

Studies On For Sudden Cardiac Arrest Cases Among Young After Covid

ICMR's report on deaths due to sudden heart attacks to be out in two months

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New Delhi: Sudden deaths due to cardiac arrest have been reported in young people after COVID-19, but sufficient evidence is not available to confirm the cause, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya told Parliament today.

The Indian Council of Medical Research is conducting three different studies to ascertain the facts regarding rising cases of cardiac arrest after the pandemic, Mandaviya said in response



to a question in the Lok Sabha. He said a multi-centric matched case control study on factors associated with sudden deaths among adults

ANOTHER STUDY FOR ESTABLISHING THE CAUSE OF SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED deaths in young people through virtual and physical autopsy is underway.

aged 18 to 45 in India is ongoing at around 40 hospitals/research centres. Another multicentric hospital-based matched case control study is underway at around 30 COVID-19

clinical registry hospitals to determine the effect of the Covid vaccine on thrombotic events among the population aged 18 to 45 in 2022 in India.

Besides, another study for establishing the cause of sudden unexplained deaths in young people through virtual and physical autopsy is underway, Mandaviya said.

To address the health issues related to cardiovascular disease, the Centre's Department of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to states

and Union Territories under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD).

Cardiovascular disease is an integral part of NP-NCD. The programme includes strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion, population-based screening of the population in the 30-year and above age group under the Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre, early diagnosis, and management and referral to **More On P10**

3 Arrested Over Sheshnag Clash: Police

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Srinagar: Three persons have been arrested for allegedly being involved in a scuffle at the Sheshnag base camp of the Amarnath Yatra last week which led to minor injuries to a few pilgrims and ponywallas, police have said.

The Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said some people have uploaded a misleading and baseless video on social media claiming stones were thrown at pilgrims.

Taking cognisance of the matter an FIR has been registered," he said. Sheshnag is situated on the Pahalgam axis of the Amarnath yatra in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

"On July 15 at Sheshnag, there was a scuffle among ponywallas which resulted in minor injuries to ponywallas and a few pilgrims. The situation was immediately brought under control," the ADGP said on Twitter.

He said a case has been registered at **More On P10**

Govt Likely To Allow 8th Muharram Procession



A KO file photo from 2022 shows paramilitary forces stopping mourners from forming a procession near Lal Chowk.

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration is likely to allow the traditional 8th Muharram procession through the city centre, first time since the onset of militancy in early 90's.

According to sources, the discussion on 8th Muharram procession from Guru Bazar to Dalgate came up in the first round of "productive talks" held between Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri and leaders of the Shia community at the Police Control Room (PCR) here on Friday.

They said thorough deliberations vis-à-vis prevailing situation in the Valley were held during the meeting between the two sides.

"The first round of the meeting was held in a cordial manner and that the Div Com gave patient

hearing to the delegation. Since the first round of talks between the two sides remained successful, administration is likely to permit the 8th Muharram procession in Srinagar without imposing restrictions as was done in the past," sources told Kashmir Observer.

Sources however said the authorities have placed certain conditions for granting the permission and the final decision will be taken during the 2nd round of meeting, scheduled to be held next week.

"Permission might be conditional like no provocative slogans having potential to instigate violence will be allowed during the procession and no flag other than black banners and Alam will be allowed to be carried by the mourners. Besides, the **More On P10**

Create Self-Employment Avenues For Drug Victims: LG

Says Safety And Security Of Women, Children Utmost Priority Of J&K Administration

Observer News Service

Srinagar: At a time when his government has intensified war on drugs in Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday directed the social welfare department to create avenues for the self-employment of drug abuse victims, besides offering them handholding for livelihood generations and capacity building to integrate them back into the society.

The LG passed these directions while chairing a meeting at the Civil Secretariat here to review performance of the department of social welfare, functioning of various verticals and implementation of Central and UT's welfare schemes.

"Social safety net, social and economic empowerment of the underprivileged is our top priority. The benefits of overall progress and economic growth must reach marginalised sections of society and it is our moral and constitutional duty to address the needs of the last man in the queue and ensure dignity to all," Sinha said.

The LG directed the officers



to ensure 100% saturation of all welfare schemes and impact assessment of ongoing schemes.

"The process for the documentation and sanctioning of the eligible applications should be responsive, seamless and simplified," he said.

"Bring about change in the delivery mechanisms by making field functionaries more accountable, participative and integrate efforts to achieve social objectives. Right to education, empowerment of women, joyful childhood, greater security and quality life to elderly to be ensured," he added.

While reviewing the implementation of welfare schemes for women and children, the LG said the safety

and security of women and children in UT is of utmost priority for administration.

He directed for a dedicated integrated mechanism for conducting awareness programmes and ensuring cases are reported, investigated and stringent action is taken.

"All possible assistance must be provided to those in distress," he added.

The meeting also discussed the welfare measures for persons with disabilities, transgenders, old aged and senior citizens, SCs/STs, Pahari community and other beneficiaries.

"Adequate attention and sensitivity required to increase employment opportunities for disadvantaged groups under SC, ST, OBC Development

Corporation and Women Development Corporation and Self Employment Schemes so that they can be made equal partners in development," the LG said.

Directing for impact assessment of rehabilitation efforts of the drug abuse victims, the LG directed the department to create avenues for their self-employment, handholding for livelihood generations and capacity building to integrate them back into the society.

The LG instructed the Social Welfare Department to organize two mega camps for persons with disabilities, in collaboration with the Government of India, one each in Jammu and Kashmir divisions. **More On P10**

5876 Posts Of Medical Officers, Others Vacant In H&MED: Govt

HC Seeks Steps Regarding Filling Up Of Large Vacancies By Aug 28

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has directed government to inform it about the steps taken to fill up the "large number" of vacancies in respect of Medical Officers as well as the non-gazetted and Class IV Employees in Health and Medical Education Department in Jammu Division as well as the Kashmir Valley.

Hearing a Public Interest Litigation, a division Bench of Chief Justice N.Kotiswar Singh and Justice M A Chowdhary passed the directions after perusal of a Status Report filed by the Deputy Secretary to Government, Health and Medical Education Department, dated 29th May this year, in which comparative staff strength in the posts of Medical Officers and non-gazetted and Class IV Employees in Jammu Division as well as in Kashmir Division was given.

As per government details,

5876 posts of Medical Officers, non-gazetted and Class IV Employees are vacant in J&K.

"In respect of the Jammu Division the total sanctioned strength of Medical Officers for all districts is 1390 posts of which 726 posts are in position and remaining 664 posts are lying vacant. Similarly, in respect of non-gazetted and Class IV Employees in Jammu Division out of sanctioned strength 6868, only 4379 are filled up with the remaining 2489 vacant," the court observed, adding,

"On the other hand in respect of Kashmir Division total sanctioned strength of Medical Officers is 1467, out of which 1395 are in position and only 72 are lying vacant. Similarly, in case of non-gazetted and Class IV Employees in Kashmir Division, out of sanctioned strength of 8628 posts, 5976

are in position and 2651 are lying vacant."

Thus, the court said, it indicates a "skewed figure in respect of Jammu Division vis-a-viz Kashmir Division."

"Under these circumstances, we direct the respondent authorities to indicate the steps taken to fill up the large number of vacancies in respect of Medical Officers as well as the non-gazetted and Class IV Employees in Jammu Division as well as the Kashmir Division," the court said, adding, "Let the same be placed on record by way of an affidavit. The affidavit shall also indicate the steps taken in respect of far flung areas of Districts of Reasi, Poonch, Ramban, Kupwara, Baramulla, etc. where the vacancies appear to be quite significant."

The court also directed the Deputy Solicitor General of India, to furnish **More On P10**

Selection, Appointment Different Parts Of Recruitment Process: HC

Dismisses Contempt Plea On Assistant Information Officers' Selection

M Ahmad

Srinagar: Observing that selection and appointment are two different and distinct parts of a recruitment process, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Friday dismissed a contempt petition regarding Assistant Information Officer Grade-II posts which were advertised in 2006, 2008 and 2010.

"Selection and appointment are two different and distinct parts of a recruitment process which do not necessarily have to go together," said a division bench of Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Javed Iqbal Wani.

"There is no inevitability of appointment merely because a person has been selected for appointment by being included in the select list. Since, in the present case, there was no direction of the Division Bench to appoint the selected candidates, it cannot be said that petitioners have a vested right of appointment," the court said, observing that the recruiting agency, JKSSB, cannot be said to have done willful dis-obedience of court's its order in view of the "policy decision" by the Administrative Council in 2022.

"The policy **More On P10**

Panel Meets for Induction of J&K's Local Officers in IPS

Maqsood, Mubbasir, Zubair Among officers cleared for promotion

Agencies

Srinagar: A high-level committee on Friday gave its go-ahead for induction of several local police officers of Jammu & Kashmir into the coveted Indian Police Service (IPS), sources disclosed.

According to Kashmir News Observer the selection committee (SCM) for promotion of local officers of Jammu & Kashmir in IPS took place at 3: 00 pm in New Delhi.

The meeting was attended by representatives

of the Union Public Service Commission, Union Home Ministry and J&K government. J&K's Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta, Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh, Home Secretary Raj Kumar Goyal attended the meeting.

According to sources, the panel cleared Maqsood-ul-Zaman, Mubassir Latifi, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Suhail Munawar Mir, Kashmiri Wazir, Rajeshwar Singh, Sandeep Rekhi, Anita Sharma, Sameer Wazir, Jatinder Singh Johar, Swarn Singh **More On P10**

S H O R T T A K E S

Militant's Home Raided In Kishtwar

The NIA and the Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday raided the home of Hizbul Mujahideen militant Riyaz in connection with a militant support and funding case in Kishtwar district, officials said. The raids were conducted by the police's Special Investigation Unit and the National Investigation Agency (NIA) at Riyaz's home in the district's Marwah area, they said. **More On P10**

Man Arrested For Killing Wife

A man was arrested for allegedly killing his 24-year-old wife in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Thursday, police said. The motive behind the murder is yet to be ascertained, they said. The accused, Sunil Kumar, slit the throat of his wife at their home in the Ramgarh area in Samba and fled. After receiving information about the incident, police **More On P10**

CRPF Man Dies Of Heart Attack

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) man died on Friday after suffering a heart attack in South Kashmir's Anantnag district. Tankeshwar Das of CRPF 164 battalion fell unconscious at his camp in Larnoo area of the district, reports said. A resident of Mariani in Assam, Das was taken to the primary health centre (PHC) Larnoo for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him dead. **More On P10**

Over 4,600 Pilgrims Leave For Amarnath

A batch of more than 4,600 Amarnath pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here on Thursday morning amid tight security. As many as 2.90 lakh devotees have paid obeisance at the Amarnath shrine since the annual pilgrimage began on July 1. A total of 4,675 pilgrims left in a convoy of 169 vehicles for the twin base camps in Kashmir to undertake the onward journey to the **More On P10**



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2 Days Of Intense Exercise Has Same Heart Benefits As Regular Workout: Study

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People who engage in intense physical activity for 1-2 days reduce their risk of heart attack and stroke as much as those who do moderate physical activity for several days, a study suggests.

Current guidelines from the World Health Organization and American Heart Association recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) per week for overall health benefits.

However, the impact of concentrated versus evenly distributed activity has remained unclear.

The study, published in the journal JAMA, investigate the associations of cardiovascular event risk between a "weekend warrior" pattern of physical activity, where the majority of MVPA is achieved over 1-2 days, and a pattern of more evenly distributed MVPA across multiple days.

The researchers analysed data from the UK Biobank cohort study, focusing on participants who provided a full week of accelerometer-based physical activity data between June 8, 2013, and December 30, 2015.

With this data, the researchers compared 3 MVPA patterns. In the active weekend warrior group, participants achieved at least 150 minutes of MVPA with 50 per cent of the total activity completed in 1-2 days.

Participants in the active regular group achieved at least 150 minutes of MVPA but did not meet active WW criteria. In the inactive group, participants completed less than 150 minutes of MVPA.

They also assessed the same patterns using a median threshold of 230.4 minutes or more of MVPA per week.

Associations between these activity patterns and incident atrial fibrillation, myocardial infarction, heart failure, and stroke were analysed.

The analysis included 89,573 individuals with a mean age of 62 years, of whom 56 per cent were women, who underwent accelerometry.

Results showed that both concentrated and evenly distributed activity patterns were associated with similarly lower risks of all four cardiovascular events, the researchers said.

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT ROHAMA

 (PUBLIC NOTICE).

Subject: Merit/ Selection List of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) of Poshan Project Rohama.

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 vide No: 13281-94 Dated:-08/05/2023 This office advertised vacant posts of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) vide notification No. CDPO/Poshan/Roh/2023/1550-55 dated:-29/05/2023. Accordingly, merit list of candidates has been prepared as per criteria laid down in the Government order No.222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated:-30/11/2023 and selection list has been framed on the basis of merit (list enclosed) herewith as Annexure-A comprising of 07 candidates selected as Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) for Anganwadi Centres 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 Rohama (ICDS) Rohama against proper receipt with in 7 (Seven days) from the date publication in daily leading news papers. No appeal/objections shall be entertained after expiry of the last date for filing appeal/objections.

Annexure "A"

Provisional selection list.

S No	Index No & Date	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Name of Anganwadi Centre	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weight age	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additional 2 points	Total Merit
									Max Marks	Marks Obtained					
1	02/13-06-2023	Waiza Bashir	D/O Bashir Ahmad Mir	Ladoora	Kaharpora	09	10/9/1997	Graduate	500	441	88.20%	---	---	---	88.20%
2	3/09-06-2023	Mehvish Ali	D/O Ali Mohd Lone	Ladoora	Umer Colony	06	15/03/2004	12 th	500	396	79.20%	---	---	---	79.20%
3	3/05-06-2023	Snober Gul	D/O Sunaulah War	Hamdub	Lone Mohala	9	3/1/2003	12 th	500	311	62.20%	---	---	---	62.20%
4	1/05-06-2023	Shaista Fayaz	D/O Fayaz Ahmad Lone	Balhama	Lone Mohala	4	12/10/2001	12 th	500	355	71%	---	---	---	71%
5	02/05-06-2023	Lubna Parvaiz	D/O Parvaiz Ahmad Mir	Panzla	Mir Mohala	5	1/6/2003	12 th	500	359	71.80%	---	---	---	71.80%
6	8/15-06-2023	Tawfeeqa Bano	D/O Khazir Moha Lone	Patoosa	Lone Mohala	5	21/06/2002	12 th	500	378	75.60%	---	---	---	75.60%
7	1/06-06-2023	Kousar Manzoor	D/O Manzoor Ahmad Lone	Thailpora	Thailpora	5	10/2/2004	12 th	500	349	69.80%	---	---	---	69.80%

General Merit list

Name of AWC Kaharpora Ward No-9

ANNEXURE "A"

S No	Index No & Date	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weight age	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additional 2 points	Total Merit
								Max Marks	Marks Obtained					
1	02/13-06-2023	Waiza Bashir	D/O Bashir Ahmad Mir	Ladoora	09	10/9/1997	Graduate	500	441	88.20%	---	---	---	88.20%
2	12/15-06-2023	Iqra Nabi	D/O Gh. Nabi Lone	Ladoora	09	31/08/1999	Graduate	500	350	70%	---	---	---	70%
3	15/15-06-2023	Shayesta Farooq	W/O Aiaz Ahmad Mir	Ladoora	09	16/12/1995	Graduation	500	349	69.80%	---	---	---	69.80%
4	02/14-06-2023	Hasia Nabi	D/O Gh. Nabi Lone	Ladoora	09	1/11/1993	Graduate	750	434	57.86%	---	---	---	57.86%
5	04/15-06-2023	Humara Hassan	W/O Hial Ahmad Mir	Ladoora	09	1/4/1993	12 th	500	430	57.33%	---	---	---	57.33%
6	16/15-06-2023	Zainab Showket	D/O Showket Ahmad Khan	Ladoora	09	9/9/2002	12 th	500	274	54.80%	---	---	---	54.80%
7	02/15-06-2023	Rifat Nazir	D/O Nazir Ahmad Hajam	Ladoora	09	15/08/1999	Graduate	500	273	54.60%	---	---	---	54.60%
8	05/14-06-2023	Requya Nabi	D/O Gh. Nabi Lone	Ladoora	09	20/03/1993	Graduate	750	389	51.86%	---	---	---	51.86%
9	13/15-06-2023	Mysara Mehraj	D/O Mehrajudin Mir	Ladoora	09	8/1/2000	12 th	500	210	42%	---	---	---	42%
10	04/14-06-2023	Saima Begum	W/O Rashid Ahmad Dar	Ladoora	09	25/02/1998	12 th	500	192	38.40%	---	---	---	38.40%

Name of AWC Umer Colony Ward No-6

S No	Index No & Date	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weight age	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additional 2 points	Total Merit
								Max Marks	Marks Obtained					
1	3/09-06-2023	Mehvish Ali	D/O Ali Mohd Lone	Ladoora	06	15/03/2004	12 th	500	396	79.20%	---	---	---	79.20%
2	3/12-06-2023	Sabreena Akbar	D/O Mohd Akbar	Ladoora	06	6/3/1998	Graduate	500	383	76.60%	---	---	---	76.60%
3	6/13-06-2023	Iram Hamid	D/O Ab. Hamid Dar	Ladoora	06	6/8/2000	Graduate	500	344	68.80%	---	---	---	68.80%
4	3/14-06-2023	Nuzhat Afshan	D/O Mohd Ayoub Lone	Ladoora	06	2/1/2004	12 th	500	334	66.8	---	---	---	66.8
5	1/13-06-2023	Asia Mukhtar	D/O Mohd Mukhtar Dar	Ladoora	06	11/9/1997	Graduate	500	290	58%	---	---	---	58%
6	4/12-06-2023	Saymia Bano	W/O Wasim Khaliq Dar	Ladoora	06	1/4/1991	Graduate	750	424	56.53	---	---	---	56.53
7	3/13-06-2023	Iqra Khorsheed	D/O Khorsheed Ahmad Khosa	Ladoora	06	11/10/2001	Graduate	500	254	50.80%	---	---	---	50.80%
8	3/15-06-2023	Arifa Bano	D/O Mohd Rajab Dar	Ladoora	06	10/3/1993	Graduate	500	229	45.80%	---	---	---	45.80%
9	1/15-06-2023	Suraya Begum	W/O Firdos Ahmad Dar	Ladoora	06	14/06/1987	Graduate	600	243	40.50%	---	---	---	40.50%
10	2/12-06-2023	Ifra Hassan	D/O Gh. Hassan Dar	Ladoora	06	25/08/1999	12 th	500	199	39.80%	---	---	---	39.80%

Name of AWC Lone Mohala Ward No-9

S No	Index No & Date	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weight age	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additional 2 points	Total Merit
								Max Marks	Marks Obtained					
1	3/05-06-2023	Snober Gul	D/O Sunaulah War	Hamdub	9	3/1/2003	12 th	500	311	62.20%	---	---	---	62.20%
2	10/15-06-2023	Tahira Majeed	W/O Nisar Ahmad War	Hamdub	9	5/4/1991	Graduate	750	337	44.90%	---	---	---	44.90%
3	4/05-06-2023	Rizwana Akther	D/O Khazir Mohd War	Hamdub	9	25/03/1994	Graduate	500	189	37.80%	---	---	---	37.80%

Name of AWC Lone Mohala Ward No-4

S No	Index No & Date	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additional 2 points	Total Merit
								Max Marks	Marks Obtained					
1	1/05-06-2023	Shaista Fayaz	D/O Fayaz Ahmad Lone	Balhama	4	12/10/2001	12 th	500	355	71%	---	---	---	71%
2	3/07-06-2023	Tahira Begum	W/O Altaf Ahmad Dar	Balhama	4	10/3/1986	12 th	600	216	36%	---	---	---	36%

Name of AWC Mir Mohala Ward No-5

S No	Index No & Date	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additional 2 points	Total Merit
								Max Marks	Marks Obtained					
1	02/05-06-2023	Lubna Parvaiz	D/O Parvaiz Ahmad Mir	Panzla	5	1/6/2003	12 th	500	359	71.80%	---	---	---	71.80%
2	05/07-06-2023	Iqra Ishfaq	D/O Ishfaq Ahmad Mir	Panzla	5	13/03/2003	12 th	500	297	59.40%	---	---	---	59.40%
3	14/15-06-2023	Saima Shabir	W/O Anjum Amin Mir	Panzla	5	10/7/1996	12 th	500	226	45.20%	---	---	---	45.20%
4	5/13-06-2023	Savima Amir	W/O Iqbal Ahmad Wani	Panzla	5	19/12/1989	Graduate	750	325	43.30%	---	---	---	43.30%
5	6/07-06-2023	Wymoonah	W/O Shah Nawaz Ahmad Mir	Panzla	5	8/4/1989	Graduate	600	250	41.66%	---	---	---	41.66%

Name of AWC Lone Mohala Ward No-5

S No	Index No & Date	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additional 2 points	Total Merit
								Max Marks	Marks Obtained					
1	8/15-06-2023	Tawfeeqa Bano	D/O Khazir Moha Lone	Patoosa	5	21/06/2002	12 th	500	378	75.60%	---	---	---	75.60%
2	1/09-06-2023	Mehak Javaid	D/O Javaid Ahmad Lone	Patoosa	5	10/3/2004	12 th	500	340	68%	---	---	---	68%
3	9/15-06-2023	Tawseefa Manzoor	D/O Manzoor Ahmad Tantray	Patoosa	5	15/03/2000	Graduate	500	349	69.80%	---	---	---	69.80%
4	6/15-06-2023	Hafsa Bashir	D/O Bashir Ahmad Lone	Patoosa	5	13/05/1999	Graduate	500	343	68.60%	---	---	---	68.60%
5	4/07-06-2023	Nafeesa Qadir	W/O Yasir Mushtaq Lone	Patoosa	5	13/04/1997	Graduate	500	316	63.20%	---	---	---	63.20%
6	7/15-06-2023	Shaista Manzoor	D/O Manzoor Ahmad Tantray	Patoosa	5	31/03/1998	12 th	500	240	48%	---	---	---	48%
7	2/01-06-2023	Nuzhat Fayaz	W/O Saifullah Hassan Tantray	Patoosa	5	1/4/1997	Graduate	500	260	52%	---	---	---	52%

Name of AWC Thailpora Ward No-5

S No	Index No & Date	Name of the candidate	Parentage/W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in 10+2		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additional 2 points	Total Merit
								Max Marks	Marks Obtained					
1	1/06-06-2023	Kousar Manzoor	D/O Manzoor Ahmad Lone	Thailpora	5	10/2/2004	12 th	500	349	69.80%	---	---	---	69.80%
2	2/07-06-2023	Ishrat Majeed	D/O Ab. Majeed Mir	Thailpora	5	1/5/2002	Graduate	500	340	68%	---	---	---	68%
3	2/06-06-2023	Aamina Manzoor	D/O Manzoor Ahmad Lone	Thailpora	5	8/11/2001	12 th	500	314	62.80%	---	---	---	62.80%
4	11/15-06-2023	Mehbooba Anwar	D/O Mohd Anwar Mir	Thailpora	5	4/2/1998	Graduate	500	282	56.40%	---	---	---	56.40%
5	11/12-06-2023	Saeeda Akther	W/O Tanveer Ahmad Mir	Thailpora	5	7/8/1991	12 th	500	250	50%	---	---	---	50%
6	1/07-06-2023	Chesteeda Begum	W/O Shahid Maied Mir	Thailpora	5	10/2/1997	Graduate	500	236	47.20%	---	---	---	47.20%
7	11/31-05-2023	Khalida Bano	W/O Shahzad Ahmad Mir	Thailpora	5	7/3/1989	Graduate	750	328	43.70%	---	---	---	43.70%

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No Signs Of Leopard In Badamwari, Search Operation Called Off

Rabid Dog Mauls 3 Officials, Civilian; Killed

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The operation to catch a leopard sighted by some people in the Badamwari area of Srinagar was called off on Friday as the wildlife officials said they received no evidence about the presence of the wild animal.

The department had been searching for the leopard for three days and three nights, a senior wildlife official supervising the operation said.

"We have called off the rescue operation as we found nothing on the ground about the presence of a leopard in the Badamwari area," the official said.

We corroborated the evidence with the statements of those who were injured today, and it was established that it was a rabid dog, he added.

The official said that following the couple of "unidentified" animal attacks on Friday morning, the department scaled up the surveillance, after which it emerged that a "rabid dog" was roaming in

the area.

"Earlier on Friday a person was attacked, after which our team spoke to him but the victim could not identify the animal. During the searches in the area, a dog tried to attack one of our officials too and later the same dog attacked one more civilian. Then we established that the animal is none other than the rabid dog," he said.

However, Fazal Hussain who was the first person attacked by the animal on Friday morning, said he identified the attacker as a "leopard cub".

To follow the proper protocols, we called up the authorities at Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to catch the rabid dog, the wildlife officials said, adding that after their arrival, the SMC authorities took the dog into their custody.

They, however, added that if people witness any suspicious animal movement in the area, they can call on the numbers already disseminated in the area.



Holding umbrellas, anglers fishing on a wooden bridge in Dal interiors on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Back To Back Stabbing Incidents

Administration Bans Sale, Purchase Of 'Sharp-Edged' Weapons At Public Places

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Following several incidents of stabbing reported in parts of Srinagar, the authorities on Friday ordered ban on sale and purchase of sharp-edged weapons at public places across the district.

According to an order, sharp-edged weapons include any object or instrument that possesses a blade, edge, or point capable of causing injury or harm to individuals, but not limited to knives, swords, daggers, box cutters, and razors.

The order stated that the step has been taken after the Senior Superintendent of Police Srinagar reported that during the past few months there have been multiple incidents of stabbing and attacks using sharp edged weapons in Srinagar.

It added that the incidents were witnessed in Qamarwari, Bemina, Kralpora, Batmaloo, Nowhatta, Kothibagh and Rambagh during the past 3 months.

The order stated that the safety and security of the public is of paramount importance and incidents involving the use of sharp-edged weapons in public places pose a significant threat to the lives and safety of the citizens.

"Possession of sharp-edged

weapons whose blade is more than 09 inches long or whose blade is more than 02 inches wide for any purpose other than domestic, agricultural, scientific, and industrial purposes is a cognizable offence under Arms Act 1959. Now, therefore, I, District Magistrate, Srinagar, hereby impose a ban on sale, purchase and carrying of sharp-edged weapons in public places, in Srinagar with immediate effect."

ties, markets, schools, religious places, government buildings and any other locations accessible to the general public."

It reads that the ban shall apply to all individuals except law enforcement agencies and individuals possessing such weapons for legitimate occupational purposes (e.g. butchers, carpenters, electricians, chefs etc).

"Any individual possessing sharp edged weapon(s) shall sur-

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render the same in the nearest police station within next 72 hours after which such weapons shall be seized by Srinagar police and appropriate action shall be initiated under the law. Any violation of this order shall be dealt with firmly, and appropriate legal action will be taken as per section 188 of Indian Penal code, 1860."

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2 Women Among 4 Members Of 'Honey Trap' Racket Held In Srinagar: SP South

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Police on Friday claimed to have busted a 'honey trap' gang in Srinagar and arrested four of its members including two women, allegedly extorting money from people by enticing them into a romantic relationship.

Addressing a press conference here, Superintendent of Police (SP) south Srinagar, Gaurav Sikarwar said the arrests came after one of the victims informed police on how the gang operates and exhorts money from naive people.

SP South said the gang's strategy consisted of "honey trapping" before demanding money from their victims, when they were finally going to meet the woman at her designated place.

He said four persons including two females have been

arrested in this regard and a formal case is registered against them under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC).

According to Sikarwar, one of the women was interacting with the victim on social media including Facebook and Instagram, developing relations before enticing them into romantic relationships and finally asking them to meet her at the prearranged place.

Two of the gang members, including a woman, posed as police officers while another as a journalist, SP south said.

Firdous Ahmed Mir from Rainawari, he said posed as a superintendent of police, while Masrat Mir, a resident of Habba Kadal posed as an officer of the Crime Branch. Tariq Mir, a resident of Lal Bazar, posed as a journalist and Ashiya from Bemina honey-trapped the victims, they said.

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092, 2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488, 2452222, 2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200


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SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS

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



HIJRI CALENDAR
03 Muharram
1445

PRAYERS	
FAJR	3:54
ZUHR	12:37
ASR	5:34
Magrib	7:43
ISHA	9:19

This Day In History

- 1456 - Battle at Nandorfehar (Belgrade): Hungarian army under Janos Hunyadi beats Sultan Murad II
- 1691 - Battle at Aghrim: English/Dutch army beats France
- 1731 - Spain signs Treaty of Vienna
- 1739 - Ottoman Empire defeats Austria at Crocyka (Krotzka) in Serbia & subsequently successfully laid siege to Belgrade
- 1793 - Alexander Mackenzie reaches the Pacific Ocean, becoming the first Euro-American to complete a transcontinental crossing of Canada.
- 1864 - Battle of Atlanta-Hood attacks Sherman, 8,449 Confederate and 3,641 US soldiers die
- 1942 - 4th Soviet army forms with 80 tanks
- 1946 - Militant Zionist organisation Irgun bombs the British administrative headquarters for Palestine in the southern wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 91 people of various nationalities and injuring 46.
- 1955 - Richard Nixon becomes the first US Vice President to preside over a cabinet meeting
- 1963 - Sarawak achieves independence from British colonial rule
- 1969 - USSR launches Sputnik 50 & Molniya 1-12 communications satellite
- 1971 - Sudanese military counter-coup under premier Numeiry
- 1987 - Soyuz TM-3 launched with 3 cosmonauts (1 Syrian)
- 1987 - US began escorting re-flagged Kuwaiti tankers in Persian Gulf
- 1988 - 500 US scientists pledge to boycott Pentagon germ-warfare research
- 1992 - Soyuz TM-15 launches
- 1993 - Soyuz TM-17 lands
- 1994 - 23rd & last part of Comet Shoemaker-Levy hit Jupiter (since July 16th)
- 1995 - Space shuttle STS-70 (Discovery 20), lands
- 1997 - The second Blue Water Bridge opens between Port Huron, Michigan and Sarnia, Ontario.

From KO Archives

Turned Down VP's Post For NC's Sake: Farooq

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The chief patron of the National Conference, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, today disclosed that to ensure the victory of his party in the coming elections he had turned down the offer of becoming the vice-president of the country.

Addressing a public function in Hazratbal, Dr. Abdullah said that cross border efforts were on resolve the issue "though the peace process was temporarily stalled because of the recent events in Pakistan."

He said that everyone would have to extend co-operation to strengthen the peace process to restore peace in the state.

"I was offered the post of the vice-president of the country, but I turned it down because I want to strengthen my party and see it victorious in the coming elections," he said.

He said that the offer had been made by the central government when he was in Delhi, but during consultation with his party colleagues on his return he was advised that the party needed him in the forthcoming elections

"My colleagues told me that in the 2002 election I had stayed away from the party and the state because of presidential aspirations, and that had contributed to the NC's defeat," he said.

He said that the NC had not taken any decision so far in joining the emerging Third Front at the Centre. "The final decision will be taken by the executive committee which is meeting on July 17," he said. Criticising the coalition government on the law and order situation, Dr. Abdullah said that all sorts of slogans were being used to fool the public while no attention was being paid to development and the multitude of issues facing the people.

(Kashmir Observer, 22 July, 2007)

Office Of The Authorized Officer Divisional Forest Officer Jehlum Valley Forest Division Baramulla

NOTICE

It is by medium of this notice hereby informed that the below mentioned cases are under trail as per Section 52-IFA-1927 in the Authorized Court. Now, the hearing of the said cases has been fixed on 22nd of August 2023 at 10.30 A.M in case, anyone having any

S.No	Type	Registration No	Date of seizure	Seized by	Particulars	Remarks
1	Maruti Van	DL-ICE/0466	14.07.2006	Police Station Kreeri	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
2	Auto load carrier	JK05A/3777	14.09.2008	Range Officer Doabgah	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
3	Truck	JK01A/2432	27.11.2009	Range Officer Doabgah	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
4	Truck	JK01A/7147	20.03.2010	SHO Sheeri	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
5	Tractor	JK05B/1382	07.06.2010	SHO Chandooosa	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
6	LP Truck	HR64/0226	22.03.2011	SHO Baramulla	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
7	Truck	JK08B/0544	17.10.2016	SHO Sheeri	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
08	Tata Magic Van	Ch.No 29575	18.01.2018	SHO Baramulla	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
09	Tata Mobile	JK01Q/1157	22.11.2018	Range Officer Bla	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
10	Tata Mobile	JK05B/1238	01.01.2019	Range Officer Doabgah	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
11	Tata Mobile	JK05G/5482	29.04.2020	SHO Boniyar	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
12	Tata Mobile	JK05A/2267	16.02.2021	Range Officer Doabgah	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
13	LP Truck	JK02U/3985	27.11.2021	Range Officer Bla	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
14	TATA Tiago Car	JK05H/1768	27.11.2021	Range Officer Bla	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
15	Tractor	40955B055400102 2275482	30.06.2022	Range Officer Baramulla	Vehicle/timber under trail	-
16	TATA SUMO	JK05A/1599	19.06.2017	SHO Sheeri	Vehicle / MFP under trial	-

Authorized officer,
Divisional Forest Officer,
JV Forest Division Baramulla

DIPK-5582/23
dated: 21-07-2023

Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited
Impaired Assets Portfolio Management Department(IAPMD)
Zonal Office Srinagar
M.A. Road Srinagar
Kashmir-190001

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Possession Notice
Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas Mr. Parvez Ahmad Shalla, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 09/05/2023 thereby calling upon M/s Global International. Through its proprietor- Mr. Showkat Ahmad Khan S/o Fazul Rehman Khan R/o D 8A Housing Colony Rawalpora Sanat Nagar Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir (Borrower/Mortgagor), Mrs. Zubaida Khan W/o Showkat Ahmad Khan R/o D 8A Housing Colony Rawalpora Sanat Nagar Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir (Mortgagor/Guarantor), Mr. Tariq Ahmad Dar S/o Mr. Mohammad Ramzan Dar R/o Tilwanpora Padshahi Bagh Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir (Guarantor), Mr. Aabid Nisar Dar S/o Mr. Nisar Ahmad Dar R/o Tilwanpora Padshahi Bagh Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir to repay an amount of Rs. 1,10,46,478.37 (Rupees One Crore Ten Lacs Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight And Paise Thirty Seven Only) being the balance outstanding as on 30.04.2023 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower have deposited Rs 5,00 lacs on 22/05/2023 (Rupees Five Lacs Only) and failed to repay the rest of the amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 18th day of July, 2023. The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to Rs. 1,07,82,405.37 (Rupees One Crore Seven Lacs Eighty Two Thousand Four Hundred Five And Paise Thirty Seven Only) being balance outstanding as on 30.06.2023 together with future interest thereon from 01.07.2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property
(As per the schedule provided in mortgage deed/latest particulars including any accreditations)

A. Registered Mortgage of land measuring 02 kanals falling Under Khasra no: 79, Khata no: 847 khawat no: 121 Situated in Mouza Ranbirghar Partabgarh Tehsil/District Srinagar standing in the name of Mr. Showkat Ahmad Khan S/o Fazlu Rehman Khan R/o D 8A Housing Colony Rawalpora Sanat Nagar Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir. The Property is located in Shalteng Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir.

B. Equitable mortgage of residential house along with land measuring 16 marlas & 28 sft falling under Khasra no: 3007/404 (O5M), Khasra no: 3011/411 (O6M & 221 sft) both of Khata no.904 & Khasra no.2936/412 (4M & 79 sft) of Khata no. 949 all of Khawat no.190 situated in Estate Rawalpora Tehsil Chanapora & District Srinagar, standing in the name of Mrs. Zubaida W/o Showkat Ahmad.

(Parvez Ahmad Shalla)
Authorized Officer

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DIPK-NB-2136/23 dated: 21-07-2023

Yasin Malik Appears in SC: 'He Could Have Been Killed', Says SG



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta wrote to Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Friday flagging a "serious security lapse" after Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief Yasin Malik, serving life term in Tihar jail, was brought to the Supreme Court for attending a case proceeding.

"It is my firm view that this is serious security lapse. A person with terrorist and secessionist background like Yasin Malik who is not only a convict in terror funding case but has known connections with terror organisations in Pakistan could have escaped, could have been forcibly taken away or could have been killed," Mr Mehta wrote.

He said that even the security of the Supreme Court would have been put to a serious risk if any untoward incident were to happen.

Mr Mehta highlighted that there is an order passed by the

Ministry of Home Affairs with regard to Malik under section 268 of the Criminal Code of Procedure which prevents the jail authorities to bring the said convict out of the jail premises for security reasons.

"In any view of the matter so long as the order under section 268 of CrP Code subsists, jail authorities had no power to bring him out of jail premises nor did they have any reason to do so," he said, adding, "I consider this to be a matter serious enough to once again bring it to your personal notice so that suitable action/steps can be taken at your end."

Malik appeared in the top court when a bench headed by Justice Surya Kant was hearing an appeal filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against the September 20, 2022 order of a trial court in Jammu in the 1989 kidnapping of Rubaiya Sayeed, the daughter of then Union home minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

Before Parading Women Naked, Manipur Mob Killed Many, Torched Homes: Police Report

Press Trust of India

IMPHAL: The FIR registered in connection with the parading of two women naked in Manipur, charged that before kidnapping them, a group of armed men came to the village in Kangpokpi district and torched and looted houses, attacked people killing many besides sexually assaulting women.

The FIR, a copy of which is available with Press Trust of India, claimed that one person was killed by the mob as he tried to protect his sister from being raped on May 4 before the two were paraded naked and molested in front of others.

"Around 900-1000 persons carrying sophisticated weapons like AK rifles, SLR, INSAS and .303 rifles forcefully entered our village... in Island subdivision, Kangpokpi district, about 68 km south from Saikul police station.

"The violent mob vandalised all the houses and burnt them to the ground after looting all the moveable properties," the FIR lodged at Saikul police station claimed.

They took away cash, furniture, electronic items, foodgrains, furniture and cattle heads, it said.

The mob also snatched away five people who were rescued by police personnel from a nearby forest, the FIR claimed, according to Press Trust of India.



The police arrested four people in connection with parading the women naked and molesting them a day after a video showing their humiliation surfaced on July 19. The arrests were made a day after the video surfaced, the complaint in this connection was lodged around a month ago - June 21 - at Saikul police station in Kangpokpi district.

Meanwhile, the husband of one of two women paraded naked and molested by a group of men is a Kargil war veteran who rued that though he protected the country but could not save his wife.

"I fought for the nation in the Kargil war and was also in Sri Lanka as part of the Indian Peace Keeping Force. I protected the nation but am dejected that I could not protect my wife and fellow villagers," he told a local news channel.

He said that on the fateful

May 4 morning, a mob burnt down several houses in the locality, disrobed the two women and made them walk on the village paths in front of people.

"Police were present but took no action. I want that all those people who burnt the houses and humiliated the women get exemplary punishment," he said.

More than 150 people have lost their lives, and several injured since ethnic violence broke out in the state on May 3, when a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in the Imphal Valley, while tribals, which include Nagas and Kukis, constitute 40 per cent and reside mostly in the hill districts.

Muslim-Majority Nations Express Outrage, Plan Protests Over Quran Desecration In Sweden



Press Trust of India

Muslim-majority nations expressed outrage on Friday at the desecration of a copy of the Quran in Sweden. Some prepared for street demonstrations following midday prayers to show their anger.

In Iran, Iraq and Lebanon, protesters planned demonstrations after Swedish police permitted a protest Thursday in which an Iraqi Christian living in Stockholm kicked and stood on a Quran, Islam's holy book, outside of the Iraqi Embassy.

Hours before that, demonstrators in Baghdad broke into the Swedish Embassy and lit a fire to show their anger at his threats to burn the book.

Iraqi Prime Minister Shia al-Sudani has ordered the expulsion of the Swedish ambassador from Iraq and the withdrawal of the Iraqi charge d'affaires from Sweden.

But that may not be enough to calm those angered, and another protest in Baghdad is

planned for Friday afternoon.

In neighboring Iran, demonstrators also planned to take to the streets. Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian has written a letter to the United Nations secretary-general over the Quran desecration and has summoned the Swedish ambassador.

We consider the Swedish government responsible for the outcome of provocation reactions from the world's Muslims, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said.

The man in Stockholm also wiped his feet with a picture of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei during his demonstration and did similar to a photo of Iraqi Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, a powerful leader there.

Lebanon's Shiite militant group Hezbollah also called for a demonstration Friday afternoon. Khamenei and Iran's theocracy serve as Hezbollah's main sponsor.

Reached Out 3 Times, No Response From Manipur Authorities: Women's Panel

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: National Commission for Women (NCW) Chairperson Rekha Sharma today said she had reached out thrice in the last three months to authorities in Manipur over incidents of violence against women but no response was received from them.

She was responding to reports in a section of the media that claimed the commission had on June 12 received a complaint about the incident of two women being paraded naked on May 4 in the ethnic violence-hit northeastern state but had not taken any action. The May 4 video surfaced online on July 19.

Ms Sharma denied receiving any report of the incident and said she took suo motu cognisance of the incident on Friday after the video surfaced and sought explanation from authorities on the matter.

However, the NCW chief said that she had received other complaints regarding



women issues and for that she had reached out thrice to authorities in Manipur but no response was received from them.

She also shared the letters sent to authorities in the state.

Ms Sharma had written to them over complaints of incidents of violence against women.

"We had to verify the authenticity, and also the complaints were not from Manipur, some were not even from India. We reached out to authorities but no response was received from them but then we took suo motu cognisance when the video (of women being paraded naked) went viral yesterday," Ms Sharma said.

The letters were written on

May 18, May 29 and June 19.

Tension mounted in the hills of Manipur after the May 4 video surfaced on Wednesday showing two women from one of the warring communities being paraded naked by a group of men from the other side.

Four people have been arrested in connection with the incident, official sources in Imphal said on Thursday night, as the 26-second video capturing the ordeal of the two tribal women a day after ethnic violence erupted in the northeastern state on May 3 stoked a nationwide outrage.

The horrific footage surfaced only on Wednesday and became viral after the internet ban was lifted.

More than 160 people have lost their lives, and several have been injured since ethnic violence broke out in the state on May 3 when a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Manipur Video: Ex-Army Man Rues He Could Not Save Wife From Being Paraded Naked

Press Trust of India

IMPHAL: The husband of one of two women paraded naked and molested by a group of men in Manipur is a Kargil war veteran who rued that though he protected the country but could not save his wife from being humiliated.

The incident which sparked condemnation countrywide came to light when a video shot on May 4 surfaced on Wednesday night.

The husband had served the Indian Army as a Subedar of the Assam Regiment. "I fought for the nation in the Kargil war and was also in Sri Lanka as part of the Indian Peace Keeping Force. I protected the nation but am dejected that after my retirement, I could not protect my home, my wife and fellow villagers... I am sad, depressed," he told a Hindi news channel.

He said that on the fateful May 4 morning, a mob burnt down several houses in the locality, dis-



robed the two women and made them walk on the village paths in front of people.

"Police were present but took no action. I want that all those people who burnt the houses and humiliated the women get exemplary punishment," he said.

Four people have been arrested in connection with the case on Thursday, a day after the video surfaced.

"The State Police is making all-out efforts to arrest the other culprits at the earliest. Raids are continuing," the Manipur Police

said in a Twitter post.

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Actor Vivek Oberoi Cheated Of ₹1.5 Crore To Produce Film That Never Was

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Bollywood actor Vivek Oberoi was allegedly cheated of ₹1.55 crore by three persons who asked him to invest in an event and film production firm promising good returns but used the money for themselves, police said today.

The incident came to light on Wednesday when the actor's chartered accountant filed a complaint against the trio in the MIDC police station in Andheri east, an official said.

According to the complaint, the three accused, including a film producer, were business partners of the actor and had asked him to invest money in an event and film production firm, he said.

The actor invested ₹1.55 crore in the project but the accused persons used the invested money for themselves, he said. The actor's wife was also a partner in the firm, the official said.

A first information report (FIR) has been registered against the three under Indian Penal Code sections 34 (common intention), 409 (criminal breach of trust), 419 (cheating by personation) and 420 (cheating), he said.



Supreme Court Disposed Nearly 26,000 Cases So Far This Year: Centre

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has disposed of nearly 26,000 cases so far this year while the 25 high courts have settled over 5.23 lakh cases, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal informed Lok Sabha on Friday.

On Thursday, the minister had informed Rajya Sabha that cases pending in various courts in the country had crossed the five-crore mark.

Citing data from the Supreme Court's Integrated Case Management Information System (ICMIS), Meghwal, in a written reply in Lok Sabha, said the top court had settled 25,959 cases till July 15 this year.

The 25 high courts disposed of 5,23,338 cases till July 17 this year, he said, citing National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) data.

Mr Meghwal said the disposal of pending cases in

courts is within the domain of the judiciary.

"No time frame has been prescribed for disposal of various kinds of cases by the respective courts. The government has no direct role in disposal of cases in courts," he said.

He said timely disposal of cases in courts depends on several factors, including availability of adequate number of judges and judicial officers, supporting court staff and physical infrastructure, complexity of facts involved, nature of evidence, cooperation of stakeholders -- Bar, investigation agencies, witnesses and litigants, and proper application of rules and procedures.

In his written reply in Rajya Sabha on Thursday, Meghwal had said over 5.02 crore cases were pending in various courts -- Supreme Court, 25 high courts and subordinate courts.



Varanasi Court Orders ASI To Survey Gyanvapi Mosque, Conduct Excavations If Needed

Press Trust of India

VARANASI: A court here on Friday directed the Archaeological Survey of India to conduct a "detailed scientific survey"—including excavations, wherever necessary—to determine if the Gyanvapi mosque located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple is built upon a temple.

The mosque's 'wazukhana', where a structure claimed by Hindu litigants to be a 'shilving' exists, will not be part of the survey—following an earlier Supreme Court order protecting that spot in the complex.

District judge A K Vishvesh directed the ASI to submit a report to the court by August 4, along with videos and photographs of survey proceedings.

"The Director of ASI is also directed to conduct a detailed scientific investigation by using GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) survey, excavation, dating method and other modern techniques of the present structure to find out as to

whether same has been constructed over a pre-existing structure of Hindu temple," the order said.

It specifically directed the use of GPR technology for survey "just below the three domes of the building in question", and to conduct an excavation there "if required".

Hindu activists, who claim that a temple existed earlier at the site and was demolished in the 17th century on the orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, hailed the court order.

A throng of people outside the court received the news with slogans of "Har Har Mahadev".

The court had on July 14 reserved its order after hearing both the Hindu and Muslim sides.

The petition filed by the Hindu group, seeking the right to regular worship of sculptures of Hindu deities on the mosque's outer wall, had sought court directions to the ASI to survey the complex.

"Not Till September 4": What Centre Told High Court On New Rules For Fake News

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: The Centre today informed the Bombay High Court that it won't notify till September 4 the 'Fact Check Unit' (FCU) under the recently amended Information Technology (IT) Rules to flag fake content on social media against the government.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta sought a division bench of Justices Gautam Patel and Neela Gokhale to adjourn the earlier dates set by the court for the Centre to put forth its arguments justifying the new IT Rules.

The bench has been hearing a bunch of petitions challenging the amended IT Rules. Stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra, the Editors Guild of India and the Association of Indian Magazines have filed petitions in the high court against the Rules, terming them arbitrary and unconstitutional and claiming that they would have a chilling effect on the fundamental rights of citizens.

The petitioners' advocates have completed their arguments after which the court posted the matter on July 27 and 28 for Mr Mehta to argue.

Mr Mehta today sought the court to post the matter at the end of August.

"My difficulty is that the constitutional bench of the Supreme Court will commence



hearing arguments in matters pertaining to Article 370 (which gave a special status to Jammu and Kashmir) from August 2. I need to make some preparations for that," Mr Mehta said.

The bench agreed and posted the petitions for hearing on August 31 and September 1.

Mr Mehta said the statement made by the Union government that the FCU would not be notified shall stand extended till September 4.

In April this year, after the petitions were filed, the Centre had told the court that it would not notify the FCU till July. This month, the statement came to be extended from time to time when the court started hearing arguments in the pleas.

On April 6 this year, the Union government promulgated certain amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, including a provision for a fact-checking unit to flag fake, false or misleading online content related to the government.

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Mehbooba, Omar Attack BJP On Manipur Issue

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Friday attacked the BJP over two women being paraded naked in violence-hit Manipur, saying it was "shedding crocodile tears" over an incident that has shocked the world.

She also targeted the party over rape convict and Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh being granted a 30-day parole and the alleged sexual harassment of wrestlers.

"On the heels of (the) BJP shedding crocodile tears on a gruesome incident that shocked the world, a prowling predator who takes advantage of female wrestlers is granted anticipatory bail. Another rapist masquerading as a god-man is released on parole. The message from the ruling party is clear -- 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' isn't worth fighting against sexual molesters who secure (the) BJP's political interests," People's Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba said in a tweet.

A Delhi court on Thursday granted regular bail to outgoing Wrestling Federation of India chief and BJP MP Brij



Bhushan Sharan Singh in a case of sexual harassment of women wrestlers. On the same day, Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh -- who is serving a 20-year jail term for raping two of his disciples -- walked out of the Sunaria jail in Haryana's Rohtak district after being granted a 30-day parole for the second time this year.

Meanwhile, Omar Abdullah, the National Conference vice-president, hit out at BJP leader Dilip Ghosh for his remarks that the opposition was bringing up baseless issues to disrupt the Parliament.

"For the BJP what is happening in Manipur is a 'baseless issue'," Abdullah said on Twitter.

Speaking before the beginning of the Monsoon session on Thursday, BJP leader Ghosh said, "Whenever the Parliament session is about to start, they (opposition parties) bring up baseless issues to disrupt the House."

Polytechnic Students Complete Training Course At DIPR



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A batch of 7 students of Office Management and Computer Application course, from Women's Polytechnic, Bemina, Srinagar, under the supervision of Project Coordinator Raziya Majeed, on Friday, completed 15 days on the job training course at the Divisional Office of Information Department Kashmir.

The training programme commenced from July 7, 2023 and during this period the students were imparted training about the functioning of different wings of the department including Divisional Office, PR Section, Field Publicity Wing and Cultural Unit.

During the training, the students were acquainted with the official procedure, file handling, file maintenance,

receipt, dispatch, note writing, handling of different computer software applications, being used in the department, grading of documents, e-mail, budgeting, accounting, biometric attendance, EPM, job of PA and personal section etc.

They were also given a demonstration of the working of technical Units of the department like photo Unit and Field Publicity Wing, as to how the officials of these sections are carrying out their duties while on job outside the office.

The batch of students, who participated in the training course, are Ifra JanRaqibah Masood, Insha Afzal, Daraksha Altaf, Shaziya Yaqoob, Bushra Aslam and. Aabro Yusuf. All the students showed keen interest in learning new skills of office procedure and practices.

Manasbal Lake Festival Held To Attract Domestic, Foreign Tourists

Observer News Service

MANSBAL: The picturesque valley of Manasbal witnessed the grand inauguration of the Manasbal Festival-2023, as the Secretary of Tourism, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, reaffirmed the government's commitment to boost tourism in the region.

The festival aims to showcase the mesmerizing beauty of Manasbal and attract both national and international tourists to this magnificent destination.

Speaking at the event, Secretary Tourism, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, highlighted the significance of the Manasbal Festival in promoting tourism in the region. He emphasized that this unique festival is a stepping stone towards projecting Manasbal as a prime tourist spot.

He said that Yehya department is committed to unveiling the hidden gems of Jammu & Kashmir to the world, and the Manasbal Festival plays a pivotal role in achieving this goal.

"With its enthralling landscape and abundant water sports opportunities, Manasbal is becoming increasingly popular among tourists. The festival has seen a massive influx of water sports enthusiasts from across India, further contributing to the region's growth in tourism."

Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob Farooq, Deputy Directors Tourism Kashmir, Chief Executive Officer, Wullar-Manasbal Development Authority and other concerned accompanied the Secretary during his visit.

He revealed that the Tour-

ism Department's ambitious plan for the fiscal year includes targeting 300 new destinations, and Manasbal is a proud addition to this list.

Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah also highlighted the strategic location of Manasbal on the axis between Sonamarg and Baltal, making it potentially attractive to the pilgrims visiting the revered Amarnath Cave Shrine. With its scenic landscapes and tranquil environment, Manasbal offers a serene retreat for visitors.

During the inauguration, Secretary Tourism declared open a plethora of water sports activities, setting the stage for an adrenaline-filled extravaganza. Participants from different states exhibited their skills, showcasing the diversity of talent and passion for water sports in India.

MeT Predicts More Rains In J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Weather department here on Friday predicted generally cloudy with possibility of light to moderate rain at many places of Poonch and Rajouri besides at scattered places elsewhere in Jammu and Kashmir during next 24 hours.

"Heavy rain is likely at some places of Poonch, Rajouri and Reasi districts," a meteorological department official said.

He said intermittent light to moderate rain and thunder-shower was expected at many places of Jammu and at scattered places of Kashmir on July 22.

The weather department said that there is risk of "flash flood and mudslides" at vulnerable places of Poonch and Rajouri today.

"People are advised to remain



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cautious and stay away from Streams, Rivers and other vulnerable spots," the official added.

Regarding rainfall in the last 24 hours till 0830 hours today, he said, Srinagar received 0.1mm, Qazigund traces, Pahalgam 5.3mm, Kupwara 2.7mm, Gulmarg 2mm, Jammu 0.2mm, Bhandarwah 33.4mm

and Batote 1.6mm.

Regarding the minimum temperature today, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 21.7°C, Qazigund 19.8°C, Pahalgam 16.0°C, Kupwara 16.2°C, Koker-nag 19.3°C, Gulmarg 14.3°C, Jammu 27.0°C, Banihal 20.6°C, Batote 20.4°C, Katra 23.2°C and Bhandarwah 18.6°C. (GNS)

AMARNATH YATRA

Devotee Embarks With Trident From Lucknow Temple

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Carrying a seven-foot trident from the Mankameshwar Temple in Lucknow as a symbol of unwavering devotion, Mohit Kashyap is embarking on his fifth Amarnath Yatra. He is leading a group of 30 devotees that will pay homage at the cave shrine of Lord Shiva.

"Every year, I embark on this journey to pay obeisance to the sacred ice lingam of Lord Shiva to seek blessings," he told PTI.

Tradition plays a pivotal role in Kashyap's journey. He carries a trident from the Mankameshwar Temple as a symbol of his unwavering devotion.

"This practice has been followed year after year, signifying the bond between the devotees and their faith," he said.



Joined by a group of fellow pilgrims, Kashyap and his companions have been embarking on the pilgrimage for years.

"Together, we brave the demanding terrain and overcome the physical hurdles," Narinder Kumar, a member of the group, said.

"This journey unites the

devotees in their shared purpose, forging an unbreakable bond," he added.

According to Kashyap, "The journey stands as a testament to the power of spirituality and the enduring human spirit."

Much like Kashyap, Madhya Pradesh seer Keshav Dass has embarked on the pilgrimage with a mace.

Dass is in the final phase of his 10-year pilgrimage, carrying the mace to all ancient temples.

"This is probably the last major pilgrimage centre of India where I will be paying obeisance. I have been on a perennial pilgrimage to major shrines and temples in India for the past one decade," Dass said. Dass has already visited the 12 Jyotirlingas and other shrines.

Over 3 Lakh Pilgrims Perform Darshan In 21 Days

SRINAGAR: Over 3 lakh pilgrims have paid obeisance at the Amarnath cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas in the first 21 days of the yatra, higher than the corresponding period last year, officials said on Friday.

They, however, did not share the figure for the corresponding period last year.

The officials said 13,797 pilgrims visited the shrine for a 'darshan' of the natu-

rally formed ice Shivalingam on Friday. With this, the total number of pilgrims who have visited the shrine so far this year has climbed to 3,07,354.

Last year, more than 3.65 lakh pilgrims had visited the shrine, according to official data.

Several foreign nationals were among the pilgrims who undertook the yatra this year. Two US citizens, a Ukrainian woman, a group of 35 Nepali citizens and

a group of 30 Malaysians are among those who have visited the cave shrine so far.

Ace shutter Saina Nehwal and Bollywood actor Sara Ali Khan also undertook the yatra this year.

Thirty-four people, including security personnel, have died during the yatra so far this year, the officials said.

The 62-day annual Amarnath Yatra started on July 1 and will conclude on August 31.

Rs 41k Fine Imposed On Erring Traders At Shopian

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: The Court of Adjudicating Officer, Additional District Magistrate Shopian, Yar Ali Khan on Friday imposed a fine of Rs 41,200 on Food Business Operators (FBOs) including manufacturers, wholesale dealers and retailers.

The fine was imposed for violation of the sec 51 and 52 of FSS Act-2006 as the erring traders restored to violations by selling misbranded and sub standard food.

The proceedings of various blocks of the district related to the Food Safety and Standards Act-2006 were listed before the Adjudicating Officer.

The Adjudicating Officer also warned them to abide by the legal regulations adding that non-compliance of Food Safety and Standards Act and rules by the food business operators of the district will be dealt with more strictly in coming time.

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DIVISION KASHMIR, J&K SPORTS COUNCIL, SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
Tender Notice: E-NIT No:32 of 2023-24
DAT ED: 20.07.2023

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible bidders registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work:-

S. No	Name of work	Adv cost (Rs. in lacs)	Class of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of Tender documents	Administrative Approval No. & date	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Development of Play field at Pandithpora Langate by way of 02 Dugouts, 01 Competition Pitch and 01 Practice pitch	40.00	AAY/BEE Class	Rs. 80,000/-	Rs.1050 /-	Sports Council Order No: 542 of 2023 dt: 03.07.2023	120 days

Position of Fund = Under Capex 2023-24
 Position of TS = Accorded

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

1. Date of issue of Tender Notice.	20.07.2023
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents	20.07.2023 from 4.00 PM to 03.08.2023 upto 4.00PM.
3. Bid Submission Start Date.	24.07.2023 from 10.00 AM
4. Bid submission End Date.	03.08.2023 upto 04.00 PM
5. Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)	04.08.2023 at 10.00 AM in the office of Ex. Engineer, Const. Division Kashmir, J&K Sports Council at Administrative Block, Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar. (or any convenient date)

- The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into the bank account by the bidder for which the following information can be used by the bidder. (No Demand Draft shall be entertained).

1) Name of Bank	=	J&K Bank Ltd.
2) Account Title	=	Executive Engineer, Construction Div. Kmr, JKSC
3) Account No	=	CDG-0365010200000842
4) Branch	=	Lal Mandi
5) IFSC Code	=	JAKAOSBOARD

The bidders must upload the scanned copy of bank payment acknowledgment slip.

- Hard Copy shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as Lowest Bidder (L1) after opening of Financial Bids.

DIPK-NB-2141-23
 DT: 21/07/2023

Ex. Engineer, CDK
 J&K Sports Council
 Srinagar

TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF TRAIN

For the convenience of rail passengers, Railways have decided to extend the service of 19226/19225 Jammu Tawi - Jodhpur- Jammu Tawi Express upto/ from Bhagati Ki Kothi on temporary basis for a period of 30 days w.e.f. 23.07.2023. The timings of this train service will be as under:-

19226 Jammu Tawi - Jodhpur- Bhagati Ki Kothi Express Train				19225 Bhagati Ki Kothi - Jodhpur - Jammu Tawi Express Train			
Existing Timings		Revised Timings		Existing Timings		Revised Timings	
Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.
--	21:00	--	21:00	Jammu Tawi	06:20	--	06:20
20:00	--	19:50	20:00	Jodhpur Jn.	--	06:45	06:45
--	--	20:30	--	Bhagati Ki Kothi	--	--	06:20

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Article 370 Case Hearing

Framing the issue in terms of party politics alone detracts from the understanding of what the case about the revoked constitutional provision represents now

RIYAZ WANI

“As a result of this deferral, the holding of Assembly elections in J&K might be delayed indefinitely. However, there remains a possibility that a decision on the case could be reached later this year, potentially leading to the polls happening sooner than expected

After four years, the Supreme Court has finally decided to hear the Article 370 petitions every day from August 2. Incidentally, the decision to do so came shortly after a team of judges visited Jammu and Kashmir. The timing of the hearings is also significant for another reason: it will be only nine months before the general elections. So, the BJP will be interested in the case being decided during this period and in its favour. This will be a shot in its arm just before the polls which it is already favourite to win.

But the party will also be aware that being the favourite doesn't necessarily translate into a definite win. In 2003, the favourably placed Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government failed to secure a second term despite running a high-decibel Shining India campaign which appeared to resonate with people. So, ideally the BJP may not like the case about Article 370 passing into the hands of a successor government, should that be of an opposition party or a broader alliance of anti-BJP parties. They may choose not to defend the case as aggressively as the BJP does.

This is but only one way of looking at the issue. That said, it would be very interesting to see how a non-BJP government would approach the case, should it by any chance succeed the saffron party. Would it be lukewarm in its defence? And if so, will it be politically easy for it to do so? There is no clear-cut answer as of now. The questions belong to a future that may or may not pan out.

But the BJP has every reason to be mindful of what might happen should it lose the power in May 2024. So, the party would prefer if a favourable decision on Article 370 comes along in the next nine months.

However, framing the issue in terms of party politics alone detracts from the understanding of what the case about Article 370 represents now. The reading down of the constitutional provision may have been on the BJP's agenda, but its opposition by the other parties has become more nuanced now. The past four years have witnessed emergence of a certain political and social consensus in India around the erasure of Article 370. One can't now find even the pretense of a

contrary view on the issue as a broad spectrum of regional and national parties deem that a large majority in the country supports the move. Whether this approach outlives the end of the BJP rule remains to be seen.

As things stand, the Modi government seems to have set a new Kashmir template which also aligns with India's core interests in Kashmir. The dominant perception outside Kash-

mir is that the region has been pacified. And it does appear so to the untrained eye. While the devil may lie in the details, it won't matter as long as the situation stays calm. Appearances may be deceptive, but it is the appearances that count.



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withdrawal of Article 370 is no longer just an attempt to restore peace, or to reign in separatists and keep Pakistan at bay, it is about resolving Kashmir on New Delhi's terms. And calm over the past four years has given New Delhi confidence that it is on track to achieve it. And in this pursuit, the powerful countries in the world seem to have played along with New Delhi. A grumbling Pakistan, on the other

hand, has chosen to watch the situation from the sidelines. Such far-reaching ramifications of the repeal of Article 370 has made the move far bigger than the fulfilment of the BJP's political agenda. In this situation, one can only wonder aloud as to how the court would approach the case. Would it go ahead and deliver

the judgment? Or will the case drag on for decades? Nothing can be said with certainty. There are other questions: For example, what would a favourable judgment entail for the BJP? And, of course, for the future of Jammu and Kashmir? What about Assembly elections? What about statehood? What about the hangover of the turmoil of the past three decades? What future shape would the situation in Kashmir take? Would there be a healing process? Their answers lie in the future.

Meanwhile, Kashmir has settled into a predictable routine of normalcy, a delicate balance that even the government is cautious about disrupting. This state of normalcy is making it easier for the central government to pursue its cherished political goals in the region. Hence perhaps the delay in holding Assembly elections. The initiation of the hearings has created a certain link between the holding of Assembly polls and the decision on a crucial case. Recently, the Supreme Court deferred the hearing on a plea seeking early assembly polls in J&K. The bench, comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha and Manoj Misra, chose to adjourn the matter, citing the upcoming hearing on petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370. The petition was filed by National Panthers Party leaders, Manju Singh, and Harsh Dev Singh, and it highlighted the pressing issue of "disenfranchisement" faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir. As a result of this deferral, the holding of Assembly elections in J&K might be delayed indefinitely. However, there remains a possibility that a decision on the case could be reached later this year, potentially leading to the polls happening sooner than expected.

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While India has more than 30 strategic partnerships with various countries, it would be misleading to say that they all are of the same significance. Two questions are crucial in this context. One, is it a full-spectrum strategic partnership? Two, has the strategic partnership in question stood the test of time? Measured against these two criteria, the Franco-Indian strategic partnership comes out on top. The Franco-Indian partnership spans the full spectrum of what may be considered strategic — defence, space, climate change, critical technologies and people-to-people ties. More importantly, France has stood by India through thick and thin from the time the strategic partnership was first established in 1998.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has just concluded a hugely significant visit to France. For once, words like "unprecedented" and "historic" used are not just hyperbole. This was after all France, so of course, there was pomp and circumstance. France bestowed on PM Modi the highest civilian honour. Our tri-services contingent, which marched past Champs-Elysees, must have made every Indian's heart swell with pride. Three documents, namely, the joint communique, the Horizon 2047 roadmap and the list of specific outcomes put out by the two sides is enough to overwhelm even the most inveterate policy wonk. Some have compared this visit to the one that PM Modi undertook to the US not so long ago. It should be obvious that the fact that PM Modi went to France so close on the heels of the US is the ultimate expression of India's strategic autonomy.

The defence sector always grabs attention at Franco-Indian summits and this was no exception. Key agreements: Safran, the French company

India's French Victory Shaping a Multipolar World

Mohan Kumar

and the DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) will jointly develop jet engines for the advanced medium combat aircraft. Again, Safran will co-develop with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited engines for the Indian multi-role helicopter programme. Submarines are proposed to be jointly built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders and the Naval Group of France. In all of the above, the main takeaway is this: Franco-Indian defence ties have truly moved from a mere buyer-seller model to that of jointly designing, developing and co-producing it in India. This is a paradigmatic shift from the French side in terms of willingness to part with know-how and state-of-the-art technology. France can genuinely claim that it is one strategic partner which more than ever is contributing substantially to a Bharat which is "aatmanirbhar". Questions have been raised about the fate of the 26 Rafale marine aircraft for INS Vikrant. This will, no doubt, happen in due course. For India, following the war in Ukraine, diversification is the name of the game in defence acquisition. It is becoming increasingly clear that France will play a huge role in this.

The Indo-Pacific, predictably enough, occupied centre stage in discussions between the two leaders. A roadmap has been agreed upon.

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France is not just a resident power in the Indian Ocean but has massive real estate in the form of La Reunion, New Caledonia and French Polynesia. It has a long Exclusive Economic Zone with 1.5 million citizens living there, not to mention bases in the Indo-Pacific. The roadmap already talks of cooperation being comprehensive and including the field of defence.

Joint exercises between the two countries, use of French military bases by Indian forces and achieving real-time maritime domain awareness in the Indian Ocean are of paramount importance for India. Plurilateral arrangements with Australia and UAE are alluded to. More than anything else, it is refreshing to note that while there is boilerplate language on a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific, the roadmap underlines the fact that Franco-Indian cooperation seeks to secure not just economic but also security interests. This roadmap should attract attention in Beijing where it is often argued that it is "Indian Ocean", not "India's Ocean"! From our perspective, it should be clear that while we are on our own on the land border with China, in the maritime space India can count significantly on France along with our Quad partners.

The trust developed between the two countries over the last 25 years has been unshakable. So, the divergence between the two countries on the war in Ukraine has not been allowed to jeopardise the remarkable development of their bilateral ties. There was a discussion at length between the two leaders on the situation in Ukraine in a spirit of mutual understanding of each other's positions. PM Modi would have benefitted enormously from the French assess-

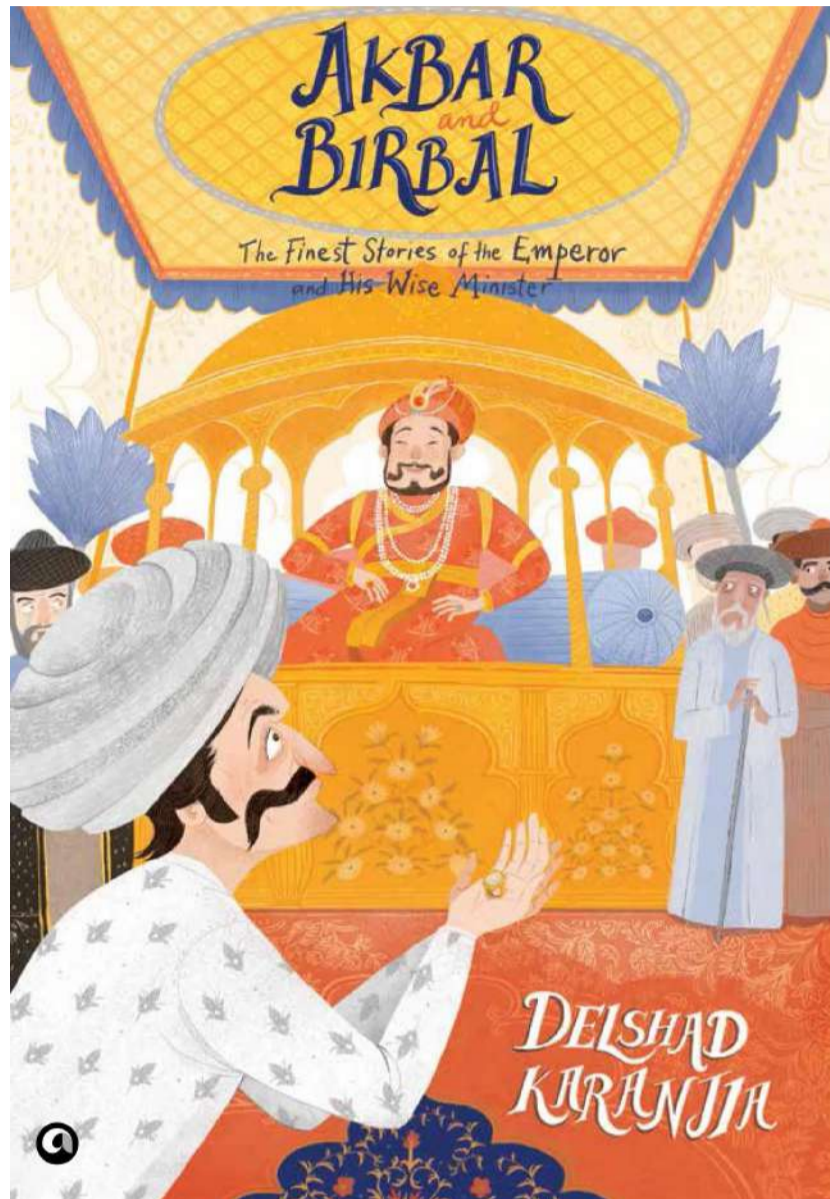
ment of the war in Ukraine in view of the forthcoming G20 summit to be chaired by India.

Franco-Indian cooperation on critical technologies, be it supercomputing, cloud computing, artificial intelligence and quantum technologies is crucial for India's future and may well determine the trajectory of the relations over the next 25 years. This will also give a fillip to the Indo-EU Trade and Technology Council, which has been slow to get off the blocks.

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In sum, France and India are essentially taking long-term bets on each other. These are two middle powers, one in Europe and the other in Asia, with a similar conception of the world. In effect, both countries follow an independent foreign policy and practise strategic autonomy, which they hope will enable them to shape a multipolar world. More crucially, both these powers realise that there is a much better chance of this happening if they work in close concert.

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EXCERPT CONDEMNING ALL SONS-IN-LAW

Delshad Karanjia

As she aged, Akbar became grumpier and cantankerous, occasionally passing hasty and imprudent judgements against anyone who upset him, including members of his family.

One day, it was his son-in-law's turn to incur the emperor's wrath. Akbar's eldest daughter had been married for more than a year and moved from Fatehpur Sikri to Delhi. Missing her terribly, the dotting father sent repeated requests to his son-in-law, inviting the couple to visit him, but his daughter's lazy husband always made some excuse to avoid the long journey to his father-in-law's palace.

Having received another negative response from his son-in-law that very morning, Akbar was in a rage. When Birbal asked him what the problem was, Akbar explained: 'My wretched son-in-law is the problem. I haven't seen my daughter for more than a year, and the arrogant scoundrel comes up with all kinds of excuses to prevent me from meeting her. He uses his business or health, or family issues as a pretext to avoid coming to Fatehpur Sikri, so I've sent him messages saying that if he cannot come, he could let my daughter visit. But he refuses.

Can you believe that he has the audacity to disregard my requests?'

Don't worry, Your Majesty, Birbal said. 'I will arrange for your daughter to be brought here?'

'I've already tried to do that several times, Birbal.

What makes you think that you can succeed where I have failed? My son-in-law is stubborn and possessive and flatly refuses to let my daughter travel without him. His behaviour is inexcusable. I think there is only one way to resolve the situation, Birbal. I want you to arrange for gallows to be erected in all available open spaces across my realm because I am issuing an order for all sons-in-law in my kingdom to be hanged!' Akbar announced, thumping his fist on the table in front of him.

Stunned by the emperor's rash decision, Birbal tried to dissuade him from taking such a drastic and unwise step, but Akbar was adamant. When attempts to pacify him only made him angrier, Birbal gave up and issued instructions for gallows to be set up across the kingdom.

Meanwhile, word of the emperor's command had spread throughout his empire, causing panic among the populace. Entire delegations approached Birbal in secret, pleading with him to persuade the emperor to change his mind.

'I'll try my best,' Birbal promised, even as the building of the gallows continued swiftly.

A week later, Birbal invited the emperor to inspect

the gallows that had been erected all over the city and even on the palace grounds. Akbar was pleased that his instructions were being followed. Well done, Birbal, he said. 'It will be a big relief when all the sons-in-law in my kingdom are eliminated.'

Turning a corner in the palace grounds, the emperor spotted two magnificent gallows, one made of gold and the other of silver. 'Who has given orders to put up those gallows in gold and silver? Akbar asked angrily. 'It is a senseless waste of money.'

'It seemed the proper thing to do', Birbal said softly.

'Proper?' Akbar thundered, flushed with rage. 'We are hanging sons-in-law here, not heads of state. For whom have you had these wastefully lavish gallows made?' The golden gallows is for you, Jahanpanah, and the silver one is for me', Birbal replied.

'Golden gallows for me? Who has the audacity to send me to the gallows?'

'It is by your own order, O Supreme Commander.

After all, you are also someone's son-in-law, as am I. How could we exempt ourselves from your decree? Tomorrow, as the most distinguished of sons-in-law in the realm, you must be the first one to be hanged, followed by your son-in-law, and then the others.'

Akbar was silent for a few moments.

To know more read *Akbar and Birbal: The Finest Stories of the Emperor and His Wise Minister* written by Delshad Karanjia

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Hassan Kak's Suroor

What a beautiful consolation Imam Hussain and his elegies are to people like Hassan Kak in this world

Arshad Hussain

Today, there was an amateur elegy reciter in Majlis not more than 20 years of age. In a bid to encourage him to stand up in the huge crowd to do the job of a tear jerker, I went forward to lend him my vocal support. He recited the elegy "Suroor" of which the opening line is, "Oh God I couldn't get the time to derive pleasure in praising you".

Well! I directed my gaze horizontally and saw Hassan Kak whose anecdote I had written 4 years ago. He is now suffering from stomach cancer. His story was abstractly whirling at the back of my mind. How he had been working from the age of 10 with a wage rate as minimum as 0.5 rupees and how when touched 60 years of age he was finally detected with stomach cancer. I remember how he would often tell me "Ba Thakus Wayen" (I am tired now) with this labour but there is no option either, I have to work.

Since his story was whirling and pecking at my brain, I saw Hassan Kak alerted. Yes, the Elegy reciter had reached that part of Marsiya where he was selling them the idea of salvation. It said that if you could shed tears to Ahlul Bayt, it will be the atonement of your errors and transgressions in this world.

Hassan Kak was least bothered — he was busy adjusting his skull cap and then the elegy reciter started to recall and relive the tragedy of Karbala. Hassan Kak was convulsing with weeping and with his head buried in his hands. Since the elegy reciter had already hinted that tears shed in the name of Imam Hussain is guarantee of "Shafaat" in the hereafter, I could feel Hassan Kak was thinking about himself. Thinking how the sands of the time are pouring fast against him and hence he wanted to send as much tears as he could, which would be of more worth than diamonds and pearls; later to be pawned against his minor and major errors in this world in the hereafter.

At one occasion Hassan Kak stood up, weeping and waving his hands in grief over the line in which Zakir was telling How Lady Zainab (ra) was straining with the weight of shackles all along the journey from Karbala to Syria? Since it is 5th of Muharram this day is dedicated in particular to toddler son of Imam Hussain (as), Ali Asgar who was not more than 6 months of age and he too was denied few sips of water from the shimmering river of euphrates where the wild animals would quench their thirst freely but was restricted and prohibited to young as Ali Asgar for the water.

Yes. A tragedy in itself. How soft hearts in our breasts can turn to stony ones. Elegy reciter continued about How Imam was digging the grave of his toddler son with the sword and was whispering to him the lullabies (Paanay Loul Gobras Kabri Sawanay). I again turned my gaze to Hassan Kak. He had his clenched fist against his eyes and was crying like anything as loud as he could, as if realising that his cancer is nothing in comparison with the pain of Imam Hussain.

When Majlis was called off, I followed Hassan Kak. Everyone was asking him Farki Cha? (feeling any better?) He was giving answers in the highest gaiety: Ahanzah! Farki Cham! (Yes, I'm better only). I observed Hassan Kak had kept his boots 10 meters apart from the pavement under the thick blade of grass. Call it the insecurity of Hassan Kak due to the imminent fear of losing a pair of shoes to the crowd who may trample it down or will nudge it to the nearby stream where it could be washed away.

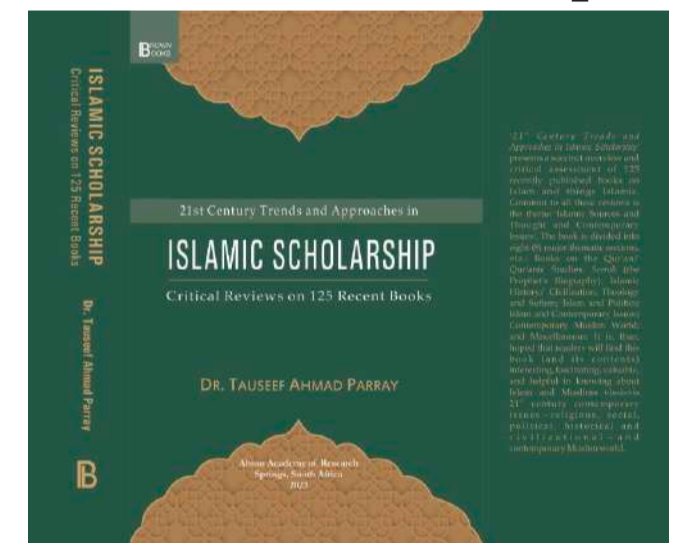
Hasan Kak was the only one who was wearing Pheran in the Majlis and I could sense he was leaving from the Majlis in the highest form of "Suroor"/contentment, despite being an ailing cancer patient.

What a beautiful consolation Imam Hussain and his elegies are to people like Hassan Kak in this world. It gives "Suroor" to them which was apparently the title of the said Marsiya.

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BOOK RELEASE

Trends and Approaches in Islamic Scholarship



- Title: 21st Century Trends and Approaches in Islamic Scholarship: Critical Reviews on 125 Recent Books
- Author: Dr Tauseef Ahmad Parry
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'21st Century Trends and Approaches in Islamic Scholarship' presents a succinct overview and critical assessment of 125 recently published books on Islam and things Islamic. Common to all these reviews is the theme Islamic Sources and Thought and Contemporary Issues. The book is divided into eight (8) major thematic sections, viz.: Books on the Quran/Quranic Studies; Seerah (the Prophets Biography); Islamic History/ Civilization; Theology and Sufism; Islam and Politics; Islam and Contemporary Issues; Contemporary Muslim World; and Miscellaneous. It is, thus, hoped that readers will find this book (and its contents) interesting, fascinating, valuable, and helpful in knowing about Islam and Muslims vis-à-vis 21st century contemporary issues—religious, social, political, historical and civilizational—and contemporary Muslim world.

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According to Dr. Junaid S. Ahmad, Prof. of Religion, Law and Global Politics; Senior Teaching/ Research Fellow, College of William & Mary, USA, "What we have in this manuscript is a monumental accomplishment from a rising star in the world of Islamic Studies scholarship. Dr. Tauseef has provided an incredible service to the world of Islamic Studies scholarship by this endeavor."

Omega-3 Fatty Acids May Boost Lung Health, Study Finds

Press Trust Of India

Omega-3 fatty acids, which are abundant in fish and fish oil supplements, may be beneficial for lung health, according to large, multi-faceted study in healthy adults.

The research, published recently in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, provides the strongest evidence to date of this association.

It underscores the importance of including omega-3 fatty acids in the diet, especially given that many Americans do not meet current guidelines, researchers said.

"We know a lot about the role of diet in cancer and cardiovascular diseases, but the role of diet in chronic lung disease is somewhat understudied," said corresponding author Patricia A. Cassano from Cornell University in the US.

"This study adds to growing evidence that omega-3 fatty acids, which are part of a healthy diet, may be important for lung health too," said Cassano said.

Past studies have suggested that omega-3 fatty acids may help, due largely to their established anti-inflammatory actions. However, robust studies of this association have been lacking, until now.



The researchers developed a two-part study investigating the link between omega-3 fatty acid levels in the blood and lung function over time.

In the first part, the researchers conducted a longitudinal, observational study involving 15,063 Americans from the NHLBI Pooled Cohorts Study -- a large collection of studies that helps re-

searchers to study determinants of personalised risk for chronic lung disease.

The participants studied were generally healthy when the study began, and the majority had no evidence of chronic lung disease. They comprised a racially diverse group of adults, with an average age of 56 years, and 55 per cent were female.



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The researchers followed participants for an average of seven years and up to 20 years.

The study showed that higher levels of omega-3 fatty acids in a person's blood were associated with a reduced rate of lung function decline.

The researchers observed the strongest associations for docosahexaenoic

acid (DHA), an omega-3 fatty acid that is found at high levels in fatty fish such as salmon, tuna, and sardines. DHA is also available as a dietary supplement.

In the second part, the researchers analysed genetic data from a large study of European patients (over 5 lakh participants) from the UK Biobank.

They studied certain genetic markers in the blood as an indirect measure, or proxy, for dietary omega-3 fatty acid levels to see how they correlated with lung health. The results showed that higher levels of omega-3 fatty acids -- including DHA -- were associated with better lung function.

One caveat of the current study is that it only included healthy adults, the researchers said. In addition to fish and fish oil, other sources of omega-3 fatty acids include nuts and seeds, plant oils, and fortified foods.

"This large population-based study suggests that nutrients with anti-inflammatory properties may help to maintain lung health," said James P. Kiley, director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) Division of Lung Diseases.

"More research is needed, since these findings raise interesting questions for future prospective studies about the link between omega-3 fatty acids and lung function," Kiley added.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the number plate of my vehicle bearing regd no: JK01A 0507. 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 ARTO Sopore within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ghulam Rasool Dar
S/o Ghulam Mohammad Dar
R/o Shalpora Ramber Grah Pratrab Grah Srinagar

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tender for prescribed for the undernoted STBA (Station Ticket Booking Agent) work.

S/N	Station	Code	Catg.	EMD required (In Rs.)	Tender form Cost (In Rs.)	Period of contract
1	Ram Nagar J & K	RMJK	NSG-6	2,000/-	1,180/-	One year

Bids will be received only in Sealed Packet in Commercial Branch, DRM Office, Firozpur Cantt. between 10:00 to 15:00 Hrs. on 14.08.2023. For further details please visit on Railway's website nri.in

No.: MC/47000/STBA/Policy/2022 Date: 14.07.2023 2245/2023

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No:- 34/3990-99/2023-24/RnB/Bla Dated 18.07.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest money (In Rs.)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contr actor	Major Head of Account	Project Authority	Position of AAA	Position of funds
1.	Construction of Nilsar Takiya Yousuf Shah road	48.74	97500/-	1100/-	60days	A&B	MH-5475-BADP	District Development Commissioner Baramulla	Accorded (No: 233/DDC of 2021)	Available
2.	Construction of link road from Kachwa Masjid Angan road	23.81	47700/-	800/-	30days	B&C	MH-5475-BADP	District Development Commissioner Baramulla	Accorded (No: 233/DDC of 2021)	Available
3.	Upgradation of Waripora Waz Mohalla-Paray Mohalla Freshthar road	34.12	68300/-	1100/-	45days	A&B	MH-5475-BADP	District Development Commissioner Baramulla	Accorded (No: 233/DDC of 2021)	Available

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

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	18.07.2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 19.07.2023 to 25.07.2023 4:00PM
3	Bid submission Start date	19.07.2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	25.07.2023 upto 4:00PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	26.07.2023 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla

- Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 mentioning there in the name of work/NIT No. in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.
- At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Baramulla.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
- The bidder shall be debarred for tendering process if:-
a) Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.
- Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Works executed/ under execution by the agency during the year 2022-23
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
- Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt in favour of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The tender receiving authority reserves the right of opening of the tenders on due date or any other convenient available date or rejecting any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the rates inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- Price escalation & taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work unless otherwise, specified deductions on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- In case of CRF & any other specified project the relevant guidelines/ standard bidding documents shall be followed
- Instructions to Bidder (ITB)
- All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria/ qualification information with their bids
a. Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of business.
b. Valid GST No. & Pan No. along with the latest GST Return form GSTR-3B of the preceding month, i.e. May/ Quarter (December-March) 2023.
c. Earnest money/bid security & tender document fee indicating name of work/NIT No. therein.
d. Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of works executed/ allotted/ under allotment by the agency during the year 2022-23.
- The bidders at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.
- Nonattendance of pre-bid meeting will not be cause of disqualification of the bidder.
- All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English language
- The contractor shall have to purchase the required material of approve brand (i.e. cement 43grade OPC, steel Fe-415) & specifications prescribed to be certified by Assistant Executive Engineer incharge after getting non-availability certificate from Executive Engineer & shall not be entitled for any type of excessive rates on this account and also shall have no bearing on stipulated date of completion & other terms and conditions of the contract.
- The tender/ bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill requirements as laid down in NIT.
- All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

No. 3990-99
DIPK-5507/23 Dated 21.07.2023

Executive Engineer
R&B Division Baramulla

GOVERNMENT OF UT JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Office Of The Executive Engineer

PCD (PHQ) J&K Jammu/ Srinagar

INVITING E-TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/38/2023-24 Dated: - 20-07-2023

Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGAR on behalf of The President of India invites tenders by e-tendering on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. / CPWD / Railways and other State / Central Governments for the following works.

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Remodeling/ Up-gradation of Police Station Domana Jammu under improvement of basic facilities Programme.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	28.93 lacs	2000/-	57860/-	120 working days	05-08-2023	"A", "B", & "C"
2	Remodeling/ Up-gradation of LSQ block at IRP 7 th Bn Ambgrota Jammu under improvement of basic facilities Programme.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	13.81 lacs	1000/-	27620/-	75 working days	05-08-2023	"A", "B", "C" & "D"
3	Remodeling/ Up-gradation of Main Gate HQ at IRP 7 th Bn Ambgrota Jammu under improvement of basic facilities Programme.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	14.51 lacs	1000/-	29020/-	75 working days	05-08-2023	"A", "B", & "C"
4	Remodeling/ Up-gradation of G.O's Mess at IRP 7 th Bn Ambgrota Jammu under improvement of basic facilities Programme.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	15.06 lacs	1500/-	30120/-	75 working days	05-08-2023	"A", "B", & "C"
5	Remodeling/ Up-gradation of Police Post Parg-wal Jammu under improvement of basic facilities Programme.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	16.53 lacs	1500/-	33060/-	75 working days	05-08-2023	"A", "B", & "C"
6	Remodeling/ Up-gradation of Police Station Kanachack Jammu under improvement of basic facilities Programme.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	21.73 lacs	2000/-	43460/-	90 working days	05-08-2023	"A", "B", & "C"
7	Remodeling/ Up-gradation of Police Post Panjthirthi Jammu under improvement of basic facilities Programme.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	10.94 lacs	1000/-	21880/-	75 working days	05-08-2023	"A", "B", "C" & "D"
8	Remodeling/ Up-gradation of Police Post GMC Jammu under improvement of basic facilities Programme.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	14.51 lacs	1000/-	29020/-	75 working days	05-08-2023	"A", "B", "C" & "D"

Date of Publishing 21-07-2023 at 1600 hours.

- The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 1630 hours on 21-07-2023
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 26-07-2023 to 04-08-2023 upto 1600 Hrs. The bids received will be opened at 1100 hours on 05-08-2023 on line.
- The complete bidding process will be on line.
- Technical bids of bidders shall be opened on line in the office of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar on 05-08-2023 at 1100 Hrs.
- The lowest bidder i.e. L1 shall be intimated to deposit the original copy of required earnest money in shape of CDR/ FDR and hard copies of all relevant documents as mentioned in clause 2 of general instructions to the bidders within five days from opening of financial bids.
- In light of Govt. Notification issued by Finance Department Civil Secretariat Vide No. A/24(2017)-651 dated: 07-06-2018, the bidder must upload the copy of challan / receipt on account of cost of tender documents remitted in the treasury concerned for that the bidders must write an application to be addressed to treasury officer concerned requesting therein for remittance of amount as cost of tender documents towards M. H. 0055/ Revenue (others).
- The cost of tender documents should be submitted by the bidder in shape of treasury challan / receipt and upload the same.
- Earnest Money:- The earnest money deposit (EMD @ 2% of advertised cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar of the successful bidder (L1) shall be released, only after defect liability period, the DLP shall be calculated from the date of successful completion of the work to the satisfaction report of Engineer in charge.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. The bids cannot be uploaded without Digital Signature. No Proposal will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para 2(III).
- Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids whatsoever reasons may be.
- All the required information for bid must be filled and submitted online.
- Bidders can get the undersigned for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.
- Original Registration certificate of GST No. shall be uploaded on line.
- The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
- No construction material shall be supplied by Police Construction Division, PHQ. However, the brands of the material will be approved by Engineer In-charge of the concerned site in consultation with Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K.
- In case of any typographical error, if found in the rates or units etc. the same shall be corrected and paid as per sanctioned schedule of rates 2020/2022 in vogue with contractor's Tender appreciation/depreciation.
- Any item of work not advertised in the rate list but found necessary during execution of work should be got approved by the competent authority before proceeding further beyond the allotment and payment for the same shall be made on sanctioned schedule of rates 2020/2022 and LMR with contractor's overall appreciation/depreciation.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PCD (PHQ) J&K Jmu/Sgr.

No:-e-NIT/EE-PCD/PHQ/2023-24/4170-77
DIPK-5539/23 Dated: 21-07-2023.

Centuries-Old 'Namda' Craft Of J&K Weaving Its Way Back To Lost Glory



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Namda, the near-extinct traditional woolen rug of Kashmir, is not only making a comeback in the living rooms of locals but regaining its share of international glory.

Once the most exported handicraft product of Kashmir, Namda had gone out of production due to issues of raw material quality and lack of fresh hands to take up the art.

"Namda used to fetch us more revenue than Pashmina and carpets. In order to revive this art, the Department of Handicraft has established 11 training centres, where youth have been trained to make Namda," Director of the Department of Handicrafts Mahmood Ahmad Shah told PTI.

"In order to increase productivity, a small machine has been made by IIT Roorkee with whom we have collaborated and the machines have been installed at the centres," he said.

He said the raw material requirements have been facilitated by Bagh-e-Ali Mardan Khan Institute of Carpet Technology where carding of wool is being done and then supplied to training, corporate centres, and artisans.

Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tweet on the revival of Namda craft has encouraged the artisans.

"PM Modi's tweet on Namda is a huge encouragement for us and he is consistently promoting Kashmir's art through his attire. This is a highly motivating thing for the artisans and for the craft," he added.

Amina, one of the several Namda artisans, said she was not aware of the traditional art of Kashmir earlier.

"As this is a traditional art form of Kashmir, we as artisans want to keep this legacy alive," she said.

Another artisan Kausar said Namda making will generate livelihood opportunities.

"Being associated with this art form and rug making will aid in employment generation opportunities as it has for me. This art was dying but through the efforts of the Department of Handicraft, this training

centre has been set up that will help in keeping the legacy alive," she added.

Imran Ahmad Shah, an instructor, said the idea behind setting up the centres was to revive and uphold the legacy of the traditional art form in Kashmir.

"At Mir Behri centre, 20 young women have been trained in Namda making which also helps in generating employment for these women and if we put more efforts into reviving this art form, it will increase employment opportunities for the youth of Kashmir," he said.

"I believe that if the youth of Kashmir start taking interest in the heritage and culture of Kashmir it will benefit in reviving the dying art as well as help in getting rid of the current unemployment rate of Kashmir," the instructor said.

To boost the revival of Namda making, the government has brought it under the artisan credit card scheme and loans are given to artisans.

"My father was an artist who made Namdas. In the 1970s, export was in tens of crores of rupees but in the 1990s, Namda making faced a downfall. By opening up centres where young people are being trained and educated in this craft, a revival of the art is possible," he said.

Cold European countries were the prime international buyers for Namda. Besides woolen Namda, Pashmina Namda is also made by one of the artists of Kashmir which gets exported to Italy, the director said.

"But unfortunately due to lack of quality supervision and maintenance of the parameters of Namda, it resulted in its downfall. Now in order to address this issue, QR code-based labelling has been adopted," he added.

To further boost the Namda production, the Department of Handicraft Kashmir with the help of the central government has initiated the setting up of the raw material bank that has already been sanctioned. In order to boost production, a project to introduce machines is also in the pipeline.

J&K Bank Becomes The 1st Scheduled Commercial Bank In India To Achieve PCIDSS V4 Certification

A great badge of honour for us as a financial institution: Baldev Prakash

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a major boost to its cyber-security system, J&K Bank has become the first Scheduled Commercial Bank (SCB) in the country to attain the esteemed Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) Version 4 Certification for both Issuance and Acquiring Business. PCI DSS is a globally recognized set of security standards established by leading payment card brands such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, JCB etc. and governed by the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (PCI SSC).

Proudly announcing the ground-breaking achievement, the Bank's MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash extended his heartfelt congratulations to the dedicated teams involved in achieving this exceptional certification. He said, "This remarkable accomplishment reaffirms Bank's unwavering commitment to customer-privacy and security-excellence. Being the first SCB as PCI DSS (V-4.0) compliant in the country is a great badge of honour for us as a financial institution and I would like to congratulate every member of our exceptional team whose hard work and commitment have made this achievement possible. Their unwavering dedication to our customers' safety and satisfaction has been instrumental in attain-

ing this recognition."

"While revolutionising the scope and scale of banking industry, the fast-paced digitization continues to in-

our customers' financial data as a top priority, this certification is also a testament of J&K Bank as a reliable financial partner with unwavering



crease exposure of banks to cyber security risks. In such a situation, this highly prestigious certification is a great acknowledgment of our in- place information-security protocols", he added.

While reaffirming Bank's commitment to the clientele and stakeholders of Bank, MD & CEO emphasized that achieving the PCIDSS V4 certification marks a pivotal moment in its journey towards becoming a Bank with unparalleled security and unflinching trust in the realm of digital banking. "With security of

commitment to safeguarding the interests of its valued customers", he said, adding that the Bank will continue to innovate and invest in the latest technologies to uphold and enhance the trust of its valuable customers.

Notably, this certification process involves a comprehensive audit conducted by a team of Qualified Security Assessors (QSA) Certified by PCI Security Standards Council to evaluate an organization's adherence to stringent security controls and protocols during payment card transactions.

HDFC Bank Becomes Second Most Valuable Company; TCS Falls To Third Place

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: HDFC Bank, on Thursday, became the second most valuable company by market capitalisation, overtaking IT behemoth Tata Consultancy Services.

At the close of trade, HDFC Bank, which recently completed the merger of its mortgage financier parent HDFC into itself, commanded a market capitalisation (mcap) of Rs 12,72,718.60 crore, which was Rs 5,826.95 crore more than TCS' Rs 12,66,891.65 crore valuation on the BSE.

Shares of HDFC Bank ended at Rs 1,688.50 apiece, up 0.22 per cent on the BSE. During the day, it climbed 0.36 per cent to Rs 1,690.95. However, shares of TCS dipped 0.25 per cent to end at Rs 3,462.35 each. During the day, it fell 1 per cent to Rs 3,436.

HDFC, the parent of HDFC Bank, merged into the lender on July 1.

The \$40 billion merger,

the largest such deal in the Indian corporate history, was driven by a changing regulatory landscape, which limited the advantages for HDFC continuing as a non-bank lending entity.

Reliance Industries is the country's most valued firm with a market valuation of

HDFC Bank is also the country's most valuable bank by mcap followed by ICICI Bank, which commanded a market valuation of Rs 6,96,538.85 crore, and State Bank of India (Rs 5,44,356.70 crore).

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 474.46 points or



Rs 17,72,455.70 crore, followed by HDFC Bank, TCS, ICICI Bank (Rs 6,96,538.85 crore) and Hindustan Unilever (Rs 6,34,941.79 crore) in the top five order.

0.71 per cent to settle at its fresh all-time closing high of 67,571.90. During the day, it rallied 521.73 points or 0.77 per cent to hit its lifetime intra-day peak of 67,619.17.

DGCA Clears Resumption of Go First Flights But Sets Terms



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: Aviation regulator DGCA on Friday said it has approved Go First's plan to restart operations with 15 aircraft and 114 daily flights with a host of conditions, including the availability of required interim funding.

The Mumbai-based carrier Go First, which stopped flying on May 3, is undergoing an insolvency resolution process, and it has cancelled all its flights till July 23.

In a release, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said the airline's resumption plan for operating 15 aircraft and 114 daily flights has been reviewed and accepted.

"The acceptance is subject to the outcome of the writ petitions/ applications pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi & Hon'ble NCLT, Delhi," it said.

It may be mentioned that the airline's resolution professional in late June submitted a plan to resume operations with 26 aircraft, including four in reserve, and 160 flights per day.

However, after a special audit of the airline's facilities in New Delhi and Mumbai earlier this month and additional information sought by the DGCA, Go First revised its resumption plan, thereby reducing both the fleet and daily flights substantially.

"Go First as a going concern may commence flight operations subject to (certain) conditions," the DGCA said in a communication to the Go First Resolution Professional Shailendra Ajmera.

The airline will comply with all the applicable regulatory requirements for holding an Air Operator Certificate and will ensure the airworthiness of the aircraft engaged in operations, the DGCA said in the communication.

It also said that Resolution Professional will submit the proposed flight schedule, commensurate with the available resources in terms of airworthy aircraft, qualified pilots, cabin crew, aircraft maintenance engineers, and flight dispatchers, among others for the consideration of DGCA, after making requisite arrangements for commencement of scheduled flight operations, including the interim funding required for resumption of operations.

Besides, the airline will be allowed to start bookings for its flight only after the DGCA approves its flight schedule as per the communication.

The airline's Resolution Professional (RP) submitted the resumption plan to DGCA on June 28, and subsequently, the regulator conducted a special audit of the carrier's facilities in Mumbai and Delhi.

Queenagers: New Category Of Worker In Your Office That's Long Been There



Bloomberg

NEW DELHI: In ongoing discussion over the progress women have made - and still need to make - in the work place, one key group is often overlooked. Meet the Queenagers, women in midlife who began their careers in the 1980's, the decade when the "glass ceiling" was first identified and when breaking through it became a possible if incredibly difficult-to-achieve goal for ambitious, corporate women.

Now, many of those senior female executives are leaving the workforce. In rejecting unsatisfactory jobs they also debunk the working assumption that one size fits all for every phase of a working woman's life.

To understand the challenges ahead for women today it's crucial to consider what queenagers have accomplished and how the playing field has shifted since they first made inroads into a male-dominated

business world. Queenagers range in age from about 65 all the way down to 45. These women typically have relatively high incomes and a high degree of freedom in the choices they're now making, either because they have moved beyond their child rearing years or because they chose not to have children in the first place.

Noon, a website dedicated to serving this group, coined the term queenagers and describes the group as being in "the age of opportunity." Unlike their younger colleagues having babies and bringing up families, with every spare penny eaten up by childcare, queenagers enjoy a high degree of autonomy and spending. But above all they prize freedom.

"The important thing to understand about this cohort of women is that they are pioneers, the first generation of women to work all the way through," says Eleanor Mills, Noon's founder.

Tomato Prices Expected To Fall After Higher Supplies From Maha, MP

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- The government on Friday said retail prices of tomatoes are expected to fall with higher supply of new crops from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

The retail prices have shot up to Rs 200-250 per kilogram in several parts of the country as supply chain got disrupted due to monsoon rains and other issues.

In a written reply to Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ashwini Kumar Choubey said, "Prices of tomato are expected to come down with the increase in arrival of new crop from Nashik, Naryangaon and Aurangabad belt in Maharashtra and also from Madhya Pradesh."

He said the "current increase in tomato prices may incentivize farmers to grow more tomato crop which is expected to stabilize the prices in coming months".

Choubey attributed the recent increase in prices to a combination of factors like "crop seasonality, white fly disease in Kolar (Karnataka), instantaneous arrival of monsoon rains in northern part of the country which adversely affected tomato crops in Haryana and Himachal Pradesh and logistics disruptions in isolated areas due to heavy rains."

The minister informed that the average daily retail price of tomato had crossed Rs 150 per kg in Delhi, Punjab, Chandigarh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the week July 10-16.

As on July 18, the average retail price in Delhi declined to Rs 130 per kg and to Rs 127.70 per kg in Punjab. In order to check prices of tomatoes and make them affordable, the government has started their procurement under Price Stabilisation Fund and is making them available at a highly subsidised rate to consumers.

The National Cooperative Consumers Federation (NCCF) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) are continuously procuring tomatoes from 'mandis' in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra and making them available at affordable prices in major consuming centres in Delhi-NCR, Bihar, Rajasthan, etc.



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ZONAL HEADQUARTERS POLICE TELECOMMUNICATION KASHMIR PUBLIC NOTICE

Mohd. Rafi Dobhi S/O Mohd. Shaban Dobhi R/O Sadar Bazar Mattan, Tehsil Mattan District Anantnag working as ASI (Telecom) in J&K Police Telecommunication under Regimental No.1725/PW PID No.TEL-981958 has represented for correction in his name/parentage recorded as Mohd. Rafi Dhoi S/O Mohd. Shaban Dhoi instead of Mohd. Rafi Dobhi S/O Mohd. Shaban Dobhi in the service records of this office.

As such, objections which should reach the office of date of publication of this notice.

No - Estt/P-N/2023/3083 Superintendent of Police Dated: 21/07/2023 Telecommunication Kashmir DPK-5577-23 DT: 21/07/2023

FROM THE OFFICE OF ADVOCATE SURAT SHAKEEL

In the case of

1) Ghulam Rasool Gania S/o Ghulam Mohammad Ganaie R/o Chanapora Nowshera (Caveator)

VS

PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seek in obtaining some relief/order at their back /in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate

Subject:- Grant of Registration of the proposed Travel unit under the name and Style As Valley Woods Tour And Travels Situated At Kunzar

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, I Mr Mohd. Rafiq Khan S/O Late Gh. Nabi Khan R/O Palhallan Pattan Kashmir intends to apply the department of tourism for registration of my proposed travel unit under the name and style Ms. Valley woods travel Agency situated at Kunzar Baramulla Kashmir Under Tourist trade act 1978/82/2011/12

Where as I will submit state Subject/ Domicile certificate, Qualification certificate PAN Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 5 Years) Character Certificate (Police Department) Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000/-) Site Plan, Affidavit Rent-Deed duty attested by Sub-Registrar. Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card) Photograph of the unit (indoor and outdoor) and two passport size Photographs to the department Tourism as per prescribed check list prior to registration of my unit as an excursion agency/adventure Tour Operator.

Now as J&K registration of Tourist Trade act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is proposed for registration by the competent authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/ financial institutions/bank/ organization, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to Deputy Director Tourism registration (Email-id- ddreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local news paper/News Paper of Valley. No Objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

Contact No:- 7889650750, 7051563056

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IIM implementing NEP-2020 components in inclusive manner

JAMMU, JULY 21: The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aimed at addressing the many growing developmental imperatives of India and emphasized on creating a holistic learning environment. This paper presents the changing educational landscape after NEP with the help of a case study of the Indian Institute of Management Jammu, which has implemented various components of the new policy in collective and inclusive manner such as a more holistic and multidisciplinary education with multiple entry/exit options, revamping curriculum, pedagogy, assessment, student support for enhanced student experiences, and internationalization of education through exchange program. The experience of IIM Jammu across various programs in line with the implementation of NEP 2020 has been elaborated, which may be helpful for other institutions looking for revamping their educational program to align with the NEP2020. The unique collaboration with IIT Jammu and AIIMS Jammu in launching joint program has also been discussed to show a path of the academic journey in implementing the NEP2020.



Education has always been a prime focus in policy-making due to its importance in achieving full human potential, developing an equitable and just society, and promoting national development. India is committed under Goal 4 of the Sustainable Development to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all". The key principle of the National Education Policy of 2020 is to develop good human beings capable of rational thought and action, possessing compassion and empathy, courage and resilience, scientific temper and creative imagination, with sound ethical moorings and values, aimed at producing engaged, productive, and contributing citizens. To achieve this vision, IIM Jammu constantly

encourages experiential and blended learning, applied research, and global exposure. The Institute is striving to embrace innovative practices in teaching and research to generate a positive and constructive impact on all its stakeholders and society at large. Implementing NEP 2020 requires significant changes in academic, logistical, and financial commitments from all stakeholders. In its 7 years of operation, the Indian Institute of Management Jammu has taken several steps to improve its quality and relevance and now runs five long-duration training programs for executives, faculty members, and students and has collaborations with national and international institutions of repute and are in the process of developing strategic plan titled Vision 2030 which shall incorporate the growth of the institution along with the processes. IIM Jammu focuses on holistic and

multidisciplinary learning across all the courses offered by the institute. Mandatory preparatory courses in all programs are conducted to impart academic foundation on Business Communication, Financial Accounting, Quantitative Techniques and IT and Analytics. These modules provide a common grounding for the students irrespective of their educational backgrounds. After completion of the core courses across the programs, sufficient elective courses are provided to the students. The electives are from various areas of specialization and will be announced on a year-to-year basis depending upon the functional areas. Students can choose courses from different areas considering the requirement of the industry and their career prospects. A five Year Full-time Integrated Program is strategically designed with a blend of science, social science, and

management courses. The program's aim is to integrate management education with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and has been started in the Institute during the academic year 2021. The final year of Integrated Program in Management has elective courses like MBA. The elective courses are from various functional areas, thus, giving students the flexibility in choosing multidisciplinary courses in different functional areas. In line with the NEP 2020 IIM Jammu has launched programs with Multiple Entry and Exit. Under IPM, the students would be provided an exit option with a BBA degree/ certificate subject to completing the required norms. MBA (Hospital Administration and Healthcare Management) program commenced from year 2022, jointly offered by IIM Jammu, AIIMS Jammu and IIT Jammu and intends to build

experts in hospital administration and healthcare management who will have adequate knowledge and expertise to improve processes, raise quality and reduce costs – essentially to help health professionals deliver better, faster care at affordable prices. The Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) in blended mode is a program for working executives with a minimum work experience of three years. There are many qualified professionals who could not pursue formal management education due to different reasons. EMBA in blended mode provides an opportunity to such experienced professionals with minimal disruption to their work routine and personal pursuits. These experienced professionals may be from industry, corporates, government organizations, armed/paramilitary forces, NGOs and entrepreneurs. To ease the learning process for them, the program combines the on and off-campus learning modules spread over two years. IIM Jammu has already registered itself in the Academic Bank of Credits to implement various credit transfers. IIM Jammu also participated in NIRF Ranking by Ministry of Education and was ranked 36 in 2022 and 41 in 2023, having already applied for AACSB international accreditation and the initial eligibility application of IIM Jammu has been accepted by AACSB. The process of BGA accreditation has also been initiated and is under process. IIM Jammu plans to undertake EFMD and EQUIS international accreditations going forward. The balanced curriculum at IIM Jammu ensures that the students not only acquire academic knowledge but also develop as responsible citizens of the world. Some of the initiatives to imbibe life skills and thinking and emotional learning are Mentor-Mentee Programme, Anandam: The Center for Happiness, Social Responsibility Committee and Disha - Skill Development Committee. IIM Jammu undertakes various

programs both academic and non-academic in nature to bring in a digital culture: many Faculty Development Programs, Entrepreneurship Development Programs and Management Development Programs for all stakeholders of education through online mode have been organized. IIM Jammu aims to be exposed to global issues through an internationally inclusive curriculum and faculty/student body. To facilitate the achievement of this goal, IIM Jammu has established an international exchange program for both students and faculty to develop collaborative relationships towards developing academic curricula, exchange of students/faculty to gain international experiences, and organizing events of research dissemination and executive training. IIM Jammu in a very short span of time has developed partnerships with 15 global institutes of repute. The programs of IIM Jammu are outcome-based, in alignment with the NEP's vision. The outcomes of the programs are usually expressed as knowledge, cognitive and practical skills, and/or attitudes, and these achievements are assessed using Appropriate Assessment Methods. The programs are designed to imbibe discipline knowledge, critical thinking competence, interpersonal competence, intercultural awareness, social/societal engagement, active participation at a local level and at a global level and communication skills. We, at IIM Jammu strongly believe in the philosophy of nurturing and developing the best managerial talent. In line with the NEP 2020, the prime focus of the Institute is to design practice-oriented learning and a contemporary industry-focused curriculum. With the implementation of NEP 2020, the Institute is striving to embrace innovative practices in teaching and research to generate a positive and constructive impact on all its stakeholders and society at large.

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an appropriate level of health care facility. Under NP-NCD, 724 district non-communicable diseases, 210 district cardiac care units, 326 district day care centres and 6,110 community health centre non-communicable disease clinics have been set up. Cardiovascular disease patients are getting treatment at various health facilities in the healthcare delivery system, including medical colleges, central institutes such as AIIMS, central government and private sector hospitals, Mandaviya said. There is also focus on cardiovascular diseases in its various aspects in case of new AIIMS and many upgraded institutions under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.

To facilitate accessible and affordable health care and treatment under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), health insurance cover of 5 lakh per family per year for secondary or tertiary care hospitalisation is provided to over 60 crore beneficiaries.

The treatment packages are comprehensive, covering various treatment related aspects such as drugs and diagnostic services. Under the umbrella scheme of the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi, financial assistance is provided to families living below the threshold poverty line for treatment in government hospitals.

Besides, quality generic medicines are made available at affordable prices to all under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, in collaboration with the state governments.

Affordable medicines and reliable implants for treatment (AMRIT) pharmacy stores have been set up in some hospitals/institutions with an objective to make available cardiovascular drugs at a substantial discount, vis-a-vis the maximum retail price.

3 Arrested Over

Pahalgam police station and three accused have been arrested.

The public is advised not to pay any heed to rumours. Jammu and Kashmir Police has and will always be committed to providing safety and security of the pilgrims and ensuring a peaceful yatra, Kumar added.

Securing SKIMS

seeking verification of the academic credentials/ D.O.B. certificates submitted by Shakoor Ahmad Tantray, Mohammad Shahid Murtaza, Shazia Hassan, Mudasar Bashir Sofi and Shameem Ahmad Naik, who were appointed as nursing orderlies.

However, he said, as per the verification report furnished by the Joint Secretary (Verification), J&K State Board of School Education, Kashmir it transpired that the academic/ D.O.B. certificates submitted by the individuals were fake and forged.

Accordingly, the spokesperson said, Case FIR No. 26 of 2015 came to be registered in P/S Crime Branch Kashmir and investigation was started to probe into the allegations.

During investigation, he said, it was determined that, in addition to the five accused, two more men Aamir Hassan Khan and Jehangir Ahmad Dar had also produced fake and forged certificates for securing the job at SKIMS.

"It also came to fore during investigation that two persons, viz., Rashid-ul-Hassan

Gojjar S/o Gh. Hassan R/o Aarigutnoo Kulgam and Mohammad Akbar Lone (now deceased) S/o Gh. Rasool Lone R/o Gund Fatehpura Anantnag were responsible for forging and fabrication of the marks cards for monetary considerations," the spokesperson said.

He further said that the evidence collected during investigation has established individual and collective criminal culpability and proved that offences punishable U/Ss 420, 468, 471 & 120-B RPC have been committed by the nine accused persons.

"Accordingly, charge-report of the instant case has been presented before the Court of Forest Magistrate, Srinagar for judicial determination," the spokesperson added.

Create Self-Employment

He directed for involving Deputy Commissioners and PRI members for 100% saturation of disability certificates to all the eligible beneficiaries.

Sinha also took appraisal of the implementation of schemes and programmes like Mission Vatsalya; Ladli Beti; Marriage Assistance Scheme; infrastructure up-gradation of children and senior citizen homes; working of One Stop Centres; Drug demand reduction and de-addiction activities; Community Mobilization and IEC activities of the department.

Discussions were also held on recruitment of Sanginis and Sahayikas; rehabilitation of children on streets; close monitoring of help-lines; clearing pendency, penetration of new Anganwadi centres at grassroot level; implementation of Poshan Tracker and participation of inmate of children homes in Independence Day events.

Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner/Secretary, Social Welfare Department gave a detailed overview of the working of the department.

She further briefed the meeting on the Constitution of various Committees; best practices of the department; achievements of students from Residential School for Visually Impaired; compensation under POCSSO etc.

Govt Likely To

administration may also cap the number of mourners," they said.

The two major processions of 8th and 10th Muharram were banned in 1989 by the then Governor administration fearing the processions may turn into anti-India demonstrations. Ever since, only small mourning processions are allowed in in Shia dominated areas interiors of Srinagar city.

Ashura that marks the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hussain (AS) and his kin and faithful companions in the deserts of Karbala 1400 years ago is commemorated in Kashmir with religious fervour from centuries.

Meanwhile, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Friday visited Imambara Zadibal, Imambara Hassanabad and Imambara Magam to take spot appraisal of the facilities made available by the respective administrations for hassle free observation of Muharram congregations and other events.

Bidhuri was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Commissioner SMC during visits to Imambaras of Zadibal and Hassanabad, and Deputy Commissioner Budgam, SSP Budgam during visits to Imambara Magam, Budgam besides other officers and officials from line departments.

During the visit, an official spokesperson said, Bidhuri issued on spot directions to the line Departments for ensuring elaborate arrangements and sustained efforts facilitating the smooth observance of proceedings of Muharram-ul-Haram.

"The Div Com took department wise appraisal of arrangements including electricity, water supply, sanitation, medicare, street lighting, macadamization, repairs of drainage and manholes, besides others at Imam bara Zadibal and Imambara Hassanabad," he added

He said that the representatives, elders from the Shia community and other public representatives thanked the Div Com for paying a visit to Imambaras and ensuring that all facilities are made available for the holy occasion.

"They however raised a few issues with the chair and sought their immediate redressal which includes lifting of muck from drains, immediate repairing of a few identified street lights and high mast lights around Imambaras, macadamization at certain places, lifting of lowly hanging wires, fumigation, encroachment on roads by shopkeepers, roadside parking etc," the spokesperson said.

The Div Com, he said, took strong note of the discrepancies and sought immediate redressal of all the issues by the line departments within a couple of days to ensure that mourners may not face any difficulty.

"The Div Com directed SMC for deployment of mobile and sucker jet pumps to drain water at Sheribhat Chowk. He also directed the concerned for removal of encroachment on footpaths by shopkeepers besides roadside parking to ensure smooth passage to religious processions," he said.

At Magam, the spokesperson said, the Div Com took stock of various arrangements including supply of scheduled electricity and water supplies, installation and restoration of street lights, development of roads and other facilities in the town area.

"The Div Com directed the concerned Officer to ensure hassle-free arrangements for smooth conduct of mourning processions and congregations during the holy month of Muharram ul Haram," he added.

PAGD Leaders

Children's hospital. We sought his attention towards the SKIMS especially after the decision to take away whatever of its autonomy was there," Tarigami told reporters.

He said the delegation demanded that the government restore the autonomous character of Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), located in Soura area of Srinagar, immediately.

"We demanded the autonomous character of SKIMS be restored and the vacancies be fulfilled without any delay," Tarigami said.

The reality was that if there is any reputed institution, offering medical service after the PGI Chandigarh, it was SKIMS, he added.

"Its stature is recognised across the country. But, today, hundreds of posts are lying vacant like doctors, paramedical staff. There are not many machines available for cancer care, and whatever are, are not in order. So, we wanted the attention of the LG towards this," Tarigami said.

The CPI(M) leader said the delegation also demanded establishment of cancer institutes in Srinagar and Jammu to help the

poor patients .

Tarigami said Sinha assured the delegation that the administration will look into the issues flagged in the memorandum and will take steps to fill the gaps.

The memorandum said the decision of the administration to divest SKIMS of its autonomous status has had an "adverse effect" on its decision-making process.

"Presently, the institution is facing a staffing deficit with hundreds of slots at various levels viz medical, paramedic and administrative lying vacant. There is 50 per cent of shortage of all technical and nursing staff. The recruitment has not been conducted for the last seven years," the memorandum said.

It said a total number of 1,201 posts of different categories including 115 faculty positions, 149 gazetted posts, 870 non-gazetted and 67 positions of senior and junior residents were lying vacant at the institute.

5876 Posts

necessary information with regard to health care position in respect of Ladakh without fail on the next date. The case has been listed on August 28.

Selection, Appointment

decision taken by the Administration, vide Decision No.1/1/2022 dated 29.01.2022 is to the effect that all posts referred to JKPS/JKSSB prior to 31.10.2019 for which selections have not been finalized till date, as also the posts in which there are litigations and the cases are pending in the Courts, shall be deemed to have been withdrawn with immediate effect," the court said.

"In the present case, though the direction of the Court was to finalize the process of selection, yet the fact remains that selection was not finalized when the said policy decision was taken by the Administration on 29.01.2022," the court said, adding, "Therefore, in the present case, even if, by virtue of the order dated 10.05.2013 passed by the Division Bench, the selection authority is under legal obligation to finalize the process of selection, yet since the finalization could not be accomplished before 29.01.2022 and even if the petitioners have a vested right to claim that process of selection be finalized in terms of the direction of the Division Bench dated 10.05.2013, they could not claim more than that."

Further, the Bench said, since court cases were still pending, the bar imposed by the Administrative Council vide their decision on 29 January 2022 will come into operation.

The court also addressed another issue raised by the petitioners that the authorities could not have taken any executive decision which would come in the way of implementation of the judicial order and such an executive act could amount to violation of the judicial order.

"If the administrative decision was taken specifically to nullify the effect of a judicial order in a particular case, certainly it will amount to violation of the court order," the court said, adding, "However, in the present case, what is worth considering is that the administrative decision taken on 29.01.2022 was not with regard to a particular case or with specific reference to the order dated 10.05.2013 but was of a general nature which was applicable to all those cases....Thus, we are of the view that

said policy decision taken was certainly not keeping in mind specifically the present case and, as such, we are of the view that it was not done intentionally or deliberately to nullify the effect of the order of the court."

While the High Court in 2013 had directed the Service Selection Board (SSB) to go for a fresh selection of the AIOs, the order was upheld by the Supreme Court later.

The high court had directed the selection agency to proceed with the selection process afresh in conformity with the rules.

The board had issued three different notifications in 2006, 2008 and 2010, inviting applications for the posts of Assistant Information Officer Grade-II.

Panel Meets

Kotwal, Zahid Nasim Manhas, Dr. Koshal Kumar Sharma, Ashok Kumar, Showkat Ahmed Dar, Altaf Ahmed Shah, Bakar Hussain Samoon, Firdous Iqbal, Aijaz Ahmad Bhat, Ranjit Singh Samyal, Mohd Yaseen Kichloo, Rajinder Kumar Gupta, Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Sanjeev Kumar Khajoria, Rajesh Bali, Zubair Ahmed Khan, Sanjay Kumar Kotwal, Mumtaz Ahmed and Mohd Aslam.

Sources said that two of them are unlikely to opt for induction.

According to sources, the committee also cleared two retired police officers- Anil Magotra and Parshotam Kumar Sharma- for promotion in IPS.

Sources also disclosed that the selection committee has given its opinion on promotion of one local officer in a sealed cover in view of an inquiry pending against him.

Militant's Home

The action was taken under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, they said.

Man Arrested

swung into action and arrested Sunil, officials said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Samba, Benam Tosh said a case has been registered under Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in the matter at Ramgarh police station and further investigation is going on.

A board of doctors conducted a post-mortem examination of the body, police said. Rimpy and Sunil have a two-year-old daughter, according to police.

CRPF Man Dies

The reason for his death is said to be heart failure.

He was also the only child in the family and had been married for the past year.

According to reports, his body will reach his hometown on Saturday.

Over 4,600 Pilgrims

3,880-metre-high cave shrine of Lord Shiva.

Officials said 2,850 pilgrims, headed for Pahalgam, left in a convoy of 106 vehicles while another convoy of 63 vehicles carrying 1,825 pilgrims left for the Baltal base camp at 3.30 am and 3.45 am, respectively.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,888-metre-high cave shrine commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on July 1.

The yatra is scheduled to conclude on August 31.



AFC 'C' Diploma Coaching Course Begins In Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Module 2 of the AFC 'C' Diploma coaching course began on Friday under the expert guidance of Coach Educator AIFC, Sajid Yousuf Dar, at the University of Kashmir here.

A total of 25 aspiring coaches are taking part in the course.

"This course is a significant step towards enhancing the coaching standards in our region and developing a strong foundation for football," the JKFA said in a statement.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed

Vice-Chancellor of University of Kashmir for her unwavering support in making this course possible. We would also like to acknowledge the immense cooperation and support from the Registrar and Director of Sports of University of Kashmir.

"A special acknowledgment of gratitude goes to Ms. Nuzhat Gul, Secretary of the J&K Sports Council," the FA added.

The participants also received a lecture from Nazir Ahmad Bhat (HOR) and were treated to a demonstration of some essential skills.

Srinagar Premier League: Ali Jana Holds Heroes 0-0



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two matches of the 2023 Srinagar Premier Football League were played on Friday at Synthetic Turf TRC.

In the first match, Jehlum FC took on Iqbal Sports FC at 3:00 PM. The game was contested between two evenly matched teams and they split the first half 0-0. The second half seemed to have a goal in it, but both teams failed to break the deadlock. At full time, the scores read 0-0. Swastik Mukherjee, GK, Iqbal Sports FC was awarded man of

the match. The second contest of the day was played between Downtown Heroes FC and Ali Jana FC, and was a highly anticipated match-up that saw hundreds of football fans through the stadium. The Heroes had some chances in the first half, but couldn't convert any. The second half also had some chances for Downtown Heroes, but the Ali Jana defense and goalie held on to thwart any attempt at goal. At full time whistle, the scores were 0-0. Ali Jana's GK won the man of the match award for his incredible performance.

Various Tourneys Running Smoothly: YSS Anantnag

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Youth Services & Sports Anantnag on Friday said that it is committed to delivering at every



corner for the youth and in this commitment various District and Zonal level tournaments were running throughout the district.

At District Level, U-17 tournaments are running for both Boys

and Girls in Kabaddi, Volleyball and Kho-Kho at BHSS Anantnag and GHS Dailgam with best possible facilities.

At Zonal Level, Zone Achabal organised Football and Netball

tournament, while as Zone Verinag held Rope Skipping and Tug of War tournaments for U-14 & U-17 Age Groups. In another event, a Padh Yatra was flagged off by DO Mirbazar Police Post at CD Block Vessu.

Kohli's 29th Test Ton Lifts India On Day 2



Press Trust of India

PORT OF SPAIN: The peerless Virat Kohli capped off his 500th international appearance with a 76th hundred as India were comfortably placed at 373 for 6 going into lunch on the second day of the second Test against West Indies here on Friday.

Kohli, who missed out on a hundred in the previous Test, made a polished 121 in 206 balls, his 29th in the longest format while adding 159 runs for the fifth wicket with Ravindra Jadeja (61 off 152 balls).

Both were dismissed in quick succession as Kohli fell short of his crease and West Indies' best bowler Kumar Roach (2/86 in 19 overs) accounted for Jadeja.

At the break, Ravichandran Ashwin (6 batting) had batter-keeper Ishan Kishan (18 batting) for company as India, after a poor post lunch session

on the first day, are well on their way to a healthy first innings total.

However, the first session on second day belonged to Kohli, who was hardly troubled by any of the West Indies pacers, having taken 77 runs in singles, doubles and triples apart from the 11 boundaries in all.

Starting the day at 87, Kohli reached his century in the first half an hour while dispatching a Roach delivery wide of point. The wide grin while raising his bat and then taking a bow said it all. The satisfaction of scoring his first overseas Test hundred in half a decade was palpable, having last scored a ton on foreign soil in Perth in 2018.

The Queens Park Oval track is certainly way better for strokeplay compared to first Test venue of Windsor Park in Dominica. One could hit through the line even though there were deliveries that

were gripping off the surface and some that stopped and came onto the bat.

Kohli's greatness lay in his game awareness as the cornerstone of his innings was 45 singles and 13 doubles in energy sapping conditions.

He would be pleased because as many as nine of his 11 boundaries were hit on the off-side with the signature cover drive coming out of his closet time and again.

To his relief, the absence of off-break Rahkeem Cornwall did make things a bit easier as Jomel Warrican, despite his restrictive lines, did not get a lot of purchase off the surface.

Most of the deliveries come in with the angle and it was easier to just tinkle it off his hips for singles and doubles.

Kohli got an able ally in Jadeja, who got his 19th half-century and reaffirmed his status as a batting all-rounder in overseas conditions.

Big-Hitting Bairstow Gives England Commanding Ashes Test Lead



Agencies

MANCHESTER: Abalistering 99 not out for Jonny Bairstow helped England post a colossal 592 all out on day three of the fourth Ashes test, before Australia edged to 39-1 at tea in their second innings, trailing by 236.

An extraordinary 189 from Zak Crawley ensured England made light work of passing Australia's first-innings total of 317 on Thursday, before Ben Stokes and Harry Brook stroked the hosts' lead before lunch on day three. With wickets falling around him, Bairstow then went into big-hitting mode, much to the delight of the raucous Old Trafford crowd, plundering four sixes to all corners of the ground to compound the tourists' misery.

England number 11 batter James Anderson could not help Bairstow to what would have been one of the fastest test centuries of all time as he was trapped leg before wicket, but the damage had already been done, with England posting their highest Ashes innings total on home soil since 1985. It completed an innings that was very fitting for England's new aggressive 'Bazball' approach.

In the history of test cricket, there have been 3,828 innings lasting 100 overs or more and this was the second fastest run-rate, with England accumulating 5.49 runs per over. Given a draw would be enough for Australia to retain the Ashes and with rain forecasted to be on the way, the tourists were much more cautious in their reply.

Openers Usman Khawaja and David Warner offered up few chances before the former edged one through to wicket keeper Bairstow off the bowling of Mark Wood to fall for 18 just before tea.

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PSG Goalie Donnarumma Suffers Violent Home Robbery

Agencies

PARIS: French police are investigating a violent armed robbery that targeted Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma at his home.

The Paris prosecutor's office said the player was targeted overnight Thursday to Friday. The prosecutor's office and the French capital's police force refused to release details about the attack that French media said took place in the early hours of the morning in his Paris home.

A police investigation has been opened on possible armed robbery, kidnapping and aggravated violence charges, the prosecutor's office said.

Le Parisien newspaper, quoting an unnamed police source, reported that four people broke into his apartment in Paris' upmarket 8th district at about 3 a.m. It said Donnarumma

and his partner were tied up and that he was slightly injured. Both were treated in hospital for shock, it said.

The attackers made off with valuables estimated to be worth about half a million euros (dollars), including watches, jewelry and other luxury accessories, the newspaper said. French champion PSG leaves Saturday for a pre-season tour of Japan.

The 24-year-old Donnarumma joined PSG from AC Milan after helping Italy win the European Championship in 2021, where he was named the tournament's best player.

He has won the French league title in his two seasons with PSG and was voted the league's best goalkeeper last season. Several PSG players have been robbed in previous years.

Among them were Brazil defender Marquinhos and Argentina's World Cup-winning winger Angel Di Maria, who both had their homes robbed in 2021.



Man United Signs Andre Onana From Inter Milan

Agencies

MANCHESTER: Manchester United completed the signing of goalkeeper Andre Onana from Inter Milan for 51 million euros (\$57 million) on Thursday, reuniting Erik ten Hag with a player with whom he won three Dutch titles at Ajax.

Onana has joined on a five-year contract. There is also an option to extend the deal by a further 12 months and United will have to pay 4 million euros (\$4.5 million) in add-ons, dependent on his success at the club.

"To join Manchester United is an incredible honor and I have worked hard all my life to get to this moment, overcoming many obstacles along the way," the Cameroon goalkeeper said.

Onana will join up with his new teammates on their pre-season tour of the United States.

He replaces David de Gea, who announced his departure from United after 12 years at the club earlier this month.

Comfortable with the ball at his feet, Onana should allow Ten Hag to implement his plans to build play from defense, which he struggled to do with De Gea last season.

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Emerging Asia Cup: India A To Face Pakistan A In Final

Press Trust of India

COLOMBO: India A set up a potentially high-voltage Emerging Asia Cup final against Pakistan A after defeating Bangladesh A by 51 runs in the semifinals here on Friday.

Bangladesh had India on the ropes, bundling them out for 211, a total made possible by captain Yash Dhull's impressive 66 off 85 balls.

But, the Indian spinners made use of the slightly tacky pitch to pack Bangladesh off for 160 to celebrate a fine victory. Left-arm spinner Nishant Singh accentuated Bangladesh's fall with a five-wicket haul (5 for 20).

But the real protagonist for India's victory was Dhull. He has been spoken about in the Indian domestic circuit as a player to be preserved in cotton wool, and the day's innings showed the reason.

At 20, Dhull has a far more settled head on his shoulders. The Delhi youngster came to the middle when India were 75 for 2 in the 19th over.

Overall, Dhull batted for 30

overs in the match and he was the last man to be dismissed in the 50th over.

Dhull and Manav Suther added 41 runs for the eighth wicket to carry India close to the 200-run mark, which they eventually managed to go past.

But, the total looked sub-par once Bangladesh colts went off the block in thundering fashion. They scored at six runs an over as openers Tanzid Hasan (51, 56 balls) and Mohammad Naim (38, 40 balls) punished Indian bowlers.

Bangladesh reached 70 in a little over 11 overs. But once the ball began to lose the shine and hardness, Indian spinners brought their team back into the match.

Left-arm spinner Suther evicted Naim and that kicked off a procession of Bangladesh batsmen back to the pavilion.

They lost the rest of the nine wickets for 90 runs to complete a spectacular implosion as Sindhuv weaved his magic.

Earlier, Pakistan A defeated Sri Lanka A by 60 runs in the first semifinal to enter the summit clash.

M. Hafeez Leads Race To Become PCB Chief Selector

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KARACHI: Former Pakistan captain and all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez is a front-runner to become the national team's chief selector after the conclusion of the team's ongoing Sri Lanka tour. According to sources, Hafeez is favoured by the new chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board's Cricket Management Committee (CMC) Zaka Ashraf, to be appointed as the chief selector — a post that is lying vacant after the previous CMC was dissolved in June.

"Zaka met with former captain, Rashid Latif and Hafeez and spoke to them about becoming chief selector. Rashid was not keen on the job but Hafeez (has) expressed his availability for the job," the source told PTI.

"Rashid was more interested in working on anti-corruption issues. Hafeez who played 55 Tests, 218 ODIs and 119 T20Is for Pakistan before retiring last year, made it clear that he would like the challenge of working as the chief selector," the source added.

Haroon Rasheed was a member of the previous CMC headed by Najam Sethi and was named chairperson of the new-look national selection committee, which includes the team director Mickey Arthur and head coach Grant Bradburn.

"But with the previous CMC dissolved, technically Haroon Rasheed is no longer chairperson of the selection committee," the source said.

The source added that Ashraf was yet to decide whether to



change the entire selection committee, which was formed by Sethi in consultation with Mickey Arthur, or just appoint a new chief selector in place of Rasheed.

"It is unlikely the entire selection committee will be changed because of the heavy schedule of the Pakistan team after the Sri Lanka tour as Afghanistan have also confirmed a ODI series in Sri Lanka in August before the Asia Cup," he said.

Ashraf has also decided to make other changes as well relating to the Pakistan team, as he is contemplating bringing in a new team manager and media manager for the Asia Cup and the World Cup India.

"Naveed Akram Cheema, who has remained manager in the past, is a strong candidate to become team manager soon in place of Rehan ul Haq," the insider said.

The new CMC, which has a four month mandate, has been given the responsibility of conducting fresh elections for all affiliated regional associations, revive departmental teams and to form a new board of governors who would elect a new chairman, has already started making changes in the board's corporate structure.

PCB Unhappy With ACC President Jay Shah

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has expressed its dissatisfaction over BCCI secretary and president of the Asian Cricket Council, Jay Shah announcing the schedule of the upcoming Asia Cup 2023 before its own official ceremony in Lahore earlier this week.

The PCB had organised an event to announce the Asia Cup schedule along with unveiling the trophy on Wednesday, July 19 evening in Lahore, which was attended by a few former Pakistan cricketers and PCB's Cricket Management Committee (CMC) headed by Zaka Ashraf. However, half-an-hour before the start of the event, Shah announced the schedule on social media.

"The PCB had a clear understanding with the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) (that) it would release the schedule of the Asia Cup, five minutes after the ceremony started in Lahore. But unfortunately, half-an-hour before the cere-



mony started around 7.15 P.M., Jay Shah had announced it on social media," one reliable source in the board told PTI.

The source said that the decision to announce the schedule by Jay Shah had spoiled the PCB's ceremony, which was held but lost its relevance as the schedule was already out.

The source added that the PCB had conveyed its displeasure to the ACC over the incident, but was told it was all due to a misunderstanding.

"The ACC's explanation was about misunderstandings over the time difference and all that, but the thing is, India is half-an-hour ahead of Pakistan time, so Jay Shah's announcement was a shock," the source said.

More Than 60% Of World Now On Social Media, Says Study



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Nearly five billion people, or slightly more than 60 percent of the world's population, are active on social media, according to a recent study. That represents an increase of 3.7 percent over the past year, according to calculations by digital advisory firm Kepios in its latest quarterly report.

The number of social network users is approaching the number that use the 5.19 billion which use the internet, or 64.5 percent of the world population. There are major differences between regions. Only one person out of 11 in east and central Africa use social media. In India, now the world's most populous nation, the figure is one out of

three.

The amount of time spent on social media has also increased, by two minutes to 2 hours and 26 minutes per day. Here again there are large disparities, with Brazilians spending an average of 3 hours and 49 minutes per day on social media while the Japanese less than an hour.

The average social media user is on seven platforms. Meta has three of the favourite apps with WhatsApp, Instagram and Facebook.

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China has three apps, WeChat, TikTok and its local version Douyin. Twitter, Messenger and Telegram round out the top social media platforms.

Vivek Agnihotri Unveils Series 'The Kashmir Files Unreported', Makes Big Claim

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Srinagar: Filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri today released the trailer of his upcoming series "The Kashmir Files Unreported" here and said the show consists of the research, archival footage and interviews he did for his 2022 movie "The Kashmir Files".

The seven-part ZEE5 series delves into the "historical, ethical, and geopolitical details, encapsulating the events, mistakes, crimes and circumstances that led to the massacre and mass exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the valley in the 1990s", the streaming service said in a statement.

According to the makers, the show features conversations with historians, experts, real-life victims and their families.

Vivek Agnihotri claimed "The Kashmir Files Unreported" is a "type of national archive" that will serve as a "document for future".

"We took viewpoints of historians, those who served here in the Army and police, Kashmiri Pandits, stories of victims recorded in video, and all the research that we had done. We have put it together which will be saved as a document for the future.

"It is a type of national archive, which ZEE5 is bringing to the world now. It is a valuable, im-



portant and priceless documentation," the filmmaker told reporters.

As part of his research, Vivek Agnihotri said the team interacted with authorities in Kashmir and went through Parliament records, archives, books, newspapers, international documentaries, videos. They also interacted with journalists who covered the events of the time in Kashmir, he added.

"With thorough examination, we put all common elements together and made a full series. People who will watch this, they will understand the perpetrators behind the genocide and terrorism in Kashmir. They will learn from that tragedy," Mr Agnihotri said.

In a statement, the filmmaker claimed "The Kashmir Files", which was released to polarised reactions in March 2022, "opened

people's eyes" and his upcoming series will "shatter your heart".

"Some felt that 'The Kashmir Files' portrayed only 10 per cent of the reality and some felt it was a propaganda film. Therefore, it was important for us to open all the research and interviews we did in its purest and rawest form for people to understand that the truth is difficult to handle.

"I can guarantee that 'The Kashmir Files Unreported' will shatter your heart but the intention is so that we learn from history, and we develop a temperament of zero tolerance for terrorism and we stand up for humanity and our own people," Mr Agnihotri said. "The Kashmir Files Unreported" is produced by Vivek Agnihotri and his actor-wife Pallavi Joshi's iamBuddha Entertainment and Media LLP

Inspired By Termites, This Desert City Uses 'Natural ACs' To Beat The Heat

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Yazd, Iran: Tall, chimney-like towers rise from centuries-old adobe houses in Iran's desert city of Yazd, drawing in a pleasant breeze for residents of one of the hottest cities on earth. The wind catchers, called badgirs in Persian, are just one of the engineering marvels inhabitants have developed in this ancient city in central Iran -- where temperatures reach well over 40 degrees celsius (104 Fahrenheit) in the summer.

And, unlike energy-guzzling air-conditioners, they're cost and carbon-free.

"For centuries, before we had electricity, they made it possible to cool dwellings," said Abdo-majid Shakeri, the provincial deputy of Iran's cultural heritage and tourism ministry.

The oldest of the city's 700 wind catchers dates back to the 14th century, but the architectural feature is believed to date back as far as 2,500 years when the Persian Empire ruled over much of the Middle East.

"The badgirs played a key role in the city's prosperity," said Shakeri about the desert city that was a caravan stop on the ancient Silk Road.

"Thanks to them, people lived at ease," he added, describing how the wind catchers pull fresh

air into buildings and allow hot air to ventilate out through large vertical slots.

Majid Oloumi, the head of Dowlatabad garden, home to a towering 33-metre (100 foot) wind catcher -- one of the tallest in the world -- described the cooling method as "totally clean because it uses neither electricity nor polluting materials".

UNESCO listed Yazd as a World Heritage Site in 2017, describing the city as a "living testimony to intelligent use of limited available resources in the desert for survival".

'Simplicity'

The bioclimatic architecture which provides thermal comfort for the people of Yazd has attracted interest elsewhere on a heating planet.

"Badgirs demonstrate that simplicity can be an essential attribute to sustainability," said Paris-based architect Roland Dehghan Kamaraji, who has studied Iran's wind catchers.

"It goes against the common misconception that sustainable solutions need to be complex or high-tech."

At a sustainable urban community called Masdar city in the United Arab Emirates, buildings have been "designed to make use of the natural ventilation for cooling, like badgirs," he said.

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