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G20 Impact: Over 18k Foreign Tourists Visited Kashmir Till June

Press Trust of India

Srinagar: Over 18,000 foreign tourists visited Kashmir in the first five months this year, the highest in the past three decades, officials said on Monday noting that the successful conduct of the G20 here has generated greater interest among the travellers.

tourists from Besides

southeast Asian nations such as Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia, nationals of western countries like Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom and the USA have also visited Kashmir in huge numbers this season.

Authorities cited the success of the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting held here in May as the reason behind the rising footfall of inbound or



foreign visitors. "As the G-20 meeting was a grand success, the world saw our real tourism potential. The ambassadors, delegates, and high commissioners of G20 countries experienced the hospitality, warmth and flavour of Jammu and Kashmir," Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Department of Tourism and Culture, told PTI.

He said Jammu and Kashmir was one of the prime destinations across the globe a few decades ago in terms of leisure, adventure and spiritual tourism and hoped that it will again become one of the top tourist spots in the world. Shah said, "The number of arrivals and bookings have tri-

pled and occupancy rates have also increased," More on P10

Government Will Take Care Of Power Bills Of Poor: LG

Says those having palatial houses, I-Phones with 5-G must pay as per usage

Borrowed electricity for Rs 20,000 Cr in last 4 years

Kulgam: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Monday made a big announcement stating that the government will take care of poor man's power bill but those having palatial houses, I-Phones with 5-G-internet service and other gadgets have to pay power tariff as per their usage.

"Let me announce today that the government will take care of the poor who can't afford to pay bills. But those who have palatial houses, I-Phones with 5-G internet data and other gadgets will have to pay power bills as per their usage. They shouldn't at least make excuses in paying

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the power bills," the LG said addressing a gathering at Miniyears, 3400 MW power was Secretariat in Southern district generated locally in J&K and in of Kulgam. He, however, did not the next three years equal MWs elaborate further on this. will be produced. More on P10

J&K farmer's income to be number one in country very soon

He said that in the last 70

J&K's Growth Unprecedented In Last 3 Yrs: LG

eiterating that his administration has a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Monday that Jammu and Kashmir was growing at an impressive pace and the rapid development in the diverse sectors over three successive vears is unprecedented in the history of Union Territory. "People are united for their bright future and committed to build a new J&K of their dreams. Youth are exploring all the opportunities to realise their talent and skill and also supporting development aspirations of the society. Women, farmers, More on P10

Couple Posing As IPS, IAS Officers Arrested

Suspended Policeman His Wife Duped People By Promising Jobs: Police

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday arrested a couple on charges of impersonating as IAS, IPS officers and duping people by promising them jobs transfers and other favours.

Suspended head con-Manmohan stable Gangoo and his wife Ayoush Koul were arrested by a team from police station Sadder on the basis of a written com-

plaint alleging that the couple were involved in fraudulent activities by impersonating themselves as IPS and IAS officers, a police spokesperson said

While Gangoo was posing

as an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, his wife Ayoush was impersonating as an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer. The hailing from Barnai area of Jammu were currently residing in Baghat area of the uptown Srinagar.

number of people on the pretext of giving them jobs etc", the spokesperson said. Giving more details, he said. police filed a case

FIR number 73/23 under sections 419, 420, 468, 471, 170, and 467 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) after receiving an application and

immediately arrested the accused. More on P10

Col Suneel Bartwal More on P10 I- DAY CELEBRATIONS **Govt Employees Asked To Hoist Tricolor Atop**

"They have cheated a

Department may hoist Tricolor over their houses while giving due regard to the flag code.' It further More on P10

2 Terrorists Killed

Jammu: A self-styled divi-

sional commander of Hizbul

Mujahideen was killed along

with his bodyguard as security

forces foiled an infiltration at-

tempt and a conspiracy by the

proscribed outfit to revive its ac-

tivities in Jammu and Kashmir's

Poonch district early Monday, an

While the body of Hizbul com-

mander Muneser Hussain was retrieved, his bodyguard's body was still lying near the Line of Control

(LoC) in Degwar sector, he said. Troops in the Degwar sector

noticed the movement of some terrorists attempting to sneak

into this side under the cover of darkness in the early hours of the day and engaged them in an

Jammu-based defence PRO Lt

army spokesman said.

encounter, he said.

Their Houses

regard to the flag code.

Srinagar: School Education

Department has asked its em-

ployees to hoist tricolor over

their houses while giving due

Directorate of School Education

Jammu (DSEJ), in a communique

has said, "All Government offi-

cers and officials of the Education

Agencies

On LOC: Army Press Trust Of India



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Prime Minister's Food Supplementation for Priority Households Scheme launched to further augment food requirements of Priority Households.

ISSUED BY : DEPARTMENT OF FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, J&K.

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WhatsApp Rolling Out Admin **Review Feature For Group Chats On Android Beta**

IANS

eta-owned messaging platform ŴhatsApp is rolling out an admin review feature for group chats on Android beta.

The new option will be available within the group settings screen for group admins, reports WABetaInfo.

Once this option is enabled, everyone in the group chat will be able to report messages shared in the conversation to the group admins.

After a message is reported, the group admin will have the choice to either remove the message for everyone or take necessary action given the significance of the reported content.

"This feature empowers the group to maintain a safe and respectful environment within the conversation," the report said.

With the new feature. the group admins can gain assistance in monitoring the group even when they are not there.

The messages that need to be reviewed will be listed in a new section

continuance of existing AAYAs.

Engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAYAs under ECCE for the year 2023-24.

nission of forms: 7(Seven) days from the publication of advertis

20.06.2023.

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in the group info screen. The new admin review feature for group chats is currently available to some beta testers that install the latest WhatsApp beta for Android update, and is rolling out to more users over the coming days. Last month, the

messaging platform had released new safety tools for when users receive messages from unknown phone numbers, on Android beta. The platfor rolled out a 'lii

Shairpathri Ganderbal

Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2023

Dated: 05.08.2023

Total No. of posts advertised O1 (ONE) The Headmaster Govt, Boys High School Shairpathri Ganderbal invites application forms from eligible Female Candidates for

Subject: Engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAYAs under support at Pre-Primary (ECCE) for the year 2023-24 regarding and

Reference: Administrative Department, School Education, J&K vide communication No. Edu-PSOCSS/75/2021-01-SED (97253), dated 04.01.2023 & Director Samagra Shiksha, J&K Order No. 07 of Chirag 2023, dated 09.01.2023 & No. EDU/ PD/SMS/ECCE/Helpers/1861-1905/2023-24, dated 06.06.2023 and CEO Ganderbal's Letter No. CEO/Gbl/SS/285, dated

launched a feature which allows users to send high-quality videos, on Android beta. While this feature preserves video dimen-

sions, minor compression will still be applied to the video, thus sending videos is

phone number' feature

on Android beta, which

account to WhatsApp

Web by using their

owned platform had

phone number.

allows users to link their

In June, the Meta-

PUBLIC NOTICE

Investigation of Sh Neelkanth Ganjoo **Retired Judge Murder Case**

Case FIR No. 237/1989 of PS Shaheed Gunj.

In order to unearth the larger criminal conspiracy behind this gruesome murder three decades before, the SIA through this notice, appeals to all the persons who are familiar with facts or circumstances of the above said murder case, to come forward and share any account of events which has direct or indirect bearing on the investigation of the instant case.

The identity of all such persons shall be kept completely hidden and protected. All useful and relevant information shall be suitably rewarded.

Contact us at 8899004976. Email.sspsia-kmr@jkpolice.gov.in

DIPK-6648/23 dated: 07-08-2023

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

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER NIT No.53 OF R&B/Qazigund/2023-24 /E-TENDERING/4610-25 DATED:05-08-2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/ Central Governments for the following works:

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Position of AAA: Accorded, Position of TS: Accorded, Position of Funds Available The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www

IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRAT	Έ
FIRST CLASS/MUNSIF SHOPIAN	

In the case of: Riyaz Ahmad Khatana S/o Alif Deen Khatana R/o Bohrhallan Shopian

> Applicant V/S

U.T through Registrar Births and Deaths/ BDO Shopian

NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE

Whereas the above titled petition has been filled by the applicant in this court for seeking direction to the non-applicants for registration of date of birth particulars of the applicant's Son namely Faizan Riyaz S/o Riyaz Ahmad Khatana R/o Bohrihallan Shopian who was born on 23-07-2021 at Home.

Whereas, through the medium of this proclamation, the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the registration of Birth particulars of the applicant's Son, he/ she shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel with 15 days from the date of registration of issuance of this publication, if the date fixed is declared holiday, the matter will be taken upon the next working day. Given under my hand and seal of this office on 07/08/2023.

A	Judicial Megistrate Shopian
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IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE **FIRST CLASS/MUNSIF SHOPIAN**

In the case of: Zever Jan W/o, Khadim Khan R/o. Pishori Mohalla Zawoora B Shopian

Applicant

U.T through Registrar Births and Deaths/ BDO Concerned

NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE

V/S

Whereas the above titled petition has been filled by the applicant in this court for seeking direction to the non-applicants for registration of Death particulars of the applicants husband namely Khadim Hussain Khan S/o Shadi Khan R/o Pishori Mohalla Zawoora B Shopian who died on 08/04/1988 at Home. Whereas, through the medium of this proclamation, the public at

large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the registration of death particulars of the applicant's husband. he/she shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel with 15 days from the date of registration of issuance of this publication, if the date fixed is declared holiday. the matter will be taken upon the next working day. Given under my hand and seal of this office on 02/08/2023

Judicial Megistrate
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In The Court Of Sub Judge/Special Mobile Magistrate Srinagar					
(RAILWAY MAGISTRATE KASHMIR)					
ı the Case of: Iaroof Ahmad Mir S/o Mir Mohammad Salim R/o H129/A aderbal Hazratbal opposite routes Saloon					
VERSUS (Plaintiff)					
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Muzaffar Ahmad Mir S/o Mir Mohammad Salim R/o H129/A Saderbal azratbal opposite routes Saloon					
Farah Deeba Salim D/o Mir Mohammad Salim R/o H129/A Saderbal azratbal opposite routes Saloon					
Commissioner of Transports U.T of J&K Srinagar Civil Secretariat Srinagar Regional Transport Officer, Srinagar Kashmir (RTO Srinagar)					
Public at Large. (Defendants)					
NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC					
the matter of: Suit for Declaration					
In the matter or: Suit for Declaration It is informed to the general public through the medium of this notice that a suit for declaration and injunction has been filed by the plaintiff, where-in a decree of declaration of tide of LMV Swift VDI under Registration No. JKOIL-3997 be granted in favour of the plaintiff and against the defendanuand defendant 4 & 5 be directed to update the records also and a decree of mandatory injunction					

Selection Process: The Selection Process of Helper/AAYA shall be restricted to village where approved School is located.

Office Of The Head Master Govt. Boys High School

b. The Selection of the Helper/AAYA shall be made by Headmaster Boys High School Shairpathri Ganderbal in Consultation with Concerned Danshavet Halpa	the dates listed below	
Consultation with Concerned Panchayat Halqa. 2. Nature of Engagement:		
a. The engagement of a Helper/AAYA shall be purely contractual and temporary in nature and also co-terminus	S. No. Particulars Date	
with financial year. It may be extendable, subject to the performance and the approval of funds, from the Ministry of Educa-	1 Date of Issue of Tender Notice 5-8-2023	
tion, Government of India, in the particular Component. Affidavit from 1st Class Magistrate shall be submitted by the Selected	2 Period of Downloading of bidder docu- From 7-8-2023	
Candidate at the time of Joining, for not claiming for permanent absorption at any stage.	ments	
b. All Decisions of the Samagra Shiksha J&K under the aegis of School Education Department shall be imple-	То 14-8-2023	
mented in this regard.	3 Bid submission Start Date From 7-8-2023	
3. Eligibility Criteria of Helpers/Aaya:	4 Bid Submission End Date To 14-8-2023	
a. Only Female Candidates are eligible for Engagement/Hiring of Helper/Aaya.	5 Date and time of opening of bid (online) 14-8-2023	
b. The Candidate must be domicile of the Village, where approved School is located.	In the office of Executiv	/e En
c. Candidate must be belonging to BPL (Below poverty Line) Category.	Division Qazigund	
d. The Candidate must be Physically/Mentally fit to carry out her job.	2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan/Receipt (dated between the bid st	art dat
4. Qualification/preference/Age/Honorarium:	date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Qazigund (tender in	
 Minimum qualification of a Helper/Aaya: 8th class passed, in case there is no eligible candidate available in 	tender document.	-
village, the candidate with lesser qualification will be considered	3.At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload Earnest Money/Bid Security equal to 2% of the	Adver
b. Preference will be given to Candidate from BPL category in the below mention order of priority.	FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Qazigund. The	
i. Widow.	vide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Gov time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only af	/ernme ftor the
ii. Divorced.	Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maint	tenanc
iii. Orphan.	4. The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and auto	omatic
iv. Any Candidate among the poorest of the poor in the Village.	via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders' bids will be opened online of	on the s
 c. The age of a Candidate must be between 18-45 years as on 1st of January of the deployment year. d. The selected candidate shall be in receipt of honorarium of Rs 5000/= (Five Thousand only) per month which 	the Executive Engineer R&B Division Qazigund (tender receiving authority).	-
may vary as per the approval in the subsequent year in PAB of SAMAGRA Shiksha.	 Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. 	۵.
e. In Case of total non-availability of the Female Candidate in the village where approved school is located, the	6.1 Bidders are advised to download the bid submission manual from the "Downloads" of	option a
female candidates from the concerned panchayat will be considered as eligible Candidates.	Kit" option on the website www.jktenders.gov to familiarize themselves with the bid submission pro	cess.
5. Documents Required in Original as well as in Xerox:	6.2 In order to participate in the bidding process, bidders must obtain a 'Digital Signature'	Certific
a. Application Form.	tion Technology Act of 2000. Any approved Vendor can provide bidders with a digital certificate.	
b. Domicile Certificate.	6.3 Bidders must submit their bids in electronic format with a digital signature online. No physical bid 6.4 Bids will be opened online in accordance with the time schedule specified in Para-1.	as will i
c. Medical Fitness Certificate (from concerned BMO).	6.5 Bidders must upload online scanned copy of all required documents (within the docur	ment ur
d. BPL Ration Card.	cal bid.	
e. Qualification Certificate (Maximum upto 8th Pass).	Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.	
f. Income Certificate (from concerned Tehsil Office)	The Advertized cost is inclusive of GST @18% and Contract Price is exclusive of GST. 7 The department will not be held responsible for any delays in online submission due to unanticipat	tod size
g. Certificate from concerned Sarpanch. h. Remarks from concerned Headmaster.	8 The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other Uploaded bid doc	
	demand by the successful bidder at the time of contract signing, and in the case of unsuccessful bid	
i. In case of widow/divorced/orphan/poor of the poor the certificate should be from competent authority.	CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Qazigun	nd, will
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Boys High School Shairpathri	9.1 The bidder has to quote the rate in percentage on the advertised BOQ in which unit rates and pri	ices are
Application format for Engagement/Hiring of AAYA/Helper for the Academic Session 2023-24	percentage quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the	e work u
1. Name of the School where Engagement of AAYA/Helper is to be Made/Propose:	10 Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on t	
2. Village:	awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contra participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance	
4. Name of the Applicant:	being forfeited.	Secon
5. Father's Name:	11 Price escalation and Taxes: -The bidder's percentage shall be deemed to include priv	ce esca
5. Father's Name: 6. Mother's Name:	completion of the work. Taxes shall be deducted from the contractor's bills on the gross amount of	the bill
7. Name of the Husband (If Applicable):	rates in effect at the time of recovery. Therefore contractor shall quote his rates considering all such	ch taxe
8. Residence:	bidder will be inclusive of all tax components. 11.1As per GCC 2019 Cl 34 (i) All tendered rates shall be inclusive of any tax, levy or cess applicable	on lac
Village/Ward Panchayat Halqa Tehsil Block District	tender including extension if any. No adjustment i.e. increase or decrease shall be made for any vari	ation in
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10. Date of Birth (Attach Certificate/proof)	 / qualification information, (All documents pertaining to the bid must be in English): All bidders must submit copies of original documents defining their constitution/le 	oal cta
11. Do you belong to BPL/AAY Category (Yes/No) (Attached proof)	principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number and e-mail address.	5ur stu
12. Do you belong to any of the below category: -	A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in a	ccorda
a. Widow (Yes/No) (Attach proof, Death Certificate of Husband)	tration Act. with renewal (Latest).	
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Srinagar Tops In implementing JJM Among Har Ghar Jal **Certified Districts In India**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In yet another major recognition, the Srinagar District has been ranked as the top performing District under Jal Jeevan Survekshan (JJS-2023) among 114 Har Ghar Jal Certified Villages across the Country in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) during October, 01, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

The Srinagar District has attained the top rank in implementation of JJM by obtaining the highest score of 83.0 under set parameters and indicators of JJS-2023

The activities during this period for achieving the top rank were conducted under the overall supervision of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad (Chairman JJM Board Srinagar) include completing water Quality testing of all the sources of different villages of Srinagar for Physical, Bacteriological and Chemical Parameters which plays a crucial role in ensuring the provision of clean and safe drinking water to rural households.

The mission emphasizes regular and comprehensive testing of water sources such as bore wells. hand pumps, springs, and surface water bodies to assess their suitability for human consumption and the sources of all the villages have been tested successfully and meets the specific quality standards set by regulatory authorities.

Similarly, 5 Women in each village of Srinagar have been trained using FTK's for conducting Wa-

ter Quality tests. The purpose is to empower women with tools and knowledge to perform basic water quality tests in their communities. By providing women with FTK's and appropriate training they can actively participate in monitoring the quality of Water sources.

In addition, Water Quality Testing for Chemical and Bacteriological Parameters of each School and Anganwadi Centre of all Villages of Srinagar has been conducted successfully with the aim to ensure that drinking water provided to children in these institutions meets the required quality standards and is safe for consumption as Children are more vulnerable to water borne diseases due to their developing immune systems and potential exposure to contaminated water sources.

Likewise, Water Quality testing of at least 3 Households from each village of Srinagar for Chemical and **Bacteriological Parameters** has been performed.

Geo-Tagging of the PWS/Assets of all the Villages of Srinagar has been completed within a stipulated time frame.

In addition, 100 % FHTC(Functional Household Tap Water Connection) Coverage along with Har Ghar Jal Certification of each Village. Under FHTC every rural household of Srinagar has been provided with a reliable and sustainable water supply, thereby improving the overall quality of life and promoting better health and hygienic practices



Waering life jackets, young boys taking bath in a swimming pool in Srinagar amidst scroaching heat on Monday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Renovated Clock Tower At Lal Chowk To Be Inaugurated Ahead Of I-Day

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Coming up at the cost of nearly Rs 200 crore, at least 99 percent work on the iconic Ghanta Ghar (Clock Tower) has been com-

pleted here while the project is set to be inaugurated before the 77th Independence-Day on August 15. Chief Engineer, Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), If-

tikhar Kakroo said the work on the clock tower has almost been completed. "99 percent work has been completed and will take a few more days to be ready for inauguration," Kakroo said.

He said the inauguration of the project, coming up in the European design, will be done before the 77th Independence-Day on August 15.

Although the renovation of the clock tower which started almost nine months back, witnessed a chaotic scenes in the traffic and also anguished the traders for quite some time as well, but as the iconic structure is taking its final shape, the people are getting massively attracted towards the spot and some of the pictures of the structure has also went viral on the social media platforms.

The netizens too have expressed their delight over the renovation of the iconic clock tower and praised the administration for taking the mission of development forward as well.

Athar Aamir Khan, who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SSCL, has recently said that Lal Chowk is being tuned into a tourist hub, saying that the clock tower is just a part of the project, which also plans to give a facelift to entire Residency Road, Jehangir Chowk, Karan Nagar, and Batamaloo areas as part of the central business upgrade.

Pertinently, under the SSCL project, Jammu & Kashmir has got a first-ever exclusively pedestrian and wire-free market-Polo View and the Jhelum River Front, which attracts a huge number of people from different areas as well as the tourists from outside as well.

The administration has already said that a few more projects like these are coming up under the Smart city and will be completed within the set deadlines.

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This Day In History

1983 - Military coup in Guatemala, Dictator and former General Efraín Rios Montt flees

1984 - Future 5-time America's Cup winner Russell Coutts of New Zealand wins the Finn Class sailing gold medal at the Los Angeles Olympics

1985 - Japan launches Planet A, a probe to Halley's comet

1986 - Altaf Hussain's address at Nishtar Park Karachi, announcing the establishment of the MQM political movement.

1988 - Angola, Cuba & South Africa sign cease fire treaty

1988 - Discovery of most distant galaxy (15 * 10 ^ 12 light yrs) announced

1988 - Russian troops begin pull out of Afghanistan after 9 year war

1988 - Ceasefire between Iran & Iraq takes effect after 8 years of war

1989 - US space shuttle STS-28 launched

1989 - New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange resigns after 5 years on a no confidence issue 1990 - Iraq annexes Kuwait as its 19th province

From KO Archives

Bhatnagar Launches Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 **Immunization Campaign In Srinagar**

within the Community.

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a significant step towards bolstering child healthcare and immunization efforts Advisor to Lieu-

and was aimed to cover children aged between 0-5 who missed vaccines in the national immunization schedule. The campaign also aims to cover pregnant women who have not

gathering of doctor's paramedical staff and health care professionals, Advisor Bhatnagar remarked that this Mission is a continuation of Government's commitment to extend im-



SARFAESI NOTICE 13 (4)

M/s RFK Greens Food Park Pvt Ltd Industrial Growth Centre Lassipora, Pulwama, Kashmir

Directors Mr. Abdul Rashid Zargar

S/o. Ghulam Ahmad Zargar R/o. Baghaat Barzulla, Srinagar, J&K

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tenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0 immunization campaign at 500 bedded Govt. Children Hospital	Diphtheria (Td) vaccine. pr The campaign also aims ch for 100 % coverage of the w Measles and Rubella vac- cine for eradication of ad	provide vital vaccines to hildren and pregnant vomen residing in ur- pan and remote areas. He idded that this event will	Mr. Davood Rashid Zargar S/o Mr. Abdul Rashid Zargar R/o Baghaat Barzulla, Srinagar, J&K Mr. Abdul Wahid Kachroo S/o. Late Mohammad Abdullah Kachroo R/o. Naseem Bagh, Baramulla, J&K Mr. Syed Tarig Bukhari		Deserver News Service
Bemina here. The launch ceremony was organized by the Direc- torate of Family welfare, MCH and Immunization	rounds starting each in the months of August, Septem- ber and October. Addressing the huge	ion to address the gaps in mmunization coverage and ensure every child and mother has access to ife-saving vaccines.	S/o. Śyed Iqbal Bukhari R/o. Sheikh Bagh, Srinagar Mrs. Fozia Rashid W/o Ab. Rashid Zargar Baghaat Barzulla, Srinagar, J&K	(Mortgagor)	for Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed to hand over the baton to a leader from alliance partner Congress, the party today sought to put an end to all speculation by indicating that the PDP leader would not be asked to continue.
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The said borrowers/Directors having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given

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phase. The Deputy Chief Minister was from Congress for the first three years and from PDP for the remaining tenure.

Although some sections in the Congress are believed to be inclined to allow Sayeed to continue, the state unit of the Congress strongly disfavours any reunification move.

Assembly, had then allowed junior partner PDP,

with 17 MLAs, to lead the alliance in the first

Congress, with 20 MLAs in the 87-member

three years and the other for rest of the term.

The state unit feels it was the much-awaited opportunity for the Congress to have its own Chief Minister and it should not be allowed to fizzle away.

On the question of whether the Congress had an appropriate leader to become Chief Minister, the party leader said there would be no problem on this count. The Congress leader, however dismissed possibility of Mohammad Shafi Qureshi or Saifuddin Soz be given the charge as had been reported in some sections of media.

The disadvantage with Soz's candidature is that he has joined the Congress only three years back after being expelled from National Conference. Qureshi also has been out of the party for a long time.

(Kashmir Observer, August 8, 2005)

NEWS

Efforts On To Resolve Ladakh Row With China: EAM

Press Trust of India

India and China made progress in five-six friction points along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh through talks in the last three years and efforts are underway to resolve the remaining issues, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday.

Rejecting the Opposition's criticism of the government on the lingering border row, he told a group of reporters that complexities are involved and both sides are engaged to find solutions.

The Indian and Chinese troops are locked in an over three-year confrontation in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh even as the two sides completed disengagement from several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks.

"It was said that we will not be able to do anything, talks will not be successful, there will be no progress, disengagement cannot take place, but solutions were found in some of the focal points in the last three years," he said.

'There were five-six areas that were very tense. There has been progress (there)," he said.

Highlighting the government's priority to develop border infrastructure, Jaishankar said the armed forces are now better placed to quickly deploy troops and counter movement of the Chinese military effectively.

If you ask whether after 2014, the Indian military and the Indian Air Force are able to de-

Domestic Airlines Faced 338

Cases Of Technical Snags Till

July This Year: Minister



ploy and counter any Chinese movement better, the answer is "yes, absolutely," he said.

Jaishankar said the overall mobility of both the armed forces and the civilian population in the border areas has increased tremendously in the last few years because of the government focus on rapid enhancement of infrastructure in the frontier areas. "The capability is growing

year after year," he said.

The minister said the infrastructure push along the Northern border is going to determine India's response to national security challenges. The ties between India and China nosedived significantly following the fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious

military conflict between the two sides in decades. India has made it clear to Chi-

na that until there is peace and tranquillity in border areas, the relationship between the two countries cannot progress.

Jaishankar said India is also boosting connectivity with Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. India is in talks with Bhutan for a rail link between that

country and Assam, he said.

adjoining Gurugram. The court of Justice G S Sandhawalia took suo motu cognisance of the exercise in Nuh and directed the Haryana government not to carry out any further demolition. Officials had said some of the buildings were used by rioters

when a Vishva Hindu Parishad procession was targeted by a stone-pelting mob on July 31. It led to communal clashes that spread to Gurugram. Six people, including two

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The Punjab and Haryana

High Court on Monday

halted the demolition drive in

Nuh where authorities were

bulldozing "illegally-con-structed" buildings following

communal clashes last week,

while unidentified men alleg-

edly started a fire in a mazar in

home guards and a cleric, were killed in the violence. In the early hours of Monday, some prayer material

at a mazar, visited both by Muslims and Hindus in Gurugram's Khandsa village, was set afire, said the shrine's caretaker Ghasite Ram. According to a complaint

filed by Ram at the Sector 37 police station, he received a phone call around 1.30 am about a fire in the shrine. He said the fire was brought

under control with the help of people. But the pray material kept inside the mazar were burnt, he added.

Ram said he learnt that a group of five-six young boys gathered there and started the fire.

He said he has been working at the shrine for about seven years and has seen "people



of all religions offering their respect there"

High Court Halts Demolition

Start Fire In Gurgaon Mazar

Drive In Nuh, Miscreants

The small shrine located in the middle of a market also has pictures of Hindu deities on the inner walls along with the tomb of a "peer baba". On the outer wall also, there are picture of a Hindu deity, and the Om and Swastik symbols.

Ram told PTI on Monday morning, "This is a decadesold mazar of 'peer baba' and all villagers offer prayers here." Police have lodged an FIR in the case against unidentified persons under sections 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 188 (disobedience of an order duly promulgated by a public servant), 436 (mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to destroy house) of the IPC.

A senior police officer said they are trying to identify the accused and arrest them.

The incident happened when prohibitory orders under section 144 of the CrPC were still in force in Gurugram in view of the commu-

nal clashes that began in the neighbouring Nuh district and spread to parts of the city and nearby areas last week. The Gurugram district administration lifted section 144, which prohibited an assembly of four or more persons at a time, on Monday.

As authorities in Nuh district Sunday razed some illegal structures including a hotel from where stones were allegedly pelted on the religious procession, the high court took suo motu cognisance of the exercise and directed the state government not to carry out any further demolition.

Deputy Commissioner, Nuh, Dhirender Khargata said the demolition drive in the district has been stopped following the orders of the court. "I have ordered the officials

to stop the drive against the il-legal construction," he said.

In the last three days, illegal constructions have been removed from 57.5 acres of land at 37 places in the district.

As many as 162 permanent and 591 raw structures have been demolished in the district till Monday, officials said.

Curfew In Haryana's Nuh Relaxed For 4 Hours, Internet Ban To Continue

Press Trust of India

NUH (HARYANA): The curfew in Haryana's violencehit Nuh district will be lifted for the movement of the public from 9 am to 1 pm on Sunday as part of the attempt to restore normalcy. Earlier, on Sunday, curfew was lifted from 9 am to

"Curfew will be relaxed on Monday, August 7 as well. People can move from 9 am in the morning to 1 pm in the afternoon," Nuh Deputy Commissioner Dhirendra Khadgata has said in an order. The letter said, "Keeping in view the information received from the Police department, in the exercise of the powers vested in me by virtue of Section-144 of the code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, I, Dhirendra Khadgata, IAS, District Magistrate, Nuh do hereby lift the cur-



few for the movement of the MC area of Nub.

Scientific Survey Of Varanasi's Gyanvapi Mosque Resumes On Day 4

Press Trust of India

VARANASI (UP): The Archaeological Survey of India resumed the survey of the Gyanvapi mosque here on the fourth day on Monday but the start of work was delayed by three hours on account of the rush at the adjacent Kashi Vishwanath temple.

Government counsel Rajesh Mishra said all the three domes and basements of the Gyanvapi complex were covered in the survey on Sunday.

But the resumption of work on Monday was delayed by three hours and it could start Vyas ji has also been surveyed. The work of the survey will take more time," he had said on Sunday.

The Muslim side had alleged on Sunday "rumours" were being spread that a Hindu idol and a 'trishul' (trident) was found during the survey. They demanded the administration put a stop to such "rumours".

"Such rumours can generate hysteria in the public. The administration should pay attention to maintaining law and order," he had said.

The Supreme Court had on Friday refused to stay the Allahabad High Court order that



only by at 11 am due to the allowed the ASI survey of the rush of devotees at the Kashi Gyanvapi mosque, an exercise Vishwanath temple, he said. that the Muslim side says will 'reopen wounds of the past". The work of mapping, mea-The bench of Chief Justice D suring and photography of the Y Chandrachud and Justices J

places covered on Sunday will continue, he said. "The work of photography, mapping and measurement

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B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, however, asked the ASI not to carry out any invasive act during the survey.



Agencies

DUBAI: More than 3,000 US military personnel have arrived in the Red Sea aboard two warships, as part of increased deployments after tanker seizures by Iran, the US Navy said Monday.

The US sailors and Marines entered the Red Sea on Sunday after transiting through the Suez Canal in a pre-announced deployment, the US Navy's Fifth Fleet said in a statement. They arrived on board the

USS Bataan and USS Carter Hall warships, providing "greater flexibility and maritime capability" to the Fifth Fleet, the statement added

Fifth Fleet spokesman Commander Tim Hawkins told AFP. The deployment comes after Washington said its forces blocked two attempts by Iran to seize commercial tankers in international waters off Oman on July 5.

The maritime services in Iran said one of the two tankers, the Bahamian-flagged Richmond Voyager, had collided with an Iranian vessel, seriously injuring five crew members, according to state news agency IRNA. In April and early May, Iran seized two oil tankers within a

week in regional waters. Those incidents came after Israel and the United States blamed Iran in November for

them. IndiGo faced a total of 206 snags followed by Air India (49), Go Air (22), SpiceJet (21) and Akasa Air (18).

Agencies

NEW DELHI: The government

on Monday said that domes-

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Minister of State for Civil Aviation Gen. (Retd) VK Singh in a written reply in Rajya Sabha said that technical snags in an aircraft may be caused due to malfunctioning of components/equipment fitted on the aircraft and require rectification action by the airlines before the aircraft is released for operation.

In year 2023 till July, the highest numbers of technical snags were reported by IndiGo (206) Further, regulations require the operator to report all

tions taken by the pilot keep ing safety of operations in view and are usually taken to avert serious incident/accident, the minister said.

occurrences to the Director-

ate General of Civil Aviation

(DGCA). These occurrences

may be a result of equipment

malfunction, due to weather

etc. Some of the occurrences

such as air turn back, aborted

takeoff or a go-around are ac-

In the year 2022, a total 446 such cases were reported by domestic airlines out of which 215 were from IndiGo followed by SpiceJet (143) and Vistara (97) Informing the House on the corrective efforts being made by the Government to check the technical faults, the minister stated that as per regulatory provisions, operators have to report all occurrences experienced during the operation of aircraft to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

public from 9 am to 1 pm (4 hours only) on August 7, 2023 (Except banks for which separate order has been issued). "Considering the request

of LDM Nuh and in order to create normalcy in region and to provide banking facility in the public interest, exercising the powers vested in me by virtue of Section-144 of the code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, I, Dhirendra Khadgata, IAS, District Magistrate, Nuh do hereby permit the Opening of ATMs (10 am to 3 pm) at

Punhana, Ferozepur Jhirka and Pingwon and Nagina Block during curfew relaxation period and banks will remain open during the curfew period from 10 am to 3 pm for these areas. Cash transaction will be from 11 am to 2 pm only," read the official letter.

The letter also mentioned that if any person was found guilty of violation of the aforesaid order, he will be liable for punishment under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code and all other relevant rules as applicable.

To Throw Acid On Man

The US military says Iran has either seized or attempted to take control of nearly 20 internationally flagged ships in the region over the past two years. USS Bataan is an amphibious

assault ship which can carry fixed-wing and rotary aircraft as well as landing craft. The USS Carter Hall, a dock landing ship, transports Marines, their gear, and lands them ashore.

"These units add significant operational flexibility and capability as we work... to deter destabilising activity and deescalate regional tensions caused by Iran's harassment and seizures of merchant vessels,"

what they said was a drone strike against a tanker operated by an Israeli-owned firm carrying gas oil off the coast of Oman. The US announced last month that it would deploy a destroyer, F-35 and F-16 warplanes, along with the Amphibious Readiness Group/Marine Expeditionary Unit, to the Middle East to deter Iran from seizing ships in the Gulf.

Last week, a US official told AFP that Washington is also preparing to deploy Marines and Navy personnel aboard commercial tankers transiting the Gulf as an added layer of defence.

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Musk Says He May Need Surgery **Before Cage Fight Against Zuckerberg**

Agencies

Tlon Musk will receive an MRI **L**of his neck and upper back on Monday and may require surgery, the 52-year-old said in a post on his X platform, formerly known as Twitter.

The world's richest person said he will know this week whether surgery will be required, ahead of his proposed cage fight with Meta Platforms Inc. co-founder Mark Zuckerberg. He previously said he "might need an operation to strengthen the titanium plate holding my C5/C6 vertebrae together."

As the chief executive officer of Tesla Inc. and Space Exploration Technologies Corp., as well as the owner of a closely watched social-media platform, Musk's health is of intense interest to people around the world. Musk, a notorious workaholic. has said that he has suffered from "mega back pain" after a bout with a sumo wrestler.



The post about the sumo match was accompanied by another with a photo of what appears to be a makeshift ring for the Japanese sport. Musk mentioned the injury last year after challenging Russian President Vladimir Putin to "single combat" over Ukraine.

Musk, who delights in stirring up online spectacles, has been talking up the yet-to-happen fight

with Zuckerberg for weeks. Competition between the two CEOs has intensified after Facebook parent Meta released a rival social network, Threads, that directly competes with Musk's X.

Zuckerberg posted Sunday on Threads that he suggested Aug. 26 for the match and he's still awaiting confirmation. "I'm ready today," he said. "Not holding my breath."

NEW DELHI: A court here has convicted a woman for the offence of attempting to throw acid on a man in 2016, saying the act showed her

"malicious intent". The court, however, said that the accused used "diluted acid", which did not cause any grievous injury, such as burns or disfigurement. Hence, the Indian Penal Code (IPC) Section 326A (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by the use of acid) could not be invoked in the case, it said.

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Additional Sessions Judge Sachin Sangwan was hearing a case against Seema Soni, accused of throwing acid on victim Rehenur Islam on February 12, 2016.

According to the prosecution, Soni had said she would not leave Islam in a state to show his face to anyone. "Accused Seema Soni is convicted for the offence un-

der Section 326B (attempting to throw acid) of the IPC," the judge said in an order passed on August 4.

Delhi Court Convicts Woman For Attempting

The court has posted the matter for filing affidavits on August 10, following which the arguments on sentencing will be heard.

Noting Soni's testimony, the court said it appeared that she was admittedly frustrated with Islam's conduct and had strong resentment against

him. So, there was a motive to cause harm. "It stands proved beyond reasonable doubt that it was

accused only who threw acid on the complainant (Islam)," the court said noting the evidence before it.

It said according to the Medico-Legal Case (MLC), there was no permanent

disfigurement of the head or face and it mentioned only redness of eyes and face,

besides swelling of lips. The court noted the ab-



of any body part and said there were no grievous injuries.

"It appears that the acid used on the complainant was not a concentrated one.

Accordingly, the milder effect of the diluted acid takes it out of the scope of IPC Section 326A," it said.

But it did not mean that the accused would go "scotfree", the court said.

"It has been proved that the accused stated that she would not leave the complainant in a state to show ĥis face to anyone. Even otherwise, the act of throwing acid itself shows the malicious intent of the accused," it said.

"Accused is liable to be convicted of the offence under IPC Section 326B," the court a d d -

ed. Govindpuri police station had registered an FIR against Soni based on Islam's complaint.

STATE

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jaundice outbreak has been reported at Riyar area of Khansahib block in Central Kashmir's Budgam district, where one person has died so far and seven others have tested positive for the disease.

A health official said that so far eight jaundice cases have been reported in the area and among them one person has died while the condition of seven others is stable.

He said that a 10-year-old boy identified as Abid, son of Ab Salam from Riyar village of Khansahib, who was tested positive for jaundice, died two days before following a jaundice outbreak, triggered allegedly by the supply of contaminated water.

Dr Mir Mushtaq, Spokesperson of Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHSK) said that untiring efforts are being made at Raiyar for curbing jaundice by the surveillance and rapid response teams of block Khansahib.

He said that teams under control of In-charge Medical Officer Raiyar, Dr Ishfaq Ahmad Banday are doing a tremendous job and have screened hundreds of people for detection of rising serum Bilirubin.

Simultaneously on the other hand, paediatric patients have been seen by the Pediatrician at SDH, Khansahib and have conducted blood tests at SDH for detecting this disease," he said.

He added that the screening process is on and thousands of people have been screened so far in this area and the situation is well under control.

He added that 1430 patients have been screened so far, 370 screened by pediatricians, 123 samples taken for investigation of jaundice, 30 patients are under surveillance, 160 samples taken for LFT, 438 samples taken for serum bilirubin, 10 taken for coagulogram were found normal and three water

samples were taken by IDSP. The remote area is located approximately eight kilome-tres from Block Headquarter and around 26 km from District Headquarter Budgam. The nearest health facility available is the PHC Riyar.

"Situation regarding the intensity of this disease is well under control," he said.

ASHAs of concerned areas along with health workers have been distributing chlorine tablets and ORS packets among the inhabitants at door steps while field staff are continuously educating the people to take safe drinking water and

also demonstrating the steps of hand washing to the people of this area," Mir Mushtaq said. "Keeping in view the customs, beliefs of these Tribals,

IEC and effective communication skills needs to be communicated for some more days in order to convince the tribal people to maintain and enhance the hygiene & take boiled water," he added—(KNO)

Over 500 Pilgrims Leave For Amarnath Shrine

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JAMMU: A fresh batch of over 500 pilgrims left Jammu city on Monday for the twin base camps in the valley to join the ongoing Amarnath Yatra, officials said.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalavas commenced from the twin tracks -- the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag and the shorter 14km Baltal route in the Ganderbal -- on July 1.

A total of 534 pilgrims, including 451 men and 67 women, left the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas here in a convoy of 46 vehicles amid tight security, the officials said.

While 354 pilgrims left for the Pahalgam base camp in a convoy of 14 vehicles, 180 devotees left for the Baltal base camp in a convoy of 10 vehicles, they said.

Over 4.55 lakh devotees have paid obeisance at the cave shrine since July 1, according to official data. The yatra will conclude on

August 31.

VILLAGERS WASHING CARPETS and other flooring products near a stream in South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Monday. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

J&K Reflects Composite Cultural Identity Of India: LG

Inaugurates Veshaw Literary Festival At Kulgam



Observer News Service

KULGAM: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday visited Kulgam and inaugurated the Veshaw Literary Festival organised by Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) and District Administration.

He dedicated various development projects to the people of the district.

In his address on the occasion, the Lt Governor commended the endeavour of the IGNCA and the District Administration for the promotion of the literary activities in Kulgam. The Veshaw Literary Festival over the next two days will bring power of ideas and imagination to the people, he added. "J&K reflects the composite cultural identity of India and it has kept alive time-tested traditional wisdom and knowledge. Writers, Artists, Rishi, Sufis were guiding force and immensely contributed to cultural synergies over the years," the Lt Governor said. He said, the world of literature and art expands our horizon, offers limitless wisdom, intellectual inspiration, new

ideas and perspectives. Literature is also a device for inner growth and provides new insights. We should cherish the diversity literature offers in different languages to enlighten the society, he added.

Reiterating the commitment of the UT Administration, the Lt Governor said, in the last few years, a conducive environment has been created for artists, writers, litterateurs to realize their true potential and promote the rich spiritual, creative and cultural values of Iammu Kashmir

quality of life and inclusive development of J&K.

He said the 29 poor landless PMAY beneficiaries have been provided with 05 Marla land in Kulgam. 7286 Youth in the district were provided handholding under different self-employment schemes, he added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also reminded the people to strike a balance between rights and duties to support the progress of the Union Territory.

He said, if the capable section of the society pay for the services, it will become easy for the government to take care the needs of the poor

Mehbooba Asks Party Workers **To Prepare For Upcoming ULB, Panchayat Polls In J&K**

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JAMMU: With Urban Local Bodies (ULB) and Panchayats completing their five-year term later this year, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday asked the party day" for majority of the peo-

workers to prepare for the polls. "ULB and Panchayat elections are round the corner and I want my workers to prepare and fight the elections without

thousands of youths are being held. I do not know who are the tourists visiting the valley but people are earning their livelihood. G20 should have also been held in Jammu as well," she said.

She said August 5 is a "black ple of Jammu and

Kashmir and the Constitution of the country as on this day in 2019 the BJPgovernment led abrogated Article 370 and divided the erstwhile state into two Union Territories

considering the results. In case of a win, you will be able to serve the people of your area in a better way," Mehbooba said addressing a workers' meeting at the party headquarters here.

She claimed that the BJP is "afraid" of her party which was evident from the fact that the party leaders and activists were detained on the fourth anniversary of Article 370 abrogation on August 5, "while no such curbs were placed on any other party". "What the BJP gave to the

Jammu region? They are talking about two crore tourists visiting Kashmir, stones in the hands of valley youth replaced with laptops, successful G20 in Srinagar. They believe that the people of Jammu are in their pocket and will divide them on communal lines to garner votes.

"I don't know the reality of laptops as for that we need to visit jails within and outside Jammu and Kashmir where

Mehbooba also questioned the claims of the BJP on normalcy and development in Jammu and Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370 and said while "stonepelting has spread across the country" under its rule, most of the projects like AIIMS, medical colleges and road tunnels were sanctioned during former prime minister Manmohan Singh-led Congress government.

"When I was chief minister, the chief secretary and Director General of Police were from Jammu region but after the fall of the government, we have Lt Governor, his advisor, chief secretary and other officers from outside Jammu and Kashmir," she said.

Mehbooba also criticized the BJP leadership for frequently attacking three families Nehru, Abdullah and Mufti and said they have nothing to offer except misleading the people by

Court after being let down by

lower courts where innocents

are denied bail and pushed to

languish in jails for years while

rapists and corrupt are walking

out freely as bail is readily avail-

able for them. It is a matter of

The former chief minister

said Gandhi, in the past, raised

concern," she added.

Congratulates Rahul For His Reinstatement

JAMMU: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday congratulated Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on his reinstatement as the Lok Sabha member and said she is looking forward to seeing him "roaring like a lion" in the parliament on public issues.

Gandhi was disqualified as a Lok Sabha member in March after a Gujarat court convicted him in a defamation case and sentenced him to two years in jail. A punishment of two years

qualifies a lawmaker.

issues of public importance like corruption, inflation and unemployment in the parliament and we are looking forward to seeing him roaring like a lion once and above automatically disagain on such issues." Expressing her concern over The Supreme Court last Fri-

the situation in Manipur and Harvana, Mehbooba cautioned

the people against the attempts to



Top Heroin Supplier From Punjab

Police Files Charge Sheet Against

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday filed a charge sheet against a suspected top heroin supplier from Punjab in a court in Samba district, an official said.

The charge sheet against Jugraj Singh alias Yoddha of Amritsar in Punjab was filed in a case related to the seizure of heroin along with Rs 16.17 lakh in cash from the district's Ghagwal area some months ago, the official said.

Singh was arrested from Amritsar by Jammu and Kashmir Police following a series of raids in Punjab after the registration of an FIR against him

under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. He is currently lodged in jail, the official added.

Operating from Punjab, Singh allegedly supplied huge quantities of heroin to local suppliers in Samba and adjoining districts.

During the investigation, the police proved the case against Singh and others and filed the charge sheet, the official said. Senior Superintendent of

Police (Samba) Benam Tosh said the police will leave no stone unturned to bust all illicit heroin trafficking modules and bring to justice all suppliers, including those outside Jammu and Kashmir.

DM To Dedicate To Nation 74 **Projects Of BRO Including Air** Strips, Tunnels: DG BRO

Press Trust Of India

SAMBA: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will soon dedicate to the nation 74 projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) including airstrips, tunnels and bridges along the northern and western borders, BRO Director General Rajeev Chaudhry said on Monday.

Lieutenant General Chaudhry was speaking after an inspection of the nearly half-a-kilometrelong fully constructed bridge on River Devak that connects areas along the International Border (IB) with the mainland.

"Date (for the inauguration of Devak bridge) will be finalised soon. It will be inaugurated and dedicated to the nation. The defence minister will be visiting the Jammu region. He will also be inaugurating 74 more projects including two airstrips, tunnels, bridges and roads," the DG told reporters here.

He said that the construction of the Devak Bridge in Samba district has been accomplished within two years under Project Sampark

"This bridge, positioned on the Devika River, holds immense importance from both strategic and socio-economic perspective.

"It enables rapid movement of forces along the border, benefiting the villages of Folpur and Gulpur situated along the IB", he said.

The officer said that previously, villagers faced challenges crossing the river, especially during periods of high water levels.

"The bridge, located approximately 3.5 km from the International Border, spans 422 metres," he added.

The DG said that a pivotal road under construction along the border is the Akhnoor-Poonch road.

He called upon the writers and artists to present the transformation taking place in J&K UT to the world.

The Lt Governor paid homage to the martyrs, who made supreme sacrifice to protect the integrity and sovereignty of the nation.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the major reforms introduced by the UT Administration to ensure socialeconomic equality, improving

small and marginal farmers and even provide them relief in power bills. But, the system cannot function if the rich refuses to discharge their duties towards J&K and the nation. The projects inaugurated

by the Lt Governor today included Conference Hall at Mini Secretariat, Indoor Badminton Court, Two lane 400 Mtr Bridge on Kulgam-Chambgund road and Finance Complex at Mini Secretariat.

LS Passes Bill to Recognise Pharmacists **Qualified Under J-K Pharmacy Act**

Under The Current Dispensation, Registration Under The Pharmacy Act Is Mandatory For Persons Practising Pharmacy In The Country

tant/ pharmacists)... shall be

deemed to have been entered

in the register of pharmacists

prepared and maintained un-

der Chapter IV of this (Pharma-

cy) Act," said the statement of

objects and reasons of the bill.

on the Bill, Mandaviya said the

situation in Jammu and Kash-

mir has changed significantly

after the abrogation of Article

370 and the amendments to

the Pharmacy Act will enable

the youth to take up even gov-

He further said the facility of

tele-consultation is now avail-

able in Jammu and Kashmir

and people are taking advan-

tage of it to get the best pos-

ernment jobs.

Replying to the short debate

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NEW DELHI: The Lok Sabha on Monday passed a bill allowing persons qualified or registered under the Jammu and Kashmir Pharmacy Act to be registered as pharmacists under the Pharmacy Act, thus doing away with the ambiguity with regard to the two legislations. the Pharmacv Piloting (Amendment) Bill, 2023, Health

Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said that changes will increase iob opportunities for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

The bill, which was passed by voice vote in the Lower House, seeks to do away with issues concerning the status of persons registered or qualified under the Jammu and Kashmir Pharmacy Act. Under the current dispensation, registration under the Pharmacy Act is mandatory for persons practising pharmacy in the country. 'Any person whose name has been entered in the register of

pharmacists maintained under the Jammu and Kashmir Pharmacy Act, 2011, or possesses qualification (medical assis-



sible medical treatment.

The minister further said that the government's Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme is transforming the healthcare sector in the country with domestic industry taking up production of critical medicine and reducing dependence on imports.

He said that soon 38 out of 52 critical active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) will be produced within the country.

Mandaviya said that Ayushman Bharat Scheme has ensured quality medical treatment even for poor people. Similarly, Jan Aushadhi Kendras are making generic medicines available to people at lower cost.

day stayed his conviction, paying the way for the restoration of his Lok Sabha membership. Gandhi's Lok Sabha membership was restored on Monday.

"I want to congratulate Congress and Rahul Gandhi for his reinstatement. The Supreme Court has raised many questions on the verdict of Gujarat courts but the question arises that what if a poor man faces injustice and where will he go," Mehbooba said addressing a meeting of workers inside the party office here.

divide them on communal lines. "Congress might have made many mistakes in the past but they kept the country united. They divided the neighbouring country by carving out Bangladesh if people do not understand today, what has happened in Manipur and Haryana will engulf the whole country and Jammu will be the first victim as BJP has done nothing for the region and depend only on pitching Hindu against Muslim

"All the people cannot knock on the door of the Supreme narrative," she said.



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Change in Security Dynamics

our years after the revocation of Article 370, Jammu and Kashmir has experienced a tangible makeover in many aspects of its everyday life, and one of them is the transformation in the security dynamics. The period has witnessed a drastic decline in the number of active militants in the region. As per the latest figures released by the J&K Police, the number of militants has hit an alltime low of 28, lowest since the militancy began in 1989. While the situation remains complex and challenges persist, this decline explains the prevailing spell of calm in the union territory.

The decision to abrogate Article 370 in August 2019 marked a historic turning point in J&K's history. The move was met with mixed reactions and apprehensions, as many feared it could exacerbate tensions and trigger unrest. However, four years down the line, the decline in militant activity shows that such predictions didn't come true.

The security forces have killed more than 500 militants, most of them local youth and hailing from South Kashmir. This has considerably thinned the footprint of militancy in the area helping restore some peace.

The change in the situation has also become also possible because of the decline in local recruitment to militant ranks which traditionally replenished militancy. Besides, the period has also seen the visible drop in the infiltration of militants from across the border which has further weakened the militancy.

The decline in militant numbers has had conspicuous effects on the ground. Areas that were once strongholds of militancy, such as Anantnag and Kulgam, have become more or less normal again. The change in the situation, in turn, has made it possible for the UT government to withdraw Army from some parts in Kashmir Valley including from Anantnag and Kulgam. Both are the districts in South Kashmir which has been a stronghold of militancy since 2014 when the then Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani revived a flagging militancy by using social media.

However, as we observe fourth anniversary of the withdrawal of Article 370, it's crucial to maintain a cautious optimism. History has shown that militancy can resurface, often in unpredictable ways. The underlying factors that have fueled the conflict for decades still exist, and while the decline in militancy is a significant achievement, it's not the end of the story.

As we reflect on the four years since Article 370 became history, we must acknowledge the progress made and the positive changes on the ground. This sends a symbolic message that normalcy is being restored to the region. However, it's essential to remain vigilant, and continue fostering an environment of trust, development, and inclusivity in the union territory.

Challenging Stereotypes

often hear complaints of objectifying and sexualising women in the advertising world. However, though the advertising world propagates or translates its ideas into the final copy, the fact remains that it is driven by the client's demands, and in most cases to generate revenues the advertising firms bow down to the client's pressure.

In addition, we also bemoan poor performance of India on many social indicators, but it indeed it may hearten you to know that India is perhaps the only country in Asia which has a law in place defining indecent representation of women through advertising.

Policy interventions by the government in India from time to time, on the issue have indeed been progressive. The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act was passed in 1986 and it was further amended in 2012 and 2018.

In addition the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI), Broadcasting Complaints Council of India (BCCI) and the largest state broadcaster Doordarshan have their own Code for the advertisers besides the industry's self-regulatory bodies, however, most advertisements across brands, defy these norms.

This leads one to the question whether we are fulfilling our duty to stop objectification of women and discrimination to other disadvantaged groups based on their race, skin colour, social status an physical appearances, just in words or are we approaching the issue from a wrong angle.

Recognising this anomaly and addressing the issue from a direct approach, the UN Women launched a new initiative titled Unstereotype Alliance in 2017, underlining the SDG-5, which was aimed to consolidate the activities related to gender issues and women, particularly through advertising and marketing platforms

The Unstereotype Alliance aimed to address the advertising industry, its leaders and decision makers and the creative teams to aim to end the anti-women stereotypes in advertising. The initiative received the desired support from the industry leaders and corporates around the world and as a result within five vears of its launch it is supported by 12 member countries, including the U.S., the U.K. and India across five continents with an impressive 45% growth in industry membership, besides support from international and national advertising bodies. Coalitions like Unstereotype Alliance provides us an opportunity at the global level to promote gender equality and break the stereotypical notions associated with both genders. In a way Unstereotype Alliance provides us an opportunity to systematically study and analyse the gender representation in advertising in different countries. Globally, research has found that customers across the world are increasingly responding and rejecting

the set stereotypes, which are fed through the advertising industry and they respond in a positive manner to a balanced and representative portrayal of women in advertising

In a country like India, women are usually portrayed in traditional roles like house makers,

the traditional English-medium advertising retains only the educated class as the main audience, but in order to break that myth and connect with the masses, it is important to connect with them in their language, ensuring a better connectivity and recall of your messages.



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teachers etc. engaged in activities which are traditionally associated with them like cooking, cleaning the house and caring for the family besides the traditional beauty products or being shown as fair and thin. In contrast they are negatively portrayed in advertisements where there is no need for them to be present.

An article in exchange4media. com, a leading platform of industry players related to advertising, marketing and media world, in 2020 found that industry research reveals that as compared to 25%of advertisements which feature men there are only 8% advertisements which feature women.

However, it is heartening to note that several Indian companies have tried to bust the myth and in the past had launched women-centric advertisements. Several brands like Tanishq, Raaga, Titan, Airtel, Havell's, Tata Tea or Dalda, some of which are owned Un-Stereotype Alliance Champion in India i.e. Hindustan Unilever Limited have tried to break the stereotypical mould and start a fresh campaign with a newer perspective

In India, the Unstereotype Alliance could focus on promoting girl education, gender parity, nutrition, skills and empowerment and hygiene management. All these initiatives should try to break the traditional roles of women and instead male leads could be shown to support the message as they are going to be the target audience. In addition, the positive outcome of women education, women employability, women breaking the gender barrier, women gaining entry into traditionally male preserved domains like engineering should be given more focus besides highlighting their successes in corporate or other domains. Also to reach our target audience in rural India, Unstereotype Alliance could focus on promoting the key messages in the vernacular or regional languages as

Expanding the Unstereotype Alliance is not going to be a challenge but an additional bonus in the sense that Indian advertising industry and advertisers, both are working to negate the traditional stereotypes. There have been several advertising campaigns initiated in the past, which have been received, positively by the target audience and the industry both.

So what we need in the current scenario is perhaps a little push to set the tone and delivery right. Though the research points to the negative results about the portrayal of women in the Indian advertising campaigns. Yet, with little sensitisation and providing the stimuli could work wonders for the Unstereotype Alliance in India, as most of the advertising bodies are already on board to set the tone right in the Indian advertisements.

In this regard a collaborative effort could be initiated with the Government of India, too through its various ministries like Ministry of Education, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Minority Affairs. They could be targeted to promote the Prime Minister's campaign: Beti Bachao, Beti Parhao – Save the girl child, educate the girl child.

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A partial remedy

he government's directive, last week, asking medicine manufacturers to abide by WHO standards, is a much-needed move. In less than a year, at least three serious adverse incidents have dented the country's reputation as a reliable source of inexpensive generics. In October 2022, more than 60 children in Gambia died after kidney complications, allegedly caused by cough syrups made by the Haryana-based Maiden Pharmaceuticals. Less than three months later, another cold remedy, manufactured by Marion Biotech in Noida, was blamed for the deaths of 19 children in Uzbekistan. In March, authorities in Cameroon incriminated a batch of cough medicines produced by an Indore-based firm for at least 12 fatalities. The WHO has regularly flagged concerns about the quality of Indian generics and has found toxic content in seven Indian-made cough syrups. Surveys by Indian authorities have also revealed serious shortcomings in at least 160 pharma units. But the country's policymakers have prevaricated on addressing regulatory loopholes. They have, instead, resorted to piecemeal solutions such as cancelling the licences of violators — or denying complicity as in the Gambia case. Enforcing the WHO's protocols should be the first step in an urgently needed regulatory overhaul of the pharma sector.

According to health ministry data, less than 20 per cent pharma units in the country have WHO certification. Studies have shown that the major companies outsource their production to MSME outfits, where quality is often compromised for cost. Poorly-staffed and under-resourced state regulatory bodies find it hard to deal with the ways of these firms whose supply chains regularly involve fly-by-night operators. Investigations into the Maiden Pharma case, for instance, revealed that Haryana's drug monitoring department was functioning with less than 40 per cent of its sanctioned staff strength. Drug inspectors are often tasked with administrative work related to the cancellation and renewal and inspection of licences. Scrutiny of drugs for safety and efficacy suffers as a result. The country has 29 state government-run and two Central drug testing laboratories. By all accounts, this isn't enough.

The Indian Express

the Unstereotype Alliance is that currently, a majority of CEO's or MD's of leading Indian advertising firms are women and definitely it would require less of an effort to join the Unstereotype Alliance in its fight against the stereotyping of women.

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rtificial intelligence has become a transformative force in today's evolving world and has impacted several industries globally. However, if there is one field that AI cannot influence and reshape the traditional practice, it is 'journalism.' Journalism is an industry of the sea, and the ever-busy field needs more human power for reporting, approving and publishing news and stories. The profession involves much more than mechanisation. Clearly, AI-involved works can

account for only about 10% of the total function in journalism. Another key aspect of journalism is that it involves a lot of emotional intelligence. For example, a journalist visiting a flood-ravaged area or a fire-destroyed spot and speaking to the affected people by expressing his/her concern, can never be compared with a robot's workmanship. It is important to remember that journalism is more than just the sum of its parts and the profession's human character cannot be automated by any means. Ac-

curacy requires proper and in-depth verification, and Robots cannot get it right every time.

For journalists, the process of reporting involves significant effort to engage with people and places, and this makes it impossible for AI to replace human interaction. At the most, AI is capable of structuring simple facts and details in a predetermined format. So, in other words, AI cannot replace reports or stories in entirety, as it only covers a portion of the work done by a journalist. Journalists can

expect that AI will be able to generate a lot of data and break news much faster, and by doing so, it can help journalists save time, allowing them to focus on writing high-quality articles. Looking at a positive angle, rather than costing journalists' jobs, AI has the potential to preserve the essence of journalism.

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The Grammar of Reality

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rammar is often viewed as a tedious and unimaginative subject, Jertaining merely to our means of mundane communication. Squeezed dry of any life, outwardly it appears to be an endeavor devoid of any inspiration. Even more so for a traditional student of knowledge, memorizing obscure aberrant verses of poetry to deliver grammatical points, parsing the construction of sentences (al-i r b) and dwelling on the niceties of the disagreement between grammarians can seem daunting. Understanding the grammatical cases of sentences, be it nominative, accusative, or genitive may not be the most important thing that pops out of an English grammar textbook. However, for a student of classical Arabic, it is all that matters.

The first time I heard my senior colleague practicing the opening verses of the chapter on speech (al-kal m) from Ibn M lik's (d. 1274) Alfiyya after his day's classes, I was intrigued. Sensing my keenness, he went on to explain what he had just recited.

واسُمٌ وفعلٌ ثم حرفٌ الكَلِمُ كلامُنا لَفَظْ مُفْيِدٌ كَاسْتَقْمُ

"Speech, for the grammarians, is a meaningful word like is aqim."

Even for a beginner like me who was just getting my tongue accustomed to Arabic morphology (arf), I was already wide-eyed. The idea that the grammatical rules of this language could be strung together into a thousand rhyming verses was a wondrous thought. Later on, I learned that grammar was one of the hallmarks of our civilization. The illustrious ulam or scholars of our d n had preferred poems over prosaic manuals at times to aid the memorization of knowledge for students. For a pedagogy that valued rote memorization, our textbooks flourished with mnemonic devices and "tips and tricks" to hack our memory into remembering the must-knows in each discipline.

Nevertheless, my friend refused to stop there. Our mutual love for knowledge prompted him to further divulge something he had learned from his teachers.

He asked me, "Why do you think Ibn M lik chose is aqim (lit. "Be straight!") out of all singular imperative verbs to convey his point?"

I was baffled. For my artless mind which had just learned how to derive imperative verbs from imperfect conjugations, I was sure that there was no dearth of other verbs in the Arabic lexicon to make imperatives from. Relishing in the pregnant pause, he continued: "The great grammarian Ibn M lik wasn't merely a scholar of language. His deftness in crafting the magnanimous Alfiyya enabled him to conceal dual meanings in his verses. Have you heard of this verse from Surah Hud 'So be steadfast (is aqim) as you are commanded?' It is said that the Prophet told his companions that 'Surah Hud and its like have greyed my hair.' Hence, alluding to this verse and the had th and to warn the seeker of knowledge right at the outset of his journey to be on the straight path, Ibn M lik chose this word." He furnished this delightful reply elaborating on how almost every classical Arabic commentary on grammar referred to the literal meaning of na w as "a direction, way or manner." This pursuit of correct speech was only beneficial in tandem with the pursuit of the correct "way" in purifying the heart. That night I grew awestruck, recognizing the possibilities of speech itself. There was the literal expression (ta'b r)on one hand, and then there was the allusive meaning (ish ra) of the literal expression on the other. When it was finally time for me to study the Alfiyya, I went looking for commentaries that explained these dual meanings of Ibn M lik's clever verses. After a little research and asking around, I came to realize that such commentaries were not available anymore, lost to the vagaries of time. However, I would occasionally glean a reference here and there while talking about the spiritual implications or exposition of Ibn M lik's verse. A dear friend of mine sent me one such photo of a portion from an unnamed book. It explicated the first hemistich of a verse forbidding the usage of an indefinite noun (nakirah) as the subject of a sentence.



56 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMOTIONS AND FOOD IS COMPLEX, WITH EMOTIONAL ISSUES often playing a role in the excessive consumption of junk food. Emotional eating refers to the tendency to eat in response to emotional cues, such as stress, sadness, or boredom."

"Starting with an indefinite noun is impermissible..."

The following explication employed a brilliant wordplay on the word for indefinite which also meant "to be unknown." Exploiting the polysemic nature of words in the Arabic language, the exposition inferred from the verse that it was not acceptable for the spiritual wayfarer to seek ascension or the beginning of his guidance from the world of the unknown, i.e. the world of ultimate realities (' lam iq). It was first incumbent al- aq upon them to pass through the world of knowledge, or the world of the sacred law (' lam al-shar ah). It went on to demonstrate how those ignorant about the fundamentals of the sacred law fell into heresy and apostasy trying to grasp

around spiritual practice:

As for the accusative [al-na b, rectification] of hearts, it could be the righting of the body in order to bring it into line, and thereupon the righting of the heart in the place of witnessing by the goodly bowing of one's head in silence, and furthermore the righting of the inmost soul through the attribute of solitude and purification from moments of disunion.3

This observation is akin to what I described earlier with the spiritual commentary offered by my enthusiastic senior colleague. The so-called suggestive or allusive method of interpretation is manifest in full action in the foregoing excerpts. The classic pithy definition of an i'r b is that it is a visible effect hir), just like how expres (a har sion (ta'b r) is the outward literal expression. The Sufis, or the people of the inward, draw out hidden or concealed in) meanings from this hirin dichotomy. Qushayr belonged to a more sober style of Sufism that saints like Junayd al-Baghd d (rh) espoused. He was a vociferous proponent of adhering to the Sacred Law and did not consider the Sufis exempt from it. The inner meanings of revelation in no way superseded the outward meanings. As every Muslim had their standards of comportment (adab), the Sufis had their own rules of conduct for the spiritual wayfarer as he progressed through the different stages of his journey. In one section, Qushayr discusses the concepts of sound and broken plurals. The former is made by merely adding a suffix while the latter's form is irregularly reconstituted. He plays off the grammatical word for plural (jam') which is identical to the Sufi term for mystical union. In both the realms of grammar and Sufism, there are two types of jam': There are two kinds of plural [jam]: sound plural and broken plural, and likewise in symbolic expression: What the Sufis call mystical union [jam] are of two sorts: There is the mystical union whose possessor is faultless. This is the one who observes the religious law in the time when mystical union has come over him.There is also the mystical union in which the possessor's soundness is broken. This is the one who does not observe the proper conduct [d b] of spiritual knowledge in line with what he is called to [do].4

the inner insights is clear. The latter does not override the former in any way. True mystical union with God is construed in accordance with the Sacred Law and Sufi adab, both of which are not broken under any overwhelming circumstances. Recall the Alfiyya verse that prohibits beginning with the indefinite noun (nakira).

The translated passages I have taken the liberty to copiously cite come from F. Dominic Longo's work of comparative theology called Spiritual Grammar: Genre and the Saintly Subject in Islam and Christianity. If you think the phenomenon of infusing spiritual meanings into grammar is unique to the Islamic civilization, it could not be further away from the truth.

Jean Gerson (d. 1429), a Catholic Chris tian preacher, a French speaker writing in Latin and the Chancellor of University of Paris wrote Moralized Grammar for a widely-known school book which went by the Latin title "Donatus." However, there is no evidence that Gerson had any knowledge of the works of the Nishapur Sufi master. For Longo, these two distinctive texts showcase two instances of the marrying of a grammatical textbook with a didactic spiritual manual. He recognizes this "genre of cross-breeding" as a mode of literary production called "spiritual grammar" and categorizes them as belonging to the same genre of religious writing. There are other instances of works treating religious and grammatical issues together. Indian traditions are rich with such examples. Bhart hari (c. 450-500 C.E) in the first few verses of the "section on Brahman" in his major work called the V kyapad ya roughly translate as "a treatise on the sentence and the word" displays these profound relations between language as manifested in grammar and revelation. David Carpenter, a specialist in Sanskrit grammar says, "Bhart hari was to examine the problem of revelation from the point of view of the language of revelation as language, which was for him both a form of dharma, the socio-cosmic order of the Brahmanical universe, and a self-manifestation of ultimate Reality that underlay that universe, Brahman."5 Another different kind of Indian religious grammar was the Harin m m tavy kara am of J va Gosv m (d. 1608) that focused on teaching one of his fellows the Sanskrit language without diverting them from praising Lord Kr a. I va's grammar is an example where actually teaching grammar is the central purpose while V kyapad ya aims for a complete integration of theological and grammatical discourse.6

read primers on Arabic grammar to this day, the jurr miyya by Ibn jurr m (d. 1323), has merited several commenters, among them Sufis. One such example is Al-Ris la al-Maym niyya Taw dalurr miyya, the well-known primer written by the Sufi Ibn Maym n (d. 1511). The famous Moroccan mystics Ab al- Abb s A mad ibn Aj ba (d. 1809) and A mad al-Zarrq have also produced Sufi commen-taries on the primer. Their tasks were somewhat more challenging as they had to creatively interpret the entire ma n through allusive meanings. One can also refer to a paragraph from none other than the Proof of Islam Ab am d al-Ghaz 1 's Minh j al- rif n in which he interprets the four grammatical cases in his own idiosyncratic way:

The i'rab of the hearts is of four types: raf', fat , khaf and waqf. The raising (raf') of the heart is in the remembrance of Allah. The opening (fat) of the heart is in the contentment concerning Allah. The diminishment (khaf) of the heart is to be occupied with other than Allah. The curtailing (waqf) of the heart is in the heedlessness regarding Allah.7

From the above, we can understand these commentaries are not mere regurgitations of passed down knowledge. Each Sufi master exercised his own faculties of divine inspiration (fu h t) to explicate the meanings of grammatical texts. However, they were all united in stressing the importance of reforming the hearts and becoming spiritually eloquent alongside correcting speech and becoming linguistically proficient. For adorning oneself with beguiling language was prone to the trappings of the devil. Qushayr and his like, cleverly used grammar, one of the most exoteric sciences pertaining to a susceptible organ to imbibe esoteric meanings in it and ultimately, to reform the hearts of their readers.

The question persists: Why choose grammar, of all disciplines, as a vehicle to convey these theological and religious meanings to the reader? One of the cornerstones of the Sufi worldview is to see the traces of God in everything. The Sufis never saw something except that they saw Allah before it, in it and after it. Our mundane modes of communication, so far seemingly only mere forms of communication, were a fertile ground to sow the seeds for mystical introspection. Given that our language structures our reality, it was inconceivable for these scholars to think that even human speech could not help but serve as a reflection of the divine. The grammar of hearts is a grammar of the ultimate reality, mirrored in

وَلاَ يَجُودُ الإبتدابِالنَّكِرَهِ مَا لَمُ تُفْدِ تَعِندَ زَيدٍ نَمَرَه

the knowledge of the ultimate realities.

This verse recalled to mind my discovery of an exceptional work from a certain genre of literature called the na w algul b (lit. "the grammar of the hearts") during my hiatus from Arabic grammar before studying the Alfiyya. Abd al-Kar m al-Qushayr (rh) an Ash'ari theologian and one of the foremost Sufi luminaries of our d n, authored this book. A true spiritual master, he is also if al-ish r t. a the author of La mystical exegesis of the Qur'an, and the famous Risala, a guidebook of saints and terminologies. He belonged to a historical milieu in the development of ta awwuf where the lines between the correct and extreme practices of the religious virtues were increasingly blurred. To showcase the way to higher stations of proximity to the Most Exalted, Qushavr was keen on disseminating the right knowledge and practice for spiritual wayfarers.

What is so phenomenal about Qushayr 's text is that it has no grammatical goal per se. He uses grammar as a tool to guide the seeker to the divine. Detailing the four kinds of grammatical cases or al-i r b, he likens them to the motions of the heart.

There are four kinds of grammatical case: raising [al-raf], rectification [al-nab], diminution [al-khaf], and curtailing [al-jazm]. Hearts likewise have these categories.1

He deploys his creative sufi method to glean otherworldly meanings from the non-grammatical usages of these words. For instance:

As for the nominative [raising] of hearts, it could be that you raise your heart above the world, which is characteristic of the ascetics [al-zuhh d]. It could also be that you raise your heart above following lusts and desires, which is characteristic of devotees [al- ibb d] and those who practice devotions [alawr d] and pious exertion.2

Qushayr utilizes the words' semantic domain to evoke a meaning, centered However, when both these kinds of jam' are grammatically sound, only one kind of mystical jam' is correct. Perhaps here lies hints to his dislike of the ecstatic and more "drunk" Sufis who went to aberrant extremes in their spiritual practice. Qushayr 's dedication to developing a harmonious adherence to the outward meaning of the revelation and

The Sufi tradition of commentating on grammatical texts did not begin or end with Qushayr . One of the most widely

the grammar of our tongues.

Could it be mere arbitrariness or coincidence? In the age of postmodernism and deconstruction, when the linguistic signifier has become arbitrary and with the constant slippage of meanings failing to cohere into a "presence," the Sufi's approach to language asks us to think otherwise. Even a diacritic is not spared of spiritual exegesis. It is often said in our circles that the f 'il or doer of an action is given the nominative mark (raf') because it is the heaviest diacritic mark in contrast to the object of the action which is given the accusative mark (na b) or the weakest diacritic.8 Since a sentence cannot be formed without a verb and a doer of the action, it is indispensable ('umda) unlike the objects which we are allowed to do away with (fa la). Why does the doer of the action accrue such importance? The Sufi would immediately reply, embellishing it with the reason, that there is no true doer of actions in ultimate reality except Allah (l f i'la illa Allah).

In the field of spiritual grammar lies immense potential for research into how it informs Qur'anic exegesis, Sufism and language itself. The several works in this field merit attention, understanding how these different spiritual masters spanning different historical milieus interpreted grammatical texts. How did they expound their claims of sapiential or experiential truth through the path as demonstrated by Sufism? What is the theory of the Arabic language that forms the basis of such interpretations? How does the Sufi method inform the larger conversations around the philosophy of language? Hopefully, these pressing questions yield fruitful answers but at the very least they definitely deserve discussion, just as they did for two seekers of knowledge in a dars going about their day memorizing verses from Ibn M lik's Alfiyya.

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Why Doctors Aren't Prepared For Use Of ChatGPT In Medicine

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hile artificial intelligence systems like ChatGPT are making their way into everyday use, doctors are less likely to adopt them over lack of skills to interpret and act according to it, finds a study.

Like every other industry, physicians will soon start to see AI tools incorporated into their clinical practice to help them make important decisions on diagnosis and treatment of common medical conditions.

These tools, called clinical decision support (CDS) algorithms, can be enormously helpful in helping guide health care providers in determining, for example, which antibiotics to prescribe or whether to recommend a risky heart surgery.

The success of these new technologies, however, depends largely on how physicians interpret and act upon a tool's risk predictions -- and that requires a unique set of skills that many are currently lacking, according to a new perspective article published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

CDS algorithms, which make predictions under conditions of clinical uncertainty, can include everything from regression-derived risk calculators to sophisticated machine learning and artificial intelligence-based systems. They can be used to predict which patients are most likely to go into life-threatening sepsis from an uncontrolled infection or which therapy has the highest probability of preventing sudden death in an individual heart disease patient.

"These new technologies have the potential to significantly impact patient care, but doctors need to first learn how machines think and work before they can incorporate algorithms into their medical practice," said Daniel Morgan, Professor of Epidemiology & amp; Public Health at University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), and coauthor of the perspective.

While some clinical decision support

tools are already incorporated into electronic medical record systems, health care providers often find the current software to be cumbersome and difficult to use.

"Doctors don't need to be math or computer experts, but they do need to have a baseline understanding of what an algorithm does in terms of probability and risk adjustment, but most have never been trained in those skills," said Katherine Goodman, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology & amp; Public Health at UMSOM and co-author of the perspective.

To address this gap, medical education and clinical training need to incorporate explicit coverage of probabilistic reasoning tailored specifically to CDS algorithms, the authors suggest.

They also proposed that probabilistic skills should be learnt early in medical schools, physicians should be taught to critically evaluate and use CDS predictions in their clinical decision-making, practise interpreting CDS predictions.

They should also learn to communicate with patients about CDS-guided deci-



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Thymus Plays An Important Role In Cancer Prevention: Study

ANI

ccording to a new study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, the thymus is important for adult health in general, as well as preventing cancer and possibly autoimmune disease.

The thymus gland, which produces immune T cells before birth and throughout childhood, is frequently thought to be nonfunctional in adults, and it is occasionally removed during cardiac surgery to allow easier access to the heart and major blood vessels.

The researchers compared the risk of death, cancer, and c in 1,146 adults who had their thymus removed during surgery to 1,146 demographically matched patients who underwent similar cardiothoracic surgery without thymectomy to see if the thymus benefits adults' health.

The researchers also measured T-cell production and blood levels of immune-related molecules in a subset of patients.

"By studying people who had their thymus removed, we discovered that the thymus is absolutely required for health. If it isn't there, people's risk of dying and risk of cancer is at least double," said senior author David T. Scadden, MD, director of the Center for Regenerative Medicine at MGH and codirector of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute. "This indicates that the consequences of thymus removal should be carefully considered when contemplating thymectomy." An additional analysis involving all thymectomy patients with more than five years of follow-up found that the overall mortality rate was higher in the thymectomy group than in the general US population as was cancer mortality.

Although Scadden and his colleagues discovered that the risk of autoimmune disease did not differ significantly between the thymectomy and control groups overall in their study, they did notice a difference when patients with infection, cancer, or autoimmune disease prior to surgery were excluded from the analysis.

T cell production and immunerelated molecules were measured in a subset of patients (22 in the



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thymectomy group and 19 in the control group, with an average follow-up of 14.2 postoperative years), and those who had undergone thymectomy had consistently lower levels of new T cells and higher levels of pro-inflammatory molecules in the bloo Scadden and his colleagues intend to investigate how different levels of thymus function in adults affect people's health. "We can test the relative vigour of the thymus and define whether the level of thymus activity, rather than just whether it is present, is associated with better health," he said.







WHY TO USE CRITICAL CARE AMBULANCE

Early Intervention

Critical care ambulances are equipped with advanced medical equipment and trained medical professionals who can provide early intervention to patients during transit. This early intervention can help to stabilize patients and prevent their condition from deteriorating, thereby reducing the risk of mortality and morbidity.

Timely Transportation

 Critical care ambulances can transport patients to hospitals more quickly and safely than private transport, reducing the time between the onset of the medical emergency and the start of treatment. This can be critical in cases of heart attacks, strokes, or traumatic injuries, where every minute counts.

Reduced Complications

 Patients who receive critical care ambulance services are less likely to experience complications during transit or upon arrival at the hospital. This can result in shorter hospital stays, reduced healthcare costs, and improved patient outcomes.

Better Coordination

• Critical care ambulance services often work closely with local hospitals and emergency medical services (EMS) to ensure that patients receive the appropriate care and treatment. This coordination can help to reduce the risk of medical errors and ensure

discovered that the thymus is absolutely required for health. If it isn't there, people's risk of dying and risk of cancer is at least double that patients receive the best possible care.

Improved Accessibility:

Critical care ambulance services can help to improve the accessibility of healthcare services in remote or underserved areas. This can help to reduce health disparities and improve the overall health of the population.



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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS E-NIT No. 03/YDA/2023-24 Dated:- 05/08/2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT E-Tenders (in single Cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with JK UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State /UT/ Central Government Departments for following work:-

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The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility, criteria, specifications, , Drawings, bill of quantities, (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.jk-tenders.gov.in

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	05-08-2023
2.	Date of Publication of Tender Notice (Online)	07-08-2023(11:00 Am)
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For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory Of J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

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JKEDI, TiE Chandigarh **Collaborate To Facilitate** J&K's TiE Chapter To Boost **Entrepreneurial Ecosystem**



JKEDI presided over the event

and shared his insights about

the significance of opening of

will strive to connect entrepre-

neurs and policy makers across

the country. When the TiE-J&K

Chapter will open, it will en-

compass an array of engaging

workshops, seminars, mentor-

ship programs, and networking

opportunities, providing entre-

preneurs and startups with a

comprehensive toolkit to navi-

gate the challenges and oppor-

tunities of the business world.

These collaborative efforts have

been made possible through

the unwavering endeavors of

the J&K Government under the

leadership of Hon'ble Lt. Gover-

nor and the guidance of Com-

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A dedicated coordination

group comprising local entre-

preneurs has been established.

This group will play a crucial

role in outlining the necessary

procedures for the formal in-

clusion and seamless integra-

tion of the J&K Chapter into the

said in his address.

larger TiE network.

"JKEDI will act as a bridge and

the J&K Chapter.

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) and The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Global through TiE Chandigarh have joined hands to start TiE-J&K Chapter, which is set to take off initially as a satellite exten-sion of TiE Chandigarh.

This initiative marks a significant step towards harnessing the immense entrepreneurial potential of J&K. The collaboration will provide budding and established entrepreneurs with a platform to connect, learn, and thrive.

The Chief Mentor and former President of TiE Chandigarh, Jitin Talwar, graced the occasion as the keynote speaker. With a wealth of experience in the entrepreneurial ecosystem, Talwar shared invaluable insights into the transformative potential of the TiE-J&K Chapter.

Accompanying him was Kashish Mittal, a distinguished entrepreneur and former IAS officer, who is also a prominent member of TiE Chandigarh. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director

Agri Deptt Signs MoU with **GCoE Srinagar For Starting Skill Enhancement Courses Under PMKYY & NEP-2020**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In an important step towards the skill enhancement of the educated youth and students, the Agriculture department Kashmir Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Government Col-Education (GCoE), IASE M. A Road Srinagar, for starting of skill enhancement courses under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKYY) & NEP 2020. The MOU was signed between Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal the Director Agriculture Kashmir and prof. (Dr) Seems Naz, Principal GCoE, M.A Road Srinagar. Speaking on the occasion, the Director Agriculture Kashmir observed that the signing of MoU with the said Educational institution will provide Agriculture department an opportunity to reach out to the students and make them understand the skill based interventions in the agriculture and allied sectors.

He said with the help of this initiative the Agriculture department would be able to incorporate agri-skills among the students, which on one hand will make them acquainted with the basic agriculture activities and on the other hand will increase the employability among the students in agriculture and allied fields Iqbal said the agri-skilled educated youth could play vital role in the development of agriculture sector in the region and could contribute to the economic scenario of the valley. He said the main aim is to make our educated youth job providers not the job seekers. Principal GCoE, M.A Road Srinagar also expressed her views and marked the importance of signing the MoU with the agriculture department for the overall benefit of students. She said that she was looking forward to seeing learners who could access skilled employment opportunities in agriculture and allied sectors.

Banks Write Off Rs 14.56 Lakh Crore NPAs In Last **Nine Financial Years**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Banks have written off bad loans worth Rs 14.56 lakh crore in the last nine financial years starting 2014-15, Parliament was informed on Monday.

Out of the total Rs 14,56,226 crore written off, loans of large industries and services stood at Rs 7,40,968 crore. Commercial Scheduled

Banks (SCBs) have recovered an aggregate amount of Rs 2,04,668 crore in written-off loans, including corporate loans, since April, 2014 and up to March, 2023, Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad said in a written reply to Lok Sabha.

Loans written-off during the financial year, net of recovery in written-off loans during the financial year (net write-off) in public sector banks (PSBs) was Rs 1.18 lakh crore in the financial year (FY) 2017-18, which has declined to 0.91 lakh crore in FY 2021-22 and to Rs 0.84 lakh crore (RBI provisional data) in FY 2022-23, he said in another reply.

Net write-off loans by pri-vate sector banks stood at Rs 73,803 crore (RBI provisional data) in FY 2022-23, he said.

Net write-off as percentage of opening gross loans and advances in private sector banks was 1.25 per cent and 1.57 per cent in FY 2017-18 and FY 2022-

23 respectively, and it was 2 per cent and 1.12 per cent for PSBs during the same period. Comprehensive steps have been taken by the government and RBI to recover and

to bring down NPAs, enabled by which, gross NPAs of PSBs have declined to Rs 4.28 lakh crore as on March 31, 2023 from Rs 8.96 lakh crore as on March 31, 2018, he said.

Talking about various steps Rs 50,000 crore which constitutes basel III compliant AT-1

bonds up to an amount of Rs

20,000 crore, Tier-2 bonds

up to an amount of Rs 10,000

crore and infrastructure

bonds up to an amount of Rs

20,000 crore by the bank dur-

As per SBI, the purpose of

existing capital bonds which

are due for call up during

FY2023-24, further strength-

en the capital base of the bank

and support asset growth, he

Banks are exempted from

maintaining Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity

Ratio on long-term bonds for

lending to infrastructure sec-

tor, he said, adding, the raising

of long-term infrastructure

bonds helps the bank in better

In a separate reply, he said,

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

(PMMY) was launched on

April 8, 2015 and has been im-

plemented across the country.

more than 42.20 crore loans

amounting to Rs 24.34 lakh

crore have been sanctioned to

borrowers under the scheme.

As on June 30, 2023, he said,

asset liability management.

ing FY2023-24.

said

taken by the government, he said, the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, has been amended to make it more effective.

The pecuniary jurisdiction of debt recovery tribunals raising capital bonds (AT-1 and Tier-2) is to replace the (DRTs) was increased from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh to enable the DRTs to focus on high-value cases, resulting in higher recovery for the banks and financial institutions, the minister said.

In addition, he said, National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) has been set up as an asset reconstruction company with an aim to resolve stressed assets above Rs 500 crore each.

The government has also approved extending a guarantee of up to Rs 30,600 crore to back Security Receipts issued by NARCL to lending institutions for acquiring stressed loan assets, he said.

Replying to another question, Karad said the board of State Bank of India (SBI) in its meeting held on June 9, 2023 had accorded approval for raising up to an amount of

Individuals Reporting Annual Income Of Above Rs 1 Cr Doubles In 2 Years To 1.69 Lakh

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Individuals reporting annual total income of over Rs one crore have doubled to 1.69 lakh in the two-year period ending March 2022, the income tax department data

tities, including individuals, companies, firms and trusts, have shown total income of above Rs 1 crore.

This includes filings by 66,397 companies, 25,262 firms, 3,059 trusts and 2,068 Association of Persons.

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JKRLM Empowering Lives Through Beekeeping

Asiya Jan's story in Nowbahar VLO, is nothing short of a remarkable success story

Observer News Service

PULWAMA: Asiya Jan, a resilient and determined individual from Lotus Self Help Group, Nowbahar Village Level Organisation (VLO), has become an inspiring figure in her community through the journey of embracing beekeeping as a sustainable livelihood.

With the unwavering support of the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), Asiya's transformation from an ordinary villager to a successful beekeeper is nothing short of a remarkable success story.

Coming from humble beginnings in Gangoo Village, Block Pulwama, Asiya Jan faced numerous challenges that are all too familiar to rural residents. Determined to bring about a positive change in her life and that of her community, she decided to explore alternative livelihood options. Recognizing the potential of apiculture, Asiya sought support from the JKRLM, a flagship program aimed at empowering margin-alized communities in Jammu and Kashmir.

With the guidance and training provided by JKRLM through SHGs, Asiya embraced the art of beekeeping, gaining valuable knowledge on modern beekeeping techniques, hive management, and honey extraction methods. The program also emphasized sustainable practices, ensuring that beekeeping would not only provide a source of income but also contribute to the preservation of the environment and biodiversity.

Overcoming initial challenges, Asiya Jan's passion for beekeeping began to bear fruit. She established her own apiary, strategically placing beehives amidst the abundant flora of Nowbahar Village Organization. As the bees diligently pollinated the local crops, the village witnessed an increase in agricultural productivity, further strengthening the bond between the community and their newfound beekeeping venture. Asiya's dedication to her newfound livelihood paid off,

as she started to harvest highquality honey, wax, and other bee products. With access to market linkages facilitated by JKRLM, she found a ready market for her products, not only within the region but also be-

yond the state borders.

Need For International Collaboration On Crypto Assets Regulation: MoS Finance

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary on Monday underlined the need for international collaboration to prevent regulatory arbitrage with regard to crypto assets.

Crypto Assets and Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) are by definition borderless and require international collaboration to prevent regulatory arbitrage, he said in a written reply in the

Lok Sabha. legislation "Therefore for regulation or for banning can be effective only with significant international collaboration on evaluation of the risks and benefits and evolution of common taxonomy and standards. There is no available timeline on such collaboration as multiple countries and organisations are involved in the process," he said. In reply to another question, Chaudhary said, the central government's debt was Rs 58.6 lakh crore (52.2 per cent of GDP) and Rs 155.6 lakh crore (57.1 per cent of GDP) as of March 31, 2014, and March 31, 2023, respectively.



At the end of FY 2019-20, the Central Government debt was Rs 105.1 lakh crore (52.4 per cent of GDP), which to Rs 121.9 lakh crore (61.5 per cent of GDP) at the end of FY 2020-21, he said. This change in Central Government debt by about 9 percentage points in a single year was mainly on account of Covid-19 pandemic, which hugely disrupted projections of the government's public finances. However, he said, the Central Government's debt has declined to 57.1 per cent of GDP at the end of FY 2022-23. It needs to be noted that, India's nominal GDP has increased from Rs 112.34 lakh crore in 2013-14 to Rs 272.41 lakh crore in 2022-23, he said.

In AY 2022-23

showed. As per the tax return data filed in assessment year (AY) 2022-23, relating to income earned in fiscal 2021-22), 1,69,890 individuals have shown total income of above Rs 1 crore. This is higher than 1,14,446 individu-

als who had shown similar income in AY 2021-22

The number has doubled since AY 2020-21, wherein 81,653 individuals had declared an income of over Rs 1 crore. During AY 2022-23, over 2.69 lakh en-

number of ITR filed stood at over 7.78 crore, higher than 7.14 crore filed in AY nearly 2021-22 and 7.39 crore

filed in AY 2020-21. As regards the statewise filing count for AY 2022-23, Maharashtra topped the chart with 1.98 crore

ITRs being filed, followed by Uttar Pradesh (75.72 lakh), Gujarat (75.62 lakh), and Rajasthan (50.88 lakh). The list also includes West Bengal (47.93 lakh), Tamil Nadu (47.91 lakh), Karnataka (42.82 lakh), Andhra Pradesh (40.09 lakh) and Delhi (39.99 lakh).

Dyson Announces Deepika Padukone As Hair Care Technologies Brand Ambassador

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Dyson, the global technology company, has named Deepika Padukone as a hair care technologies brand ambassador. Through this partnership, Dyson aims to increase awareness around the importance of maintaining hair health, while continuing to drive relevance for Dyson's technologically advanced styling tools.

Ankit Jain, Managing Director, Dyson India said, "We are pleased to partner with Deepika Padukone. Combining cutting-edge engineering and forwardthinking design, Dyson Hair Care technologies have and will continue to revolutionize the way we care for and style our hair. Our association with Deepika will further amplify conversations on versatile, healthy everyday styling suited for all hair types.'

Dyson Hair Care Brand Ambassador Deepika Padukone on her association said, "I've always believed that a hairstyle can make or break a look. Dyson's commitment to innovation and focus on delivering advanced technology for healthier hair styling has always resonated with me and I truly believe that this association will inspire people to achieve superior hairstyles while also caring for

the health of their hair." Dyson has consistently invested in pioneering technology. Seven years ago, it revolutionised hair care with the launch of the Dyson Supersonic[™] hairdryer – a machine which uses fast, controlled airflow and intelligent heat control to dry hair quickly, whilst keeping hair strong and healthy.

Since then, Dyson has developed a range of styling tools engineered to avoiding heat damage.

provide superior styles for all hair types, limiting exposure to extreme heat damage. The performance of Dyson styling tools stems from over a decade of research – from the hair's structure to airflow dynamics - while understanding the effect of thermal, mechanical and chemical damage.

Renowned for pushing boundaries and embodying elegance and sophistication, Deepika is known for her expression of individuality that she embraces in her craft. She is also a strong believer in making skin and hair care routines simpler, joyful and effective with high-performance products backed by science. This aligns seamlessly with Dyson's vision for redefining the hair styling experience with innovative engineering for every hair type, creating superior styles while

'14,277 GST Appeals **Pending Against Disputed Tax Demands By Central Authorities'**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: As many as 14,227 appeals against disputed tax demands raised by Central GST authorities are pending as of June 2023, Parliament was informed on Monday.

Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said the 49th meeting of the GST Council had approved the setting up of GST Appellate Tribunals across the country.

"It has been planned to establish the State benches in a phased manner based on the re-quest of states," the Minister said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.

He also gave details of the number of GST appeals against demands by Central GST authorities pending at various levels. During 2023-24 (up to June 2023), 14,227 appeals were pending. The number was gone up from 11,899 pending appeals as of March 2023.

Ŝetting up of GST Appellate Tribunal benches in states would help in faster dispute resolution.

Currently, taxpayers aggrieved with the ruling of tax authorities are required to move the respective High Courts. The resolution process takes longer time as High Courts are already burdened with backlog of cases and do not have a specialised bench to deal with GST cases.

Equity Markets Extend Rally, Settle Higher For 2nd Day

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Benchmark equity indices ended with gains on Monday, extending their previous day's rally, unfazed by a weak trend in global markets amid buying in Mahindra & Mahindra, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services and Reliance Industries.

However, continuous foreign fund outflows prevented markets from registering a sharp rally.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 232.23 points or 0.35 per cent to settle at 65,953.48. During the day, it jumped 346.65 points or 0.52 per cent to 66,067.90.

The NSE Nifty advanced 80.30 points or 0.41 per cent to end at 19,597.30.

From the Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra jumped over 4 per cent, emerging as the biggest gainer. Sun Pharma, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever, JSW

Steel, Wipro, Maruti, HCL Technologies, Tech Mahin-dra and ICICI Bank were the other major gainers.

State Bank of India, Tata Motors, Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finance, Tata Steel. Nestle and HDFC Bank were the laggards.

"The Indian market began the data-centric week with modest gains, primarily propelled by strong performances in pharma and IT sectors. Global markets portrayed a mixed picture, with US futures exhibiting positivity in response to a moderation in bond yields, while European markets experienced declines due to weak economic data. Caution prevailed in the market due to the anticipation of upcoming inflation data and the RBI's monetary policy," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Finan-

cial Services. In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge climbed 0.56 per cent and smallcap index advanced 0.26 per cent. Among the indices, healthcare jumped 1.61 per cent, telecommunication climbed 1.28 per cent, IT (1.07 per cent), teck (0.91 per cent), realty (0.63 per cent), auto (0.32 per cent) and commodities (0.28 per cent).

Utilities, bankex, metal and power were the laggards.

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

Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.73 per cet to USD 85.63 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,892.77 crore on Monday, according to exchange data. After five months of sustained buying, foreign investors have turned net sellers and pulled out over Rs 2,000 crore from the Indian equities in the first week of August.

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Justice (retd) Mittal, head of SC-appointed 3-member panel on Manipur, was J&K HC's 1st female CJ

AGENCEIS

New Delhi: Justice Gita Mittal, who will head the three-member committee of former women judges of high courts appointed by the Supreme Court on Monday to oversee relief and rehabilitation of the victims of the Manipur ethnic violence, was the first woman chief justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High court.

Appointed as the first female head of the state judiciary on August 3, 2018, she retired on December 8, 2020.

She is an alumna of Delhi's prestigious Lady Shri Ram College.

Besides Mittal, the committee that will oversee relief and rehabilitation of the victims and compensation to them, includes Justices (retd) Shalini P Joshi, a former judge of the Bombay High Court, and Asha Menon, an ex-judge of the Delhi High Court.

Former Maharashtra police chief Dattatray Padsalgikar will monitor the probe into criminal cases in the state riven by

Ahmedabad: A sessions court

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moved by Delhi Chief Minister

Arvind Kejriwal and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha member

Sanjay Singh for interim stay on

trial against them in a criminal

AJ Kanani rejected the pleas of

the AAP leaders for interim stay

on trial by the metropolitan

court in a criminal defamation

case filed by Gujarat University

over their "sarcastic" and "de-

rogatory" statements in con-

nection with Prime Minister

Saturday and kept the matter for

next hearing on August 21, after

respondent Gujarat University

sought time, their lawyer Punit

a revision application in the

sessions court challenging the

metropolitan court's summons

in the defamation case and

had sought interim relief from

the sessions court during the

pendency of their main appli-

Kejriwal and Singh had filed

The court passed its order on

Narendra Modi's degree.

Juneja said on Monday.

The court of sessions judge

defamation case.

PM's degree: Gujarat court

criminal defamation case

rejects pleas of Kejriwal, Sanjay

Singh for interim stay on trial in

Law Trend

ethnic strife. They will be submitting their reports to the apex court which will monitor all aspects of the violence, from prosecution to rehabilitation.

Justice Mittal, born on December 9, 1958, went to Lady Irwin Higher Secondary School and then to Lady Shri

Ram College and graduated in Economics Honours in 1978. A Campus Law Centre graduate in law, she was appointed as an Additional Judge of Delhi

High Court in 2004. Justice Mittal also served as the Acting Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. She earlier practised law in Delhi from

1981 to 2004.

Justice Shalini P Joshi, a former judge of the Bombay High Court, joined the judicial services in 1988 and worked as a judge in district courts before assuming the office of the Registrar

panel is Justice (retired) Asha Menon. Menon was elevated to the post of permanent judge of the Delhi High Court on May 27, 2019. She retired on September 16.2022. In 1985, she appeared for the Delhi Judicial Services examination and became a lower

Additional Judge of the Bombay

The third member of the

High Court on January 1, 2015.

court judge in 1986. She was also the Member Secretary of Delhi State Legal Services Authority from 2008 to 2012.

Former Maharashtra police chief Dattatray Padsalgikar will monitor the probe into the criminal cases in Manipur.

Padsalgikar, a 1982 batch IPS officer, was on deputation to the Intelligence Bureau (IB) for a few years until he was named as the Mumbai police commissioner on January 30, 2016.

He served as the head of Mumbai police till June 29. 2018 before being elevated as the Maharashtra DGP.

was appointed as the Deputy

Veshaw Literary Festival in J-K's Kulgam offers platform to local artists, writers

Kulgam :The 'Veshaw Literary Festival' was held here on Monday, as part of the Jammu and Kashmir administration's efforts to take literary activities from cities and towns to the hinterland.

Local artists and writers who took part in the event said the literary fest provided them with a platform closer to their homes to showcase their

work. Tabish Ajaz Khan, an artist who participated in the event appreciated the government for organising the festival here. "It is great that we are getting a platform here to showcase our work. This is an encouragement for the youth of Kashmir," Khan, a self-taught artist focusing on sustainabil-

ity, said. "I mostly work with waste material and paint on Chinar leaves and feathers. I want to show people the culture of Kashmir through my handicraft works and paintings," she added.

Burhan Bhat, another artist in the festival, has put up an artefact named 'Gyaan Vriksh' depicting a village scene of

"We have made a Gyaan Vriksh (knowledge tree) which is woven around Kashmiri culture. We have added a Samovar, Kangri, Lalten and books for the detailing. The idea is no matter how old a teacher becomes, he continues to impart knowledge Even those teachers who have died, continue to benefit the society through their teachings," Bhat said.

"We are thankful to the Kulgam administration for organizing the festival. We request that in future such festivals be held in all districts so that all the artists can showcase their talent," he added.

Bharat Singh Manhas, an official of the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages, said the festival was an attempt of taking the works of writers and artists of interior regions to other parts of the Union Territory.

"Our aim at the Cultural Academy is that the books of local writers are brought to these platforms so that more people can read them and know about the writers,"

50,000 people cannot be up-

According to the railways,

there are 4,365 encroachers

were earlier staging protests in

Haldwani, asserting they were

the rightful owners of the

land. Nearly 50,000 people, a

longing to over 4,000 families

May, the apex court had asked

the lawyers appearing for the

railways as well as the state gov-

ernment about how much time

It had noted that the Centre's

While hearing the matter in

reside on the disputed land.

rooted overnight.

Kashmir. Manhas said. SC judge Sudhanshu Dhulia recuses from hearing pleas against HC order on removal of encroachments in Haldwani

New Delhi: Supreme Court judge Justice Sudĥanshu Dhulia on Monday recused himself from hearing a matter in which the apex court had earlier stayed the Uttarakhand High Court's order for removal of encroachments from 29 acres of land that has been claimed by the railways in Haldwani.

The matter came up for hearing before a bench com-

"List before a bench of which one of us (Justice Dhulia) is not a member," the bench said, without assigning any reason for recusal.

they will take to find a solution. The apex court had on May 2 said its interim order staying counsel said efforts were on to the high court's December 20, work out a reasonable solution 2022 directions will continue as early as possible. during the pendency of ap-

application in the sessions court for interim stay on trial in criminal defamation case sessions going on in the metropolitan court here. The court on Saturday rejected our plea and kept the matter for August

21," Juneja said. The court refused to grant them interim relief in the matter on the ground that the two leaders had told the metropolitan court that they will remain present before it on August 11. Juneja said they will seek relief before the Gujarat High Court.

cie there appeared to be a case against them under section 500

Piyush Patel had filed a defamation case against Kejriwal and Singh over their comments after the Guiarat High Court set aside an order of the Chief

They made "defamatory" statements in press conferences and on Twitter handles target ing the university over Modi's degree, the complainant stated. Their comments targeting Gujarat University were defamatory and hurt the prestige of the university which has established its name among the public, as per the complainant.

Palestinian teenager dies after he was shot by Israeli troops in the West Bank last week

Jerusalem, Aug 7 (AP) A Palestinian teenager who was shot by Israeli troops last week after throwing a firebomb in the occupied West Bank died on Monday, the Palestinian Health Ministry said.

It was the latest in a long string of violent incidents involving Israelis and Palestinians in the West Bank in the last year and a half. It came after a bloody weekend in which a settler killed a Palestinian man and a Palestinian gunman killed an Israeli security guard in Tel Aviv. The Palestinian official news

agency Wafa reported that Silwad north of Ramallah.

diers operating near Silwad.



the rise of shooting attacks by Palestinian groups against Israelis, near-daily arrest raids by the Israeli military, and growing attacks by extremist Jewish settlers.

On Monday, the Israeli military said troops arrested 17 Palestinians across the West Bank overnight. Israeli media reported that five of those arrested were suspected of involvement in clashes with Israeli settlers on Friday that left one Palestinian dead Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian village in the West Bank on Friday. They set fire to cars and fired on Palestinians who threw stones at them. Two Israeli settlers suspected of killing 19-year-old Palestinian Qusai Matan remained in police it a "human issue" and saying on the land. The occupants majority of them Muslims, be-

prising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia.

"The interim order(s) is made absolute during the pendency of the appeals," the top court had said in its May 2 order. On January 5, the top court had in an interim order staved the high court's directions for removal of encroachments from 29 acres of land, terming

In its December 20 last year order, the high court had ordered the demolition

peals before it.

PM Modi's degree.

The metropolitan court has summoned the two leaders after observing that prima fa-

of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Gujarat University Registrar Information Commissioner on

Ramzi Hamed, 17, was shot near the West Bank settlement of Ofra, near his hometown of

Fathi Hamed, the boy's father, told The Associated Press that his son was shot by Israeli troops early last Wednesday after throwing firebombs at sol-

The Israeli military said "it appears" that Hamed had thrown the firebomb toward the settlement's front gate. It provided security camera footage of what it said was the incident, in which a young male is seen getting out of a vehicle, throwing a firebomb and speeding away in a car after an explosion. It was not immediately clear how close the explosion was to security forces or when the teen was shot. Violence has surged across the northern West Bank with

On October 29, 2019, he General of the Bombay High Court in April, 2014. She was later elevated as an National Security Advisor.

h was rejected by the court, Juneja said.

The metropolitan court has directed the two leaders to remain present in the court on August 11 in response to summons issued to them in this connection.

"We had moved an

killed in Palestinian attacks against Israelis so far this year. Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 Mideast war, along with the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem. Palestinians seek those territories for their hoped-for independent state.

custody on Monday.

The surge in fighting is one of

the worst between Israelis and

Palestinians in recent decades.

More than 160 Palestinians

have been killed by Israeli fire

this year in the West Bank and

east Jerusalem, according to a

Israel says most of those

killed have been militants, but

stone-throwing youths protest-

ing army raids and innocent by-

At least 30 people have been

standers have also been killed.

tally by The Associated Press.

of constructions on alleged encroached railway land at Banbhoolpura in Haldwani.

It had directed that a week's notice be given to the encroachers after which the encroachments should be demolished.

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Government Will

The LG said that wherever a feeder is 100 per cent metered, power disruption won't be just for a minute let alone an hour or so. "I urge people to cooperate with us in getting the smart meter installation process completed as soon as possible," he said. The LG said that J&K people are getting the cheapest electricity compared to other states. "We have borrowed Rs 20,000 Crore worth electricity from outside in the past three to four years. This won't do. People must pay as per usage," he said.

"Given J&K's topography and snowfall, some projects get delayed. Delay in completion of projects has been given to us in legacy and we are trying to break this tradition of delay in projects' completion," he said.

About farmers, he said that at present J&K farmer's income is at number 5 across the country and time is not far when "our farmer's income will be No 1." --With inputs from KNO

G20 Impact: Over 18k

adding that the number of tourists that arrived here in the first five months of the year has already surpassed the number of inbound visitors over the entire last year.

Manzoor Ahmad Pakhtoon, president of Houseboat Owners' Association, said the footfall of foreign tourists here this year is higher than in previous years.

"The figures have doubled this year as we saw around 10,000 foreign tourists last year but more than 18.000 tourists from different parts of the world have arrived in Kashmir already by this June," Pakhtoon said.

Mark Wory, a New Zealander, who has arrived in Kashmir on a motorbike expedition with others from his country and Australia after travelling through Ladakh, said, "The ride through the mountains was spectacular. This is a beautiful place and the people of Kashmir have been wonderfully hospitable; we feel safe here. I have heard of the G20 meet and expect policies would be reformed so that more

people like me can come to Kashmir and enjoy this place," Wory said.

Boyd from Australia's Queensland, a part of the bikers' group, said he was hopeful that more foreigners will come to visit the valley. "The people of Kashmir are friendly and helpful. I have enjoyed every moment here," Boyd said.

Tim Lang from New Zealand, while echoing the sentiments expressed by his trans-Tasman compatriots, said he felt safe in Kashmir.

"We were surprised that there is a travel advisory asking not to travel to Kashmir. Riding to Kashmir from the Himalayas on a motorbike, I felt completely safe and sound," Lang said.

Ellie, a resident of the Netherlands who camped in the Union Territory for over six months with her husband Kashmir for them "felt just like home" and she felt bad as their trip was about to end.

"We started camping in Kashmir in December. We went to Kishtwar and Lolab Valley and are staying in Srinagar for a week." Ellie said.

"In Holland, authorities do not advise us to visit Kashmir but after living and travelling to many places, I feel completely safe here. The people of Kashmir are generous and helpful. So, my message would be to visit Kashmir," she added.

Alexander, a traveller from Italy, said he was enamoured by the beauty of Kashmir. "It is beautiful, lovely and warm. The valley is very interesting as it has a lot of history, delicious food, and humble people and there are a lot of things to do. My message to everyone who wishes to visit Kashmir would be to come to Kashmir, you will enjoy it for sure," he added.

J&K's Growth

tribals, underprivileged, poor and weaker sections are becoming socio-economically empowered," the LG said.

He was addressing the Hindustan Shikhar Samagam 'Badalte Kashmir Ki Buland Awaaz' organised by two media houses- Hindustan and ABP News Network here on Monday.

Sinha shared transformational journey of

J&K, the socio-economic scenario and the unprecedented growth registered across all sectors in the last few years.

"Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, J&K is growing at an impressive pace and the rapid development in the diverse sectors over three successive years is unprecedented in the history of the UT," he added.

Speaking on the security scenario, the LG said the record influx of tourists, industrial investments, the successful conduct of the G20 summit and other national and international events in the UT has sent the message to the world that Jammu Kashmir is peaceful and is on the move.

"We have a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and are determined to root out terrorism, separatism and the ecosystem of conflict profiteering. We have been successful to a certain extent and people are living their lives without fear and on their own terms," he said. Asserting that J&K is leading by example for other states/UTs in the country, the LG said that transparent & accountable governance system and seamless access to government services has improved the ease of living of the people.

"Big business houses and companies from across the world are willing to invest in J&K. Reforms in education, health, agriculture and allied sectors, industries, infrastructure, connectivity, power, hospitality, handicrafts, revenue, films, information technology, sports and other sectors have laid a solid foundation for the bright and prosperous future of J&K and its people," he added.

Paying tributes to the bravehearts of security forces and police who laid down their lives in the line of duty, Sinha said he will forever be indebted to the brave Police, Army, CAPFs personnel for maintaining peace and a secure environment in the UT.

Senior officers of the Administration, Police, Security forces, experts, senior journalists, prominent personalities from different walks of life, youth and people were present on the occasion.

Couple Posing

The spokesperson said that investigation into the matter has been initiated to establish the veracity of the other allegations and for collection of evidence.

"As part of this ongoing investigation, certain recoveries including money and jewelry have been made and some electronic gadgets have been seized on spot in front of Executive Magistrates. Many fake orders have been found from these digital devices including fake orders of his own induction into IPS." he said.

"Public is requested not to fall prey to such touts & report if they come across anyone promising undue favours. Further, all those who have been looted by this couple should report to Police station Sadder for immediate redressal", he added.

2 Terrorists Killed

said the two infiltrating terrorists were engaged by the joint team of Army and police in Garhi Battalion area around 2 am.

"One terrorist fell down immediately while the second tried to run back to LoC, engaged and hit and was seen falling down on the ground." he said.

The movement of the terrorists was picked up in the general area Degwar Terva, he said.

Lt Col Bartwal said the body of one of the slain terrorists was retrieved and has been identified on the basis of police records as Hussain -- a resident of Bagyladra village of Poonch who was a self-style Divisional Commander of Hizbul Mujahideen.

"In 1993, he went to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) for arms training and came back three years later. He has masterminded a number of attacks on Security Forces before returning to PoK in 1998," the officer said.

Hussain, who has two wives and several children, was a close associate of Maulana Dawood Kashmiri, a close associate of PoK-based Hizbul supremo Syed Salauddin, he said.

"A high-level meeting of the Hizbul group took place in Islamabad, Pakistan recently to chalk out a plan to revive the outfit in the border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in J-K. Hussain along with his bodyguard was believed to have been sent with the agenda of reviving terrorism in south of Pir-Panjal," he said.

"Hussain is the most dreaded terrorist killed in the last 10 years in Rajouri and Poonch belt. His killing makes it evident that Pakistan is trying to send old terror veterans to motivate and recruit youth, thus making desperate attempts to revive terrorism," Lt Col Bartwal said.

Govt Employees

added that no government employee of the education department shall avail leave on the Independence Day-2023, except under exceptional circumstances. "All employees shall invariably participate in the Independence Day Celebrations."

"All Government buildings and offices including schools shall be decorated with lights and hoist National Flag on them while giving due regards to the flag code and share videos of the same with the respective Divisional Commissioner," it reads.

DSEJ said that all Government officers and officials of the Education Department shall use selfies with images of Jhanda, Mitti and Diya (Earthen Lamp) as the display picture on their social media handles.

It also asked the CEOs to ensure maximum participation of students and teachers in the Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign.

"Special National Anthem Singing, Essay Writing, Debate, Prabhat pheris and Sports competition shall be organized in all schools and prizes amongst winners shall be distributed," DSEJ said.

The official directed that Independence Day speeches should include the initiatives of the government under Digital J&K, Corruption free J&K, Swacchhta, Nasha Mukt Bharat, number of projects completed, Jan Bhagidari, Aap Ki Zameen Aap ki Nigrani etc. "All offices and schools shall organize and take up special cleanliness drives." –(KNO)

SPORTS

McGrath Picks Australia, England, India & Pakistan As ODI WC Semifinalists

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: The legendary Glenn McGrath on Monday picked India, Australia, England and Pakistan as the semifinalists of the 2023 ICC World Cup, adding that playing in an ODI series here prior to the showpiece would help his country immensely in terms of preparation.

The tournament will be held in India in October-November.

With Australia and England dominating the ICC competitions lately, McGrath feels that the two sides have the best chance of making it to the lastfour stage of the showpiece.

"Although the (Australian) Test team is quite different to the one-day one, I think they will do well. Australia is one of the top four teams to make it to the semis of the World Cup," he said during his visit to the MRF Pace Foundation academy here.

"They like competing in the big tournaments and big games. They perform well and have got enough experience, and also have some younger guys coming through. Also, they have enough matches in the sub-continent to prepare for the tournament."

I put India and England as well. England has been playing some good one-day cricket lately. I will put Pakistan in there as well," he added.

Considering their performance in Pakistan, McGrath feels that Ben Stokes and Co could adopt the 'Bazball' approach on their tour of India as well.

''They have proved it can happen in England and even in Pakistan. Bazball is quite an aggressive form of cricket. It's all about



playing with freedom.

"Teams have even played such cricket in the past, like the

West Indies and even Australia during the Don Bradman era. But, how England plans to go in the Indian conditions, we will have to wait and see. But I like the concept," he said.

"Undoubtedly, if you are scoring six/seven runs an over, it is quite lively. So, I think the bowlers need to adapt and adjust as well. It's the first time they have come across such a thing in Test cricket to that extent.

"We have got to look after Test cricket. This is a new era, and you have got to play it like that. So, let's wait and see what the future has for Test cricket and see if it's sustainable," he wondered.

McGrath has been associated with the MRF Pace Foundation for over a decade, being the academy's director since 2012. When asked if the bowlers primarily focus on learning the tricks of white-ball cricket or the red-ball. he said that the focus has always been on the longer version.

"I think they are more focused on learning for the longer version of the game. There are still a lot of people in India who focus on playing Test cricket and Ranji Trophy. If you perform and do well there, then obviously, there is IPL later on.

"But here (in his academy), it's all about making them an all-round fast bowler who is physically fit, strong, and mentally tough, along with the skills and ability.

"We will probably focus on white-ball bowling lately just to get their thought process clear ahead of the World Cup. But overall, it's about making them the best fast bowler," he signed off.



Mumbai Cricketer Sarfaraz Khan Marries Shopian Girl

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: India and Mumbai batter Sarfaraz Khan has tied the knot with a woman from Shopian district of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sarfaraz, who plays for the IPL team Delhi Capitals, posted a photo to his Instagram account on Sunday and captioned it: "Allhamdulillah married."

The 25-year-old, who also plays as a wicketkeeper, told a local news agency that it was his "destiny to get married in Kashmir" and added, "If the Almighty has destined, I will play

for India one day." Various Indian national team players like Suryakumar Yadav, Umran Malik, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tilak Varma and Axar Patel left congratulatory messages on Sarfaraz's Instagram post. Legendary batter Chris Gayle also wished the newlyweds best of luck.

Sarfaraz has scored 2566 runs in the last three Ranji seasons. The right-handed batter scored 656 runs in the 2022-23 season and averages 79.65 in first-class cricket.

IUST 7-A-Side Inter-Departmental Football Tourney Ends



India's Top-Order Under **Pressure In Must-Win Game**



Press Trust of India

PROVIDENCE: India will need to bat with the fearlessness they often talk about as they look to avoid a series defeat in the third T20 International against the West Indies here on Tuesday.

The slow pitches on offer have not been the best for batting but as skipper Hardik Pandya pointed out after the loss on Sunday, India should have a found way to score additional 10-20 runs.

India, who last lost to the West Indies in a bilateral T20

put extra pressure on the likes of Sanju Samson and rookie Tilak Varma, who has taken to international cricket like fish to water. With focus on ODIs in a World Cup year, Gill, Kishan and Suryakumar would want to be amongst runs ahead of the Asia Cup begin-

ning August 31. India have been playing with a long tail with Axar Patel batting at seven to maintain the balance of the side and it is unlikely to change in the next game.

India's in-form spinner Kuldeep Yadav missed Sunday's game due to a sore thumb and it remains to be seen if he is available for selection.

even used in the last game. Hardik and Arshdeep Singh were able to swing the new ball in the second game and would be looking to repeat that on Tuesday.

Pacer Mukesh Kumar has leaked most runs for India and there is a possibility that he could be replaced with Avesh Khan or Umran Malik. West Indies are in an ideal position for their first series win over India since 2016. Like the opposition, West Indies' top-order too has not been amongst runs with Pooran left to do the heavy lifting. The hosts would



Women's World Cup: England, Australia Ênter Quarterfinals

Agencies

QUEENSLAND: England overcame 120 minutes of below-par performance against Nigeria and won by 4-2 on penalties to secure their spot in the FIFA Women's World Cup on Monday at Queensland. Nigeria dominated the play for whole of regulation time and the extra time, but England pulled out all the stops during the penalties to secure the final eight spot, despite Lauren James being given a red card.

In the first half, Nigeria made some chances for themselves but failed to score.

England registered their first shot in the 23rd minute. At halftime, both teams were goalless. Two minutes after the action resumed, Nigeria hit the bar for the second time

the regulation time goalless and could not convert any of their chances in the extra time either. England and Nigeria missed their first penalties but Bethany England smashed the second penalty, making it 1-0. Nigeria missed their second as well.

Daly converted England's third penalty and Ajibade scored in third penalty of Nigeria into a goal to make it 2-1. But successful conversions by Alex Greenwood and Chloe Kelly meant that Nigeria was left at the losing side despite a penalty conversion by Christy Ucheibe. On the other side, Australia also booked their berth in the final eight after securing an easy

2-0 win over Denmark. Arsenal forward Caitlin Foord gave the Aussies the lead in the 29th minute.

In the 70th minute, Fowler

Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: An Inter-Departmental Football Tournament, organized by the Directorate of Physical Education Sports, IUST, came to end on Monday.

In the final match played between the Department of Electronics and Communication and Mechanical Engineering Department, the former won by 2-0.

Dean Academic Affairs, Prof Manzoor Ahmad Malik was the chief guest on the occasion, while Prof Naseer Iqbal, Registrar was

the Guest of Honour. Other officers present included Finance Officer and Chairman Sports Committee IUST, Mr Sameer Wazir, Controller of Examination, Dr Waseem Bari and others.

Dean Academic Affairs commended Dr Hilal Ahmad Rather for successful organization of the tournament and urged the students to take active part in extracurricular activities organized by the university. different departments of the university participated in the tournament that spanned over 10 days.

series back in 2016, trail 0-2 in the five-match series.

The shortest format demands the batters to go hard from ball one and that is something India's top-order, comprising Ishan Kishan, Shubman Gill and Suryakumar Yadav, have not been able to do. The top-order's failure has

The bowlers, especially the spinners, need to find a way to contain a rampaging Nicholas Pooran. The southpaw has been batting with disdain against the likes of Yuzvendra Chahal and Ravi Bishnoi. Left-arm spinner Axar was not

want to change that.

The likes of Pooran and Shimron Hetmyer will once again be looking to take the attack to the Indian spinners. The home team's bowlers have done well to keep India in check and will be keen to maincard for a physical altercation tain that with series on the line. with Alonzie. Match starts at 8 pm IST.

England could have taken a

clipped the ball to Emily van lead in the 75th minute after Egmond, who fed the ball to a header by Daly, but a brilliant save from the goalkeeper Nnadozie denied them the lead. Things got worse for Lionesses when James was given a red

England and Nigeria finished

Hayley Raso, who though offbalance, netted the ball into the bottom left corner of the goal. Australia will face France or Morocco in the guarterfinals. England will also face either Jamaica or Colombia in their final

eight match. (ANI)

Iranian Women's Kabaddi **Team Touring India Reveal Inspiration**

Agencies

MUMBAI: The Iranian women's kabaddi team is currently undergoing a tour of Mumbai and Pune from August 4 to August 11. The side has set up a few friendly matches to enhance their skills and develop match temperament.

According to a press release, speaking on the sidelines of their friendly game, the Iranian women's kabaddi Team Manag-

competition from various teams and the players are getting to learn a lot on this tour."

Zahra also spoke about how the Pro Kabaddi League has inspired women's kabaddi players in Iran, "The Pro Kabaddi League is very famous in our country. The league has made kabaddi very thrilling and we always look forward to watching all seasons. The league has also inspired many women to take up kabaddi in Iran and across the world.



er Zahra Rahiminejadnoudijeh said, "We have always looked up to India as a kabaddi nation and it's fantastic to be here. Our team has been facing intense

Hopefully, we'll have a women's Pro Kabaddi League soon. All our players are very excited to be a part of it and take women's kabaddi to the next level." (ANI)

Wushu Championship **Kick Started In Bandipora**



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: District Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak. on Monday kick started the District Wushu Championship 2023 at Government Higher Secondary School Ajas here.

The championship is being organised by the Wushu Association of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora under Nashamukht Bharat Abhiyan.

As many as 330 participants, including both boys and girls from all age categories representing different clubs and schools of District Bandipora took part in the event.

On the occasion, Nodal officer Coordination District Administration Bandipora, Mohd Ashraf Hakak, inaugurated the championship. Padmashree Awardee Fasal Ali Dar, Principal Higher Secondary besides others were present.

Hakak expressed his delight to hold the championship in Ajas Bandipora, recognising its potential to encourage youth participation in sports and steer them away from negative influences.

He acknowledged the excellent performance of Bandipora in the realm of sports and believed that this championship would serve as an inspiration to other districts. Furthermore, he assured unwavering support from District Administration Bandipora.

Australia's Extended ODI WC Squad

Labuschagne Dropped From



Press Trust of India

SYDNEY: Marnus Labuschagne was on Monday left out of Australia's 18-man preliminary squad for the ODI World Cup

in India in October-November. Labuschagne was part of Australia's last ODI squad that played three matches in India earlier this year. The righthanded batter has featured in 30 ODIs since making his debut in January 2020.

Uncapped leg-spinner Tanveer Sangha and all-rounder Aaron Hardie are the fresh faces in the Australia squad. The same 18-man extended squad, which will be trimmed later to 15 for the ODI World Cup,

has been named for the series against South Africa and India in September ahead of the 50over showpiece beginning Oc-

In a statement, Cricket Australia gave a fitness update on skipper Pat Cummins, who injured his left wrist during the fifth and final Ashes Test at the Oval. He will miss the T20s in South Africa but will be available for the ODIs against the Proteas as well as India.

Seasoned all-rounder Glenn Maxwell will not be available for the ODIs in South Africa as he is expecting the arrival of his first child. Sangha's selection has come as a surprise as he has not played any top-

flight cricket since August last year. Hardie, on the other hand, also finds himself in the squad for the T20 series in South Africa from August 31 to September 3. Mitchell Marsh will captain the T20 side.

trimmed to 15 for World Cup): Pat Cummins (c), Sean Abbott, Ashton Agar, Alex Carey, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Aaron Hardie, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Tanveer Sangha, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, David Warner, Adam Zampa.

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Australia can make changes to the World Cup squad until September 28. Australia ODI squad (to be

OUTPOST

Russia Evacuates Village For First Lunar Lander Launch In 50 Years

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Russia will evacuate a village in its far east on Aug. 11 as part of the launch of Russia's first lunar lander mission in nearly half a century, a local official said on Monday.

The Luna-25 lunar lander, Russia's first since 1976, will be launched from the Vostochny Cosmodrome, some 3,450 miles (5,550 km) east of Moscow, according to Russia's Roscosmos space agency.

The residents of the Shakhtinskyi settlement in Russia's Khabarovsk region, southeast of the launch site, will be evacuated early morning on Aug. 11, as the village lies in the predicted area where the rocket boosters will fall after they separate.

"The mouth of the Umalta, Ussamakh, Lepikan, Tastakh, Saganar rivers and the area of the ferry crossing on the Bureya River fall into the predicted (booster) fall zone," Alexei Maslov, head of the Verkhnebureinskyi district in the Khabarovsk region, said on the Telegram messaging app. "The residents of Shakhtinskyi will be evacuated."

Luna-25 will launch on a Soyuz-2 Fregat booster and will be the first lander to arrive on the South Pole of the moon, Roscosmos has said. The main objective of the mission will be the development of soft-landing technologies, research of the internal structure of the Moon and exploration for resources, including water.

The lander is expected to operate on the lunar surface for one year.

SRINAGAR | TUESDAY | 08.08.2023 South Asian Children

Face Highest Level Of Heat In The World: UN

New Delhi: Three-quarters of children in South Asia are already facing dangerously high temperatures, the highest level worldwide, as the impact of climate change grows, the United Nations warned Monday. About 460 million children

About 460 miniton children are exposed to extreme heat in South Asia, or 76 percent of children, compared to a third of children globally, the United Nations children's agency said.

"With the world at global boiling, the data clearly show that the lives and well-being of millions of children across South Asia are increasingly threatened by heat waves and high temperatures," said Sanjay Wijesekera, UNICEF Regional Director for South Asia.

The UN warns children in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives and Pakistan are at "extremely high risk" of the impacts of climate change, defining extreme high temperatures as 83 or more days in a year over 35 degree Celsius (95 degree Fahrenheit).

Children cannot adapt as quickly to temperature changes, and are not able to remove excess heat from their bodies. "Young children simply cannot

handle the heat," added Wijesekera. "Unless we act now, these children will continue to bear the brunt of more frequent and more severe



heatwaves in the coming years." About 1.2 degrees Celsius of global warming since the late 1800s, driven by the burning of fossil fuels, has made heatwaves hotter, longer and more frequent, as well as intensifying other weather extremes such as storms and floods. July was the hottest month

waves hotter, longer and more frequent, as well as intensifying other weather extremes such as storms and floods. July was the hottest month ever recorded globally, with

global warming affecting tens

of millions of people in parts of

Europe, Asia and North America.

Scientists say the world will

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I Think Of Leaving CM's Post, But Post Not Leaving Me: Ashok Gehlot

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Monday said he thinks of leaving the CM's post, but this post is not leaving me. And it take courage to state this, the Congress leader added. Gehlot, who has been in a tussle

with his former deputy Sachin Pilot over the top post since the Congress won the assembly polls in 2018,

appeared to be projecting himself as his party's CM candidate when elections are held in a few months. He however made clear that he will abide by the decision of the party's central leadership. This is the second time in re-

cent days that Gehlot has made

the post-not-leaving-me state-

that she wanted to see him continue as the chief minister. At an event here to mark the foundation of new Rajasthan dis-

ment. Last week, he made the

remark when a woman told him

foundation of new Rajasthan districts, Gehlot referred to that incident and stressed that when he says something it is after thinking it out.





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