

From Vitasta to Ganga, Lal Chowk to Lal Qila, There's Just One Heart Beat: LG

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday said that with peace gradually becoming a permanent feature in the UT, from Vitasta to Ganga, Shahr-e-Khas to Banaras and from Lal Chowk to Lal Qila, there is just one heart beat and one thinking.

Addressing a gathering at historic Lal Chowk, after dedicating the three major projects of smart city—Redevelopment of Residency Road, Redevelopment of Srinagar Square, and Redevelopment of Clock Tower, to people of UT, the LG said that today there is just one goal and one desire i.e. peace.

"From Vitasta to Ganga, Shahr-e-Khas to Banaras and from Lal Chowk to Lal Qila, there is one heartbeat and one thinking," the LG said. He said that some people had made "conflict as an industry and enjoyed conflict profiteering." "Today they are seeing the crumbling shadow of terror across the border," he said. "They are witnessing the fall of the terror-eco system and separatism. They are watching the dreams of common citizens of J&K getting fulfilled."

He said that due to personal benefits, development in J&K remained choked. "These people were assigned the charge of enforcing hartals, bandhs due to which people suffered a lot. The benefits reached to conflict profiteers only while common



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citizens were left to lurch," he said. "Poor was made the poorest and some rich became the richest."

He said that Srinagar was being discussed some four years ago not for development but for street violence and strikes. "Four years ago, there was no Poloview market, Lal Chowk development, river fronts etc. "Biggest change in the last four years is that today, love and peace has replaced stones on Srinagar streets," he said.

He said that the administration is committed to help people of J&K fulfill their aspirations

and dreams. "All hurdles in the peace and development are being removed and very soon peace will become a permanent feature in J&K," he said

Earlier LG sinha inaugurated the iconic clock tower at Lal Chowk here.

The historic clock tower, locally known as 'Ghanta Ghar', has been renovated along with Lal Chowk as part of the Srinagar Smart City Project.

On the eve of the country's 77th Independence Day, the clock tower was illuminated in the colours of the national flag as a large number of people

including tourists braved rains to participate in the inauguration event.

The visitors who gathered at the function waved the national flag and also raised patriotic slogans such as 'Vande Mataram' and 'Bharat Mata ki Jai'.

Rajani Raseeli from Delhi said she considers herself lucky to be present at Lal Chowk when the renovated clock tower was being inaugurated.

"This is my first time here and I am feeling lucky to be a part of the event," she said.

Anand, a tourist from Ghazipur, said he **| More on PII**

Peace, Happiness Has Arrived In Every House In J&K: LG



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LG Manoj Sinha said on Monday that peace and happiness has now arrived in every household in the Union Territory and his administration and the people together have created a happy Jammu Kashmir and a brighter future for the young generation.

"It is indeed Amrit Kaal of Jammu Kashmir and a new dawn of peace and prosperity for all the citizens. Our economy is witnessing rapid growth, infrastructure sector is on the move, peace and tranquility is providing better quality of life and opportunities to the people and the Union Territory is on the march to become 'Viksit J&K' by 2047," Sinha

said in his message to the people of J&K on 77th Independence Day. The LG extended his heartiest greetings and felicitations to the people Of the Union Territory.

"We have successfully ended decades' long inequality and have taken every possible step to eliminate the terror ecosystem. Peace and happiness has now arrived in every household and together we have created a happy Jammu Kashmir and a brighter future for the young generation," he said.

"I appeal to every one of you to re-dedicate yourself to build a Jammu Kashmir that will take us to new horizons of peace, progress and prosperity and let us march **| More on PII**

PM Modi To Deliver 10th I-Day Address Today


Press Trust of India




New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver on Tuesday his 10th consecutive Independence Day address which will also be his last before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections as a mood of anticipation builds around the annual showpiece event that he has used to present his government's report card, unveil flagship schemes and lay down his vision for the country.

There is a view that the prime minister may choose to chart the country's journey on his watch in various sectors since 2014 and outline his vision for the years ahead, something he has done in previous addresses as well.

Experts will also be looking for political messages in the address. PM Modi has mostly refrained from launching any direct political attack on opposition parties in his Independence Day addresses but has often stressed on the governance changes his dispensation has ushered in after a spell of "corruption" and policy paralysis.

Since his first Independence Day speech from the ramparts of Red Fort in 2014, when he had announced a host of new programmes such as Swachh Bharat and Jan Dhan accounts, PM Modi has made key announcements on the milestone day and sought to engage with citizens on a range of issues, including social ills like crimes against women and social conflicts. PTI



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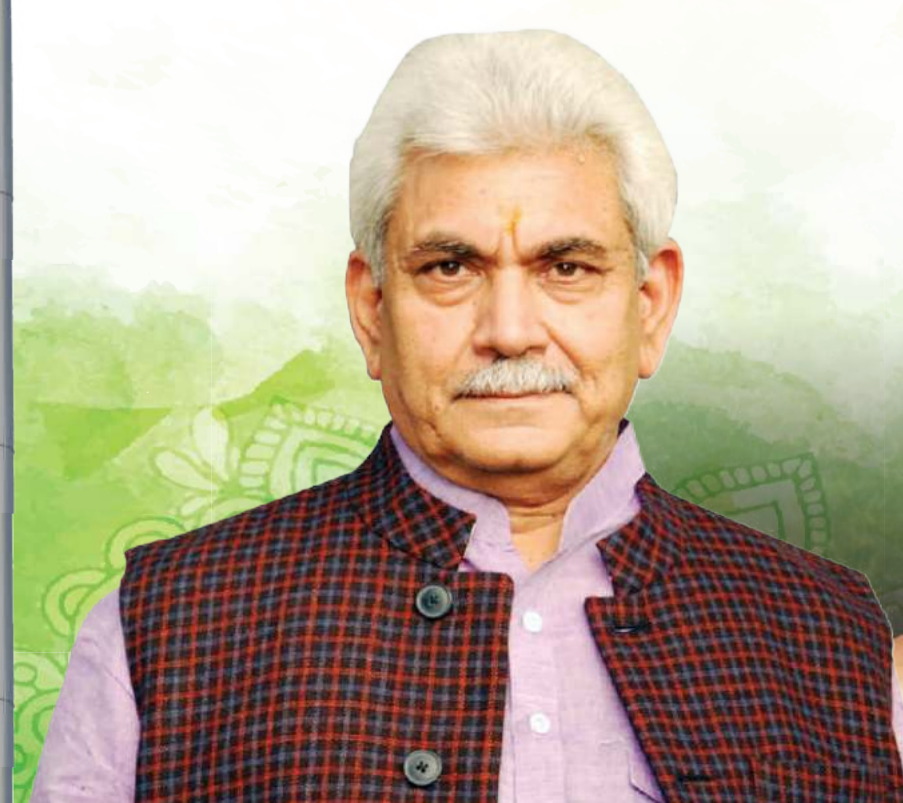
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3-Tier Security For Independence-Day In Kashmir



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Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: A three-tier security blanket involving helicopter reconnaissance and drone surveillance has been planned to ensure smooth and peaceful Independence Day celebrations in Kashmir, officials said on Monday.

Authorities have said internet services will not be suspended during the celebrations as used to be done until a few years ago.

Elite SOG personnel of Jammu and Kashmir Police assisted by other security forces have started carrying out area domination exercises around city centre | [More on PII](#)

Bakshi Stadium Entry On Valid I-Cards

Administration on Monday announced that valid identity cards shall be treated as entry passes to allow people to witness the grand function at the Bakshi Stadium here on 77th Independence Day. Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha will hoist the National Flag at the venue. The civil society members, trade unionists, trade | [More on PII](#)

BSF Steps Up Vigil Along LoC

"Our fellow citizens can celebrate Independence Day without any worry as we are here to guard the borders". This is the message from a Border Security Force (BSF) jawan posted along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district. Constable Sanjeev Kumar Rai said the BSF troopers guarding the Line of Control have to step | [More on PII](#)

From Addiction To Infection

Disturbing Rise Of Hepatitis C Due To Drug Abuse In Kashmir

Farzana Nisar

As the sun cast its golden hues upon the world outside, the bright white corridors of the Shri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) hospital's drug de-addiction center presented an atmosphere of unsettling calm. The usual bustling activity had subsided, leaving behind a hushed ambience occasionally punctuated by the anxious steps of a young boy.

Irfan (name changed) had been admitted to the facility just three days prior, but to him, it felt like an eternity. The deep, dark circles under his sunken eyes contrasted



sharply with his pale face, as if carrying the weight of regret and hopelessness. At just 23 years old, he had endured a tumultuous path paved with poor choices, tempting distractions, and an unrelenting desire for escape.

his voice filled with regret. "Alcohol, brown sugar, and other substances followed. Eventually, injecting heroin became the answer to my insatiable craving," he added.

After five tumultuous years, the tragic deaths of four close friends within three months and mounting familial pressure compelled Irfan to confront his addiction and seek treatment. But, despite this decision to turn to sobriety, he has another enemy to fight – Hepatitis C. "We didn't always have access to clean needles, and many times we resorted to sharing insulin pens for injecting heroin | [More on PII](#)

ADGP Kashmir Among 55 Officers Win Police Medal

JKP Bags Second Highest PMG In The Country

Agencies

Srinagar: J&K Police have bagged the second highest police medals with 55 Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG) in the country on Independence Day.

Besides PMG, the tally includes the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPM-DS), and 20 of the Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PMMS), the ministry of home affairs said.

ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, DIG central Kashmir Sujit Kumar, former DIG South Kashmir Abdul Jabbar (IPS), and former SSP Kulgam GV Sandeep Chakravarthy are among 55 Police officers who were awarded the PMG.

According to details, out of the 55 officers who have been awarded PMG, the list includes two SSPs, 4 SPs, 6 DySPs, 1 IGP, 2 DIGs, 5 Inspectors, 1 PSI, 1 SI, 2 ASIs, 11 HCs, 12 SGTs. | [More on PII](#)

Simple Case of Cheating Can't Be Basis For PSA: HC

Quashes Detention Orders Against Baramulla Youth, 4 Others

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A simple case of cheating and fraud, without having wider ramifications, cannot be the basis of issuing the detention order in the name of maintaining the public order, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh has said.

The court made the

observations while allowing a petition, challenging the detention order under PSA of a youth, Ubaid Nazir Sofi who was ordered to be detained under PSA by the orders of District Magistrate Baramulla on 07 February this year.

"The apprehension of the detaining authority that the remaining of detainee (Sofi) at large would be detrimental to the maintenance of public order, cannot be made basis for placing | [More on PII](#)

Hizb Terrorist's Brother Raises Tricolour In Sopore

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Srinagar: The brother of an active Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist has raised the national flag at his house in Sopore town of Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rayees Ahmad, the brother of Javed Ahmad who joined the terrorist ranks in 2009, waved the national tricolour from the first-floor veranda of his house.

"I waved the tricolour on my own will. There was no pressure on me from anyone. This is the flag of my country which gives us everything. My brother made a mistake. I want to tell him, if he is alive, to return under our national flag," Rayees said.

Sopore town in north Kashmir was a stronghold of militants and separatists for | [More on PII](#)

Man Arrested For Posing As DySP

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Police in North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Monday arrested an imposter, who was masquerading as a police officer and scamming innocent citizens.

Mushtaq Ahmad Wani of Barzulla village of Kunzer was arrested after police received a written complaint alleging that he had been impersonating law enforcement officials and scamming innocent citizens, a police spokesperson said.

The investigation, he said, has proved that the accused had been operating under false pretenses, presenting himself as both a Sub-Inspector and a DSP, in order to | [More on PII](#)

Greetings to all fellow citizens on 77th Independence Day

Jai Hind

The Amrit Kaal of Independence is an opportunity to give a new direction to the country. This Amrit Kaal is the time to fulfil innumerable dreams and aspirations.

- Narendra Modi



Iran Judiciary Says Suspects In Shiraz Shrine Attack Are Foreigners



Agencies

DUBAI: Iran has detained eight suspects related to Sunday's attack on Shiite Muslim shrine in the southern city of Shiraz, the judiciary said on Monday, adding that all were foreigners.

One person was killed and ten people were wounded, Iran's Nournews reported, calling it a "terrorist attack" on the shrine known as Shah Cheragh. Authorities said a man had opened fire at the shrine before being arrested.

The judiciary's Mizan news agency said the main perpetra-

tor was identified as a citizen of Tajikistan while the nationalities of the other suspects, all foreign nationals, remained unknown.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack on the shrine, where 15 people were killed in an attack last October claimed by Islamic State.

The militant group has claimed other attacks in Iran, including the deadly twin bombings in 2017 that targeted Iran's parliament and the tomb of the Islamic Republic's founder, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Libya Offers Lebanon Assistance To Determine Musa Al-Sadr's Fate

Agencies

For the first time, Libyan officials have agreed to cooperate with the Lebanese judiciary to determine the fate of prominent Shia cleric Imam Musa al-Sadr and two of his companions, who disappeared in Libya over four decades ago, Asharq Al-Awsat reported on 14 August.

The offer of assistance came in a letter sent by Libyan judicial officials seeking the release of Hannibal al-Gaddafi, the son of the late Libyan President Moammar al-Gaddafi. Hannibal has been detained in Lebanon without charge since 2015 in connection with the Sadr case.

Imam Musa al-Sadr was born in Iran but became a prominent Shia cleric in Lebanon. He formed the Shia protest movement Harakat al-Mahroumin (Movement of the Dispossessed) and its armed wing, the Amal Movement. Sadr's movement also led to the establishment of the Shia resistance group, Hezbollah. Sadr mysteriously disappeared in Libya in 1978 while on his way to a meeting with President Gaddafi.

Lebanon's public prosecutor, Ghassan Oweidat, received the letter from the Libyan public prosecutor, Al-Siddiq al-Sour. Hannibal al-Gaddafi fled Libya in 2011, when western and Qatari-backed extremist groups toppled the Libyan government with the help of NATO airpower, killing his father. Hannibal fled to Syria, after which he was abducted and brought to Lebanon, where he was arrested on accusations of involvement in the Sadr case.

In June, he began a hunger strike to protest his ongoing detention.



A Lebanese judicial source said that the letter sent by Libyan judicial authorities asked their Lebanese counterparts for information about the accusations leveled against Libyan officials accused of kidnapping and disappearing Sadr and his two companions, Sheikh Mohammed Yaacoub and journalist Abbas Badreddine.

Lebanon has previously issued arrest warrants in absentia for numerous Libyan officials thought to be involved in Sadr's disappearance.

A Lebanese judicial source told Asharq Al-Awsat that Oweidat referred the letter to Judge Zaher Hamadeh to provide the answers requested by the Libyan side.

The source explained that Judge Hamadeh began studying the Libyan request and is preparing a report to detail the accusations directed at Gaddafi.

The Lebanese judiciary accuses Gaddafi of concealing information regarding the fate of Sadr and his two companions. Gaddafi is also accused of direct connection to the crime because he was responsible for political prisons during the last years of his father's rule.

The Libyan public prosecutor requested approval from the Lebanese judiciary to question Gaddafi, find out the information he withheld, and provide his findings to the Lebanese authorities.

PM Modi Pays Tributes To Indians Who Lost Lives, Suffered During Partition



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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday paid tributes to those who lost their lives during India's partition and recalled the sufferings of people in that period on the occasion of the Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.

He said it is an occasion to



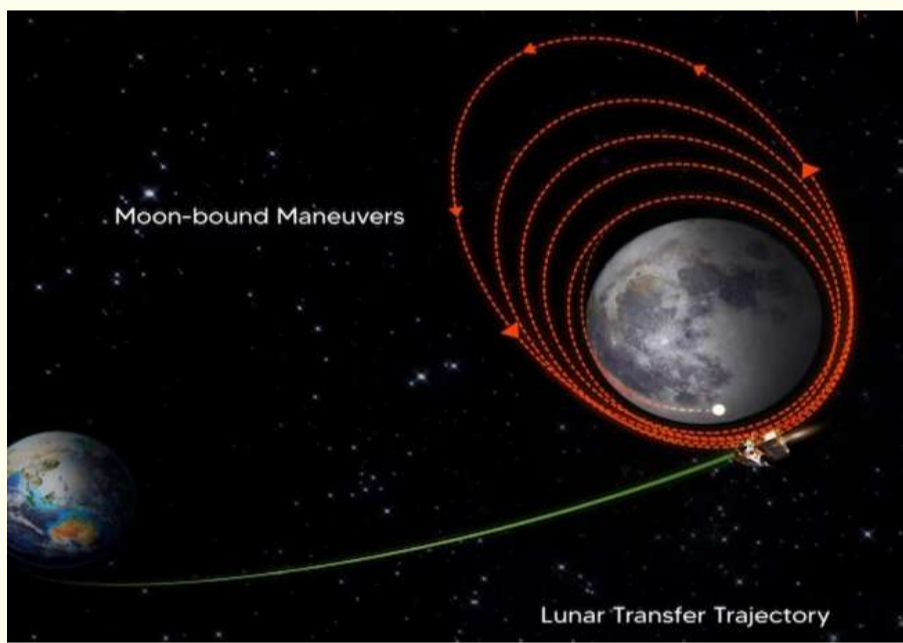
remember the Indians who lost their lives during the par-

tion, a reference to the large-scale communal violence at that time.

This day is also a reminder of the tribulation and struggle of those who were forced to migrate, he said, paying tributes to them.

PM Modi had announced in 2021 that August 14 will be observed as the Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.

Chandrayaan-3 Gets Closer To Moon's Surface With Another Key Manoeuvre



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BENGALURU: Chandrayaan-3 ventured closer to the lunar surface on Monday with another successful maneuver of the spacecraft by ISRO, the national space agency said.

The Bengaluru-headquartered space agency said the spacecraft has now achieved a "near-circular orbit" around the Moon.

Post its launch on July 14, Chandrayaan-3, the country's ambitious third Moon mission, had entered into

lunar orbit on August 5, following which two orbit reduction maneuvers were carried out on the spacecraft on August 6 and 9.

"Orbit circularisation phase commences. Precise maneuver performed today has achieved a near-circular orbit of 150 km x 177 km," ISRO said in a tweet.

The next operation is planned for August 16, around 08.30 am, it said.

As the mission progresses, a series of maneuvers is being conducted by ISRO to gradually reduce Chandray-

aan-3's orbit and position it over the lunar poles.

According to ISRO sources, one more maneuver will be performed on the spacecraft on August 16 to reach 100 km orbit, following which the landing module, comprising the lander and rover will break away from the propulsion module.

After this, the lander is expected to undergo a "deboost" (the process of slowing down) and make a soft landing on the south polar region of the Moon on August 23.

Bangladesh Seeks To Extradite Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Killers From US, Canada

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KOLKATA: Bangladesh is trying to bring back two of the fugitive army officers who were involved in shooting dead the country's founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and members of his family in cold blood at their Dhaka house on August 15, 1975.

Bangladesh's Law and Justice Minister Anisul Huq, in an exclusive interview with PTI, said that his country was negotiating a return of two "self-confessed killers" of Sheikh Mujib - Rashed Chowdhury from the US and SHBM Noor Chowdhury from Canada.

"While the whereabouts of Major Shariful Haque Dalim, (a principal plotter behind the killing) is still not known, we know that Col Rashed Chowdhury is in the US and Noor Chowdhury, another of the coup plotters involved in the killing of Bangabandhu is in Canada. We are still in talks with the US on getting the killer officer back," said Mr Huq.

Canada has laws which do not permit a person facing a death sentence at home to be extradited and this has proven to be a hurdle.

"They killed the father of the nation and 17 members of his family...Given the heinous nature of the crime, we have tried to convince Canada to return Noor Chowdhury," the minister said.

The gruesome killing of Sheikh Mujib and his entire family save his two daughters - Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana - who were travelling abroad, at their Dhanmondi bungalow on India's Independence Day had 28-years-ago shaken the entire world.



"They are self-confessed killers and the available evidence is conclusive of their crime," Mr Huq, a London-trained senior advocate of the Bangladesh Supreme Court said.

In 1975, a coterie of middle-level Army officers planned a coup to topple Sheikh Mujib's elected government and replace it with a military government. They chose August 15, India's Independence Day, to carry out the coup.

Four groups of soldiers led by the coup plotters entered Dhaka in the early hours of August 15, 1975. The first group entered Sheikh Mujib's house and killed him after an argument and then went on to slaughter all members of the family as well as personal staff present, including a pregnant daughter-in-law of the family.

Other groups took over the radio station, key government buildings and disarmed security forces stationed at Savar in the city.

Four Awami League leaders - the first Prime Minister of Bangladesh Tajuddin Ahmed, another former PM Mansur Ali, a former Vice President Syed Nazrul Islam and former home minister AHM Qamaruzzaman - were also arrested and incarcerated in Dhaka jail, and later murdered in prison.

Worker Stuck In 70-Foot-Deep Pit In Punjab, Rescued After 45 Hours

Press Trust of India

CHANDIGARH: A worker who remained stuck in a 70-foot-deep trench for nearly 45 hours in Punjab's Jalandhar district was taken out on Monday afternoon, officials said.

Suresh (55) was taken out around 4 pm and rushed to Jalandhar civil hospital in an ambulance, they added.



Although there is no official word yet on his condition, the victim's co-worker Pawan said he was no more.

Suresh, along with Pawan, on Saturday entered the pit as part of the ongoing construction for the Delhi-Katra Expressway to free some part of the boring machine that got stuck underneath. While Pawan came out,

Suresh got trapped after sand fell on him, officials said. The pit was dug to erect a pillar as part of the expressway project.

The rescue operation started on Saturday evening and continued throughout Sunday and Monday.

The rescuers faced trouble in the operation as soft earth continued to cave in as they dug deeper to reach Suresh.

A team of the National Disaster Response Force conducted the rescue operation. Earth excavation machines had also been pressed into service. An official of the National Highways Authority of India on Sunday said both the workers, having experience in the job, were sent into the pit with oxygen cylinders and protective gear.

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I-Day Eve Address: President Murmu Stresses On Maintaining Spirit Of Harmony

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Observing that there is a new confidence in 'India story', President Droupadi Murmu on Monday urged the people to move forward with the spirit of brotherhood and stressed that their identity as "citizens of India" is above all other identities of caste, creed, language and region.

In her address to the nation on the eve of 77th Independence Day, President Murmu hailed India's economic performance amid the global uncertainty, saying the country has been a "beacon of hope" for others and has converted challenges into opportunities.

India has regained its rightful place on the world stage and enhanced its standing in the international order, she said and asserted that with the G20 presidency, the country can nudge de-

cision-making in trade and finance towards equitable progress.

"The government has succeeded in protecting the common people from high inflation while also providing a more extensive security cover to the poor. The world looks up to India for global economic growth," she said.

President Murmu also pitched for the economic empowerment of women and appealed to tribal "brothers and sisters to enrich their traditions while embracing modernity".

"Each of us has many identities apart from caste, creed, language and region, we are also identified with our families and professions but there is one identity that is above all. That is our identity as citizens of India. Each one of us is an equal citizen; each one of us has



an equal opportunity, equal rights and equal duties, in this land," the President said.

"But it was not always so. India is the mother of democracy and since ancient times we had democratic institutions functioning at the grassroots. But long years of colonial rule wiped them out. On 15th August 1947, the nation woke up to a new dawn. We not only won freedom from foreign rule but also the freedom to rewrite our destiny," she said.

Underlining that the Constitution is the country's guiding document, Murmu said its Preamble contains the ideals of the freedom struggle.

"Let us move forward with the spirit of harmony and brotherhood to realise the dreams of our nation-builders," she said.

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GIST of Notice Inviting e Tender

e-NIT No: MDA/TS-E-Tender 16 of 2023-24
Date: 12-08-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from Registered Mechanical contractors for the below mentioned work:-

Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Doc. (In rupees)	Estimated Cost (In Rs)	EMD in Rs	Time of completion (in days)	Class of Contract	Position of Funds
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Supply of filters for various snow clearance machinery LPT-715 (MC 71), 713 (MC 25) and Guru-02 of workshop sub-division khanabal.	200.00	22640.00	450.00	07	Registered on JKPWDOMS	Under M.H 3054 (Snow Clearance)

Position of AAA: Works program approved vide No. MED/K/Acctt/426 of 2023-24 Dated :- 10-07-2023.

Position of TS: Sanctioned vide No. S.E.No. MDA/TS/17 of 2023-24 Dated:- 12-08-2023.

1. Downloading of Bids: The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov in from 11.08.2023 (1600Hrs)
2. Submission of Bids: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 11.08.2023 (1700Hrs) to 30-08-2023 (1400Hrs) in two covers.
3. Opening of Bids: The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on 31-08-2023(1400Hrs) in Office of the undersigned.

No: MDA/ TS-222/947.
Dated: 12.08.2023

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Executive Engineer,
Mechanical Division, Anantnag

Revenue Dept Concludes Promotion Exercise Of Tehsildars

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a significant development aimed at enhancing public service delivery, the Revenue Department has successfully concluded the promotion exercise of Tehsildars.

With this in-charge Tehsildars pending for promotion for long time have been regularised and this crucial step ended ad-hoc system within the Gazetted cadre of Revenue service.

To further fortify the framework and ensure optimal utilization of available workforce, all eligible Naib Tehsildars have been promoted to the position of Tehsildars.

Despite the existence of pending matters spanning several years, the Revenue Department, driven by its commitment to bolster the public service delivery framework, has successfully concluded the process of promoting Tehsildars. It is worth mentioning that pending issues have been resolved, and most of critical vacancies have been filled.

This strengthening of the Revenue Department will serve as a catalyst in ensuring that the revenue services provided under the Public Service Guarantee Act of 2011 are promptly accessible to the public within the prescribed timeline.

Chairman DDC Budgam, CE JKPTCL Visit Rathsun Village to Explore Power Infra Upgrades

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: In a proactive move towards enhancing the power infrastructure and ensuring better electricity access for the residents of various village in Budgam district, Chairman of the District Development Council (DDC) Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Khan, alongwith Chief Engineer of Jammu & Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited (JKPTCL), Hashmat Qazi, undertook a field visit to the village on Monday.

The visit was aimed at assessing the existing power infrastructure and exploring possibilities for its augmentation to meet the increasing demands of the local population. Rathsun village, nestled in the picturesque Budgam district, holds great potential for growth, and ensuring a reliable power supply is essential for its development.

During the visit, Chief Engineer Hashmat Qazi and Chairman Nazir Ahmad Khan interacted with the local residents, listening to their concerns and suggestions regarding the power supply. The officials also conducted a thorough inspection of the existing power distribution network, identifying areas that require upgrading and modernization.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Engineer Hashmat Qazi stated, "Our primary objective is to ensure uninterrupted power supply to every household in all the villages of Budgam district. We are committed to addressing the challenges faced by the residents and implementing solutions that will enhance the overall quality of life in this community."

Chairman DDC Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Khan, emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts between government agencies and the local community. He said, "Today's visit signifies our commitment to inclusive development. Upgrading the power infrastructure in Rathsun village will not only improve the living standards of its residents but also open doors for economic opportunities."

The officials assured the residents that their concerns and feedback would be taken into consideration while formulating the plans for infrastructure upgrades. They also underscored the government's dedication to advancing rural development across the region.

Imambargah, 2 Houses Damaged In Budgam Blaze

Agencies

BUDGAM: At least two residential houses and an Imam bargah were damaged in a fire incident that broke out at Woolina Ich-gam area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district.

Local residents said that the fire broke out from Imam bargah and quickly spread to the other two nearby houses, resulting in damage to all three structures.

He said that two houses were damaged in the incident, adding that the fire has been put

under control.

An official said that fire tenders along with the help of locals doused the flames and stopped fire from spreading to other structures in the congested locality.

However, locals alleged that the fire tenders didn't reach on time, thus causing huge damage in the incident.

The property worth lakhs of rupees was destroyed in the incident, adding that the cause of fire is said to be probably due to electric short-circuit. (KNO)

Drug Smugglers House Seized

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir police have seized a two-storied house and cash of Rs over 69 lakh of drug smugglers in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

In a statement, a spokesperson said that police attached two-storied house valued about Rs 21.97 lakh and cash amounting to Rs 69.20 lakh of drug smugglers under sections 68-E read with 68-F(1) of NDPS Act 1985 in Uri area.

The statement reads that the seized material belonged to Ghulam Rasool Sheikh son of Abdul Aziz Sheikh Uri and others. "The house was linked to case FIR No. 81/2023 under section 8/21, 29

NDPS Act of Police Station Uri. The investigation proved that the immovable/ movable property was raised from illicit trafficking by the drug smugglers."

It reads that Baramulla Police had also attached properties worth 68.65 lakh of drug smugglers which include 2 houses, 3 vehicles and cash to the tune of Rs 41.72 lakh in Pattan, Kreeri & Kamalkote.

"Besides, SAFEM (FOP) A & NDPSA, New Delhi confirmed attachment of property (Illegal acquired property by drug smugglers) orders of Baramulla Police at Pattan & Kreeri in which house and vehicle was attached."

Man Held With Pistol In Poonch

JAMMU: A man was apprehended by security forces after a pistol was recovered from his possession in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Monday, police officials said.

He was identified as Mohd Shabir Anjum of village Bhatidhar of Mendhar tehsil.

During a routine checking at Kunaiyan area near SK bridge, security personnel of CRPF and Special Operation Group (SOG) noticed movement of a suspicious person, they said.

On being noticed by security personnel, Anjum tried to escape from the spot but was overpowered by them, they said.

During frisking, a pistol and three live rounds were recovered from him, they said, adding he was handed over to police station Poonch.



PARTS OF VALLEY, including Srinagar received moderate rainfall on Monday evening bringing much sought relief from the scorching heat. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Scores Of People Join Tiranga Rally In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Scores of people carrying the national flag took part in a Tiranga Rally in Jammu on Monday.

The rally, led by Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina and Jammu MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, covered a three-km stretch in the Talab Tilloo area.

It was organised to mark the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Raina said the menace caused by some miscreants who oper-

ated shops of weapons and explosives in Kashmir has been effectively put to an end.

He said Kashmiris are Indians and the tricolour resides in every heart here.

The Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief lambasted the National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party over their remarks on the national flag, and said they should see that most of the people in the Union territory, particularly in Kashmir

Valley, are taking part in Independence Day celebrations.

Raina also condemned PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti over her remarks that nobody in J-K holds the national flag. "Today thousands of people are carrying the tiranga in this march. Hope she can see the transformation taking place in J-K," he said.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir is no more a terrorist capital of the country, adding it is a tourism capital where locals are looking for progress and development.

'Eye Flu' Cases Rise To Over 17,000 In J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir continue to receive patients complaining of irritation, redness, swelling and itching in their eyes.

The doctors from both Kashmir and Jammu divisions said that more cases of conjunctivitis, popularly known as 'eye flu', are on the rise. They, however, said there is no need to worry as it goes in around one to two weeks for whoever gets affected.

An official from the Directorate of Health Services Jammu told a local news agency KNO that 10,760 cases of conjunctivitis were reported in Jammu division including GMC Jammu.

Giving further details, he said that so far 3,000 cases have been reported in Jammu district, 454 in Doda, 1,546 in Kathua, 341 in Kishtwar, 602 in Poonch, 740 in Rajouri, 494 in Ramban, 374 in Reasi, 1,214 in Samba, 669 in Udhampur and 1,353 in GMC Jammu.

The spokesperson of the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir, Dr Mir Mushtaq said that so far 6,722 cases of 'eye flu' have been reported in Kashmir hospitals coming under the DHSK's control.

The doctors said it is a "self-limiting infection" and each individual's immunity will have a role to play in the course of the disease.

The monsoon's humid and damp conditions provide an ideal breeding ground for viruses or bacteria responsible for these infections to spread rapidly, they said, adding that this flu can infect any person of any age group and to stop the spread of the infection; touching of eyes should be avoided, especially unwashed hands.

Meanwhile, the Department of Ophthalmology GMC Srinagar in an advisory said that conjunctivitis spreads through direct contact with eye secretions of an infected person, touching

contaminated surfaces/objects and then touching eyes can lead to infection.

As per the advisory, dark goggles don't prevent the spread of conjunctivitis and it doesn't spread by looking at the infected person.

The department had advised the people to wash their hands frequently with soap and water and disinfect touched surfaces like door-knobs, etc.

The people must avoid touching or rubbing their eyes, sharing personal items, wearing contact lenses, crowded places and swimming pools, the advisory mentions, adding that an ophthalmologist must be consulted if there is severe eye pain, blurring of vision, sensitivity to light associated with throat pain and fever and if the symptoms go worse and don't improve after 24 hours—(KNO)

CS Declares All The 6650 Villages Of UT As 'ODF+ Model' Category Panchayats

Virtually Tours Different Panchayats; Takes Feedback From PRI Members

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today declared all the 6650 villages in 285 blocks of the UT as 'ODF+ Model' category villages free from open defecation and having proper waste disposal mechanism.

Those who were present on the occasion included Commissioner Secretary, RDD; Secretary in RDD; District Development Council, Chairpersons; Deputy Commissioners; Director, Rural Development Jammu/Kashmir; Director, Rural Sanitation; PRI members and many other concerned officers of the Department.

Dr Mehta complimented the Department and the Deputy Commissioners for achieving this remarkable feat ahead of the 77th Independence Day. He called it worth the moment which all of the UT should take

the surroundings.

On the occasion he also directed the authorities to formulate a plan to reduce the poverty level to 'Zero' here. He made out that the data on multidimensional poverty here points out low ratio of its incidence here. He observed that it shows around 2 lakh souls or 40000 families as of now at most in the whole of UT living below poverty line. He observed that the LG Administration is ready to take every measure or come up with best possible solution to alleviate this issue in J&K.

He maintained that it is not an uphill task to cover these families under available beneficiary oriented schemes guaranteeing gainful employment to them. He asked every Deputy Commissioner to identify and contact these families in order to ascertain their skills or aspirations regarding their possible chances of



pride in. He made out that there could be no better a celebration than what J&K has achieved in a very brief period of time.

The Chief Secretary observed that the UT has achieved every milestone it has set for itself. He recalled that looking back in times these accomplishments appeared insurmountable but with sheer determination and team work it was made possible here.

He remarked that sanitation is not a single day affair but a continuous process that needs to be carried forward with same momentum. He asked for talking about it in every village meeting like Gram Sabhas or other convergence meetings held monthly or weekly there. He also enjoined upon the PRIs to enforce the cleanliness measures strictly in their areas by penalizing the littering of waste in

livelihoods within next 4 months so that J&K has zero poverty incidence till 2024.

The Chief Secretary also talked to the District Development Council Chairpersons from Jammu, Srinagar, Bandipora, Kupwara, Udhampur and Kathua. He took their feedback about the efforts made in their respective areas and felicitated them for reaching this milestone by their concerted efforts.

Besides talking to each DC, the Chief Secretary also listened to the views of PRI members who aired their views while he made a virtual tour of dozens of Panchayats across the districts of the UT. He virtually inspected different assets like segregation sheds, Plastic Waste Management units, compost/soak pits, or door to door collection of waste carried out in these villages.

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v	Date and time of Bid opening	19-08-2023 at03:00P.M

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Change In Kashmir

As the nation prepares to celebrate its 76th Independence Day, Kashmir finds itself at a significant crossroads: Only ten days ago, the region observed four years of the revocation of Article 370 which has radically transformed the situation. The state-turned-union territory has witnessed a drastic decline in violence and unprecedented growth in tourism. So this year's August 15 celebration in Kashmir holds a special resonance, reflecting both the challenges and the opportunities that lie ahead.

One of the most significant developments in recent times has been the gradual return of calm and security to the valley. The efforts of the government and the security forces have contributed to a reduction in militancy and a consequent atmosphere that has made a normal state of affairs possible. This shift has paved the way for socio-economic development, leading to increased tourism, investment and job opportunities for the people of Kashmir.

A measure of this change was Sunday's Tiranga rally flagged off by the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha. The rally, marked by an overwhelming participation of people, served as a response to naysayers who once doubted the people's embrace of the Tricolour following the revocation of Article 370. The Tiranga, once a point of contention, has now become a symbol of unity.

Beyond the rally too, the change in the situation is self-evident. August 15 is now as peaceful as in any other state or region of the country. Gone seem the days when there used to be a complete hartal on the day. The prevailing peace has made the government confident enough not to even tighten security or disconnect internet.

But while we highlight the achievements and progress made, it is important to acknowledge that there is still much work to be done. True development is not only measured by economic growth but also by the empowerment and well-being of every individual. Initiatives that focus on education, healthcare, and infrastructure are vital to ensure that the benefits of progress reach every corner of Kashmir.

In the spirit of inclusivity, it is also essential to engage in meaningful dialogue with the local population. Their perspectives, aspirations, and concerns must be considered in the formulation of policies that impact their lives. Building trust and fostering a sense of ownership among the people of Kashmir will undoubtedly contribute to the region's development and lasting peace.

OTHER OPINION

Bell The Cat

The news that the tiger is, once again, burning bright is a testament to the success of Project Tiger. India's tiger population has doubled to an average of 3,682 from the low of approximately 1,800 animals in the wild in 1972. But with shining success comes added responsibility and serious challenges. India must learn to sustain its tiger population; otherwise, it risks undoing all the progress made. Foremost among the challenges is the uneven distribution of tiger populations. Around 80% of India's tigers now roam across eight states. Madhya Pradesh has the highest tiger population of 785, followed by 563 in Karnataka and 444 in Maharashtra; Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh have recorded dips in tiger numbers; Nagaland and Mizoram have no tigers left; and northern Bengal reportedly has just a handful. In forests with choked carrying capacities — the Sunderbans are an example — rising numbers could push some apex predators into buffer zones, drastically increasing the chances of man-animal conflicts. There are other risks. The greater the concentration of tigers in a reserve, the higher their threat of perishing to vector-borne contagions: canine distemper outbreaks pose a significant threat. Moreover, a healthier distribution of tigers in India's forests would also be less disruptive to their respective ecological habitats. The relocation of tigers, the attendant challenges notwithstanding, must be looked into seriously. A pilot study involving the Sunderbans in India and Bangladesh could be useful. Petty politics should not hinder collaborations in conservation: it is pertinent to mention that political oneupmanship has prevented the transfer of lions from Gir in Gujarat to Madhya Pradesh even after the Supreme Court directed the Centre to enact plans to shift some of the animals.

The future of the tiger is also inextricably linked to the future of India's forests. India's forest cover continues to fall short of the target of 33% that is important to maintain ecological balance. More worryingly, the share of dense forests — the home of tigers — is declining precipitously in many parts of the country, as was evident from the Forest Survey of India in 2021. The fragmentation of moderate and dense forests accompanied by the rise of plantations — the 'new forests' of New India — is inimical to the future of the striped species.

Telegraph India

Independence Day Liberation in Diversity, Celebration in Unity

Dr. Ashaq Hussain

*In a land where dreams alight and spirits soar,
A nation's heart beats with a resounding roar.*

*Independence, a cherished gift we hold dear,
A legacy of struggle, hope, and cheer*

Independence Day is a momentous occasion that holds profound significance in the history of India thereby the day holds a significant place in the hearts of every citizen of a nation. It is a day of pride, reflection and unity, where a country celebrates its hard-fought freedom. Every year on the 15th of August, India's tricolor flag unfurls across the nation, marking the celebration of Independence Day. This significant day commemorates the hard-fought freedom struggle that led to India's liberation from colonial rule. As India moves forward in the 21st century, the significance of Independence Day has taken on new dimensions beyond the patriotic fervour and historical context. This day serves as a unique opportunity to foster communal harmony and strengthen the bonds of national integration. In a diverse and multicultural society, this occasion offers a platform to bridge gaps, build understanding, and promote a sense of shared identity and belonging.

*August fifteenth, a day of significance grand
When India broke free from colonial hand
With courage and sacrifice, hearts all aligned
Independence was gained, a destiny defined*

India, being a land of numerous diversities, stands as a testament to the richness of cultures and traditions and national integration is the force that unifies all these diverse communities, cultures, languages, and religions into a cohesive and harmonious nation. However, these diversities can also pose challenges to unity but Independence Day serves as a day to acknowledge and celebrate this diversity, highlighting the unity that can be found amidst the differences. As citizens from different backgrounds come together to commemorate the struggles and sacrifices made during the freedom movement, a sense of shared history and identity emerges, reinforcing the idea that despite the differences, they are all part of the same nation. One of India's greatest strengths lies in its cultural amalgamation.

Independence Day celebrations provide a space for various cultural performances, showcasing the rich tapestry of the nation's heritage. Through music, dance, art, and literature, people from different corners of India contribute to the celebration in their unique ways. This integration of cultures fosters mutual respect and appreciation, ultimately strengthening the bonds of unity.

Secondly communal harmony, the peaceful coexistence of different religious and ethnic groups, is a fundamental pillar of a strong and progressive society. Independence Day reinforces the idea that every religion and culture has contributed to the tapestry of India's history, and it is essential to maintain an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding. The freedom fighters who led the struggle for independence were from diverse backgrounds, displaying that unity can be achieved regardless of differences. This day encourages us to reject divisiveness, divisive forces and work towards creating an environment where all individuals, irrespective of their backgrounds



Three women hold Indian flags while marching along with a large number of locals and officials participating in Tiranga Rallies which were held across Kashmir last Sunday. Photo by Abdi Bhat for Kashmir Observer

can thrive harmoniously.

Independence Day fosters a sense of shared patriotism among Indians, irrespective of their backgrounds. The tricolor flag flying high, the national anthem reverberating in unison and the collective pride in the achievements of the nation all contribute to a powerful sentiment of unity. This shared patriotism helps bridge gaps and encourages citizens to look beyond their differences and work towards the common good of the nation. The map of India might be divided by political boundaries, but the spirit of the nation remains undivided. This day is a reminder that the dreams and aspirations of every citizen are interlinked, regardless of their geographical location. By emphasizing the idea of "One India," Independence Day inspires us to think beyond narrow constraints and to work collectively for the progress of the entire nation.

As India progresses, it is essential to educate younger generations about the struggles and sacrifices that led to the country's independence. Independence Day acts as a yearly

reminder to reflect upon the past and learn from it. Through different programs, events, and ceremonies, the youth gain a deeper understanding of the nation's history, which in turn fosters a greater sense of unity and responsibility towards preserving and enhancing India's democratic values and freedom.

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In present-day India, Independence Day is not merely a historical event; it's a pathway to unity. As the nation grapples with modern challenges and opportunities, the values of freedom, unity, and diversity become even more crucial. Thus, Independence Day is more than just a day of patriotic sentiment; it is a powerful catalyst for communal harmony and national integration and stands as a symbol of national pride and unity, reminding us of the sacrifices made by our forefathers to secure our freedom

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Shrestha Bharat" – One India, Great India. So let's celebrate this day with pride, remembering the struggles, far and wide. Happy Independence Day, to the land so dear, let's remember India's story of freedom, forever. Wish you all a Happy Independence Day.

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Need for Community Engagement Events

In an era where the world seems to grow increasingly interconnected yet distant, community-focused programs play a crucial role in fostering a sense of belonging and unity among residents. These programs serve as avenues for individuals to come together, share experiences, and collaborate for the betterment of their localities. By focusing on the unique needs and aspirations of a community, such initiatives contribute to creating safer, more vibrant, and tightly-knit neighborhoods.

One of the most remarkable benefits of community-focused programs is their ability to address specific challenges faced by residents. Whether it's

improving educational opportunities for children, providing healthcare services for underserved populations, or enhancing access to job training and employment resources, these programs can make a significant difference where it matters most. By tailoring their efforts to local needs, they empower communities to overcome obstacles and unlock their full potential.

Moreover, community-focused programs promote social interaction and bridge gaps that might otherwise exist between diverse groups. Through shared activities, events, and collaborative projects, people from various backgrounds can interact, learn from one another, and develop mutual understanding. This

not only promotes social cohesion but also enriches the fabric of our society by celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion.

The ripple effect of community-focused programs extends beyond immediate beneficiaries. As neighborhoods thrive, there is often a positive impact on the overall economy, property values, and local businesses. A vibrant community attracts new residents and fosters a sense of pride that encourages people to invest in their surroundings. This virtuous cycle of growth reinforces the importance of sustaining and expanding such programs.

I urge readers to support and participate in community-focused

programs, whether through volunteering, donations, or simply spreading awareness. By doing so, we can contribute to the growth of neighborhoods that prioritize the well-being of their residents and work together to create a brighter future for all.

In conclusion, community-focused programs are not just about addressing local needs; they are about nurturing connections, encouraging growth, and building a better society from the ground up. As responsible citizens, let us recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of these programs in shaping our communities for the better.

Faizan Muneer

A Call for True Freedom

Voices from the Heart of the Common Man

Aubaid Ahmad Akhoo

WHAT IS FREEDOM?

Freedom is the state of being able to act, speak, and make choices without constraints or oppression. It encompasses personal autonomy, civil liberties, and the absence of undue control. It enables individuals to pursue their aspirations and live their lives according to their values, within the bounds of societal norms. Freedom is like having the ability to do things you want to do without anyone stopping you. It's not just about being able to vote or say what you think. It's also about having enough food, a good job, and being treated fairly no matter where you're from or what you look like. It's like making sure everyone has a chance to be happy and do their best.

In the vibrant tapestry of history, every year, Independence Day marks a significant chapter of struggle, valor, and determination. As we celebrate, let's peel back the layers and explore the essence of freedom that resonates with ordinary citizens and aspiring youth alike.

From the experienced voice of the common man to the passionate cries of the educated youth, a unified plea echoes: "Grant us freedom from unemployment, ignorance, and failures. Empower us with opportunities and a just society."

True freedom, the kind that matters, goes beyond political sovereignty. It is the freedom to pursue education without barriers, to engage in dialogue without fear, and to live without the gnawing pangs of hunger. As one voice asserts, "Let religious freedom thrive, let every belief find respect. Let not hunger claim lives, let no one suffer."

In this vision, the famed slogan "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" finds its tangible expression. It's not merely a political catchphrase, but a pledge to uplift all corners of society. It's an aspiration where the common man's welfare stands as the measuring stick of progress.

As we shape our nations' destinies, the role of the government is pivotal. The common man looks to



People click selfies as they hold Indian flags while marching along with a large number of locals and officials participating in Tiranga Rallies which were held across Kashmir last Sunday.

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the authorities, echoing Abraham Lincoln's timeless words, "Government is of the people, by the people, for the people." Their hopes are pinned on policies that bridge gaps, uplift lives, and ensure that the marginalized are not forgotten.

In this shared journey towards a brighter future, we weave the dreams of our forefathers into reality. The common man's voice resonates through history, echoing the essence of Mahatma Gandhi's words, "Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes." This kind of freedom is a teacher, a guide that enables growth and collective progress.

The spirit of our unity remains

unwavering. A society where the roots of bias and prejudice are eradicated, where religious and cultural identities coexist harmoniously, is a society that stands on the threshold of true progress. A voice from the heart of the youth resonates, "Give us a world where we are free to learn, free to flourish, and free to embrace diversity."

In addition, let's envision a land where the ground reality echoes the ideals we uphold. Where the "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" slogan transforms into a reality that we can see, feel, and experience. Let's ensure that the foundations of our society are strong and just, and that the common man's dreams are nurtured, not thwarted.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let's unite to build a society where freedom is not just a memory but a living, breathing reality. Let's carry forward the vision of our forefathers, shaping our countries into places where every individual thrives, where unity paves the way for progress, and where true freedom reigns in the hearts and lives of all.

To sum up, being truly free means that everyone can go everywhere in this country without any fear and everyone is treated everywhere equally. We will be truly free when we raise our country's flag willingly at our homes, schools, hospitals, cars, bikes; etc by heart not as a one day show.

The true freedom is also when our leaders can walk among the common people without bodyguards, just like the leaders of this nation did in the 1950s. As George Washington has it, "If true freedom is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

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Friendships Are Not Optional

Britt Frank

Friendships are not a luxury. They are as important to our well-being as water and oxygen.

The statistics on the health risks associated with a lack of friendships are shocking. People with no friends or poor-quality friendships are twice as likely to die prematurely, according to Holt-Lunstad's meta-analysis of more than 308,000 people—a risk factor even greater than the effects of smoking 20 cigarettes per day.

More simply put: Adult friendships are not optional if we want health and happiness. Ultra runner, master life coach, and doctoral student in somatic psychology (and a dear friend) Nicole Whiting writes, "What if we celebrated our friendship stories in the same way we celebrate our love stories? We can. We should."

While academic literature is full of why we need adult friendships, there is a dearth of information on how to do it. It can be helpful to sort fact from fiction when it comes to friendships, and I've identified what I believe are the top four myths of adult friendships that contribute to keeping us stuck in dangerous isolation patterns.

4 Myths of Adult Friendships

1. YOU NEED A BEST FRIEND

Having a "bestie" is aspirational but, as an adult, not always possible. Childhood "best friends" are often easier to access due to proximity and frequency of contact, which are factors more difficult to sustain into adulthood.

Luckily, it is not necessary to have a best friend to fully reap the benefits of social connection. Relationship expert Esther Perel writes in *Mating in Captivity*, "Today we turn to one person to provide what an entire village once did: a sense of



THERE ARE A MILLION FRIENDSHIP CONCEPTS THAT COULD OCCUPY REAL ESTATE IN THIS POST. Setting boundaries, how to say no, how to navigate conflict, how to worry about your friends without sacrificing your serenity—all useful and important topics

grounding, meaning, and continuity...is it any wonder that so many relationships crumble under the weight of it all?"

Though she was talking about romantic relationships in that quote, the concept also applies to friendships. You do not need to find your one-and-only best friend to reap the

health benefits of connection.

2. IF YOU DON'T INVEST A LOT OF TIME, THE FRIENDSHIP ISN'T WORTH IT

Whiting writes, "The reality is that friendship, any relationship, cannot be built without some sort of foundation that requires time, energy, and intentionally, but we do not

where you feel connected, seen, validated, and supported, there is no reason to discount your online friends.

Being in person comes with perks not found in online relationships, such as the ability to hug, but the overall benefits of friendships do not demand that you meet in person.

4. FRIENDS ARE FOREVER

Friends are not always forever. Staying in a relationship out of fear of appearing disloyal is a form of self-betrayal. Outgrowing people and places is a natural part of life.

Sometimes the journey means evolving our limits, saying "no," or stepping back from friendships. There is no rule that says you have to keep people in your life "just because" they've always been there. While it can be sad to leave friendships behind, you are allowed to be both sad and unwilling to remain in an unhealthy relationship.

WHITING WRITES:

If you find a friendship changing or dissolving, remember, nothing has necessarily gone 'wrong.' Life and people are moving in different directions, ebbing and flowing, and this is part of being human, even if it may feel painful and confusing.

There are a million friendship concepts that could occupy real estate in this post. Setting boundaries, how to say no, how to navigate conflict, how to worry about your friends without sacrificing your serenity—all useful and important topics.

But the biggest takeaway I hope you'll grab is said best by friendship expert and author Lydia Denworth: "The science of friendship gives you permission to hang out with your friends and call it healthy."

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Where's the Mother's Due?

Falak Manzoor

She glows cause she knows, She's the shine of her parents She grows all the highs and lows She knows, she is the speed She smiles goes for a union She knows it comes with evolution She desires a bairn to nourish She knows she can burn and flourish She delivers, she bears the pain She knows, it's her gain She's delighted, she's a mother She knows its gonna be tougher She flutters, he calls her mum She watches him grow and glam She ceases and refuses him money She hears him calling her dumb mummy She bears all his disrespect and scorn She cries, sobs, wails and mourns She forgets she was the beam She lost her glow and gleam She doesn't smile and grin anymore She's neglected and she is ignored She was the women of worth She forgot to fly as she gave birth She used to try and cry She is now all dry and now she wants to die!

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Executive Officer
Municipal Committee Sumbal

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2	BANDIPORA	SUMBAL	018000129294400005	farooq ahmed parray	GHULAM NABI PARRAY		Ward No. 2	
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With Inbuilt UPS, 'Ghanta Ghar' Gets Specially Designed Clocks

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The iconic clock tower in the commercial Hub Lal Chowk has a specially designed clock installed on the four sides of the iconic Ghanta Ghar, which strikes after every hour to keep people conscious about the time amid the busiest life.

Entire Lal Chowk could hear the strike of the clocks installed on the four sides of the newly designed clock tower that was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha this evening.

The state of art clocks have a display unit at the four sides and a central processing unit, showing equal time on all the sides unlike the past.

It strikes after every hour; the people in the entire Lal Chowk can hear the

sound and the people remain conscious about the time, Chief Engineer, Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), Iftikhar Kakroo said.

"The clock has been specifically designed for Ghanta Ghar. The clocks have not been bought from any shop, the clocks have been made to order, the clocks have local emblem, Chinar leaves, roman numbers and many other things," Kakroo added.

Kakroo said that the clocks are very much advanced clocks and manufactured as per the latest technology. "This has been brought from outside J&K and assembled in India only. The clocks have been brought from Medieval India—a company that manufactures clocks specifically for the clock towers," he said, adding that the clocks are completely computerized.



Illuminated in tricolor, the iconic clock tower in city center Lal Chowk presents heartthrobbing look amidst illuminated surroundings on Monday evening. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

DIPR Organizes Panch Pran Pledge In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As part of ongoing celebrations of 77th Independence Day under the theme 'Meri Maati Mera Desh', the officers and officials of Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) today took oath on Panch Pran at Media Complex here.

The pledge was administered by Director PR, Mir Afroz to the employees on the occa-

sion. He also explained the meaning and purpose of the Panch Pran pledge to the officers and employees.

The pledge ceremony was a reminder on the importance of patriotism and national service and also inspired the employees to work harder for the development of the nation.

The pledge ceremony was attended by senior officers and officials of the DIPR.

Meri Matti Mera Desh'

STD Organizes Speech Competition On 'Sustainable Development' In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As part of ongoing celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav' under the theme 'Meri Matti Mera Desh' State Taxes Department (STD) Kashmir today organized a speech competition on the theme 'Sustainable Development' at Excise and Taxation Complex Solina, here.

Commissioner State Taxes, Dr. Rashmi Singh, Additional Commissioner State Taxes Kashmir, Shakeel Maqbool, DC Enforcement Central Parvaiz Ahmad Raina, DC Recovery and IT, DC Appeals II, Assistant Commissioners, States Taxes Officers, Inspectors, SI's, teachers and other officials of the department attended the programme.

Srinagar Emerge As Lively City After Successful G20 Meeting: CS

Srinagar Plaza Modeled After Town Square Mall To Come Up In City Soon

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta said on Monday that Srinagar has emerged as a lively city following the successful G20 meeting held in May this year.

He also said that Srinagar will soon have a Srinagar Plaza on the pattern of Jammu's Town Square Mall and that the people will enjoy a vibrant nightlife with shops open until midnight at newly renovated Lal Chowk in the near future.

Addressing a gathering on the inaugural function of iconic Ghanta Ghar (Clock-

Tower) here this evening, the Chief Secretary said the administration will ensure a public transport system in the area, which he said will help boost business in the city center.

"First of all I would like to congratulate people on the successful and timely completion of this project. I feel an honor to tell you that the city will have Srinagar Plaza modeled after Jammu's Town Square Mall soon and I wish shops remain open till midnight in Lal Chowk and people enjoy the thriving nightlife," he added.

He said the Lal Chowk, which he said was one of key components of Srinagar

Smart City Project will lose its essence if shops won't remain open until midnight.

"What's the fun if the shops at Lal Chowk won't remain open until midnight? Area will soon have access to public transport, and that live music performances and concerts every evening will enhance the grandeur of the historic market place," said the Chief Secretary.

He said the project was completed due to the uphill effort of the Lieutenant Governor together with the support of the people and other allied departments.

Mehta said all the departments including SMC, R&B and police have equally

contributed in the city's development and deserve all praises and appreciation for the wonderful job.

The Chief Secretary said there were no flyovers in Srinagar till 2019, while the mesmerizing evenings of world famous Dal Lake were missing. "Srinagar has emerged as a lively and vibrant city after hosting the G20 meeting and this is just a beginning; we will take Srinagar to the next level of development that no one thought about. Srinagar city will emerge as one of the top cities with all new Lal Chowk and Jhelum riverfront in place," he added.

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Sd/-
Executive Officer
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POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Whereas Mr. Abdul Hamid Wani, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices dated 24.02.2023 thereby calling upon 1) Mr. Mohd Ayoub Ganaie, S/o: Gh. Mohi Ud Din Ganaie R/o: Zassow Pulwama (Borrower-1/ Motgagor) 2) Mr. Aijaz Ahmad Sofi S/O Gh. Hassan sofi R/O Hergam Shopian (Borrower-2), 3) Mr. Mohd. Shafi Ganaie S/O Ab. Rashid Ganaie R/O Hergam Shopian (Guarantor) and 4) Mr. Mohd. Asgar Bhat S/O Ab. Gani Bhat R/O Narnowpora Wahibugh Pulwama (Guarantor), 5. Mst. Haleema D/O Amma Bhat R/O Zassow Pulwama (Mortgagor), 6. Mr. Mohd Abdullah Dar S/O Ab. Samad Dar R/O Nowpora Bala, Shopian, (Mortgagor), 7. Mst. Zaina Adopted W/O Ab. Gani Malla D/O Ab. Wahab Malla R/O Banzoo Pulwama (Mortgagor) to repay an amount of Rs. 4,47,89,887.81/- (Rupees Four Crore forty Seven Lac Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Seven Four and paise Eighty One only) being the balance outstanding as on 04.02.2023 in the account of the Borrowers, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrowers/mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 8th day of August 2023.

The said borrowers/mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of J&K Bank Limited for the amount of Rs. 3,68,14,485.09 (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Eight Lakh Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five and Nine Paise only), being balance outstanding in the borrower's Cash Credit, Term Loan accounts account as on 31.07.2023 together with future interest thereon from 01.08.2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

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

Description of the Immovable Property

A. Land Measuring 7 Kanal 6 Marlas comprising of:
1) 2 Kanals and 10 Marlas falling under Khasra No. 91, Khata No. 84, Khawat No. 36.
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PASSPORT CORRECTION

I, Shahi Jhan Bhat Son of Khalil Mohammed Bhat resident of Lane 2nd New Theed Harwan Srinagar, hereby announce through this newspaper that in my passport bearing number K6934227, in which my name is written as Shahi Jhan instead of Shahi Jhan Bhat, which is very much required to be corrected. In this regard, if any person or organization has any objection, he should file the same in the Regional Passport Office Srinagar within seven days. No excuse will be accepted after the expiry of the period.

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GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
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Sub - Auction of Culled Animals-publication of Notice thereof.
Ref: - DSHK/Tech/65/2021-08/DIRECTORATE OF SHEEP HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT KASHMIR I/255430/2023 DATED 04.08.2023

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Government Sheep Breeding Farm Goabal Kangan is conducting auction of culled animals (lambs and hoggets) at **highland pasture Mohanmarg on 16/08/2023 (Wednesday) at 1:00 PM.** As such all the interested persons/stake holders are hereby informed through the medium of this notice to participate in the process of auction of culled animals at above mentioned place on scheduled date and time on following **Terms & Conditions** which shall be binding on the bidders.

- The animals shall be disposed off strictly as per WHO/VPH protocol where ever required.
- The payment shall be accepted only through cash to be deposited on spot.
- The committee shall have the final authority to accept or reject a bid.
- Any other terms and condition as may be deemed necessary by the auction committee shall be announced on spot.

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PRAYERS

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27 Muharram
1445

FAJR 4:22
ZUHR 12:35
ASR 5:24
Magrib 7:24
ISHA 8:50

This Day In History

- 1658- France, Sweden, Bavarian, Brunswick, Munster and Hessen-Kassel form Confederation of the Rhine
- 1684- Spain, Germany and France sign Truce of Ratisbone, ending the War of Reunions - meant to last 20 years, lasts only four
- 1741- French troops attack the Rhine
- 1760- Battle at Leignitz: Prussian forces beat Austria and Russian armies
- 1824 Freed American slaves establish Liberia on the West African coast through the American Colonization Society (ACS)
- 1827 - Race riots in Cincinnati, Ohio spurred by city's threat to enforce restrictive residency requirements on Blacks begin; over 1,000 (more than half of the Black population) leave, many bound for Canada
- 1863- The Anglo-Satsuma War begins between the Satsuma Domain of Japan and the United Kingdom (Traditional Japanese date: July 2, 1863).
- 1864- US Civil War: Off New England coast, CSS Tallahassee captures 6 Yankee schooners
- 1865- Battle of Lone Jack, Missouri: fierce fighting between Union soldiers and Confederate forces prompted by bushwacker attacks destroys town of Lone Jack
- 1893- US no longer allowed exclusive rights in Bering Sea
- 1900- Russian troops advance further unto Manchuria
- 1901- Great Britain issues a proclamation calling on the Boers to surrender by 15 September or face banishment and confiscation of their property
- 1906- King Edward VII of Great Britain visits German Emperor Wilhelm II to discuss the escalating rivalry between their nations' naval forces
- 1914 - Japan joins the side of the allies
- 1914- Panama Canal opens (under cost) with the SS Ancon making the 1st official steamship through the canal
- 1914- The first large public gathering of Boers in South Africa who do not want to support Britain in a war against Germany; British authorities will try to repress this movement, but discontent spreads
- 1915- Journalist Albert Siegfried Bettelheim, convicted of murder in Georgia
- 1918 Longest work of animation then produced - "The Sinking of Lusitania" by Winsor McCay
- 1920- Polish troops commanded by Józef Piłsudski defeat the Soviets at the Battle of Warsaw (Miracle upon the Vistula)
- 1923 - Mexico & US reaches accord over oil concession of 1917
- 1925- Norway annexes Spitsbergen
- 1934- US ends occupation of Haiti after 19 years; started after the 1915 assassination of Haiti's president
- 1940- Heavy dogfights above England: 75 German aircraft damaged
- 1943- Allies land on Kiska, Aleutian islands
- 1944- German field marshal Günther von Kluge vanishes for one day; he killed himself on the 19th in the aftermath of the attempt to assassinate Adolf Hitler
- 1945- A riot ensues in San Francisco while the city is celebrating the end of WW II
- 1945- US wartime rationing of gasoline & fuel oil ends
- 1945- Victory over Japan Day, the Japanese surrender and the end of WWII is announced in Japan (due to time zones 14th Aug in the Americas)
- 1945- World War II: Korean Liberation Day
- 1947- India gains independence from Great Britain, remains a dominion until 1950
- 1948- Republic of Korea (South Korea) proclaimed (National Day)
- 1950- 8.6 Assam-Tibet earthquake kills several thousand

2 Kashmir Taekwondo Athletes Set To Represent India



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two Taekwondo athletes from Kashmir Valley, Danish Manzoor and Hashim Majeed, are set to represent India at the World Taekwondo Octagon Diamond G4 (Olympic) Ranking Championship to be held at Chuncheon, South Korea on August 15.

The championship is an official Olympic ranking event organized by Korean Taekwondo Association from 15-20 August, under the aegis of World Taekwondo. Both the athletes are training under Master Atul Pangotra (Coach, JKSC).

Le Delice (Cafe) and MSM Pvt. Limited are sponsoring the duo for this prestigious event.

Danish Manzoor has previously competed at Israel Open G2 ranking event and is eyeing for the next Olympics.

The President J&K Taekwondo Association Rajesh Pangotra congratulated both athletes and wished them luck for the championship.

The athletes thanked Aniket C Patankat (Indian Diplomat, MEA), Dr Shah Faesal (IAS) and Nuzhat Gul (Secretary J&K Sport's Council) for their outstanding support to make their participation possible.

FCC Surasyar Lifts SPL Trophy



Observer News Service

BUDGAM: The 2023 Surasyar Premier League (SPL) cricket tournament concluded on Sunday at Khudwani Cricket Ground in Surasyar, Chadoora.

The final match was played between FCC Surasyar and LCC Dadampora. Additional Secretary to Govt Youth Services and Sports Department (YSS) Raja Waseem was chief guest on the occasion. The cricket tournament was sponsored by Sajad Medicos Surasyar with more than a dozen teams participating.

LCC Dadampora smashed 171 runs in 20 overs, with Ishaq making 51. The players of FCC Surasyar played well and there was a neck to neck fight at the end. Due to loose fielding from LCC Dadampora, the FCC Surasyar players managed to get around two to three boundaries in their kitty which helped them to win the match. Parvaiz Ahmad Parra from FCC Surasyar smashed several sixes and boundaries and made 70 runs. Raja Waseem Additional Secre-

tary to Govt YSS, Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat Chairman RTI Movement, Farooq Ahmad Kuthoo President Travel Agents Association of Kashmir -TAAK, Irfan Manzoor Under Secretary General Administration Department, SHO Chadoora, Zonal Officer YSS Chadoora, Musaffa Masoodi owner Adfar Spices, Mushtaq Ahmad Lone Coordinator RTI Movement Budgam and local PRI members and elders gave away trophies and mementoes along with cash awards to the winners and runner up teams. Riyaz Ahmad Wani, Captain LCC Dadampora, was given an award for being the most disciplined player of the tournament. He was also chosen as man of the series.

Additional Secretary YSS Department Raja Waseem while addressing the youth and players assured them that the government would explore ways and means to set up a good cricket ground in Surasyar.

Dr. Raja Muzaffar Bhat appreciated the organisers Sajad Ahmad and Aqib Rasool for organising the tournament.

Need Batting Depth: Dravid After T20 Series Loss

Press Trust of India

LAUDERHILL: India head coach Rahul Dravid has stressed on the need to add batting depth following the 2-3 loss to the West Indies in the T20 series.

India played the series with a long tail comprising Arshdeep Singh, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav and Mukesh Kumar. Spin all-rounder Axar Patel batted at number seven. In the series decider, India failed to accelerate in the death overs to end up with a below par 165/9. West Indies overhauled the target with two overs to spare.

"I think in terms of our squad here, probably it didn't allow us the flexibility in some ways to be able to change the combinations a little bit. But I think going forward, we've got to look at certain areas in which we can get better."

"Finding depth in our batting has been an area we are trying to address. We are trying to do the best we possibly can but that's certainly an area we can look at, how we cannot weaken our bowling attack but ensure we have a certain amount of depth in batting," said Dravid on Sunday.

On the contrary, West Indies had Alzarri Joseph com-



ing in at number 11 with their side packed with bowling all-rounders.

"As these games are going on, and scores are becoming bigger and bigger, if you look at West Indies, they had Alzarri Joseph coming in at No. 11 and he can hit a mean ball. So you have sides which have that depth. "Obviously, we have some challenges on that front and we need to work on that. It's certainly something that this series has shown us and we need to build on that depth," the India coach pointed out.

Tilak Varma, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Mukesh Kumar made their debuts in the T20 series and Dravid was left impressed by all of them. Varma made his international debut in the series and showed he was here to stay.

"I thought all the three guys

who made debuts for us in this series, stood up. Yashasvi Jaiswal in the fourth game, I thought he played a very good innings. He's shown us what he can do in the IPL and it was nice to see him replicate that in international cricket.

"Tilak Varma, I thought, was really good, to come in in the middle order. He came in sometimes in very difficult situations. But every time, he plays with a lot of intent, plays very positively, looks to move the game along, fielded brilliantly throughout the series, showed us he can bowl one or two overs as well."

"So really positive signs from Tilak and to have that left-hander in the middle order does make a huge difference against some of the attacks that we've been playing against."

Neymar Set For Saudi Move After Al Hilal Agree Fee With PSG

Agencies

RIYADH: Neymar is set to complete a move to the Saudi Pro League after Al Hilal agreed to a reported 90 million euros (USD98 million) transfer fee with Paris Saint-Germain on Monday.

The fee would be a record for the league, backed by the oil-rich state, in its spending spree on high-end soccer talent.

Al Hilal could finally seal a statement signing to match Al Nasser, its city rival in Riyadh, which lured Cristiano Ronaldo in January. Recent offers to Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappé, teammates of Neymar last season at French champion PSG, were not accepted.

Neymar has reportedly been offered a two-year contract expected to pay the 31-year-old Brazil star an annual salary of about USD100 million. That would be around half of the 38-year-old Ronaldo's reported salary.



Neymar and PSG agreed last week he could leave although his widely reported preference, like Messi several weeks ago, was on returning to their former club Barcelona.

Barcelona's troubled finances make such deals tough and Messi instead chose Major League Soccer's Inter Miami in June.

Al Hilal is one of four storied Saudi clubs effectively nationalized by the sovereign wealth

Public Investment Fund (PIF), which claims assets of about USD700 billion. They include the LIV Golf series that challenged the PGA Tour before the two organizations agreed to joint forces.

PIF is chaired by Saudi crown prince Mohammed bin Salman, whose ambitions in global sports have become a signature policy. Neymar's signing was making progress on the day of the season-opening league game for Al Hilal, a record 18-time national champion.

Al Hilal was playing at Abha and giving league debuts to Brazilian winger Malcom and Portugal midfielder Ruben Neves, who cost the two previous most expensive transfer fees paid by a Saudi club. They were priced, respectively, at a reported 60 million euros (USD 65 million) from Zenit St. Petersburg and 55 million euros (USD60 million) from Wolverhampton. (AP)



Shaheen Afridi Signs With ILT20 Franchise Desert Vipers

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Star left-arm pacer Shaheen Afridi has signed a three-year contract with Desert Vipers for the second season of the UAE's ILT20, and will become the first Pakistan player to play in the league in January next year.

"I am excited to join the Desert Vipers. I know there are many Pakistan cricket fans in the UAE and I hope they will support our team in the upcoming ILT20," Afridi said in a statement.

The next season of ILT20 is scheduled to begin on January 13, and Afridi could join the team after returning from Australia.

The Vipers had tried to sign a few players from Pakistan last year as well but those attempts didn't materialise.

Last year, Vipers had signed Azam Khan, which would have made him the first Pakistan player in the ILT20, but the Paki-

stan Cricket Board (PCB) did not grant him the no-objection certificate to play in the league.

The PCB's current chairman Zaka Ashraf has, however, is allowing players to participate in various T20 leagues.

"Shaheen is undeniably a player of world-class calibre who has had a significant impact not only for Pakistan but for every team he's played for in recent times," Vipers director of cricket Tom Moody said on their new signing.

"He offers a huge amount as an impact pace bowler that has destroyed many, many top-orders and he also boasts terrific leadership skills that will add a huge amount of value to the Desert Vipers moving forward."

Afridi will join a bowling attack that has Wanindu Hasaranga, Matheesha Pathirana, Tom Curran and Sheldon Cottrell among others.

Madrid Sign GK Arrizabalaga On Loan From Chelsea

Agencies

MADRID: Real Madrid and Chelsea have reached an agreement for goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga's season-long loan to the Spanish club, the clubs announced on Monday.

The 28-year-old Arrizabalaga will arrive as a temporary replacement for Thibaut Courtois, who will be sidelined for several months after suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his left knee during a training session last Thursday. Arrizabalaga joined Chelsea from Athletic Bilbao in 2018 for a record 80 million euros fee for a goalkeeper but fell out of favour in the London club, who signed goalkeeper Robert Sanchez from Brighton & Hove Albion this summer.

He has reportedly been targeted by Bayern Munich as the German side are seeking to replace their own injured goalkeeper, Manuel Neuer, but Real Madrid moved faster to secure the deal. Courtois' injury is a major blow for Real as they will have to make do without the



services of one of their key players for the foreseeable future.

Courtois joined Real from Chelsea in 2018 after winning two Premier League titles, the FA Cup and the League Cup during his time at Stamford Bridge. He was named Player-of-the-Match following the 2022 Champions League final after producing one of the greatest goalkeeping performances in a European Cup final.

Courtois recorded nine saves to deny Liverpool in Paris, leading his club to a record extending 14th European title after a 1-0 win. Real Madrid had only one other goalkeeper in their first team squad, Ukraine's Andriy Lunin.

Kishan Makes Strong Case For Reserve Opener's Slot

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India went on an experimentation spree in the limited overs series against the West Indies but not much came out of it except Tilak Varma emerging as a contender for a World Cup middle-order slot on the back of his exploits in the T20 series.

Ahead of the Asia Cup and subsequent World Cup, India were looking for options in the middle-order in the ODI series but the number four slot remains up for grabs.

Knowing that it was their final chance of trying out players ahead of the two multi-team events, skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli did not bat in the series and watched the action from the sidelines.

With series going down to the wire, the move was criticised but it allowed the likes of Ishan Kishan, Sanju Samson and Suryakumar Yadav to make a strong case for themselves.

Before the start of the series, Samson and Kishan were seen as contenders for the wicket-keeper's spot but by the end of it, the latter emerged as a strong contender for the reserve opener's slot with Rohit and Shubman Gill set to open in the Asia Cup.

Rohit's absence allowed Kishan to open in all three games and he made the most of the opportunity with scores of 52, 55 and 77. Samson, who is used to being in and out of the side,



got two innings to deliver under pressure and his impactful 51 off 41 balls in the series-deciding third ODI game ample proof of his rare talent. More was expected from him in the following T20 series but could not make it count. However, the team is likely to carry him till at least the Asia Cup if not the World Cup.

In the absence of K L Rahul and Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar had to ace the middle-order audition but the master of T20 batting fell short on the expectations. Considering what he can do for the team in the middle-overs, it will be a tough call for the management to ignore him for the final 15 for World Cup.

Even if Rahul and Iyer regain full fitness in time for the Asia Cup beginning August 31, the team will have to be convinced of their form in the middle after a long injury lay off.

"Look, No. 4 has been an

issue for us for a long time. For a long period of time, Shreyas has actually batted at No. 4 and he has done well - his numbers are really good," India skipper Rohit said following his return to the country last week.

"There were so many guys who came in and went out. But injuries kept them away or they were not available or someone lost form. Shreyas and KL are coming off not playing anything for four months, big injuries, surgeries rather. Both had surgeries. "I know, I had to undergo surgery once and how it feels afterwards, it is quite tough. We have to see how they respond, what they do."

Tilak Varma emerges as dark horse in middle-order

The 20-year-old, who was picked only for the T20s, showed remarkable poise and maturity in his debut series for India. Whipping an express pacer

bowl like Alzarri Joseph for successive sixes for his first runs in international cricket spoke volumes of his special ability.

He got only better as the series progressed and played a huge role in India's fightback in the T20 series before the Hardik Pandya-led side lost the series-decider on Sunday. The cricketing world took note of Varma's arrival on the big stage including the great and insightful R Ashwin who backed the youngster to make the World Cup squad as an X factor player.

Kuldeep Yadav continues to be India's go to spinner

Kuldeep Yadav reinforced his reputation of being India's go to bowler for wickets in the middle overs. The left-arm wrist spinner picked up seven wickets in three ODIs, putting himself well ahead of his good friend Yuzvendra Chahal in the pecking order. Medium pace Mukesh Kumar too got the job done with the new ball on the slow wickets of the Caribbean.

Umrans Malik, whose raw pace has generated a huge amount of interest, got another opportunity on the big stage but he was not able to step up. Ever since making his debut in June last year, the 23-year-old has not been able to raise his game.

As the great Brian Lara said recently, just raw pace is not enough to trouble the best in the business and it is time Malik adds tricks to his bowling.

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Subject: - Maintenance and repair of wall mount points by way of Providing and fitting of Oxygen point, oxygen flow meter, Vacuum point and vacuum jar for Surgery/ Medicine and Neurosurgical wards in casualty at Govt. SMHS Hospital, Srinagar.
Ref: This office e- NIT no: MHCHD/TS/2023-24/76/e-tendering Dated 12.08.2023

CORRIGENDUM

Technical Specifications for works at S.No. 4 of tender notice:
For items at S.No. 1.3 of BOQ :
TERMINAL UNITS WITH PROBES/ADAPTORS: O₂ & VACUUM

- The outlets should be CE certified, cleaned for medical gas service and be pressure tested. Each outlet will have less than 3 psi (21KPa) pressure drop through the outlet @ 120 l/min. and 50 psig (345KPa) inlet pressure. For outlets providing positive pressure gas, the outlet will be equipped with a primary and secondary check valve will be rated for 200psi (1,379 kPa) allowing the primary check valve to be removed for services without isolating the entire zone. The wall outlets will have a gas specific back body with steel mounting plate, which allows outlets to be ganged together with a center line spacing of 5" (127mm). Each back body will be equipped with a 6 1/2" (165mm) length type "K" copper pipe stub which is brazed to the outlet body. The outside diameter of the copper pipe stub will be 1/2" (12.7mm). The inlet pipe can be swiveled 360 degrees for ease of installation. Outlet bodies will be gas specific by means of a gas assembly only with the specific matching gas back body, preventing interchangeability of gas services.
- The latch-valve assembly, which by means of color coding and wording, will identify the specific medical gas service provided by the outlet and will accept only PB Type gas specific adapters.
- For aesthetic appeal each outlet will include a one piece ivory trim plate. The trim plate will be constructed of high impact, flame retardant material. The wall outlet can accommodate various finished wall thickness from 3/8" (10mm) to 1 1/4" (32mm).

FEATURES:
Accepts PB Type Gas Specific Adapters.

- Pin indexed to prevent interchangeability of gas services.
- Each outlet is cleaned for medical gas service and pressure tested Less than 3psi (21KPa) pressure drop through the outlet @ 120 l/min and 50 psig (345KPa) inlet pressure.
- Inlet pipe can be swiveled 360 degrees for ease of installation.
- Gas specific back bodies can accept either Quick connect or DISS front identification bodies Outlet can be adjusted up to 1 1/4" (32mm) wall thickness.

For item at S.No. 2 of BOQ :
BPC OXYGEN FLOW METER WITH HUMIDIFIER BOTTLES CONNECTED TO THE SELF SEALING VALVES OF OXYGEN:
BPC oxygen flow meter shall be offering the latest technical improvements for a precise measuring of the flow, with +/-5% accuracy. The body of the flow meter shall be chrome plated Brass, graduated flow tubes and cover made of polycarbonate. The flow meters shall have adjustable flow by needle valve with micro metrical regulation. The flow meter shall be able to compensate back pressure and shall have a standard flow of 0-15 LPM. The inlet filter of flow meter shall be made of stainless steel wire net and is to be connected to the outlet of self sealing valve with humidifier bottles. This includes providing and fitting of necessary copper fittings complete in all respects.

For item at S.No. 4 of BOQ : WARD VACUUM UNIT
The ward vacuum units of 600 ml capacity shall be designed for minimum servicing and high efficiency. The body shall house an ON/OFF knob, regulation knob, vacuum gauge graduated in millibars. The jar of the vacuum unit shall be transparent & made of polycarbonate, unbreakable, AutoClavable to the temperature of 134°C. The units shall be provided with fluid control trap (safety) fitted on the unit and shall automatically and efficiently shut off vacuum fully, preventing the transfer of liquid to the vacuum regulator, pipe line and pump. The vacuum units are to be fitted on walls with the help of brackets.
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These Are Most Liveable Cities In Asia-Pacific. How Do Indian Cities Rank?

Agences

Singapore: As a global city, Singapore is no stranger to being on "best" lists. Recent accolades it has picked up include the country with the "best business environment" (EIU), "freest economy in the world" (The Heritage Foundation), fourth most competitive economy in the world (International Institute for Management Development), and eighth place in Schroders's global city index.



Therefore, it was with little surprise that it did not make it into the top ten cities in the latest Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) ranking of the most liveable cities in the world. The Southeast Asian city did however sneak into the top among Asia-Pacific cities in tenth place.

This year's EIU liveability index, which provides a snapshot of the most, and least, desirable cities to live in, recorded the highest global average score in 15 years, showing that living conditions in cities across the world have fully recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic which disrupted lives and impacted lifestyles.

The index rates living conditions in 173 cities across five categories: stability, healthcare, culture and environment, education, and infrastructure.

Of the categories covered by the survey, only the stability score dropped on average in 2023. Although stability scores in many eastern European cities, which fell in 2022 because they are close to Ukraine, rose this year, stability deteriorated elsewhere.

Stability scores were negatively affected by striking workers and protests in various European cities like Greece and France as well as deadly clashes in Israel and Peru. The EIU said that "inflation could lead to further falls in stability scores, and thus damage overall liveability scores, in many parts of the world over the next year."

The index revealed that cities in the Asia-Pacific region have rebounded the most with eight of the ten biggest upward movers coming from the region. New Zealand's

Wellington rose 35 spots to take 23rd place, while Auckland rose 25 places to land at number 10. Hanoi, Vietnam moved up 20 places to 129, whereas Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia jumped 19 positions.

Post-pandemic improvements in education and healthcare led to an improvement in scores across Asia. These two factors are also the main reason scores in Africa and the Middle East rose.

The EIU named Vienna, the "City of Music", also known as the "City of Dreams", the most liveable city in the world for the fourth time in five years.

The Economist report credited Vienna for its excellent mix of stability, culture and entertainment, and reliable infrastructure. Copenhagen, a similarly sized city with many of the same characteristics, is second. Melbourne, which regularly features among the top in the ranking came in third place. Fellow Aussie city Sydney is fourth.

Canada has three cities in the top ten - Vancouver in fifth, Calgary in 7th and Toronto in 9th. The other cities that made it into the top ten are Zurich (6th), Geneva (joint 7th), Osaka (10th) and Auckland (joint 10th).

As an expat, the downside of living in these cities is that you should not expect to receive any form of "hardship" compensation. The liveability survey was designed by the EIU to help companies calculate hardship allowances for staff who were moving to a new and possibly less tolerable city.

In all, nine of the top ten cities are

small to mid-sized. All ten, and indeed most of the top 50, are in rich countries. Big cities with high levels of crime, congestion and density tend to fare less well.

Of the 10 cities to slip farthest down the rankings, three were in the UK - Edinburgh, Manchester and London - and two in the US, Los Angeles and San Diego. London fell 12 places from a year ago to 46th and New York tumbled ten spots to 69th.

Most Chinese cities were "broadly stable" when compared to last year's results," according to the survey.

The four Indian cities in the study, New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Bangalore, are ranked between positions 45 and 50 among Asia-Pacific cities.

In the Asia-Pacific region, Karachi, Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea) and Dhaka are the three least desirable cities to live in. In the global rank, they are in positions 169, 168, and 167 respectively.

At the bottom of the global table, Damascus took the dubious honour of the least liveable city in the world. It has held this place in the index for more than ten years. Tripoli is one space above in 172, although its score is nearly ten points higher than that of Syria's war-ravaged capital.

Kyiv, despite its efforts to protect itself from the war, also features in the bottom ten. It was excluded from the index in 2022 because Russia invaded Ukraine while the data were being collected. Its infrastructure score of 23.2 out of 100 is the lowest in the index, thanks to Russian bombs.



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SUBJECT: ELECTION FOR HONORARY OFFICE BEARERS OF THE CANCER SOCIETY.

The election for the Honorary office Bearers of the cancer society of Kashmir is due to be held on **19-08-2023 09:00 am TO 05:30 pm** at the office of the society **4-Bagh-i-Islam Colony Lal Nagar, Chanapora Srinagar J&K.**

The final list of contestants is issued today the 14-08-2023 as under.

A. For the post of chairman Two (02) candidates named below are contesting:-

- 1. Syed Manzoor Ahmad, R/O:- Lalnagar, Chanapora.**
- 2. Prof. Ghulam Mohammad Untoo, R/O:- Alamdar Colony, Rawalpora.**

B. For the other 05 posts the final list of candidates are as under & same are uncontested as none else has offered to contest for said posts.

S.no.	Name of the Contestant	Name of the Post
1	Mr. A. S. Lone (Retd, DIG)	Vice Chairman-I
2	Prof. (Dr.) Akhter Naqib	Vice Chairman-II
3	Prof. (Dr.) M. Maqbool Lone	General Secretary
4	Prof. (Dr.) Basheer Ahmed	Joint Secretary
5	Dr. Nisar Ahmad Wani	Treasurer

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