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SC Junks 'Misconceived' Plea On Art-370

Petitioner Had Filed PIL **Seeking Declaration** From SC That **Revocation Of Article 370 Constitutionally Valid**

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a petition seeking a declaration that abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, was constitutionally valid.

Terming the plea as "misconceived", a bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said the issue of constitutional validity of abrogation of Article 370 is already pending before a constitution bench of the apex court.

"What kind of a petition is this? You are now seeking a declaration by this court that the abrogation of Article 370 is valid. Why should we issue that declaration on your petition? Who has set your client up?" the bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, asked the counsel appearing for the petitioner.

The bench noted that the petitioner has filed a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking a declaration to the effect that abrogation of Article 370 (1) of the Constitution and the deletion of Article 35-A were constitutionally valid.

"A declaration cannot be issued by this court with regard to the constitutional validity of the action of the Union Government. In any event, the issue of constitutional validity is pending >> More On P10

Those Against Land To Landless Responsible For 50,000 Deaths: LG

'Just Give Me Name Of Even A Single Non-Local Person Who Has Been Given Land'



LG Manoj Sinha during the inaugural ceremony of the J&K Textile Sourcing Fair at KU- KP Photo Abid Bhat

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Launching yet another scathing attack on his opponents, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said those opposing the "land-tolandless policy" initiated by his

administration were responsible for the death of 50,000 innocent people over the past three decades in Jammu and Kashmir. Sinha said under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, nearly two lakh houses have been sanctioned for Jammu and Kashmir

Srinagar: A man accused

in a whopping Rs 30 crore

bank fraud, was arrested on

Monday by the sleuths of

anti-corruption bureau (ACB)

along with his associate for

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but many of these beneficiaries did not have any land to construct houses.

"A decision was made to give land to those who are eligible under the scheme as per the 2011 Census. However, when poor >> More On P10

'J&K To Get Rs 80 000 Cr Investments'

ieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said Jammu and Kashmir will get investments to the tune of Rs 80.000 crore in the near future as the administration is keen to establish an industrial ecosystem that will help the local youth achieve their dreams.

"The kind of enthusiasm I see and the kind of proposals we are getting, I am sure that, in the coming days, we will get investments of Rs 75,000 crore to Rs 80,000 crore. It will provide employment to five lakh people," Sinha said after laying the foundation stone of a private hospital and medical college here. Sinha said over the past two years, the Union Territory on an average has >> More On P10

'Handloom Offers Opportunities To All'

iting the huge economic potential of handloom and handicrafts, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha Monday said that they are rigorously focusing to create opportunities for the local as well as international players. "There are many oppor tunities here for the international players in handloom and handicrafts and various other sectors," Sinha said. Speaking during an event at University of Kashmir (KU) titled 'Jammu and Kashmir Textiles Sourcing Fair Weaving Dreams Stitching Stories', the LG said that the handloom and handicraft sector is one of the main sources of capital. "From past three years, Jammu and Kashmir » More On P10

'Eye Flu' Rises With Over 21,000 **Cases In J&K**

Agencies

Srinagar: Hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir continue to receive patients complaining of irritation, redness, swelling and itching in their eyes with rise in 'eye flu' patients.

Doctors from Kashmir and Jammu divisions told a local news agency KNO that cases of conjunctivitis, popularly known as 'eye flu', are on the rise.

They, however, said there is no need to worry as it goes away in one to two weeks.

An official from the Directorate of Health Services Jammu said that 12,598 cases of conjunctivitis were reported in Jammu division including GMC Jammu.

Giving further details, he said so far 3,481 cases have been reported in Jammu district, 575 in Doda, 1,714 in Kathua, 485 in Kishtwar, 799 in Poonch, 913 in Rajouri, 731 in Ramban. 380 in Reasi, 1.352 in Samba, 765 in Udhampur and 1,403 in GMC Jammu.

The spokesperson of Directorate of Health Services Kashmir Dr Mir Mushtaq said that so far 8.533 causes of 'eve flu' have been reported in Kashmir hospitals coming under the DHSK's control.

Giving further details, he said that so far 399 cases have been reported in Kulgam district, 545 in Kupwara, 1,380 in Pulwama, 798 in Shopian, 1,043 in Srinagar, 1503 in Anantnag, 31 in Bandipora, 1415 in Baramulla, 1,004 in Budgam and 415 in Ganderbal. The doctors said it is a "selflimiting infection" and each individual's immunity will have a role to >> More On P10



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CRPF Inducts Hi-Tech WHAP Armoured Vehicle In Kashmir

Built By DRDO & Tata Motors, It Can **Operate In Both Land And Water**



Man Accused Of Rs 30 Cr Bank Fraud Now Held For 'Extortion'

ACB Arrests FCI Godown Owner, Aide For Demanding Rs 5K Bribe From Truck Driver

Observer News Service accused in Rs 30 crore fraud associated with transportation

Terror Activities Up In Jammu Post Art-370



Agencies

Srinagar: To improve operational capabilities, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has inducted a 'Wheeled Armoured Amphibious Platform' vehicle in Kashmir that can operate in both land and water.

An official said that the WHAP is an 8x8 vehicle that is jointly built by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Tata Motors with a seating capacity of twelve people. The vehicle is also known as TATA Kestrel.

"The vehicle is capable of operating in both land and has a sophisticated communication system," he said, adding that its amphibious capabilities will allow it to reach the areas that

are inaccessible to other vehicles and is a major boost for the CRPF in Kashmir.

Inspector General, Kashmir, Operations Sector, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Gyanendra Kumar Verma said, "With time, we have been working to improve our operational efficiency and new tools and equipment are being brought to provide every facility to our jawans."

We have added this vehicle to improve our technical capabilities and with time, everyone will come to know about its features, IG Verma said.

The Kashmir Ops sector CRPF tweeted," Gyanendra Kumar Verma, IG KO SCRPF, visited 110 Bn Pulwama today to review the deployment. More On P10

a bribe of Rs 5,000 from a truck driver. Abdul Sheikh F i r d o u s a b a d , Batmaloo Srinagar,

arrested by was ACB on Monday after the anti-graft body investigated a written complaint filed by a driver alleging Sheikh and his associate Tajamul Hassan Shah of Dharmuna Budgam were demanding bribe from him for allowing him unload his truck at Food Corporation of India (FCI)

Godown in Chandpora village of Budgam. Abdul Majeed Sheikh, Proprietor of a firm named

Sheikh Suppliers and Contractors, who owns the FCI godown at Chandpora, is

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of J&K Bank. In connection with bank fraud, ACB has charge-sheeted the accused in ACB case FIR No. 06/2019 of PS ACB Anantnag.

Giving a sequence of events that led to the arrest of the duo, an ACB

spokesperson said that a

truck driver approached the

anti-graft body with a writ-

ten complaint against the

office bearers of FCI Godown

Chandpora, alleging demand

of bribe from him for unload-

The truck, he said, is

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of food-grain for FCI and had arrived at Chandpora godown with a load of rice on August

Since then, the spokesperson said, the truck had not been unloaded and the office bearers had finally told the complainant to approach godown owner and Tajamul Hassan Shah, the weigher at the godown.

'The complainant accordingly approached the godown Owner, who told him deposit an to amount of Rs 1500 into his bank account. Further, the weigher told him to pay a bribe of Rs 3500 before his truck could be unloaded," he said.

However, the complainant, he said, chose not to pay a bribe and approached ACB Srinagar for taking legal action against the accused as provided under law.

On receipt of the complaint, a case FIR No. 16/2023 U/S 7, 7A of >> More On P10

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Jammu: Post Article 370 abrogation in August 2019, the Jammu region has witnessed an increase in terror activities with certain security indicators, including recruitment of terrorists, showing an upward trend over the past nearly four years, official data revealed.

The arrest of 231 terrorists

and their overground workers (OGWs) between August 5, 2019 and June 16, 2023 in the stepped up counter-insurgency operations in the Jammu division was 71 per cent more than such arrests recorded between October 27, 2015 and August 4, 2019, according to the data.

The Central government abrogated Article 370 granting special status to >> More On P10

2 Infiltrators Killed In Poonch: Army

lert troops on Monday foiled an infiltration bid by killing two Pakistani terrorists along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, the Army said. The bodies of the slain terrorists could not be retrieved as they managed to flee across the Line of Control (LoC) before succumbing to their injuries, suffered during a gunfight with the Army, according to an Indian Army spokesperson. One AK-47 rifle, two magazines, 30 rounds, two hand grenades and some medicines of Pakistani origin were recovered from the scene of the gunfight in the Balakote sector, he said. >> More On P10

Minor Among 2 **Injured By Bear**

wo people, including a minor on Monday were attacked and injured by a black bear in North Kashmir's Kupwara district. Four-year-old Faheem Ahmad and Fatima Begum, 48, were injured on Monday evening when a black bear appeared in Trehgam village of the district and attacked them. reports said. Both the injured were removed to the primary health centre (PHC) by their families and other villagers for treatment. The condition of both the injured, including the minor boy, is said to be stable.» More On P1

Traffic Violators Shell Out Rs 28000 Fine

he authorities on Monday realized a fine of Rs 28000 from traffic violators here in this North Kashmir district. A surprise checking of vehicles was today conducted on Gurez-Bandipora road with special focus on Affixation of HSRP plates and speed limiting devices, an official spokesperson said. During checking, many vehicles were challaned under Motor Vehicle Act while 5 driving licences, 2 RCs and 4 permits were seized and notices were issued on spot for traffic violations. >> More On P10

Teenager **Drowns To Death**

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teenager on Monday drowned while taking bath in Rangil in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. 15-year-old Azmat Ahmad Wani, son of Bilal Ahmad Wani of Rangpora Illahibagh drowned in the Master Plan at Rangil, while he was taking a bath, reports said After the incident, reports said, police were informed and an operation was launched to save the drowned teenager. However, after hectic efforts, the boy was retrieved in an unconscious state and >> More On P10

Bomb Scare At Amritsar Airport

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anic gripped the Shri Guru Ramdas Ji International Airport here when staff cleaning an Air India aircraft reported a bomb threat on Monday. However, it later turned out to be a hoax. Two hours after flight AI-170 arrived from London's Gatwick Airport, the staff cleaning it found a paper slip with "bomb" written on it in the aircraft's toilet, the Punjab Police said. The plane had arrived with 187 passengers on board, the authorities said. The airport authorities reported the matter to the >> More On P10

Car Crushes Bihar Resident To Death

man from Bihar was mowed down on Monday by an unknown vehicle in Shalteng area in the outskirts of this capital city. 35-year-old Santosh Ram of Bettiya, Bihar Shalteng, was walking on the road in Shalteng area on Monday evening when a car hit him, a local news agency Kashmir Scroll reported. Ram, the report said, was immediately shifted to JVC Bemina where doctors declared him brought dead. Quoting an unnamed official, the report said that the body was being shifted to GMC >> More On P10

Two Pak Smugglers Held With Heroin

he BSF and the Punjab Police apprehended two Pakistani smugglers from along the International Border in Ferozepur and seized 29 kilograms of heroin from their possession on Monday, officials said. One of the smugglers suffered a bullet injury after the Border Security Force (BSF) personnel opened fire at the two men sensing a threat, they said. Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said those arrested have been identified as Muhammad Ajmal Rivan of More On P10



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

NIT No 88/2023-24/RnB/Kul/e-tendering/6475-95 Dtd 19-08-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:- (TSP)

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S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost Incld:	Cost of T/	Earnest	Time of	Class of	Major	Position of AAA	Project
		18% GST (Rs.	Doc. (In Rs.)	Money (In	completion	Contractor	Head of		Authority
		In Lacs)		Rs.)			Account		
1	Construction of Compound	43.69	1100	87380	45 days	Aay	F.C Grants	MC/YRP/21/102 of 2021	Executive
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	type retaining wall on nallah							T.S No: CE (R&B) K/	Yaripora
	side of Townhall / Municipal							TS/10987 of 2021-22	
	Building at municipal Com-							dated 19-02-2022	
	mittee Varinora								

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

S. No.	Particulars	Dated		
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice.		19-08-2023	
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	19-08-2023	(10:00 AM)
		То	28-08-2023	(04 : 00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From	19-08-2023	(10:00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	То	28-08-2023	(04 : 00 PM)
6	Date and time of opening of bid (online)		29 -08 - 202 3	(11:00 AM)
		In the office	of Executive Engineer PWD (R&	B) Division Kulgam

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Demand Draft/ Treasury Challan / Receipt credited to MH 0059-Rev: Misc: and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR / FDR pledged to Executive Engineer (R&B) DiBion Kulgam (tender receiving authority). –Refer Govt: order No: O.M. No. A/24(2017)-651 Dated:- 07-06-2018. However the Date of uploaded e-Challan/ treasury Receipt must be in between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date, and CDR/FDR/BG (Earnest Money) must be in between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date or six months validity from the date of issuance CDR/FDR/BG

 Earnest Monty (2% of the Advertised cost) from all the bidders in the shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering and 5% performance security of the allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG by the Successful Bidder). The same shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period of the work. The EMD 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security) vide Chief Engineer (R&B) Kashmir, Srinagar's Circular No: CE/RBK/ HD/32857-72 dated 01-01-2022 3. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

3.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders. gov.in to acquaint bid submission process. 3.2 To participate in biddless

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get

digital certificate from any approved vendors. 3.3 The bidders have to submit their The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-2 & 3.1 .

3.4 3.5

5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents like CDR/PAN/TIN/Demand Draft with the bid and all documents be submitted physically to Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Kulgam before date of opening of bid.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/ Receipt credited to MH 0059-Rev:Misc: must be uploaded with the bid. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required. All other terms and conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double Agreement Form)

No 6496-98

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Sd/ Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Kulgam

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

NIT No: 45 of 2023-24/SUMBAL

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS Dated:-21-08-2023

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

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	Malpora Panchayat with allied links by way of	Bitumen and GST				Towns	having Mou with	Gbl/Bandi/134
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	Machine mix laid with paver.							
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The Jammu and Kashmir **State Board Of School Education**

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-Roll No: 12407267

Class 10th Year & Session Annual Regular 2020 Registration: 1921010000140014 Name : Igra Rasool Father's Name: Ghulam Rasool Malik Mother's Name : Fatima Bano

Date of Birth:- 15-06-2005

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Residence:- Sehpora Magam Budgam According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.

(Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 20ARKAM-1208134 be treated as "CANCELLED") No: F(Cer is-I-DOC)B/KD/23

d	Assistant Secretary
	Certificates, KD.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my provisional Cum Character Certificate bearing regd no: N16341430068 of class 12th. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Govt Boys Higher Secondary Institute Magam Budgam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Firdous Hussain Sheiikh

S/o Mohammad Kamal Sheikh

The Jammu And Kashmir **Board Of School Education** New Campus Bemina Srinagar

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 10th)under Roll No:. 112009015 Session: Annual Regular Year 2023 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/ parent/Board against , my Mother's Name



Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bernina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary. Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained. Name: Bilal Ahmad Goar Shekh F/N: Javid Ahmad Gojar Sheikh M/N : Shafeega Begum DOB: 12-10-2008 Residence: Ouilmugam Tehsil Aloosa Bandiapora

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We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to all our Neighbours, Relatives, Friends Residents of Nabdipora Hawal and Alamgiribazar, besides, Religious Scholars, Civil Society members, literary fraternity and Officers & Employees of Information Department and DC Office Srinagar, who expressed their condolences and solidarity with our family, besides stood by us following the sad demise of our beloved father Abdul Gani Sofi Suhail who left for heavenly abode on August 06, 2023.

We also extend gratitude to our well-wishers residing in different countries overseas who also console us during the hour of grief via telephone and social media platforms.

May Almighty Allah grant the departed soul place in Jannatul-Firdous and shower His blessings upon all our well-wishers and give strength to bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss. (Aameen).

Shameem Parvaiz, Shameem Aijaz Gowhar Suhail and Khalid Suhail

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written as Saima Akahter while my correct name is Saleema Akhter which needs to bne corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/ her objection in the office of the ZEO Tahab Pulwama within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Saleema Akhter R/o Udoora Shahoora Pulwama

From the Office of MIR NAVEED GUL Advocate J&K High Court at Srinagar

In the case of:

Manzoor-ul-Hassan Banday 1. S/o Ghulam Hassan Banday R/o Central Avenue, Ellahi-Bagh, Srinagar.

Razia Hassan W/o Manzoor Ul Hassan Banday. 2. R/o Central Avenue, Ellahi-Bagh, Srinagar.

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The Caveator's have reasons to believe/apprehension that Non-Caveator's may file a Suit/Petition/Appeal or any other type of proceedings before the Hon'ble Court & on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation & cooked story & may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/Ex-Parte against the Caveator's & in such eventuality the Caveator's will be put to an irreparable loss & inconvenience. It would be proper that Caveator's be given an opportunity of being Heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order.

Mir Naveed Gul Advocate & Associates J&K High Court at Srinagar. 7780932849/9419494486



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Before the Hon'ble Special Tribunal at Srinagar

In the case of Rafiq Ahmad khan S/o Ghulam Ahmad khan R/o Khushipora HMT srinagar

(Caveator)

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In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

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

Sd/advocate



With profound grief, we inform the demise of Mohammad Rajab Wani R/o Saidakadal Khash Khash Bagh, Srinagar who left for heavenly abode on 20th August 2023 Sunday. May Almighty Allah grant Jannatul-Firdous to the departed soul. The congregational Fateh Khawani will be held on 23rd of August 2023 Wednesday at 9:30 AM at their ancestral graveyard Malkha, Rainawari Srinagar. **Bereaved:** Manzoor Ahmad Wani (Son)

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DHSK Kick Starts 'Anemia Mukt Bharat' Campaign From Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Directorate of Health Services Kashmir on Monday kick started Anemia Mukt Bharat campaign from Srinagar and a screening camp was held at HSS Kothi Bagh

The Anemia Mukt Bharat- intensified Ironplus Initiative aims to strengthen the existing mechanisms and foster newer strategies for tackling anemia. It focuses on six tar-

get beneficiary groups, among which adolescent girls and women in the reproductive age group are the primary targets of this initiative.

Acting on the directions of Secretary Health and Medical Education and Director Health Services Kashmir a screening camp was organized in Kothi

Imam Of Makhdoom

Sahab Shrine Passes

Away In Srinagar

Bagh Higher Secondary School Srinagar in which 306girls were

screened for anemia. 38were detected as having severe anemia, 72 had moderate and 28 had mild anemia and the girls were provided treatment on spot.

Director Health Services Kashmir Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather directed the Principal to nominate a nodal officer in the school and also advised her to provide directly observed treatment to the girls who had anemia to ensure strict treatment adherence.

He said that such screening camps will be held in other districts as well and every possible support will be provided to all those who are suffering from Anemia particularly having severe and moderate Anemia.

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People enjoying a mesmerizing evening at newly renovated Lal Chowk amidst illuminated surroundings. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Millipede Invasion In Brein Nishat Will End Soon: Officials

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: The outbreak of millipedes at Astanpora locality in Brein Nishat area of Srinagar have considerably subsided, with the authorities claiming that the tube shaped arthropods, having two pairs of jointed legs on most body segments, will completely disappear in the next two or three days.

The invasion of millipedes at a village based on twenty households had created total chaos and confusion in the locality, with inhabitants alleging that the authorities despite being aware of the issue failed to take concrete measures in this direction.

However a joint team of several departments, including the Department of Agriculture, SKUAST-K and Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), among others, visited the affected locality the same day, people alerted them about the millipede outbreak, according to officials, who rejected the accusations as unfounded and malicious.

the demise of Peerzada Ali Mohammad Makhdoomi and prayed for Several departments visited the affected area in Brein including senior scientists from SKUAST-K. Besides issuing do's and don'ts, free of cost insecticides were also distributed among the inhabitants. The outbreak of millipedes has significantly declined in the village and that it will completely vanish in coming few days

Sajad Mohiddin said the millipede outbreak in the locality has significantly subsided and that the arthropods will completely disappear in days to come.

Dr Sajad said there are over 12,000 known living species of millipedes worldwide and that none of these are documented to be poisonous to humans. He said the millipedes do not bite or sting, hence they not at harmful to humans. "I would like to reiterate that there is nothing to worry about as millipedes are not at all harmful to humans. Millipedes are occasional pests, and are attracted to dark, cool, moist environmental pests and sometimes invade open areas particularly when the weather turns hot and dry," Dr Sajad told Kashmir Observer,

He said that a team of scientists arrived at the locality same day and issued Standard Operating Procedures SOPs to deal with the situation besides prescribing the insecticide.

Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Srinagar, Manohar Lal Sharma told Kashmir Observer that the millipedes disappear on their own in a week or two and that the people need not to panic at all.

"Several departments visited the affected area in Brein including senior scientists from SKUAST-K. Besides issuing do's and don'ts, free of cost insecticides were also distributed among the inhabitants. The outbreak of millipedes has significantly declined in the village and that it will completely vanish in coming few days," Sharma added.

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This Day In History

- 1942 Brazil declares war on Germany, Japan & Italy
- 1943 Soviet troops free Karkov
- 1944 Adolf Hitler orders Paris to be destroyed
- 1953 Shah of Iran returns to Tehran
- 1956 US President Eisenhower and VP Richard Nixon renominated by Republican convention in San Francisco.
- 1958 Great Britain performs atmospheric nuclear test at Christmas Island.
- 1962 Failed assassination attempt on French president Charles de Gaulle
- 1962 USSR performs nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya USSR
- 1963 NASA civilian test pilot Joe Walker in the X-15 rocket plane achieves a world record altitude of 354,200 feet (107,960 m, 67 miles)
- 1964 Guinee, Liberia & Ivory Coast form joint market 1968 - The Society of Labour Lawyers (SLL) publishes an 'interim report' about alleged discrimination in Northern Ireland; the report is heavily criticised by unionists.
- 1971 Approximately 130 non-Unionist councillors announce their withdrawal from participation on district councils across Northern Ireland in protest against Internment (allowing suspected terrorists to be indefinitely detained without trial)
- 1972 Rhodesia is expelled by the International Olympic Committee for its racist policies.
- 1982 Israeli General Ariel Sharon urges Palestinians to discuss peaceful coexistence
- 1984 The United Democratic Front, an internal coalition of anti-apartheid groups in South Africa, organizes a highly successful boycotts of the Colored and Indian elections to parliament. 1985 - Airtours Boeing-737 crashes at Manchester airport, 55 killed 1986 - Gas from Volcano Chamberoen kills 1,734 . (Cameroon) 1986 - NASA announces tests designed to verify ignition pressure dynamics 1988 - Australia unveils 1st platinum coin (Koala) 2004 - Athens Olympic marathon is run on same route as 1896 Games, start at site of the Battle of Marathon to the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens: Mizuki Noguchi of Japan wins women's gold in 2:26:20

UK Based Soroptimist International Launches Kashmir Chapter

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Shrine

Srinagar: The chief cler-

ic of revered mosque

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away, today, after a

brief illness in Srinagar.

zada Haji Ali Moham-

med Makhdoomi passed

away at his residence in

Srinagar this afternoon.

Makhdoomi,

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Reports said Peer-

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Srinagar: In a first of its kind initiative to raise self-esteem among women folk in Kashmir, Soroptimist International, a global women's organization, championing the cause of women's rights, today launched its Kashmir chapter amidst much fanfare.

With Prof. Parveen Pandit, a prominent educationist, serving as chair, a charter ceremony was organized at the Government College of Education, Cluster University of Kashmir, in this regard.

The opening event of the SI International Kashmir chapter featured a vibrant cultural program and solemn isband. The ceremony, which is a milestone in the journey towards gender equality and social change, was attended by the women from international, national and regional platforms-

Soroptimist International, a global women's organization with a legacy spanning over a century, champions the cause of women's rights and socio-economic empowerment on an international scale.

Cathy Cottridge, President of Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI), Prof.

Neelofer Khan, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kashmir, Prof. Pam Rajput, Prof. Emeritus, Punjab University, Patiala were among the other distinguished present on the occasion. The Charter Cer-

The Charter Ceremony saw the official birth of SI Srinagar (Kashmir), complete with the symbolic collaring of the President by SIGBI President Cathy Cottridge, signifying the investiture of leadership responsibilities.

Cathy's presence symbolized the broader reach of the Soroptimist movement, spanning continents and cultures "The Chartering of SI Srinagar (Kashmir) and the Collaring of President by SIGBI President were poignant moments, signifying the official birth of a new chapter and the formal investiture of leadership responsibilities," Cathy said on the occasion.

Prof Nilofar Khan, who was chief guest of the occasion, emphasized the importance of women empowerment and visibility in all the fields through capacity building and awareness of women and the role of organizations like Soroptimist International in fostering meaningful societal transformation.

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Office Of The Executive Engineer

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

E- NIT No. 88/2023-24

Dated: 18/08/2023

Sd/- Executive Engineer

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For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory Of J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

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2	C/O Passenger Shed at S.K Bala -B	2.35	200/	30 Days	DEE/oth- ers	3% of Adv Cost	PRI		Halqa Level
3	C/O Kitchen Shed at Primary School Shariefabad	3.00	300/	90Days	DEE/oth- ers	3% of Adv Cost	PRI		Halqa Level
4	Constt of Stair steps with tiles near High School and Tile Paths from Lateef Ah Pahloo	1.28	200/	30 Days	DEE/oth- ers	3% of Adv Cost	DDC	Block:- HAJIN	Halqa Level
5	Renovation/Repair Higher Secondary School Madwan	4.00	300/	30 Days	DEE/	3% of Adv Cost	DDC	Block:- HAJIN Halga: Madwan A	OPEN
6	C/o Gate along with tile path at Block office Haiin	2.90	200/	30 Days	DEE/oth- ers	3% of Adv Cost	BDC		Halqa Level
7		2.80	200/	30 Days	DEE/oth- ers	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- Hajin Halqa: sk bala b	
8	Fencing and Levelling of ground near Degree college Aias	4.00	300/	30 Days	DEE/	3% of Adv Cost	DDC	Block:- HAJIN Halqa: AJAS B	OPEN
9	Fencing and Levelling of ground at S K Paveen Halga	4.00	300/	30 Days	DEE/	3% of Adv Cost	BDC	Block:- Hajin Halqa: sk paveen	OPEN
10	Fancing of Pond at Baharabad Malpora near Bulbagh Hajin	2.02	200/	30 Days	DEE/oth- ers	3% of Adv Cost	BDC	Block:- Hajin Halqa:	Halqa Level
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The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders. gov.inas per schedule of dates.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21-08-2023
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	21-08-2023 from 09:00 AM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	28-08-2023 up to 04:00 PM
4.	Date & time of opening of Online Bids	29-08-2023 at 11:00 AM or any convenient day In the office of the Executive
		Engineer REW Bandipora

5. Note: Hard copy of original Tender Document, Fee Receipt and EMD shall be deposited after the financial bid is opened. In case the original Tender Document Fee Receipt and EMD is not Deposited within 5 days after the Financial Bid is Opened for all responsive bidders Who have participated

online, the Department shall serve the Notice as per Rules.

NO:-XEN/REW/BPR/10654-60 DIPK-7499/23 DATED:-21-08-2023

From KO Archives

Gunmen loot Budgam village

Mushtaq Aftab

HADURA (BUDGAM)- Police are on the lookout for some unidentified gunmen who 'raided' several houses in a village here to extort money. They decamped with the booty ranging between Rs five and Rs 2,000. In another case, where a shopkeeper was relieved of Rs 8,800, an FIR No 2472 was lodged with the police on Friday.

According to reports, unidentified ' gunmen swooped on Chil Yech village in this district at about 8 p.m. on Sunday. They forced their entry into several residential houses asking the inmates not to leave their premises. Then they went on relieving them of whatever they had in cash on gunpoint. Reports identified the victims as Muhammad. Yousuf Wani, Muhammad Shafi, Abdur Rahman Dar, Jahangir Alam, Jalal-ud-din Paul, Fayaz Ahmad Sofi, Nazir Ahmad Paray, Ghulam Rasool Guiri, Amma Paray and Abdul Rasheed Gujri. The gunmen managed their escape under the cover- of darkness. Villagers lodged a complaint with the police who launched a manhunt to nab the gunmen.

Earlier, on Friday, some unidentified gunmen waylaid Abdul Ahad Sheikh, of Danchera, when he was on his way back home from Utligam in Beerwah area. They relieved him of Rs 8,800. An FIR was lodged with police at Beerwah on the same day. However, no arrest has been made so far. Unidentified gunmen also snatched Rs 400 from a shopkeeper of Utligam on the same day.

(Kashmir Observer, August 22, 2000)

NEWS

Saudi Arabian Border Guards **Accused Of Killing Hundreds Of Ethiopian Migrants**



Agencies

DUBAI: Border guards in Saudi Arabia have fired machine guns and launched mortars at Ethiopians trying to cross into the kingdom from Yemen, likely killing hundreds of the unarmed migrants in recent years, Human Rights Watch said in a report released Monday.

The rights group cited eyewitness reports of attacks by troops and images that showed dead bodies and burial sites on migrant routes, saying the death toll could even be "possibly thousands."

The United Nations has already guestioned Saudi Arabia about its troops opening fire on the migrants in an escalating pattern of attacks along its southern border with war-torn Yemen.

A Saudi government official, speaking on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to speak publicly, called the Human Rights Watch report "unfounded and not based on reliable sources," without offering evidence to support the assertion. Yemen's Houthi rebels, who allegedly make tens of thousands of dollars a week smuggling migrants over

the border, did not respond to requests for comment.

Some 750,000 Ethiopians live in Saudi Arabia, with as many as 450,000 likely having entered the kingdom without authorization, according to 2022 statistics from the International Organization for Migration. The two-year civil war in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region displaced tens of thousands of people.

Saudi Arabia, struggling with youth unemployment, has been sending thousands back to Ethiopia in concert with Addis Abba.

Human Rights Watch said it spoke to 38 Ethiopian migrants and four relatives of people who attempted to cross the border between March 2022 and June 2023 who said they saw Saudi guards shoot at migrants or launch explosives at groups.

The report said the group also analyzed over 350 videos and photographs posted to social media or gathered from other sources filmed between May 12, 2021, and July 18, 2023. It also examined several hundred square kilometers (miles) of satellite imagery captured between February 2022 and July 2023.

Law To Ban Polygamy: **Assam Government Seeks Public Views**

Press Trust of India

GUWAHATI: The Assam government has sought public opinion on a proposed law to end polygamy in the state, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Monday.

Sharing a government public notice on 'X', formerly Twitter, Sarma appealed to the people

states to pass laws on it. "The Doctrine of Repugnancy (Article 254) stipulates that if a state legislation contradicts a central legislation, the state law will be overridden unless it received the prior assent of the President of India," it added.

Quoting the report, the notice mentioned that freedom of conscience and the right to practice religion under Article 25 and 26 of the Constitution are "not absolute and are subject to public order, morality, health and legislative provisions for social

Supreme Court Proposes Full Study Of Himalayan Region's Carrying Capacity

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday mooted constituting an expert committee for conducting a "complete and comprehensive" study on the carrying capacity of the Himalayan region in the country, where unplanned development has caused devastation in recent times, terming it a "very important issue". The carrying capacity is the

maximum population size that an ecosystem can sustain without getting degraded. A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud was hearing a plea seeking an assess-

ment of the carrying capacity and master plans for the Indian Himalayan Region spanning 13 states and union territories. The counsel appearing

for petitioner Ashok Kumar Raghav told the bench there was a need for a comprehensive study by expert institutions as devastation was noticed almost every single day in the Himalayan region.

"So, we can appoint say three or four of these institutions which will nominate their representatives and we can ask them to carry out a complete and comprehensive study on carrying capacity within the Himalayan region," said the bench, also compris-ing Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.

The bench asked the petitioner's counsel to give it a small note proposing which



expert institutions those should be and what should be the broad terms of reference for such a panel.

It asked the counsel to give his note to Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati, who was appearing for the Centre, in advance. "We will constitute the

committee. You can probably sit down and give us the way forward then," the bench said, adding, "This is a very important issue which he (petitioner) has raised."

The petitioner's counsel said a "carrying capacity template" was developed by the government in the past.

Referring to an order passed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT), Bhati also told the bench that such a template was formulated. She said the Centre had written to states and union territories and now they have to show what they have done about it.

When the petitioner's coun-

sel referred to some expert institutions which can conduct a comprehensive study on this issue, the bench said,'

Let there be a comprehensive study involving these institutions and let them take three-four months and come up with some substantial carrying capacity tools and template for the entire Himalayan region." Bhati said the petition has arrayed 16 respondents including 13 states.

"We will ask them (states) to respond to your template within four or eight weeks," the bench said, while posting the matter for hearing on August 28.

"Due to non-existent carrying/bearing capacity studies, grave geological hazards in the form of landslides, land subsidence, land cracking and sinking issues such as that in Joshimath are being witnessed and serious ecological and environmental depredation are taking place in the hills," the plea has said.

Scientists Identify 4 New Genes Linked With Breast Cancer, **Most Variants Rare**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Scientists have found at least four new genes associated with breast cancer that may help identify women increased risk of the disease. The finding, published re-

cently in the journal Nature Genetics, also provides crucial information on the biological mechanisms underlying can-



Qur'an Desecration: Iran FM Tells Sweden, Denmark To Act Before It's Too Late

Agencies

Tranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian has once again denounced the desecration of the Holy Qur'an in Sweden and Denmark, warning the two Nordic countries to rethink their "wrong policies" before it is too late.

The Iranian foreign minister made the remarks in a joint press conference with his Malaysian counterpart Zambry Abdul Kadir in Tehran on Monday after a mutual meeting.

More acts of sacrilege against the Holy Qur'an have taken place in Sweden and Denmark even as the two countries have said they are exploring ways to legally limit such actions to deescalate growing tensions with tion of holy books, Abrahamic religions and the Holy Qur'an"

in Sweden and Denmark. He added that the Muslim world and nations would not tolerate such sacrilegious acts and urged Stockholm and Copenhagen to be cautious about the rise of extremism, violence and terrorism in Europe.

Amir-Abdollahian emphasized that Muslim countries would severely pursue the idea of banning the purchase of Swedish and Danish commodities.

On Sunday, the deputy director general of the Human Rights Department of Iran's Foreign Ministry summoned Sweden and Denmark's chargés d'affaires in Tehran in protest at the continuation of brazen and heinous acts of insulting the



Muslim countries.

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profanities against Islam, Mus-

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Important, fruitful talks about enhanced Iran-Malaysia ties

Elsewhere in the presser, the Iranian foreign minister said he held important and fruitful talks about further improvement of mutual ties and some leading regional and international issues.

Calcutta HC Allows Minor Rape Victim To Terminate 24-Week Pregnancy

Agencies

The Calcutta High Court on **I** Monday permitted a minor gang-rape victim to get her 24week pregnancy terminated. A single-judge bench of Justice Sabyasachi Bhattacharya gave the direction after studying the report of the medical board formed after a directive from the same bench on August 17 to ascertain feasibility

for termination of pregnancy. Justice Bhattacharya also said that if the local government pregnancy

SSKM Medical College & Hospital in South Kolkata at the earliest.

Also Read: 240 arrested over Prophet row violence, Bengal

govt tells Calcutta High Court As per legal norms, the medical practitioners can take decision of termination of pregnancy if it is 20 weeks or less. So since in this case, the period has passed, the parents of the victim have approached the Calcutta High Court seeking permission for termination of

to send their suggestions on the proposed law to ban polygamy in Assam.

The notice published by the Principal Secretary of the Home and Political Department requested the people to send their opinion by August 30 through email or by post.

It mentioned that the Assam government had formed an expert committee to study the legislative competence of the Assembly to enact a law banning polygamy, and the report stated that the state legislature is competent to enact a law to ban the marital practice.

Sharing the executive summary of the report, the public notice stated that marriage falls under the Concurrent List, enabling both the Centre and

welfare and reform". The courts have clarified that religious practices must be essential and integral to the religion to receive protection, it added.

"With respect to Islam, the courts have held that having more than one wife is not an essential part of the religion. Legislation limiting the number of wives does not interfere with the right to practice religion and is within the scope of 'social welfare and reform'. Hence, laws favouring monogamy do not violate Article 25," said the notice, which referred to the expert committee's report.

cer development, potentially opening the way to identify-

ing new treatments. The international team

led by researchers at the University of Cambridge in the UK and Université Laval, Canada noted that current genetic tests for breast cancer only consider a few genes, such as BRCA1, BRCA2, and PALB2. However, these only ex-

plain a minority of the genetic risk, suggesting that more genes remain to be identified, they said. The latest study looked at

genetic changes in all genes in 26,000 women with breast cancer and 2.17 lakh women without breast can-

presented in the court of Judicial Magistrate Ihtasham

Alam Khan. According to the

detailed court order, the in-

vestigating officer requested a

10-day physical remand in the

sedition case, registered under

Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA), 1997.

day's remand and ordered po-

lice to present the two before

Subsequently, the two were

Imaan's legal team argued

Wazir insisted that nothing

The judge had granted one

Europe and Asia.

"To our knowledge, this is the largest study of its kind," said Professor Douglas Easton, from the University of Cambridge, who co-led the study. "It was made possible through the use of data from multiple collaborators in many countries, as well as publicly available data from the UK Biobank," Mr Easton said.

The researchers found evidence for at least four new breast cancer risk genes, with suggestive evidence for many others.

Identification of these new genes will contribute to the understanding of the genetic risk of breast cancer and help improve risk pre-

those women at higher risk of the disease, they said. The findings will better inform approaches to breast screening, risk reduction

and clinical management, according to the researchers. The aim is to integrate this information into a comprehensive risk prediction tool currently used worldwide by health professionals, they said.

"Improving genetic counselling for high-risk women will promote shared decision-making regarding risk reduction strategies, screening and determination of treatment options," said Professor Jacques Simard, co-lead of the study.



hospital at Tamluk in East Midnapore district of West Bengal, where the victim is resident, does not have the adequate facility for the same, the termination of pregnancy should be conducted at the state-run

The minor girl was gangraped in her locality leading to pregnancy.

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Pak Human Rights Lawyer And Politician Sent To Police Remand In Sedition Case

Press Trust of India

Dakistani human rights lawyer Imaan Mazari and former lawmaker Ali Wazir were sent to a three-day police remand in a sedition case by an anti-terrorism court here on Monday.

Imaan, the daughter of former human rights minister Shireen Mazari, and Wazir were arrested Sunday early morning by Islamabad police, two days after they participated in a protest organised by the Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement (PTM), which advocates the rights of ethnic Pashtuns.

Imaan addressed in Islamabad a rally of the PTM, a group of ethnic Pushtu-speaking activists highly critical of the Pakistan Army, and criticised the powerful military establishment.



an anti-terrorism court on The authorities wanted both Monday. of them as part of an ongoing investigation. It alleged that the produced by police in the court two were involved in unlawful of ATC judge Abul Hasnat Zulgathering, resistance and "inqarnain earlier in the day. terference in state affairs".

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gust 24 again. On Sunday, the two were public meeting.

"People Who Eat Fish Daily...": **Maharashtra Minister's Remark Sparks Row**

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: A BJP minister in Maharashtra has stoked a controversy by linking daily consumption of fish to having "eyes as beautiful" as those of actor Aishwarya Rai.

A video of the remarks by state tribal minister Vijaykumar Gavit, made at a public function in north Maharashtra's Nandurbar district, has gone viral on social media.

"People who consume fish on a daily basis develop smooth skin and their eyes sparkle. If anyone looks at you, the person will get attracted (towards you)," he said.

"Did I tell you about Aishwarya Rai? She lived near the seashore in Mangaluru. She would consume fish daily. Have you seen her eyes? You will also have eyes like her,' the minister is heard saying. "The fish contain some oils, it makes your skin smooth," added the 68-year-old minister, whose daughter Heena Gavit is BJP's Lok Sabha member.

NCP legislator Amol Mitkari said the minister should focus on issues faced by tribals, instead of making such "frivolous" comments.

BJP MLA Nitesh Rane said, "I eat fish daily. My eyes should have become like that (like those of Aishwarya Rai). I will ask Gavit sahib if there is any research on this."

Case Against 90 People For Blocking UP Minister's Convoy With Stray Cattle

Press Trust of India

BAREILLY: An FIR was registered on Sunday against 90 unidentified people for blocking the convoy of Uttar Pradesh minister Dharampal Singh in this district while he was on way to attend a programme, police said. Angry locals on Thursday blocked the animal husbandry minister's convoy by bringing stray cattle on road in Sirauli area of his assembly constituency Aonla.

Additional SP (rural) Rajkumar Agarwal said that on a complaint of veterinary officer Sanjay Kumar Sharma, an FIR under IPC Section 341 (wrongfully restraining any person)has been registered against 90 unidentified people in the matter.

The minister, along with Additional Chief Secretary Rajneesh



Dubey, was going for the 'bhoomi pujan' of an animal polyclinic, which is to be set up at a cost of ₹9.14 crore at Gurgaon in Aonla tehsil where animals will get a roundthe-clock care, when locals from Pipariya Uprala village blocked the road, apparently to draw his attention to the problem of stray cattle.

The minister's convoy was stuck in the chaos for about 40 minutes.

Minister Singh assured the villagers that a cow shelter would soon be set up after identifying land of the gram sabha in the area.

STATE



'Chhari-Pujan' Held At **Srinagar Temple**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The 'Chhari-Pujan' of Lord Shiva's holy mace was performed on Monday at the Shri Amareshwar Temple in the Mahadev Gir Dashnami Akhara here on the occasion of Nag Panchami, officials said.

Amid chants of Vedic hymns, Mahant Deependra Giri -- the mace's custodian -- led a group of sadhus in performing the puja, they said.

Giri now will carry the mace to the Amarnath cave shrine for a puja and darshan on the

morning of Shravan Purnima on August 31, the officials added. The yatra will have night halts in Pahalgam on August 26-27, Chandanwari on August 28, Sheshnag on August 29 and Panchtarni on August 30, Giri said.

More than 4.43 lakh pilgrims have performed the Amarnath Yatra since the pilgrimage began on July 1. While the yatra has been uneventful so far, 48 pilgrims died of natural causes or accidents during the arduous journey.

The annual pilgrimage will culminate on August 31.



AN ARTIST DEMONSTRATES his carpet weaving skills during the inauguration of International Buyer-Seller meet at University of Kashmir on Monday. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

'Fraudulent Sale' Of Migrant Properties

BJP Leader Demands SIT Probe

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: BJP leader G L Raina on Monday demanded the constitution of an empowered Special Investigation Team (SIT) to look into cases of alleged grabbing of properties owned by displaced Kashmiri migrants in the valley over the

last three decades. sponse from authorities to the

"We demand an empowered SIT to look into the large scale cases of grabbing of immovable property of displaced community called Kashmiri migrants in official parlance," Raina, a spokesperson of the

here. The former legislator demanded a time-bound action plan to evict the encroachers and land grabbers and restore the property to lawful owners. He said the "encroachment of immovable property be-longing to the displaced community in Kashmir Valley is a

Under the Jammu and Kashmir Migrant Immovable Property (preservation, protection and restraint on distress sales) Act 1997, the competent authority is authorised to prepare details of the immovable property of the displaced community and take appropriate action including "use such force as is necessary for taking possession of such prop-

YRS Stages Protest, Demands Removal Of Sarore Toll Plaza



on the ground is different and victims are forced to visit the court of law for redressal of grievances", he said.

He claimed that some members of the displaced community were forced to enter into a sale deed under distress. "Various reasons for distress sales include the fear of losing the entire property to the grabber," he said.

It is therefore important and humane to declare these distress sales as null and void, he added. Even a parliamentary stand-

ing committee has recommended such an action, Raina claimed.

State Taxes Dept Cracks Down On Illegal Brick Kilns In Budgam

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Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Special Search Teams of the State Taxes Department Kashmir on Monday raided dozens of brick kilns in Budgam district.

The operation was supervised by Additional Commissioner State Taxes Department (Administration and Enforcement) Kashmir, Shakeel Maqbool.

During the search, these Brick Kilns were found to be unregistered with the GST department despite having crossed the threshold and thus were evading huge tax dues. Most of them were also found to be operating without licenses from the District Administration.

The Additional Commissioner during the drive directed the Brick Kilns owners to get registered with the District Administration and with the Goods and Service Tax Department. He also asked them to file their returns regularly without suppression of actual sales.

Meanwhile the Additional Commissioner directed the special search teams to continue the drive against the illegal brick kilns and take action under law against those operating without licenses.

The Additional Commissioner was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner State Taxes Enforcement Central Kashmir, Pervaiz Raina and other officers of the Department.

PAG Presides Over Special Pension Adalat At Bandipora

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The Principal Accounts General (PAG) J&K, Dr. Abshik Gupta Monday presided over a special Pension Adalat at Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

The Adalat was held to address grievances faced by pensioners and family pensioners, while fostering awareness among pension sanctioning authorities and Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) regarding their responsibilities.

The Pension Adalat was attended by Deputy AG, Sudhakar Pinglay; District Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; District Treasury Officer Rafiq Ahmad Shah, ACR Bandipora besides retired government employees, family pension beneficiaries and representatives from various pension sanctioning authorities and DDOs.

During the programme, the pensioners were given the opportunity to express their concerns, seek resolutions for pending issues and receive information about their rights and entitlements.

On the occasion, Dr. Gupta stressed on the importance of a hassle free and timely pension disbursal process, recognizing

that pensioners deserve a comfortable and dignified life after their years of dedicated service to the nation. He said, conducting the Pension Adalat, bridges the gap between pensioners and administrative processes, thereby ensuring the rightful benefits reach the pensioners and their dependents.

During the programme, Dr Gupta said that the government is committed to enhance the pension system across the Nation. While addressing to pension sanctioning authorities and DDOs, he laid stress on accuracy and transparency in pension related matters.

The DTO Bandipora said that a series of workshops and training sessions shall be announced for pension sanctioning authorities and DDOs to enhance their understanding of pension related regulations and procedures, thereby ensuring smoother disbursement processes.

Meanwhile, it was given out that, to improve the pension system, the office of PAG shall conduct similar Pension Adalats across other districts to provide a platform for pensioners from all corners of the UT Jammu and Kashmir to raise their concerns and receive timely resolutions.

District Hospital Kishtwar Rubbishes Accusation Against Medico

Observer News Service took precedence, and Dr. Mohd

Mehbooba Accuses BJP Govt **Of Insulting Sheikh Abdullah**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said BJP government had insulted National Conference founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah who worked for accession of the only Muslim-majority state to India. Mufti made the remark appar-

ently in reference to the dropping of [']Sher', a popular moniker of Sheikh Abdullah, from the Kashmir International Convention Centre.

Replying to a question about wife of JKLF chief Mohammad Yasin Malik's wife being made special advisor

to Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar, Mehbooba said Mishaal Malik was not a terrorist.

"I am not an advocate for Mishaal Malik but she is not a terror convict. Her husband Yasin Malik is. She is not like Sadhvi Pragya," she said, referring to the BJP MP from Bhopal who is under trial for 2008 Malegaon blasts.

"Pakistan is rewarding people who they think are serving their agenda here. What is the government doing with Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah? The BJP needs to understand this. They are dishonouring Sheikh sahib who

worked for accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India. Shame on BJP," the PDP president told reporters here.

On Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's claim that China had seized Indian territory in Ladakh, Mufti said it was a claim made by the locals of the area, not Gandhi.

"China has entered Indian territory and grazing land has been put off limits for the

people of Ladakh. China has occupied 1,000 sq km of this grazing land. This is not what Rahul Gandhi is saying but what people of Ladakh are claim-

ing. "So many rounds of talks have failed so far to push China back," the former Jammu & Kashmir chief minister said. Mufti also hit out at DPAP chair-

man Ghulam Nabi Azad for his saying that most Indian Muslims were converts from Hinduism.

"He is speaking the same language as Sangh. They also say that ancestors of most Indian Muslims were Hindus and that Muslims should do 'ghar wapsi'.

"Today the Indian Muslim is insecure. A Muslim man married a Hindu girl, the parents of the man were lynched. Muslims are being killed in trains, their houses are being bulldozed." she said

He said that the issue has been raised by the community repeatedly at all available platforms, but there is little re-

demand of setting up an SIT.

serious matter".

J-K unit of BJP, told reporters erty" to evict unauthorised occupants of such property, he

IUST Bags Research Grant From NCW

Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) received research grant from National Commission for Women for "Examining the impact of Pradhan MantriUjjwalaYojana (PMUY) on cooking fuel choice and the health of women in Jammu and Kashmir".

Dr. Irfan Sofi, the Principal Investigator of the project, and his research team will assess the extent to which Pradhan MantriUjjwalaYojana (PMUY) scheme has helped in reducing the consumption of solid fuels for cooking, and evaluate the health benefits of

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the same for women particularly in rural areas of J&K. The findings from this project will be helpful in developing targeted interventions that increase the adoption of clean fuels and improve women's health outcomes in Jammu and Kashmir.

Prof.Shakil A Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST congratulated the team and emphasized on the importance of conducting research in areas of societal importance. Prof. Mohammad Shafi Sofi, Head Department of Economics also complimented Dr. Irfan for the grant and emphasized that such efforts are essential in evolving research based solutions

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of the toll plaza in Sarore.

Some activists even tried to

damage the plaza. However

police and paramilitary forc-

es, which were deployed in

strength, dispersed them.

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Activists of the Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) on Monday held a protest demanding the removal of Sarore toll plaza on the Jammu-Pathankot highway in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir. Following the protest, ve-

hicular movement remained suspended for several hours on the highway.

Led by YRS chief Vikram plaza.

Singh, hundreds of activists held A protestor said the toll plaa protest against the functioning za has been set up in violation of the rules.

Speaking on the issue of the Sarore toll plaza on Sunday, the Lieutenant Governor had said that the concern of the people was genuine.

The activists then sat on "I have discussed the issue dharna demanding a written with the chairman NHAI and the matter will be resolved in assurance from the governthe coming days," he had said. ment for removal of the toll

unprofessional conduct by a Hos-

pital Doctor being made by circu-

trict Hospital clarified that the

video has been taken out of con-

text and is intended to defame

and mislead the public. A state-

ment of Chief Medical Officer

(CMO) Dr M Y Mir asserted that

the incident has been grossly

misrepresented. The objective

of this misinformation appears

to be to tarnish the reputation of

Dr. Mohammad Ashraf MS Or-

tho, possibly driven by ulterior

involves an emergency situation

where the doctor on duty was

attending to a critical epileptic

patient in the casualty. The pa-

tient's immediate medical needs

'The incident under question

motives, he stated.

lating a video on social media. Refuting the claims, the Dis-

Ashraf MS Ortho acted promptly KISHTWAR: District Hospital to provide the necessary care. Kishtwar has refuted claims of It is important to note that the doctor's actions were focused on the patient's well-being, even in the face of distractions caused by the person shooting the video.

The video's authenticity is questioned as the person recording the incident was asked to leave the area due to disruptions hindering the doctor's ability to perform his duties effectively. This action was taken to ensure the patient's safety and proper medical attention" the CMO said. He further reassured the public that the medical staff, including Dr Mohd Ashraf, MS Ortho. is deeply committed to delivering high-quality healthcare services. The Hospital Administration has appealed to the public to disregard false information and refrain from contributing to unnecessary panic.

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN KUNZER

Corrigendum to Advertisement notice no. 04 CDPO-Kunz of 2023 Dated:-16-08-2023 for the Post of Anganwardi Helper (Sahikayas) published on 16-08-2023,

Please read No. of Panch Ward/MC Ward as 04'inst ead of 03 for the Panchayat Halqa Larkipora AWC Allahpora. Also here to mention that selection for the post of AWHs (Sahikayas) will be done on pure merit basis for married candidates. In case no married candidate is available in the Panchayat Ward then the preference will be given to meritorious unmarried candidate who would apply for the post as the same order has been issued Social Welfare Department Civil Secretariat, J&K vide communication no. SWD-ICDS/43/2022 Dated:-14-08-2023. Other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged. **Child Development Project officer** No.:-CDPO/Poshan/Adv/2023/566-567

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DT: 21/08/2023

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ELECTRIC KPDCL DIVISION SHOPIAN

EXTENSION No.1

Due to poor response, the date of submission of bids, in respect of e-NIT No. EDS/E-TENDER/23 OF 2023-24 DATED 07/08/2023 for Creation/Augmentation of Substations at various location under the jurisdiction of Sub Division Chitragam and Shopian KPDCL Div Shopian under PRI/DDC Grants 2023-24 is here by extended as:-

1	Seek Clarification End		21.08.2023; 13:00 Hrs
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For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-Tenders in two cover system valid for 180 days, are invited from reputed and experienced Mechanical contractors/other firms / SSI unit holders/ workshop holders duly registered for the below mentioned works:-.

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LG Manoj Sinha on I-Day Function in Srinagar which was attended by thousands after a gap of two decades

Kashmir's Complex Calm

to But does this make for a normalcy? It is not an easy question by to answer. What we are witnessing is more like an extended absence of violence and unrest, laced with a sense of uncertainty. Though militant violence returns to the scene now and then, it has not detracted from the larger drift of normalcy.

visitors were pilgrims.

Looking back at the last four years, the two trends have largely undergirded the current calm: one is the steady decline in the militancy and another is the growth in tourism. As for militancy, the number of militants, according to an estimate, has dwindled to less than 50. Over 550 militants have been killed in the region, most of them local youth, since the withdrawal of Article 370. By this yardstick, if there was no replenishment either locally or from across the border, the militancy could very well be on its way out.

However, the occasional spikes in militant violence in Jammu division since 2021 have confronted the security forces with a different challenge. A lowkey revival of militancy in the region is seen as an attempt by Pakistan to shift the theatre of war away from Kashmir which has the highest concentration of troops. But it is also true that overall militancy has remained strictly within the manageable levels. It hasn't escalated to a point where it could tip the union territory into turmoil again. The Lieutenant Governor L G Sinha was referring to this fact when he recently said in an interview that in the last four years "Kashmir has travelled a distance" that no one could have imagined. He said that the government had framed a roadmap of the next 25 years about the changes going to happen in the union territory, which he didn't elaborate.

And given the prevailing situation on the ground, Sinha wasn't far from truth - atleast in its broad features. The oncevaunted separatist conglomerate Hurriyat has become extinct. Many of the grouping's top leaders continue to be in jail or are under house arrest. This has hobbled its capacity to organize any political activity.

But even if the separatist leaders were free - and some of them are free - the situation would hardly be different. The government has outlawed any sign of separatist activity in whatever form and disproportionately raised the costs for any leader or an activist to go out and champion the cause.

Where do we go from here? It looks unlikely things would go back to square one - atleast in the immediate past. The union government has come up with an administrative template to pacify Kashmir that it seems loathe to let go. Hence, perhaps the delay in holding Assembly elections. With around eight months to go before the general elections, there is no sign that the Assembly polls will be held in the UT during this period. And as

Drug Epidemic The growing substance abuse in Jammu and

Kashmir is once again in news. More so in Kashmir Valley where according to the Director General of Police Dilbagh, the drug addiction is now a bigger challenge than even militancy. Kashmir, it is said, is now on way to becoming new Punjab. According to data from India's Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, approximately 8 percent of the population, roughly 10 lakh residents, are drug addicts. This alarming situation calls for urgent attention and comprehensive solutions to combat the widespread abuse of drugs such as heroin, cannabis, opioids, and sedatives.

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Of all the substances being abused, heroin stands out as a particularly alarming concern. Not only does its consumption impose a significant financial burden on addicts, but the practice of sharing needles and syringes has also given rise to the spread of dangerous infections like HIV and hepatitis C. The complexity of the crisis lies in its multifaceted origins, where poverty and unemployment play a pivotal role in pushing many young individuals into the clutches of addiction. The ongoing conflict in the region has also exacerbated this crisis, fostering an environment of fear and instability that further fuels substance abuse.

In a bid to curb this crisis, law enforcement agencies have taken significant steps. Over the course of 2022, nearly 1,700 alleged drug peddlers were apprehended in Kashmir, with 1,021 cases registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. Despite these efforts, the impact on the ground remains limited, as youth continue to resort to psychotropic substances, barbiturates, and sleeping pills.

To fully understand the underlying factors that lead Kashmiri youth towards drugs, one must acknowledge the long-standing political conflict that has plagued the region for over three decades. The youth, who bear the brunt of this conflict, face an alarming unemployment rate of 24 percent. A significant portion of this demographic comprises uneducated and unskilled individuals who feel disillusioned and bereft of opportunities. The perpetual political uncertainty and the cumulative effects of the past decades have fostered a deep sense of hopelessness, pushing young people to seek solace in drugs as a means to alleviate their frustration.

While it is tempting to lay the blame for this crisis solely on the region's political turmoil, it is crucial to recognize the collective societal responsibility in addressing the problem. The availability of prescription drugs in the union territory also contributes to the severity of the issue. Pointing fingers solely at the political conflict absolves us from taking shared accountability in rectifying the situation. A united effort is essential to face this formidable challenge head-on.

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August 10 in response to a debate on the non-confidence motion moved by opposition, the home minister Amit Shah made it clear that India wouldn't hold dialogue with "Pakistan, Jamaat or Hurriyat." Days before, Shehbaz Sharif, now former Pakistan Prime Minister, had made an offer to India to resume dialogue. And as home minister's reaction shows. New Delhi feels now no need to engage Pakistan, let alone Hurriyat or Jamaat.

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What is more, the home minister termed the revocation of the Article 370 as a turning point in Kashmir's history. He pointed out that the change in the status of Kashmir was not merely legal, but also a step toward a unified identity that got rid of the dual flags and two constitutions.

Other measures highlighted by Shah - and which according to him had transformed Kashmir included imposing restrictions on Hurriyat and Jamaat-e-Islami and removing separatist sympathizers from employment. He also referred to the government burial of militants, symbolizing a break from the past practice of publicizing funeral processions. It is true that four years af-

ter the reading down of Article

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Even if he is just testing the waters for another shot at the White House in the future, Ramaswamy has made quite an impact. First, his immense personal wealth — from a career as an investment banker and the biotech firm he founded — means that he can (and largely is) finance his campaign.

Second, as a young conservative – Ramaswamy is 38 he has articulated with clarity and a seriousness missing in Trump's views on the major fault lines in American politics. For example, while Ramaswamy is "pro-life", he has come out against a federal abortion ban. In a sense, Ramaswamy could perhaps mark the beginning of the post-Trump conservative. He is anti-war and, in what appears ironic at first glance, anti-immigrant: If elected, he has said that he will put an end to the war in Ukraine and deploy US resources on the southern border (with Mexico). The core of Ramaswamy's politics appears to be "anti-wokeism", which seems to be the plank on which many Republicans hope to sway middle-of-the-road voters. There is a millennial tone with which Ramaswamy attacks bogeys like minors undergoing gender reassessment surgery.

While appealing to the conservative Republican base, Ramaswamy also appears to have the ability to reach across the aisle. There have, of course, been other Indian-origin Republicans who have made a mark — Bobby Jindal and Nikki Haley, for example. Just as many South Asians in Britain are moving away from Labour, there appears to be less certainty about the community being a captive vote for Democrats. Ramaswamy is positioning himself as someone with a consistent and "independent" agenda that will allow him to work with both sides. And his immigrant origins — despite his positions — make it difficult for liberals to easily label him a bigot — as is the case with Trump. The question, however, is whether the Republican party and Ramaswamy can straddle political contradictions the way Rishi Sunak has in the UK: Is there room for a pro-market, anti-climate change, anti-migrant, anti-woke, non-Christian, Brown US President? The Indian Express

estimate, has dwindled to less than 50

370, the situation in Kashmir has altered beyond recognition, a prospect that appeared unthinkable earlier. On the face of it, the union territory looks like any other normal place. Kashmir Valley is no longer a witness to frequent protests, stone-pelting and shutdowns. Separatist politics has all but vanished. Tourism is booming, with over one crore tourists having visited the union territory in the last six months - albeit a substantial chunk of the things stand, there is little hope that they could be held even after the parliamentary polls. That is, should the BJP retain the power.

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Developing Reading Habits

am writing to express my deep appreciation for the power and significance of reading and to advocate for the habit of reading at least one book per month. In an era dominated by digital distractions and fleeting content, immersing oneself in a good book can be a transformative and enriching experience. Allow me to elaborate on the numerous benefits this practice holds for individuals and society as a whole.

First and foremost, reading a book a month nurtures our intellectual growth. Books are a treasure trove of knowledge, offering us an opportunity to delve into various subjects, explore different perspectives, and expand our understanding of the world. With each book we read, we gain new insights, acquire fresh ideas, and cultivate critical thinking skills. It is through reading that we can become more informed, well-rounded individuals capable of engaging in meaningful conversations and making informed decisions.

Furthermore, reading stimulates our imagination and creativity. Books transport us to different times, places, and worlds, allowing our minds to wander and soar beyond the confines of our daily lives. The pages of a book can ignite our imagination, encouraging us to think beyond the status quo, fostering innovation and inspiration in our personal and professional endeavors. It is within the pages of a book that we can discover new possibilities and unlock our own creative potential.

Reading also has profound emo-

tional and psychological benefits. Books serve as a medium to explore complex human emotions, delve into the depths of our own inner lives, and empathize with characters from diverse backgrounds. They can offer solace during challenging times, provide a sense of connection when we feel isolated, and evoke a range of emotions that enrich our own emotional intelligence. In a world where mental health is a growing concern, reading offers a therapeutic escape and an opportunity for personal growth and introspection.

In addition, reading a book a month fosters better communication skills. By exposing ourselves to a wide range of writing styles, we become more adept at expressing ourselves coherently and articulately. We learn to appreciate the nuances of language, enhance our vocabulary, and develop a more refined sense of grammar and syntax. These skills extend beyond the realm of reading; they are invaluable in our daily interactions, whether it's composing an email, engaging in a conversation, or crafting a well-structured argument.

Lastly, reading a book a month helps us disconnect from the constant barrage of digital noise and find respite in a slower, more contemplative pace. In a world where social media and instant gratification are prevalent, reading provides an antidote. It allows us to savor the written word, engage in deep concentration, and find a sense of peace and tranquility.

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TECHNOLOGYW WITH IMPACT

Farheen Wani

Society gives purpose to technology as technology is made to help man-for better or for worse. From the moment man picked up the first tool in his hand to aid him in his task, to where he is today with all the advancement he has accomplished, technology has always been there at man's disposal.

The symbiotic union of society and technology has led the world to improvements beyond expectation, and yet, the future still holds an untapped growth potential, especially in the area of digital technology.

Digital technology gives birth to making our world reachable with its augmenting information highways like the Internet and the net. Across it, we have reinvented the way we interact and communicate with emails, conference calls, and social media apps, among others. It has improved the lives of students and teachers with digitization in the education sector. It has saved thousands upon thousands of lives with advanced machinery and innovations that have been introduced to the health industry.

We could go on and on, but the baseline is that digital technology and society are in this synergistic relationship that will get stronger further into the future as we dive deeper into the 21st century.

Technology is around us everywhere, from simple devices like our smartphones, laptop, and TV to background tech that we don't notice. It isn't taking off anywhere anytime shortly, we hold to get familiarized with it. Once we get the hang of manipulating technology in a privileged manner, it can enhance our vitalities.

On the other hand, tech can also make our lives harder. Whether tech has a positive or negative effect on our lives, it all depends on how we use it.

Positives Impacts of Technology on Our Lives

Technology has, without a doubt, made all our lives easier over the past two decades. From connecting with people across the globe from the comfort of your home to running a full-fledged business without a physical space, technology has impacted our lives positively in several ways.

New technology continues to come out faster than we can keep up with. The purpose is to boost business and make the daily management of enterprises more systematic, structured, and successful.

Tech has boosted businesses by improving the hiring process, error-free collection and analysis of business data, and



Apart from creating unhealthy sleeping patterns, electronic devices can cause digital eye strain, poor posture, and increased inactivity, leading to health problems like obesity. Taking regular breaks from these devices can help you avoid these health problems. You can find a range of apps that remind you to take frequent breaks

better communication with clients and partners.

Additionally, tech has also changed the way we work remotely for the better. It is now commonplace for people to work from home. However, certain tech, like the cloud, has made it easier than ever to work whether you're at the office or not.

Advancements in tech have made it easier for more people to access the internet, resulting in online shopping being more popular now than ever.

Currently, most people prefer to shop online without leaving the house because of its sheer convenience. Instead of wasting hours in the shopping mall, tech makes shopping simple. A few of the benefits of online shopping include cheaper products, saved time, fuel, and energy, easier-to-find items, a wider variety online, and no added pressure.

One of the most downplayed areas of technology that has dramatically improved over the past few years is education. Technology has been beneficial for those in the business world, but it has impacted education in a big way.

A few examples include the availability of online courses, accessibility of web seminars, and unlimited online resources for research. Before tech, you'd have to physically go to class, attend a meeting or go to the library to do research. Now, education is easier for everyone, no matter where you live. Online classes have made it possible for all students to enroll without leaving their homes.

Today, you can find several great sites for free college courses online, such as Udemy—a fantastic website that offers thousands of free and paid-for courses to choose from. Whether you want to create virtual reality games or become a yoga instructor, Udemy has a course that's perfect for you.

In terms of technology, Udemy also offers a wide variety of great tech-related online courses. The categories available range from IT hardware and software to operating systems and network and security. So tech can help you master your chosen path and possibly broaden your career opportunities.

Most technology these days is created to improve businesses and generate profit. However, tech can also make our daily lives so much better.

Tech has made an immensely positive impact on the daily lives of everyday people. Some positive examples include improvements in the transportation system.

Negative Impacts of Technology on Our Lives

As much as we appreciate technology for the convenience it brought to our lives, several aspects of it have impacted our society negatively in more ways than one.

As technology advances, we are connected now more than ever, and it has become a huge part of our lives. That's why technology negatively impacts physical health.These physical health problems can be severe. Nevertheless, you can avoid most of them by creating healthy tech habits instead of bad ones.

Apart from creating unhealthy sleeping patterns, electronic devices can cause digital eye strain, poor posture, and increased inactivity, leading to health problems like obesity. Taking regular breaks from these devices can help you avoid these health problems. You can find a range of apps that remind you to take frequent breaks.

Job loss and downsizing are two significant adverse effects of technology. Because of advances in the tech field such as AI integration, automating and accomplishing tasks has become easy. In this day and age, most companies need to stay up to date with the latest technology, but in the process, low-skilled employees, like factory workers and cashiers, will be replaced.

Machines can now carry out tasks that only humans could do so far, which creates a massive shortage of jobs. The bottom line is that people aren't necessarily needed for work tasks anymore because of how efficient tech has become.

Technology grows incredibly quickly, so the digital devices and gadgets that we use have a short lifespan and become outdated in a matter of months. Since these devices are so important in our daily lives, we need to maintain and upgrade them regularly. Besides maintenance and upgrades, these pieces of tech may just become outdated and pushed aside by newer, more advanced versions.

Overall, tech is amazing, and it has changed the world for the better, from improving our daily lives to building better businesses. The majority of the adverse effects of technology stem from its misuse.

The way we choose to utilize tech can help or harm ourselves and others. Instead of blaming the tool, we need to use technology in a healthy, more disciplined way. By doing this, technology can continue to benefit our lives.

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Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg: Dance Of The Buff Billionaire Boys

Monica Hesse

The hypothetical brawl of two middle-aged tech billionaires reached new and embarrassing levels earlier this week when Elon Musk threatened to show up at Mark Zuckerberg's home uninvited and fight him.

"For the Tesla FSD test drive in Palo Alto tonight, I will ask the car to drive to [Zuckerberg's] house," wrote the owner of X, which is what Musk has renamed Twitter. Musk promised to simultaneously "test latest X live-stream video," so viewers could "monitor" the "adventure" in real time: "If we get lucky and Zuck ... actually answers the door, the fight is on!"

In reply, a spokesman for Zuckerberg told the Verge, a tech publication, that "Mark is travelling right now and isn't in Palo Alto. Also, Mark takes this sport seriously and isn't going to fight someone who randomly shows up at his house."

God, there are so many things wrong with this, not the least of which is that there are multiple ways to settle a score in the old style of manly men — 10 paces at high noon, bum rush at the tailgate, a publicity stunt involving Joe Rogan — but being chauffeured to your enemy combatant's empty mansion by a driverless car is none of those ways. If your epic showdown risks being short-circuited by a spokesman clarifying that nobody is home, dude, you are planning the world's stupidest duel. Funniest person wins!

How we got here: After years of richpeople mini-feuds between Musk and Zuckerberg (in 2016, a SpaceX rocket exploded while carrying a Facebook satellite worth



tens of millions of dollars), things came to a head this summer when Musk snarked online about Zuckerberg's planned launch of a competitor to X called Threads. One of Musk's followers then joked that he should be careful because Zuckerberg knows ju-jitsu. Musk then responded that he was "up for a cage fight." Zuckerberg then screen-captured Musk's post, writing, "Send me location."

Then – yes, then, I'm so sorry, but this back story goes on – Musk proposed finding a location owned by the Ultimate Fighting Championship, and the UFC got extremely excited. The organisation's president, Dana White, claimed that he had spoken to both billionaires and that they were "dead serious" about moving forward. Musk posted a video of himself lifting dumbbells. ("This is me curling a 45, so there you go.")

Zuckerberg posted a photo of himself, midgrapple, in his "backyard octagon," part of his own private "Friday Morning Fights" series: "Good times," he wrote. This went on for weeks.

At one point, the country of Italy was involved? At one point, Musk's 75-year-old mother was involved? She suggested online, using the mommest emoji possible, that violence was wrong and that the two plutocrats should fight "with words only ... Funniest person wins."

At any rate, plans for an actual fight never came to fruition. Musk hemmed and hawed and said he might have to get back surgery. Zuckerberg apparently tired of waiting for a confirmed date and location, and Musk released a text message that he said Zuckerberg had sent him: "I don't want to keep hyping something that will never happen, so you should either decide you're going to do this and do it soon, or we should move on." On Sunday, Zuckerberg posted a public statement on Threads that reiterated the sentiment.

A restless competitive impulse

But we had not moved on, for one day later, Musk was proposing his drop-in at Zuckerberg's house.

People who know something about handto-hand combat seem to think it's pretty clear that Zuckerberg would win an actual competition. Not only is he more than a decade younger than Musk, but in recent years he has also studiously revamped his physique from computer geek to bio-hacked physical specimen, training with professionals in mixed martial arts and borrowing Navy SEAL workouts that involve hundreds of pull-ups, push-ups and squats while wearing a weighted vest.

To be fair, it's not clear that Musk thinks he could win or that winning is even the point. "I have this great move that I call 'The Walrus', where I just lie on top of my opponent & do nothing," he posted in June. The position he seems more interested in is not the position of victor but of the man who could win, if he wanted to, except he has this back injury, which is too bad, because he would win, but also he's just doing this all for the lulz, but also he would definitely win, if he wanted to.

Zuckerberg's biggest mistake was taking the bait to begin with. He made the fatal error of responding to trolling with sincerity, talking about how he wanted to bring attention to mixed martial arts and elevate the sport's talented professional athletes.

Musk seemed more interested in sick burns.Whoever is more at fault for this cringe spectacle, there is something unseemly and deeply weird about being here at all, caught in this peacocking masculinity crisis of the 0.001 per cent. One of the main points of being a billionaire is that your money does the fighting. You don't need to slug someone; you can throw your weight around via mergers and acquisitions, buying compounds, buying yachts, trying to buy elections, launching yourself into space.

What we have witnessed, dragged out through the summer, is the realisation that for a certain breed of billionaire, none of this will be enough. Maybe they are pulled, toward or away from each other, by something primal. Something primal and octagonal. Something that tells the world they've already conquered that they are not just Great Men of Business, but they are also very, very strong boys.

Something that assures them that, notwithstanding their geeky origins, nobody can stuff them in a locker. Maybe it's just boredom - a restless competitive impulse in search of a fresh outlet.

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Platelets Can Replicate Benefits Of Exercise In Brain, Study Finds

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cientists have found that an injection of specific blood molecules can replicate the benefits of exercise in the brain, paving the way for potential new treatments for age-related cognitive decline in Alzheimer's disease patients.

The study, published recently

in the journal Nature Communications, found that platelets, the tiny blood cells critical for blood clotting, secrete a protein that rejuvenates neurons in aged mice in a similar way to physical exercise.

'We know exercise increases the production of new neurons in the hippocampus, the part of the brain important for learning and memory, but the mechanism hasn't been clear," said Odette Leiter from the University of Queensland (UQ) in Australia.

"Our previous research has shown platelets are involved, but this study shows platelets are actually required for this effect in the aged mice," Leiter said in a statement.

The study focused on exerkines, the biological compounds released into the bloodstream during exercise, which are believed to stimulate the exercise-induced response in the brain.

'We discovered that the exerkine CXCL4/Platelet factor 4 or PF4, which is released from platelets after exercise, results in regenerative and cognitive improvements when injected into aged mice," Leiter said. The findings have significant

implications for the development of

drug interventions.

"For a lot of people with health conditions, mobility issues, or of advanced age, exercise isn't possible, so pharmacological intervention is an important area of research," said Tara Walker from UQ's Queensland Brain Institute.

'We can now target platelets to promote neurogenesis, enhance cognition and counteract age-relat-

ed cognitive decline," Walker said.

The researchers said the next step is to test the response in Alzheimer's diseased mice, before moving towards human trials.

"It's important to note this is not a replacement for exercise. But it could help the very elderly or someone who has had a brain injury or stroke to improve cognition," Walker said.

Digital Puzzle Games Can Boost Memory In Older Adults: Study

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lder adults who digital play puzzle games have the same memory abilities as people in their 20s, a new study has shown.

The study, from the University of York, also found that adults aged 60 and over who play digital puzzle games had a greater ability to ignore irrelevant distractions, but older adults who played strategy games did not show the same

cluded older and younger adults playing digital games that they would normally play in their 'real lives'

This resulted in a wide range of games to be tested alongside a digital experiment that required participants to memorise images, whilst being distracted.

"Puzzle games for older people had this surprising ability to support mental capabilities to the extent that memory and concentration levels were the same as a 20 year-olds

improvements in memory or concentration. Working memory is

thought to peak between the ages of 20 and 30 before slowly declining as a person gets older.

"A lot of research has focused on action games, as it is thought that reacting quickly, keeping track of targets and so on helps attention and memory, but our new analysis shows that the action elements do not seem to offer significant henefits

who had not played puzzle games," said Dr Joe Cutting from the University of York's Department

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of Computer Science. Older people were however more likely to forget elements committed to memory whilst being distracted if they played strategy only games, and young people were less successful at focusing attention if they played only puzzle games. Future study could fo-

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Admission to NEET-UG-2023 Courses in ASCOMS under Managements Quota of Subject: Hindu Minority (HM) /Non-Resident Indian (NRI) seats. Removal of deficiencies, Counseling thereof:

Reference: Notification No.055-BOPEE of 2023 Dated: 10.08.2023

Notification No. 066-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 20-08-2023

Consequent upon the issuance of Notification No. 055-BOPEE of 2023 dated: 10.08.2023 the candidates belonging to Hindu Minority/NRI categories submitted their documents for respective categories up to 16^{th of} August, 2023. As a pre-requisite the said documents of the candidates were checked and verified on 18th of August, 2023 by the Committee constituted for the purpose. After the verification of documents submitted by the candidates it has been found that all the candidates (Annexure-A) who have applied under Hindu Minority Quota except one candidate who failed to submit the relevant documents up to 16th of August, 2023, are eligible for consideration under the said Category.

While as the candidates who have applied under NRI category as mentioned in (Annexure-B) to this Notice, it has been found that documents of only Sixteen (16) candidates out of the total of Twenty-Seven (27) are complete in all respects, whereas documents of Ten (10) candidates have been found deficient and one (01) candidate is rejected as mentioned against each in the (Annexure-B) to this Notification. The list of candidates whose documents are deficient in one way or the other is also available on the BOPEE website www.jkbopee.gov.in as (Annexure-B) to this Notification. The candidates in their own interest are advised to clear the deficiencies as shown against their names, by or before 23-08-2023 (till 01:00 p.m.).

Further, the list of all the candidates, who have applied for HMQ with remarks is also available on the website of the Board viz (www.Jkbopee.gov.in) as (Annexure-A) to this Notification for information of the candidates.

The counseling for Management Quota of Hindu Minority (HM) and NRI Quota Seats shall be held during the Second Round of Physical Counselling as and when notified by the Board. Hence, all eligible candidates are advised to remain in touch with the Official Website of BOPEE regularly for latest updates in this regard

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S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the candidate	NEET Rank	NEET Score	JK UT Rank	Residence Proof (Y/N)	HM Form Status (OK/DE)	Deficiency of certificate (if any)
1	2501200274	KRISHNA SINHA	38319	585	389	YES	OK	NIL
2	2510020047	EKLAVYA MAHAJAN	40140	582	410	YES	OK	NIL
3	2501050120	SAKSHAM VOHRA	46069	574	477	YES	OK	NIL
4	2501070239	ADITYA SHARMA	50360	568	534	YES	OK	NIL
5	2510020218	PARESH PUROHIT	51736	566	548	YES	OK	NIL
6	2501050011	AKSHIT KUMAR	52309	565	558	YES	OK	NIL
7	1601020313	RATUL SHARMA	52844	565	567	YES	OK	NIL
8	2501080241	DYOTIT CHOUDHARY	54489	562	590	YES	OK	NIL
9	2501070472	DANISH SHARMA	55481	561	603	YES	OK	NIL
10	2501190186	HRITHIK MANHAS	55817	560	606	YES	OK	NIL
11	2501030323	SHREYA GUPTA	56171	560	613	YES	OK	NIL
12	2501070155	ANSHUL VERMA	58062	558	645	YES	OK	NIL

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Annexure-A to Notification No. 066-BOPEE of 2023 HINDU MINORITY(HM) CANDIDATES Dated 20-08-2023

S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the candidate	NEET Rank	NEET Score	JK UT Rank	Residence Proof (Y/N)	HM Form Status (OK/DE)	Deficiency of certificate (if any)
76	2501060096	RAKSHITA MAHAJAN	135842	474	1521	YES	OK	NIL
77	2510020306	ARUSHI SHARMA	139025	471	1541	YES	OK	NIL
78	2509020281	BHOOMIKA MISRA	139973	470	1544	YES	ОК	NIL
79	2510010400	ROHITAKSH GUPTA	140134	470	1547	YES	ОК	NIL
80	2501180104	ADITYA SAINI	146171	465	1594	YES	ОК	NIL
81	2501200248	SHRIDUL NAG	154047	458	1649	YES	ОК	NIL
82	2506010233	SIMRAN GUPTA	159905	453	1697	YES	ОК	NIL
83	2501130394	BAVNEET KOUR	160203	453	1700	YES	ОК	NIL
84	2501130191	SHINE GUPTA	165241	448	1741	YES	ОК	NIL
85	2501050256	TVISHA KOHLI	171865	443	1791	YES	OK	NIL
86	2501240253	NANDAN NARINDER BALI	175635	440	1810	YES	ОК	NIL
87	2501210202	ANSHUMAN CHAND	178751	438	1829	YES	ОК	NIL
88	2501060306	ROHAN PANDITA	191337	428	1917	YES	ОК	NIL
89	2510010018	KRIPI KALSOTRA	196211	424	1951	YES	ОК	NIL
90	2501030125	SITAKSHI KHAJURIA	197372	423	1960	YES	OK	NIL
91	2506010077	SURYA DEV SINGH	197589	423	1963	YES	ОК	NIL
92	2501140228	MOKSHIKA SHARMA	198004	423	1965	YES	ОК	NIL
93	2506010731	ANIKA SHARMA	198014	423	1966	YES	ОК	NIL
94	2510010125	JASMEET SINGH	200034	421	1982	YES	ОК	NIL
95	2501180125	SAMREEN KOUR	207397	416	2037	YES	ОК	NIL
96	2506010837	PRANVI SHARMA	209043	415	2052	YES	ОК	NIL
97	2501010099	MONAL BHAT	210268	414	2063	YES	ОК	NIL
98	2501130284	ADHARIKA GUPTA	216086	410	2105	YES	ОК	NIL
99	2501140138	MAAHI SABHARWAL	216404	410	2108	YES	ОК	NIL
100	2501120375	KAREN RANGROO	220339	407	2145	YES	ОК	NIL

HINDU MINORITY(HM) CANDIDATES

Annexure-A to Notification No. 066-BOPEE of 2023

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. No.	Roll No.	Name of the candidate	NEET Rank	NEET Score	JK UT Rank	Residence Proof (Y/N)	HM Form Status (OK/DE)	Deficiency of certificate (if any)			
101	2506010455	NIHARIKA SHARMA	228700	401	2202	YES	ОК	NIL			
102	2501040445	PRANAYA MAHAJAN	230123	400	2212	YES	ОК	NIL			
103	2501180215	CHIRAG BALOTRA	242425	392	2298	YES	ОК	NIL			
104	2501010651	MEHAK BHAT	247120	389	2328	YES	ОК	NIL			
105	2501240009	VIDHAYANSHI CHOUDHARY	251468	386	2352	YES	ОК	NIL			
106	2501220154	SAMRIDHI LAMBA	255523	384	2371	YES	ОК	NIL			
107	2501100010	VANYA SURI	258011	382	2386	YES	ОК	NIL			
108	2001330531	EVA MATTAS	258657	382	2392	YES	ОК	NIL			
109	2501100099	DAKSH GUPTA	265991	378	2423	YES	ОК	NIL			
110	2509020167	ISHIKA	268978	376	2440	YES	ОК	NIL			
111	2501070264	KRISHA RAINA	270731	375	2449	YES	ОК	NIL			
112	2501100371	MANEESHA DEVI	295546	360	2568	YES	ОК	NIL			
113	2501010475	ANWESHA JASROTIA	296981	360	2572	YES	ОК	NIL			
114	2001180564	AYUSHI BHAGAT	316133	349	2665	YES	ОК	NIL			
115	2501230004	KRITI MAHAJAN	329928	342	2728	YES	ОК	NIL			
116	2501010398	DIYA MATTOO	363588	325	2856	YES	ОК	NIL			
117	2509020195	PRATHAM DEEP SINGH	371849	322	2887	YES	OK	NIL			
118	2501020359	PREKSHAA GUPTA	374944	320	2905	YES	ОК	NIL			
119	2501070294	SHREYA	387828	314	2944	YES	ОК	NIL			
120	2501070024	SHUBHRA SHARMA	443090	290	3124	YES	ОК	NIL			
121	2501010391	RAAGYA RATHORE	456290	285	3156	YES	ОК	NIL			
122	2501080244	KUMUD RANI	516514	262	3261	YES	ОК	NIL			
123	2501190181	RIYANSHU ROY	563509	246	3336	YES	ОК	NIL			
124	2501170105	NITTIN BAKSHI	616289	229	3415	YES	ОК	NIL			
125	2501070200	VIHAAN SOPORI	651522	218	3471	YES	ОК	NIL			

to younger adults," said Dr Fiona McNab from the University of York's department of Psychology. The study, published

in the journal Heliyon, in-

ference between impacts of types of games depending on the age of a player and if this is connected to how the brain stores information as people age, the authors wrote.

HINDU MINORITY(HM) CANDIDATES Annexure-A to Notification No. 066-								f 2023	
	25	2501150090	PRITIKA SLATHIA	84146	526	975	YES	OK	NIL
	24	2501080362	DEEPAK GANDOTRA	83094	527	960	YES	OK	NIL
	23	2501090153	RITIK SINGH	81989	529	948	YES	OK	NIL
	22	2501090193	VANSH ROHMETRA	79880	531	923	YES	OK	NIL
	21	2510010282	SHAGUN SHARMA	77342	534	904	YES	ОК	NIL
	20	2501110099	PARMARTH SHARMA	75096	537	874	YES	ОК	NIL
	19	2501020235	SHIVANSH UPPAL	71547	541	827	YES	OK	NIL
	18	2501030131	HEMANSH KOTWAL	71128	541	822	YES	OK	NIL
	17	2501200077	OJAS SURI	69252	544	804	YES	OK	NIL
	16	2501030489	RAKSHIT MAWA	64201	550	733	YES	OK	NIL
	15	2501030583	KETAN SINGH	63844	550	726	YES	OK	NIL
	14	2501210218	ANKIT SINGH	61385	553	695	YES	OK	NIL
	13	2501020028	UTKARSH GUPTA	58746	557	654	TES	OK	NIL

	Dated 20-08-2023											
S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the candidate	NEET Rank	NEET Score	JK UT Rank	Residence	HM Form Status (OK/DE)	Deficiency of certificate (if any)				
126	2501140258	LOUKIK SHARMA	666708	214	3500	YES	OK	NIL				
127	2501200235	TANISHA DEVI	703907	203	3547	YES	OK	NIL				
128	2502080173	PALAK SETHI	726340	197	3579	YES	DEF	Hindu Minority Certificate not submitted				
129	2501130041	SUSHEEN BHAT	780798	184	3626	YES	OK	NIL				
130	2501050059	MATRIKA SHARMA	873051	163	3696	YES	OK	NIL				
131	2501020536	ADIL MAHAJAN	894684	159	3712	YES	OK	NIL				

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Annexure-A to Notification No. 066-BOPEE of 2023

The J&K Board Of Professional **Entrance Examinations (BOPEE)**

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Subject: - Admission to DNB (Broad Speciality) Courses, 2023--Extension of dates for submission of the Application forms thereof.

Notice No. 026-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 20-08-2023

In continuation to the Notification No.053-BOPEE of 2023 dated 10.08.2023, it is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that in view of the inadequate response received against the ibid Notification, the Board has accordingly decided to extend the last date for submission of the Application Forms for the DNB (Broad Speciality) course,2023 for the Inservice candidates from 21.08.2023 to 28.08.2023.

The other Terms and Conditions as already stipulated in the above mentioned Notification issued on the subject by the Board shall, however, remain the same/unchanged.

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Sd/-Controller of Examinations **J&K BOPEE** No: BOPEE/Exam-22/2023

DIPK-NB-2726/23 Dated: 21-08-2023

S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the candidate	NEET Rank	NEET Score	JK UT Rank	Residence Proof (Y/N)	HM Form Status (OK/DE)	Deficiency of certificate (if any)
26	2501080016	PRIYAL GUPTA	84375	526	977	YES	OK	NIL
27	3905120416	EKAKSHARA SHARMA	84484	526	979	YES	OK	NIL
28	3905190181	VIDITA SHARMA	84801	525	980	YES	OK	NIL
29	2501180068	ADITYA SADOTRA	85702	525	989	YES	OK	NIL
30	2001260566	SARTHAK GUPTA	85849	524	992	YES	OK	NIL
31	2501160403	BHARTI SHARMA	86760	523	1003	YES	OK	NIL
32	2501040565	VARANPAL SINGH	87846	522	1026	YES	OK	NIL
33	2501040174	ARIEKA RAINA	88067	522	1029	YES	OK	NIL
34	2501050003	SUGAURI GUPTA	90322	519	1060	YES	ОК	NIL
35	2501140236	ABHINANDA SHARMA	90547	519	1065	YES	OK	NIL
36	2501080221	Mokshya Mahajan	91806	518	1078	YES	OK	NIL
37	2501030109	AKSHITA SADOTRA	92454	517	1089	YES	OK	NIL
38	2501050544	VANDITA GUPTA	92500	517	1092	YES	OK	NIL
39	2501220036	DEVYANSH SINGH	94940	514	1120	YES	OK	NIL
40	2501110187	SUHASINI GUPTA	95223	514	1126	YES	OK	NIL
41	1601020638	JAI ROY SINGH	96057	513	1131	YES	ОК	NIL
42	2501210260	SHUBAM SHAN	96574	513	1136	YES	OK	NIL
43	2510010159	SAHIL SHARMA	97491	512	1151	YES	OK	NIL
44	2510010091	SNORAV SAWHNEY	98766	510	1164	YES	ОК	NIL
45	2501120336	REEVAM BUCHA	99227	510	1168	YES	OK	NIL
46	2501180061	KAJAL JANDIAL	99782	509	1172	YES	OK	NIL
47	2501070345	ANKIT MANHAS	99944	509	1177	YES	OK	NIL
48	2510020216	SHAURYA BHATYAL	102647	506	1199	YES	ОК	NIL
49	2501050243	AKSHITA SHARMA	102766	506	1200	YES	ОК	NIL
50	2506010340	MANSI SINGH	103114	506	1204	YES	ОК	NIL

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S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the candidate	NEET Rank	NEET Score	JK UT Rank	Residence Proof (Y/N)	HM Form Status (OK/DE)	Deficiency of certificate (if any)
51	2501080418	KARAN KUMAR SARDALIA	103148	506	1205	YES	OK	NIL
52	2501150315	ANANYA SHARMA	104661	504	1216	YES	OK	NIL
53	2501010396	ASHNA SHARMA	106226	502	1234	YES	OK	NIL
54	2501210247	SAVNI GUPTA	106634	502	1242	YES	OK	NIL
55	2501040439	PARISHRUTI SHARMA	106764	502	1244	YES	OK	NIL
56	2501200023	ARIHA SHARMA	107635	501	1258	YES	OK	NIL
57	2501060106	LAGANPREET KOUR	109760	499	1277	YES	OK	NIL
58	2501200283	DEVANSH GUPTA	112398	496	1303	YES	OK	NIL
59	2501010308	GURMEET SINGH	112449	496	1304	YES	OK	NIL
60	2501020022	AKSHAT GUPTA	112547	496	1306	YES	OK	NIL
61	2501040442	SHIVEN SHARMA	117348	491	1356	YES	OK	NIL
62	2501090397	ANIKET KASHYAP	117826	491	1362	YES	OK	NIL
63	2501180034	ARSHIYA JAIN	118443	490	1368	YES	OK	NIL
64	2510010135	APEKSHA	119114	490	1373	YES	OK	NIL
65	2501090343	SANAL KOHLI	120617	488	1386	YES	OK	NIL
66	2501120180	AVNI MAHAJAN	122969	486	1403	YES	OK	NIL
67	2501190221	SHRUTI THAKUR	123659	485	1411	YES	OK	NIL
68	2501150210	DIVITA BHAU	125308	484	1431	YES	OK	NIL
69	2501030011	SAKSHI SINGH RATHORE	126370	483	1444	YES	OK	NIL
70	2509010127	SUSHAIN SHARMA	126526	483	1446	YES	OK	NIL
71	4501050486	SAMRIN SINGH	127610	482	1456	YES	OK	NIL
72	2501130273	IPSA KOHLI	129414	480	1469	YES	OK	NIL
73	2501170095	DEVYE HANSVAHINI	131064	478	1484	YES	OK	NIL
74	2510010009	KHUSHI PANDITA	135346	474	1513	YES	OK	NIL
75	2509010163	KASHISH GUPTA	135560	474	1518	YES	OK	NIL

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S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the candidate	NEET Rank	NEET Score	JK UT Rank	Residence Proof (Y/N)	NRI Form Status (OK/DE)	Deficiency of certificate (if any)
19	2502020199	ABEER MUSADIQ	489421	272	3219	YES	DEF	Document establishing relationship of Ms. Urfata Gul with her father Mr. Ghulam Mohd Shah and document establishing relationship of Mr. Ghulam Mohd Shah with Mr. Ahmed -Ullah-Shah are not available.
20	2502090232	RAYAN ALTAF KAWOOSA	511500	264	3254	YES	OK	
21	2502140213	MEHROZ SAJJAD	545611	252	3301	YES	DEF	Document establishing relationship of Dr. Gulshan Ara with her father Late Sh. Syed Mohammad Amin is not available.
22	2508040164	IFRA SHIRAZ	590496	237	3374	YES	OK	
23	2502100114	SYED ROZAL SAJJAD	647651	219	3461	YES	DEF	Document establishing relationship of Dr. Gulshan Ara with her father Late Sh. Syed Mohammad Amin is not available.
24	2501180214	AKRITI CHOUDHARY	679934	210	3513	YES		Certificating authenticating relationships of Mr. Sanjee Kumar with Smt. Sita Rani, Smt. Sita Rani with Sh. Am Singh and Mr. Mohit Chowdhary with Sh. Surinder Sing are not available. The sponsorship letter and th undertaking are not attested by the Legal Authority of th country.
25	2501200235	TANISHA DEVI	703907	203	3547	YES		
26	2502050547	ZULKIFEL MOHAMMAD MURTAZA	846240	169	3680	YES		
27	2501030176	SAHREEN CHOWDHARY	586442	238			REJECTED	Although the candidate had registered herself through the online mode but had not uploaded any of the required documents as a result of which no UT Ran k was assigned to the candidate despite of giving an opportunity for clearing the deficiencies upto the cutoff date fixed by the Board. Hence her candidature shall not be considered under the NRI Quota.
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BUSINESS

Swiss Central Bank Receives Billions In Seized Iranian Funds From South Korea

Agencies

DUBAI- South Korean media revealed on 21 August that billions in seized Iranian funds were transferred to Switzerland's central bank last week before their eventual transfer to the Islamic Republic.

Citing an unnamed currency market source, South Korean financial news and data-providing company Yonhap Infomax said the Swiss bank plans



to exchange \$6 billion holdings in won for dollars and then euros, converting about 300 billion won (\$223.85 million) to 400 billion each day for next five weeks

Officials in Seoul declined to confirm the report citing the 'legal and diplomatic sensitivity of the matter."

Despite simmering tensions in the Persian Gulf between the Iranian and US navies, the two nations recently reached an agreement – mediated by a third country - for a prisoner exchange deal and unfreezing Iranian assets illegally blocked overseas.

On Monday morning, Iranian

foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said that the process of releasing US citizens held in Iran "will take a maximum of two months," roughly the same amount of time it will take Switzerland to exchange the assets released by South Korea.

Last week, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said the process to transfer Iranian assets from South Korean banks to a European bank started on August 10 and would be completed "in several phases" before being transferred to a "regional country," identified as Qatar by the Governor of the Central Bank of Iran (CBI) Mohammad Reza Farzin.

Despite the diplomatic advancements, US officials have warned that the White House will continue to police the use of Iran's sovereign wealth, with White House spokesman John Kirby saying on 11 August that the US would have "full vis-ibility" into where \$6 billion in Iranian funds released by South Korea will be directed and used. Moreover, US State Secretary Anthony Blinken said the deal "does not mean" that Iran would be getting any sanctions relief.

Iranian officials rejected these claims, however, saying that Iranian banks would have complete control and could use unfrozen assets to buy goods and services without any restrictions.

Tomato Prices Cooling Down With Fresh Arrival; Retail Prices In Range Of Rs 50-70 **Per Kg Now: Govt**



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government on Monday said tomato prices have fallen to Rs 50-70 per kilogramme with arrival of fresh crops in retail mar-kets and it will continue to sell tomatoes at a discounted rate till rates come down to a normal level.

Tomato prices had sky-rocketed to as high as Rs 250 per kg in the retail markets across the country due to unseasonal rains. "Tomato prices are ruling

in the range of Rs 50-70 per kg in retail markets across the country at present," Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh told PTI.

Prices have started cooling down with increase in arrival of the fresh crop in states like Madhya Pradesh, he added. On sale of tomatoes at a

subsidised rates, the secretary said the government will sell the commodity at the discounted prices in select states till the retail prices come to normalcy.

Cooperatives NCCF and NAFED have started selling tomatoes at a reduced rate of Rs 40 per kilogramme since August 20 amid declining price of the kitchen staple in wholesale and retail markets.

Since last month, the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) have been selling tomatoes at a discounted rate on behalf of the Consumer Affairs Ministry to contain the price rise. Initially, the subsidised rate was fixed at Rs 90 per kilogramme which had been successively reduced in line with the decline in prices in order to en-

sure benefits to the consumers. Tomatoes have been imported from Nepal as well to boost domestic supply and

bring down the price.

Onion Export Duty Is 'Timely' Move To Boost Domestic Supply, Check Price Rise: Govt

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government on Monday said the decision to impose a 40 per cent export duty on onions was not a "premature" but a timely move to boost domestic supply and control retail prices.

The statement comes amid farmers' protest at several places in Nashik district in Maharashtra against the 40 per cent duty imposed on onion exports. Traders are also against the imposition of the duty. "It is not a premature decision to impose export duty on onion. It is a timely decision taken to increase the domestic availability and check prices," Union Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh told PTI. Till the situation demands, Singh said the government will intervene with release of buffer onions in both the wholesale and retails markets in select states. On Saturday, the Centre imposed a 40 per cent duty on the export of onions amid signs of price rise as well as increase in outward shipments. The decision to impose export duty on onions for the first time ever is also aimed to curbing prices of the kitchen staple ahead of the festive season. In Delhi, retail prices of onions have touched nearly Rs 40 per kilogram, as per official data.

Currently, Singh said the government is releasing onions from buffer stocks in Delhi, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Assan

Nashik district, including at Lasalgaon, which is the largest wholesale onion market in India. However, APMC sources said onion auctions took place in Vinchur, which is also in the same district.

Apart from the export duty, the central government on Sunday announced it will procure an additional 2 lakh tonnes of onion in order to maintain a total buffer stock of 5 lakh tonnes this year.

For the current fiscal, the arget for onion buffer

AI Unlikely To Destroy Most Jobs, But Clerical Workers At Risk: ILO

Reuters

GENEVA: Generative AI probably will not take over most people's jobs entirely but will instead automate a portion of their duties, freeing them up to do other tasks, a U.N. study said on Monday.

It warned, however, that clerical work would likely be the hardest hit, potentially hitting female employment harder, given women's over-representation in this sector, especially in wealthier countries.

An explosion of interest in generative AI and its chatbot applications has sparked fears over job destruction, similar to those that emerged when the moving assembly line was introduced in the early 1900s and after mainframe computers in the 1950s.

However, the study produced by the International Labour Organization concludes that: "Most jobs and industries are only partially exposed to automation and are thus more likely to be complemented rather than substituted by AI." This means that "the most important impact of the tech-

nology is likely to be of aug-



menting work", it adds.

The occupation likely to be most affected by GenAI - capable of generating text, images, sounds, animation, 3D models and other data - is clerical work, where about a quarter of tasks are highly exposed to potential automation, the study says.

But most other professions, like managers and sales workers, are only marginally exposed, it said.

Still, the U.N. agency's report warned that the impact of generative AI on affected workers could still be "brutal".

"Therefore, for policymakers, our study should not read as a calming voice, but rather as a call for harnessing policy to address the technological changes that are upon us," it said.

India's Foreign Trade Crosses USD 800 Bln Mark In First Six Months Of 2023: GTRI

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: A healthy growth in India's services segments has helped the country's total exports and imports of goods and services to cross the USD 800 billion mark during the first half of 2023, despite a slowdown in global demand, think tank GTRI said in a report on Monday.

According to the analysis of the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), exports of goods and services rose by 1.5 per cent to USD 385.4 billion during January-June this year, as against USD 379.5 billion in January-June 2022.

Imports, however, dipped by 5.9 per cent to USD 415.5 billion during the six months of this year, as against USD 441.7 billion in January-June 2022.

"India's foreign trade (exports and imports of merchandise and services) reached USD 800.9 billion during January-June 2023, exhibiting a decline of 2.5 per cent over the same period last year (January-June 2022)," the report said. Standalone, goods exports dipped by 8.1 per cent to USD 218.7 billion, while imports contracted by 8.3 per cent to USD 325.7 billion. On the other hand, services exports during the six months period grew by 17.7 per cent to USD 166.7 billion, while imports rose by 3.7 per cent to USD 89.8 billion. "Data is showing modest decline due to weak global demand and losing competitiveness in labour-intensive sectors. The decline in merchandise exports happened despite appreciating INR (Indian Rupee).

INR/USD exchange rate appreciated from 76.16 in April 2022 to 82.18 in Apr 2023," GTRI Cofounder Ajay Srivastava said.

He said the world trade outlook for 2023 is weak due to a number of factors, including the ongoing war in Ukraine, high inflation, tighter monetary policy, and financial uncertainty.

"But these factors will soon be overshadowed by a spate of new subsidies and protectionist measures by the EU and USA. For example, in the first seven months of 2023 alone, the EU has introduced five regulations on climate change and trade, each of these are essentially measures to curb imports," he said.

India should continue to focus on increasing product quality and supply chain competitiveness, he said, adding since every big country is into inward mode, India should not surrender its policy space especially in new issues in FTAs free trade agreements) and

Observer News Service grammes and other allied schemed to create an ecosys-GANDERBAL: The School of tem that supports startups and entrepreneurs," he said, adding these initiatives collectively aim to create a conducive envi-

CUK Celebrates World

Entrepreneurship Day

Business Studies (SBS), Central University of Kashmir (CUK) Monday celebrated the "World Entrepreneurship Day," by organising an event "Idea Pitching, Business Plan Competition and Expert Panel Discussion," wherein the students interacted with the owners of successful business ventures of the Valley.

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mad Nikka, Head Department of Management Studies, Prof. Abdul Gani, Head Department of Commerce, Dr. Mehraj ud Din Shah, CEO, FastBeetle, Mr. Sheikh Samiullah, founder, efruit mandi, Mr. Ubair Shah, Coordinator Deptt of Tourism Studies, Dr. Ashaq Hussain Najar, faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Fayaz Ahmad Nikka, said, the promotion of entrepreneurship has been a priority for the Government of India. "The Union government has launched Startup India, Atal Innovation Mission, Make in India, Skill Development Prohusiness venture owners and the ways and means to tackle them.

ronment for entrepreneurship,

promote innovation, and drive

the economic growth in India.

Prof. Nikka said the objective of

organising such programmes

is to sensitise the students

about the challenges and dif-

ficulties faced by the successful

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Abdul Gani said, the day is to celebrate those who have achieved success in their business ventures through persistent hard work, dedication and commitment. "These successful individuals not only change their lives, but also become a role model for others who intend to take up entrepreneurship as their career," Prof. Gani said. He said the primary objective of organising such events is to inculcate entrepreneurial temper among the students and orient their mind to take up the challenges associated with the start-ups.

In the last two days, 2,500 tonnes of onions were sold at a subsidised rate of Rs 25 per kg in Delhi-NCR, he added.

The Centre's decision was also prompted by a surge in onion exports.

Between April 1 and August 4 this fiscal, 9.75 lakh tonnes of onions have been exported from the country. The top three importing countries in value terms are Bangladesh, Malaysia and the UAE.

Earlier in the day, traders decided to close onion auctions indefinitely in all the Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMCs) in the

kept at 3 lakh tonnes, which has already been procured. Currently, the same buffer stock is being disposed of in the targeted markets in select states to improve the local availability and check price rise.

The National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) have been directed to procure one lakh tonne each to achieve the additional procurement target alongside calibrated disposal of the procured stocks in major consumption centres.

Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF).

He suggested the government be ready to use targeted and precise retaliation to counter unilateral policy decisions like CBAM (carbon border adjustment mechanism) or EU Deforestation Regulation.

India has done this effectively in 2019 by raising tariffs on the US products when the US in 2018 raised tariffs on steel and aluminium, he said.

The report stated that 11 of 29 product categories contributing to 25 per cent of India's exports registered positive export growth during January-June 2023, over the same period last year.

EPFO Adds 17.89 Lakh Net Members In June

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Retirement fund body EPFO has added 17.89 lakh members on net basis in June 2023, a labour ministry statement said on Sunday.

The data reveals that 3,491 establishments have extended social security coverage of EPFO to their employees by remitting their first ECR during the month.

Month-on month comparison of payroll data shows a growing trend in enrollment with an increase of around 9.71 per cent net members over the previous month of May 2023, the ministry stated.

The overall remittance also testifies the highest numbers in the last 11 months, since August 2022.

The data indicates that around 10.14 lakh new members have enrolled during June 2023 which is the highest since August 2022, it stated.

Among the newly joined members, the age-group of 18-25 years constitutes 57.87



per cent of total new members added during the month..

This demonstrates an increasing trend in youth enrollment, who are mostly firsttime job seekers joining the organized sector workforce of

the country, it stated. Payroll data suggests that approximately 12.65 lakh members exited but rejoined EPFO.

These members switched their jobs and re-joined the establishments covered under EPFO and opted to transfer their accumulations instead of applying for final settlement thus, extending their social security protection.

Gender-wise analysis of members during the month. payroll data represents that out of the total 10.14 lakh new members added during the month, around 2.81 lakh are ing the month.

Dir Agri Visits Vegetable Growing Areas Of Zone Qamarwari

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Monday visited Vegetable Growing areas of Zone Qamarwari in Srinagar district.

During the visit, the Director interacted with the progressive vegetable growers of the area. He expressed satisfaction and said that the 3rd batch of different vegetable crops produced under controlled conditions is ready to reach the markets. He said this would fetch the concerned farmers a good return for their produce. He said the interventions by the department for the promotion of vertical expansion is gaining ground and more and more farmers are getting attracted towards the vertical expansion.

Director asked the concerned officers to work for the effective implementation of different projects under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme for socio-economic transformation of the farming community of J&K. The department and farmers must work in close coordination as a team so that the set targets under different projects could be achieved time bound, he added. Director said that amid inclement weather conditions in different states of the country there is huge demand for Kashmir vegetables outside the union territory. He asked the farmers to put in all the efforts for maximising the production of different vegetable crops. He impressed upon the concerned field officers to ensure that every technical guidance is provided to the farmers during their endeavours.

Field Visit/ Survey On Current **Status Of Apple Leaf Blotch Miner Infestation In Kashmir Held**

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SRINAGAR: A team from Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, Faridabad, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India along with team of Scientists from Division of Entomology, Faculty of Horticulture, and SKUAST-K; Head KVK Pulwama; Head KVK Anantnag and Department of Horticulture, J&K visited ACHD Zainapora, Babapora, Awaneera and Wachi villages of Shopian and Kangikullah village of Kulgam on 17th August, 2023, Gopalpora, Acchabal, Kulgad villages of Anantnag and Khandeypora, Chakoora, Wasoora villages of Pulwama on 18th August, 2023, Nasrullah Pora village of Budgam on 19th August, 2023 to check the occurrence/infestation of apple leaf blotch miner (ALBM) under special survey.

The team from Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, Faridabad, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India comprising Dr. V.D. Nigam, DD RCIPMC Faridabad, Dr. Mithlesh Kumar Arya, AD CIPMC Jammu, Sh. Haroon Rashid Hakla, APPO (PP) CIPMC Srinagar and Kawal Nain Singh, SA CIPMC Srinagar along with a team of Scientists from Division of Entomology, Faculty of Horticulture, and SKUAST-K; Dr. Barkat Hussain (Professor); Dr. Abu Manzer (Professor); Dr. Khurshid Ahmed Assistant Professor, ARS Pahnoo; Dr. Mudasir Gani Assistant Professor ; Head KVK Pulwama; Head KVK Anantnag and Department of Horticulture, J&K (Mohd Shafi Dar and other officials) took stock of the situation and interacted with farmers about the level/ year of infestation, management strategies adopted and the involvement of Govt. agencies in eradication of this insect pest.

The team observed that there are varying levels of infestation of ALBM in managed/unmanaged apple orchards of these areas, maximum infestation was observed in unmanaged orchards while as less infestation in managed orchards and farmers are adopting management strategies as per SKUAST-K and Department of Horticulture.

female members, joining EPFO for the first time. The percentage of female

members joining the organized workforce has been the highest in the last 11 months. Also, the net female member addition during the month

stood at around 3.93 lakh. which is also the highest since August 2022

State-wise analysis of payroll data denotes that net member addition is highest in the 5 states of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Gujarat and Haryana. These states constitute around 60.40 per cent of net member addition, adding a total of 10.80 lakh

Of all the states, Maharashtra is leading by adding 20.54 per cent of net members dur-

NEWS

Baby killer nurse Lucy Letby sentenced to whole-life term in UK

London, Aug 21 (PTI) Neonatal nurse Lucy Letby, convicted as the most prolific child serial killer in modern British history, was on Monday sentenced to a whole-life term by a UK court for killing seven babies and attempting to murder at least six others while working at a hospital in northern England.

Justice James Goss removed any early release provisions from the whole-life sentence order, saying the exceptionally serious nature of her crimes meant that the 33-year-old will spend the rest of her life behind bars.

Letby was last week found guilty of the murder of seven newborn babies and also found guilty of seven counts of attempted murder relating to six other babies at the Countess of Chester Hospital in northern England between June 2015 and June 2016.

In his sentencing remarks, Justice Goss said the nurse had acted in "gross breach of trust" and with "premeditation, calculation and cunning" as he handed down the tough custodial sentence at Manchester Crown Court

"You acted in a way that was

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people get land and houses, distress

is a common reaction of some people," Sinha said at the three-day "National

Thematic Workshop on Localisation of

(LSDGs) Sustainable Development Goals in

The LG highlighted the "changes" that have

"People ask what has changed? Street vio-

taken place in Jammu and Kashmir over the

lence has been completely wiped off. Shops,

schools and colleges are not closed due to

anyone's dictatorship. People did not believe

that they would come back to their home

alive at the end of the day, this was the situ-

ation here. But today restaurants are open till

10 pm and we can see young people enjoy-

ing themselves near Dal Lake. These are the

Earlier in his address, Sinha welcomed the

He said the deliberations on exemplary

strategies, convergent actions and best practices aligned with Localisation of Sustainable

Development Goals over the three days will

representatives of Panchayats, stakeholders

and domain experts from across the country

non-locals have been given land.

ple have been killed," Sinha said.

completely contrary to the normal human instincts of nurturing and caring for babies and in gross breach of the trust that all citizens place in those who work in the medical and caring professions," said Justice Goss.

"The babies you harmed were born prematurely and some were at risk of not surviving but in each case you deliberately harmed them, intending to kill them," he said.

On Friday, a jury at the same court had handed down a guilty verdict at the end of a 10-month trial, following which Indianorigin consultant paediatrician Dr Ravi Jayaram spoke out about the alarms he and his colleagues had raised at the Countess of Chester Hospital where the nurse committed the crimes.

"I do genuinely believe that there are four or five babies who could be going to school now who aren't," Dr Jayaram said after the verdict.

Letby enhanced the anguish of the parents whose babies were murdered or attacked by refusing to attend her sentenc-

ing hearing. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak condemned the nurse as "cowardly" for this, adding



that his government is looking at changing the law to compel guilty criminals to face their victims after being found guilty. "I think, like everyone reading about this, it's just shocking and

harrowing. Now, I think it's cowardly that people who commit such horrendous crimes do not face their victims and hear first-hand the impact that their crimes have had on them and their families and loved ones," said Sunak

"We are looking and have been at changing the law to

make sure that that happens, and that's something that we'll bring forward in due course," he said.

The murder trial heard how Letby deliberately injected babies with air, force fed others milk and poisoned two of the

infants with insulin. Many of the parents impacted by her crimes addressed the court with their victim impact statements ahead of the sentencing, with tearful mothers speaking of their trauma at discovering how their babies suffered as they breathed their last.

The judge noted that the nurse, now convicted as one of Britain's worst serial killers in history and only the fourth woman to be handed a wholelife term, "relished" being in the intensive care unit where she took an interest in "uncommon" complications and targeted twins and triplets.

"The impact of your crimes has been immense Loving parents have been robbed of their cherished children. You have caused deep psychological trauma," said Justice Goss.

"There was a malevolence bordering on sadism in your actions. During the course of this trial you have coldly denied any responsibility for your wrongdoing. You have no remorse. There are no mitigating factors," he said, explaining the factors that determined her tough sentence without any prospect of parole. Whole-life orders are the most severe punishment available and are reserved for those who commit the most heinous crimes, the BBC reported.

The UK's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), which was able to prove the case against Letby after months of intense evidence gathering, expressed relief that the nurse had finally been brought to justice.

"My thoughts remain with the families of the victims who have demonstrated enormous strength in the face of extraordinary suffering. I hope that the trial has brought answers which had long eluded them," said Senior Crown Prosecutor Pascale Jones.

"These were tiny, vulnerable newborn babies that she should have been caring for. She will never leave prison," added Cheshire Police, which led the murder investigation.

Meanwhile, a senior manager in charge of nursing when Letby murdered and seriously injured babies in her care has been suspended from her current role.

Alison Kelly, serving as nursing director at the Northern Care Alliance until recently, has now been suspended "in light of information" that emerged during the Letby trial.

'Eye Flu' Rises

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.

The flu can infect any person of any age group and to stop the spread of the infection, touching eyes should be avoided, especially unwashed hands. They advised for maintaining optimal hygiene and frequent hand washing with soap for at least 20 seconds, particularly after touching the face or contaminated surfaces

They added that with timely treatment and preventive measures, the eye flu spread can be stopped.

They further added 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.

SC Junks 'Misconceived'

before the constitution bench," it said. "The present petition is misconceived and

is accordingly dismissed," the top court said. Article 35-A, which was incorporated in the Constitution by a 1954 Presidential Order, accorded special rights and privileges to the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir and barred people from outside the state from acquiring any immovable property in the state.

It also denied property rights to a woman who married a person from outside the state.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre decided to strip the erstwhile state of Jammu and

Kashmir, and with his help established a godown at Chandpora, Budgam in 2012 before leasing it out to the FCI. He is also facing a probe for allegedly grabbing land measuring over 2 kanal of a Srinagar resident, on which he raised a part of the FCI godown.

Terror Activities

Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019, and bifurcated the erstwhile state into Union territories of J and K, and Ladakh.

According to the official data, eight grenade and 13 improvised explosive device (IED) attacks were recorded in the Jammu region post the abrogation of Article 370. Four grenade and seven IED attacks were recorded from October 27, 2015 to August 4, 2019.

The casualties in IED blasts increased by 73 per cent from three in 2015-19 to 11 in 2019-2023.

On comparing the pre-and-post-abrogation period of nearly four years, the incidents of terrorist initiated stand-off fire and hit and run cases witnessed an increase of 43 per cent from four to seven, while the incidence of terror recruitment has gone up by 39 per cent from eight to 13, it stated.

However, there has been an appreciable decline in the casualties of civilians and security forces in the terror attacks in the past nearly four years. Against 11 civilian killings from October 27, 2015 to August 4, 2019, there was a 63 per cent decrease with seven civilian killings reported post the abrogation of Article 370.

The casualties among the police and the security forces in terror attacks marked a decrease of 13 per cent. While 29 personnel lost their lives and 32 others were injured in various attacks post the abrogation Article 370, the figures stood at 33 deaths and 42 injuries from October 27, 2015 to August 4, 2019, stated the data.

He further said, "However, effective fire resulted in one terrorist falling down on the ground near the LoC. Additional troops were then moved into the area and search operations commenced in the afternoon after improvement of weather conditions and visibility."

A search of the area led to the recovery of an AK-47 rifle with two magazines, 30 rounds, two grenades and medicines of Pakistani origin.

"During the search, blood trails leading towards the LoC were also detected," he said and added, "As per intelligence inputs, the two terrorists who attempted to infiltrate were injured but still managed to return across the LoC and later succumbed."

Lt Col Bartwal said the Indian troops continue to remain on alert and maintain vigil to foil any infiltration attempts from across the border.

This was the second infiltration bid that the Army has scuttled along the LoC in Poonch this month.

On August 7, a self-styled divisional commander of the Hizbul Mujahideen and his bodyguard were killed when they attempted to infiltrate into the Indian side to revive the activities of the proscribed outfit in the district.

While the body of Muneser Hussain, the Hizbul commander, was retrieved along with a huge cache of arms and ammunition, that of his bodyguard could not be recovered as he managed to return to the other side of the LoC in the Degwar sector. (PTI)

Traffic Violators

He said good governance has been started in Jammu and Kashmir under the guidance of Sinha. "From all states of the country, public representatives are present. The prime minis-

ter of India always says that if a village develops, the country develops," Patil said. Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh, joined the conference virtually. He commended the UT administration for its efforts in strengthening the three-tier Panchayati Raj System in J&K.

"Meri Panchayat App"- an integrated and unified m-governance platform was also launched on the occasion.

'J&K To Get

got six proposals per day for setting up industrial units.

been receiving proposals for setting up six in-dustrial units every day," he added.

Sinha said the hospital and medical college project, which is estimated to come up at a cost of Rs 559 crore, was the second such project in the valley after Milli Trust launched a similar project earlier this year.

health sector and it will have a positive effect on other sectors and the overall economy as well. I am told that this project is also a kind of foreign direct investment. This is the second such project. We want to create such an industrial ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir which will fulfil the aspirations and dreams of

On the improvement in healthcare, Sinha aid the AIIMS at Jammu is by and large functional while the AIIMS in Kashmir, which is coming up at Awantipora in Pulwama district, is expected to start functioning from next year.

He said some leaders made statements that "I just want to ask members of panchayats who are here that just give me the name of even a single non-local person who has been given land. Those who are making such statements because of them 50,000 innocent peo-

Development Goals.

"If I take an average of two years, we have

"This is a reflection of our potential in the the youth here," he added.

make the governance at Panchayat level more effective and efficient

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given us a vision of 'Gram Uday se Bharat Uday' and it should be our sincere efforts to realise the limitless potential and possibilities of rural areas, to change the destiny of the country," he said.

He shared the efforts of the UT Government in the last three years to ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.

"Sustainable Development Goals can be achieved through transforming the villages and making them Aatma-Nirbhar. It is our firm resolve to make the PRIs empowered, stronger and ensure their increased participation in development initiatives," he said.

The UT administration, LG said, was making endeavours to transform Panchayats into the centers of economic activities and prosperity.

"The development projects are being taken as per the needs of the people and completed at a faster pace. Infrastructure development is bridging the gap between rural and urban I&K and timely completion of projects shows our rural society is becoming prosperous and growth is inclusive and sustainable," he added.

The LG also appealed to the people and all the stakeholder departments to work together on Panchayat Level indicators for good governance.

He said the government is ensuring necessary resources as well as giving Panchayats the responsibility of implementation to strengthen the solid foundation of inclusive development.

Reiterating the commitment of the welfare of the last man in the queue and improving the standard of living of rural population, the LG said that his administration was working to take necessary steps for effective and seamless public service delivery as well as benefits of government schemes and programmes to fulfill the aspirations of all the villages.

"Self-employment schemes and Self Help Groups founded and run by rural women have immense potential for making rural society self-reliant and to increase household incomes by creating more opportunities for employment and self-employment at the grassroots level," he said.

"In order to meet the housing needs of the poor, we have taken a concrete initiative to provide land to the landless and a pucca house," he added.

Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Kapil Moreshwar Patil, in his address stressed on the collective efforts of all stakeholders towards achieving the Sustainable

"The highest per capita investment for public healthcare is in Jammu and Kashmir. Efforts have been made to ensure healthcare facilities in far-flung areas as well. Under the Ayushman Bharat, every family in Jammu and Kashmir has got a health insurance of Rs five lakh," he said.

Arshid Bhat, director of the project, said the construction work on the project will commence from March next year.

"We planned this project two years ago. We will set up a 500-bed hospital and a medical college... All the specialties will be there and nothing will be left out," Bhat said. (PTI)

'Handloom Offers

is on the rise in industries and textiles at global level," he said.

Sinha said that the gift of handloom and handicraft artisans will bring joy and happiness to the global world.

Citing an example, he said that everyone witnesses how a simple piece of fibre is transformed into an art by the skilled artisans. "That is some kind of magic of those artisans."

"The government is focused on reviving various crafts of the sector in the global market," Sinha said.

He further said, "Despite challenges, post COVID-19 pandemic, Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (UT) is receiving more attention across the world in handicrafts and handloom sectors.

"In past three years, growth in the sector has improved the quality of life here," Sinha said, adding

"We need to work together to get it a rightful place in the international market."

The LG also said that the Jammu and Kashmir administration was also focusing on infrastructural development of handloom and handicraft sectors.

"We are witnessing a dawn of new era and peace. We welcome the investors from the nation and beyond," he said.

Sinha added, "Let's remember that this is not just an economic reformation but a diversity of vibrant culture and rich heritage that will continue to flourish."

Speaking about the tourism in Kashmir. Sinha said, "Last year, we hosted over 18 million tourists and this year from the past seven months, we have crossed 30 million tourists including the national and international visitors."-(KNO)

Kashmir of special status and bifurcate it into two union territories.

By abrogating Article 370, the central government had revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

A five-judge constitution bench headed by the CJI is hearing arguments on a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split the erstwhile state into two union territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

CRPF Inducts Hi-Tech

His visit included a close inspection of the newly inducted Wheeled Armoured Amphibious Platform (WHAP) vehicle. Strengthening our capabilities to ensure safe-ty & security."—(KNO)

Man Accused Of Rs 30 Cr

PC Act 1988 was registered with PS ACB Srinagar and investigation was taken up.

During the course of investigation, the spokesperson said, a team was constituted by the ACB that laid a successful trap and caught the accused weigher red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs 3500 from the complainant.

"The money was recovered from the accused on the spot. Moreover, before receiving the receipt of transported food-grain, the driver was asked by the godown owner to deposit an amount of Rs 1500 into his bank account," he said.

The Bureau spokesperson further said that several other drivers, who transport foodgrain for FCI, were also examined on the spot, who revealed that all the drivers are forced to pay bribes before their trucks are unloaded.

The drivers, he said, complained that they are "extorted money" at all the godowns of FCI, especially Lethpora, and their trucks are not unloaded timely and are made to wait long if they don't pay bribes.

"Almost all the drivers available on spot have paid some amount to the godown owner and weigher by one or the other way. Some of the drivers showed mPay screen shots depicting transfer of Rs 3000 each into the bank account of accused Abdul Majeed," he said.

"Further investigation into the case is going on. Role of the other involved persons associated with FCI Godown Chandpora is being investigated. More arrests are expected to follow in the instant case," he added.

According to reliable sources, Abdul Majeed Sheikh enjoyed patronage of a senior politician and a former Minister of Jammu and

There has been only one weapon snatching, 19 stone-pelting and 16 hartal and bandh calls -- showing 80 per cent, 62 per cent and 42 per cent decline, respectively, compared to the period of nearly four years prior to the abrogation of Article 370, it revealed.

Security officials said the terror-related incidents mostly remained restricted to the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, where over 65 terrorists were neutralised in various encounters over the past four years since August 5, 2019.

Talking to reporters here on Sunday, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha said the "360-degree security mechanism" has been strengthened in the Jammu division and all efforts are being made by the security grid to eliminate the terrorists' support system.

"The overall security situation in Jammu and Kashmir has already improved The J-K Police and other security agencies have started focusing on this region (Jammu) and achieved success against terrorists," Sinha said.

"We are following the policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and our administration is determined and committed to take stringent action against those associated with the terror ecosystem or facilitating terrorist, secessionist activities," he had said.

2 Infiltrators Killed

Lt Col Suneel Bartwal, a Jammu-based defence PRO, said, "Intelligence inputs received from multiple agencies and police revealed the presence of terrorists waiting to cross the LoC from opposite own Balakote sector. Based on these inputs, own surveillance grid was placed on heightened alert and multiple ambushes were sited at suitable location.

He said the alert troops detected the two Pakistani terrorists attempting to cross the LoC into the Indian side, taking advantage of the inclement weather, dense fog, thick foliage and undulating grounds in the Hamirpur area of Balakote early on Monday.

"As the terrorists approached own ambush sites, they were challenged and then engaged with effective fire. This forced the terrorists to flee from the ambush site by making use of the weather and ground conditions," Lt Col Bartwal said.

The ARTO Bandipora said that the traffic checking drive will continue in different parts of the district in coming days.

"During the checking, a fine of Rs. 28,000 was recovered from offenders and documents of some vehicles were seized. Moreover vehicles plying without HSRP were also seized." the spokesperson said.

Teenager Drowns

taken to a nearby hospital. The doctors there, referred him to SKIMS, Soura where he succumbed later—(KNO)

Bomb Scare At

Central Industrial Force and the aircraft, which was then in the hangar, placed in isolation, the police said.

Officials said the plane was searched for three hours but no explosives were found.

An airport official said the flight departed for Gatwick from Amritsar with 240 passengers.

Car Crushes Bihar

for carrying out medico-legal formalities. "Signal has been flashed to PCR for identi-

fication of the vehicle. In this regard FIR has been registered and investigation taken up," the official added.

Two Pak Smugglers

Kanganpur village and Sivna of Alipur village of Pakistan's Kasur district.

A BSF official said the troops noticed the movement of the Pakistani smugglers around 2.45 am on Monday.

The BSF and the Punjab Police were conducting a joint operation on the banks of the Sutlej river near Gatti Matar village on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday, he added.

He said the smugglers were carrying 26 packets (29.26 kilograms) of heroin.

The injured smuggler is being treated for a gunshot wound in his hand at a hospital, the BSF official said.

DGP Yadav said this is the eighth major heroin consignment seized by the Punjab Police in August, taking the total recovery of heroin to 142 kg in just 20 days.

Special DGP R N Dhoke said the internal security wing has seized 193 kilograms of heroin since January this year.

In the last 20 days in separate incidents, police had recovered eight kg heroin from Ludhiana, five kg from Tarn Taran, 12 kg from Amritsar, 77 kg from Amritsar and four kg from Amritsar.

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NEW DELHI: India on Monday recalled fit-again batters KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer to their one-day set-up for the Asia Cup, inching closer to finalising the squad for the home World Cup later this year.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Rahul (thigh) and middle order batter lyer (back) returned from injuries to join the 17-member squad led by Rohit Sharma for the Asia Cup to be co-hosted by Pakistan and Sri Lanka from Aug. 30. While Iyer's return is expected to end India's search for a set batter at number four, Rahul's ability to bat anywhere in the top and middle order, as well as his glovework, make him a limited-overs asset.

With pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah having made a successful comeback from back surgery in the current T20 series in Ireland, India have now gathered all their frontline players ahead of the World Cup. Chief selector Ajit Agarkar said it was a "no-brainer" that the 17-member squad picked for the Asia Cup pretty much included the 15 who would play in the

World Cup in October to November. Rohit's team will begin their Asia Cup campaign

against Pakistan on Sept. 2 at Pallekele. "As far as our preparations are concerned, this is the right tournament for us to test ourselves and perform under pressure," the India captain said.

Rohit said flexibility would be key to winning

the World Cup on home soil, like India did in 2011 under Mahendra Singh Dhoni. "I want to make sure that everyone is fine with batting anywhere. It's very critical in any format," the opener said. "Cricket is moving in a different direction. You need flexibility, you need guys who can step up in any position." "That is the message that has been conveyed to every

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Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja,

Shardul Thakur, Axar Pa-

tel, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit

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Every Player In This Team Is Hungry For Success: Babar Azam

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Press Trust of India

KARACHI: Exuding confidence, Pakistan skipper Babar Azam on Monday said the team's players are driven by a strong "hunger" for success as they set their sights on clinching the coveted Asia Cup and World Cup titles.

Fresh from their 4-1 home series win over New Zealand, Pakistan are currently in pursuit of the top spot in ODI rankings. They may very well dethrone Australia as the world's No 1 side with a 3-0 whitewash over Afghanistan in their Asia Cup build-up series be-ginning in Sri Lanka on Tuesday.

"Every player has a hunger to perform in this team. Every player wants to give matchwinning performances," Azam said in Hambantota on the eve of their three-match ODI series against Afghanistan. The series will be a prelude to their Asia Cup campaign.

"Recently we have had differ-ent player of the match award winners, which is a good sign for any team. When you perform in big tournaments, it boosts your morale as a team and as individuals and this team has performed well in the recent past. Bowlers win you big tournaments and I have faith in them to win us big tournaments," he said.

Pakistan may never have been defeated by Afghanistan in ODIs, but Azam acknowledged that the upcoming series could be challenging as their opponents would be coming from a 2-1 away victory in Bangladesh.

our preparations as we have big events in the Asia Cup and the World Cup coming up," said Babar, under whose captaincy Pakistan have won 17 out of 26 ODIs. "But, at the same time, we want to take one series at a time... It is always ben-

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conditions will definitely provide us an edge and help us get in the rhythm. The Afghanistan team is on the rise and they have some good bowlers. The fans will get to see some exciting cricket.

The series will conclude on August 26 before the team travels back to Pakistan to play the opening match of the Asia Cup against Nepal four days later.

Pakistan are looking to gain momentum from the series against Afghanistan who had lost to Sri Lanka at the same venue 1-2 in June.

Since the start of 2022, Pakistan have won 13 out of 17 matches and in May, they, for the first time in history, topped the ICC rankings for ODI sides

eficial for a team to get series ahead of major events. "That we are playing in Asian

Srinagar Premier League: Ali Jana Beats AG's Office 3-1



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DYSS Kick Starts National Sports Week Across Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) is celebrating National Sports Week from August 21 to August 29 to remember Hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand in all the 10 districts of Kashmir by organizing sports activities in many group events.

"All the sports zones of Kashmir-based districts were presenting a festive look on Monday as students and youth in large numbers were seen taking part in different games," the YSS said in a statement While providing details about the importance and relevance of the week, Joint Director Kashmir of Youth Services and Sports Department said that as the National Sports Day is approaching, the Department of YSS is dedicating the entire week to the Hockey Legend Major Dhyan Chand while engaging students and youth in numerous sports activities. "The Government has di-



rected our Department to tions across various zones. organize sporting events Zone Dangiwacha contics conte norary ducted an engaging trip of sports, indigenous sports etc. sports competitions, includas deemed fit as per age groups ing Badminton, 100m sprint, during the entire week which and the Lemon race. started today and shall con-Zone Nehalpora witclude on August 29th, 2023. nessed an equally fervent re-Based on groups format sponse, where 200 students instead of individual players participated in the Badminto bring the spirit of bondton, 100m sprint, and Lemon ing, unity and inclusiveness, race competitions. In Zone Sopore, 50 stucompetitions are being condents from different schools ducted in the entire divicame together to take part in the Badminton, 100m sprint, and Lemon race events

Inter School Cricket Tourneys Resume In Bijbehara

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Bijbehara resumed its Under-14 and Under-17 Inter School Cricket Tournaments 2023 on Monday at Sports Ground Jablipora and DPS Sangam.

The tournaments were earlier postponed due to celebrations of 15th August 2023. Both tournaments have been resumed from Monday with full swing at two venues in Zone Bijbehara.

A total of 128 students (64 in U-14 and 64 in U-17) from different Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools of Zone Bijbehara participated in the competitions. Four matches were played in both age groups.

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srinagar Premier League continued with one Round 11 match played on Monday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

Two high flying teams, Ali Jana FC and AG's Office XI, locked horns in the crucial late evening fixture.

The highly contested matchup was played on even terms until AG's Ôffice midfielder Hanan gave his side the lead in 41st minute. However, Ali Jana was awarded a penalty in 45th minute, which

Ali Jana boys came storming in the second half, and took the lead through Sahil in the 49th minute. AG's Office tried to bring themselves level but couldn't capitalise on their opportunities. Ilyas put the game to rest in 87th minute

to leave the game 1-1 at half tim

to give Ali Jana FC a 3-1 win. Sahil was awarded man of the match for his two goals.

Tuesday's matches: FC1 vs JK Bank Academy – Kick off 4:00 PM. Lonestar Kashmir FC vs ARCO FC – Kick off at 7:30 PM.

sion," he added. In District Baramulla, DYSS held various competi-

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Man United Lets Mason Greenwood **Leave Despite Closed Criminal Case**

The Associated Press

MANCHESTER: Manchester United said Monday that Mason Greenwood will leave the club despite a criminal investigation of possible attempted rape being closed by prosecutors six months ago. The 21-year-old England forward has not played for United since January 2022 and his future remained unclear during the club's own investigation.

"All those involved, including Mason, recognize the difficulties with him recommencing his career at Manchester United," the club said in a statement.

"It has therefore been mutually agreed that it would be most appropriate for him to do so away from Old Trafford, and we will now work with Mason to achieve that and United's own investigaoutcome." Greenwood said tion continued. it was "the best decision for us all ... to continue my football career away from Old and perspective of the alleged Trafford, where my presence victim along with the club's will not be a distraction for standards and values, and the club." Greenwood had sought to collate as much in-



formation and context as possible," United said

ling and coercive behaviour and assault relating to a Greenwood said he "did not young woman after images do the things I was accused and videos were posted onof." He added: "However, I fully accept I made mistakes line. Prosecutors in England closed their case in February, in my relationship, and I take my share of responsibility for the situations which led to the "Throughout, we have taken social media post. I intend to into account the wishes, rights be a better footballer, but most importantly a good father, a better person, and to use my talents in a positive way on and off the pitch."



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BAKU: Continuing his dream run, Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa on Monday stunned world No.3 Fabiano Caruana 3.5-2.5 via the tiebreak in the semifinals to set up a summit clash with world number one Magnus Carlsen of Norway at the FIDE World Cup chess tournament here.

After the two-game classical series ended 1-1, the 18-yearold Indian prodigy outlasted the highly-rated American GM in a battle of wits in a nervewracking tie-breaker.

In the final beginning on Tuesday, Praggnanandhaa will take on five-times title winner Carlsen, who beat Azerbaijan's Nijat Abasov 1.5-0.5 in his semifinal.

Praggnanandhaa becomes the third youngest player after the legendary Bobby Fischer and Carlsen to qualify for the Candidates tournament.

"I didn't expect to play Mag-



nus in this tournament at all because the only way I could play him was in the final, and I didn't expect to be in the final. I will just try to give my best and see how it goes!," he said after booking a spot in the summit clash.

"It feels really good to qualify for the Candidates; I really wanted to fix this spot.' With the two 25⁺+10" games ending at 1-all, Praggnanandhaa prevailed in the first 10'+10" game against Caruana to get within a draw of setting up a final clash with world No.1

Carlsen

In the first game of tie-break, the Indian GM withstood a lot of pressure from Caruana and held on for a draw in an exciting encounter. The second rapid game too saw a similar result, pushing the semifinals to the 10'+10' series.

Praggnanandhaa has been in a rich vein of form in the World Cup and his biggest scalp before Caruana was another American Hikaru Nakamura, the world No.2 and second-seed, following which he stopped compatriot Arjun Erigaisi.

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High Temperature Pushes "Zero Degree Line" To Record **Height In Switzerland**

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Geneva: A hot spell enveloping Europe has pushed the zerodegree line -- the altitude at which the temperature dips into the minus -- to a record height of nearly 5,300 metres (17,400 feet) in Switzerland.

The zero-degree line is determined by meteorologists using weather bal-loons that take off twice a day from Payerne in western Switzerland.

MeteoSwiss said the new height was clocked overnight from Sunday to Monday at 5,298 metres, "which constitutes a record since monitoring began in 1954".

The previous record of 5,184 metres was set on July 25 last year.

"The area known as the zero-degree isotherm is the threshold between air layers with temperatures above 0 degrees Celsius at lower altitudes and those with temperatures below freezing at higher altitudes," MeteoSwiss said.

-"Among other things, the zero-degree isotherm affects vegetation, the snow line and the water cycle, and so has a considerable impact on the habitats of humans, animals and plants alike," it added, calling the marker "an integral part of weather forecasts in the Alpine region".

> Agenceis Bengaluru: Ahead of the expected touchdown of Chandrayaan-3 mission's lander module on the surface of the Moon on Wednesday, former ISRO Chairman G Madhavan Nair kept

his fingers crossed and said it is a very complex manoeuvre and one has to be cautious as all systems have to work in unison for its success. Mr Nair, who headed the space

agency when Chandrayaan-1 mission was launched in 2008, said a successful landing would herald a big beginning for ISRO's next phase of planetary exploration.

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manoeuvre. We narrowly missed it (soft landing on the Moon in Chandrayaan-2 mission) in the last two kms (above the lunar surface)," he told PTI on Monday. "So there are a host of things

that have to work in unison... thrusters, sensors, altimeters, computer software and all those things. Any glitch happening anywhere...we can be in trouble," Mr Nair said.

"We have to be really cau-tious and watch. Of course, I understand that ISRO has done enough simulations and also redundancies have been built in so that chances of such failure are remote. Still, we have to keep our fingers crossed," he added.

According to ISRO, the lander module with the rover in its belly is expected to touch down on the Lunar surface around 6.04 pm on Wednesday.

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Mr Nair said: "Data we may collect from the (lunar) surface will be useful in identifying some minerals...rare minerals, if at all, helium-3 and so on. Also try to have some investigations as to what type of set up we can have near the lunar south pole either for exploration or human presence. It (successful soft-landing) is going to be a big beginning for ISRO's next phase of planetary exploration.

Scientists Trap Light Inside A Magnet, Paving The Way For **Revolutionary Applications**

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Scientists have discovered a way to trap light inside magnetic materials. This breakthrough can have significant implications for various applications, such as magnetic lasers, magneto-optical memory devices, and quantum transduction. The experiment involved cooling a crystal to extremely low temperatures and placing it in a powerful magnetic field. By doing so, the scientists were able to confine light within the crystal, essentially bending it around magnetic field lines. This remarkable achievement opens up new possibilities in the field of photonics and quantum computing.

The researchers, led by Vinod M. Menon and his team at the City College of New York, focused on a layered magnet that contains excitons, which are quasiparticles with strong optical interactions. This material has the ability to trap light on its own, resulting in much stronger optical responses compared to typical magnets. When an external magnetic field is applied, the material's reflection of nearinfrared light can change so dramatically that its color appears to change. This is known as a strong magneto-optic response.

Normally, light doesn't respond strongly to magnetism, which is why technologies that rely on magneto-optic effects often require sensitive optical detection methods.

However, this new discovery opens up possibilities for creating magnetic lasers and reevaluating concepts of optically controlled magnetic memory. "Ordinarily, light does not respond so strongly to magnetism," said Menon. "This is why technological applications based on magnetooptic effects often require the implementation of sensitive optical detection schemes."

In their new article in Nature, Menon and his research team have presented their findings on a novel layered magnet. This magnet exhibits unique properties, as it is capable of hosting strongly bound excitons, which are quasiparticles with exceptionally strong optical interactions. One remarkable feature of this material is its ability to trap light autonomously, without the need for external assistance. Through their experiments, Menon and his team have demonstrated that this material displays optical responses to magnetic phenomena that are significantly more powerful than those observed in conventional magnets.

"Since the light bounces back and forth inside the magnet, interactions are genuinely enhanced," said Dr. Florian Dirnberger, the lead-author of the study. "To give an example, when we apply an external magnetic field the near-infrared reflection of light is altered so much, the material basically changes its color. That's a pretty strong magneto-optic response.





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