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Govt Allows 8th Muharram Procession After 34 Yrs

Gurubazar To Dalgate Procession To Start At 6 AM Today



Thousands of mourners from all across the city participated in 7th Muharram procession that started from Botraj Mohalla and culminated at Hassanabad Imambara on Wednesday . KO Photo, Abid Bhat

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Parties Hail

Lifting of Ban,

Join Procession

Srinagar: Putting all speculations to rest after holding back-to-back meetings with Shia representatives of Kashmir Valley, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday decided to allow traditional 8th Muharram procession

in this capital city, thus lifting the 34 year ban imposed after the outbreak of militancy.

"While taking the religious sentiments of Shia brethren into consideration, the administration decided to allow the procession tomorrow", Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri said.

on Thursday after a gap of 34 years.

Jammu and Kashmir administration decided to lift the ban on 8th Muharram procession from Guru Bazar to Dalgate with conditions. Welcoming the decision of LG Manoj Sinha led

"I congratulate Shia brethren and Kashmiri public who are known for their affection," Bidhuri said as per an official spokesperson.

"It is due to their contribution to the present peaceful environment which made it convenient for the administration to take this historic decision," he added. More on P10

Do's & Don'ts: What's In Govt Order

According to a government order, several conditions have been placed for the procession which includes the following:

- The participants shall not indulge in any anti-national / anti-establishment speeches / sloganeering or propaganda and no activity shall in any way affect the communal / sectarian harmony, religious/ ethnic /cultural and regional sentiments of the people."
- That no activity during the procession should be prejudicial to the security and sovereignty of the state and should not disrespect any national symbol / emblem.
- That they shall not hoist any flag depicting provocative slogans / text and / or photos of militant outfits, logos of banned organizations at both national and international level.
- That the organizer(s) shall abide by all the rules and regulations and shall not indulge in any activity which may led to law-andorder problem in the area.
- 5. That they shall not cause any defacement or damage to the Govt / public property.
- That activities of the participants attending the procession should remain strictly confined to the programme only.
- That they shall cooperate with local police and other security agencies as desired by them in the public interest.
- They shall not cause any obstruction in smooth flow of traffic on roads routes falling in close vicinity of the area and shall not use Drone during the procession without proper permission, read the order.

President J&K Anjuman-e-Sharie Shiayan Dar-al-Mustafa Aga Syed Hassan Mosavi al-Safavi said that he looks forward to

"It is informed with great faith and gratitude that the 33 years

a similar ban revocation for the joint Jaloos-r-Ashura from Abiguzar to Zadibal on its traditional route.

of struggle and sacrifices of Azadars of Jammu and Kashmir have reclaimed our legitimate right to take out a peaceful mourning procession,"; Aga Syed Hassan said

"The Azadars are requested to participate More on P10

'To Maintain Its Honour'

India Ready To Cross LoC: DM

Pays Tribute To Soldiers At Kargil War Memorial

Press Trust of India

Drass: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said India is ready to cross the Line of Control (LoC) to maintain its honour and dignity, and called upon civilians to be ready to support the soldiers in such a situation.

Citing the example of the Russia-Ukraine war, he said the war has been going on for more than a year because civilians have stepped up and are participating in the war.

Singh was speaking at the Kargil War Memorial here on the occasion of the 24th Kargil Vijay Diwas. Earlier, he paid laid a wreath at the memorial



----Challenges Likely To Be More Complex In Future: Army Chief

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to pay tributes to the soldiers who laid down their lives in the 1999 Kargil war.

Singh said the Kargil war was imposed on India.

"We were backstabbed by Pakistan... the war was imposed on India. I salute **More on P10**

PM Pays Tributes To Fallen Soldiers

n the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday paid tributes to soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice for India's victory over Pakistan in the 1999 Kargil war. Kargil Vijay Diwas brings to the fore the bravery of India's unparalleled warriors who will always remain a source of inspiration to the people of the country, the prime minister said in a tweet in Hindi. "Jai Hind," Modi said. The Indian Army had launched a fierce counterassault to push back Pakistani forces that More on P10

29295 Vacancies Filled In J&K Post Art-370: MoS Home

Observer News Service

Srinagar: After abrogation of Article 370, large scale recruitment drive has been carried out in Jammu and Kashmir where the Union Territory administration has filled over 29000 vacancies, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nityanand Rai said Wednesday.

The Minister also said that the identification of vacancies in the government and recruitment is a continuous and ongoing process and the same



is taken up under Accelerated Recruitment Drive. He said that recruiting agencies have advertised 7924 vacancies and examinations in respect of 2504 vacancies More on P10

Gol Afraid To Hold Polls: Omar

ational Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Wednesday hit out at the BJP over the high unemployment rates among youth in Jammu and Kashmir saying it is one of the reasons the ruling party at the Centre has been avoiding assembly elections in the Union Territory. "This is their Naya J&K. They have governed More on P10

LG Orders Setting Up Of 2000 Kisan Khidmat Centres

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday directed the agriculture production department to establish 2000 Kisan Khidmat Centres on priority for handholding and clusterization and linking all farmers to institutional credit

Sinha passed these directions while chairing a high-level meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review performance of the department and progress made in agriculture, allied sector and flagship scheme of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).



"Timely and hassle-free credit to small and marginal farmers would play an important role in increasing production," he added.

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Highlighting the important role SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir More on P10

Deputation Can't Exceed Beyond 4 Years: HC

Urge Mourners To

Says Employee Cannot Be Repatriated Back After Lien With Parent Department Is Terminated

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Srinagar: Observing that deputation can't exceed beyond a maximum period of four years, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh has held that once an employee on deputation is absorbed in the borrowing department and his lien in the parent department

be repatriated.

A Single bench of Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal responded in negative to a moot question before it in petition whether an

terminated, he cannot

employee after his permanent absorption in the borrowing department and after termination of his lien in the parent organization can still be repatriated to his parent orga-

nization after a period of 21 years.

"As per Civil Services Regulations, deputation can't exceed beyond a maximum period of 4 years and in the pres-

4 years and in the present case, since the petitioner has continued for more than 26 years in JKSRTC as on date, it cannot be construed that the More on P10

Srinagar Court Orders Arrest Of Narayan Tyagi court here has ordered the arrest of Jitendra Narayan Tyagi alias Waseem Rizvi in connection with a case for his alleged statement against a particular religion. The directions by the court of Second Additional Munsiff, More on P10

Reservation Of Seats In J&K Assembly

Govt Tables Bill In LS To Reserve 3 Seats For KPs, PoK Refugees

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: A bill to nominate two members, including a woman, from the Kashmiri migrant community and one member from the displaced persons from Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) to the legislative assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was introduced in the Lok Sahha on Wednesday

Lok Sabha on Wednesday.
Introducing the bill on behalf of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said the bill provides for representation of Kashmiri migrants, displaced persons from PoK and Scheduled Tribes in the legislative assembly of Jammu and Kashmir so as to preserve their political rights as well as their overall social and economic development.

"The Jammu and Kashmir

Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 provides for the following, namely: to insert new sections 15A and 15B in the Act so as to nominate not more than two members, one of whom shall be a woman, from the community of Kashmiri Migrants, and one member from Displaced Persons from Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir, to the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir; and amendments to sub-sections (3) and (10) of section 14 of the Act which are of consequential in view of completion of delimitation process in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir," according to the statement of objects and reasons.

The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 (34 of 2019) was enacted with for the reorganisation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir,

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which was bifurcated into Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir. and Ladakh.

The statement of objects and reasons noted that at the time of the militancy in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir in the late 1980s, particularly in Kashmir in 1989-90, a large number of people migrated from their ancestral places of residence in Kashmir province, particularly the Kashmiri Hindus and Pandits along with a few families belonging to Sikh and Muslim communities.

Initially, all the migrants were moved to Jammu. Later on, some migrants chose to go to other parts of the country, namely Delhi, Bengaluru and Pune. As per the data available with the government of Jammu and Kashmir, there are currently 46,517 families having 1,58,976 persons registered with the Relief More on P10

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2 Booked Under PSA In Jammu

wo alleged criminals were detained under the stringent Public safety Act in Rajouri and Samba districts of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Wednesday. Mohammad Shakeel, a resident of Muradpur village in Rajouri, and Balwander Singh alias "Goru Jatt" of Rahya Ranjari in Samba were detained under the PSA for their repeated involvement in criminal activities for the past several years, a police spokesman said. The PSA is an administrative More on P10

Youth Dies After Self-Immolation

youth died after setting himself on fire in Aragam area of North Kashmir Bandipora district, reports said Wednesday.
The 29-year-old sprinkled kerosene over his body and lit it with a matchstick on Tuesday night inside his home in Ward number 4 in main town Bandipora, reports said. His family extinguished the fire and rushed the youth in an injured condition to district hospital Bandipora. However, due to severe burn injuries, More on P10

Kargil Gets First Women Police Station

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he first-ever women police station has started functioning here in the Union Territory of Ladakh, an official said on Wednesday, terming it a significant step towards empowering women and ensuring their safety.

Additional Director General of Police, Ladakh, S D Singh Jamwal inaugurated the police station, which will specifically deal with crimes against women, he said.

"The station will operate round the

clock to ensure More on P10

Wall Collapse Kills Labourer

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middle-aged labourer lost his life on Wednesday when a house wall he was working on collapsed in Shilwat area of North Kashmir's Bandipora district.

55-year-old Mohammad Ashraf Beigh of Ganastan Sumbal was critically injured during deconstruction of a house when a portion of the wall collapsed, trapping him underneath, an official said. Following the incident, he was immediately rescued and taken to a nearby hospital for treatment, More on P10

Drug Smuggler's Assets Attached

police on Wednesday attached movable and immovable properties belonging to an alleged drug smuggler in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir. "Acting tough against drug smugglers, police have attached properties of a drug smuggler worth Rs 41.85 lakh in Baramulla," a police spokesman said. He said the attached properties include a newly constructed house (Rs 11.46 lakh) and a vehicle (Rs 5 lakh) belonging to More on P10

3 Held For Assaulting Cops In Leh

hree people have been arrested for allegedly attacking two policemen in Leh, a senior police officer said on Tuesday.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) SD Singh Jamwal held a meeting with representatives of the Kargil amid strong resentment among the locals over the attack on the local policemen by some miscreants.

Two on-duty policemen including a sub-inspector were seriously injured when they were assaulted by a gang during the intervening More on P10



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Samsung Unveils New Foldable Phones To Challenge Apple's Premium Dominance

Reuters

amsung Electronics unveiled its latest foldable smartphones on Wednesday, keeping prices around the same level three years in a row as it seeks to challenge Apple's dominance in the premium market.

world's est smartphone maker pioneered the segment in 2019, betting that it would appeal to consumers looking for a bigger screen to consume content, while its foldable displays keep the overall phone size compact. Foldable phones remain a niche product category, carving out 5% of the global premium smartphone market, although the sector has grown rapidly from just 0.3% in 2019, according to research firm Counterpoint.

Samsung, a leader in the segment with 63% market share in the first quarter, is looking to accelerate the growth trajectory with an aggressive pricing plan

and faster rollout, industry analysts said. The company on Wednesday priced its new clamshell Galaxy Z Flip5 at \$999.99, and the wide Galaxy Z Fold5 to start at \$1,799.99 in the United States, the same as the launch prices of the last two

years' models. It made the folded thinner than last year's model by improving the hinge - and enlarged the cover screen to 3.4 inches (8.64 cm), adding more capacity for interactions and an improved ability to take a selfie with the top-line main camera. Samsung's 7.6-inch screen Fold5, lighter and thinner than last year's model, offers a bigger vapour chamber for better heat management when gaming or multitasking and a 41%

thinner stylus. Both models use Qualcomm's Snapdragon 8 Gen 2 chipsets. The unveiling of the latest models comes weeks earlier than last year - seen by analysts as

a bid to keep the limelight for longer before the next iPhone release.

"Competition Apple's iPhone 15 series inevitable. Consumers of foldable products are expanding from early adopters to general users, in particular... in China and Western Europe," said Jene Park, senior analyst at Counterpoint. Because of advanced technology used for foldable displays and hinges, foldable phones are "significantly more expensive than general smartphones" to make, which can make price the biggest obstacle for a consumer,

In 2023, global foldable smartphone shipments are projected to reach 19 million units, up about 45% from 13.1 million in 2022, according to Counterpoint. Apple had a 75% share of the premium smartphone market priced \$600 or above in 2022, versus Sam-

Public Notice

It is for the information of the general public that I, Tabasum Nisar D/o Nisar Ahmad Bhat R/o Chandrigam Tehsil Pahalgam am applying for Reserve Backward Area (RBA) Certificate in the office of the Tehsildar, Pahalgam, Anantnag. In this regard, if anybody having any objection, may kindly convey to the concerned office within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, after that no objection shall

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It is for the information of the general public that I, Yasir Nisar

S/o Nisar Ahmad Bhat R/o Chandrigam Tehsil Pahalgam am ap-

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that no objection shall be entertained.

I inform to general public that my electric bill is on the name of my Father BRIJBIHAR SINGH S/O BAJAJBAHAR SINGH R/O SINGPORA KALAN has been expired bearing Consumer ID No ..0212040001533..Now I want to change my electric bill name from BRIJBIHAR SINGH R/O SINGPORA KALAN to PARAM-JEET SINGH R/O SINGPORA ... If anybody have any objection he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned PDD office within seven days from the date of publication f this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name: PARAMJEET SINGH S/o:LATE BRIJBIHAR SINGH R/o: SINGPORA KALAN BLock: WAGOORA Distt; BARAMULLAH

I have applied for the issuance of Fertilizer & Pesticide License . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Plant Protection Officer Lal Mandi Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Bashir Ahmad Tantray S/o Haji Ghulam Ahmad **Tantray** R/o Palhallan Pattan

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Subject: Select List for the post of Scientific Officer, chemistry & Toxicology, FSL in Home Department- Disposal of representation thereof.

NOTICE DATED: 25.07.2023

Whereas, two posts (02) [OM:1, RBA:01] of Scientific Officer, Chemistry & Toxicology, FSL, Home Department were advertised vide Notification No. 06-PSC (DR-P) of 2021 dated 07.07.2021; and,

Whereas, 93 application forms were received against the said Notification; and,

Whereas, the written test was conducted on 14.11.2022 and the result of written test was declared vide Notification No. PSC/Exam/2022/38 dated 19.12.2022. Fourteen candidates were called for interview, conducted on 26.06.2023; and,

Whereas, the Provisional Select List was issued vide Notification No. 26- PSC (DR-S) of 2023 dated 03.07.2023 subject to objections, if any, which were to be submitted within 5 days; and,

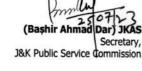
Whereas, two representations one each from Mr. Vishal Singh Kotwal, R/o Chinta Bhadarwah and Mr. Khalid UI Islam Rather has been received in the Commission. Mr. Vishal Singh Kotwal has submitted that his name is not mentioned in Annexure-A of the Provisional Select List, which may be rectified and Khalid UI Islam Rahter has alleged that the selected candidate does not possess the relevant experience; and,

Whereas, the representations have been examined. Upon further scrutiny of the documents of the candidates who were called for interview, it was found that Mr. Vishal Singh Kotwal does not possess the relevant experience. hence, is in-eligible for the post. The objection of Khalid UI Islam Rather against the selected candidate is vague and without any substance as the candidate has not substantiated his claim with any documentary

Now, therefore, the representations are disposed of being devoid of merit

DIPK-5849/23 dated: 26-07-2023

No. PSC/DR/FSL/Home/2023



E-mail: mrdshopian@gmail.com GOVT OF IAMMU AND Kashmir (UT)

Office Of Thf Executive Engineer **Mughal Road Division Shopian**

The Superintending Engineer, Mughal Road Project, Lalmandi Srinagar.

No.: MRDS/654-57 Dated: 25/07/2023

Subject: - Cancellation of Allotment for the work "Construction of CD Works At Km 1+800, At Km 16+050, At Km 23+800, At Km 25+500, At Km 27+000, At Km 31+500, Construction of Parapets at various Spots from Km 0+000 to Km 40+500 and Construction of Passenger Sheds various spots from Km 0+000 to Km 40+550 on Mughal Road in Sub Division 1st, 2nd and 3rd of Shopian Side "vide this Office No: MRDS/365-68 Dated: 05/06/2023

Sir,

Refer the above cited subject, in this context it is to submit that the work was allotted to M/S Kaisar Constructions R/O: Khudwani Kulgam. Despite of serving several notices, the contactor has failed to start the work. The Performance Security has been forfeited by this Department vide No: MRDS/633-35 Dated: 21-07-2023 and the same has credited to Official account. As Such the allotment in favour of the said contractor is hereby cancelled and fresh tenders will be invited.

DIPK-5870/23 dated: 26-07-2023

Yours Faithfully (Er. Shahiahan Ahmad Itoo) **Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian**

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NOTIFICATION

Subject: - Schedule for Online submission of Inter School / District to District and Division to Division Migration of Higher Secondary Part-Il (Class 12) for the Academic Session 2023-24.

It is for the information and follow-up of all the concerned Govt./Private High and Higher Secondary institutions/schools (affiliated with JKBOSE) that the dates for submission of Online Inter School Migration (within the district, district to district and division to division) pertaining to Higher Secondary Part-II (Class I2th) who are desirous to migrate from one school to another school for the Academic Session 2023-24 are notified as under and the eligible candidates/applicants can apply for the same Online at Board official website: www.ikbose.nic.in.

Submission of Migration from School to School within the same district, District to District, Division to Division for Higher Secondary Part-II (Class 12Ih).

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No		Fee of	fee of Rs. 70/-	fee of Rs. 80/-	fee of Rs.95/-	ing the fee for
		Rs.390/-	for 1st count	for 2nd count	for 3rd count	the students
			of Ten days	of 10 days	of Ten days	who apply upto
			after Normal	after Normal	after Normal	10th of Sep-
			Fee duration	Fee duration	Fee duration	tember, 2023
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	Migration Form by	2023 to 11th	2023 to 21st	gust to 31st of	tember 2023	ber 2023
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	students of Higher	2023	2023.		September	
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	academic Session					
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Moreover. The Heads of the Institutions/Candidates shall ensure that the candidates sirous to change his/her subject/s in Higher Secondary Part-Il (Class 12th) or wherever applicable he/she has to pass the same subject/s in corresponding examination i.e. (Class 11th) otherwise his/her result of class 12th shall be kept withheld under D.E category The prescribed fee for change of subject is Rs.390/-per candidate.

Note: General Instructions regarding Migration

- Date of opening of link 28th of July, 2023 and closing of link 11th of August, 2023, with normal fee of Rs. 390/-
- No student shall be allowed to migrate from one Affiliated Academic Institution to another without Inter-Migration having been sanctioned in his/her favour by the J&KBOSE.
- The Heads of the Institutions shall not issue the Transfer Certificate until the migration has been sanctioned in-favour of a candidate by the J&K BOSE.
- No candidate seeking Migration shall be admitted by any Head of the Institution even provisionally under any circum stance before his/her Inter-Migration is sanctioned by the J&K BOSE Deviation, if any, will be treated as unauthorized admission and warrants action against the concerned Head of the Institutions.
- Candidates are advised to use their BOSE Registration Numbers to fill in the online migration form.
- The candidates who submit the online Migration requests shall approach the concerned Branch/Sub offices of the JKBOSE along-with all the relevant documentary proofs in support of Migrations within the dates prescribed above for physical verification of documents.
- The concerned Heads of the Sub/Branch offices of the BOSE shall manually and scrupulously verify the documents submitted by the candidates and furnish on authenticated list of such candidates who comply the BOSE norms governing Migrations to the Registration Section.
- Only those Affiliated Academic Institutions in whose favour the facilities for the current Academic
- Session 2023-24 have been released by the General Section shall be able to transmit the Migration Forms of the eligible candidates.
- Further, the completer instructions with regard to online filling of Migration

form shall be available on the official BOSE website: www.jkbose.nic.in

NO: F(Acad-C)Mig-XII/A-C/23-24 DIPK-NB-2244/23 Dated: 26-07-2023

Director Academics

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Court Of The 2Nd Additional Munsiff JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS AT **SRINAGAR**

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC CNR: JKSG03-021789-2023 Date of Filing 18.07.2023

Nazir Ahmad Mir S/o Abdul Rehman Mir R/o Shalteng Srinagar

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applicant WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Mohammad Asim Mir S/o Nazir Ahmad Mir R/o Shalteng, Srinagar has born on 10-07-2010 and the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the birth particulars of Mohammad Asim Mir in the concerned register of births and deaths.

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this

Dated, this 18th day of July 2023.

(AHTZAZ AHMED) 2nd Additional (JMIC), Srinagar

In the court of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class/Munisiff Sumbal

In the case of

Ghulam Mustafa Hajam S/o Ghulam Rasool Hajam R/o Trigam

Registrar of Births & Deaths BDO Concerned In the matter of: Registration of date of Birth JO CODE. JK00262 Present MS Razila Rashir

Whereas the above titled application has been filled by the applicant for issuance of DOB certificate of

Publication for the General Public

Ghulam Mustafa Hajam S/o Ghulam Rasool Hajam R/o Trigam As such by vertue of 'this publication it is to inform to the

general public that if any person/person's has/ have any objections regarding the issuance of such certificate of the sad person(s). he/she / they shall file the objection personally or through their duly authorized persons before this court within a period of 7 days from the date of this order. After expiry of the sad period no objections will be entertained Given under my hand and seal of the court on the day

26-07-2023 Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Sumbal Sonawari

LOSS OF MARKS CARD

I have lost my marks card of 10th Class, Roll No. 221212, Session 2008- 2009 and Registration No. 08NKF203023. 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 concerned authorities within a period of seven days from the date of publication of the notice in this newspaper. After the expiry of said period no objection would be entertained.

Nazima Noor D/o Noor Mohammad Bhat R/o Azad Basti, Natipora, Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that I have to change my name in my passport from Mohammad Abdullah to Mohammad Abdullah Shah bearing passport number K6938109 and applying for the same at Regional Passport Seva Kendra at Baramulla. Anybody having any objection may contact Regional Passport Seva Kendra at Baramulla within 7 days from the publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after the stipulated time. Mohammad Abdullah Shah

S/o Hussain Shah R/o Dangiwacha, Rafiabad. District Baramulla.

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فحريرالصدر

ازعدالت جود يشل مجسٹريث درجهاول پيڻن بااجلاس الطاف حسين خان فور محمددار بنام BDO wagoora BIRTH CERTIFICATE رخواست منجانب بورمد... بغرض اندراج: تاریخ پیدائش اشتهار بماردا گانی برخاص وعام حصدا ،تاریخ پید رخواست منجانب نورمحد دار ولدمحر رمضان ڈارسا کنه پاہالن پٹن عامله مندجه عنوان الصد ميس سائل نے ايك درخواست حصول تاریخ پيدائش نسبت Sufiya Noor (DOB: 24-04-2018) & Horrain Jan (DOB: 24-06-2021) مرالت بذامیں پیش کی ہے جس نسبت برائے کا غذات بشمولہ درخواست مقررہ تاریخ پیدائش 24-04-2018 \$24-06-202 بروئے درخواست بذاہے اوراس نسبت درخواست پیش کردہ ریساعت عدالت هذا ہے۔ اگر کسی محض کوئی اعتراض ہوتو سات دن کے اندرا ندر دفتر ہذا کو مطلع ریں۔بعدازمعیادکوئیاعتراض قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔

> ازعدالت جود يشل مجسر بيث درجهاول بين بااجلاس الطاف حسين خان

فلام نبی وازه بنام BDO Pattan

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Death CERTIFICATE رخواست منجانب غلام نبی وازه ولدغلام احمد وازه سا کندموضع پایبالن پین حصول Death Certificate

اشتهار بماردا گاہی ہرخاص وعام

معامله مندجه عنوان الصد میں سائل نے ایک درخواست نسبت محصول Death Certificate عدالت ہذامیں پیش کی ہے جس نسبت برائے کاغذات بشمولہ درخواست مقررہ تاریخ فو تگی 01-01-2020 نبست بختی بیگم زوجه غلام احمدوازه ساکنهابان پیشُ بروئے در خواست ہذا ہے اور اس نسبت درخواست پیش کردہ زیریاعت عدالت هذا ہے ۔ اگر کشی شخص کوئی اعتراض ہوتو سات دن کے اندراندردفتر بذا کومطلع کریں_بعدازمعیاد کوئی اعتراض قابل قبول نه ہوگا۔

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2 Houses Gutted In **Overnight Blaze In Bhagat**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Two residential houses were damaged in a fire incident in Rawathpora Bhagat locality in uptown Srinagar late last night.

An official said a fire broke out in the Bhagat area late last night, damhouses.

He said that the cause of the fire was being ascertained.

Meanwhile, have taken cognizance of the matter and set investigation into motion.

DC Inspects Progress Of Major Construction Projects In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Wednesday conducted a visit of different City areas to oversee the progress of works being carried out on several major developmental projects including ongoing construction works on Lasjan Grade Separator on NH-44 (Jammu-Srinagar highway), Flyovers at Nowgam Junction, Sannat Nagar Chowk and Bemina Crossing to improve flow of traffic on heavy loaded traffic inter-

sections of the District. The DC also took onsite appraisal of ongoing construction works on Noor Jehan Bridge being constructed over River Jhelum at Qamarwari at an estimated cost of Rs 10

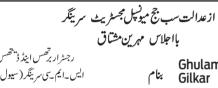
At Lasjan, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the progress of works on the 560-meter span Flyover/Grade Separator being executed by NHAI

at an estimated cost of Rs

1.03 crore. On the occasion, the Project Manager NHAI apprised the DC of the present status of ongoing work and informed that over 90 percent of the work on the project has been completed and Bitumen/finishing works are going on in full swing.

The DC directed the concerned executing agency to speed up the work by deploying additional men and machinery and complete the project as per revised deadline so that movement of traffic is improved on the corridor of National Highway.

While reviewing the ongoing work on Flyover at Nowgam crossing, the DC took stock of the work on 0.85 km span flyover being carried out at a cost of Rs 36.93 crore.



Ghulam Hassan

رخواست بغرج اندراج تاریخ پیدائش اوفات Ghulam Rasool Gilkar :

عامله مندجة عنوان الصدر ميں سائل سائله نے عدالت بذاميں ايک درخواست بشمول حلفي بغرض روفات Ah, Gilkar S/o Ghulam Ah, Gilkar R/o Shoragari Mohalla Nawab Bazar Sgr رر بعداشتها مطلع كياجا تائے كرنسبت درخواست كوئى عذر يااعتراض مونے كى صورت ميں اپنے مذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندردس بوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے معیاد کو ئی عذریا عتراض قابلِ قبولُ نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت ہذامیں 2023-08-02 کو مقررہے۔



DC Srinagar Chairs DAC Meeting For PC&PNDT Act Implementation

Observer News Service

Srinagar: To ensure proper regulation and operationalization of in Srinagar District A meeting of the District Committee(DAC) Advisory for Pre-Conception and Prenatal Diagnosis Techniques (PC&PNDT) Act implementation was today held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Jameel Ahmad, Medical Superintendent JLNM, Dr Tajamul, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Owais Wani, District Social Welfare Officer, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, District Health Officer, Dr Asifa , ZMO, S R Gunj, Dr Shafqat and other concerned were present in the meeting.

At the outset, the DC who is also the Chairman District Advisory Committee (DAC) took a detailed account of Provision of Registrations, Inspections, Mechanism for monitoring and implementation of PCPNDT Act in the District. He also discussed the enforcement measures in place in execution of the ACT.

Chairman DAC also reviewed case put forth before him for grant of provisional registration of cases under Pre-Conception and Pre-Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, an Act of the Parliament of India enacted to stop female feticides' and arrest the declining sex ratio.

care facilities to the patients in the District. He also stressed on intensifying inspections of the clinical establishments in Srinagar to ensure that they are operating their business as per laid guidelines.

The DC also laid emphasis on the effective and strict implementation of the PC&PNDT Act in Srinagar District and directed

The DC stressed on taking immediate steps to stop mushroom growth of ill equipped pathological and microbiological laboratories lacking in infrastructure and technical expertise to ensure up to mark healthcare facilities to the patients in the District

The DC/Chairman DAC, after detailed deliberations, scrutinization and proper screening of each case in consonance with the laid guidelines, accorded approval for provisional registration of as many as 36 cases under Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act.

On the occasion, the DC stressed on taking immediate steps to stop mushroom growth of ill equipped pathological and microbiological laboratories lacking in infrastructure and technical expertise to ensure up to mark healthconcerned officers to take action against violators.

He also asked the members of the Committee to ensure that all files/cases related to grant of provisional registrations must enclose proper checklists mentioning minimum requirements with standardized site plan in accordance with the guidelines of PC&PNDT Act.

Earlier, the Chief Medical Ofcer gave a detailed appraisal to the chair with regard to regulation and registration of Ultrasound Clinics in the District.



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HIGHWAY STATUS



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This Day In History

- 1214 1st battle of Bouvines King Philips II of France vs Holy Roman Emperor Otto IV and King John of England; as a result John lost Normandy and his other possessions in France (hence his nickname Jhn "Lackland")
- 1914 Felix Manalo registers the Iglesia ni Cristo with the Filipino government.
- 1917 World War I: Allied troops reach the Yser Canal in the prelude to the Battle of Passchendaele
- 1922 International Geographical Union forms in Brussels
- 1941 Japanese forces land in Indo-China
- 1943 772 British bombers attack Hamburg
- 1965 President Lyndon B. Johnson signs a bill requiring cigarette makers to print health warnings on all cigarette packages about the effects of smoking.
- 1967 Arabs Federation premier Hoesein Al Bayoomi resigns 1970 - France performs nuclear Test at Mururoa atoll
- 1975 The British government closes its consulate in Angola following increasing fighting between the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola and
- 1976 Japanese ex-premier Tanaka arrested (Lockheed

South African troops

- 1982 Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's first visit to the US in almost 11 years
- 1986 Iraqi jets attack central Iranian city of Arak; Iran
- threatens missile attack of gulf states supporting Iraq 1987 - First expedited salvaging of Titanic wreck begins by RMS Titanic, Inc.
- 1990 Tom Moody scores 100 in 26 mins in county cricket, world record
 - 1990 White-Russia declares independence
- 1991 TV Guide publishes its 2000th edition
- 1992 Astros begins 26-game road trip to make room
- for Rep National Convention

From KO Archives

Car With 100 KG RDX seized

Stolen car intercepted near Magam, was headed for Srinagar?

Observer News Service

rinagar - Death and devastation on a large scale was averted today when the police recovered 100 kilograms of RDX from a stolen Maruti car near Magam in the Baramulla district. The driver of the car was apprehended while two other occupants managed to escape.

"The RDX was concealed in a trunk and was fitted with two live grenades fixed to detonators/' Inspector General of Po-lice, Kashmir, Javed Mukhdoomi, said at a hurriedly-called press conference this evening. A wireless Set was also found along with the explosives.

Police immediately called the bomb disposal squad who neutralised the explosive material.

"There is a possibility that the car was being driven to Srinagar for a bombing," he said, adding that a major tragedy

The recovery was made during routine checking near Magam when a blue Maruti 800 Was stopped by line police at around 6 PM Tuesday evening. The three occupants of the car made a break for it, but one of them, the driver, identified as Zahoor Ahmad of Hanjiwera, Pattan, was caught at Mazhama on the Srinagar-Magam road after the police gave chase, the IGP said

The car (original registration number JKE 6394) was fitted with a false number plate (DL3C 8177). It had been stolen a few days ago from Aripathan, and an FIR stands lodged in the Beeru police station, the IGP said. The interrogation of the driver was going on. 'Seizure a major breakthrough'

The Centre today described the seizure of an explosive-laden car and the arrest of its driver on Srinagar1 Gulmarg Highway a major breakthrough in the investigations into a spate of bomb blasts in the recent past. "This is a major breakthrough and we are hopeful that the security forces will be able to bust the militant network carrying out these attacks," a senior Home Ministry official said.

(Kashmir Observer, 27 July, 2005)



Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Impaired Assets Portfolio Management Deptt Zonal Office Jammu Rail Head Complex, Panama Chowk, Pin -180012 P: 0191 -247880 E: iapmd.jmu@jkbmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Whereas 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 31.07.2014 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely 01) Shree Honda Ornaments H no 14 Mohalla Jullaka Jammu -180001 (Borrower Firm) Through 02). Mr. Lakesh Handa S/o Sh. Parbhat Kumar Handa R/o H no 15 Juliaka Mohalla Jammu (Prop.) O3) Sh. Parbhat Kumar Handa S/o Late Sh. Shadi Lal Handa R/o H no 14 no 14 Mohalla Jullaka jammu (Guarantor/ mortgagor) 04) Sonu Alias Kapil S/o Sh. Parbhat Kumar Handa R/o H no 14 Mohalla Juliaka Jammu (Guarantor) 05) Smt. Veena Rani W/o Parbhat Kumar Handa R/o H no 14 Jullaka Mohalla Jammu (Guarantor/Mortgagor) 06) Surjeet Kumar S/o Sh. Gurvinder Singh R/o Indra Nagar Sonawar Srinagar (Mortgagor/Guarantor) 07) Sh Sunil S/o Sh Sanji Ram R/o Nonath, Tehsil Hiranagar Distt. Kathua (Guarantor/ Mortgagor) 08) Sh Rohit Bhat S/o Jai Prakash Bhat R/o Srinagar A/P Radio Colony Panjthirthi Jammu (Guarantor/ Mortgagor) to repay an amount of Rs 4,74,74,052.72 NP (Rs. Four crore seventy four lac seventy four thousand fifty two and paisa seventy two only) being the balance outstanding as on 30.06.2014 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 20th 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 aggregat ing to Rs.18,24,75,166.70 (Rs. Eighteen crore twenty four lac seventy five thousand one hundred sixty six and paisa seventy only) 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 movable Property

All Part and Parcel of Residential property constructed over land measuring 11 marlas situated at Mouza Sonawar, Indra Nagar ,Srinagar Kashmir falling under Khasra no. 1403/220, Khata no. 1052 & Khewat no 795 min. in the name of Surjeet Singh S/o Sh. Gurinder Singh R/o 911/EP Mohalla Jullaka Jammu.

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Traffic Advisory for 8th Muharram Procession (27th July) from 0600 hrs to 0800 hrs

The 8th Muharram-ul-Harram (27th July-2023) procession shall be taken out from Guru Bazar upto Dalgate Srinagar which effects traffic movement in the adjacent areas. In order to have smooth movement of traffic and for convenience of general

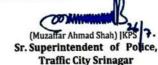
public/motorists, the following traffic advisory is issued: There will be no movement of traffic from Karan Nagar towards Jehangir Chowk

via Shaheed Gung/Tankipora from 0600 hours to 0800 hours. Traffic coming from Kaksarai and Karan Nagar will be diverted towards Fire Services and Secretariat.

There will be no movement of Traffic on the road stretch from Jahangir Chowk -

- M.A Road upto Dalgate -Badyari stretch from 0600 hours to 0800 hours. Traffic coming from Batamaloo, Secretariat and Rambagh towards M.A Road shall be diverted towards Residency Road via Hari Singh High Street and Regal Chowk from 0600 hours to 0800 hours.
- Traffic coming from Khanyar, Rainawari shall be diverted at Mumta Hotel towards SRTC Bridge, Barbarshah and Kralkhud.
- Motorists from Nishat Shalimar and adjacent areas shall use Hotel Lalit -Gupkar Road -Radio Kashmir-Abdullah Bridge from onward journey from 0600 hours
- Traffic coming from Pantha Chowk-Sonwar shall be diverted at Radio Kashmir -Rajbagh via Abdullah Bridge for onward journey.
- Tourists and locals from Nehru Park and adjacent areas shall use Nehru Park,
- Gupkar Road or Nishat Fore Shore Road. General Public is requested to kindly avoid unnecessary movement from Karan Nagar towards Dalgate via M.A. Road on 27.07.2023 during the procession to

INCONVENIENCE IF ANY IS REGRETTED.



White House Blocks Arab

Rapprochement With

Agencies

An Arab diplomatic source revealed to pro-opposition

Syria TV that several Arab countries, which rushed to

normalize relations with the

Syrian government this year,

have gradually scaled back

their political and economic engagement under pressure

The countries are neverthe-

less maintaining security and

US officials reportedly took

measures to limit this "free"

engagement with the Syrian

government by withholding fi-

nancial assistance from its Arab

allies. Jordan, Syria's southern

neighbor, and home to millions

of Syrian refugees, heavily de-

During a visit to Damascus

and a meeting with President

Bashar al-Assad and other gov-

ernment officials, Jordanian

Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi

emphasized that the return of

Syrian refugees is contingent

upon receiving necessary guar-

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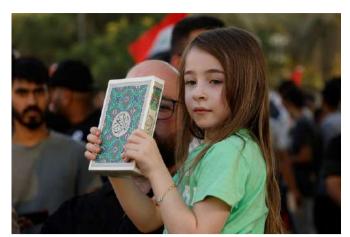
country to recover economical-

ly and make absorption of the

pends on US aid.

from the United States.

intelligence cooperation.



EU Reaffirms Rejection Of Religious Hatred After Qur'an **Desecration In Sweden**

Agencies

LONDON: The EU has reaffirmed its strong rejection of any form of incitement to religious hatred and intolerance.

It said that respect for diversity was a core value of the organization, including respect for other religious communities.

The statement came days after the Qur'an was desecrated by a protester in Sweden.

The bloc stressed that the burning of any book considered holy was offensive, disre-

spectful, and a blatant provocation. It added that racism, xenophobia, and intolerance had no place in the EU.

The statement said: continue to stand up for freedom of religion or belief and freedom of expression, abroad and at home; but not everything that is legal is ethical.

"Now is the time to stand together for mutual understanding and respect. These acts committed by individual provocateurs only benefit those who want to divide us and our

Supreme Court "Amazed" As High Court Denies Interim Bail, But Provides Relief

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has said it is "amazed" to see an order of the Allahabad High Court dismissing a plea by five accused seeking anticipatory bail in a criminal case but granted them protection against coercive steps for two months, terming it "self-contradictory".

The high court had in May last year rejected the anticipatory bail application filed by five accused in a case registered in Saharanpur district under the provisions of the Uttar Pradesh Gangsters and Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986.

After the application was rejected, the counsel for the applicants had requested the high court that they may be accorded the liberty to move discharge application and, till its disposal, coercive steps may not be taken against them.

"In view of above, it is provided that the applicants may move discharge application as months from today no coercive measures shall be adopted against applicants," the high court had said in its order.

The state's appeal against the high court order came up for hearing in the Supreme Court before a bench of Justices BR Gavai and JB Pardiwala.

"We are amazed to see the order passed by the single judge of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad," the bench said in its July 18 order.

The top court noted the application filed by the accused before the high court was vehemently opposed by the state's counsel on the ground that



they were hardened criminals having a history of crime and look-out notices were also issued against them.

It noted that the high court, after hearing the parties, had rejected their application for anticipatory bail.

"However, after the application was rejected, a motion was made on behalf of the respondent(s) that they would like to move an application for discharge. The single judge of the high court while rejecting an application for anticipatory bail, in the same breath granted them protection for a period of two months," the bench said.

"It is, thus, clear that selfcontradictory orders have been passed by the high court. On the one hand, the application for anticipatory bail is rejected and, on the other hand, the interim protection is granted for a period of two months," it said.

While allowing the appeal, the bench quashed the part of the high court order directing that no coercive steps shall be taken against these accused for two months.

Stage Set for No-confidence Motion, Speaker Admits Notice Against Govt



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Wednesday admitted a no-confidence motion moved by Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi against the Narendra Modi government after a headcount of over 50 MPs as required under the rules.

He said the time of the debate will be fixed by him and conveyed to the House.

After the House met at 12 noon and papers were laid on the table, the Speaker said he has received a notice from Gogoi for moving a motion of no-confidence against the government.

He asked members supporting the admission of the motion to stand after which INDIA alliance members, including Congress parliamentary party chief Sonia Gandhi and National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah, stood up for a head count.

Birla then admitted the motion expressing a want of confidence in the Union Council

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DRASS: The dangers and

armed forces are likely to

get more complex in the

future and India needs to

be ready to face them, the

Chief of Army Staff, General

Manoj Pande, said today.

The armed forces show

prepare for the future keep-

ing in mind the possible

challenges, the Army chief

"Dangers and challenges

before us are likely to get

complex in the future. We

need to be ready," General

Pande told reporters at the

Kargil War Memorial in

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ready force to deal with se-

24th Kargil Vijay Diwas.

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of Ministers.

Birla said a date and time for discussion on it will be fixed by him after consultation with all parties.

The alliance of 26 opposition parties, INDIA, had decided to move the motion in order to make Prime Minister Narendra Modi speak in Parliament on the Manipur violence, senior leaders of the front said.

ALSO READ | When PM silent on Manipur till SC remarks, how can INDIA have confidence in him: Sibal

Although the no-confidence motion by opposition parties is bound to fail the numbers test, opposition parties argue that they will win the battle of perception by cornering the government on the Manipur ssue during the debate.

They contend that it is also a strategy to make the prime minister speak in Parliament on the crucial matter even as the government has been insisting that Union Home Minister Amit Shah will reply

India Must Be Prepared For More Complex

curity challenges," he said.

that the country will never

forget the sacrifices of the

soldiers in the 1999 Kargil

"Operation Vijay was a

difficult and high-intensity

military operation. It was

a difficult terrain that was

under the possession of

the enemy. It was a chal-

lenge that our soldiers ac-

complished... I also want to

The Indian Army launched

a fierce counter-assault to

Challenges In Future: Army Chief

to the debate on the Manipur situation.

A no-confidence motion can be moved by any member of the Lok Sabha.

Rule 198 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Lok Sabha specifies the procedure for moving a no-confidence motion. The member has to give a written notice of the motion before 10 am which will be read out by the Speaker in the House.

A minimum of 50 members have to support the motion and the Speaker will accordingly announce the date for discussion for the motion.

The allotted date has to be within 10 days from the day the motion is accepted.

If not, the motion fails and the member who moved the motion has to be informed

If the government is not able to prove its majority in the House, it has to resign.

The Lok Sabha currently has a strength of 543 seats of

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The Kargil War saw sol-

diers of the Indian Armed

Forces fight in the most

challenging terrain under

harsh weather conditions

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The Kargil Vijay Diwas

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refugees possible, was firmly rejected by US officials, who and Gulf capitals. **No Court Relief For Imran**

ISLAMABAD: In a jolt to Imran Khan, Pakistan's Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected the ousted prime minister's plea to stay the criminal proceedings against him

The case pertains to the allegations that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party chief had "deliberately concealed" details of the gifts he retained from the Toshakhana - a repository where presents handed to government officials from foreign officials are kept - during his time as the prime minister and proceeds from their reported sales.

using his 2018 to 2022 premiership to buy and sell gifts in state possession that were received during visits abroad and worth more than ₹ 140 million (USD 635,000).

Imran Khan, 70, had approached the Supreme court after being denied relief in the case by the Islamabad High Court (IHC),



The unnamed source also claimed additional factors were causing Arab states to pull back on economic and political normalization with Damascus, including smuggling Captagon, a highly addictive drug, from Syria to Saudi Ara-

bia via Jordan. The source claimed Assad has "not made good" on his promise to Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries to halt the flow of drugs and shut down Captagon factories in exchange for economic and development assistance.

Further, the Syrian government has "not fulfilled its commitments" concerning Syrian and Arab political prisoners and human rights activists. The government was required to provide information about their fate but has been evasive in its responses, the source speaking with Syria TV claimed.

On the other hand, a western diplomatic source indicated to Syria TV that Russia has intervened to keep agreements between Arab countries and Syria on track despite US efforts. Moscow may also contact Iranian officials and Hezbollah to facilitate the normalization process between Damascus

Khan In Toshakhana Case

Press Trust of India

in the Toshakhana corruption case.

Imran Khan is accused of mis-

the Geo News channel reported.

The Election Commission of Pakistan on October 21 last year, disqualified the former prime minister in the Toshakhana case for making "false statements and

incorrect declaration". In May, a trial court rejected

Imran Khan's petition challenging the maintainability of the case and indicted the PTI chief, who denied all the allegations of misdeclaration of gifts.

Subsequently, Imran Khan challenged the trial court's decision before the IHC, which sent the case back to the trial court for reexamination. On July 8, the trial court concluded that the ECP's petition is maintainable and proceeded further against the former the Supreme court for relief.

During Wednesday's hearing, Justice Yahya Afridi of the twomember bench remarked that the Supreme court will not interfere in the trial court's matters in the Toshakhana corruption case.

However, it urged the IHC to decide three of Imran Khan's pending petitions challenging the court's decision to return the matter to the trial court after his lawyer Khawaja Haris informed the bench that there are multiple petitions - related to the jurisdiction of the trial court and transfer of the Toshakhana case - pending in the high court, the Express Tribune newspaper reported.

"We have been working commend the air warriors Pakistan. The Army chief laid a on adaptive, resilient, and for their contribution in responsive processes. Our achieving the final objecwreath at the Kargil War Army will emerge as a techtive," he said. Memorial to pay his trib-

NEWS MAKERS

Wife, Children Of Road Accident Victim **To Get ₹ 1.49 Crore Compensation**

Press Trust of India

THANE: The Thane Motor Accident Claims Tribunal has ordered that a compensation of ₹1.49 crore be paid to a 39-year-old woman and her two children after her husband was killed in an accident involving his car and a private bus on Pune-Mumbai Expressway in May 2018.

MACT member Wali Mohammed directed Neeta Tours and Travels and insurer The New India Assurance Co. Ltd. to make the payment to the claimants along with an interest of 7 per cent per annum from the date of filing of the petition within two months.

The order was passed on June 6 and its copy was made available on Wednesday.

The tribunal also directed the insurer to first make the payment of the compensation and then it is at liberty to recover the amount from the owner of the vehicle. The claimants- Shubhra

Shrivastava and her children- are residents of Hin-



jewadi in Pune.

RC Yadav, the counsel for the claimants, informed the tribunal that the dead Saurabh Shrivastava (then aged 35) was working as Deputy Manager, Integrated Access Lead (IANI) with Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd.

On May 21, 2018, a private bus rammed into his car from behind on the Pune-Mumbai Expressway. Shrivastava, who was at the wheel, suffered serious injuries and was rushed to a hospital at Kamothe in Navi Mumbai where doctors declared him brought dead.

As the owner of the bus was not present, the tribunal passed the order ex-parte.

The insurer was represented by advocate PB Nair who argued that the claim amount was exorbitant and the claim is not maintainable.

"The opinion in the postmortem report is sufficient to believe the culmination of death of the deceased in a vehicular accident," the or-

Crypto Scammers Cheat People Of Over A Crore Posing As Canadian Officials

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The CBI seized about ₹1 crore in cash during its searches at the premises of alleged fraudsters impersonating Canadian government officials who coerced their victims into transferring their assets to cryptocurrency on the pretext of providing technical support, officials said on Wednesday.

The CBI received inputs about the alleged fraud from the Canadian authorities, following which it registered a case on May 11, they said.

The CBI worked on local intelligence and conducted surveillance on the basis of inputs, and a search operation was initiated on Tuesday at the premises of two accused -- Sahil Pal and Ashish Bhambani, the officials said.

"CBI conducted searches at

different places at the premises of the accused in an ongoing investigation of a case related to Crypto frauds. During searches, ₹1 crore (approximately) was recovered from the premises of an accused," a CBI spokesperson

It was alleged that the accused were impersonating government officials in Canada and utilising this facade to execute their fraudulent activities, the agency said.

"Their modus operandi involved providing fake technical support consultation to unsuspecting victims and then coercing them into transferring cryptocurrency funds. These ill-gotten cryptocurrency as-sets were subsequently routed through multiple crypto wallets, ultimately ending up in the perpetrators' own crypto accounts," the spokesperson said.

Bihar Man Arrested For Allegedly Tampering With PM Modi's **Aadhaar Card**

Press Trust of India

MUZAFFARPUR: A team of Gujarat Police on Wednesday arrested a person from Bihar's Muzaffarpur district for allegedly tampering with the Aadhaar cards of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Muzaffarpur's Senior Superintendent of Police Rakesh Kumar said Arpana Dubey alias Madan Kumar was arrested from Sadatpur area of the district.

The accused hails from Gariba Gaon village in the district. He was pursuing his graduation from a college in Sadatpur locality in Kanti police station area," said

The visiting police team was assisted by the local police, following "information that there were attempts to tamper with the Aadhaar cards on the website and the IP address was traced to the accused", he said. The accused is understood to have changed the dates

of birth of the two leaders, among other things, and misused the tampered Aadhaar cards, he added. Listen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com

The police team from Gujarat has taken Dubey along for further investigation and action, the officer said.

AJKPC Welcomes Announcement Of **Panchayat Polls In J&K**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: All Jammu And Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) president Anil Sharma on Wednesday welcomed the statement of State election Commissioner B R Sharma on holding panchayat elections in November this year.

"State Election Commissioner B R Sharma said that Panchayat elections will be held in the months of November and December. We welcome this

however, appealed that elections in Jammu and Kashmir for all three tiers of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) should be held simultaneously.

"The panchayat elections should be held with DDC elections now or both should be held in December 2025," he added.

Sharma also said the delimitation in Panchayat wards should be done in JK.

2,300 Pilgrims Leave Jammu For Amarnath Yatra

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Amid tight security, over 2,300 yatris left the base camp here on Wednesday for pilgrimage to the 3,880-metrehigh holy cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

Over 3.35 lakh pilgrims have so far paid obeisance at the cave shrine since the commencement of the annual yatra from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district in the Kashmir Valley on July 1.

A total of 2,372 pilgrims, including 1,955 men, 357

women, 54 seers and six children, left Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas here in a convoy of 103 vehicles amid heavy security of the Central Reserve Police Force in the morning, the offi-

They said 671 pilgrims heading for Baltal were the first to leave the camp in 33 vehicles, followed by the second convoy of 70 vehicles carrying 1,701 pilgrims for Pahalgam.

Over 1.30 lakh pilgrims have left from the Bhagwati Nagar camp for the valley since June 29, when the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

TBM Successfully Launched At 1000-MW Pakal Dul HEP In Kishtwar

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Tunnel boring machines (TBM) have been deployed for the construction of head race tunnel-1 of 1,000 MW Pakal Dul project in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir, an official said on Wednesday.

The deployment will accelerate the construction of the project on Marusudar, a tributary of the Chenab river, at Drangdhuran village in

Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited (CVPPL), a joint venture of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Ltd and Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC) is developing the

It is likely to become a fully- boring and segment lining.

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In order to celebrate

the successful completion of

three years of National Educa-

tion Policy (NEP) 2020, the Cen-

tral University of Kashmir (CUK)

today organised a press confer-

ence in Srinagar. The press con-

ference was addressed by the

Vice-Chancellor (VC) CUK Prof.

Addressing the media, Prof. A.

Ravinder Nath said, "NEP-2020

is basically focussing on cater-

ing to the learner interest and

nurturing the learner abilities

in developing economies, build-

ing societies and fostering lead-

ership, which can convert the

human potential into national

ducted as part of Akhil Bhartiya

Shiksha Samagam, a nation-

wide celebration regarding the

completion of NEP-2020.

The programme was con-

A. Ravinder Nath

empowerment".

executed with precision and excellence for the construction of head race tunnel-1 which is a critical component of this venture," an official spokesman

He said the twin head race tunnels, measuring 9.6 km in length and 8.33 m in excavated diameter, will significantly contribute to the generation of 1000 MW of hydroelectric

Two state-of-the-art double

operational power plant by

"The launch of the TBM was

shield TBMs, aptly named Marsu and Aksini, are engaged in the construction, adding that the TBMs have been specially designed to tackle the site's unique geological conditions facilitate simultaneous



that started from Botraj Mohalla and culminated at Hassanabad in this capital city. .

Budgam Court Comes To The Rescue Of Branwar Grazers

Restrains Opposite Party From Causing Interference

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: The District Court Budgam on Wednesday came to rescue of many grazers from Branwar and adjoining villages by restraining the opposite party from causing any interference in the pastureland of Chanskani Naad in Doodh Ganga forest range in Pir Panjaal forest division.

Budgam has over 4000 kanal of grazing land that has been allegedly controlled by an influential family of the area who were disallowing many families to graze their livestock especially sheep in the area.

The court of Additional District Judge Budgam Aijaz Ahmad Khan in a detailed order has directed that non- applicants (opposite party) are temporarily restrained from causing any sort of interference with respect to the suit property.

The aggrieved sought interface of the District Court as they were being asked to evict from the pastureland by an influential Chowdhary family of Branwar District Budgam.

"For what has been stated above and given regard to the averments urged in the motion and the record accompanying, a fair and prima facie case for indulgence of the court is made out as the balance of convenience tilts in favour of the applicants and the order prayed for if not granted will put the

applicant to irreparable loss" the court said in its order.

It is pertinent to mention Gujjar community of Branwar, Jabbad , Neegu villages in Budgam District were denied the grazing rights for their 1000 plus sheep in pastureland of Chaskani Naad pastureland which is located at an altitude of 4000 meters in Doodh Ganga forest range of Pir Panjal Forest Division.

The villagers allege that an Chowdhary family from Branwar Chadoora one of whose brothers is the Vice Chairman DDC Budgam have taken control over the hundreds of acres grassland (4000 kanal plus) in Chaskani Naad meadow for last many years and the family takes money as "ransom" from grazers especially from Bakerwal families of Rajouri and Poonch by allowing them to graze their animals in the said meadows.

This has become an illegal trade for this family for the last many years. The Chairman DDC Budgam Nazir Ahmad Khan had also written to LG Manoj Sinha regarding this issue and ordered for holding a gram sabha to address this issue under Forest Rights Act -FRA.

"The Chaskani Naad pastureland (bahak) originally belongs to the villagers of Branwar Jabhad Neegu and surrounding villages and should have been technically allotted to them under Forest Rights Act for grazing purposes in summer

months. In Fact Bakerwals also should have the grazing rights on this massive area but they are made to pay money for it. Unfortunately the pastoralist Bakerwal community are not ready to even speak about this issue nor are they aware of their rights under the Forest Rights Act-FRA," said Mushtaq Ahmad a local social activist from Budgam

"The Chowdhary family of Branwar Chadoora District Budgam don't even own more than 100 sheep while there are 1000 plus sheep in the area and are being forced to leave the Chaskani Nar meadow around Yusmarg. We are ready to take care of their sheep as well but the Chowdhary family is reluctant as they make easy money from grazers mostly Bakerwals. They also want the relief under the garb of grazing their animals and sheep," said Rafiq Ahmad an aggrieved grazer

Advocate Badrul Dujja, a noted Environmental Lawyer, welcomed the order of District Budgam. He urged upon the Deputy Commissioner Budgam and SDM Chadoora to intervene and start the process of giving grazing rights to the people of Branwar and adjoining villages under the Forest Rights Act.

man DDC Budgam's intervention into this issue who has ordered for holding a Maha Gram sabha to decide this issue.

DAK Welcomes SKIMS Move On Generic Drugs

Urges Other Hospitals To Follow Suit

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Wednesday Welcomed SKIMS hospital circular wherein doctors have been directed to prescribe generic drugs instead of expensive branded drugs.

Hailing the move, DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan urged other hospitals in Kashmir valley to follow the suit.

Following an order by the Director General of Health Services (DGHS), India, the Shere-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura yesterday directed doctors to prescribe generic drugs only.

"This would bring relief to patients especially poor who are not able to buy expensive branded medicines," said Dr Hassan.

He said generic medicines are copycat versions of branded drugs and are equal to their branded counterparts terms of strength, quality, ef-

ficacy and safety. They cost 80 to 90 percent less than the branded medicines as manufactures do not have to spend on the development and promotion of the

The DAK President said generic drugs make treatment affordable for cancer patients and, as a result, save lives.

Research has shown that generic drugs significantly reduce deaths among cancer patients.

Two studies published in the Lancet medical journal have found that the use of

two inexpensive generic drugs aromatase inhibitors and Bisphosphonates - significantly improved survival rates in postmenopausal women with breast cancer. With the introduction of generic form of "Gleevec", the drug used for blood



chronic medical conditions, diabetes, hypertension and other cardiovascular ailments would re-

sult in long term adherence to essential therapies. was because of generic drugs that saved millions of lives with AIDS," he

Dr Nisar said while generic drug use has increased over time, in JK doctors continue to dole out expensive branded drugs when equally effective and cheaper versions are available.

"There is a perception generated that because generic drugs are cheaper, they will be less effective," he said adding we need to raise awareness among people that would change their perception towards generic drugs.



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CUK Celebrates Three Years Of National Education Policy 2020 CS Bats For Meeting Housing **Demands Of City Dwellers**

Under AMRUT 2.0 UTWAP Amounting To Rs 1665.10 Crore Approved By GoI For 78 ULBs Of J&K



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday impressed upon the officers of the Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) to come up with a comprehensive policy for meeting the housing needs of the urban population of the UT, especially that of the twin cities of Srinagar and Jammu.

Dr Mehta was speaking in a meeting to review the progress of flagship schemes implemented by the Department here. The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner SMC; Commissioner JMC besides other concerned officers of the Department.

The Chief Secretary observed that since population of the urban areas is increasing fast, there is significant rise in demand for housing in cities. He stated that it is imperative on the part of the Department to be alive to this aspect of urban management. He called for saturating the housing demands under PMAY (U) for the benefit of urban poor.

He made out that the unplanned construction of houses in cities is putting lot of pressure on the already shrinking land resources. In view of it, the Department has the added responsibility of providing affordable and planned housing provisions to people in urban areas. He asked for

identifying suitable land for vertical development in the twin capitals of Srinagar and Jammu.

Dr Mehta also stressed on further improving the ranks of these cities in terms of cleanliness. He expressed the hope that in the upcoming rankings of the cities, both Srinagar and Jammu would fare better and figure amongst cleanest cities of the country.

He stressed on completing all the drainage and sewerage projects forthwith for enhancing the hygienic conditions in and around the city parts. He advised for exploring the possibility of generating electricity from the STPs to make them self sustainable waste treatment units.

While taking cognizance of the developmental projects he stressed on completing them on time. Regarding the AMRUT 1.0 he asked for finishing the remaining few projects in a month, besides directing that the projects under AMRUT 2.0 be tendered out in a time bound manner.

As far as the Smart City projects in the twin cities are concerned the Chief Secretary asked for enhancing the men and machinery even in night shifts. He underscored that all of these projects are aimed at improving the aesthetics or beautification of these cities so deserves to be executed with all prudence and urgency for all to see and explore it.



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DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, KASHMIR

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Subject: - Change of location of the Travel unit running under the name & style of "M/s Valley Trip Planner".

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Whereas, Ms. Nargis Banoo Proprietor of M/s Valley Trip Planner has applied this office for change of location of her Excursion Agency from Momin complex Hyderpora New Airport Road Srinagar to Ground Floor M2 House Shaheed Gunj near Custodian Court Srinagar under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, the unit is registered with this office vide Registration No:-Reg/T/1565/390/DTK/L-07/P-28 dated 04.02.2016 and was renewed upto 31.03.2023.

Whereas, the applicant along with his application has submitted the requisite documents as mention below:-

- **Registration Certificate.**
- 2. NOC from concerned bank.
- 3. Rent Deed.
- **Affidavit (First Class Magistrate)**

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 39 of Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before the request of the applicant is considered for change of location of the unit, the matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/ Financial Institutions/ Bank/ Organization, etc for objections, if any. The same should reach this office within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in the local newspaper. Objections received beyond period of 7 days will not be entertained, and request of the applicant will be considered as per rules.

No: Reg/T/1565/DTK/352

Dated: 25.07.2023 DIPK-5841-23

Sd/-Assistant Director Tourism, Registration (Kashmir).

ous schools of the varsity, Prof. Nath presented an overview of various steps and measures initiated by CUK and said that no stone is being left unturned to ensure proper and timely

Flanked by the Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Shahid Rasool, Convener NEP-2020 Implementation Committee, Prof. Syed Zahoor Geelani, and Deans of variimplementation of NEP in letter and spirit. He said that all

efforts are being made to equip the students with skills relevant for the market and the opportunity for both vertical and horizontal mobility across the nation and abroad. CU Kashmir intends to offer holistic education through multidisciplinary approaches, while focusing on skill development, innovation and enterprise, he added.

Enumerating various steps and measures taken by the CUK for implementing the NEP-2020, he said that the University is conducting a series of webinars/ seminars/ workshops/ trainings for more threadbare discussions in creating awareness among faculty in implementation of NEP - 2020. "So far seven such major events were organised and many more are in vogue."

CUK Vice Chancellor further added that the policy is aimed at revolutionising the country's education system to address the challenges of the 21st century and cater to the diverse needs of the Indian population focussing on learner interests and abilities. He added that NEP 2020 marks a significant shift in India's education policies in vogue over the decades and seeks to transform the entire learning ecosystem from school to higher education in the country to make it into a vibrant knowledge society.

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Lingering Stand-Off

ndia-China bilateral relationship has faced significant challenges over the last three years. The two countries have been engaged in a bitter standoff ever since the Chinese army staged incursions across the Line of Actual Control in multiple areas in April-May 2020. The situation came to a head when 20 Indian soldiers lost their lives during a scuffle along the border in June of the same year. Ever since multiple Corps Commander-level talks and a few meetings between the foreign ministers of the two nations yielded little result. Over 70,000 Chinese troops are reportedly deployed along the Indian-claimed border in eastern Ladakh. The protracted military standoff between has tested the resilience of their diplomatic ties between the two neighbours. The situation has not only impacted their bilateral relations but has also had broader consequences for regional stability.

It was in this fraught context that the National Security Advisor Ajit Doval stressed the urgency of resolving the ongoing situation to pave the way for normalcy in bilateral relations during his meeting with China's top diplomat Wang Yi on the sidelines of the Friends of BRICS meeting in Johannesburg. It is essential to address the existing obstacles and pave the path for stable development in ties of the two countries. Wang Yi apparently echoed the sentiment, emphasizing the need to enhance strategic mutual trust and cooperation. He reaffirmed China's commitment to multilateralism, supporting the democratization of international relations and promoting a more just and equitable international order.

Both parties also acknowledged that the India-China relationship goes beyond their borders, impacting the entire region and the world. As two major Asian powers, their cooperation and stable relations are crucial for regional peace, security, and economic growth.

This meeting between two came in the aftermath of the talks between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Mr. Wang in Jakarta, where they discussed outstanding issues related to peace and tranquility in the border areas. It is evident that India's position is clear - the normalization of bilateral relations is contingent upon ensuring peace in the border region

Going forward, it is imperative for China to follow through on its commitment made during the recent meetings of its officials with Indian counterparts. Both sides must engage in continuous and constructive dialogue, explore areas of common interest, and find lasting solutions to their differences. Building trust requires time and patience, but it is an essential investment for regional stability and prosperity

While challenges remain, the willingness of both countries to discuss their issues is a positive sign. India and China, the two Asian giants, have a shared responsibility to shape the future of Asia and beyond. By working together, they can forge a path towards a more cooperative and peaceful regional order, benefitting not only their citizens but also the entire world.

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To Kill a Tweeting Bird

t least Meta stood for something, if only as an abbreviation. Elon Musk, in a move emblematic of the narcissism of great men, has made the new Twit-Later logo stand for everything. The iconic blue bird, which has been Twitter's logo in one form or another for over a decade, has been replaced by a stylised version of the letter "X". And the inspiration – from behind China's Great Digital Wall — for the self-confessed "free speech absolutist" allencompassing symbol makes it clear, once again, that profits are more absolute.

An X, of course, can stand for many things. For anyone who remembers the crosses on wrong answers, in red pen, across answer sheets through school, the mark hardly inspires free speech. For treasure hunters, it can mark the spot. And for those given to abstract thinking — as Musk seems to be — it is a variable, any variable. X is a stand-in, and it can fill up with meaning just as a balloon fills with air. But, it is important to remember, that the meaning can go out of it just

Musk's love for the "X" logo is not new. It is his designation for the yet-to-be created "everything app", inspired by China's WeChat. WeChat allows and facilitates many things - messaging, ordering services like taxis, and digital payments. The app is one of the largest digital products in the world. One reason for this success could be its insulation from competition, as it serves up Communist consumerism. None of this is to say that the tweeting blue bird represented perfect virtue — Twitter — like Meta and so many others — has always been a profit-making enterprise, vying for attention in a cyberspace fuelled by divisive algorithms. But the bird, at least, did not represent free speech absolutism inspired by anti-free speech totalitarianism.

The Indian Express



Cloudbursts and Flash Floods

Deep Dive Into Recent Weather Phenomena in Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladak

Faizan Arif

et's start by providing a definition of a cloudburst: A cloudburst, as defined by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), is a weather phenomenon characterised by heavy rainfall over a localised area at an extremely high rate, 100 mm per hour. Accompanied sometimes by strong winds and lightning, these events predominantly occur during the southwest monsoon season in regions with significant orography, such as the Himalayan region, northeastern states, and the Western Ghats.

Cloudbursts usually occur when monsoon clouds and moisture-laden winds, sometimes associated with a low-pressure area, move northwards from the Bay of Bengal across the Indo-Gangetic Plains towards the Himalayas. resulting in heavy and intense downpours. In some cases, the moisture may also come from winds originating in the Arabian Sea. The ciouas associatea with ciouabursts can extend up to 20 km above the ground, indicating cumulonimbus convection in conditions of significant moist thermodynamic instability and rapid dynamic lifting caused by steep terrain. Cloudburst events in remote and sparsely populated hilly regions may often go unnoticed until the media reports casualties and damages.

Can we obtain an exact figure for the number of cloudbursts that occur?

Counting cloudbursts accurately presents a significant challenge. This weather phenomenon typically occurs over a very small area, making the detection difficult for satellites and radars. When a radar emits a beam of electromagnetic waves, it travels in a straight line until it encounters an obstacle, such as a mountain. As the beam hits the mountain, it gets blocked or attenuated, preventing the radar from detecting objects or weather phenomena located behind the obstruction. This phenomenon leads to a "shadow" area on the other side of the mountain where the radar cannot effectively capture echoes or reflections from rainfall or cloudbursts. Consequently, the presence of mountains in the radar's range significantly hampers its ability to provide complete and accurate rainfall data for specific regions, especially in mountainous terrains like Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Onslaught of Flash Floods and Cloudbursts

In the last 20 days, Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh have encountered over two dozen potential cloudbursts, inflicting considerable damage to infrastructure, orchards, and crops, and tragically resulting in casualties due to flash floods. During this period, the southwest monsoon remained active, permitting moisture-laden easterly winds to infiltrate Jammu and Kashmir, bringing a substantial amount of moisture to the region. The convergence of a Western Disturbance with monsoon winds led to moderate to extremely heavy rainfall in most parts of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh between July 7 and July 12.

Notably, Pahalgam experienced the alltime highest 24-hour rainfall in July, 73.3 mm, surpassing the previous record set in 1983. Similarly, Qazigund recorded its second all-

The incidence of cloudbursts might have escalated in the past decade in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh due to the impacts of global warming and climate change. Even though we lack specific data on cloudburst figures, it is essential to consider the warming atmosphere's effects. Notably, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) sixth assessment report supports this view, indicating a global increase in extreme rainfall events and projecting further escalation in the near future, given the warming atmosphere

time-highest 24-hour rainfall (94.0 mm) in July. Banihal witnessed its all-time highest 24-hour rainfall (103.8 mm) in July. Furthermore, Bhaderwah experienced its highest 24hour rainfall (125.1 mm) in July since 2005, while Kathua ARG recorded an extraordinary amount of rainfall, 296.0 mm, within 24 hours.

As a consequence of heavy rains, the Jhelum River at Sangam, Vishow Nallah at Khudwani, Jhelum River at Pampore, and Jhelum River at Ram Munshi Bagh Srinagar, surpassed their respective flood declaration marks. In the Jammu region, heavy to extremely heavy rainfall led to the River Tawi at Udhampur and Panithirthi at Billawar Kathua exceeding the danger level. The Chenab River at Akhnoor approached the danger level as well. These occurrences might have been marked by cloudbursts and heavy rainfall in elevated areas, leading to a sudden surge in water levels across major rivers in Jammu and Kashmir.

In the past week, Jammu and Kashmir experienced a surge in flash floods and cloudbursts incidents, which were more localized rather than large-scale events.

On July 16, Drabgam Pulwama and nearby villages were hit by flash floods.

On July 19, Panjthirthi in Kathua faced severe flooding, resulting in the submergence of villages and damage to buildings, leading to the loss of eight lives due to floods and landslides in Kathua district. Katra in Reasi district received an unprecedented 315.4 mm of rainfall within 24 hours (ending on July 19, 8:30 am), breaking all previous records. The same day, a cloudburst struck Reasi, as confirmed by the IMD's ARG station. In the late afternoon on the same day, flash floods struck Zurhama Kupwara, causing damage to infrastructure, including washing

away of a road completely. On July 21, heavy rainfall in Ganderbal district, particularly in Kangan Tehsil, caused flash floods in Khanan village and mudslides/ landslides in the area, with media reports suggesting a cloudburst in the upper regions as the cause. On the night of July 21, a flash flood affected areas near Leh's main bazaar, lead-

ing to water entering houses and causing significant damage to roads and infrastructure. A day before this, Khalsar village in Nubra valley also experienced flash floods.

Early morning of July 22, a cloudburst triggered flash floods in Bangla Nallah in Chirala Tehsil of Doda district, while multiple locations in Kulgam, including Manzgam, DH Pora, Chachamulla, and Korel, were hit by flash floods triggered possibly by cloudbursts in the late afternoon, resulting in damage to houses in residential areas, crops, and orchards.

On July 23, flash floods struck several villages in the upper reaches of Kupwara, including Trumnard Batpora in Haihama, and caused vehicles to be submerged. Additionally, a tragic incident in the Kalaroos area led to the death of a woman who was swept away by the floodwaters.

During the last seven days, there were a dozen more incidents of flash floods and cloudbursts reported in various areas of Jammu and Kashmir, including a cloudburst in the raqir Gujri area oi Srinagar and ilash ilood in Gundmachar, Khurhama, and Shalagund areas of Kupwara.

How is climate change contributing to the occurrence of flash floods and cloudbursts

The frequent occurrences of flash floods and cloudbursts have raised significant questions among researchers. Some argue that while cloudbursts have always taken place, they are now receiving more attention due to heightened media coverage. However, I hold the belief that the incidence of cloudbursts might have escalated in the past decade in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh due to the impacts of global warming and climate change. Even though we lack specific data on cloudburst figures, as mentioned earlier, it is essential to consider the warming atmosphere's effects. The warmer climate has the potential to hold more moisture, leading to increased rainfall over certain regions. Notably, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) sixth assessment report supports this view, indicating a global increase in extreme rainfall events and projecting further escalation in the near future, given the warming atmosphere. As a result, the atmosphere's instability has amplified, creating the likelihood of more cloudbursts and intense showers in the times ahead.

A sneak peek into the forthcoming weather forecast

The current weather forecast indicates rain showers to continue until Saturday, as the monsoon winds persist over both Union Territories. As a result, the likelihood of heavy downpours and cloudbursts cannot be discounted. While there may be a temporary relief from intense rain showers early next week, the monsoon showers are likely to return later in the week. The risk of intense rainfall and cloudbursts will persist until September, when the monsoon season is anticipated to withdraw.

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From Makkah To Karbala

Jerrmein Abu Shahba

THE MONTH of Zil Hijjah has just passed and the sorrowful month of Muharram has emerged, bringing along with it all its grief, sadness, and mourning as the new year commences. It was in the year 60 A.H. when Imam Hussain (peace be upon him) and his family made the intention to perform Hajj in the sacred Haram. However, just before the commencement of the pilgrimage, he suddenly left Makkah without performing Hajj! This was the time when huge crowds were entering Makkah for Hajj that Imam Hussain was going out of that Holy City with his family and followers. This strange event must have elicited questions in the minds of everyone as to why the grandson of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) was leaving Makkah just on the eve of Hajj without performing Hajj. Why did he leave Makkah, when he embarked on this spiritual journey in order to complete what is one of the best deeds in Allah s eyes? Why didn t he wait just a fir few days until he finished the necessary rituals of pilgrimage? After all, based on our human judgment, nothing could be more important than the pilgrimage that would deserve interruption or cancellation right?

History tells us that the Imam discovered that some of the followers of Yazid had entered Makkah as pilgrims, with the mission to kill him during the rites of Hajj with the arms they carried under their special pilgrimage dress (the Ehraam). So Imam Hussain shortened the pilgrimage rites and decided to leave. Amidst the vast crowd of people, he stood up and announced in a speech that he was setting out for Iraq, he declared that he would be martyred, asked the Muslims to help him in attaining the goal he had in view, and to offer their lives in the path of God. The next day, he set out with his family and a group of his companions for Iraq. But it was not his own life that he was fearful for; rather, it was the life of Islam that Imam Hussain had his eyes set on! The proof for that is that he knew very well that he would be killed in Karbala and was literally walking towards his own death! So why interrupt his Hajj only to die in another land, if not for a noble reason?

The prime reason for leaving Makkah was that Imam Hussain did not want to be killed in a manner that the tyrants might remain hidden and undetected. In the huge rush of pilgrims assembled from all corners of the world, it would have been impossible to apprehend the killer, and particularly to ascertain the real killer behind the curtains.

Secondly, Imam Hussain s ultimate aim was to expose Yazid, and the Imam was determined not to give his allegiance to this corrupt oppressor. In this way, the question of why Imam Hussain refused allegiance to Yazid came to the forefront of discussion among all individuals and groups who assembled for Hajj as they noticed that Imam Hussain left Makkah without performing the Hajj. If the Imam were to be killed now, it would be assumed that Yazid must have arranged his killing and this is what actually happened. Yazid stands clearly, openly and directly exposed as the perpetrator of the crimes which formed part of that trage-



dy and his un-Islamic ideas; the beliefs and acts lie exposed to the world. The very people who had been silenced by fear and awe of the murderous tyrants were so moved to the core of their hearts by the tragic events of Karbala that they began picking up courage to express themselves against Yazid. In a very short time, there was a widespread uproar of protests against him and his government. This was possible only because of the superb way in which Imam Hussain carried out his plan of meeting Yazid s violence with the strength of his character.

We learn from Imam Hussain that there was a more important goal for him to accomplish than completing the rituals of Hajj and risking bloodshed in the Haram. Actually, it would be an erroneous statement to say that the Imam skipped or canceled his Hajj that year! In fact, Imam Hussain abandoned the ritualistic Hajj to perform the true essence of Hajj, which is embodied in his sacrifice and bloodshed on the plains of Karbala! Quite frankly, many of the ritualistic acts of Hajj symbolize the tragedy of Karbala, most notably the slaughter on the day of Eid al-Adha. Even though we celebrate that day out of gratitude that Allah spared the grief of father and son Prophets Ibrahim and Isma il (peace be upon them) from the slaughter ordered by Him, our moment of joy doesn t last long because it is soon replaced by the Great Slaughter (Dhibh Adheem, as mentioned in 37:104-108 of the Our an) which is personified in Hussain ibn Ali. The grief we feel is further intensified as we remember the pain of separation between Imam Hussain and his son Ali Akbar, which was not spared like that of Isma il and his father. The 10th of Dhil-Hijjah is only a few weeks

away from the 10th of Muharram, reminding us of the true sacrifice that was offered in Karbala one month later!

When we think of Lady Hajra s plight in fetching water for her son Isma il, we are reminded of Imam Hussain s pain of watching his youngest son, Ali Asghar, die out of thirst as he tries his best to seek water from the enemy by raising his infant in his arms in the hopes of moving their hearts and quenching his son s thirst. Unlike Hajra, whose heart was solaced when a spring of water erupted to save her son s life, Imam Hussain found nothing but a tri-headed arrow to pierce the neck of Ali Asghar! It is narrated that when Lady Hajra saw with her own eyes the marks of the knife on her son s neck, she fainted from that scene; one can only imagine what overwhelming emotions Lady Fatima experienced when she witnessed her son s headless body trampled by the hoofs of the horses after dying in a state of extreme

When we walk the distance between Safa and Marwa, we are reminded that it is the same distance as that between the holy shrine of Hazrat Abbas ibn Ali and his brother, Imam Hussain. This exact match in distance is certainly not a coincidence, and it reminds us of the challenge which Hazrat Abbas underwent as he sought to bring water to the thirsty children who had all their hopes pinned on him.

As the pilgrims rush to attain the blessings of the holy water of Zamzam, they are to be reminded of that water which Imam Hussain was denied until he died in the state of thirst, when even animals are given a last sip before being slaughtered!

The pilgrims in Hajj wear their clothes

of Ehraam for the sake of Allah, and Imam Hussain also wore his clothes of Ehraam for His sake while abandoning the pleasures of this life only for these Ehraam clothes to be drenched in his own pure blood to irrigate the tree of Islam!

The pilgrims stone the symbols of Shaytan numerous times to expel the whisperings of the devil which we are all prone to every second of every day. Hurr ibn Yazid al-Riyahi and Umar ibn Sa d also experienced whisperings from Shaytan to attain the glory of power. However, Hurr stoned the whisperings of Shaytan and made the right decision to join Imam Hussain, while Umar followed the whisperings and became a Shaytan himself!

When the pilgrims go to Mina where the final sacrifice is given, this stage of Hajj symbolizes our intention to sacrifice everything beloved to us for Allah just like the Imam did, and the tents are a reminder of his family s tents which were burned down and destroyed in Karbala after the Great Slaughter!

When the pilgrims visit the Holy Ka ba and circumambulate it, they are reminded of the honor Allah gave Prophet Ibrahim in rebuilding this sacred House of God. They are also to be reminded of the rebuilding of the pure Mohammadan Islam by Imam Hussain when he offered his pure blood to give a jump-start to this Deen, which was on its way to corruption and deviation.

It is important to note that a pilgrim who performs Hajj without recognizing Karbala to be its true essence does not gain the real fruits of his/her pilgrimage. In the words of Dr. Ali Shariati: Imam Hussain did not complete his Hajj in order to teach the pilgrims that if there is no Imamat and there

is not true leadership, if there is no goal, if Hussain is not there and Yazid is there, making Tawaaf around the house of Allah is equal to making Tawaaf around the idol-house. (Hajj)

All the pilgrims stone the Shaytan, all of them wear the robe of Ehraam, and all of them circumambulate the Ka ba and walk the distance between Safa and Marwa. But not all who physically stone the Shaytan have truly rid themselves from his temptations. Not all who wear the Ehraam have forbidden themselves from that which Allah has forbidden them. Not all who sacrifice an animal has their offer truly accepted by Allah, and it is only those who sacrifice their souls like the blessed companions of Imam Hussain and exhibit readiness to die for the Imam and the mission he represents, whose offer is accepted by Allah. Not all who raise their voices and call out

La ilaaha illAllah have truly recognized the essence of Tawheed, and it is only by fulfilling the conditions that one has truly pronounced the word of Oneness. As Imam Ali ar-Ridha (peace be upon him) relayed to his companions: The Almirbty Allah said

his companions: The Almighty Allah said, I surely am the God besides whom there is no god, so worship Me. Whoever comes with the testimony of Tawheed sincerely, he has surely entered My castle; and whoever enters My castle, he shall be protected from My chastisement.' When some of the companions expressed excitement from that statement, Imam Ridha immediately added, Yes this is true with its conditions. This condition is to acknowledge and submit to the Imamat and Wilayat of Imam Hussain and his descendants.

If we recognize the essence of Hajj as being intertwined with the tragedy of Karbala, we can then understand why Allah s mercy encompasses the pilgrims visiting the holy shrine of Imam Hussain on the day of Arafah, even before the pilgrims of Hajj! (Kamil al-Ziyarat) We will then understand why a special Ziyarat is to be recited for Imam Hussain on the day of Arafah, which is one of the most important deeds that one can do. We will then realize that it is not a coincidence that one of the key recommended deeds to be performed on the day of Arafah is to recite the special beautiful supplication of Imam Hussain for the day of Arafah, which speaks volumes of the level of Irfan and wisdom which Imam Hussain possesses as he summarizes to us in concise words the fundamentals of Tawheed. We will then understand why, according to authentic hadith, visiting the holy shrine of Imam Hussain is worth 90 Hajj and 90 Umrah performed by the Holy Prophet himself! It is common knowledge that Hajj is obligatory on all Muslims if and only if they have the means to do so and all the prerequisite requirements are met. However, supporting and treading the path of Imam Hussain is incumbent and obligatory upon every human at all times, whether Muslim or non-Muslim!

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The Importance of Muharram and What to Do

LAMISA KHAN

uharram marks the start of the Islamic calendar. The Islamic year consists of 12 months and lasts for around 354 days depending on the lunar cycle. It is known as the month of remembrance, when many significant events in Islamic history took place.

"Verily, the number of months with Allah is twelve months (in a year), so was it ordained by Allah on the Day when He created the heavens and the earth; of them four are Sacred. That is the right religion, so wrong not yourselves therein" (9:36)

Whilst traditions may vary between different Islamic sects, it is common to fast on the ninth and tenth day of the month following the Sunnah of the Prophet. Observing fast on the Day of Ashura is a penitence of a year of sins. The Prophet said: "Fasting the day of Arafah I hope Allah will expiate thereby for the year before it and the year after it, and fasting the day of Ashura I hope Allah will expiate thereby for the year that came before it." [Muslim]

"The prayer of the fasting person will not be refused." [Al-Bayhaqi, Saheeh]

As many of us fast during Muharram, we should take this opportunity to make dua and renew our intentions for the year ahead. Muharram is a time of ends, change and new beginnings. We often are afraid of change and uncertainty but it is important to remember that Allah (SWT) is the best of



planners and we should embrace the future with faith in him.

Change itself can be difficult for us to face but it is a reminder that attachment itself can be a challenge for the heart, from matters related to relationships, to money

to materials things or even plans we may have for our lives. We should learn to trust in Allahs plans.

What you can do?

Fasting expiates sins.

2. Charity: Giving sadaqa especially in the form of spending on the family.

3. History: Many talks and lectures

around Muharram will focus on the history of Ashura, it also helps to provide context which in turn can bring you closer to Allah.

- 4. Acceptance: With change, acceptance is a large part of the journey. Spend time reflecting after Salah on changes that are taking place in your life or looking at concepts like Qadr and Tawaakul which help to understand that our life is in Allah's hands.
- 5. Reading the Quran: If you are unable to fast, reading a transliteration of the Quran or doing Dhikr in solitude or with a group can really help you to feel the months blessings, remember any gathering for the sake of Allah will also be filled with barakah and the Angels will join you.

Abu Hurairah and Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri (May Allah be pleased with them) reported: The Messenger of Allah (sallallaahu

alayhi wa sallam) said:
"When a group of people assemble for the remembrance of Allah, the angels surround them (with their wings), (Allah's) mercy envelops them, Sakinah, or tranquillity descends upon them and Allah makes a mention of them before those who are near Him." [Muslim].

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Fat, Muscle Loss In Infections Explained

Press Trust Of India

cells, or body cells involved in immune responses, are responsible for causing fat and muscle loss during infection, new research in mice has revealed.

Fat and muscle loss, a process called wasting, were brought about by different groups of immune cells, researchers from the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, California, US, found.

Further, they found, while muscle loss helped the mice fight and survive infection, fat loss had no impact on the mice's ability to fight or survive infection.

While wasting is known to coincide with higher mortality rates, wasting may help manage illness, according to the re-



The findings, published in the journal Cell Reports, help understand how wasting influences survival and morbid-

ity across infections, cancers, chronic illnesses, and more and could better inform therapeutic interventions to avoid wasting in patients.

For the study, the researchers were interested in examining the activity of CD4+ and CD8+ T cells. CD4+ T cells lead the fight against infection and

promote the activity of CD8+ T cells, which kill invaders and cancerous cells.

Given that these groups of T cells often work together, their combined activity was hypothesised to contribute to wasting.

The researchers infected the mice with the parasite T. brucei, known to live in fat and be capable of blocking adaptive immune response cells, including T cells, so as to understand how T cells mediate fat loss.

They found that acting first, CD4+ T cells initiated the process of fat wasting. This was followed by, yet independent of fat wasting, CD8+ T cells initiating muscle wasting.

They then found that fat wasting, induced by CD4+ Tcells, had no impact on the mice's ability to fight the T. brucei infection. However, CD8+ T cell-induced muscle

wasting was found to help the mice fight T. brucei and survive the infection.

"Our discoveries were so surprising that there were times I wondered if we did something wrong," said first author Samuel Redford, a current visiting researcher at the institute.

"We had striking results that mice with fully functioning immune systems and mice without CD4+ T cells lived the same amount of time - meaning, those CD4+ T cells and the fat wasting they caused were completely disposable in fighting the parasite. And beyond that, we found that normally cooperative T cell subtypes were working totally independently of one another." The team in future intends to study T cell mechanisms in other mammals and, eventually, in humans.

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Subject:- Advertisement for filling of vacant Position (Warden) on deputation basis in Govt. Boys Pahari Hostel Anantnag.

Notification No. 01-CEO Ang of 2023

Dated: /07/2023

Applications are invited from eligible and interested in-service Masters working under the Administrative control of Chief Education Officer, Anantnag to fill the vacant position of warden in Govt. Boys Pahari Hostel Anantnag on terms and conditions of deputation read with Govt. order No. 50 JK (Edu) of 2021, dated: 31/01/2021. The eligibility of vacant post is annexed as "Annexure".

In-Service eligible candidates may apply in offline mode in prescribed application format along with self attested copies of supporting documents viz LPC, Domicile Certificate and First Page of Service Book

Submission of wrong or false or fabricated information shall lead to rejection of candidature and action under CSR.

Committee reserves the right to reject the incomplete application forms.

All applications will be screened and Short listing will be done as per eligibility norms and requirements.

Selection shall be made by "interaction committee" headed by Chairman, District Level Screenig Committee on the basis of the individuals performance in the interaction (if found eligible).

The applications as per the format shall be entertained by or before 01/08/2023 till scheduled office timing from the date of issuance of

"Annexure"

DIPK-5886/23 Dated:26-07-2023

Provisional Selection list of candidates who have applied for the Post of Sangnis (AWW) against the location AWC Shaikh Sahib Ward No, 18 Chinkipora

Residence

D/O Ghullam Hassan Malla | Shaikh Sahib Chinkipora 18

Name of Candidate D/O, W/O

Rifat Hassan

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Chief Education Officer,

Eligibility criteria for the post (warden): No. of post /office Bachelors degree in any discipline Domicile certificate/PRC of District Anantnag. (50700-160600) Government Boys Pahari Hostel Anantnag Working as Headmaster with DDO powers. Should be less than 57 years of age as on 01/01/2023

APPLICATION FORM

No: CEO/A/Plg/

1	Name of the Post Applied for Name of the Applicant	
2	Name of the Applicant	
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9	Place of Posting	
10	Category (if any)	

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Signature Place:-Date:-

Signature of Applicant

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office of Sub Divisional Magistrate Pattan

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Subject:- Conduct of Magisterial enquiry.

NOTICE

The District Magistrate, Baramulla has appointed Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pattan as an inquiry Officer, into the incident in which two persons got killed on 04-05-2023 at Wanigam Payeen. In this regard general public having knowledge of the incident are invited to record their statements within seven days from the date of publication of this notice in the office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pattan during office hours within seven days from the date of publication of this notice in local newspapers.

No: SDMP/Eng/2023/956-58 **DIPK-5843/23** Dated: - 26-07-2023

Sd/-(Syed Faheem Bihagi KAS) **Sub Divisional Magistrate Pattan**

OFFICER OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER SRINAGAR

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Basic Health Worker Seniority list Notification

The Tentative seniority list of Basic Health Workers on establishment of Chief Medical Officer Srinagar's is hereby published for information of concerned employees with the advice go through the seniority list of respective/e cadre available, objection if any in this behalf should reach to this office with documentary evidence within period of 07 days from the date of issuance / publication in local news paper, after expiry of stipulated period no claim will be entertained by this office. In case no representation is received by this office within the stipulated time, the seniority list shall be treated as final.

DIPK-5877/23 dated: 26-07-2023

Marital Status Marks obtained in 10+2 / out of

453/500

Percentage

90.60

Weightage

90.60

or AWH

Chief Medical Officer Srinagar

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Office of the Child Development Project Officer Mission Poshan Sopore

Child Dev. Project officer **Missoion Poshan Sopore**

90.60

Whether any relation with retired AWW | Additional 2 Points | Total Merit

DIPK-5824/23 dated: 26-07-2023

Qualification

10+2

D.O.B

17-12-2003

Ward No.

Non-Basmati White Rice: IMF 'Encourages' India To **Remove Export Restrictions**

Press Trust Of India

WASHINGTON: The International Monetary Fund has said it would "encourage" India to remove restrictions on export of a certain category of rice, which, it said, would have an impact on global inflation.

The Indian government on July 20 had banned the export of non-basmati white rice to boost domestic supply and keep retail prices under check during the upcoming festive season. This type of rice constitutes about 25 per cent of total rice exported from the country.

There would be no change in export policy of par-boiled non-basmati rice and basmati rice, which forms the bulk of exports, the food ministry had said in a statement.

In the current environment, these types of restrictions are likely to exacerbate volatility on food prices in the rest of the world. They can also lead to retaliatory measures, Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, Chief Economist, International Monetary Fund (IMF), told a press conference here.

"So, they are certainly something that we would encourage the removal of these types of export restrictions, because they can be harmful globally," he said in response to a question.

The total exports of non-basmati white rice from India was USD 4.2 million in 2022-23 as against USD 2.62 million in the preceding year. Major destina-

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NEW DELHI- The Centre on

Wednesday said it has discon-

tinued the sale of wheat and

rice to states under Open Mar-

ket Sale Scheme (OMSS) with

effect from June 13 to maintain

adequate buffer stock and con-

trol price rise amid concerns of

kharif crop being impacted due

to expected shortfall in mon-

This was informed by Minis-

ter of State for Food and Con-

sumer Affairs Sadhvi Niranjan

Jyoti said in a written reply to

ficiency in rainfall caused by

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due to which Kharif crop pro-

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to maintain adequate stock lev-

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the Lok Sabha.

Sale Of Wheat, Rice To States

Under OMSS Stopped For

Buffer, Control Prices



tions of India's non-basmati white rice exports include the US, Thailand, Italy, Spain and Sri Lanka.

In order to ensure adequate availability of non-basmati white rice in the domestic market and to allay the rise in local prices, the government has amended the export policy from 'Free with export duty of 20%' to 'Prohibited' with immediate effect.

The IMF in its latest eco-nomic update released here on Tuesday projected India's growth rate to be 6.1 per cent for fiscal year 2024, which is slightly up from 5.9 per cent estimated projection for the same period in April.

"India remains an economy that is growing quite strongly. I mean, it's coming down from really a very strong year in 2022, at 7.2 per cent. That was also revised upwards, by the way -- but still slow down, but still fairly strong growth

and fairly strong momentum,"

tribution under National Food

Security Act and other welfare

schemes..., the sale of wheat

and rice under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) for

State Governments, including

Tamil Nadu, has been discon-

tinued with effect from June

Replying to a separate ques-

tion on wheat, the minister said

the procurement of the crop

has been 262.02 lakh tonnes at

minimum support price (MSP)

during the rabi marketing sea-

which is 39.43 per cent more

than 187.92 lakh tonnes in the

"The stock position of wheat

under the central pool is 301.45

lakh tonnes as against the buf-

fer norms of 275.80 lakh tonnes

as on July 1 2023. It is evident

that stock level of wheat is

much above the buffer norms

requirement," she said.

2023-24 (April-March),

13," she said.

PM To Release Rs 17,000 **Crore To 8.5 Crore PM-KISAN Beneficiaries Today**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday will release around Rs 17,000 crore as the 14th instalment to about 8.5 crore farmer beneficiaries under the PM-KISAN scheme.

The amount will be transferred to the beneficiaries' bank accounts at an event in Sikar, Rajasthan on Thursday, an official statement said.

The total amount transferred to beneficiaries since the inception of the scheme is expected to cross Rs 2.59 lakh

This financial assistance will support farmers in meeting their daily needs and contribute to their overall wellbeing, the statement said.

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is a central scheme launched on February 24, 2019 and effective from December 2018.

Under the scheme, financial benefits of Rs 6,000 per year in three equal instalments are transferred to the bank



across the country through a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

So far, benefits amounting to more than Rs 2.42 lakh crore have been provided to more than 11 crore farmers across the country.

At the event, Modi will dedicate 1.25 lakh PM Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKSKs) to the country, the statement

The government is converting retail fertiliser shops in the country into PMKSKs in a SKs will provide agri-inputs, testing facilities for soil, seeds, and fertilisers to farmers.

These centres will generate awareness among farmers, provide information regarding various government schemes and ensure regular capacity building of retailers at block- and district-level outlets.

At the event, Modi will launch sulphur coated urea (urea gold), and also launch onboarding of 1,600 farmer producer organisations on ONDC.

GST Council Meeting On Aug 2 To Decide About Modalities To Impose 28% Tax On Online Gaming

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The GST Council will decide on modalities for implementing a 28 per cent Goods and Services Tax on online gaming, casino and horse racing at its next meeting on August 2, sources said.

In its 50th meeting earlier this month, the Council headed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman decided to levy the maximum 28 per cent tax on the full face value of bets in online gaming, casinos and horse racing.

The council representing finance ministers of states will take a final call on whether the tax will be levied on entry-level or on each bet, sources said.

The decision of the Council evoked criticism from the online gaming industry. Following this, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said that GST Council should reconsider its

"We are still in the early stages of developing a sustainable and permissible online gaming framework. Once this framework is established, we will

approach the GST Council and request their reconsideration based on the new regulatory guidelines," Chandrasekhar had said.

Giving details of the decisions taken at the 50th Council meeting, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said the decision to levy maximum tax on online gaming and casinos was not intended to kill the industry but considering the "moral question" that it cannot be taxed at par with essential commodities.

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

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

India Will Be Among World's Top 3 Economies In BJP's 3rd Term: Modi

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday made a strong pitch for a third term for his government, promising to make India the world's third-largest economy with a faster-thannow pace of growth and development.

On a day when the opposition Congress submitted a motion of no-confidence in his government in the Lok Sabha, the Prime Minister reeled out statistics to showcase the developmental agenda of his government and exuded confidence in eradicating poverty as well as making India a developed nation in the next 25 years.

He slammed naysayers for opposing developmental projects, saying some people have a habit of trying to stall any good work.

Opening a world-class convention and exhibition centre at the site of an outdated Pragati Maidan in the heart of the national capital, Modi said the entire nation was witnessing the result



of work done by his government since coming to power

He named the 123-acre complex, that will host the G20 Summit in September, Bharat Mandapam.

There is a slugfest between the opposition who have named their coalition as 'IN-DIA' and Modi's BJP which is trying to identify itself with Bharat while saying India was used by coloniser East India Company and banned organisations like People's Front of India and Indian

"At the beginning of our first term, India was the world's 10th-largest economy. In the second term, today India is the fifth largest economy in the world. I assure the country that in the third term, India's name will be among the first three economies of the world," he

India has been talked about as the bright spot amid a gloomy world economy.

The country, he said, is witnessing the result of his government's work. "India's development journey is not going to stop.' "India will reach in top

three economies of the world. That is Modi's guarantee." he said. "I would also assure the countrymen that in our third term after 2024, the country's development journey will move forward at a faster pace."

Modi government's second term ends in May next

Without naming anyone, the Prime Minister slammed naysayers for trying to block "Bharat Mandapam like infrastructure should have been built decades ago. But only I was destined to construct it," he said.

RBI Permits Banks To Open Vostro Accounts From 22 Nations For Rupee Trade

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Reserve Bank has permitted 20 banks operating in the country to open 92 Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs) of partner banks from 22 countries as part of efforts to promote bilateral trade in local currencies, the government said on Wednesday.

In a written reply to Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Parkash also informed that an MoU has been signed between the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Central Bank of UAE on July 15.

This would enable exporters and importers to invoice and pay in their respective domesvelopment of a bilateral foreign

exchange market. As on July 23, 20 banks in India have been permitted to open SRVAs of partner banks from 22

countries, including Bangladesh,

Belarus, Botswana, Fiji, Germany, Guyana and Israel. Other countries are Kazakh-

stan, Kenya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, New Zealand, Oman, Russia, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, and United Kingdom. Meanwhile, Minister of State

for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel said India's exports rose by 36.6 per cent during the last five years from USD 330.07 billion in 2018-19 to USD 450.95 billion in 2022-23.

India's imports rose by 38.8 per cent during the last five years from USD 514.07 billion in 2018-19 to USD 714.04 billion in 2022-23.

She also informed that most of the goods imported from China are capital goods, intermediate goods and raw materials and are used for meeting the demand of fast expanding sectors like electronics, telecom and power in India.

Sensex Snaps 3-Day Losing Run, Nifty Closes Above 17.500 As RIL, L&T Gain

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Benchmark Sensex bounced back 351 points while Nifty closed above the 19,750 level on Wednesday following buying in capital goods, banking and oil shares amid fresh foreign fund inflows.

Snapping its three-session losing run, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 351.49 points or 0.53 per cent to settle at 66,707.20. During the day, it jumped 541.56 points or 0.81 per cent to 66,897.27.

The broader NSE Nifty advanced 97.70 points or 0.50 per cent to end at 19,778.30. As many as 31 Nifty shares closed in the green, 18 declined and one closed flat.

From the Sensex pack, Larsen & Toubro jumped over 3 per cent. ITC, Reliance Industries, Sun Pharma, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Axis Bank, Infosys and State Bank of India were the other major gainers.

Infrastructure major Larsen and Toubro (L&T) on Tuesday posted a 36 per cent rise in net profit to Rs 3,116.12 crore for the June quarter, mainly aided by the execution of a healthy order book in its projects and manufacturing portfolio. It also announced a share buyback worth

up to Rs 10,000 crore. Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tech Mahindra, Asian Paints and Titan were among the major lag-

Optimism inched back after three trading days of consolidation ahead of the US Federal Open Market Committee meeting, Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

Samsung Expects Galaxy Z Fold 5, Flip **5 To Consolidate Leadership Position**

Press Trust Of India

SEOUL: Korean smart devices major Samsung said it expects newly launched foldable smartphone models Galaxy Z Fold 5 and Galaxy Z Flip 5 to consolidate its leadership position in the

According to a market research firm, Samsung led the Indian smartphone market with a

20 per cent share in the March quarter of the previous fiscal and was the leading brand for 5G adoption, accounting for a 24 per cent share. "Every day, more people choose our foldables as they offer an experience people want that

they can't get on any other device. Galaxy Z Flip 5 and Galaxy Z Fold 5 are the latest devices that prove our commitment to meeting the needs of our customers through innovative technology," TM Roh, president and head of mobile experience business at Samsung Electronics, said here.

According to market research and analysis firm Techarc estimates, foldable handsets will contribute over 1.8 per cent of the total smartphone revenues for 2023. The estimate implies that over 6.35 lakh foldable smartphones will be sold in India during the year, totalling less than 0.5 per cent of the total sales by volume estimated for the period..

"This is the fifth generation of foldable devices that we have announced. Over the last five years, we have unfolded newer experiences for consumers in India. We are very excited and will definitely consolidate our leadership with this," a Samsung official said.

Both devices come embedded with Snapdragon 8 Gen chipset, IPX8 certification, meaning these are water-resistant and will not be damaged even if submerged by up to 1.5 metres for 30 minutes and can absorb external impact by folding the devices completely.

The Fold 5 will be 2.4 millimetres slimmer and 10 grams lighter than Fold 4. Company officials said Samsung S pen is also 41 per cent slimmer compared to previous generation devices.

CyberMedia Research (CMR) industry intel-



ligence group head Prabhu Ram said the latest fifth-generation fold and flip models are more refined and durable, and will potentially appeal to a wider consumer base.

"As per our research at CMR, foldable shipments in India will potentially grow over 65 per cent year-on-year. While more entrants are in the fray in this segment with new innovations, Samsung has an edge with its brand salience and market stewardship," Ram said.

The Flip 5 model comes with 10 megapixels (MP) selfie camera, dual 12 MP dual rear camera, 8GB RAM and up to 512 GB internal storage. Samsung's Fold 5 comes with a set of five cameras comprising 10 MP selfie camera, 4 MP display camera and triple rear camera, includ-

MP telephoto camera. The external storage capacity in Fold 5 ranges from 256 GB to 1 TB across variants.

ing 12 MP ultra wide, 50 MP wide angle and 10

The competition for foldable phones has intensified with several brands coming up with their devices in the segment in the premium price range of USD 600 (Rs 49,200) and above. According to Counterpoint Research, the

premium segment was the only one that grew globally during the second quarter of the ongoing calendar year. More than 20 per cent of the smartphones sold during the quarter was in the premium segment, it said.

Samsung at its flagship Unpacked event unveiled Galaxy Tab S9 embedded with Snapdragon 8 Gen 2 chipset.

نونس قبضة تحت دفعه (8)31 SARFAESI ACT 2002 مع رول (8) سيكور في (اينفورسمنط) انثرست

به كەراقم نے بحثیت افسر کازنجت قانون SARAESI Act 2002 بااستعال اختیارات تحت دفعہ (13(2 قانون متذکرہ مطالبہ نوٹس مورخه--31.07.20214....

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مورند__20/07/2023____كومندرجه ذيل جائدادغيرمنقوله كاقبضه ليليا ہے۔

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CS Launches Several Competitions Of DIPR To Commemorate Culmination Of AKAM

Also Unveils Rechristened Logo Of DIPR

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: To celebrate the grand finale of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), going on from last more than one year, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday launched several competitions hosted by Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) on MyGov portal (https://jk.mygov. in/) here.

The competitions include singing of National Anthem, Selfie with Tiranga Contest, 'Draw your Favourite Freedom Fighter contest', Essay Competition on the theme '100 Years of Indian Independence' besides Badalta Jammu Kashmir Photography and Videography contest.

During the launch of these competitions, the Chief Secretary also unveiled the rechristened logo of DIPR which represents the vision and values of the department in the contemporary times of emerging technologies and other relevant advancements.

Commissioner Secretary, Information, Prerna Puri; Director Information, Minga Sherpa; Joint Directors, Deputy Directors of DIPR and other officers of the Department were present on the occasion.

Addressing the officers after the launch ceremony, Dr. Mehta commended the DIPR for launching these contests aimed at celebrating the spirit of freedom and fostering a sense of patriotism and unity among citizens. "These contests are an excellent way to engage all citizens in the jubilation of our country's phenomenal progress and remember the sacrifices made by our forefathers", he said.

The Chief Secretary asked the officers to include 'selfie with 'Mitti' of village with earthen

'Diya' in hand' as well as Mitti Yatras' from Panchayats into these contests which form the core themes of 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign. He also directed them that the Shilaphalakam' erection events at each Panchayat, honouring sacrifices and contribution of Veers should also be widely publicised and popularised by

the department in order to cre-

ate the nationalistic fervour

among the citizens of the UT.

Highlighting that the theme 'Badalta Jammu Kashmir' conceived by DIPR is very appropriate and timely, he asked people to enthusiastically participate in the Photography and Videography contests under these themes which reflect the essence of new perspective in Jammu and Kashmir. He asked the officers that the participants of these contests should be asked to capture through photographs and videos the standout

transformations witnessed in development as well as other social sectors happening across J&K from last couple of years.

During the launch ceremony, Commissioner Secretary Information, Prerna Puri informed the Chief Secretary about the basic objectives of hosting these contests. She highlighted that the contests are aimed at bringing a sense of sense of patriotism and pride in motherland among the participants besides a sense of belongingness to great cultural values that the nation cherishes for long.

She made out that all these events are aimed at giving a good opportunity to all the citizens of the UT to use their creativity in expressing their love for the nation. She encouraged all residents of J&K to participate in these contests with great enthusiasm and be part of the history as the nation celebrates 75 years of its Independence.

CBC Organizes Integrated Communication And Outreach Programme At Gurez

Observer News Service

Bandipora: The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) on Wednesday organized an Integrated Communication and Outreach programme at Government Degree College Dawar, Gurez.

The programme was organised to foster effective communication, community engagement, and outreach in the region besides informing students regarding various welfare and employment schemes available in different government sectors.

Sub Division Magistrate (SDM) Gurez, Dr Mudasir was chief guest on the occasion. Among others Principal GDC Dawar, Farooq Ahmad Mir, AD Employment Bandipora, experts from agriculture department, college staff besides a large gathering of students was present on the occasion.

The programme was organised in collaboration with GDC

Dawar with an aim to strengthen the flow of information, enhance public awareness, and promote socio-economic development within the Gurez region.

On the occasion a series of

speeches were delivered by experts from different departments besides interactive sessions and panel discussions were held which focused on a variety of topics including Effective Communication Strategies, Community Engagement and Participation, Effective utilisation of government schemes besides employ-

ment opportunities available to unemployed youth. Field Officer CBC Srinagar, Mohammad Sikander Qureshi on the occasion informed students that the Central Bureau of Communication is a government agency committed to promoting effective com-

munication, transparency and

accountability in governance.

He further informed that CBC

rather than only depending on government jobs.

Later during the programme, a prize distribution ceremony was held wherein the students and the participants were presented with certificates and mementos for their participation in painting competition and speeches. SDM Gurez on the occasion wished best of luck to the students for their future and advised them to work hard

and prioritise their career op-

portunity. He further suggested

students to become job creators

rather than job seekers.

plays a crucial role in bridging

the gap between the govern-

ment and the public by facili-

tating clear and reliable infor-

AD Employment Bandipora

on the occasion informed stu-

dents that there is a vast range of

government schemes available

for upliftment of unemployed.

He said that youth should take

due benefits of these schemes to

set up their own business units

mation dissemination.

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Govt Allows

However, Bidhuri said that the timing for the procession shall be from 6am to 8am in the morning considering the working day tomorrow and to "avoid hardship" to general people.

The Div Com also informed that both LG and Chief Secretary have directed for considering the demand positively and closely monitoring the situation.

"I hope it would be clean and peaceful procession. The success of this decision will be a precursor for more decisions in future, and strict action will be taken against any mischief by anyone," he added.

According to a government order, "the time window has been finalized in the larger public interest as the procession route encompasses massive business / commercial establishments, movement of ambulances, students, offices."

The significant development comes two days after Lieutenant Governor; Manoj Sinha chaired a meeting with Shia community representatives to reach a consensus on lifting the over 3 decade ban on Muharram processions.

The 8th Muharram procession used to come out from Guru Bazar quarter of the city and culminate at Imambargah Dalgate in the evening before it was banned in 1989.

Lakhs of people would participate in the procession which would pass through major thoroughfares of the capital including Budshah Bridge and Maulana Azad Road.

Stating that all security arrangements would be put in place, the Div Com said that general public especially members of Shia community have been informed that no one shall be allowed to take out any other procession individually or collectively on the route except the one to be taken out from Gurubazar which has the permission from the administration

"Âny one violating the orders shall be very strictly dealt with as per law." he added.

Regarding civil arrangements for the mourners, Bidhuri said that SMC will conduct a cleanliness drive, drinking water facility and availability of two ambulances will be also ensured besides buses will be made available at Dalgate.

Meanwhile, shortly after administration's approval, announcements were made from Imam Bargah and mosque loudspeakers in the Shia dominated localities urging the mourners to participate in 8th Muharram procession.

All major Shia parties, including Anjuman-e-Sharie Shiayan, Shia Association and Ittehadul Muslimeen have asked people to join the procession. Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari, head of Ittehadul Muslimeen issued a video appeal calling upon mourners to reach Gurubazar after morning prayers maintaining discipline and in a peaceful manner. Similar appeals were made by other leaders.

Major Shia

widely, and the pledge is to remain peaceful and fully dedicated to Imam-e-Mazloom, Imam Hussain Alihe Salam and the Martyrs of Karbala in letter and spirit," he added.

Ittihadul Muslimeen (JKIM) President Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari also urged the people to reach Guru Bazar at 6 am and participate in the procession.

"We will take out this procession in the most peaceful manner. Let the entire world witness our discipline, our determination of not giving up on our religious rights," he said.

President All Jammu & Kashmir Shia Association, Molvi Imran Reza Ansari also made a fervent appeal to the mourners to attend the procession.

"I urge all the Azadars of Imam Hussain (AS) to participate in this historical juloos in a peaceful manner, becoming the messengers of Hussain (AS) to the whole world. Let our devotion resonate with love and compassion, as we carry the timeless message of Imam Hussain's sacrifice," he added.

India Ready

our brave sons who put the country first and sacrificed their lives," he said.

The minister further said, "Whenever there has been a war situation, our public has always supported the forces but that support has been indirect. I urge the public to be ready to support the soldiers directly in the battlefield if the need arises"

arises."

"We can go to any extreme to maintain the honour and dignity of the country... if that includes crossing the LoC, we are ready to do

that," he said.

The Indian Army had launched a fierce

counterassault to push back Pakistani forces that had stealthily occupied important heights in Ladakh in 1999.

Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed to mark India's

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Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed to mark India's win over its neighbour.

29295 Vacancies

have been conducted.

"The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has carried out several governance reforms, including in the area of recruitments in Government. After abrogation of Article 370, large scale recruitment drive has been carried out and the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has filled 29,295 vacancies," Rai said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.

The J&K Government, he said, has taken various initiatives to bring down un-employment by implementing various self employment schemes through different departments by providing subsidized loans for establishment of their own sustainable income generation units.

He mentioned a number of self employment schemes like Mission Youth, Rural Livelihood Mission, Himayat, PMEGP, Avsar, Tejaswani that are being implemented for providing employment opportunities.

Referring to the results of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), the Minister said that estimates of unemployment rate is not available specifically for the educated youth in Jammu and Kashmir for the period April-June 2021.

"However, from the PLFS conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during July 2020-June 2021, estimate of unemployment rate according to usual status among the persons of age group 15-29 years for Jammu and Kashmir was 18.3 per cent," he added.

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the territory directly for the last 5 years. One justification for what was done on 5th Aug 2019 was that it would 'open the floodgates of job opportunities.' Another lie in a long list of lies. It's no wonder the BJP is too afraid to allow an assembly poll in J&K," Abdullah tweeted.

The former J&K chief minister's remarks came in the wake of Union Home Ministry telling the Parliament earlier in the day that the unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir was 18.3 per cent in the age group of 15-29 years - much higher than the national rate.

LG Orders Setting

in conceptualizing HAD programme, the LG said the continued support of two Universities in implementation of 29 projects should be ensured.

He further directed to extend the Daksh Kisan module to colleges to inform budding entrepreneurs about scope and opportunities in agri-business.

"The High Density Plantation Scheme has been extended to 13 Crops now. The farmers should be provided with guidance and support to chart out a new course and reap the benefits of technology extension, better infrastructure and improved marketing facilities," he added.

The LG congratulated the officials and all stakeholders generating overwhelming response from farmers across the UT for the ongoing Kisan Sampark Abhiyan.

He directed for impact assessment of Kisan

Sampark Abhiyan and exploring the possibility to extend the drive beyond August so that maximum farmers are covered and maximum utilization of schemes under HADP is ensured. He further added that the 29 interventions of

HADP focuses on quality, productivity and efficiency in Agriculture and Allied Sectors.

"Our sustained efforts can propel subsistence agriculture to sustainable commercial agri-economy and mitigate the challenges faced by the farming community. It should be our collective endeavour to provide effective IT support for monitoring of HADP's project implementation," he said.

Sinha impressed upon the officials for dedicated IT teams to bridge the knowledge deficit, improve the reach and strengthen the intersectoral approach for effective implementation.

Issuing instructions for using Common Service Centres as learning facilities for youth and directed for monitoring every step of HADP

by constituting a dedicated and exclusive IT team with the required technical support, the LG also passed directions to banks to monitor credit disbursal at the highest level.

He called for increasing the reach of YouTube channels and to publicise the mobile applications on App download stores and also streamlining Daksh Kisan for hybrid skilling of farmers.

The LG also took appraisal of the different schemes, initiatives, achievements of the Agriculture Production Department and the progress on the training, orientation, and onboarding and Skilling programs for farmers under HADP.

The meeting, at Civil Secretariat, was attended by Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, LG's Principal Secretary Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Administrative Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (Addl. Charge) Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Finance Department Santosh D Vaidya, MD & CEO J&K Bank Baldev Prakash, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Kashmir Dr Nazir A Ganai and other senior officers attended the

Deputation Can't

petitioner still continue to be on deputation, when the petitioner stood absorbed permanently way back in 2010," the court said, adding, "The respondents (authorities) never raised any objection in this regard."

The court said that Rule 37-A to 37-J of the Civil Services Regulations deal inter-alia with acquisition, suspension and termination of lien.

"As per Rule 37-A of Civil Services

"As per Rule 37-A of Civil Services Regulations, it is clear that a Government servant shall acquire a lien on a post on his substantive appointment to a permanent post."

The court was hearing a petition in which the petitioner stated that he was appointed as Helper in J&K State Forest Corporation in 1996 and that he was sent on deputation in the office of then Minister of Food Supplies and Transport for his further duty on 20.01.1997. On the strength of this communication, he had started working as Junior Assistant in the office of the Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir State Road Transport Corporation (IKSRTC).

"Since the consent was given by the State Forest Corporation of the permanent absorption of the petitioner and once the lien of a employee on a particular post comes to an end, it cannot be revived," the court said, adding, "Thus, the legal position which emerges in the present case that once an employee on deputation is absorbed in the borrowing department/organization and his lien in the parent department/organization stood terminated, his subsequent repatriation will be dehors the service rules and Civil Services Regulations and is not sustainable in the eyes of law being illegal."

Subsequently, the court held an order, whereby the petitioner has been ordered to be sent back to the State Forest Corporation, as "dehors the rules and the illegal".

The court also directed authorities to release the wages of the petitioner from November, 2018 to November, 2022 and also treat him as a permanent employee of J&K SRTC.

Srinagar Court

Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Srinagar, Ahtzaz Ahmed, followed submissions by advocate Amir Masoodi, the counsel for the complainant, that despite several processes, the accused has not appeared before the Court. Advocate Amir submitted that the complainant is aggrieved that the complaint was presented before the Court on 15 December 2021 and till date the accused has not been produced by the warrant executing agency.

"A bare perusal of the case record would reveal that this Court had proceeded against the accused and issued a process on 09.02.2022 for offences punishable under sections 153A, 295A, 505 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860," the court said, adding, "As of yet, the accused has not been produced before the Court. Therefore, the grievance of the complainant seems to be bona fide."

Keeping in view the submissions and the material placed on the record, the court ordered that SSP concerned of the area where Tyagi resides to arrest him and produce the accused in proper custody before the Court on next date of hearing, advocate Amir told a local news agency GNS.

The court also ordered issuance of Non-bailable warrant against Tyagi to be "routed through proper channel and SSP Srinagar is

directed to provide all necessary assistance so that the warrant can be forwarded and executed." Former UP Shia Waqf Board chairman, Tyagi, converted to Hinduism in 2021. The complaint has been filed by one Danish Hassan Dar, a resident of Srinagar. He has submitted that Tyagi "outraged, attacked and tarnished his religious feelings" by his statement in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh made on 6 December 2021 that "Islam was a group or organization and that the Holy Book of Muslims Quran is a false and frivolous literature which has no basis at all."

Govt Tables Bill

Organisation of the government of Jammu and Kashmir, who have got registered over a period of last three decades.

In the wake of the 1947 Pakistani aggression in Jammu and Kashmir, 31,779 families migrated from Pakistan occupied areas of Jammu and Kashmir to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Of these, 26,319 families settled in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and the remaining 5,460 moved out of Jammu and Kashmir to other parts of the country.

Further, during the Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971, 10,065 more families were displaced from Chhamb Niabat area. Of these, 3,500 families were displaced during the 1965 war and 6,565 families during the 1971 war.

As such, a total of 41,844 families were displaced during 1947-48, 1965 and 1971 Indo-Pak wars, according to the statement of objects and reasons

The delimitation commission, while undertaking the delimitation process of assembly and parliamentary constituencies in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, received many representations from the Kashmiri migrants as well as from the displaced persons from Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir regarding reservation of seats in the legislative assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to preserve their political rights and identity, they said.

The delimitation commission, after considering the matter in depth, recommended for representation of communities of Kashmiri migrants and displaced persons from Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir in the legislative assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir by way of nomination, noted the statement of objects and reasons.

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As per sub-section (4) of section 14 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, 24 seats in the legislative assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir have been reserved for the people residing in the area of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir under illegal occupation of Pakistan.

The said seats shall remain vacant until the area under the occupation of Pakistan ceases to be occupied and the people residing in that area elect their representatives.

The representation of the Kashmiri migrants and the displaced persons from Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir in the legislative assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir shall be given on lines of section 15 of the Act, which provides for the representation of women, according to the statement of objects and reasons.

On completion of delimitation process, the delimitation commission had published orders with regard to the delimitation of the assembly and parliamentary constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir. As per these orders, the number of seats in the legislative assembly of Jammu and Kashmir has been increased from 107 to 114 with reservation of nine seats for Scheduled Tribes for the first time.

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law that allows detention without charge or trial for up to two years in some cases.

The spokesman said the order for detention of the duo was issued by concerned deputy commissioners on the recommendations of the police.

"Shakeel was found involved in multiple cases of bovine smuggling, while Singh was accused in several cases related to attempt to murder, firing and heroin trafficking. They have been posing a grave threat to public peace and tranquility," he said.

Meanwhile, four drug peddlers, including a woman, were arrested along with suspected heroin from Kathua and Jammu districts.

Vishavdeep Singh and Ranjeet Singh were arrested along with 8.30 gram of heroin during vehicle checking at Hatli Morh in Kathua,

while Arun Kumar of Qasim Nagar area was apprehended with about 20 gram of heroin in Jammu, the spokesman said.

He said a suspected woman was also arrested after six gram of heroin and 200 gram of ganja was recovered from her possession in the Bahu Fort area of Jammu.

Youth Dies After

the doctors there referred him to Srinagar's SMHS hospital for advanced treatment.

The youth, reports said, succumbed to his injuries on way to Srinagar hospital.

After completion of medico-legal formalities, the body was handed over to his legal heirs

for performing final rites.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of

the incident. **Kargil Gets First**

immediate assistance and support for women in need. Additionally, it will act as a resource centre, providing guidance and counselling services for women facing challenging situations," the official spokesman said.

After inaugurating the police station, Jamwal emphasised the importance of women's empowerment and their active participation in the law enforcement.

"The inauguration of the women police station in Kargil is a significant step towards creating a more inclusive and secure society. This initiative will enable women to approach the police with greater confidence, knowing that their concerns will be addressed sensitively and expeditiously," the Ladakh police chief

The spokesman said the establishment of the women police station in Kargil marks a momentous occasion, as it will play a pivotal role in addressing the concerns and challenges faced by women in the area.

"With a dedicated focus on handling cases related to women's rights, domestic violence, harassment, and other gender-specific offenses, this new initiative aims to provide a safer and more supportive environment for women to report incidents and seek justice," he said.

The spokesman said the police station is staffed with a team of trained and dedicated female police officers who are well-equipped to handle cases involving women.

"The Ladakh police department is committed to strengthening the bond between the police force and the community, and this new women's police station is a testament to that commitment." he said.

He said the women police station aims to foster trust and cooperation between women and law enforcement, ultimately leading to a safer and more secure environment for all residents of Kargil.

Wall Collapse

but was declared dead on arrival, he said. He said that after the completion of medicolegal formalities, the body was handed over to his family members for performing last rites.

Drug Smuggler's

drug smuggler Mohammad Naseer Bhatti, a resident of Madiyan Kamalkote in Uri tehsil.

"The investigation proved that the said movable and immovable properties were raised/ used for illicit trafficking by the drug smuggler," the spokesman said.

He said 1.17 kg of contraband brown sugar and Rs 25.39 lakh cash were recovered from the accused and his accomplices at the time of raid conducted at Kamalkote.

3 Held For

night of Sunday and Monday.

"This was one of (its kind) incidents where two policemen were attacked and left injured as far as the culprits are concerned, we have arrested three of them and efforts are on to nab the others," Jamwal said.

He said the police would go out to finish this kind of rudeism from Ladakh.

"Ladakh police is fully capable and geared up to maintain law and order. Whether in Leh or Kargil, we will crush anti-national and anti-social elements to ensure the safety and security of the public," the ADGP said.

Leh Senior Superintendent of Police P D Nitya on Monday said eight of the accused involved in the "violent and brutal" assault on the policemen have been identified and sought people's cooperation in arresting them. She said an FIR under relevant sections of the law, including attempt to murder, was registered against the culprits.

India v Pakistan World Cup Match Likely To Be Rescheduled

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The blockbuster India-Pakistan contest in the upcoming ODI World Cup could be advanced by a day to October 14 due to the opening day of Navratri celebrations in Ahmedabad, a development which may lead to logistical nightmare for the fans.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) and the BCCI had announced the World Cup schedule last month and awarded the marquee clash to the world's largest stadium in Ahmedabad.

The hotel and air fares for Ahmedabad skyrocketed after the schedule announcement, and if the game is indeed moved by a day, the ordeal of the fans is likely to worsen.

"Since October 15 coincides with the opening day of Navratri celebrations, the security agencies have advised that the big game, which will also need heavy deployment of security officials, should be rescheduled," a BCCI source told PTI.

The ICC will need to sit with BCCI to decide on the date change if the need arises.

"Further discussion required and we'll advise of any changes, when we can," sources close to the ICC said. PTI has learnt that the game will not move out of the Narendra Modi Stadium but the fans will still need to change their travel plans.

With the hotel fares going through the roof, it was reported earlier this month that the passionate fans who will be flying in from all around the world have resorted to booking hospital beds in the city.

India play their opening World Cup game against Australia in Chennai on October 8 while Pakistan's first two games have been scheduled in Hyderabad on October 6



and October 12. Advancing the Indo-Pak game by a day might also impact the Babar Azam-

led side, which will get a day less to prepare for the high profile clash.

BCCI calls meeting on July 27 to take stock of World Cup preparations

The BCCI has called the state associations hosting World Cup matches for a meeting in New Delhi on Friday to take stock of the preparations. The board will also discuss the possible date change of the India-Pakistan game in the meeting.

'The meeting has been called to assess the preparations for the World Cup," a state unit official told PTI.

On Wednesday, BCCI secretary Jay Shah wrote to the state associations on formation of a Working Group for the World Cup. The five office-bearers of the BCCI, including Shah and BCCI president Roger Binny, will oversee the preparations of all the venues, including the

warm-up ones in Trivandrum and Guwahati.

The office-bearers will also be part of the infrastructure and subsidy committee which will include IPL chairman Arun Dhumal, former BCCI treasurer Anirudh Chaudhry, former Apex Council member Prabhtej Bhatia and KSCA secretary A Shankar.

'We anticipate that these sub-committees will work diligently towards achieving our shared goals and objectives. Together, we can make the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 a resounding success and further elevate the standards of infrastructure and development in Indian cricket," said Shah in

The World Cup will run from October 5 to November 19 across 10 venues, including Delhi, Dharamsala, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Lucknow, Chennai and Kolkata.



Santosh Trophy: J&K Placed In Tough Group A

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K senior men's team has been placed in Group A alongside the likes of Kerala, Goa and Gujarat in the 77th National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy. The groupings were revealed on Wednesday. Chhattisgarh and Arunachal Pradesh form the other two teams in group B.

Bengal, who are the record 32 times champions, are in Group B with Puniab and Harvana.

Odisha, Delhi and Ladakh are the three other teams in Group B. Thirty-six teams have been divided into six groups.

"I am sure this season will see much better competition, and we will have the opportunity to see new teams and talented players come through," AIFF Secretary General Dr Shaji Prabhakaran said at the draw ceremony.

The dates and venues are yet to be announced.

SANTOSH TROPHY GROUPINGS:

Group A: Kerala, Goa, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir.

Group B: Punjab, Haryana, Odisha, Delhi, Ladakh, Bengal. Group C: Manipur, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Nagaland, Uttar

Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh. Group D: Railways, Bihar, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Assam,

Himachal Pradesh. Group E: Services, Uttarakhand, Mizoram, Pondicherry, Sikkim, Dadra and Nagar Haveli

Group F: Maharashtra, Telan-Andaman & Nicobar, Andhra Pradesh, Lakshadweep,

& Daman and Diu.

Jaiswal Climbs 11 Spots, Rohit 9th In ICC Test Rankings



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Young Indian opener Yashasvi Jaiswal continued his ascent in the ICC Test rankings, rising 11 places to 63rd while his skipper Rohit Sharma inched up to ninth among batters in the latest list released on Wednesday. Scores of 57 and 38 in the drawn second Test against the West Indies in Port of Spain have catapulted 21-year-old Jaiswal in the batters list as he

now has 466 points. Robit who had so and 57 in second Test, continued to remain the highestranked Indian Test batter. He has 759 point and is tied on the ninth place with his Sri Lankan counter part Dimuth Karunaratne.

Rohit is trailed by teammates, Rishabh Pant, who has slipped one slot to 12th place on 743 points and Virat Kohli,

who remains in 14th place on 733 points.

Formerly top-ranked batters Marnus Labuschagne of Australia and Joe Root of England have made their way back towards the top, progressing three places each to reach second and third positions respectively.

New Zealand batter Kane Williamson remains at the top of the list with 883 rating

England's Zak Crawley is up 13 places to 35th Harry Brook has risen to 11th position and Jonny Bairstow has advanced three places to joint-19th, all prospering in the rankings after the fourth Ashes Test.

Veteran Indian spinner Ravichandran Ashwin (879) continues his stay at the top in the bowlers' list, while Ravindra Jadeja (782) has climbed to sixth. Pacer Mohammad

Siraj has also seen an upward movement in the list as he rose six places to 33rd.

Sri Lankan Prabath Jayasuriya's seven-wicket haul in Galle has lifted him seven places to a career-best seventh position. Jayasuriya's spin partner Ramesh Mendis is up one place to 21st after finishing with six wickets in the match.

Pacers Mark Wood (up three places to 23rd) and Chris Woakes (up five places to 31st) are the main gainers for England, while Pakistan leg-spinner Abrar Ahmed (up 12 places to 45th) and West Indies left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican (up six places to 62nd) are among the others to advance.

In the all-rounders' rankings, Jadeja and Ashwin continue to hold on to the top two spots, while Axar Patel is static on number five.

Australia's Warner Laughs Off Early Retirement Talks

Agencies

LONDON: Australia opener David Warner has dismissed suggestions he and Steve Smith are going to quit test cricket after the final Ashes contest against England beginning at the Oval on Thursday. Warner has expressed his desire to play his last test in Sydney against Pakistan in January next year though he wants to play on until the 2024 Twenty20 World Cup.

Australia have already retained the Ashes urn taking a 2-1 lead heading into the final test, and former England captain Michael Vaughan is among those who believe the duo could exit after the match at the Oval. Warner, talking to reporters on the eve of the match, called it a

"And Smithy (is retiring) too ke." Warner said. "I won't take that too seriously ... I don't have an announcement.'

A fixture at the top of the Australian order since his debut in 2011, Warner has managed 201

runs in the ongoing Ashes series

averaging 25.12 with a top score of 66. "I've probably left a few out there but in saying that, I've played a lot better than what I did last time," Warner said.

"I feel like I'm in a good space, contributed well, and as a batting unit we're all about partnerships, and I think the partnerships that we've had in key moments of this series have actually worked very well for us as a team." Warner knows he is near the end of his test career and the 36-year-old backed Matt Renshaw to succeed him and dominate both test and one-day formats like Australia great Matthew Hayden did in his playing days.

"Matt Renshaw is a very good player. He can play both formats quite easily. He's tall, he's exactly like 'Haydos'," Warner said. "We spoke about him in apparently. So obviously it's a his early part of his career. I've always held him in high regard as a very good player.

"He's worked on his technique. He's been in and out of the squads, and I think he'll be a great replacement."

Indian Men's & Women's Football Teams Cleared To Participate In Asian Games



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Indian men's and women's football teams are set to participate at the upcoming Asian Games in Hangzhou, China after the Sports Ministry decided to relax the existing selection criteria.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had earlier refused to clear the Indian football teams for the Asian Games on the ground that they were not ranked in the top-8 in Asia.

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) then made an appeal to the Sports Ministry to allow the men's and women's sides to take part in the prestigious event with national senior team head coach Igor Stimac also seeking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention.

Good news for Indian football lovers! Our national football teams, both Men's and Women's, are set to participate in the upcoming Asian Games," Sports Minister Anurag Thakur

tweeted on Wednesday. "The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, has decided to relax the rules to facilitate participation of both the teams, which were not qualifying as per the existing criterion. "Keeping in mind their latest performances in the

recent times, the Ministry decided to grant the relaxation. I am sure they will put their best foot forward in the Asian Games and make our country proud,"

Since 2002, football in the Asian Games has been an U-23 affair with three players above that age are permitted in a team.

AIFF had earlier planned that Stimac would take an Under-23 Indian side to the September 23 to October 8 Asian Games after the Kings Cup in Thailand (September 7-10).

However, the Sports Ministry in a letter sent to IOA and all the National Sports Federations (NSFs) said that "for team events, only those sports which have achieved a ranking up to eighth among participating countries of Asia in the last one year should be considered for participation in Asian Games".

Indian men's team is nowhere close to the top-8 in Asia. It is currently in the 18th spot among countries under the Asian Football Confederation, while the women's side is ranked 11th.

The AIFF then appealed to the sports ministry to reconsider the decision with even coach Stimac making a plea for an exception to be made for the football teams in a social media post.

Pakistan Builds 397-Run Lead Over Sri Lanka In 2nd Test

Agencies

COLOMBO: Opener Abdullah Shafique hit a career-best 201 as Pakistan built a huge 397run lead over Sri Lanka on the third day of the second test.

Pakistan was 563-5 in its first innings at stumps Wednesday at the Sinhalese Sports Club.

Shafique's total came off 326 deliveries and contained 19 fours and four sixes. He improved on his previous best score in test cricket — 160 last year, also against Sri Lanka reaching his first double hundred with a pulled single off Asitha Fernando, who took 3-133 in 24 overs.

Soon after completing his double hundred, Shafique took on Prabath Jayasuriya (2-181) but failed to clear longoff as Dilshan Madushanka took the catch. Pakistan won the first test in Galle by four wickets and is heading for a 2-0 sweep. Sri Lanka's bowlers toiled hard with little success on a batting-friendly surface and the hosts were ruing their batting collapse in the first innings where they were dismissed for 166 runs after

choosing to bat first. Shafique had got a life on 42 when Jayasuriya put down a return catch. He had been given



out leg before wicket to Jayasuriya on 74 but the batter successfully overturned the decision.

Dropped catches have cost Sri Lanka dearly this series. Saud Shakeel was dropped twice in Galle and scored a double hundred. Shafique added 89 runs for the third wicket with Babar Azam (39) before the Pakistan captain was given leg before wicket to

for the fourth wicket between Shafique and Shakeel (57). Sri Lanka opted for the second new ball soon after it

A 109-run stand followed

was available and Fernando

claimed his third wicket in the

innings when he trapped Sha-

Agha Salman, who had missed a hundred in the first test, wasn't going to miss out on one this time round. He reached his ton with a dab that ran between slip and gully to the boundary.

A bouncer by Fernando hit Sarfaraz Ahmed on the helmet and he retired hurt on 14. Pakistan's appeal for a concussion substitute was granted by match referee David Boon and Mohammad Rizwan was drafted into the team.

Rizwan was unbeaten on 37 at stumps while Agha Salman was on 132.

Pakistan was 273-3 at lunch and 397-4 at tea. (AP)

Bayern Confirm Mané In Talks With Saudi Club

Agencies

TOKYO: Bayern Munich's president confirmed Wednesday that the club is aware of "initial talks" around a reported move for forward Sadio Mané from the German champion to Saudi Arabian club Al-Nassr, where he could team up with Cristiano Ronaldo.

"FC Bayern is informed about this," club president Herbert Hainer said in Japan during a preseason tour, in quotes reported by German news agency dpa.

"But these are initial talks, you have to wait and see." His comments followed a re-

port in German tabloid newspaper Bild that an adviser to Mané would meet representatives

games for Bayern, but only one of those goals came after a leg injury in November which ruled him out of the World Cup. Mané was also suspended for one game by Bayern for "misconduct" in April after he reportedly struck teammate Leroy Sané in the locker room after a Champions League loss to Manchester City.

MAN CITY WILL FIGHT BAYERN TO KEEP 'IRREPLACEABLE' WALKER, SAYS GUARDIOLA

Manchester City will fight to keep Kyle Walker as Bayern Munich circle to lure him away, the Premier League champions' manager Pep Guardiola said. England international Walker,



of Al-Nassr to discuss a possible deal. A Premier League and Champions League winner with Liverpool, Mané would be the latest in a series of big-name players in Saudi clubs' signing spree.

Mané has two years left on his contract with Bayern after a disappointing and injury-hit first season since joining from Liverpool last year. The Senegal forward scored 12 times in 38 who has a year left on his Citv contract, has been one of Guardiola's key players. His defensive versatility allows him to play in a back-four or a back-three.

The 33-year-old, who was signed by City for an initial fee of 45 million pounds (\$58 million) in 2017, has won 12 major trophies with the English champions, including a historic treble last season.

Number Of Orphan, Abandoned Children Rise By 25% Since 2020: Centre



New Delhi: The Centre has over the last three years registered a 25 per cent spike in the number of orphaned, abandoned, and surrendered children in its child adoption portal CARINGS.

The number of such children, which was 4,521 in 2020-21 and 5,106 in 2021-22, rose to 5,663 in 2022-23, according to the data shared by the Women and Child Development Minister

Smriti Irani in Rajya Sabha. According to the government, the Child Adoption Resource Information & Guidance System, or CARINGS, is an online platform developed for end-to-end digital processing to bring trans-

parency to the adoption system and curtail delays. In response to a question, Irani said 3,443 children were adopted in the country in the last one year alone.

Responding to another question, Irani said about 4,268 inspections of child-care homes have so far been carried out across the country through the government's MASI (Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection) since its launch in 2021.

The portal was launched in January 2021 with the first inspection in Chennai but then, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the inspections could not be carried out, a senior official said, adding that they were resumed again after the curbs were lifted.

Married Indian Woman Anju Becomes Fatima, Weds Her Pakistan Facebook Friend

Anju, the Indian mother of two children who travelled to a remote village in Pakistan, married her Facebook friend on Tuesday after converting to Islam and now has a new name Fatima.

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The 34-year-old Indian woman was staying at her 29-year-old Pakistani friend Nasrullah's home in the Upper Dir district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. They became friends on Facebook in 2019.

They tied the knot in a local court of a district and sessions judge amid tight security.

"Nasrullah and Anju's mar-riage was solemnised today and a proper nikkah was performed after she converted to Islam," senior officer at Moharrar City Police Station in Upper Dir district Muhammad Wahab told PTI.

According to police, both appeared in the court in Upper Dir in the presence of family members of Nasrullah, police personnel and lawyers.

Malakand Division Deputy Inspector General Nasir Mehmood Satti confirmed the nikkah and said Indian woman Anju has been named Fatima after her conversion to Islam.

He further stated that the Indian woman has been shifted to home from the court under police security, Geo News reported.



They recorded the statement, saying they have signed the nikkah on their own will. The Indian woman told the court that she has willingly come to Pakistan and is very happy here, it said.

Earlier on Monday, both went on a sightseeing trip amid tight security. They visited the Lawari tunnel connecting Dir Upper District with Chitral District, police officials said.

In the pictures of their visit to the picturesque tourist spots, Anju and Nasrullah were seen sitting in a lush green garden and holding hands.

Anju, who was born in Kailor village in Uttar Pradesh and lived in the Alwar district of Rajasthan, shared a short video before her marriage in which she says she "feels safe" in Pakistan, Geo

News reported on Tuesday.

"I want to give this message to all that I have come here legally and with planning as it was not about two days that I came here all of a sudden, and I am safe

here," she said in the video.
"I request all the media persons not to harass my relatives and children," she said. Anju is married to Arvind, who is in Rajasthan. They have a 15-year-old daughter and a six-year-old son.

Anju travelled to Pakistan legally from India via the Wagah-Attari border.

According to an official document of the Ministry of Interior sent to Pakistan's High Commission in New Delhi, the chancery was informed that it had been decided to grant a 30-day visa to Anju, valid for Upper Dir only.

An 8-Year-Old Had No **Trouble Buying An AK-47 Online And Mailing It Home**

A woman in the Netherlands revealed recently that her young son once managed to purchase an AK-47 off the dark web without her knowledge, calling it "something out of a movie."

"My son started hacking at the age of eight. And that's when he ordered a gun," said Barbra Gemen to Euronews."He started to spend a lot of time behind a computer and he started ordering things on the Internet without paying."

The concerned parent said the dark web purchases started off with something small, such as "free" pizza, but progressively the deliveries became more horrifying.

According to the parent, her son would use incomprehensible code phrases such as "Pitt is coming to our place" whenever she would enter a room, masking his dealings by communing with illicit actors via online

Gemen claims that the hackers used her son to also launder money for others.

It wasn't until the automatic gun along with ammunition showed up at her doorstep that Gemen realized what was happening was much bigger than she and her son.

"I think he spent a month figuring out how to order the gun and have it shipped to our home," recalled Gemen, stating that her son had the gun routed from Poland to Bulgaria in an effort to avoid customs.

"He opened it and he was really, really excited that he managed to get a gun delivered to our home," she continued. "I was completely shocked. I immediately decided to do things differently at home."

Gemen said she's turned the gun over to her local police department and no legal action was taken against her child.

She also began noticing a change in her son's personality, she said. "He started to wake up at night to sit behind a computer and he was really stressed. And that's when we find out he was working with a group of international hackers.

In an effort to curb her son's budding life of crime, Gemen said that she contacted law enforcement as well as her son's school for advice, but alleged her concern was dismissed as "exaggeration."

Taking matters into her own hands, Gemen decided to start looking at her son's browsing history and informing herself about cybersecurity.

Things hit a breaking point when Gemen's son revealed that his hacker buddies had asked him to help them hack companies and send them stolen infor-

