shall be valid for one year or till the next contract is finalized. 07. Bidder is required to quote for all the items ain full as given in BOQ which should be duly foiled and
- free from correction, alteration and overwriting. Bids which are not for all the items in BOQ will not be considered.
- 08. In case any tenderer withdraws the bid/tender during the period of tender validity or makes any modifications in terms and conditions, earnest money of the said tenderer shall be forfeited. 09. Conditional tender shall not be entertained/accepted

The successful tenderer shall have to execute an agreement with the department on the prescribed

12. The payment shall be made after the stocks supplied and verified and accepted by the survey/ verification committee.

form within one month after issuance of rate contract.

13. No advance payment shall be made in any case. Taxes admissible under rules shall be deducted. 14.

The tenders with corrections/alterations will be rejected out rightly.

- 15. The bank charges if any charged by the bank shall be borne by the supplier. 16. The supplier shall have to make the supply within one week from the date of supply order.
- Physical verification of the godown will be conduct by the committee constituted.

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(Yougal Manhas-JKPS) Sr. Superintendent of Police, Kupwara

# ARTICLE 370 CASE HEARING

# **Hope SC Safeguards Constitution, Law: Mehbooba**

**Press Trust Of India** 

SRINAGAR: PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday expressed hope that the Supreme Court would safeguard the Constitution and the law of the country while deciding on the Article 370 petitions.

The former J&K chief minister, however, raised apprehensions over the listing of the hearing dates for the case immediately after Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice D Y Chandrachud and Supreme Court judges visited Kashmir for the '19th All India Legal Services Authorities' meeting last month.

"There was no hearing for the last four years when so many cases with no emergency were heard. So hearing the case immediately after the Kashmir visit and deciding that it would take place daily after August 2, somewhere it breeds apprehensions that the BJP which has laid a trap first by G20, then by these judges' visit, perhaps something is fishy," she told reporters here.

Mehbooba said the CJI and 200 judges were "brought here to show them that the graveyard-like silence in J-K meant that everything was fine

"However, I hope that all these judges, who are wise and decide the destiny of the people, must have seen what the reality is behind the wall,"

The PDP chief said for the last four



years when the case was in the top court, many laws were implemented in J-K "by virtue of which our land, our jobs and our resources have been looted".

'The law says that till a case is in the court, no decision should be taken which can impact the case. Since the BJP has taken upon itself to oppose judiciary and the law, it trampled upon the Constitution and the Supreme Court in 2019 (by abrogating Article 370).

There are several SC judgements like in the case of Sampat Prakash, Prem Nath Koul, Vijay Lakshmi Jha, where the SC has said that there is only one way to revoke Article 370 which is if the constituent assembly of J-K recommends it to the President. There was no constituent assembly of J-K, so who recommended it and how?" she added.

Referring to the judgement over the Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru, Mehbooba said so many decisions have been taken in the past "without any proof" but only to "sat-

isfy the collective conscience" of the people of the country.

"Many decisions have been taken in the past in which the Constitution and the law has been dismissed to only satisfy the collective conscience of people. Those judges then reached

"I hope Justice Chandrachud, whose integrity is unquestionable which we have seen, if he wants to respect the emotions of the people, then it is his duty to respect the emotions of the people of J-K because (Article) 370 was the guarantee of our identity, land, and culture," she said.

Mehbooba said the judiciary has to safeguard the Constitution and the law of the country.

"I hope when they safeguard the Indian Constitution and the law, then their decision will sure be in favour of the law and the Constitution, and not to satisfy the collective conscience of the people," she added.

The PDP president said the people of J-K do not want anything other than the safeguards guaranteed to them by the Constitution of India, "which the BJP snatched away from us"

"I hope the constitutional bench of the SC does justice to the Constitution," she added.

Mehooba said the Supreme Court's decision not to consider the latest affidavit of the Centre makes the PDP's stand clear that the BJP does not have any legal or constitutional justification to abrogate Article 370.

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# Article 370 case

he Supreme Court's decision to hear a batch of the petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 on a day-to-day basis has brought renewed hope to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Political leaders from various parties have expressed their confidence in the strength of their case and the opportunity for justice. As the proceedings unfold, the Supreme Court will ensure a fair and impartial examination of the constitutional changes that have had a profound impact on the lives of the people in the region. The verdict will be crucial in determining the future trajectory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The leaders of various political parties, including Omar Abdullah of the National Conference (NC), Mehbooba Mufti of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) have expressed their optimism about the upcoming hearings. Abdullah said that the delay in hearings reflected the strength of their case on the issue as otherwise the central government would have expedited the case. Mufti has expressed satisfaction with the Supreme Court's decision to disregard the central government's affidavit on the abrogation of Article 370. According to Mufti, this demonstrates that the government lacks a logical explanation for its actions. She also raised concerns about the sudden urgency with which the Supreme Court has taken up the case after remaining silent for four years.

However, for the central government, revocation of Article 370 is a fait accompli. Top government functionaries have made it clear that the constitutional provision will not be reversed under any circumstances. In a 20-page affidavit to the court, the centre defended its decision to abrogate Article 370 in 2019. Opposing the pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370, the centre argued that stone-pelting incidents, which reached as high as 1,767 in 2018, have now ceased completely in 2023. The centre said its decision has brought "unprecedented stability and progress" to the region. The affidavit further highlighted that resolute anti-terror actions have led to the dismantling of the terrorist ecosystem, resulting in a significant drop in terrorist recruitment from 199 in 2018 to 12 in 2023.

However, the apex court has made it clear that the centre's view on life in J&K post-Article 370 will have no bearing on constitutional challenge to abrogation, something that has been welcomed by the major political parties in the union territory. The court's decision on the matter will be of momentous nature and, as such, the case will be eagerly followed not only in J&K but also across the country.

## OTHER OPINON

# Twitter's slow collapse poses challenges for public institutions

t was May 2009, and many streets in the city of Holly Hill were under water, the result of an unexpected, unprecedented series of thunderstorms that dumped 29 inches of water in northeast Volusia County over a five-day period. Police Chief Mark Barker was searching for ways to get the word out about roads that were unsafe, ways to get around them and the availability of emergency services.

So he fired up a relatively new social-media platform with a bird logo and a strange name. The department started Tweeting out information, and got a surprise: Holly Hill residents started responding with their own information about routes to avoid, and others who were stranded by floodwaters called out for help via tweets.

"It was a good experience," Barker said, adding that he heard from many who signed up for the app just to get his department's updates. At the time, it was revolutionary in Central Florida, but rapid communication via Twitter quickly became pro forma for fire, police and emergency operations and other governmental agencies across the nation, becoming a reliable source of breaking news and critical public safety information during dangerous, developing events and natural disasters.

So convenient and immediate was the service that many public agencies — local governments, law enforcement, fire departments — embraced Twitter as a preferred medium for citizen outreach. If a gas main ruptured, major thoroughfares were closed or criminal violence required the public to be notified, Twitter was the easiest way to get that information out quickly.

That is more precarious following the platform's purchase last year by Elon Musk, whose subsequent changes have rendered Twitter glitchy, erratic and less vigilant about removing willful, sometimes vicious misinformation. During recent hurricanes Ian and Nicole, public safety officials made heavy use of Twitter but replies were often nonsensical or political, rather than informational.

"It can take you to some dark places," Barker (who has subsequently retired from law enforcement and now runs the popular local-politics blog Barker's View) says of the service today.

That has many users scrambling for the exits and should prompt public institutions to consider their next steps.

Orlando Sentinel

# **Tomato Trouble**

Indra Shekhar Singh

s many of our pockets bleed, paying Rs 120, 150, and in some parts Rs 250 for one kg of tomatoes, one must question what is wrong with Indian agriculture. It wasn't long ago when farmers from across the country resorted to throwing tomatoes and other vegetables on the roads and fields. Tractor loads and truckloads of healthy tomatoes were destroyed in protest, as market economics failed them once again. Many farmers were burdened with deep debts as tomato prices dropped to Rs 1-2 per kg.

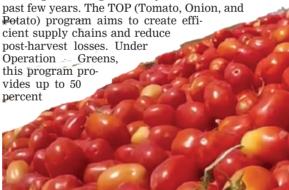
Now, onion prices have also doubled in some markets, and the general price trend for most vegetables such as pumpkin, ridge gourd, bottle gourd, and ginger (Rs 250) is very high. This puts city dwellers, especially the poor, at risk of malnutrition once again. However, there is a silver lining for some off-season tomato farmers in Himachal Pradesh who are experiencing above-average returns. Unfortunately, the new spell of heavy rain raises questions about how long the winning streak will

Initially, city dwellers were quick to dismiss the farmers and their tactics, believing that confrontational displays would not affect the food economy. But time has proven that rural agrarian discontentment spreads rapidly to cities in the form of hyperinflation and smaller meal portions. It's not just the thalis (plates of food) affected by this crisis; McDonald's also recently announced the removal of tomatoes from their burgers and wraps due to the skyrocketing prices. Reports indicate that tomato prices have jumped 445 percent, surpassing the cost of petrol.

Economists often attribute the problem to a simple "supply and demand" issue, but there may be more underlying factors. Firstly, this year's erratic climate trends, including untimely rainfall and cyclonic storms, have disrupted tomato production in southern and coastal areas. These regions typically supply a significant portion of India's tomatoes during this time of year, but the excessive rain has wreaked havoc. Tomato plants do not thrive in waterlogged conditions during the flowering and fruiting stages. Excessive water has disrupted pollination and caused significant yield losses

Considering the already low overall acreage under tomatoes for this season, the rapidly changing climate has resulted in a major disruption. India lacks climate contingency plans for key food crops and food security, leading to anarchy in the open markets. Consumers bear the brunt of this situation.

The supply chain and post-harvest losses are significant problems affecting our food security. The government recognises that the issue is structural, which is why they have been working on a freight subsidy scheme for the past few years. The TOP (Tomato, Onion, and



subsidies for transportation and appropriate storage facilities for eligible crops.

The erratic climate has become a real litmus test for the TOP program. At this stage, the bureaucracy responsible for this mission needs to answer to the government. Why has the scheme failed? It has been over two years, so where are the results? If there are failures and gaps, how can they be corrected? This bureaucratic blunder may lead to electoral damage, especially when tomato and onion prices are at stake. Rising onion prices previously caused the downfall of Sheila Dixit's government, serving as a reminder of the political impact of such issues.

#### Solution

Agriculture is not an industry and therefore requires special contingency plans and safeguards because it largely depends on nature. However, that does not mean we should not prepare plans to cope with erratic weather or plant diseases as a nation.

Firstly, the government needs to assess its TOP scheme and identify why Operation Greens has failed and what lessons can be learned from this scheme. Multi-stakeholder meetings should be conducted at the village level, involving farmers, Farmer Producer Or-

hilly areas such as Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Kashmir, and parts of the Northeast. Train connectivity to these regions can facilitate major off-season production. By enabling farmers to shift from traditional crops to newer ones, this approach will alleviate pressure on southern vegetable farmers and provide a secondary supply of off-season vegetables, especially during the monsoon season. Increased income for farmers and price stabilisation can be achieved through this measure.

The government should consider establishing a special minimum support price (MSP) for TOP crops, supported by government-led procurement. Tomatoes, onions, and potatoes are essential staples in the Indian diet. Anticipating extreme weather events and potential supply chain disruptions, the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) or another government agency should procure TOP crops. An independent agency comprising all stakeholders can be created to manage supply chain and procurement. TOP farmers should be identified and given production quotas under strict systems. Providing financial incentives for greenhouses and polyhouses can also increase tomato pro-

This agency would have two primary pur-

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ganisations (FPOs), Mandis (wholesale markets), traders, and freighters. Efficient transportation systems should also be included as a key aspect of the discussions.

The government should identify pre-existing tomato clusters and invest in infrastructure development in those regions. Infrastructure includes decentralised cold storages at the block or village levels, supported by solar dryers and cottage-level processing plants. Farmers should have the option to store fresh tomatoes or engage in value-addition activities. Sun-dried tomatoes present a viable and low-cost alternative to fresh tomatoes during periods of hyperinflation. There is also a healthy demand for dried tomatoes in the processing industry and potential for exports. Farmers should be encouraged to utilise drying facilities to extend the shelf life of their harvests. Reviving the tradition of using dried vegetables in off-season months can benefit farmers, consumers, and reduce the energy footprint of tomato crops

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poses. First, it would regulate internal production, supply, and storage of TOP crops. In years of excessive production, it should seek export markets worldwide, including the Indian subcontinent. Additionally, the mandate should include value-addition through small-scale processing.

At the micro-level, the government should encourage direct market links between farmers and consumers. Residential welfare associations (RWAs), housing societies, clubs, and other organisations can partner with farmers to supply their yearly quotas of tomatoes, onions, and potatoes. This arrangement would benefit farmers by providing them with stable incomes while offering consumers healthier and more affordable food options. Direct markets combined with decentralised vegetable storage facilities can help combat hyperinflation and food insecurity in India.

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# The Vital Importance of Reducing Screen Time

hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to draw attention to a matter of increasing concern in our modern society—the excessive amount of time we spend glued to screens. In an age dominated by technology and digital devices, it is imperative that we recognize the adverse effects of excessive screen time on our physical and mental well-being.

Screens have become an integral part of our daily lives, with smartphones, tablets, computers, and televisions constantly vying for our attention. While these technological advancements have undoubtedly revolutionized communication and accessibility to information, the repercussions of excessive screen time cannot be ignored.

Firstly, excessive screen time has detrimental effects on our physical health. Prolonged sitting or poor posture while engaging with screens often leads to sedentary behavior and a host of associated health problems, including obesity, cardiovascular issues, and musculoskeletal disorders. Additionally, extended exposure to the blue light emitted by screens disrupts our sleep patterns, causing insomnia and fatigue.

Moreover, excessive screen time has profound implications for our mental well-being. Studies have shown that increased screen time is linked to higher rates of anxiety, depression, and stress, especially among young individuals. Continuous exposure to social media platforms can foster feelings of inadequacy, as people compare their lives to carefully curated highlight reels of others. Furthermore, excessive screen time often replaces meaningful face-to-face interactions, leading to feelings of isolation and loneliness.

To address this growing concern, it is crucial that we advocate for reduced screen time and promote healthier alternatives. Parents, educators, and communities must work together to encourage children and young adults to engage in physical activities, explore the outdoors, and participate in creative pursuits that do not involve screens. It is essential to create a balanced environment where screen time is limited, and individuals are encouraged to focus on interpersonal relationships, hobbies, and personal development

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Furthermore, we need to educate individuals about responsible screen usage. Encouraging breaks from screens, setting boundaries, and establishing screen-free zones within households can significantly contribute to reducing screen time. Employers can also play a role by promoting digital detox initiatives, providing opportunities for physical activity during work breaks, and fostering a culture that values personal well-being over constant connectivity.

Lastly, public awareness campaigns, educational programs, and

community initiatives can play a vital role in raising awareness about the consequences of excessive screen time. By fostering a collective understanding of the importance of reducing screen time, we can work towards creating a healthier and more balanced society.

In conclusion, it is imperative that we recognize the adverse effects of excessive screen time on our physical and mental health. By promoting reduced screen time, encouraging healthier alternatives, and fostering awareness, we can mitigate these negative effects and cultivate a society that prioritizes human connection, well-being, and personal growth.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. I hope you will consider publishing this letter to engage our community in a meaningful conversation about the importance of reducing screen time.

Maliha Khan

# A Case for Coaching Centres

While concerns regarding the commercialization of education are valid, it is important to recognize the invaluable role coaching centers play in the educational system

**Aubaid Ahmad Akhoon** 

recently had the opportunity to read an insightful article titled "Education as a Business: The Dark Side of Coaching Centers." While I appreciate the concerns raised by the author regarding the commercialization of education, I believe it is crucial to acknowledge the positive contributions that coaching centers make to the academic landscape. As such, I would like to present a well-rounded perspective that highlights the benefits of coaching centers in nurturing students' educational growth.

Specialized Guidance and Expertise: Coaching centers employ highly skilled and experienced teachers who possess in-depth knowledge of the subjects they teach. These educators, including professionals like myself who hold a Master's degree in Urdu and Education, bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the classroom. With my strong foundation in Urdu and education, combined with a good understanding of computer technology, I have been working in the coaching industry for the past eight years, helping students excel in their academic pursuits. By providing personalized guidance, we assist students in navigating complex concepts and expanding their understanding of various subjects.

**Supplementing Traditional Education:** Coaching centers serve as valuable supplements to traditional educational institutions. They offer additional resources, study materials, and prac-

tice sessions that may not be readily available in regular schools or colleges. Drawing on my own experience, I have witnessed the positive impact of these supplementary resources on students' learning outcomes. By incorporating my knowledge of Urdu, education, and computer technology, I have contributed to the development of comprehensive study materials and digital resources that cater to students' diverse needs and enhance their educational experience.

Skill Development and Exam Preparation: Coaching centers contribute significantly to the development of essential skills such as discipline, effective study habits, and time management. Through structured study plans, mock tests, and practice sessions, students acquire valuable examination strategies and enhance their problem-solving abilities. Having worked in the coaching industry for several years, I have witnessed firsthand how students benefit from this comprehensive approach. By leveraging my expertise in Urdu, education, and computer technology, I have helped students develop the necessary skills to excel in their examinations and achieve their academic goals.

**Collaborative Learning and Motivation:** Coaching centers provide opportunities for students to interact with like-minded peers who share similar educational goals. These interactions foster a sense of healthy competition, collaborative learning, and personal growth. With my background in Urdu, education, and com-

puter technology, I have facilitated collaborative learning environments where students engage with motivated peers and benefit from group discussions and interactive activities. Through such experiences, students are encouraged to push their boundaries, strive for excellence, and continuously improve their academic performance.

Quality Education and Supportive Environment: Reputable coaching centers prioritize their students' success by investing in well-trained teachers and comprehensive study materials. They create a supportive learning environment that nurtures students' intellectual growth and instills a passion for knowledge. As someone who has dedicated several years to the coaching industry, I have consistently strived to provide quality education and create a supportive atmosphere for students. Drawing on my expertise in Urdu, education, and computer technology, I have developed innovative teaching methods, mentored students, and offered individualized attention to maximize their learning potential.

Job Opportunities for Educated Youth: It is worth mentioning that coaching centers also provide employment opportunities for highly educated individuals. Drawing from my own experience of working in coaching centers for the past eight years, I have witnessed how these institutes effectively utilize the knowledge and skills of professionals, including individuals with

expertise like myself, to benefit students and contribute to their educational growth. By offering job opportunities to highly educated youth, coaching centers not only empower individuals but also tap into their expertise to enhance the overall quality of education provided. With my specialization in Urdu, education, and computer technology, I have been able to actively contribute to the development of comprehensive study materials, implement innovative teaching methods, and integrate technology into the learning process. This multifaceted approach has played a vital role in enriching the educational experience for students

In essence, while concerns regarding the commercialization of education are valid, it is important to recognize the invaluable role coaching centers play in the educational system. These centers offer specialized guidance, supplementary resources, and a supportive learning environment that significantly contribute to students' academic success. Moreover, coaching centers provide employment opportunities for highly educated individuals to utilize their knowledge and expertise in serving students' educational needs. By acknowledging the positive aspects of coaching centers and addressing the concerns raised, we can work towards a balanced and effective education system that benefits all students.

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# Have you ever wondered how you will die?

Faraz Harsini, Benny Smith & Daraius Dubash

Statistically, your most likely killers are heart disease, cancer, and infectious diseases, with 65% of the world dying from one of these

You might be surprised to learn that a single root cause contributes to all of these killers: The way we eat. The systematic abuse of billions of farmed animals poses grave threats to human life.

For example, if the Covid-19 pandemic negatively impacted you physically or economically, you should be even more concerned about future pandemics arising from industrial animal agriculture.

This year's avian flu outbreaks are a sign of what is to come. As tens of millions of birds and dozens of mammal species are infected, worries have grown that the virus could spread to humans.

Gain-of-function virology research has demonstrated that mutations enabling mammal-to-mammal transmission are possible. When humans have contracted avian flu directly from birds in the past, observed mortality rates have been as high as 60%, making it far more lethal than Covid-19.

It is only a matter of time before some new and deadlier zoonotic pathogen emerges. Bangladesh has had to contend with many zoonotic diseases in the past, from Nipah virus to pandemic H1N1 to COVID-19.

By 2050, the UN projects that antibiotic-resistant "super bugs" will kill 10 million people annually. Antibiotic resistance has grown over time due to overuse and misuse, and the rapid growth of human and animal populations over the past 80 years has accelerated the trend.

Risks from infectious diseases are intrinsically linked to the horrifying animal abuses that take place on farms worldwide. Human interactions with farmed animals on cramped and unsanitary factory farms lubricate disease transmission. Worse, the intense stress experienced by livestock weakens their immune systems. The result is dangerous mutations that allow pathogens to defeat our most reliable medications.

Huge quantities of antibiotics are used in an attempt to reduce premature livestock deaths in these cruel farming conditions. Over 70% of antibiotic sales globally go towards farmed animals rather than humans.

The cruelty that contributes to these problems is not limited to meat production. All farmed animals, including dairy cows and egglaying chickens, are commonly kept in brutal conditions and eventually killed.

Egg-laying hens spend their lives in small, dark cages and have their beaks chopped off without anesthetic. Dairy cows, who are known to form close maternal bonds with their young, are forcibly inseminated and

then separated from their offspring in order to increase milk production. They are kept in cramped conditions where disease is rampant and veterinary care is minimal.

A simple solution

It can be hard to imagine what life would look like without meat, dairy, and eggs on the dinner table. What will everyone eat? Where will they get crucial nutrients like protein, iron, and vitamin B12?

Protein can be accessed from a variety of plants including beans, nuts, soy, and lentils. Cruciferous vegetables are rich in iron. Vitamin B12 is often added to plant-based milks and meats, and can also be accessed through dietary supplements.

Plant-based diets have been endorsed by the world's most prominent nutrition authorities, including the American Dietetic Association and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietet-

These endorsements apply to all stages of life, from pregnancy to adulthood, and also apply to athletes. There is a wealth of information available from organizations like the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine on how to thrive on a plant-based diet.

It's important to remember that eating animal products is not as "natural" as many would like to think. Humans do not drink breast milk past their earliest years, so it is hard to claim that drinking the breast milk of other species during adulthood is "natural" by any sense of the word.

It is certainly not natural for the 68% of humans who are lactose intolerant. Perhaps this is our bodies' way of saying that we do not need to consume milk as adults.

Many thinkers across history have recognized the value of eating plants: From the Pythagoreans to Jainism to Sufism, compassionate thinkers have been taking animal welfare into consideration when making dietary choices for thousands of years.

In fact, there is abundant evidence that plant-based eating significantly improves your long-term health. Animal consumption is a major cause of top killers like heart disease and cancer.

In fact, all of the world's major cancer authorities, from the World Health Organization to the American Institute for Cancer Research, have recognized that red and processed meats cause cancer. Cancer Research UK has said that "the less processed and red meat you eat, the lower your risk."

It is no wonder that the world's longestliving populations practice plant-based eating. Feeding 10 billion

While many people's health is threatened by eating the wrong kinds of food, others face a more fundamental challenge: access to any food whatsoever. Today, over 800 million people go hungry.

Does that mean we need to raise more ani-

mals to feed the word? In fact, the exact op-

As energy travels up a food chain from plant to herbivore to carnivore, 90% of the energy is lost at each trophic level. In other words, when we feed crops to cows for consumption by humans, far more energy and resources are wasted than if we fed the crops to humans directly.

This is why 75% of global farmland that goes to animal agriculture produces only 18% of the world's calories. If the world transitions to plant-based agriculture, we could produce the same amount of food using 25% as much land.

This kind of efficiency gain could literally allow us to decrease our land use even while doubling the global human population.

Improving our land use efficiency would not only help mitigate the public health problems caused by malnutrition and hunger, but would also reduce pressure on our water supplies and countless other resources that play important roles in human health.

This is because each acre of crops requires water, fertilizer, farming equipment, and energy. Our reliance on all of these resources is reduced when we reduce our land use.

Anyone who cares about global hunger, access to water, and human health should be staunchly in favour of a global food system transformation towards plant-based eating.

## Protecting the future

Change starts on your plate: Ditching animal products is an important way to contribute to a healthier, safer, and kinder world. You can also educate yourself on the impacts of animal agriculture and speak up to educate others.

But there is much more that scientists and policymakers can do. Anyone with a technical background can look into getting involved with alternative proteins research, developing meat alternatives that look and taste like the real thing.

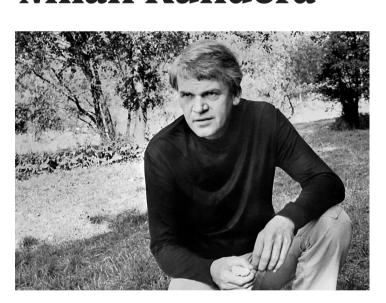
Governments should create financial incentives for sustainable food initiatives while rolling back subsidies on destructive products like meat and dairy. If you have money to spare, you can also financially support crucial advocacy work being done to preserve our world for future generations.

Everyone has something to contribute, and if we're up to the task, our grandchildren will thank us.

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# 5 Key Works Of Czech Novelist Milan Kundera



Agence France-Presse

**Paris:** A selection of the Czech writer's key works:

## - 'The Joke' (1967) -

In his first novel Mr. Kundera wrote of his problems with the authorities, weaving a story full of dark humour that was published during the ideological detente before the Prague Spring.

It both sealed his fate with the authorities, who would later strip him of his citizenship, and made him famous within Czechoslovakia.

## - 'Life is Elsewhere' (1969) -

Internationally praised but unpublished in the Czech Republic until 2016, Mr. Kundera's second novel tells the story of a young poet who fails to break free from his adoring mother and dies an absurd death.

Humorously exploring the hopes and fantasies of youth through his protagonist, who seeks his freedom through art and revolution, Mr. Kundera saw parallels with his own evolution from poetry to the existential novel.

## - 'Farewell Waltz' (1972) -

Considered by some critics as Mr. Kundera's lightest and most

playful major novel, this sexual farce with political overtones, set in a spa town, follows jazz musician Kilma, who pays dearly after a one-night-stand.

# - 'The Unbearable Lightness of Being' (1984) -

Mr. Kundera's most famous novel "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" is a morality tale about freedom and passion, on both an individual and collective level, set against the Prague Spring and its aftermath in exile.

It was turned into a movie starring Juliette Binoche and Daniel Day Lewis, and earned Mr. Kundera a worldwide following.

## - 'Slowness' (1995) -

After discovering with horror the liberties taken by the French translation of "The Joke", Mr. Kundera devotes much of his time to revising his translated works.

"Slowness", the first in a cycle of four novels all short and very dark and written directly in French, causes a stir in literary circles as it praises slowness over what Mr. Kundera charges as the West's obsession with speed.

It raises Mr. Kundera's status worldwide while also bringing him his first seriously bad reviews.

# **Why Your Bones Get Weaker** Part -II With Age and What to Do About It

By Marygrace Taylor | LiveStrong.Com

#### 4. Get Moving

Any activity that puts stress on your bones can help slow bone density loss and even spur the growth of new bone, per Harvard Health Publishing. That includes walking, dancing, jogging, weight-lifting or higher-impact sports like tennis or

Just keep in mind that these activities only strengthen the bones that get used. Walking and jogging help the bones in your lower body, for instance, but they won't affect your arm or wrist bones.

## 5. Quit Smoking and Watch Your Alcohol

Intake As we've noted, tobacco and alcohol use can be bad for your bone health.

If you're struggling with quitting smoking, talk to your doctor about ways to kick the habit. If you drink, stick to no more than a drink or two per day.

# 5 Ways to Keep Your Bones Strong as You

Though you can't turn back the hands of time, there are plenty of things you can do to keep your bones as sturdy as possible and help prevent osteoporosis naturally.

#### 1. Eat Calcium-Rich Foods

Your bones store roughly 98 percent of the calcium in your body. Getting your fill of bone-supporting nutrients like calcium is the number-one way to help them stay healthy and strong, Dr. Sood says.



Adults under 50 need 1,000 milligrams of calcium each day; once you're 50 or older, you need 1,200 milligrams, per the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

> You can find calcium in foods like: Milk or fortified soy milk Yogurt

Cheese Dark leafy greens like kale

or spinach Soybeans or edamame Calcium-fortified tofu

Calcium-fortified foods like breakfast cereal and orange juice

# 2. Pay Attention to Other Bone-Healthy

While calcium is the biggest bone-health player, your body also relies on vitamin D, vitamin K, potassium, and magnesium to build strong bones.

The best way to get your fill of each? Eat a variety of wholesome, nutrient-dense foods like fruits and

vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, nuts and beans

#### 3. Consider Asking Your Doctor About a Supplement

Calcium supplements can help you meet your needs if you're struggling to get enough of the mineral from food alone. But a tablet or chew may not deliver the same benefits as a calcium-rich diet, so talk with your doctor about the pros and cons.

#### When to See a Doctor

It's never too early to talk to your doctor if you have concerns about your bone health, especially if you have a history of calcium or vitamin D deficiency or have taken medications that can compromise your bone health.

If you have a family history of osteoporosis or hip fracture, you should start the conversation as you approach perimenopause, Dr. Sood says, which typically begins in your early or mid-40s.

### J&K POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, SRINAGAR Office Of The Executive Engineer, Gas Turbine Division, Pampore

E-mail: xengtpampore@gmail.com NIT No: GTD/PDC/TS/06 of 2023-24 Dated: 11/07/2023

For and on behalf of the Managing Director J&K Power Development Corporation, sealed bids in two covers (Part-A: Techno-Commercial Bid & Part-B: Price Bid) valid for 180 days accompanied with Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR or Bank Guarantee @ 2% of the Estimated Cost (as specified in para 1 of Tender Notice) amounting to Rs. 5080/- pledged to Executive Engineer, Gas Turbine Division Pampore, are invited from Registered Contractors/Firms of appropriate class having sufficient related experience (as per CVC guidelines) for the following work:

S. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs Lacs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount (2%) (Rs)	Cost of tender documents (Rs) (Non- Refundable)	Time of Completion
1	"Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 3-Phase, 15 hp, Submersible Motor along with Pump and Allied Control Panel at Gas Turbine Pampore"	2.54	Rs 5080	Rs 300	60 days

#### CRITICAL DATES

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	11/07/2023
2	Document download Start Date	12/07/2023 at 9:00 a.m.
3	Document download End Date	31/07/2023 at 12:30 p.m.
4	Bid submission Start Date (Online)	12/07/2023 at 9:00 a.m.
5	Bid submission End Date (Online)	31/07/2023 at 12:30 p.m.
6	Date and Time of Opening of Bids (Online)	01/08/2023 at 12:00 p.m.

1. The entire bidding process shall be online.

2. The bidding documents consisting of BOQ (Bill of Quantities), set of Terms & Conditions and other details can be seen at & downloaded from the government website www.jktenders.gov.in or the official website of JKPDC www.jkspdc.nic.in . The bidder has to submit the bids (complete in all respects) online.

**DIPK-NB-1903/23 DATED: 12-07-2023** 

Executive Engineer, **Gas Turbine Division Pampore** 

#### Government of Jammu and Kashmir (UT)

### Office Of The Child Development **Project Officer Poshan Project Pattan**

Subject: Selection List of Sanginls (Anganwadi Workers) of Poshan Project Pattan.

### ( PUBLIC NOTICE)

In pursuance to Government Order No. 103- JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023 and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar vides No.MD/Poshan/Estt/13281-94 Dated: 05-05-2023, this office advertised (11) vacant posts of Sanginis (Anganwadi workers) vide notification No.CDPO/ Ptn/23/132-49 Dated:24/05/2023.In response to said advertisement notice (97) application forms were received within stipulated time i.e. upto 09-06-2023, 04:30 pm. Accordingly, merit list of candidates has been prepared as per criteria laid down vide Government order No. 222-JK (SWD) of 2022, Dated.30-11-2023 and Provisional selection list has been framed on the basis of merit list enclosed herewith as Annexure-A comprising of 09 candidates provisionally selected as Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) for Anganwadi centre shown against each. The General Merit list of applicants provisionally selected as Sanginis (Anganwadi workers) for Anganwadi centre shown against each. The General Merit list of applicants is enclosed as Annexure -B. The Provisional selection List along with merit list are hereby published for information of general public for inviting appeal/objections (if any).

The appeal/objection (if any) against the said Merit/Selection list, shall be filed in the office of the Child Development Project Officer, Poshan Project (ICDS) Pattan against proper receipt by or before 25/7/2023 up to 4:00pm. No appeal/objection shall be entertained after expiry of the last date for filling appeal/objections.

## Provisional Selection list for the posts of Sanginis (Anganwadi workers)

S.No.	Name of AW	Panchayat/ ward	Name of Candidate	Parentage ,W/o	Residence		Qualifi-
	Centre						cation
1	Bunpora A	Wanigam Bala ward-4	Saima Shah	W/o Muhammad owais Dar	Wanigam Bala ward-4	09/03/1992	10+2
2	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari ward-8	Subreena Hamid	D/o Abdul Hamid Bhat	Kalsari ward-8	04/08/1999	10+2
3	Chand Mohalla	Sharipora ward-6	Masratha Ahad	D/o Abdul Ahad Wani	Sharipora ward-6	06/04/1996	10+2
4	Dangerpora	Wanigam Payeen A ward-3	Syed Sheeban Eijaz	D/o Syed Eijaz Ahmad Bukhari	Wanigam Payeen A	15/03/2004	10+2
					ward-3		
5	Khurda Mohalla	Sariwarpora Bward-5	Nelofar Majeed	D/o Ab Majeed Bhat	Sariwarpora Bward-5	02/05/2004	10+2
6	Malik Mohalla	Nillapalpora ward-6	Tabasum Begum	W/o Naseer Ahmad Reshi	Nillapalpora ward-6	15/02/1993	10+2
7	Madian Mohalla	Buran Zangam A ward-7	Insha Afzal Miyan	D/o Mohad Afzal Miyan	Buran Zangam A	02/10/2004	10+2
			_	_	ward-7		
8	Teli Mohalla	Chanderseer ward- 2	Oural-ul-Ain	D/o Ab Hamid Teli	Chanderseer ward- 2	25/03/2003	10+2
q	Asthan Mohalla	M C Pattan ward 13	Nighat Hahih	D/o Hahibullah shah	M C Pattan ward 13	01/02/2001	10+2

NO:-CDPO/Poshan/PTN/23/

DIPK-4976/23 Dated: 12-07-2023

Child Dev. Project Officer Poshan Project Pattan

## OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PATTAN

S No	Index No	Name of the candidate	Parentage/ W/o	Applied against AW Center	Residence	Ward No		cation	Marks Ob- tained			Weight- age	Whether any rela- tion with retired AWW/ AWH	tional 2 points	Merit
1	200	Saima Shah	W/o Muhammad owais Dar	Bunpora A	Wanigam Bala	04	03/09/1992	10+2	555	750	74.00%	74.00	Yes		76.00
2	201		D/o Gulam Nabi Yatoo	Bunpora A	Wanigam Bala		15/02/1994	10+2	237		47.40%	47.40	No		47.40
3	202	Asifa Ahad		Bunpora A	Wanigam Bala		15/10/1988	10+2	259		43.17%	43.17	No	0	43.17
4	203	Bilquis Irshad	D/o Irshad Ahmad Bhat	Bunpora A	Wanigam Bala		06/03/1997	10+2	259		51.80%	51.80	No		51.80
5	204		D/o Shabir Ahmad Bhat	Bunpora A	Wanigam Bala		03/02/1995	10+2	268		53.60%	53.60	No		53.60
6	205	Rafiya Rashid	D/o Abdul Rashid Bhat	Bunpora A	Wanigam Bala		12/08/1996	10+2	218	500	43.60%	43.60	No		43.60
7	206	Qulsuma Shabir	D/o Shabir Ahmad Bhat	Bunpora A	Wanigam Bala		05/12/1996	10+2	344			68.80	No		68.80
8	207	Mehjabeena Khaliq	W/o Umer Shabir Bhat	Bunpora A	Wanigam Bala		01/10/1993	10+2	417	750	55.60%	55.60	No		55.60
9	500	Bilkees Hamid Bhat	D/o Abdul Hamid Bhat	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	05/02/1994	10+2	342		68.40%	68.40	No		68.40
10	501	Subreena Hamid Bhat	D/o Abdul Hamid Bhat	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	08/04/1999	10+2	429	500	85.80%	85.80	No		85.80
11	502	Shaista Farooq	D/o Farooq Ahmad Bhat	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	26/01/2001	10+2	341	500	68.20%	68.20	No	_	68.20
12	503	Roohi Bashir	D/o Bashir Ahmad Pandith	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	04/03/1997	10+2	259	500	51.80%	51.80	No		51.80
13	504	Sumaira Illahi	D/o Gulam Rasool Illahi	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	26/01/2001	10+2	268		53.60%	53.60	No		53.60
14	505	Saiyama Rasool	D/o Gulam Rasool Illahi	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	06/02/1994	10+2	324		64.80%		No		64.80
15	506	Nelofar jan	D/o Gulam Rasool Illahi	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	01/02/1997	10+2	319	500	63.80%	63.80	No		63.80
16	507	Shaqufta Bano	W/o Nzir Ahmad Ganie	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	10/08/1990	10+2	458	750	61.07%	61.07	No	0	61.07
17	508	Nusrat Maqbool	D/o Mohad Maqbool Najar	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	04/03/1996	10+2	230	500	46.00%	46.00	No	0	46.00
18	509	Saima Bashir	D/o Bashir Ahmad Wani	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	15/03/1998	10+2	227		45.40%	45.40	No	0	45.40
19	509A	Afroza Bano	D/o Mohad Yousuf Mir	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	10/03/1997	10+2	249	500	49.80%	49.80	No	0	49.80
20	510	Nayeema Akther	W/o Mudasir Nabi Bhat	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	30/10/1986	10+2	298		49.67%	49.67	No		49.67
21	511	Ruksana Akther	W/o Mushtaq Ahmad Mir	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	02/02/1987	10+2	304	600	50.67%	50.67	No		50.67
22	512	Ishrat Bano	D/o Habibullah Wani	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	08	12/03/1998	10+2	244	500	48.80%	48.80	No		48.80
23	513	Bilkees Hamid Bhat	D/o Bashir Ahmad Mir	Mustafa Coloney	Kalsari	80	05/03/1996	10+2	227		45.40%	45.40	No		45.40
24	600	Asia Gul	D/o Gulam Mhod Ganie	Chand Mohalla	Shirpora	06	25/03/1992	10+2	210	500	42.00%	42.00	No	0	42.00
25	601	Nelofar Rashid	w/o Showkat Ahmad Ganie		Shirpora	06	25/02/1994	10+2	226	500	45.20%	45.20	No	0	45.20
26	602	Masratha Ahad	D/o Abdul Ahad wani	Chand Mohalla	Shirpora	06	06/04/1996	10+2	328	500	65.60%	65.60	No	0	65.60

27	603	Jabeena Akther	W/o Gulam Nabi Tantray	Chand	Shirpora	06	10/11/1989	10+2	305	750	40.67%	40.67	No	0	40.67
28	400	Rehana Rahim	D/O Abdul Rahim Bhat	Mohalla Dangerpora	Wanigam	03	27/05/1991	10+2	456	750	60.80%	60.80	No	0	60.80
29	401	Shugufta Bashir	D/O Bashir Ahmad Bhat	Dangerpora	Payeen Wanigam	03	02/03/1998	10+2	303	500	60.60%	60.60	No	0	60.60
30	402	Rubeena Rashid	W/O Irfan Ahmad	Dangerpora	Payeen Wanigam	03	07/04/1990	10+2	409	750	54.53%	54.53	No	0	54.53
31				Dangerpora	Payeen Wanigam		15/03/2004	10+2		500		73.60	No	0	73.60
32		Eijaz	Bukhari	<u> </u>	Payeen Wanigam		16/06/1991	10+2		750		39.33	No	0	39.33
		Shah	Ahmad Bhat	Dangerpora	Payeen										
33		Maryama Bashir	D/O Bashir Ahmad Bhat	Khurda Mohalla	pora B	5	07/07/2000	10+2		500		59.40	No	0	59.40
34	101	Bisma Anwar	Bilal Ahmad Wani	Khurda Mohalla	Seriwar- pora B	5	05/06/1995	10+2	257	500	51.40%	51.40	No	0	51.40
35		Fehmeeda Akther	W/O irshad Ah. Bhat	Khurda Mohalla	Seriwar- pora B	5	05/07/1987	10+2	226	500	45.20%	45.20	No	0	45.20
36			W/O Bashir Ahmad Bhat	Khurda Mohalla		5	10/12/1987	10+2	328	750	43.73%	43.73	No	0	43.73
37			D/O Javaid Ahmad Bhat	Khurda	Seriwar-	5	06/05/1995	10+2	224	500	44.80%	44.80	No	0	44.80
38			W/O Zaubear Ahmad	Mohalla Khurda		5	10/03/1992	10+2	491	750	65.47%	65.47	No	0	65.47
39	106	u-Din Rubeen Gulzar	Wani D/O Gulzar Ahmad Bhat	Mohalla Khurda		5	01/11/2003	10+2	265	500	53.00%	53.00	No	0	53.00
40	107	Ulfat Nazir	D/O Nazir Ahmad Bhat	Mohalla Khurda	pora B Seriwar-	5	04/03/2004	10+2	334	500	66.80%	66.80	No	0	66.80
41	108	Wazira Bano	W/O Faroog Ahmad	Mohalla Khurda	pora B Seriwar-	5	03/03/1986	10+2	232	600	38.67%	38.67	No	0	38.67
42			Wani	Mohalla Khurda	pora B	5		10+2		500		79.80	No	0	79.80
		,		Mohalla Khurda	pora B	5	04/06/1999	10+2		500		64.20	No	0	64.20
				Mohalla	pora B			_							
		,	Abdullah Bhat	Khurda Mohalla	pora B	5	08/06/1997	10+2		500		60.60	No	0	60.60
		Raquiya Majeed	D/O Ab Majeed Bhat	Khurda Mohalla	pora B	5		10+2				38.80	No	0	38.80
46	113	Jamshida Majeed	D/O Ab Majeed Bhat	Khurda Mohalla	Seriwar- pora B	5	06/03/2003	10+2	373	500	74.60%	74.60	No	0	74.60
47	114		D/O Hilal Ahmad Dar	Khurda Mohalla	Seriwar- pora B	5	25/03/2001	10+2	352	500	70.40%	70.40	No	0	70.40
48	700		D/O Ab. Rahim Reshee	Malik Mohalla		06	06/05/1989	10+2	291	750	38.80%	38.80	No	0	38.80
49			D/O Ab. Rahim Reshee	Malik Mohalla	Nihallpal-	06	04/02/1994	10+2	193	500	38.60%	38.60	No	0	38.60
50		Raheem Tabasum Begum	W/O Naseer Ahmad Reshi	Malik Mohalla		06	15/2/1993	10+2	279	500	55.80%	55.80	No	0	55.80
51	703	Tahira Ali	D/O Ali Mohad Ganie	Malik Mohalla	pora Nihallpal-	06	02/01/2000	10+2	204	500	40.80%	40.80	No	0	40.80
52	300	Tahira Khazir	D/O Khazir Mohad Dar	Maidan	pora Buran	07	03/09/2003	10+2	342	500	68.40%	68.40	No	0	68.40
53	301	Asiya Bano	W/O Lateef Ahmad Bhat	Mohalla Maidan	Zangam A Buran	07	03/03/1996	10+2	241	500	48.20%	48.20	No	0	48.20
54		,		Mohalla Maidan	Zangam A	07	01/06/2000	10+2		500		48.60	No	0	48.60
				Mohalla Maidan	Zangam A	07		10+2				84.40	No	0	84.40
		Miyan		Mohalla	Zangam A										
				Mohalla	Zangam A			10+2			50.67%		No	0	50.67
		Qayoom		Maidan Mohalla	Zangam A		29/12/1995	10+2		500	68.00%		No	0	68.00
58	1100	Qurat-ul-Ain	D/O Ab Hamid Teli	Teli Mohalla	Chander- sser	02	25/3/2003	10+2	396	500	79.20%	79.20	No	0	79.20
59	1101	Masarat Gaffar	D/O Ab. Gaffar Teli	Teli Mohalla	Chander- sser	02	20/12/1999	10+2	231	500	46.20%	46.20	No	0	46.20
60	1102	Safina Akther	D/O Gh Ahmad Teli	Teli Mohalla	Chander- sser	02	26/2/1997	10+2	325	500	65.00%	65.00	No	0	65.00
61	1103	Arifa Habib	D/O Habibullah Teli	Teli Mohalla	Chander- sser	02	04/01/2004	10+2	395	500	79.00%	79.00	No	0	79.00
62	1104	Parveena	D/O Gulam Nabi Peer	Teli Mohalla	Chander-	02	03/07/1996	10+2	267	500	53.40%	53.40	No	0	53.40
63	1105	Munazah Wali	W/O Amir Hussain Peer	Teli Mohalla	sser Chander-	02	15/1/1991	10+2	240	500	48.00%	48.00	No	0	48.00
64	1106	Shazia Begum	W/O Darood Ali	Teli Mohalla	sser Chander-	02	03/11/1996	10+2	237	500	47.40%	47.40	No	0	47.40
65	1000	Nusrat Nazir	D/o Nazir Ahmad Ganie	Asthan	sser M.C Pat-	13	29/2/1992	10+2	415	750	55.33%	55.33	No	0	55.33
66	1001	Nighat Habib	D/o Habibullah Shah	Mohalla Asthan	tan M.C Pat-	13	01/02/2001	10+2	439	500	87.80%	87.80	No	0	87.80
				Mohalla Asthan	tan	13	17/4/1992	10+2				53.47	No	0	53.47
		Yaqoob		Mohalla Asthan	tan	13	15/7/1986	10+2				44.50	No	0	44.50
				Mohalla	tan										
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**Child Dev. Project Officer Poshan Project Pattan**  CS Chairs 94th Bod Meeting Of JKTDC

# **Directs Upscaling Of Properties To Promote Tourist Destinations**



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** In its 94th Board of Directors (BoD) meeting of the J&K Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC), Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Wednesday directed the officers of Tourism Department to take all necessary measures to promote destinations other than Pahalgam, Gulmarg and Patnitop as attractive tourist spots and improve facilities for stay at these locations.

The BoD meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, I&C; Secretary, Tourism; MD, JKTDC; Director Tourism, Kashmir besides other concerned officers of the IT Department.

The Chief Secretary observed that the Corporation has prized properties at almost all the tourist places across the UT and their proper maintenance and optimum utilization would promote all these for nightstay of tourists. He also asked for introduction of adventure activities like Rock climbing, Zip line, Paragliding or other

Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to formulate a plan for promotion of Golf Tourism in J&K. He maintained that the Golf Courses in the UT are best in class and have a potential to attract Golf lovers all over the nation. He advised for having a robust calendar of activities for all these courses and look for offering them as a package with other Tourism related assets and services by the Department.

The Chief Secretary also stressed on giving facelift to the properties of the Department at Kokernag, Verinag, Daksum, Betab Valley, Sanasar, Sarthal, Bani, Basholi, Baderwah and other places to tap their potential fully besides earning revenue for the Corporation. He asked them to make cleanliness and hygiene their hallmarks for attracting quality customers.

In his presentation the Managing Director, JKTDC, Minga Sherpa informed the meeting about the different plans and performance of the Corporation.

# **Space Start-Ups, Industry Bodies Welcome GST Exemption For Satellite Launch Services**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**NEW DELHI:** The Indian private sector on Wednesday welcomed the government's decision to exempt satellite launch services by private organisations from GST, saying the move will help them offer competitive rates to put satellites in orbit.

The GST Council, at a meeting on Tuesday, decided that GST exemption on satellite launch services supplied by ISRO, Antrix Corporation Limited and New Space India Limited (NSIL) may be extended to such services supplied by organisations in the private sector also to en-

The Indian Space Association-EY report had said that the space launch segment was expected to grow rapidly by 2025 at the rate of 13 percent per annum.

"This step will give financial relief to the players and will incentivise growth of this nascent sector. We believe it will help enable the growth of indigenous launch capabilities and ensure a level playing field for all," Lt Gen A K Bhatt (retd.) Director General, Indian Space Association (ISpA) said.

He said the satellite launch segment has become a key focus area for Indian startups and SMEs, driving innovation and seeking new revenue opportunities.

"As of now, GST exemption is



for government launches through NSIL. This GST exemption extending to private players is a welcome move which will create a level playing field and also encourage Indian satellite companies to opt for launch services from domestic private companies," Pawan Kumar Chandana, co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Skyroot Aerospace told PTI.

Last year, Skyroot became India's first private company to launch a rocket into space. It plans to launch the Vikram-1 rocket into orbit later this vear and launch commercial operations next year. EtherealX Tech, which is developing the world's most powerful medium-lift partially reusable launch vehicle, also welcomed the decision of the GST Council.

"We welcome the decision of the government. It will help the private players offer competitive rates in a highly competitive sector," Manu J Nair, co-founder, EtherealX told PTI. The Bengaluru-based start-up, founded last year, is aiming to have its first launch by 2027.

# **June Retail Inflation** Marginally Up At 4.81 Pc **On Higher Food Prices**

**Press Trust Of India** 

NEW DELHI: Retail inflation rose to a three-month high of 4.81 per cent in June, mainly on account of hardening prices of cereals and pulses, though it remained within the comfort zone of the Reserve Bank.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation moved northwards after declining for four months since February. The RBI, which will be announcing its next set of bimonthly monetary policy early next month, mainly factors in the retail inflation while deciding the benchmark interest rate (repo).

Retail or CPI inflation stood at 4.31 per per cent (revised upward from 4.25 per cent) in May and 7 per cent in June 2022. The previous high CPI was in March at 5.66 per cent.

According to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the inflation in the food basket was at 4.49 per cent in June, higher than 2.96 per cent in May. The food basket accounts for nearly half of the CPI.

The data revealed that annual rate of price rise was 19.19 per cent in case of spices, 12.71 per cent in 'cereals and products', 10.53 per cent in 'pulses and products', and 7 per cent in eggs. Fruits too were marginally costlier in June year-on-year.

However, there was a decline in inflation in 'oil and fats' (- 18.12 per cent) and vegetables (-0.93 per cent).



Commenting on the data, Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, Head - Research and Outreach, ICRA, said the spike in vegetable prices is set to push the CPI inflation to an uncomfortable 5.3-5.5 per cent in July 2023.

"We expect the vegetable price shock to result in the O2 FY2024 CPI inflation exceeding the (RBI's) Monetary Policy Committee's last forecast of 5.2 per cent.

"Accordingly, we anticipate that the Committee will retain its hawkish tone in August 2023, keep the repo rate unchanged and signal that a pivot to rate cuts remains distant," she said.

Narinder Wadhwa, National President, Commodity Participants Association of India (CPAI), opined that rise in inflation suggests a potential change in the factors influencing consumer prices.

"It may be influenced by

various factors such as changes in demand-supply dynamics, fluctuations in global commodity prices, government policies, or other economic factors. The rise in inflation is higher than street's expectations," he said.

Last month, the Reserve Bank kept policy rates unchanged at 6.5 per cent and projected retail inflation for the current fiscal to average at 5.1 per cent, with June quarter inflation pegged at 4.6 per cent.

The NSO data further showed that inflation was at 4.72 per cent in rural areas and 4.96 per cent in urban India. However, the food inflation was marginally higher than the national average in the rural areas.

### The government has tasked the central bank to ensure retail inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

tiatives, which have not only provided a platform for SHGs

# JKRLM Wins SKOCH **Gold Award For Marketing Avenues To SHGs**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) has bagged the SKOCH Award under the theme "State of Governance India 2047" in Gold category for its outstanding efforts in creating marketing avenues for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

SKOCH award marks a significant milestone for JKRLM, being the first award received since the inception of the scheme. This recognition represents a remarkable accomplishment for the organization. The award is a recognition for the JKRLM to the hard work and dedication of the JKRLM team, especially its Mission Director, who has been instrumental in driving the Mission's major goal of creating marketing opportunities from district level avenues to national level platforms.

During the award process, the Mission first got order of merit certificate based on its first round of presentation and voting and thereafter final judging was done on final presentation delivered today by Mission Director JKRLM.

Mission Director JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib highlighted the achievements of Mission and the various innovative measures taken by JKRLM to create sustainable marketing avenues for SHGs in Jammu & Kashmir. JKRLM has introduced several groundbreaking initiatives that have transformed the lives of countless women associated with self-help groups.

The AVSAR scheme, Umeed Women's Haat, and District Rural Haat ,Shg products available on e - commerce platforms are prime examples of these ini-

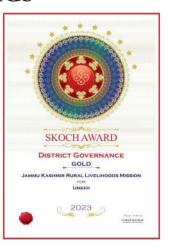
**Press Trust Of India** 

**NEW DELHI:** Spicelet on

Wednesday said its promoter

and Chairman Ajay Singh will

infuse Rs 500 crore into the



to showcase their products but have also opened up new marketing avenues for them.

Under AVSAR scheme of Airport Authority of India , which encompasses setting up shops at Airports , has provided SHGs with an incredible opportunity to showcase and sell their locally produced handicrafts, & handloom and other products to a diverse range of customers, including national and international tourists. This initiative has not only boosted the income of SHG members but has also helped in preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

Umeed Women's Haat and District Rural Haat are two innovative models that have facilitated direct market linkages for SHGs. These haats serve as vibrant marketplaces where SHG members can directly interact with consumers, display their products, and negotiate fair prices. By eliminating intermediaries, these initiatives have significantly enhanced the income and economic independence of women associated with SHGs, thereby empowering them to lead better lives.

# **Centre To Sell Tomatoes At Discounted** Rates In Delhi, Other Cities

**Press Trust Of India** 

NEW DELHI- In a first, the Centre will start selling tomatoes at discounted rates in retail markets in the national capital and few other cities from Friday to provide relief to the consumers as the price of the kitchen staple is ruling high at over Rs 200 per kilogram in some parts of the country.

Announcing the decision, the Consumer Ministry Wednesday said the sale of tomatoes will be undertaken by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers Federation (NCCF).

Tomatoes will be sold at discounted rates in Delhi-NCR (National Capital Region), Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal. It will be available in cities, including Patna, Varanasi, Kanpur and Kolkata, Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh told PTI.

"Tomatoes will be sold at a considerably lesser rate than the prevailing price in that area. It will be at least 30 per cent lower than the prevailing market rate on that given day. The idea is to give relief to consumers." he said.

Both NAFED and NCCF will procure the perishable commodity from key producing centres of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharash-

and sell it in consump-

where retail prices have recorded maximum increase in the last one month, the ministry said in a statement.

Singh said, "it will be for the first time, we are going to procure and sell tomatoes in retail markets. We have done that for onion. It is going to be a challenging task as tomato is a highly perishable com-

In Delhi-NCR, NCCF will sell

tomatoes through its own outlets, mobile vans, Mother Dairy's Safal and Kendriya Bhandar outlets.

In other cities, both NAFED and NCCF will sell the kitchen staple at discounted rates through their own outlets or will have local tie up for the same, Singh said. According to him, the

sale of tomatoes at discounted rates will continue till prices cool down, which is likely in the beginning of August The ministry said the

centres for release of tomatoes have been identified on the basis of absolute increase in retail prices over the past one month where the prevailing prices are above the all-India average.

Key consumption centres in states having higher concentration of the identified centres will be further selected for the intervention, it said.

As per the ministry's data, average all-India retail price of tomato was Rs 111.71 per kg on Wednesday.

The maximum increase in retail price was Rs 203 per kg in Bathinda, Punjab while the minimum rate was Rs 34 per kg in Bidar in Karnataka.

### airline, which will help boost its financial position as well as tap additional funds from a government scheme. The budget carrier, which is

SpiceJet To Get Rs 500 Crore

From Promoter Ajay Singh

facing multiple headwinds, including disputes with aircraft lessors, has been looking to In a statement, SpiceJet said

the fresh equity infusion by Singh, who is also the Chairman and Managing Director, will help the carrier in accessing additional credit facilities of Rs 206 crore under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)

During the meeting of the airline's board, which considered options for raising fresh capital, Singh offered to infuse Rs 500 crore

The board has agreed to "issue equity shares and/or convertible securities/equity share warrants on preferential basis to the promoter and/or the promoter group of the company, on preferential basis, in one or more tranches" for up to Rs 500 crore.

"SpiceJet has a bright future and I am committed to helping it achieve its full potential. This investment will allow the Spicelet

airline to accelerate its growth plans and capture new opportunities in the market, grow its revenue and profits," Singh

The latest development also comes days after the Supreme Court declined to extend the time for making payment to media baron Kalanithi Maran and his Kal Airways in pursuance of an arbitral award of Rs 578 crore related to a sharetransfer dispute.

Meanwhile, aviation regulator DGCA has put the airline under "enhanced surveillance". On Wednesday, shares of the

airline rose 4.39 per cent to close at Rs 31.16 apiece on the "The airline is already utilis-

ing USD 50 million ECLGS funds that it has already received and its own cash to revive its grounded aircraft. Two of the grounded aircraft, a Boeing 737 and a Q400, have been operationalised so far and more planes are expected to re-join the fleet soon," it said in the statement on Wednesday.

# **Industrial Production Grows 5.2% In May**

**Press Trust Of India** 

NEW DELHI: India's industrial production rose to 5.2 per cent in May from 4.5 per cent in April 2023, mainly due to good performance by the manufacturing and mining sectors, according to the official data released on Wednesday.

The factory output growth measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) stood at 19.7 per cent in May 2022, mainly due to a lower base

"The growth rates over corresponding period of previous year are to be interpreted, considering the unusual circumstances on account of COVID 19 pandemic since March 2020," an official statement explained.

As per the IIP data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the manufacturing sector's output grew 5.7 per cent in May 2023 against a 20.7 per cent expansion a year ago. Power generation rose 0.9 per cent in

May 2023 compared to a growth of 23.5 per cent a year ago. Mining output rose by 6.4 per cent

during the month under review against

an 11.2 per cent expansion in the yearago period.

As per use-based classification, the capital goods segment grew 8.2 per cent in May this year compared to 53.3 per cent a year ago.

Consumer durables output during the month rose 1.1 per cent against a 59.1 per cent growth in the year-ago

Consumer non-durable goods output increased by 7.6 per cent compared to a growth of 1.4 per cent a year earlier.

Infrastructure/construction posted a growth of 14 per cent over an 18.4 per cent expansion in the same period a vear ago. The data also showed that the output of primary goods logged 3.5 per cent

growth in the month against 17.8 per cent in the year-ago period. The intermediate goods output in May rose 1.6 per cent compared to a 17.5 per cent growth during the corre-

sponding month last year. During the April-May period of fiscal 2023-24, the growth in IIP works out to be 4.8 per cent, down from 12.9 per cent in the corresponding period a year ago.

# **KTPO Organizes Export Awareness Cum E-Commerce Onboarding Drive**

**Observer News Service** 

GANDERBAL: In an effort to promote and facilitate exports from District Ganderbal, an Export Awareness Workshop cum E-commerce Onboarding event was organised by Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO) under the aegis of Industries & Commerce Department.

The event was organized as per the directions of Vikramjit Singh Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce and under the guidance of Khalid Jahangir, Managing Director, JKTPO in collaboration with District Administration Ganderbal.

This event brings together esteemed speakers and industry experts from Government of India and other renowned organizations, such as DGFT, APEDA, MYSTORE, ONDC, Walmart vriddhi, and FIEO.

The workshop aims to provide valuable insights and practical knowledge to local businesses looking to expand their operations in the global market.

The Export Awareness Workshop cum E-commerce Onboarding event serves as a platform for entrepreneurs, exporters, quality agricultural products.

and aspiring businesses to learn about the intricacies of export procedures, ecommerce strategies, and international trade best practices. During this opportunity, participants interacted with experts and gained a comprehensive understanding of the export landscape, along with insights into leveraging e-commerce platforms for enhanced global reach.

The forum was addressed by A.K Bhushan, Dy Director from DGFT who informed participants about Government policies, export regulations, step by step procedure of generating Import/Export code and other available incentives which provided attendees with crucial information to navigate the complex export ecosystem.

Davinder Kumar Tyagi, Asst. Director MSME, J&K conveyed participants about various schemes/incentives/benefits offered by Ministry of MSME, Government of India and special focus was laid on the schemes endorsing exports among MSME sector.

Dr. Kausar Fatima BDM, APEDA discussed the potential of agricultural exports, market trends, and the necessary certifications and standards required for exporting high-

# KIND ATTENTION: **RAIL PASSENGERS! IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Due to continuous inclement weather conditions i.e. rains resulting water logging in Northern States/U.Ts of the country, the train operations have severely been affected. Some trains have been cancelled/partially cancelled/ diverted, hence passengers are advised to check status of their train through Helpline No. 139, NTES App, RailMadad App or Indian Railways Enquiry website : www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in before commencing the journey.



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# KC Hyundai launches the highly anticipated SUV Hyundai EXTER

Srinagar: KC Hyundai, Srinagar launched its sporty entry SUV, Hyundai EXTER on Wednesday, aiming to redefine the benchmark in its segment.

The unveiling ceremony took place at KC Hyundai, the first and leading Hyundai dealership of J&K, by Akshay Jamwal TSM-Hyundai Motor India Ltd, alongwith Raju Chowdhary-Chairman-KC Group, and Sohail Khan-CEO KC Hyundai, in presence of Ali Mohammad Dar, Sheikh Ruhail, Shabeer Ahmad Barati, Asif Shah, Asif Rashid and a huge gathering of respectable delegates from media fraternity, Bankers, dignitaries, esteemed customers and all staff members.

Commenting on the occasion, AkshayJamwal, TSM-Hyundai Motor India Ltd., congratulated KC Hyundai on the launch of its new car and said that this SUV reflects Hyundai's commitment to innovative design, intelligent technology and exceptional performance.

With its modern exterior, cutting-edge technology and unparalleled safety features, Hyundai EXTER is set to make a mark in the fast-growing SUV segment.

Speaking on the occasion Sohail Khan, CEO KC Hyundai expressed pride in introducing an SUV that embodies Hyundai's commitment to innovation and performance. He stated that Hyundai EXTER's design, technology and safety features would exceed customer expectations and reinforce



Hyundai's position as India's leading smart mobility solutions provider.

Hyundai EXTER draws inspiration from the outdoors and travel, reflected in the key communication of "Think outside, Think EXTER". The SUV's design showcases Hyundai's "Sensuous Sportiness" identity with a striking exterior, including a modern front, dynamic sides and a sporty rear.

It emphasizes advanced

technology, Hyundai's SUV DNA and robust driving capability. The spacious interiors provide a luxurious mobility experience, thanks to segment's best wheelbase.

The brand ambassador for Hyundai EXTER is cricketing youth icon Hardik Pandya, known for his energetic and vibrant lifestyle. He perfectly aligns with SUV's target audience of GEN MZ, who seek outdoor expeditions and leisure. Hardik Pandya's energy, engagement and imagery make him an ideal fit for championing the brand campaign of Hyundai

Hyundai EXTER has been engineered to deliver smart mobility experiences, offering extravagant interiors, superior comfort and exceptional performance. It prioritizes safety and convenience, ensuring the highest level of protection for

# DC Budgam Reviews Progress Of Various Projects & Schemes

**Observer News Service** 

**Budgam:** The Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Akshay Labroo reviewed the progress of the various projects and schemes pertaining to various line departments in a monthly Sectoral review meeting, held here.

meeting threadbare discussions on the agenda points of the meeting viz. Block wise Functional Household Tap Coverage (FHTC), block wise review of number of FHTCs added during the last two months under Jal jeevan mission in the district, status of all the works under District Capex plan 2023-2024, beautification of Humhama-Budgam road and Budgam town.

It also reviewed of status of work on clock tower Budgam, beautification of park near clock tower, works related to inner roads within bus adda, works related to landscaping of outside portion of Budgam Bus adda, status of works at chari sharief shrine, status of works at Badipora, identified during block diwas in the area, plan for initiation of works during follow up of

block divas at Kandoora. The chair also took status of works at Behram cave Beerwah, macadamization of Mirgund - old bus adda road, panchayat wise status of play fields, progress under recruitment of Anganwadi

sahayikas/sanginies taining to ICDS, review of status of telecom network in Doodhpathri & Yousmarg, plan for digitization of backlog mutations and status of in-situ promotions of eligible employees.

The DC emphasized speedy work completion on all projects including clock tower, PRIs accommodation, transit accommodation, multi-level parking, development of playgrounds in all panchayats, street lighting, work on Jal Jeevan Mission related projects.

Stressing on proper sanitation and cleanliness and beautification of Humhama - Budgam road, the DC directed EO of Municipal Committee Budgam to strengthen lifting of garbage besides clearance of legacy waste and ensure proper disposal on daily basis.
The DC emphasized on

the need for effective coordination and collaboration among departments to ensure overall development of the district. He instructed concerned officers to resolve issues halting work on major projects, so that the projects are completed within the fixed timeframe.

The meeting was attended by officers from various departments, including JD Planning Rafiq Ahmad, CEO, CMO, DFO, ACD, ACP, CAO, CHO, all SDMs , Executive Engineer's of all wings, all Tehsildar's, all BDOs. EO's of all MCs, and other concerned Officers and officials of

# **Preparations Reviewed For Upcoming Machail Mata** Yatra In Kishtwar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jammu: Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar on Wednesday reviewed the preparations for the upcoming Machail Mata yatra, scheduled to commence in the hilly district on July 25, an official spokesman said. Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Devansh Yadav undertook a comprehensive visit to Paddar to evaluate the arrangements for the annual pilgrimage, he said.

During his visit, Yadav actively engaged with the members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and the local populace of the Paddar area, attentively listened to their suggestions and feedback to ensure the success of the pilgrimage, the spokesman said.

Yadav encouraged the PRI members to actively participate in the planning and execution of the yatra, emphasised the importance of their roles in maintaining harmony and coordination with the administrative machinery.

The deputy commissioner also inspected the ongoing construction work of Yatri Bhawan, Sapphire Guest House and Mushroom Tents in Gulabgarh Paddar and directed the executing agencies to make the facilities available for pilgrims well before the start of the yatra.

He reiterated the administration's commitment to providing adequate facilities, including healthcare, sanitation, water, electricity, langar points, accommodation, as well as security arrangements, for the devotees.

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### **Climate-Induced**

[May 6] incident. Everyone switches the phone off and rushes home when the weather turns bad," said Saif-u-Din Dinda, a villager. Dinda was among the first few who saw the bodies of two villagers killed by lightning on May 6 in Mujpathri pasture.

"We saw them lying lifeless on the ground around this tree when we got here," Dinda said about the incident while pointing at the tree which was struck by lightning. "Soon we informed other villagers and shifted the bodies to the village in an ambulance."

Dinda and elderly villagers said that they have never heard of any such incident in the area in the past. "We used to witness light thunderstorms while herding our sheep. No one was ever killed by lightning. This was the first time that lightning killed our dear ones," said Khadija Begam whose husband, Mohammad Sultan Chopan, was one among the four people killed by May-6 lightning incidents.

Begam's next door neighbor, Ashfaq Ahmad Chopan, who lost his mother in the lightning strike on the same day, said that despite the scare caused by two lightning deaths, the villagers can't afford to remain indoors every time in overcast conditions. "We should be informed in advance about such dangers so that our livelihoods aren't affected," Chopan said. Ahmed, however, said that his department continuously issues warnings about extreme weather events via traditional and social media.

Across the country, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) identifies lightning as a measure weather hazard in recent years with most of the deaths happening in rural areas.

Central government officials say that measures such as establishing lightning detection centres, early warnings early and providing people area-specific information about lightning via a mobile phone application are being taken, but lightning strikes continue to kill people annually across the country. According to official records, lightning strikes kill an average 2,500 people annually across the

The 2021 report of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) about accidental deaths reveals that out of 7,126 deaths due to natural forces such as floods, avalanches, lightning, cyclones and landslides in that year, 40% of those deaths were caused by lightning alone across the country. In recent years, lightning deaths have formed the largest percentage of annual tally of deaths due to natural forces — 39% in 2020, 35% in 2019 and 34% in 2018 - and these figures are way higher than 10% in year 2012 and 12% in 2013.

In July 2021, as many as 68 people were killed by lightning on a single day in three different states in India. In a single week in July last year, as many as 50 people were killed by lightning in Uttar Pradesh. In May 2021, a herd

of 18 elephants was killed by lightning

"Most of the victims who are caught unawares by lightning strikes include farmers, herders, fishers and construction workers who always work outdoors," said Ahmed.

"Our major challenge remains peo-ple who work outdoors – farmers, herders, fishermen and children in rural schools," said Sanjay Srivastava, convener of the Lightning Resilient India Campaign and member of the National Panel of Experts on Lightning in National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

"Our main focus is to create awareness among people that the best defence against lightning is avoiding staving outdoors during Srivastava said adding that the government will create safe shelters in lightning prone districts in India besides a massive awareness campaign through National Lightning Programme which will be launched soon.

Citing the data from NCRB, Sunil Pawar, a scientist at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), said that there has been 100 per cent increase in lightning deaths across India.

According to Pawar, frequency of lightning strikes has also increased ranging from 20 to 35 percent increase in different regions as per the analysis of lightning data by him and his colleagues at IITM.

"We observed that lightning frequency has increased in various regions such as Himalayas," Pawar said and added that surface heating and moisture availability is increasing due to global warming which, along with air pollution, is causing the increase in lightning strikes. "Surface temperature, increase in moisture and pollution particles are all favorable factors for lightning formation," he said.

Meanwhile, the study by Ahmed and his colleagues has found that Iammu & Kashmir is also witnessing flash floods, cloudbursts and unusually high temperatures resulting in loss of livestock, damage to infrastructure and dozens of deaths in what are seen as manifestations of global warming and human-caused climate change.

As per the study, district-wise results of extreme weather events results revealed that highest deaths due to heavy snow were caused in Kupwara, Bandipora, Baramulla and Ganderbal districts. Similarly for flash floods, highest deaths were shown by Kishtwar, Anantnag, Ganderbal and Doda districts.

In the first week of November in 2018 and 2019, says the study, Jammu & Kashmir witnessed early snowfall which resulted in huge devastation to the horticulture sector. This was followed by harsh winter conditions in 2019 and 2020, the study has found.

"In the South Kashmir district of Shopian, the temperature went down to as low as -15C. The month of March, which is considered to be the wettest month in terms of rainfall, was

almost 10 degrees warmer compared to the previous years and lead to early snow melt in alpine landscapes. The region witnessed the heaviest rainfall between May and July 2022, resulting in a dozen flash floods in the environmentally fragile valley (which) caused loss of lives and damage to agricultural crops and other assets," the study says and adds: "From long dry spells to excessive rainfall, 2022 [was] a year of extremes." Ahmed told Kashmir Observer that the current has also turned out to be a year of weather extremes so far given alternate spells of hot and cold weather from January

According to the study, limited studies have been carried out in the weather events related mortalities in Jammu and Kashmir with limited data set and dealing with only one type of

extreme weather event. "In order to develop better disaster management programmes and policy planning, there is a need to study and explore all major types of extreme weather events during the last 10 to 15 years. Keeping in mind the increased frequency and mortality due to these events, [they] need to be critically studied," the study suggests.

## **Govt Sets Up**

ordered that Lieutenant Governor's Grievance Cell shall be subsumed in the Department of Public Grievances, Staff provided in the Lieutenant Governor's Grievance Cell by the General Administration Department shall work in the Department of Public Grievances till posting of permanent staff and requirement of staff, if any, on account of creation of the Department of Public Grievances, shall be met through internal adjustment and there shall be no fresh creation of posts in this regard," reads the order.

## **LG Calls For**

that are irrelevant in today's context," he said.

He emphasized on identifying new sectors of employment and increasing interaction with leading academicians. Research should reflect the reality of accelerated transformation, he added.

Impressing upon Universities to carry out critical evaluation and identify the strength and weakness, the LG said such a move will help to formulate suitable strategy to achieve future

"Multi-disciplinary projects need to be promoted to create a vibrant environment for the youth that will engage them on Global, Economic, Social, Cultural and Technical Issues and guide them according to the changes taking place across the globe," he said.

He further said that there are still many walls that separate the academic world and the real world.

"Until and unless we bring down those walls, until the academic world and the real world are seen as one and

the same, our task will be incomplete,"

The LG advised the Higher Education Council to explore various ways that can prove to be dividends for the higher education ecosystem of J&K UT. He further advised on strengthen-

ing the alumni network; facilitating student and faculty exchange programmes and improving rankings of the Universities and other Higher **Educational Institutions.** 

"We should study successful models of other universities like Delhi University for reforms in examination," Sinha added.

Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council; Prof. Umesh Rai, VC, University of Jammu; Prof. Nilofer Khan. VC University; Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, VC, IUST; Prof. Bechan Lal, VC Cluster University Jammu; Pragati Kumar, VC SMVDU; Prof. Akbar Masood, VC BGSBU; Prof. Qayyum Husain, VC Cluster University Srinagar and other members of the I&K Higher Education Council attended the meeting and also shared their valuable suggestions on 'Design Your Degree' an innovative program to be launched by the University of Jammu.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu presented a detailed overview of the 'Design Your Degree' Undergraduate program.

## **5 Amarnath Pilgrims**

a glimpse of the naturally-formed ice-lingam.

## **Govt Buildings**

of national festival and sensitized Deputy Commissioners, SSPs and other concerned officers of line departments about their role and responsibility and directed them to make fool-proof arrangements in advance for the smooth conduct of celebrations in all districts.

Cautioning against relaxations to any loopholes, Bidhuri, he said, impressed on the officers of Police, CRPF, BSF, etc besides Director Colleges, Director School Education and NCC for preparing parade contingents. He said that the contingents of J&K Police, Armed, CRPF, Lady Contingents, Home Guard, Fire and Emergency Services and Forest Protection Force shall participate in the march past and make band arrangements as per past practice.

The Div Com also impressed on all the officers to conduct site visits to assess the requirements and to demarcate and identify the area for March past and hoisting of flag over mast.

The meeting, the spokesperson said, was informed that the Information Department shall make arrangements for installation of Public Addressing System and web casting at important locations.

"Besides, he asked CE, KPDCL to ensure power supply to the Stadium and make arrangements for illumination of government buildings to mark the celebration of the festival," he said.

"He also impressed upon the

concerned to make arrangements for students and artists to facilitate their participation in the Independence Day celebration besides their boarding and lodging," he added.

Moreover, the spokesperson said that the SSP Traffic and RTO Kashmir were asked to chalk out a plan for the streamlined movement of vehicles and parking locations with a proper

Also, Div Com asked Police officers to issue security passes to the participants and invitees to facilitate their movement.The concerned Officer from Government Press was asked to prepare, design and print invitation

Besides, Div Com asked Deputy meeting of their respective districts regarding the celebration of Independence Day.

Among others, the meeting was attended by DIG CRPF, DC Srinagar, Directors of School Education, Floriculture, RTO Kashmir, Chief Engineers from R&B, KPDCL, General Manager J&K SRTC, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, JD Information & PR Kashmir and representatives from PHE. Skill Development, H&P, Fire & Emergency, JKAACL, SMC, Higher Education, Door Darshan, NCC, UEED, RDD, Government Press, YS&S and other concerned departments.

IG Police Kashmir, DCs, SSPs, SSP Security, SSP Traffic and other concerned also attended the meeting through video- conferencing.

## **India's Defence**

Modi, India is one of the most powerful countries in the world."

Praising the courage of security forces, the Union minister said because of their perseverance, the country's borders are secure. The government is working hard to strengthen all the three wings of the armed forces,

He also said that it is the responsibility of every citizen to work for the betterment of the country.

Talking on defence equipment manufacturing. Thakur said earlier the country relied on imports, but under the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative, more than 400 items in the defence sector are manufactured indigenously.

The previous year saw manufacturing of defence equipment worth Rs 1 lakh crore and export of Rs 16,000 crore which are great achievements, he said and added that the use of the latest technologies in defence equipment manufacturing has drawn the attention of foreign firms to join hands with Indian companies.

Addressing a public gathering at Karzok village, Thakur said the development of the Union Territory of Ladakh is a priority, and the government is working hard to usher in a

new era of prosperity in the region. He assured locals that their demands of digital connectivity, road connectivity, enhancing tourism infrastructure, improving the Jal Jeevan Mission and sports infrastructure will be addressed on a priority basis. On the developmental initiatives

undertaken by the government, the

minister said it has implemented

many programmes and schemes

across the country to improve people's

standard of living. In Ladakh also, the scenario has changed with agriculture becoming more profitable, trade and industry increasing, employment opportunities increasing in various fields, and good education and health services being

provided even in the remotest areas, Thakur thanked Prime Minister Modi for the successful implementation of various initiatives of the gov-

ernment in the borders area under the vibrant village programme. The minister said the Modi govern-

ment is keen for the faster development of Ladakh and ensures problems faced by locals are addressed in an efficient manner.

## **5 OGWs Arrested**

the possession of the LeT militant associates.

"All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation," the spokesperson

Accordingly, he said, a case FIR No 45/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Khag and investigation has been taken up.

# **Teen Dies After Car**

Anayat Jan (18) of Nayi Basti Anantnag was declared dead on arrival, they said.

The injured have been identified as Burhan Ahmad (18) son of Ajaz Ahmad Wani, resident of Frisal, Abrar Ahmad Wani (19) son of Nissar Ahmad, resident of Navi Basti and Suman parentage Ahmad Shah resident of Khanabal Anantnag.

Confirming it, a police official said that they have taken cognisance of the Incident.

# **Teen Girl Drowns**

have started medico-legal formalities into the matter—(KNO)

## 5 Amarnath Yatris

and the driver of the vehicle have been admitted to a hospital, the official said, adding their condition was

#### stated to be "stable". 2 Gamblers Held

apprehended tactfully," he added. The police identified the accused as Showkat Ahmad Lone and Shabir

Besides playing cards, the spokesperson said, an amount of Rs 10570 was also recovered from the accused.

Accordingly, he said, a case under sections of 13 Gambling Act registered in Police Station Tangmarg and investigation taken up.



# Srinagar Premier League: Two **Matches On Schedule Today**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srinagar Premier League will continue on Thursday, July 13, with two Round 6 matches set to be played at Synthetic Turf TRC.

In the first match of the day, a 8:30 AM kick off, Star Kashmir FC will take on Kashmir Panthers FC. The second match will take place between Novelty FC and

STFC Natipora. The game will kick off at 5:30 PM.

One Round 6 match of the Srinagar Premier League was played on Wednesday at Synthetic Turf TRC. J&K Police took on Jhelum FC in the matchup. The first half remained goalless, but J&K Police managed to take the lead in the second half. The Police side doubled their lead a minutes later to take the match 2-0.

# **WB Mountaineers Club Out** To Conquer Mt. Brammah-1



**Observer News Service** 

KISHTWAR: West Bengal Sonarpur Arohi Club comprising a team of 12 skilled climbers, including renowned mountaineers Rudra Prasad Halder and Satyarup Siddhanta, has arrived in Kishtwar region with the ambitious goal of summiting Mt Brammah-1.

This mountain, standing at a formidable height of 6416 meters, has witnessed only four successful ascents in its history, with the last one occurring 43 years ago in 1980. Should the team succeed, they will etch their names in Indian mountaineering history as the first Indian team to conquer Mt Brammah-1.

The team, consisting of a diverse mix of experienced and junior climbers, has also been joined by six sherpas to assist in the challenging expedition.

Rudra Prasad Halder, who has successfully climbed Everest, Kanchenjunga, Indrasan, and numerous Himalayan peaks, brings his extensive experience to the team. Satyarup Siddhanta, a world record holder mountaineer and the youngest person to conquer the Seven Summits and the Volcanic Seven Summits, adds another remarkable

feat to the team's credentials. Their combined expertise, along with the team's prior mountaineering experience in challenging Indian peaks, makes them a formidable force.

The expedition has received overwhelming support from the local community and administration. The mountaineers from the Kishtwar region, who recently underwent training at the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering, have been instrumental in providing infrastructure and administrative assistance to the team.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav and ADC, Inderjeet Singh Parihar have extended unconditional support on behalf of the local administration to ensure a hassle-free journey for the

# **DDRC Organises North Kashmir Inclusive Sports Event**

**Observer News Service** 

**BANDIPORA:** District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) Bandipora, in collaboration with the District Administration Bandipora, on Wednesday organised North Kashmir Inclusive Sports Event at SK Sports Stadium Bandipora.

The grand event was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad. Prominent dignitaries and officials from the District Administration Bandipora including Nodal Officer Coordination Mohammad Ashraf Hakak attended the event

The initiative aimed to promote inclusivity, unity and sportsmanship among diverse communities. The event showcased a range of activities, including Inclusive Cricket, Carrom, Chess, and Wheelchair Race captivating the participants and spectators alike.

# WI Bat First; Jaiswal, Kishan Make Debuts



**Press Trust of India** 

**ROSEAU:** West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite won the toss and opted to bat in the first Test against India here on

India handed debut caps to 21-year-old left handed opened Yashasvi Jaiswal and wicket-keeper batter Ishan Kishan while local man Alick Athanaze will play his maiden Test for the home team.

to enjoy, they've worked hard to come here, I want to make them feel comfortable and have some good memories of their first Test," India captain Rohit Sharma said at

"I want the two debutants

West Indies were 68/4 after 28 overs when reports last came in

the toss.

India: Rohit Sharma (c), Ya-

shasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Ajinkya Rahane, Ravindra Jadeja, Ishan Kishan (w), Ravichandran Ashwin, Shardul Thakur, Jaydev Unadkat, Mohammed Siraj

West Indies: Kraigg Brathwaite (c), Tagenarine Chanderpaul, Raymon Reifer, Jermaine Blackwood, Alick Athanaze, Joshua Da Silva (w), Jason Holder, Rahkeem Cornwall, Alzarri Joseph, Kemar Roach,

# Shah, Ashraf Finalise Asia Cup Schedule; **Indo-Pak Matches In Dambulla**

**Press Trust of India** 

NEW DELHI: The much anticipated Asia Cup games between India and Pakistan will be held in Sri Lanka as agreed upon by the previous dispensation of host PCB, IPL chairman Arun Dhumal confirmed on Wednesday.

Dhumal, who is in Durban for the ICC Chief Executives Meet (CEC), informed that BCCI secretary Jay Shah and new PCB management committee chairman Zaka Ashraf met ahead of ICC Board meeting on Thursday to finalise the Asia Cup schedule.

Ashraf, who took charge earlier this month, had expressed his displeasure over the hybrid model accepted by the previous regime under Najam Sethi. PCB has the hosting rights for the tournament to be held in Pakistan and Sri Lanka from August 31-September 17.

'Our secretary met PCB head Zaka Ashraf and the Asia Cup schedule was finalised and it is on course as it was discussed earlier. There will be four games of league stage in dia for the ODI World Cup. Pakistan, followed by 9 games in Sri Lanka including both India versus Pakistan game and a third game if both teams reach the final," Dhumal told PTI.

Dhumal rubbished reports emerging from Pakistan media that India will travel to the neighbouring country as its sports minister Ehsan Mazari had been claiming.

"There was no such discussion held. Neither India is travelling to Pakistan nor our secretary will be travelling contrary to reports that have surfaced. Only the schedule



was finalised," Dhumal added. India, in all likelihood, will play Pakistan in Dambulla just like 2010 edition.

Pakistan's only home match in their country will be against minnows Nepal.

The other three games are Afghanistan versus Bangladesh, Bangladesh versus Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka versus Afghanistan.

Recently, Pakistan sports minister Mazari was quoted as saying that unless India come to Pakistan for the Asia Cup, Pakistan will not travel to In-A senior BCCI official

perhaps the Pakistan sports minister was "blissfully unaware" about the earlier meetings of Asian Cricket Council (ACC) where the all powerful executive committee had passed the hybrid model suggested by former chairman Najam Sethi.

'We aren't concerned about the internal happenings of PCB. All that we know is that PCB is a signatory to the Hybrid Model which was proposed by their representative and passed at ACC's highest

body," a senior ACC board member present during that meeting told PTI.

"And just to refresh Pakistan's honourable sports minister's memory, it was PCB that had issued an official press release accepting that 4 games will be held in Pakistan and rest of the games in Sri Lanka,"

As far as the World Cup is concerned, the PCB is bound by ICC's Members' Participation Agreement (MPA) which was signed by the full members in 2015 for an eight year period ending 2023.

"Once you have si MPA, you are contractually bound to play an ICC event at a venue decided by the global body. Obviously security measures and other determining factors are always taken into account. But if a country pulls off even if security is not an issue, there could be legal and financial implications," the

ICC member said. However, the same MPA doesn't hold for the 2025 Champions Trophy which is scheduled to be held in

# Messi Eager To Face New **Challenge At Inter Miami**

Agencies

MIAMI: Lionel Messi has no regrets about his decision to join Inter Miami and said he is eager to face a new challenge. The 36-yearold arrived in the United States on Tuesday ahead of his presentation as an Inter Miami player at a spe cial event on Sunday.

"I'm happy with the decision we made. I'm ready and eager to face the new challenge," Messi said in an interview with Argentinian TV on Tuesday. "My mentality and my head are not going to change and I will try, wherever am, to give the maximum for myself and for the club, to continue to perform at the highest level."

The club is preparing a to hold a special event for the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner's presentation at the DRV PNK Stadium in Fort Lauderdale. "Fans will be able to



enjoy an exciting night of entertainment, on-the-pitch speeches and more," the club said in a statement, adding tickets would be free of charge for season ticket holders.

The World Cup winner will be reunited with former Barcelona team mate Sergio Busquets at Inter Miami as well as former Argentina coach Gerardo Martino. Messi is expected to make his debut for the club on July 21 in a Leagues Cup clash against Mexi-

# Barcelona Sign Brazilian **Forward Vitor Roque From 2024**

**Agencies** 

BARCELONA: Barcelona reached an agreement to sign Vitor Roque from Club Athletico Paranaense with the Brazilian forward set to join the Spanish champions from the 2024-25 season on a contract until 2031, the LaLiga club said on Wednesday. Financial details were not disclosed but media reports said Barca agreed a 40 million euros (\$44.07 million) fee with 21 million in add-ons for the player seen as the successor to Robert Lewandowski who turns 35 next month.

The 18-year-old has scored 22 goals for Paranaense in 66 appearances, helping them reach the Copa Libertadores final last season. He earned his first cap for Brazil in March, becoming the youngest ever



debutant for the five-times world champions.

"In footballing terms, a centre forward still in development but his adaptability means he can also play on the wing should the situation require," Barcelona said in a statement. "An excellent reader of the game he also stands out for his pace and his finishing skills in front of goal."

Barcelona said they have inserted a buyout clause of 500 million euros into his contract.

# Aston Villa Sign Spain Defender **Pau Torres From Villarreal**



Agencies

LONDON: Aston Villa have signed Spain international centre back Pau Torres from Villarreal for an undisclosed fee, the Premier League club said on Wednesday. British media reported Torres had a release clause of 70 million euros (\$77.64 million) but with a year left on his contract with Villarreal, the English side have agreed a fee in the region of 31.5 million pounds (\$40.88 million).

"The 26-year-old defender, who has been capped on 23 occasions for his country, arrives at Villa for an undisclosed fee," Villa said in a statement. "A native of Villarreal, Torres came through the ranks of his hometown club and went on to become a key player for the La Liga side."

Torres won the Europa League with Villarreal under current Villa boss Unai Emery when they beat Manchester United in the 2021 final. He joins Youri Tielemans among Villa's close season recruits after the midfielder joined from Leicester City as they add experience ahead of their Europa Conference League campaign.

# A Significant Milestone For The Sport As Major League Cricket Begins In US

**Press Trust of India** 

WASHINGTON DC: Cricket is all set to hit a significant milestone this week with the launch of Major League Cricket in the US as Texas Super Kings face off against Los Angeles Knight Riders at America's new premier venue in Dallas on Friday.

All six teams comprising some of the major cricket players and local American talents would play 18 games, leading up to the first-ever championship final on July 30. Eleven matches will take place at Grand Prairie Stadium near Dallas in Texas, while seven games are scheduled to take place at Church Street Park in North Carolina.

All the tickets for the first match, at the cricket-specific stadium featuring 7,200 seats and a grass wicket meeting the highest levels of international standards, have been sold off, the organisers said.

The six teams are Los Angeles Knight Riders, MI New York, San Francisco Unicorns, Seattle Orcas, Texas Super Kings and Washington Freedom.



Most of the teams are

owned by Indian Americans

who are venture capitalists,

in the IT and start-up sector.

The inaugural season will be

played in a round-robin format

with the four best performing

teams competing in a multi-

game playoff and final round

to decide a champion, to be

crowned on July 30, a media

release said.







ers are based out of Los An-

geles and is owned by Knight

Riders Groups. San Francisco

ventures. Krishnamurthi, and Sanjay Parthasarathy – and the GMR Group. Los Angeles Knight Rid-

Unicorns is owned by Anand Rajaraman and Venky Harinarayan, co-founders of Cambrian

Texas Super Kings are coowned by the Chennai Super Kings, Ross Perot Jr., and Anurag Jain; while Washington Freedom team is owned by Indian American entrepreneur Sanjay Govil.

"It's not only the Indian



diaspora that is very excited, those from Australia, United Kingdom, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, New Zealand are also excited about the start of the Major League Cricket in the United States," said an avid cricket fan, MR Rangaswami from San Francisco, who is flying to Dallas to watch the opening match. Star players set to take part

include Afghanistan T20 captain Rashid Khan, South African internationals Faf du Plessis, Quinton de Kock and David Miller, West Indians Kieron Pollard, Andre Russell and Dwayne Bravo, Australians Marcus Stoinis and Aaron Finch, England's Jason Roy and Liam Plunkett, Sri Lankan Dasun Shanaka and New Zealand's Trent Boult. Players have been drafted

mainly from all major cricket playing nations except for India, because of the existing rules of the BCCI. "The US media market is the largest in the world. So, at some point, they'll realise that sending these (Indian) players is good for everybody," Rangaswami told PTI.

Ahead of the start of the games, Sameer Mehta, cofounder of Major League Cricket said fans will experience an unforgettable night for cricket in America, with a full house welcoming the world's top players to Grand Prairie Stadium for the opening match.

"Since we arrived in Texas, it's been incredible to see the support for the Texas Super

Kings. "We can't wait to get out on the field at Grand Prairie Stadium and represent the Lone Star State in front of a full house and be part of a special night for cricket in America," said Faf du Plessis, captain of the Texas Super Kings.

"It's going to be a historic night at Grand Prairie Stadium, as the first ever Major League Cricket game unfolds in front of a packed stadium this Thursday night. I've always spoken about wanting to represent the Knight Riders wherever they play. "We've long talked about coming to the United States and I'm glad it's finally happening. "It's great to hear that the

opening game has been sold out, and we can't wait to bring our exciting brand of cricket to the cricket fans in America." said Sunil Narine, captain of the Los Angeles Knight Riders. Anurag Jain, co-owner of the MLC Texas Super Kings Cricket, said, "We look forward to having a professional team in Texas for the passionate local cricket community to root for and to introduce the sport to new fans across the country.

# With 735 Million People Hungry, UN Says World "Off Track" To Meet 2030 Goal



is bad news," said Maximo Torero Cullen, chief economist of the U.N.'s

Food and Agriculture Organization

(FAO), in an interview with Reuters.

ger in recent years were conflict-

driven disruption to livelihoods,

climate extremes that threatened

agricultural production, and eco-

nomic hardship exacerbated by

seen hunger decline, including

South America and most regions in

Asia. But in the Caribbean, Western

must pair humanitarian aid with

strengthening local food supply

chains, said Kevin Mugenya, the

food systems director for Mercy

Corps, an international aid group,

"Countries need to have local-

The report was compiled by the

U.N.'s International Fund for Agri-

cultural Development, Children's

Fund, World Health Organization.

World Food Programme, and FAO.

in an interview with Reuters.

ized solutions," he said.

To change the trend, nations

Asia, and Africa, hunger is rising.

Some parts of the world have

the pandemic, the report said.

The main drivers of global hun-

bout 735 million people worldwide faced chronic hunger in 2022, a figure much higher than before the COV-ID-19 pandemic and which threatens progress towards a global goal to end hunger by 2030, said the United Nations on Wednesday.

A multi-year upward trend in hunger rates leveled off last year as many countries recovered economically from the pandemic, but the war in Ukraine and its pressure on food and energy prices offset some of those gains, the U.N. said in its annual State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) report.

The result is that an estimated 122 million more people were hungry in 2022 than in 2019 and the world is "far off track" to meet the U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goal of ending hunger by 2030, said the report. Instead, the report projects that 600 million people will be undernourished in 2030.

"We are seeing that hunger is stabilizing at a high level, which

Satire And Poetry: Milan Kundera Took On Life's Absurdity Agenceis

ilan Kundera, the author of "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" whose dark, provocative novels delved into the enigma of the human condition, has died, a spokeswoman for the Milan Kundera Library in his native city of Brno said on Wednesday. He was 94.

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"Unfortunately I can confirm that Mr Milan Kundera passed away yesterday (Tuesday) after a prolonged illness," she told AFP.

Kundera died at his apartment in Paris, France, his adoptive country where he had lived since his emigration from Communistruled Czechoslovakia in 1975.

"Not only Czech literature, but world literature as well has lost one of the greatest contemporary writers, and one of the most translated writers too," Tomas Kubicek, director of the Kundera library, told the public Czech TV.

Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala said Kundera was able to "appeal to whole generations of readers across all continents" with his work.

Kundera was frequently touted as a favourite to win the Nobel Prize for literature, but he never claimed the coveted honour.

Through his characteristic satire and poetic prose, Kundera had sought to express all that is compelling and absurd about life, drawing on his own experiences of being stripped of his Czech nationality for dissent.

Life, he said in his work of criticism "Art of the Novel" (1986), "is a trap we've always known: we are born without having



asked to be, locked in a body we never chose, and destined to die."

Young rebel

Kundera was born on April 1, 1929, in the town of Brno, in what was then Czechoslovakia. His father was a famous pianist.

He studied in Prague, where he joined the Communist Party, translated the French poet Apollinaire and wrote poetry of his own.

He also taught at a film school where his students included the future Oscar-winning director Milos Forman. Although he professed faith-

fulness to Communism, the independent spirit of Kundera's writing soon got him into trouble. He was expelled from the

party in 1950, re-joined in 1956 and was expelled a second time in 1970 after the Prague Spring reform movement -- in which he was seen as playing a role -- was crushed.

Locked out

Kundera's first novel "The Joke", a work of dark humour about the one-party state published in 1967, led to a ban on his writing in Czechoslovakia while also making him famous in his homeland.

In 1975, he and his wife Vera went into exile in France, where he worked for four years as an assistant professor at the University of Rennes. They were stripped of their Czech nationality in 1979.

In his adopted home, where

he became a citizen in 1981, his reputation and success grew as translations of his novels appeared, such as "Life is Elsewhere" (1973) set in Czechoslovakia about a poet entrapped by the Communist regime.

"The Book of Laughter and Forgetting" (1979) playfully explored through seven interlinked narratives the nature of forgetting in politics, history and daily life.

The novel was "brilliant and original," said the New York Times in 1980, "written with a purity and wit that invite us directly in; it is also strange, with a strangeness that locks us out."

Kundera was an author "fascinated by sex, and prone to sudden, if graceful, skips into autobiography, abstract rumination, and recent Czech history," said the Times reviewer, John Updike.

By far his most famous work, "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" was published in 1984 and turned into a film starring Juliette Binoche and Daniel Day-Lewis in 1987.

The novel is a morality tale about freedom and passion, on both an individual and collective level, set against the Prague Spring and its aftermath in exile.

#### No going back?

Kundera's critics say he turned his back on fellow Czechs and dissidents following his exile in France and for his decision to ban the translation of his French books into Czech.

In 2008, a Czech magazine accused him of being a police informer under Communist rule, which he denied as "pure lies".

In 2013, Kundera published his

first novel after a 13-year hiatus. "The Festival of Insignificance", about five friends in Paris, received mixed reviews, with The Atlantic noting its "near-impenetrable irony" and The Guardian deeming it a "stinker".

What Kundera "has to tell us seems to have less relevance". said the New York Times. "You can't help wondering what his evolution would have been like if he had stayed, or stayed longer, in Czechoslovakia."

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In 2019, the Czech Republic restored his nationality and in 2023 the Milan Kundera Library opened in his hometown of Brno.

