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## **India Over The Moon As ISRO Scripts History**

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Bengaluru: In a giant leap for its space programme, India's Moon mission Chandrayaan-3 touched down on the lunar south pole at 6.04 pm on Wednesday, propelling the country to an exclusive club of four and making it the first country to land on the uncharted surface. ed surface.

India scripted history as ISRO's ambitious third Moon mission Chandrayaan-3's Lander Module (LM) touched down on the lunar surface on Wednesday, making it only the fourth country to accomplish the feat, and first to reach the uncharted south pole of Earth's only natural satellite. In a big boost to India's space

prowess, the LM comprising the lander (Vikram) and the 26 kg rover (Pragyan), made the soft landing near the south

CHANDRAYAAN-3 IS A FOLLOW-ON MISSION TO CHANDRAYAAN-2 AND ITS OBJECTIVES are to demonstrate safe and soft-landing on the lunar surface, roving on the Moon, and to conduct in-situ scientific experiments.

polar region of the Moon at 6.04 pm,,less than a week after a similar Russian lander

crashed. With this touchdown on moon in second attempt in four years, India has become the fourth country to master the technology of soft-landing on the lunar surface after the US, China and the erstwhile Soviet Union.

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Chandrayaan-2 had failed in its lunar phase when its lander 'Vikram' crashed into the surface of the Moon minutes before the touch down following anomalies in the braking system in the lander while attempting a landing on September 7, 2019. Chandrayaan's maiden mission was in 2008.

The Rs 600 crore Chandrayaan-3 mission was

launched on July 14 onboard Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM-3) rocket, for a 41-day voyage to reach near the lunar south pole.
The soft-landing took place days after Russia's Luna-25 spaceraft crashed into

Moon after spinning out of

The lander and the six-wheeled rover (with total mass of 1,752 kg) are designed to operate for one lunar daylight period (about 14 Earth days)

The lander with four legs, had multiple sensors to ensure a safe touchdown, including an accelerometer, altimeters, Doppler velocimeter, inclinometer, touchdown sensor, and a suite of cameras for hazard avoidance and positional

The lander carries the rover in a compartment with a ramp for deployment onto the surface.

### **New Flight Of** New India: PM Modi



s the nation exalted over the successful landing of ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 on the uncharted lunar south pole on Wednesday, leaders and eminent personalities hailed it as a momentous occasion for India and space More on P6

### **Went Through Lot Of Pain, Agony: ISRO Chief**



SRO Chairman S Somanath on Wednesday toasted the success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission, crediting it to the "pain and agony" of all the scientists who persevered on it, and expressed confidence that the >> More on P6

### LG Sinha, J&K **Parties Greet ISRO**



ammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and political leaders on Wednesday congratulated ISRO scientists on Chandravaan-3's successful landing on the Moon, which put India in a group of select nations that have mastered the >> More on P6

### **Special Prayers Offered At Hazratbal Shrine**

MAJID NABI

pecial prayers were held on Wednesdav at the revered Hazratbal shrine, here for the successful landing of Chandrayan-3 on the moon's South Pole. The special prayers, officials said, were organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Wakf Board at Hazratbal shrine, housing the holy relic of Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh). The prayers were held after Zuhr (noon) prayers at Hazratbal shrine with **→ More on P6** 

### 99% Intrusion **Bids By Pak** Foiled: DGP

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Asserting that 99 per cent infiltration attempts from Pakistan on the border have been foiled in Jammu and Kashmir this year, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Wednesday said the security agencies are fully alert and working to finish terrorism rather than just contain it.

He said the border security grid is "much stronger than ever" with the addition of "new elements" to scuttle any attempt from Pakistan to push terrorists and smuggle arms and narcotics.

"A number of encounters took place on the borders (in the recent past) which is a proof of the presence and alertness of our forces who are engaging them (infiltrators) at their place of choosing and neutralising them (before they manage to sneak into Jammu and Kashmir)." the DGP, flanked by Additional Director General of Police (Jammu zone) Mukesh Singh, told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

Security forces foiled several infiltration attempts along the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir and Poonch-Rajouri belt of Pir panjal in the Jammu region in the recent past, killing nearly a dozen infiltrators and seizing huge consignments of arms, explosives and narcotics over the past two months.

The police officers were present at a foundation-laying ceremony of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) headquarters at Sidhra by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Šinha. The six-storey building on over half an acre of land is likely to» More on P6

## Art-370 Has 'Self-**Limiting Character': SC**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Wednesday said there is "intrinsic evidence" that Article 370 has a "self-limiting character" and it seems to have worked itself out after the term of the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly ended in 1957.

five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud was hearing a batch of petitions challenging abrogation of Article 370 that accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Really speaking, though the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir framed its relationship with Union of India, unless that relationship was embodied

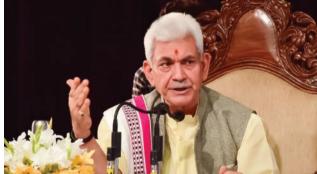
in the Indian Constitution, how will it bind the dominion of India or Parliament for successive years after 1957," the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul. Gavai and Surya Kant, said.

to senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for one of the petitioners Soayib Qureshi, who has challenged the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate the provision.

The bench posed questions

CII Chandrachud said in his view, Article 370 has two terminal points--first in clause 2 where it has been said that all decisions taken prior to the existence of the constituent assembly shall be placed for its approval and second, in proviso to clause 3, → More on P6

# US Likely To Lift Travel Advisory On J&K: LG



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a significant development, Jammu Kashmir's Lieutenant Manoj Sinha Governor Wednesday said that the United States was likely to rollback the negative travel advisory on the UT in the wake of the improving situation in Kashmir.

Addressing the gathering at Raj Bhawan Jammu after laying the E-foundation stone for the restoration of the holy shrine

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of Shiv Khori. The project has been handed over to JSW group that will add new facilities at the shrine which will increase

the tourist influx as well. "A few days ago, I met two officials from the United States Embassy. They expressed gratitude to me for the improved situation and stated that they could see the huge change in the Kashmir situation. I urged them if they really feel the change, they should help in removing the negative >> More on P6

### Reaffirms **Admin's Resolve Of Corruption-**Free J&K

he Union Territory

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday reiterated his administration's commitment to effectively combat corruption to fulfil the resolve of a corruptionfree' Jammu and Kashmir. Sinha was speaking to officers after laying the foundation stone of the **Anti-Corruption Bureau** (ACB) headquarters in Sidhra area here. "With this new beginning, the government reaffirms its commitment to effectively combat corruption to fulfil the resolve of corruption-free Jammu and Kashmir," he said.>>

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**UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi,** we are working with the resolution of 'Vikas Bhi Virasat Bhi', where development work and growth go hand in hand."

## **Panel Formed To Examine** 'Model Prisons And **Correctional Services' Act**



**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: The Union Territory administration on Wednesday granted approval for the formation of a committee tasked with examining the 'Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2023.'

Headed by the Director General of Police (Prisons), the committee has been assigned the responsibility of reviewing the provisions of the "Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2023" and recommending necessary changes and modifications, accompanied by justifications. This task will also take into consideration the feedback received from various sources regarding the draft Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2023.

Additionally, the committee has been entrusted with

studying the provisions of the "Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2023," with the aim of proposing any required amendments to the provisions outlined in the Prison Manual, 2022. This information is detailed in an official order.

The committee's members will comprise a representative from the PHQ, not below the rank of SSP, nominated by the DGP, J&K; a representative from the CID, not below the rank of SSP, nominated by the Special DGP, CID, J&K; a representative from the Department of Law, Justice & P.A., not below the rank of Addl. Secy., nominated by the Secretary, Department of Law, Justice & PA, and a representative from the Prosecution Department, not below the rank of DD(P), nominated by the DG, Prosecution. (GNS)

### **No Intention To Touch Spl Provisions Of N-E: Centre**

Constitution related to the North East or any other region, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the Supreme Court on Wednesday, and deprecated any attempt to "create such apprehensions". He made the submission before a five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, when advocate Manish Tewari said

there are apprehensions that special provisions related to the North East-

ern states may also be done away with in the manner in >> More on P6

he Centre has no intention to touch any special provisions of the

## **LG Congratulates**

ieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has congratulated the youngsters who have qualified the J&K Public Service Commission's Combined Competitive Examination (CCE)

**CCE-2022 Qualifiers** 

-2022. In a tweet the Lt Governor said: "Congratulations to all those youngsters who successfully cleared the J&K Public Service Commission's Combined Competitive Examination (CCE) -2022. I firmly believe you will provide strength to our resolve of Viksit J&K UT. I wish everyone a bright future."

### **Rs 5K Fine For Feeding Monkeys In Sikkim**

he Sikkim government's Forest, Environment and Wildlife department has said that feeding of monkeys or improper disposal of food waste will be treated as an offence and violators will be fined Rs 5,000. It said that monkey (Macaque species) is a protected species, and feeding it is strictly prohibited under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the Environment (Protection) Act 1986. The Chief Wildlife Warden of Sikkim, Sandeep Tambe in a public notice dated August 19 said "This is to highlight an important matter that concerns the safety and well-being of all of us. Human feeding >> More on P6

### **Electric Shock Kills Factory Owner**

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tomato factory owner on Wednesday died after receiving an electric shock in Kunzar area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Magbool Hajam was working at his tomato factory in Lolpora village of Kunzar on Wednesday afternoon when he received an electric shock, reports said. Hajam died of electrocution even before he could be rescued and shifted to the hospital for treatment. Meanwhile, after completion of medico- legal formalities, his body was handed over to his family members for performing last rites.

### **Air Chief Reviews LCA Project**

ir Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari has reviewed the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) project as the delivery of the Mk-1A variant of the indigenously developed jet to the Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to start in February next year. He described the project as the "flag bearer" of India's self-reli-

ance in the aerospace sector and emphasised on the need to incorporate the lessons learnt from it into future defence projects. The Chief of Air Staff carried out the review of the LCA Tejas project at the Air >> More on P6

### **Man Injured In Jammu Blast**

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man was injured on Wednesday when some lowintensity explosive material, used for illegal hunting of animals, went off inside a house here, a senior police officer said. The blast took place at Chatha on the outskirts of the city and further investigation is on, Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police Chandan Kohli said. Quoting initial investigation, he said the explosive material of low intensity was kept in the house for illegal hunting of animals. >> More on P6

### **Youth Found Dead In Rajouri**

youth was found dead on Wednesday in Kotranka area in Rajouri district, officials said. They said that the body of Shabir Ahmad, son of Shakeel Ahmad, a resident of Samote Budhal was found lying opposite to Jamia Masjid Kotranka. "A police team reached the site soon after and took the body into its possession", they said. Confirming it, SHO Kotranka Shakil Manhas told a local news agency GNS that they have registered a case under section 174 CRPC to ascertain the cause of death of the youth.



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## KASHMIR OBSERVER 7 Srinagar | Thursday | 24-08-2023

**NORTHERN RAILWAY Notice Inviting Tender** Sr.DEE/TRD/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the works as under. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date **15.09.2023** at **15.00 Hrs.** only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered. Website Name of work Cost of Date & time Earnest Completion period for submission **Particulars** Washing Lines at Chheharta and Amritsar 15.09.2023 15.09.2023, 2,36,21,985.28p 2,68,100/after 15:00 Hrs. ww.ireps.gov.i Months 15:00 Hrs stations Firozpur division Electrification of TRD- Washing Lines FZR- at Katra (SVDK) 15.09.2023 2,06,36,366.59p 15.09.2023, after 15:00 Hrs. ww.ireps.gov.ii stations 15:00 Hrs. Firozpur division

Note: # Tenderer(s) may please note that offers received without Bid Security either in cash through e-payment gateway or as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents (as per Annexure-21 valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period, will be considered as incomplete & invalid offer and for whic contractor shall have no claim on Railway.

No.: 508A & 509A-TRD-FZR-2023-24 Dated: 22.08.2023 2611/2023

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### Office Of The Registrar (Academic Section) Main Campus, Shalimar, Srinagar-190025

Subject: Document Verification/Counselling in respect of eligible candidates for provisional selection/admission to One Year BHT Training course under Domicile of UT of J&K & UT of Ladakh for the Session 2023-24

### NOTICE

It is notified for the information of all concerned eligible candidates, who had appeared in UET (BHT) - 2023 on 05/08/2023 and have obtained points/marks not below 45 in the said UET, in response to Admission Notice No. Au/ Acad/BHT/23/562-92, Dated 20-04-2023 read with No: Au/Acad/2023/ BHT/2746-86, dated 31-05-2023, No: Au/Acad/2023/4498-4528, dated 17-07-2023 and No: AU/ EC/2023/B-1/973-976 Dated: 21-08-2023 that their Document Verification/Counselling shall be held at College of Agri. Engineering & Technology, Shalimar Campus.

Other details and terms & conditions are contained in full length Notice available on University Official Website www.skustkashmir.ac.in/www/skuastkashmir.co.in By Order

> (G.N.Dar) Deputy Registrar (Acad)

AU/Acad/UET-2023/Counselling/6507-57 Dated: 23 - 08 - 2023

Subject: - Change of location of the Travel unit running under the name & style of "M/s Travelogue Tour & Travels".

PUBLIC NOTICE. Whereas, Mr. Mohammad Imran Khan Proprietor of M/s Travelogue Tour & Travels has applied this office for change of location of his Travel Agency from New Feteh Kadal Opp. Masjid Aisha Khadi Bandar Complex Srinagar to Khayam Opposite Khyber Hospital (Bishamber Nagar) Sri-

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir e-mail: ddtreg123@gmail.com

nagar under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, the unit is registered with this office vide Registration No:- Reg/930/1585/DT/53/L-9 dated 18.12.2012 and is renewed upto 31.03.2024.

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

- Registration Certificate.
- 2. NOC from concerned bank. 3. Rent Deed.

Affidavit.

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

> **Assistant Director Tourism,** Registration (Kashmir).

No: Reg/T/930/716/DTK DIPK-7655/23 Dated: 23.08.2023

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Subject:- Grant of Registration of the proposed Travel unit under the name & style "M/s Nature Nest Holidays" Situated at Maharapora Kongamdara Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla Kashmir

### **Public Notice**

Whereas, I Mis Azra Khan D/o Mohammad Yaseen Khan R/o Pathanpora Nowlari Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla, Kashmir intends to apply in the department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style "M/s Nature Nest Holidays" Situated at Maharapora Kongamdara Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan. Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Register, Printing Material ( Letter Head/Visiting Card), Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size Photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/ Organisation, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration (e-mail Id:ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the Valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR** 

### Office Of The Child Development Project Officer, Rafiabad.

Advertisement Notice: No.07of 2023 Dated:-22.08.2023

Subject: Advertisement for Recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Rafiabad.

Reference: 1. Government order No 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30.11.2022. 2.Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023.

3. Government directions vide No. SWD-ICDS/43/2022, Dated 14.08.2023.

Approval has been accorded, vide letter No:-MD/Poshan/Estt/13281-94 Dated:-08-05-2013 for filling up of vacancies of Sanginis ( Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Rafiabad as per the details given below:

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Post
1		AWW	01
	Rafiabad	AWH	01
Total		02	

Applications are invited in the Prescribed Performa in Annexure "A" from the eligible candidates for engagement as Anganwadi Worker and Anganwadi Helper on Honorarium basis for aforementioned posts of Anganwadi Centres. The important dates/details with regard to the posts are as under:

a) Date of commencement for submission of application 22.08.2023.
 b) Last date for submission of applications is 04.09.2023 up to 04.30 PM.
 c) Annexure B- Name of the Post, Location/Ward, Qualification and Criteria for selection
 d) Annexure C- Affidavit

ANNEXURE 'A'

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9.	Address for correspondence						
10.	Contact No						
11.	Date of Birth						
12.	Age as on 01.01.2023 Economic Status: NPHH/PHH/AAY						
13.	Economic Status: NPHH/PHH/AAY						
14.	Widow/Destitute (If any):						
15.		demic Qualific					
S.No.		Examina- tion passed	Board/Uni- versity	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Total Marks	Percentage

16. Do the applicant belong within the family of retiring AWW/AWH(YES/NO). 17. Document Attached:1. 3. 5

Date:

Format of Application

Signature of the candidate\_

**ANNEXURE 'B'** 

Detail of Vacant Posts (AWW/AWH) along with name and location of AWC

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Sr.No.	NAME OF ANGANWADI	WARD NO.	Panchayat	NAME OF POST	NO. OF POSTS
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1.	Dar Mohalla GundMulraj	MC	MC-Water-	Sahayikas (An-	01
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1.	Ahangerpora-B	PW-03	PH-Pakwara	Sanginis (Angan-	01
				wadi Workers)	
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Eligibility:

For Anganwadi Workers The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.

Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.

The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Whereever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.

 $\label{thm:minimum} \textbf{Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Worker shall be 10+2 and maximum graduation. In}$ case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director, Mission POSHAN.

In case suitable candidate is not available for adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the Panchayat can be considered subject to the approval of the MD, Mission POSHAN. Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and no other criteria to be considered.

In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred. Candidate with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

Anganwadi Helpers

1. The selection of Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located. Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.

The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.

Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be matriculation.

In case no matriculate candidate available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered.

The committee shall select the (Anganwadi Helper) amongst eligible applicants, a married women on the basis of marks obtained in the class 10th. However, in rarest of rare cases where selection committee finds a widow headed household with no income source or a completely destitute lady with zero source of income, in such cases preference may be given, if other things are equal. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be considered.

In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWW/AWH, the said candidateshall qualify for additional two percent points. **Document Verification** 

The candidate who is shortlisted for document verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other document like Domicile Certificate, on or before the last date of submission of application form.

Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification.

Date of Birth/Matriculate Certificate.

Domicile Certificate. Unmarried Certificate (where required) d)

2) Candidates have to bring two passport size recent colour photographs and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be:

Aadhar Card Voter ID card.

The candidate who is supposed to furnish various certificates issued by or before the prescribedcut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final.

### **ANNEXURE C**

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts: All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.

Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Anganwadi worker and Class X for and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent.

The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Anganwadi worker/ Anganwadi Helper.

DIPK-7651/23 Date: 23.08.2023 No.:-CDPO/POSHAN/HR/2023/755-766

Child Development Project Officer POSHAN Project Rafiabad

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have changed my name from Syed Aiman Shafi to Aiman Shafi. In future, I will be known as Aiman Shafi. If anybody is having any objection, he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have Lost my 8th pass certificate roll number 47 . 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 Principal Govt Higher Secondary School Wahabpora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Mehbooba Qasim

S/late M R/Mullashulla teh Beerwah district budgam

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My father's name has been wrongly written in my passport bearing no L5700242 as Mohd Kumar while his correct name is Ghulam Mohammad Kumar & my Residence has been wrongly written as Kral Check Berthipora Shopian While my correct residence is Wishkhal Barthipora Shopian which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven day. After that no objection shall be entertained

Nazir Ahmad Kumar S/o Ghulam Mohamad Kumar R/o Wishkhal Barthipora Shopian

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My father's name has been wrongly written in my passport bearing no L7437018 as Mohd Kumar while his correct name is Gh Mohd Kumar which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven day. After that no objection shall be entertained. Manzoor Ahmad Kumar S/o Gh Mohd Kumar

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Mohd Yousuf Phamda پیام

معامله مندجه عنوان الصدر مين سائل سائله نے عدالت ہذامين ايك درخواست بشمول حلفی بغرض Nusrat Jan D/o Mohd Yousuf Phamda R/o Mohalla Naaginar Faqir Gujri Brein

بذر ليداشتها مطلع كياجا تا ہے كذبيت درخواست كوئى عذريا اعتراض ہونے كى صورت ميں اپنے مذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندروس یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے معیاد کوئی عذر یا فتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت ہذامیں 2023-88-88 کومقررہے۔

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## KASHMIR OBSERVER Srinagar | Thursday | 24-08-2023

### **Smart Buses Will Significantly Improve Transport Services In Srinagar: CEO Smart City**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Srinagar Smart City Limited, Athar Amir Khan Wednesday said the new fleet of smart buses, which comprises 100 buses, will significantly improve the transportation system in the city and peripherals.

"Transportation is a must in every city. The new fleet of smart buses which comprises 100 buses will significantly improve the transportation facilities in the city and other parts of the valley," CEO SSCL Athar Amir Khan said.

He said the SSCL has rolled out Integrated Public Transport System (IPTS) plan wherein proper bus stops, charging points, and other required prerequisites have been put in place for smooth functioning of transportation. "IPTS is actually an excessive exercise. Lot of

infrastructure has been made for smooth functioning of services," CEO SSCL said.

He said the new fleet of buses will improve transportation services in the city and other parts of Kashmir valley while more buses will be procured afterwards for providing convenient travel to people.

"We have procured 9 and 12 meter wide buses. The former will ply in the interiors of cities where roads are narrow while the latter will ply on wide and major routes," he said.

He added, buses will have inbuilt CCTV through which every activity of passengers will be monitored. These smart buses will have no conductors instead they will have technical assistants. There are adequate arrangements inside the women folk and elders,' CEO, SSCL added.

## **DC Srinagar Holds Public Grievance Redressal Camp At Khonmoh**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Wednesday undertook an extensive tour of Khonmoh Block of the District and held a Public Grievance Redressal Camp under Weekly Block Diwas program to reach out to the door steps of people for on spot resolution of their issues and demands.

The Grievance Redressal Camp was attended by large gather-

ing of locals, besides representatives of Panchayat Raj Institutions including DDC member. Manzoor Ahmad who projected their grievances and issues before the Deputy Commissioner including augmentation of Water supply, upgradation & widening of Khonmoh Check Sangri Road infrastructure upgradation of High School, transport facility from Khonmoh to Lal Chowk, upgradation of Health centre, curbing stray dogs menace and



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### In The Court Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Pampore.

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**Executive Officer Municipal Committee Officer Pampore** 

In the matter of: Application for Registration of Date of Birth of applicant and

**NOTICE TO** 

### **GENERAL PUBLIC**

through his father Bilal Bashir Dar in this court seeking direction to the non-applicant for Registration of Date of birth.

Whereas through the medium of this notice, the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the Registration of Date of birth of Applicant (who has born on 23-06-2022 at Kong Posh Hospital, Pampore) to the nonapplicant he/she/they shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of

Given under my hand and Seal of the Court today 23-08-2023

No: 16.JMIC/Pampore

(Mr. Touseef Ahmad Magray) U.I.D No JK00208 Munsiff/JMIC Pampore.



## **Prostitution Racket In Uptown City**

Srinagar: A sex scandal has been busted in the Nowgam area of uptown Srinagar on Wednesday, police said.

Locals of the Railway colony Nowgam area in Srinagar staged a protest against a sex scandal being allegedly operated in the area for a long time.

A local Irshad said five people have been arrested in connection with operating the scandal.

'Five people have been arrested on the spot. We have been closely watching this boutique for several months. A scandal is being run here for the last six months,

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as per locals, and rounded up several individuals, including three local females and a non-local male worker. The building was subsequently sealed off.

An official said that three females and 2 males arrested for running a prostitution racket from a rented building of a sarpanch at Shan Mohalla, Nowgam.

In this regard, FIR 131/2023 under sections 3,4,8 of Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act has been registered at Nowgam PS., the of-

Pertinently, there has been an increase in such incidents,

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Dated: 22: 08:2023

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where such rackets have been busted by Police.

On 3rd April, Jammu Kashmir police busted a prostitution racket in Srinagar which was being run from a rented accommodation at Bagh-e-Mehtab area of the capital city of Kashmir.

On April 13, another similar racket has been busted in Srinagar's Nowgam area. Six persons were arrested in this regard by the Police.

Police said that six persons including two females have been arrested and a case under sections of Illicit Trafficking Prevention Act was registered and investigations

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### This Day In History

1608- 1st English convoy lands at Surat, India

1690- Job Charnock sets up East India Company HQ camp by Kalikata village (modern Calcutta)

1704-Battle of Málaga: largest naval battle in the War of the Spanish Succession; Tactically indecisive but a Grand Alliance strategic victory

1789- French Revolution: The National Assembly proclaims freedom of speech

1814- British forces capture Washington, D.C. and destroy many landmarks (War of 1812)

1891- Thomas Edison patents motion picture camera

1904- Battle of Liao-Yang-200,000 Japanese against 150,000 Russian, Japanese tactical victory

1912- District of Alaska becomes an organized incorporated territory of the United States 1914-Battle of Bergen: Germans defeat Belgian/British

troops

1914- German troops occupy Namur, Belgium 1920- With British approval, Greece is encouraged to

take offensive action against Turkish nationalists in 1921- Battle of Sakaray Valley begins between Turkey

& Greece

1929- Turkey & Persia sign friendship treaty 1931- France & USSR sign neutrality/no attack treaty

1937- In the Spanish Civil War, the Basque Army surrenders to the Italian Corpo Truppe Volontarie following the Santoña Agreement.

1939- Germany & USSR sign 10-year non-aggression

1949- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) goes

into effect

USSR launches Luna 11 for orbit around Moon 1968- France becomes the world's fifth thermonuclear power with a detonation on Mururoa Atoll in the South

Pacific 1976- Soyuz 21 returns to Earth

1978- USSR performs underground nuclear test

1979- UN's Vienna office begins issuing postage

1985- STS 51-I mission scrubbed at T -5m because of bad weather 1991- Mikhail Gorbachev resigns as head of USSR

Communist Party

1992- Diplomatic relations are established between

the People's Republic of China and South Korea. 1993- Mars Observer comes closest to Mars

1994- Israel & PLO initialed accord giving autonomy

to Palestinians in West Bank in education, health, taxation, social welfare & tourism

1995- Microsoft debuts Windows 95

1997- Gordon Spence discovers 2^2976221 - 1 (36th known Mersenne prime)

2004- 89 passengers die after two airliners explode after flying out of Domodedovo International Airport, near Moscow. The explosions were caused by suicide bombers (reportedly female) from the Russian Republic of Chechnya.

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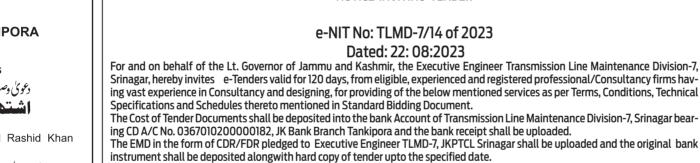
## NC To Support Whoever Forms The Next Govt: Faroog

ew Delhi - The Jammu and Kashmir chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah today said his National conference would extend support to which ever group that comes to power at the Centre after the Lok Sabha polls. We will support the group that will form the government at the Centre as we are totally dependent on the Central Government, he said in

Abdullah, who had recently shared dias with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee during the release of the election manifesto of National Democratic Alliance (NDA), said his party did not have any tie-up with BJP in the state. We don't have any seat sharing arrangement with BJP, he said, adding we are contesting against BIP and the BJP is fighting against us.

The national Conference leader was critical of the Centre for being silent on the continuing cross-border terrorism and infiltration.

(Kashmir Observer, August 24, 1999)



M/S F.A Traders Natipora Sgr Prop. Ashiq Rashid Khan S/o: Abdul Rashid Khan

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(Applicant)

Registrar Birth & Deaths

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## India at BRICS

rime Minister Narendra Modi is attending the three-day BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, which began on August 22. In his departure statement, the PM Modi highlighted the significance of the BRICS platform for discussing global issues. He emphasized that BRICS has evolved into a platform for addressing concerns of the Global South, focusing on development priorities and reforming the multilateral system.

The BRICS Summit brings together the economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, with South Africa holding the presidency for this year. Russian President Vladimir Putin is expected to join the summit virtually and Moscow is being represented by Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. The event aims to explore areas of cooperation among member countries and review institutional development. This year's in-person summit holds particular significance as it marks the first time the leaders have met face-to-face in three years due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Prime Minister's visit will also include an important bilateral stopover in Athens, Greece, on August 25, where he has been invited by Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis. This visit holds significance as Modi becomes the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Greece in 40 years.

It has been a packed diplomatic calendar for India this year. India has already held G20 meetings, and the Quad foreign ministers meeting in New Delhi. It was followed by the visit of Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and which was followed by that of Japan Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. India also held Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) foreign ministers' meeting in Goa in May which was also attended by Pakistan foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. This was followed by the Quad leaders' summit in Australia. Subsequently, the PM Modi also visited the US where he addressed the joint session of the US Congress.

The flurry of these major geopolitical events in India once again reflect India's growing global diplomatic heft. Things are only set to get better from hereon. All major powers even when they are on opposite sides of the geopolitical divide want to be friends with India. On the other hand, Washington's priorities with India are no longer regional in their nature but their scope is the larger geo-politics. It goes without saying that India's 1.4 billion population with a value addition of a burgeoning middle class has become an ultimate attraction for the west. Besides, India's calling card of democracy - albeit hemmed in by issues of its own - in a region of dysfunctional countries, autocracies and Chinese communism are making India a global favourite. Whatever side you look at it from, this is one of the best times for the country. It is this context that India's role in BRICS assumes a huge geopolitical significance. With over 40 countries keen to join the grouping, the BRICS is shaping up as a major alliance of the most powerful countries outside the west, giving India an even bigger geopolitical profile, second only to China.

### OTHER OPINON

## Kashmir's Unusual Hot Spell Kashmir

Basit Mohammad

n an unusual turn of events, this idyllic region recently experienced a scorching hot spell that left residents and visitors alike bewildered.

Kashmir typically enjoys a cool and pleasant climate, thanks to its geographical location nestled in the Himalayan mountains. Summers are marked by mild temperatures, making it a preferred destination for travelers seeking refuge from the heat in other parts of India.

In recent years, the world has witnessed unusual weather patterns, and Kashmir was not exempt from this trend. Over the course of just two days, the region experienced a dramatic shift in temperature. The mercury soared to unprecedented heights, and residents found themselves dealing with an unexpected heatwave.

The sudden surge in temperature had significant repercussions for daily life in Kashmir. People accustomed to cooler weather were caught off guard. The scorching heat made outdoor activities uncomfortable, and locals scrambled to find ways to beat the uncharacteristic warmth.

Farmers, who rely on moderate temperatures for their crops, faced unexpected challenges, and efforts to mitigate the impact on agriculture were put into action

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The hot spell in Kashmir is not an isolated incident. It is part of a broader pattern of unusual weather events observed globally. Climate change is causing shifts in weather patterns, leading to extreme temperatures in unexpected places. As we witness these changes, it becomes more crucial than ever to address climate change collectively and adopt sustainable practices to mitigate its effects.

Kashmir's two scorching days serve as a stark reminder that climate change is real and impacts even the most picturesque corners of the world. While Kashmir's natural beauty remains unaltered, its recent weather anomaly underscores the urgency of addressing climate change on a global scale. As we cherish our planet's diverse landscapes, we must also work tirelessly to protect them for future generations.

# Why India Doesn't Want BRICS To Dismantle The World Order Built By The West

If the group of rising powers tries to usurp global governance, it will collapse under its own weight



M. K. Bhadrakumar

famous incident narrated by Bob Woodward in his book Obama's Wars comes to mind: President Barack Obama, disregarding the protestations of Chinese protocol officials, burst into a closed-door meeting of Chinese, Indian and Brazilian leaders on a late Friday afternoon in Copenhagen, a week before Christmas in 2009, where the three BRIC leaders (this was before South Africa joined and the group became BRICS) were negotiating in secret a common position at the climate talks, which were on the verge of complete meltdown.

Obama had wanted the three leaders of the most powerful nations of the "Global South" – and South African President Jacob Zuma – to meet him individually rather than collectively, and was frantic that his ploy was upended. Eventually, Obama joined the four leaders and the negotiations resulted in a meaningful agreement.

That incident, just six months after the first BRIC Summit in Yekaterinburg in June of that year, underscored a cardinal truth that although the signs were there already that the West's decline had begun, no one had any doubts that the United States and Europe would continue to determine the characteristics of the world economy and international politics for a long time.

Today, when India's approach to the upcoming BRICS Summit has become a matter of some controversy – with Reuters even floating a mischievous rumor that Prime Minister Narendra Modi might not travel to Johannesburg – what is being overlooked is that there is a remarkable consistency in India's conception of the grouping: that BRICS was a community of revisionist powers who were not seeking the destruction of the world order, but the inclusion of their interests in this order.

However, time didn't stand still. Globalization is moribund and the system of international institutions that provided its underpinnings are no longer inclusive. In fact, Russia and China are under US sanctions. On the contrary, India's relationship with the US is perhaps at its highest point in history - almost a quasialliance - and Washington describes it as the "defining partnership" of the century. Arguably, the US sanctions against China could even hold advantages for India. The close bonding between the two countries that is in the pipeline for the chip industry is a case in point. Suffice to say, life may even be getting better for India, and the country's elite would see no reason to trade its modest revisionist wishes for a most fundamental restructuring of the existing international order, let alone its destruction.

The bottom line is that India is content if the influence of BRICS in the shaping of the main aspects of the global agenda can make the world more just and stable. Indeed, that is not a far-fetched dream, as BRICS is on the right side of history. None of the group's members have their economic opportunities and political in-

fluence grounded in a history of bloody wars, conducted with the purpose of establishing regional and global dominance centered around the wealth accumulated over several centuries. India feels at home.

This brings us to the core issue of the attraction that BRICS holds for so many countries today that are so patently divergent in their national characteristics, values, and interests – from Indonesia to Iran, Egypt to Saudi Arabia – who tend to regard the grouping as if it is poised to pick up the banner of global governance from the West. Such expectations are irrational, as they are premised on the evolution of the entire international order in a certain predetermined direction, which is of course not the case.

Thus, it is only natural that Brazil – or India, for that matter – may feel troubled as to how, moving forward, BRICS' contribution to global governance can truly be decisive. Fundamentally, there is uncertainty as to whether,

relation to the small and medium-sized states of the world.

Make no mistake that all the experience of strong institutions and global governance happens to be the experience of the West on the basis of common values and shared interests. Ironically, it also accounts for their "bloc mentality." BRICS, on the contrary, lacks such cohesiveness and the capacity to set the world agenda, which the G7 had been doing for decades. That is why a country like India will always expect BRICS as a community to aim not at destroying the existing world order, but at changing it for the better. India does not want the collapse of globalization, institutions and international law. Put differently, India prefers to create within the existing order such rules, norms and ways of cooperation that would allow for the preservation of its advantages and the elimination of its shortcomings

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# For India, this is both a matter of tactic and strategy. The prevailing rules-based order gives India a sense of security and strengthens multipolarity in Asia. It is a misconception that India is under pressure to bandwagon with the US

in the current circumstances, it is even possible for BRICS to maintain the revisionist behavior of the past. The issue is not about the outcome of the Ukraine conflict, which Russia cannot and will not lose, but that even after a catastrophic defeat, its adversaries are highly unlikely to change their views on the world.

Therefore, if BRICS expands, devoid of norms, the unity of the grouping could get impaired, rendering it diffuse and ineffectual. That was what happened to the Non-Aligned Movement. Yet, this is also a transformative period where "The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity," to borrow Yeats' anguished formulation of an eternal principle of politics.

The predicament is acute against the backdrop of the Ukraine conflict and the Biden administration's dual containment strategy against China and Russia, two founding members of BRICS. Unsurprisingly, Chinese and Russian world views have dramatically changed in the most recent past and are robustly countering US hegemony. The "no limits" friendship between these neighboring giants sets them apart somewhat within BRICS, and that cannot but affect the alchemy of the grouping – although the collegial spirit continues, thanks to their pragmatism and sagacity.

Curiously, many of the aspirants who seek association with BRICS could even be getting attracted to the grouping principally for that reason – a sort of second pillar that upholds a more just and less selfish global governance in

and strategy. The prevailing rules-based order gives India a sense of security and strengthens multipolarity in Asia. It is a misconception that India is under pressure to bandwagon with the US. That might have been the case previously, but present-day India, under the current leadership in particular, is consciously expanding the relations with the US, which it considers to be in its own national interests. It is a logical outcome of the trajectory of politics in India since the 1990s and it enjoys a "bipartisan consensus" between the ruling party and the main opposition party. And it has become a long-term trend that already seems irreversible.

Several factors are involved here and one main factor is, paradoxically, the phenomenal rise of China, India's BRICS partner, which raises alarmist sentiments in the country. The partnership with the US is one of the few ways India hopes to address the security paradigm. That said, India's BRICS partners can and should trust India to continue to pursue an independent foreign policy based on its national interests. There is no reason to doubt that India reposes faith in the decisive influence of the BRICS in the shaping of the main aspects of the global agenda that will make the world more just and stable.

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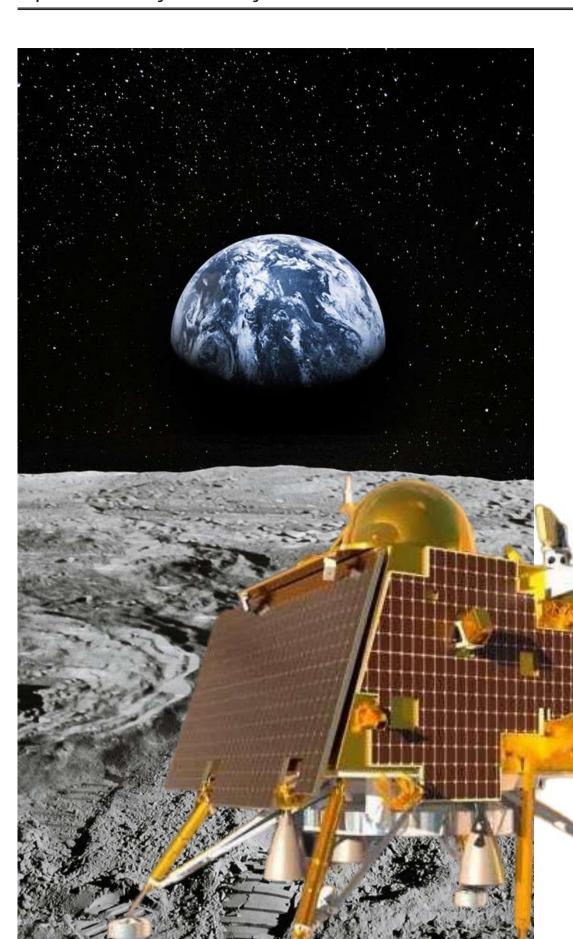
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## We are on the Moon

ndia, which is called the country of snakes and sages, today stands with the most powerful countries of the world in space technology. India has become the fourth country to successfully soft-land on the Moon with the Chandrayaan-3

mission. The rover of the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft will study the lunar surface and it has been seated inside the lander. The entire mission duration of the lander is expected to last one lunar day, which is equivalent to 14 Earth days. A crash landing happened last time. But this time after America, Russia, and China, India has become the fourth country to land on the lunar surface. 'Our expertise in the field of space has grown tremendously. With the success of India's Chandrayaan-3 in soft landing, India has not only become the fourth country in the world to do so but also become the first country in the world to land in the region of the South Pole.

Dr Satyawan Saurabh



# Chandrayaan 3: India Nails the Moon Landing!

In an exciting turn of events, India's Chandrayaan 3 has made it to the Moon's surface, and boy, it's a big deal! This achievement is like scoring a touchdown in the Super Bowl of space exploration.

Social media is flooded with congratulatory messages as India writes over a new story. What was earlier a memory of tears and failure is now a story of relentless efforts and ultimate success. The credit where the credit is due — this is truly a dictum worthy of this event of celebration for India.

#### **KEEPIN' THE CHANDRAYAAN TRADITION ALIVE**

India has been going all-in on lunar exploration. First, we had Chandrayaan 1 back in 2008, which shook the world by discovering water molecules on the Moon. Then came Chandrayaan 2 in 2019, which, despite a little hiccup during its landing, kept the lunar momentum going. Now, Chandrayaan 3 is here to rock the lunar scene.

### **CHANDRAYAAN 3: THE COMEBACK**

Chandrayaan 3 is the comeback story we all needed. It's like learning from your past mistakes and acing the test the second time around. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) took the lessons from Chandrayaan 2's landing and turned them into a recipe for

### **WHAT CHANDRAYAAN 3 AIMS FOR:**

1. South Pole Mission: Chandrayaan 3's got its sights set on the Moon's South Pole, which is kind of like exploring the Moon's wild, uncharted territories. What makes this spot so cool? Well, it might just have some water ice, and that's a lunar game-changer.

2.Super Tech:This mission is packing some serious tech upgrades. It's got smart, autonomous landing capabilities to make sure it sticks the lunar landing like a pro. ISRO's showing off its tech prowess.

3. Budget-Friendly Brilliance: Chandrayaan 3 isn't just about flashy technology; it's about doing space exploration on a budget without compromising on quality. It's a masterclass in cost-effective space exploration.

### **TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM**

Chandrayaan 3 isn't just about India doing its thing. It's takes inspiration from NASA's Apollo program and China's Chang'e missions. It's like all the space pros came together for a cosmic jam session.

### **CONQUERING SPACE CHALLENGES**

Space isn't a walk in the park. Chandrayaan 3 had to face the Moon's crazy temperatures and the fact that there's no air up there. But guess what? It nailed it, showing the world what precision planning and engineer-

### A NEW ERA DAWNS ON THE MOON

With Chandrayaan 3 touching down on the Moon, we're entering a new era of lunar exploration. India's making waves not just on Earth but up there too. The Moon is the limit!

In a nutshell, Chandrayaan 3's landing on the Moon is a slamdunk moment for India and a giant leap for humanity's space exploration dreams. It's not iust about knowing more about our lunar neighbor; it's about showing the world that space exploration is a team sport, and together, we can reach for the stars...or in this case, the Moon!

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**SPACE ISN'T A WALK IN THE PARK.** Chandrayaan 3 had to face the Moon's crazy temperatures and the fact that there's no air up there. But guess what? It nailed it, showing the world what precision planning and engineering can do

## The Expensive, Exhausting Pursuit of a "Perfect Smile"

Sam Escobar

Whether we are smiling, laughing, crying, yelling, or simply saying "hello," our teeth are one of the first things people see. For millions of people, this can be a source of shame—something to be covered up in person, edited away in photos, and, when financially feasible, "fixed" at the doctor's office. As someone who sees a camera and instinctively makes a closedmouth smile, I'm all too familiar with these anxieties.

In recent years, the beauty world has made huge strides in inclusivity. We've seen the standardization of 40-shade foundation ranges (thank you, Fenty Beauty), the rise in size-, gender-, and age-diverse casting, and the much-needed increased accessibility of products for folks with disabilities. Despite these major improvements, however, many beauty standards remain fixtures in our daily lives, with the "perfect smile" ideal being one of the most prominent—and one of the most elusive. But dental care, both essential and cosmetic, is woefully inaccessible for millions of people in America, oftentimes due to the prohibitive cost; this is yet another reason "good teeth" have become symbolic of sta-

tus, access, and wealth. While you may see the oc-

casional gap in the teeth of a model-more often than not, a model who checks the boxes on many other conventional beauty standards-it is still rare to see someone with, say, crooked teeth or crowding, let alone yellowing or even a less-bright-thana-Chiclet white. (For celebrities, getting veneers after hitting it big is still practically a right of passage.) In fact, "bad teeth" are often a hallmark of villains-think Jaws of the Iames Bond universe-and characters intended to be punchlines.

So, how did we get here? And what is the cost-emotional, financial, and timewise—of getting the "perfect smile"? Below is a snapshot of modern dentistry, including firsthand accounts of adult braces wearers and a day in the life of one of Hollywood's biggest dentists.

### THE HISTORY OF THE BIG, BRIGHT

**AMERICAN SMILE** "A quick glance at the cast of any U.S.-based show on the air right now shows that a mouthful of ultra-white, unnervingly straight teeth is about as American as apple pie and woefully inadequate paid parental leave. The history of how status-boasting smiles became a commodity is a complex one, to say the least." -Sam Escobar, Site Director

### I TOOK ON CREDIT CARD DEBT TO **GET BRACES AS AN ADULT**

SE: "Over her nearly seven years at Allure, associate beauty director Sarah Kinonen, the editor behind our Show Your Teeth series, has reported multiple stories regarding income inequality and how it relates to beauty. (I've personally had many eye-opening conversations with her on topics like these-one of the many advantages of working on a team full of beauty editors who bring their unique perspectives to the table!) Whether or not you know what it's like to grow up envying your classmates for their shiny braces, I highly recommend reading her essay.

### **SOME OF US HAVE NATURALLY YELLOW TEETH AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT**

SE: "It's easy to assume that the only reasons someone's teeth might be yellow are their smoking choices: cigarettes, drinking coffee and alcohol, forgetting to brush, eating and drinking sugary things.

But I learned something incredibly helpful from this piece by Hannah Baxter: The shade of your teeth is not ex-

lifestyle. In fact, some people have naturally white teeth while others of us (hello, comrades) do not." **TYRA BANKS** 

**APOLOGIZES AFTER BEING BLASTED FOR INSENSITIVE REMARKS IN 'AMERICA'S NEXT TOP** 

clusively dictated by

SE: "Like many Millennials,

America's Next Top Model and its role in the '00s reality TV zeitgeist. When this clip resurfaced, I immediately remembered the episode; I, too, have gaps in my teeth, so it made a major impression on me as a child. But, unlike many celebrities called out for cringeworthy television moments years down the line, Tyra acknowledged the clip and apologized. Take note, fellow early-Aughts stars.'

I've thought periodically about

### **EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TOOTH GEMS**

SE: "Unlike the aforementioned ANTM moment, some things from the early-Aughts have been very well-received by modern audiences."

#### **PAGEANT MUM SPENDS OVER** \$300 ON DAUGTHER'S PAGEANT **FLIPPER TEETH**

SE: "I'll never forget the moment I discovered what a "flipper" is, thanks to an episode of good ol' Toddlers and Tiaras."

#### **HOW CLEAR TEETH ALIGNERS CAN AFFECT PEOPLE WITH EATING** DISORDERS

SE: "This essay by former wellness editor Rosemary Donahue, who experienced triggering side effects after starting Invisalign treatments, is a solid reminder of why it's necessary for medical professionals to receive training and

education on eating disorders, even if they do not work in eating-disorder recovery."

### THE CREST OF THE WHITESTRIP

SE: "Let me be enamelclear: There is no health imperative to having white teeth,' writes Brennan Kilbane. The fact of the matter is that we do not need a bleach-bright smile—we just want one. Really, really badly. How did we get this obsessed with toothwhitening trays and strips?"

### **WHO INVENTED THE** TOOTHBRUSH?

SE: "My mother is a librarian, so I love libraries-particularly the Library of Congress, which has myriad historical documents and information on every topic under the sun, as well as photography and art, like this 1938 poster promoting dental hygiene that could easily be passed off as a modern ad for a Silicon Valley tooth-care startup."

### I SPENT 96 HOURS IN DUBAI WITH **MICHAEL APA, THE WORLD'S BUSIEST COSMETIC DENTIST**

SE: "You know that scene in Rules of Attraction where Victor recounts his fever-dream experience studying abroad? This is kind of like that...but with a dentist.'

The article was originally featured in Get Pocket/Allure

### **New Flight Of**

exploration. "India is now on the Moon. This is a moment to cherish forever... We are witness to the new flight of new India," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said after scientists at the Mission Operations Complex of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in Bengaluru broke into celebrations and flashed victory signs, erasing the disappointment of the failed landing of Chandrayaan-2 in 2019.

Addressing ISRO scientists virtually from Johannesburg, Modi said, "Now is the time to walk on the 'Chandra Path'... New history has been

President Droupadi Murmu termed it a "momentous occasion" and said, "I congratulate ISRO and everybody involved in the Chandrayaan-3 mission and wish them greater accomplishments

While BJP chief J P Nadda hailed ISRO scientists and lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for Chandrayaan-3's success, the Congress said it is a collective success of every Indian and ISRO's achievement reflects a saga of continuity and is a testament to the vision of the country's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Home Minister Amit Shah expressed his gratitude to ISRO scientists for their undeterred efforts to make this mission a historic success.

"This landmark achievement is not only a testament to the power of Indian genius but it also launches India's voyage through the Amrit Kaal to emerge as a global leader in the realm of space, as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji,' Shah wrote on 'X'.

Nadda said India is creating new feats of success under Modi's leadership and carving a unique identity for itself and described the success of the mission as true to the mantra of 'Aatmanirbhar

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said an elated nation with 140 crore aspirations today witnessed yet another achievement in its six-decade-long space programme and the entire world is looking up to the ISRO which is a matter of special pride for all Indians.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said, "Congratulations to Team ISRO for today's pioneering feat."

"Chandrayaan3's soft landing on the uncharted lunar South Pole is the result of decades of tremendous ingenuity and hard work by our scientific community," Gandhi said, adding that since 1962, India's space programme has continued to scale new heights and inspire generations of young dreamers.

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud termed the Chandrayaan-3 landing on the lunar surface a "historic achievement" and said the ISRO team and the entire scientific community have made the nation proud.

"This will help new avenues and scientific research and discovery. Truly, this lunar landing represents a milestone in the onward march of our nation," he said.

Union ministers, chief ministers, governors and other political leaders praised India's scientific community and congratulated the people on the

"The prayers of crores of people and the hard work of our ISRO scientists have become successful... Today's moment will be written in golden letters in the pages of history. Our new India is not less than anyone. Jai Hind," Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said.

Leading scientists and space agencies from around the globe said this monumental accomplishment not only marks India's indelible imprint on lunar exploration but also demonstrates the prowess of human collaboration and determination.

Bill Nelson, the administrator of NASA, said, "Congratulations ISRO on your successful Chandrayaan-3 lunar south nole landing! And congratulations to India on being the fourth country to successfully soft-land a spacecraft on the Moon. We're glad to be your partner on this mission!"

European Space Agency's Director General, Josef Aschbacher congratulated ISRO and the people of India on the occasion. "What a way to demonstrate new technologies and achieve India's first soft landing on another celestial body. Well done, I am thoroughly impressed."

UK Space Agency said, "History made! Congratulations to ISRO"

Dr Chrisphin Karthick, a scientist at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru, said, "The successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 is a testament to our collective progress towards space travel. It showcases the beauty of unity in diversity as we sail the cosmic seas together."

Shah Rukh Khan, Amitabh Bachchan and SS Rajamouli were among several cinema personalities who were "over the moon" after Chandrayaan-3 touched down on the lunar south pole.

Quoting the lines from his popular song "Chaand Taare Tod Laaoon" from his 1997 film "Yes Boss", Shah Rukh said the day belongs to

India and ISRO. "Congratulations to all the scientists and engineers... the whole team which has made India so proud. Chandrayaan-3 has successfully soft-

landed on the moon," tweeted the "Pathaan" star. Referring to the popular dialogue from his 2001 film "Gadar", actor and BJP MP Sunny Deol said, "What a proud moment.#Hindustan zindabad tha hai or rahega. A momentous feat in the history of India's space exploration. Proud!!!" he posted on X.

Amitabh Bachchan said, "For far too long when India was referred to, it was spoken of as 3rd World Country .. and I hated it... Today I am proud to say, India is 1st world... in more ways than one."

Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar hailed ISRO for the extraordinary achievement.

"ISRO represents the best of India. Humble, hardworking women and men, coming together, overcoming challenges, and making our tricolour

fly high." he wrote. "India must celebrate and congratulate the Chandrayaan-2 team, which was led by Shri K Sivan, along with S Somanath's Chandrayaan3 team. Every hard landing has lessons which take us closer to a soft landing - on the moon, and in life." he added.

An exuberant West Bengal Chief Minister took to X, to hail Chandrayaan 3 and the country's scientific community while her counterpart in Odisha, Naveen Patnaik, termed it a "historic day". Assam Chief Minister Himant Biswa Sarma, who was watching the landing at a school in Guwahati, tweeted, "Another giant leap for humanity!"

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said it was a matter of pride for all people.

People gathered in educational institutions, offices, city squares and religious places to watch the ISRO live telecast of Chandrayaan-3's final descent to the uncharted surface of the lunar south pole.

### Went Through

space agency would similarly land a spacecraft on Mars in the coming years.

Acknowledging the contribution of a generation of leadership by the scientists of the country's space agency for the Chandrayaan-3 mission's success, he said this is an "incremental progress" and "definitely a huge one".

The journey to the Moon is tough and softlanding is difficult for any nation to achieve today even with the advancement of technology, he said, pointing out that India achieved it in just two missions. Chandrayaan-2, the first mission with the objective of soft landing on the Moon had a narrow miss, while the Chandrayaan-3 mission was perfectly executed.

Chandrayaan-1's objective was only to place an unmanned spacecraft in an orbit around the

"It (success of Chandrayaan-3 mission) gives confidence to configure missions to not only go to the Moon, but also to go to Mars, sometimes (perhaps) land on Mars, may be in future go to Venus and other planets...", he said.

Undertaking the Chandrayaan-3 mission was difficult, he said. "We went through a lot of pain and agony"

Key scientists behind Chandrayaan-2 were also part of the Chandrayaan-3 team, he said. "Most of the people who were with Chandrayaan-2 are with us helping us to do Chandravaan-3. They are a part of this, they have gone through such an agony...'

"...the technology that we have in Chandrayaan-3 is no less complex or inferior to any other technology that goes to the Moon. So, we have the best of the sensors of the world, best in class (equipment) in Chandrayaan-3", he said, explaining that it was a completely Made-in-India' mission using world-class components.

Conveying the greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the ISRO team, he said, "The Honourable PM called me and conveyed his greetings to each one of you and your family for the wonderful work you did in ISRO."

Speaking about the support from the government to pursue further space missions, both scientific as well as commercial, he said, "Thanks to him (PM) for the support he is giving to us for missions like Chandrayaan-3 and missions that are in the offing. That's the great word of comfort that we are receiving for pursuing the inspirational work that we are doing for the nation."

The ISRO chief said the Prime Minister is "very, very clear about the long-term vision, and wants to make sure that we remain very, very dominant in the area of space exploration and science".

Addressing the ISRO team at the Mission Operations Complex, he thanked all those who prayed for the mission's success, and in particular named ISRO veterans like AS Kiran Kumar (former ISRO chief)

"They have been helping so much, they were part of the team to help them (team) to get the confidence and get the reviews done, and to ensure that nothing goes with any mistakes," he said.

Noting that this is the work of a generation of ISRO's leadership and scientists, Somanath said, "This is the journey we started with Chandrayaan-1, continued in Chandrayaan-2 and Chandrayaan-2 craft is still working and doing a lot of communication work with us. All the team that contributed to building Chandrayaan-1 and 2 should be remembered and thanked, while we celebrate (the success of) Chandrayaan-3."

### LG Sinha, J&K

technology of soft-landing on the lunar surface. The feat has been achieved by the US. China and the erstwhile Soviet Union.

Celebrations by tourists erupted near the historic Ghanta Ghar' (Clock Tower) in the Lal Chowk city centre as soon as the spacecraft made the soft landing on the moon. They were watching its live telecast.

"India is on the moon! Heartiest Congratulations to team @ISRO for success of Chandrayaan-3 lunar mission. Absolutely momentous achievement and important milestone in the development of India's space programme," Sinha said on X, formerly Twitter.

With this mission, India has also reached where no nation has gone before as its Chandrayaan-3 touched down on the lunar south pole.

Chandrayaan-3 is a follow-on mission to Chandrayaan-2 and its objectives are to demonstrate safe and soft-landing on the lunar surface, roving on the moon, and to conduct in-situ scientific experiments.

Chandrayaan-2 had failed in its lunar phase when its lander Vikram crashed into the surface of the moon minutes before the touch down following anomalies in the braking system in the lander while attempting a landing on September 7, 2019. Chandrayaan programme's maiden mission was

On X, National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah said, "So very pleased for the scientists at @isro. After the setback with Chandrayaan-2 in 2019, they dusted themselves off, wiped off the tears of disappointment and started again deter-

mined to succeed." They have taught "us that a setback is not a failure, it's a lesson to learn from", the NC leader said.

Today, India became the first nation to land a probe softly on the south side of the moon, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said and added that "Hats off to the 'Never Give In' spirit exemplified by @isro."

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti described the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 as a proud moment for all. "Heartiest congratulations to @ isro for Chandrayaan-3's successful landing on the moon. A proud moment for all of us which wouldn't have been possible without their sheer perseverance and dedication," Mehbooba, who is also a former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, said.

Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Vikar Rasool Wani said, "My heartiest congratulations to @isro and the entire team of the mission." It is a proud moment for every Indian, he said.

BJP's Jammu and Kashmir spokesperson Altaf Thakur said ISRO deserves all praise for the grand

"Indeed a proud moment for the nation as Chandrayaan-3 made successful lunar landing at 6:04 pm. ISRO deserves all praise for the grand success," he said.

Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari posted on X, "Felicitations to all the countrymen on the successful accomplishment of ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 mission. It is a moment that all of us were waiting with bated breath for all this time."

"The diligence with which ISRO and its allied departments accomplished the mission deserves due praise and accolades. Proud moment for whole nation," he said.

Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Lone said it was a remarkable comeback for ISRO. "India is now a proud member of a very exclusive and select band of countries," he said.

### **Special Prayers**

Muslim worshippers raising their hands, beseeching for India to achieve the milestone of becoming the 4th nation in the world to land on moon and also the first to land on the moon's south pole, Waqf officials said.

They said that hundreds of worshippers converged at the shrine to offer special prayers for successful landing on Chandrayaan-3

"Special prayers were organized on the instructions of Wakf Board Chairperson, Dr Darakshan Andrabi in which hundreds of worshippers participated and prayed for the country to accomplish such a feat." they said.

They said the Imam of the shrine besides praying for the successful landing of Chandrayan-3, also highlighted the significance of the mission.

Meanwhile, hundreds of passerby watched Chandrayan-3 live broadcast at City Square Lal Chowk on a big screen here on Wednesday

As soon as the Chandrayan-3 safely touched down on the moon, the entire area echoed with cheers and whistles, with people hailing the uphill efforts of scientists for making India accomplish a milestone.

"I am so excited and at the same time happy to see India becoming the 4th nation in the world to land on the moon. All credit goes to our scientists whose hard work made India achieve the feat," Mansi, a tourist from Mangalore said.

### 99% Intrusion

be completed in 15 months.

"Though the infiltration attempts are going on, we do not see an upward trend. Our border security grid is much stronger than before with the addition of new elements (to thwart infiltration attempts from Pakistan). We have already foiled 99 per cent of such attempts this year," Dilbag

Asked about the killing of a self-styled divisional commander of Hizbul Mujahideen along the LoC in Poonch district on August 7, he said Pakistan is making attempts to revive militancy in the Rajouri-Poonch belt and other places.

"Our efforts are not only to contain terrorism but to finish it completely. Whenever an infiltration attempt is being made, whether we had prior information or not about it, our security arrangements are such that they (infiltrators) walk into our net," the DGP said.

He said the overall security situation in Jammu and Kashmir is "very good" even as the "conspiracies" from across the border have not ended.

"They are sending improvised explosive devices (IEDs), weapons and narcotics which is evident with our successful interruption and seizure of such consignments in Rajouri-Poonch and north Kashmir," the DGP added.

He referred to the timely detection of an IED at Nagrota near here along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday and said police and other agencies are fully alert to the threat and are foiling the conspiracies.

"It is clear that such devices are coming from cross the border and are the handiwork of terror outfits and their cadres. The investigation (in the IED recovery case) is going on," the police chief said.

On the law and order situation in Samba where protesters blocked the Jammu-Pathankot highway and clashed with the police over their demand for removal of Sarore toll plaza, he said people should raise their grievance, if any, to the government in a proper way.

"Putting the commuters to difficulty by blocking the road neither falls in the purview of the law, nor will it be allowed. The overall situation is normal," he said.

### Art-370 Has

where it was said that the President can issue a notification declaring that Article 370 shall cease to exist or shall be operative with exceptions and modifications only on the recommendation of the Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Interestingly, Article 370 is silent on what the regime should be once the constituent assembly is formed and has taken a decision. There is a complete silence. If there is complete silence in Article 370, then Article 370 possibly has worked itself out," the CJI said.

CJI Chandrachud asked Sankaranarayanan that if this reasoning is to be accepted, then it means that once Article 370 worked itself out, the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir will fill the void and that it will be the supreme document.

"Now the question will be, can the Constitution of federating unit rise above the source of federating unit," the CJI said.

He added then the point is does the court say that Indian Constitution must be read in a manner to treat the Constitution of J-K as an overriding document over the Indian constitution.

Sankaranaraynan said it is their argument that Article 370 has worked itself out once the constituent assembly ceased to exist and, therefore, it should not have been touched.

"But, if the terminal point of Article 370 is the constituent assembly, then is it not necessary that the work of constituent assembly of the state of J-K has to be embodied in this (Indian) Constitution to make it operational," the bench said.

CJI Chandrachud said that Article 370, which continued to exist in the Indian Constitution, itself points to its self-limiting character.

"It's there in the Constitution but the provision itself points to its self-limiting character. So it is not obliterated but the text itself shows it is a self-limiting character. The operation of Article 370 has to come to an end once the constituent assembly of the state was formed .There is enough intrinsic evidence that Article 370 has itself a selflimiting character," he said.

The bench, however, clarified it is not saving

that all constitution amendment orders issued for the application of the provisions of the Indian Constitution with respect to Jammu and Kashmir are unconstitutional.

"We are not saying that all these constitutional orders (COs) may have been unconstitutional. It would be improper to say that after all these (COs) were issued by statesmen who have operated this nation for the last 70 years, and we should not say that what they did was unconstitutional. It was to further the course of governance in the nation," the CII said.

Sankaranarayanan contended the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir has almost all the provisions which Indian Constitution has with nominal

"Does that mean that anything said by the Constituent Assembly of the state of Jammu and Kashmir would bind the nation or bind Parliament or the Executive here? It had to be embodied subsequent to 1957 in a binding arrangement reflected in our Constitution which was never done," the bench said.

The top court also heard the arguments advanced by senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy, Nitya Ramakrishnan, Sanjay Parikh and PC Sen on behalf of the petitioners.

The hearing remained inconclusive and will continue on Thursday with Attorney General R Venkataramani and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta presenting their arguments on behalf of the Centre.

CJI Chandrachud said in order to maintain continuity of the hearing, the constitution bench will sit on August 28 (Monday), which is otherwise reserved for hearing miscellaneous and fresh matters.

Several petitions challenging 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 - were referred to a Constitution bench in 2019.

### **No Intention To**

which Article 370 was abrogated. Tewari, a Congress leader and Lok Sabha MP, was appearing for former Arunachal Pradesh MLA Padi Richo, who has filed an intervention application in a batch of petitions challenging abrogation

of Article 370. Interrupting Tewari, Mehta, appearing for the Centre said, "I have instructions to say this. This may be some kind of potential mischief. There is no apprehension and there is no need to create apprehensions.

"We must understand the difference between temporary and permanent provisions. The central government has no intention to touch any special provisions of the Constitution related to North Eastern and other regions."

Tewari said like Article 370 for the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, the sixth schedule of the Constitution envisages special provisions for North Eastern states.

"Even a slight apprehension in the periphery of

India can have serious implications. This court is dealing with one such situation in Manipur," he added. Tewari said he was not referring to the action of the current central government but was address-

ing the larger aspect at stake. The bench, also comprising Justices Surya Kant, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant told Tewari why should the court deal with a petition which refers to apprehensions and anticipations.

"This is a constitution bench and we are dealing with a specific provision of Article 370. We should not expand the ambit of the question before the court based on anticipation and apprehensions, the bench said.

"When, as a constitutional principle, the solicitor general has informed us that the government has no such intention, why should we apprehend something at all? We should not enter this territory at all. Let's not focus on North East like this. The apprehensions have been allayed by the statement of the central government," CJI Chandrachud said.

The bench then immediately disposed of the intervention application after passing an order in which it recorded Mehta's submissions.

In its order, the bench said the intervention application has urged that apart from the provisions contained in Part XXI of the Constitution pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir, there are special provisions governing the North Eastern regions.

"Hence it is submitted that the interpretation by the court in Article 370 would impact other provisions. Solicitor General has submitted on specific instructions that the Union Government has no intention to affect or touch any of the special provisions applicable to North East regions or any other part of India," the bench said in its order.

It said the matter before it is confined to Article 370 and there is no commonality of interest in the intervention application and the case being heard.

"In any event, the solicitor general's statement on behalf of the Union of India, allays any apprehensions in this regard. The IA stands disposed of," the bench said.

### **US Likely To**

travel advisory imposed on J&K by the US," the LG said.

"The US Embassy officials assured me that they will write to their government and strongly recommend the rollback of negative travel advisory,"

The LG said that he briefed the US Embassy officials about the sea change taking place in J&K on the tourism front post G-20 summit in Srinagar.

The LG said that the J & K administration is committed to promote pilgrim tourism in the UT. "I am glad to announce that this year, the highest ever number of Amarnath pilgrims arrived in Kashmir in the last 13 years," he said.

The LG said that last year 1.88 Cr tourists visited J&K and this year, the administration is hopeful to see 2.25 Crore tourist arrivals in the UT. Earlier in his speech, Sinha asserted that in the

last three years have seen a glorious rejuvenation of various tourism sites and offbeat destinations in Jammu and Kashmir. He also appreciated Sajjan Jindal, Chairman

and MD of JSW Group and the entire team for taking up the work for the restoration of Shiv Khori shrine. He said the new facilities will ease the pilgrimage and increase the influx of devotees. "Shiv Khori is one of the most important reli-

gious sites of the country. The restoration, upgradation and new infrastructural facilities will ensure unique spiritual tourism circuit to devotees and it will provide a major fillip to the economy and create large employment opportunities for the local population," the LG said.

"Due to inclement weather condition, I couldn't join the ceremony in person. I extend my best wishes to the people and the team engaged in the

restoration work," he added. The LG shared the efforts of the UT Administration to strengthen the religious tourism circuit and to promote the cultural, spiritual

heritage of Jammu Kashmir. "Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are working with the resolution of 'Vikas Bhi Virasat Bhi', where development work and growth go hand in hand," Sinha said.

The LG called upon the civil society members, the local residents and all the stakeholders to make their important contribution in the restoration of the shrine and developing better facilities for the devotees.

He also reiterated the commitment of the administration for the extension of Shri Shiv Khori

Sajjan Jindal, Chairman and Managing Director, JSW Group spoke on the CSR initiatives of the JSW Group in J&K and expressed gratitude to the LG for providing an opportunity to the JSW Foundation to serve the people of the UT. He also shared the action plan for the execution of the restoration project.

The ISW team and the team of experts has conducted a scientific survey and identified several works under the restoration project including refurbishment of ghat and toilets, food kiosks, drinking water points, resting, rain shelters along the pathways, benches, installation of dustbins and creation of other necessary infrastructure and facilities. (With KNO inputs)

### **Reaffirms Admin's**

The LG called upon the officials to work with determination and commitment to zero tolerance against corruption.

The six-storey building will include a parking area, police station central, prosecution staff and other allied offices which will provide suitable

space for the smooth functioning of the bureau. Besides LG, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Additional Chief Secretary Shaleen Kabra, DGP Dilbag Singh, Special DG CID RR Swain, Director ACB Anand Jain, ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh, Commissioner Secretary, GAD Sanjeev Verma, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, and senior officers were present on this occasion.

### Rs 5K Fine For

of monkeys (Macaque species) and improper management of food waste has resulted in unnatural growth in their population.

"As a result, residents in urban and rural areas are faced with increased instances of humanmonkey conflict, which has now grown into a public health and safety issue. It is essential to recognize that feeding them and improperly disposing food waste process risks and concerns." The notice also said that monkeys fed by humans lose their sense of fear and have now learnt to "associate food with people" and they are attracted and slowly become aggressive.

Monkeys are wild animals and their behaviour can be unpredictable, feeding them encourages them to approach humans, increasing the risk of bites or injuries, especially to women and children. Also, transmission of zoonotic disease from primates to humans and vice versa is another risk. Feeding monkeys can create an unsanitary en-

vironment, leading to the accumulation of waste and attracting pests, which can adversely affect the hygiene, the notice said. It said when food becomes readily available, instead of spending their time foraging in forests,

these macaques visit offices, homes, religious places, supermarkets and shops hoping to get food from humans Human food products are calorie-rich and an easily digestible source of food, however, these

foods elevate stress levels and increase intergroup aggression. Hence, providing food to monkeys can disrupt their natural feeding patterns and behaviour.

### **Air Chief Reviews**

Headquarters on Tuesday, the IAF said.

In February 2021, the defence ministry sealed a Rs 48,000 crore deal with state-run aerospace maior Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd for procurement of 83 Tejas MK-1A jets for the IAF. The new variant of the jet will be capable of fir-

ing a plethora of weapons including beyond visual range missiles, according to officials. The Chief of Air Staff said that given the nature of this project of national importance, it is re-

quired that all stakeholders adopt a collaborative approach towards its success, according to the IAF. The LCA programme has been the "harbinger" of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initia-

tives of the nation, the IAF said in a statement. The IAF has already inducted nearly 40 LCA Teias of initial variants.

Senior officials of the defence ministry, Defence Research and Development Organisation, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Aeronautical Development Agency were present during the review.

"Representatives of HAL assured the Chief of Air Staff of the timely delivery of the contracted twinseaters in the coming months, as well," the IAF said. It said the Chairman and Managing Director of

HAL assured those present at the meeting that the deliveries of this advanced variant of LCA Mk-1A would commence by February, 2024. "While complimenting HAL, the Chief of Air Staff indicated that based on these assurances, the

LCA Mk 1A could be inducted in a newly raised squadron in one of the IAF's operational bases, early next year," the IAF said. Notwithstanding the project delays that were brought out during the review, Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari lauded the efforts of all stakeholders and underlined the need to incorporate the les-

sons learnt from the LCA programme into future indigenous design and development projects. "With timely deliveries of the more capable variant, the LCA Mk 1A is likely to see increased deployments at forward bases, besides participation in international exercises in the days to

### come," the IAF said. Man Injured In

One person was injured and shifted to hospital, the officer said, adding a case under relevant sections of law was registered and a probe is underway.

PLOUGH SYMBOL TO NC

## HC Exempts CS, CEO Of **Ladakh From Personal Appearance**

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**SRINAGAR:** The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Wednesday exempted Chief Secretary and Chief Election Officer of the Ladakh from personal appearance in connection with the contempt plea filed by National Conference regarding allotment of "plough" symbol to the grand old party of J&K.

A bench of Justice Sindhu Sharma passed the orders on an application filed by Chief Secretary and the CEO, seeking exemption from their personal appearance today. They submitted that the Union Territory of Ladakh has filed an SLP (Special Leave Petition) before the Supreme Court against the judgment and order dated 9 and 14 August respectively by the High Court.

The SLP, they said, was listed before the Supreme Court on August 22 and has now been listed for hearing on August 25. Therefore, they said, till the matter was heard by the top court, the proceedings in the contempt petition be deferred and the duo be exempted from personal appearance. "Since the Supreme Court is already seized

of the matter, therefore, respondent Nos. 1 and 2 (CS and CEO) are exempted from personal appearance till further orders from this court," the court said.

On previous date of the hearing in the contempt plea filed by National Conference, the court had directed the Chief Secretary and the CEO to appear in person if the plough symbol was not allotted to the party by today being the last date for filing nominations.

As per a notification issued by the election department on August 5, the election to 26 seats of the 30-member Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil is scheduled for September 10 and the counting of votes will take place four days later.

Ladakh administration had approached Division Bench of the court on August 14 against the single bench order of August 9 which directed the NC to approach the office of the Election Department of the Administration of Ladakh for notifying the reserved symbol (Plough) already allotted to it for the polls. The order of the single bench was upheld by the Division Bench on August 14.

## **Ganderbal Sufi Saint's Urs Revived After 3 Decades**

**Agencies** 

**SRINAGAR:** After remaining suspended for more than three decades, the annual Urs of Sufi saint Syed Qamar-ud-Din Bukhari will be observed from Thursday in this central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

According to a local news agency KNO, before its suspension in the early '90s, the Urs would attract hundreds of devotees who would from nook and corner of the valley to pay obeisance at the shrine.

The organisers said that the Urs will start on August 24 (Thursday) and will culminate on August 29, with 'Shab-o-Khawani' and 'Darood-o-Azkaar' (nightlong prayers) on

The Urs will formally begin today late evening with night-

long prayers," said a devotee. In view of the ongoing Urs, a funfair has been established in the town with a variety of food stalls, traditional snack stalls including garment stalls and entertainment avenues for

The Urs resumed after a gap of three decades with the efforts of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and the district administration last year, the organisers said.

They said authorities have made arrangements this year to facilitate water transport to revive this important aspect of the Urs.

"Three decades ago, the water transport from Srinagar through Jhelum and Sindh stream would enable scores of people who would come in 'Dongas' (nonluxury houseboats) to attend the Urs." they said.

## After 6 Unsuccessful Attempts, Jammu Youth Cracks JKCSE Exams

**JAMMU:** After six back-to-back unsuccessful attempts, Jammu's lad has successfully cracked Union Territory's level Civil Services Examination, the results of which were declared yesterday.

With persistent hard work and determination, Jammu's Rajat Sambyal has achieved his dream of becoming a civil servant by cracking the prestigious Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Examination (JKCSE) with 64th rank.

Rajat Sambyal figured in the final list of qualifiers, among 218 aspirants, however, his entry in the club remains special due to his upright attitude and handwork despite countless failures.

"Shoot for landing on the moon. Even if you miss, you'll be placed in orbit. Then launch another landing with more strength, fuel, technology, and will power. Keep trying for Chandrayaan, Aditya L1, etc. for the greater good of all. Finally, I have cleared JKPSC CSE, 2022 with rank 64," Rajat Sambyal wrote on micro blogging site X, formally known as twitter.

Sambyal got many congratulatory messages from senior bureaucrats across the country including Managing Director **Iammu Power Distribution Cor**poration Limited, Shiv Anant Tayal, Secretary to Government Tribal Affairs Department, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, JKAS Arun Manhas and others.

## **Wave Of Jubilation In J&K As Chandrayaan-3 Successfully Lands On Moon**

DIPR Holds Live Screening At Srinagar



**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: In a remarkable feat, India has etched its name in history today as the Chandrayaan-3 successfully executed its soft landing on the moon's surface.

The Vikram Lander of the mission flawlessly touched down on the south polar region of the moon at 18.02 IST on August 23, marking an extraordinary achievement for our great nation and the world.

This unprecedented achievement makes India the first country to achieve a successful landing on the southern polar region of the moon, a significant milestone in the realm of space exploration.

În Jammu and Kashmir, a wave of jubilation and elation swept all through as the news

of successful landing reached every corner. From valleys to mountaintops, people remained glued to their television sets, witnessing this remarkable feat. Special screenings were also organised throughout the Union Territory of J&K.

The celebration of this ground-breaking achievement was also marked by live screening of landing at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar. Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha along with Chief Secretary and other senior officers of J&K administration witnessed the historic event. The Lieutenant Governor also extended his heartfelt greetings to ISRO and its entire team that has relentlessly worked towards the success of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission.

Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR)

also joined the celebrations of this remarkable feat and held live streaming of this historical event. Senior officers, officials, and staff members of the department gathered to witness this triumphant landing of Chandrayaan-3.

On this historic day, the entire DIPR family also extended its greetings to ISRO and its entire team for achieving this remarkable and ground breaking success. This achievement not only showcases India's scientific capabilities on global stage but also represents a moment of immense pride for the people of the nation, particularly the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir. As we move forward, India stands poised to achieve even greater milestones in the field of space exploration, embodying spirit of innovation and progress.

## **Bidhuri Reviews Progress Of Flats For PM Package Employees** Directs Executing Agencies To Strictly Adhere To Timelines

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** To expedite the construction of Transit Accommodation for PM Package employees, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Wednesday convened a meeting to review the physical progress achieved by executing agencies in the construction of flats in different districts.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner, Chief Engineer KPDCL, officers of R&B, PHE and JKPCC.

While reviewing the district wise progress, Div Com directed concerned officers to make sure that 472 additional flats are ready to handover by the end of September, 2023.

Around 6000 flats are to be constructed of which 650 flats have been already handed over. Div Com directed concerned officers of District Administra-

tion Srinagar and executing agency to strictly adhere to the timeline for the construction of 10 blocks consisting 240 flats at Zewan by utilizing the entire machinery so that these accommodation flats shall be ready to handover by the end of November.

Besides, R&B was directed to complete the construction of about 384 flats in Kulgam by June, 2024. JKPCC was instructed to complete 96 flats by December, 2023 in Kulgam.

Moreover, the officers of line departments including PHE & KPDCL were directed to restore the water and electricity to already completed Transit Accommodation blocks.

Div Com instructed DCs to appoint Nodal officers to oversee the progress and hold weekly review to apprise regarding the advancements. He also asked them to resolve the issues of the PM Package employees.

## **DC Kupwara E-Inaugurates Jio Towers In Machill**

**Observer News Service** 

KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan on Wednesday einaugurated two Jio Towers in far flung border block Machill of Kupwara district from D.C Office, here.

On the occasion, it was informed that two mobile towers have been installed in the Machill block; one at main Machill and another at Pushwari.

Speaking at the occasion, the



DC said that it was a long pending demand of local people of Machil block which has been fulfilled with much effort by the District Administration.

She congratulated the Tower Operator and the people of Machill for getting the mobile connectivity facility.

## **J&K Clinches Second Spot In Country By** Taking Its Count Of Online Services To 913



**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: With 913 citizen-centric services available online, Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday clinched the second spot amongst states and Union territories in the country, Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta announced Wednesday.

The Chief Secretary stated that it is an important milestone in tune with the resolve of the J&K administration to provide ease, convenience and accessibility of services to the common man. With 913 online services. I&K has overtaken Kerala which provides 911 services online and is placed at second position in the country after Madhya Pradesh.

Under the 'Digital J&K Programme' that was launched in mission mode last year, the number of online services has increased exponentially from 35 services in 2021 to 913 services as

The Chief Secretary commended the efforts of the IT Department and NIC for the progress made in enhancing the number of online services of different departments. He emphasised on the need to identify more citizen centric services especially in the areas of health, education and

'Nasha Mukht J&K' for development in online mode so as to reach a wider section of populace.

He stressed on the need to ensure proper assessment of citizen feedback and to continually monitor the quality of these services. It was directed that an intensive IEC campaign be launched for informing the public about the digital initiatives and for greater uptake of the online services.

The use of technology has ushered in a new era of digital governance in J & K with 24×7 availability of services on the single unified portal as well as the 'mobile dost' app. The services have even been linked with the Rapid Assessment System (RAS) for citizen feedback and over 52 lakh SMSs have been sent till date with an approval

rating of 86 percent. Moreover 300 online services have been linked to the Auto appeal system wherein appeals are escalated to the appellate authorities in case service is not provided within the timelines defined under PSGA. These measures have veritably enhanced the transparency and accountability in the functioning of government departments besides taking administration at the doorsteps of the people in

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. PD/SR/01 of 2023-24 dated:21-08-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, online e-bids are hereby invited for Capex works in Srinagar City of Jammu & Kashmir, The details are as under:

1	BALANCE SUB TRANSMISSION WORKS (33/11kV) LEVEL UNDER CAPEX AT TAILBAL IN SRINAGAR CITY.		Rs.2000.00	08-09-2023 at 1400 Hrs.
S#	Description	EMD Rs in lacs	Cost of Document in Rs.	Last date for submission of e-Bid

The tender document is available at website http://iktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view, download the e- Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below

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A	Date&Time of downloading of StandardBiddingDocument	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 23/08/2023 at 1000 Hours.
В	Clarificationsstart date	26/08/2023 at 1100 Hours.
С	Clarifications end date	29/08/2023 at 1400 Hours.
E	e-Bid submission(start)date&time (Submission of e-tender fee,EMD in pdf)	30/08/2023 at 1000 Hours.
F	e-Bid submission(end)date&Time	08/09/2023 at 1400 Hours.
G	Online CommercialandTechnical e-Bid openingdate&Time	13/09/2023 at 1400 Hours.
н	Online financial e-Bid opening date &time(Only of the technically qualifiedbidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders.
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The bidders need to submit the cost of Documents and EMD as stated in the above table pledged to Accounts Officer, with Chief Engineer Projects Kashmir, payable at Srinagar. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft as cost of document/Bid Processing fee and EMD must be enclosed along with the e-Bids but the original instruments should reach the office of Chief Engineer projects Kashmir Airport Road Humham opposite Police Post up to 09/09/2023 up to 4:00pm.

All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMDs in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee only, pledged to the Accounts Officer, Projects Kashmir payable at Srinagar. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.

The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site http://jktenders.gov.in. This is conveyed to the qualified bidders automatically through an e- mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same Web Site.

at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder's/OEM representative will be required to be

The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend

- subject of work under the package survey, planning, design, engineering, assembly manufacturing, testing, supply, loading, transpartation, unloading, unlog,insurance,deliveryatsite,handling,storage,installation,testing/Commisioning
- 6. The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any on thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding.
- In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening/Submission of Hard Copy being declared a holiday for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids/ Submission of Hard Copy shall be the following All the required documents should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format. Price
- le/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD. Only Hard copy of Cost of document and EMD is required to be submitted in hard format also To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' class III(b)as
- nformation Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding Hard copy of Cost of document and original instrument of EMD must be delivered to the office of the Chief
- ects Kashmir Hyderpora Near Mubarak Hospital upto 09/09/2023 upto 4:00pm

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## Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations **CS Directs For Giving Major Facelift To Jammu City**

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chaired a meeting of officers to take stock of different works taken up under Smart City projects and meant to add to the aesthetic appeal of the city.

The meeting was attended by ACS, Jal Shakti; Principal Secretary, PWD; Principal Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Secretary Tourism; Commissioner JMC, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu; Executive Director, Mubarak Mandi Heritage Society beside others.

Dr Mehta observed that the face of Jammu should undergo a substantial change by October 2 (Gandhi Jayanti) this year. He emphasised on completion of maximum possible ongoing projects by then. He added that these projects would give a massive facelift to the city and would help it emerge as a major tourist destination in the country.

The Chief Secretary reviewed the pace on different projects taken up under Smart City Mission. He took stock of the progress of work and simultaneously passed on several directions for early completion of each of them.

Regarding the Mubarak Mandi, the Chief Secretary enjoined upon the officers to throw open the completed portions of the heritage buildings to the public. He asked them to start the cultural and other folk activities in the complex depicting the rich history and traditions of Jammu.

The Chief Secretary also asked them to dedicate more restored structures to the public and enhance the overall aura of the complex by landscaping of the complex. He also asked for completing rest of the works by December this year. The Chief Secretary took

note of other projects like development of intersections, Apsara Road Gandhi Nagar, use of ITMS for regulating traffic, illumination of bridges and buildings, development of roads and other infrastructure besides works in and around the city. He recalled that dozens of projects were completed in the past couple of years which along with the progressing ones are going to make Jammu one of

the best places in the country. The Chief Secretary was informed that out of the total of 124 Smart City works, 80 stands completed by now. It was further given out that the work on rest of these projects is going on at a satisfactory

pace and are going to be completed within the deadlines set for them.

Earlier in the morning the Chief Secretary visited the Tawi banks to take on spot assessment of the prestigious Tawi Barrage project. He directed for increasing pace of work on this project and target for pondage of the lake before November this year.

He emphasised on completing other allied projects of beautification simultaneously to make it a go-to place for the visitors coming here. He also took e-cycle ride on the newly developed cycle track on the banks of the river and called it good addition to the city infrastructure. He observed that besides providing leisurely experience in an eco-friendly atmosphere it would give opportunity of improving on health of the riders as well.

On the occasion it was re-

vealed that the Tawi Riverfront phase-I is going to be completed soon followed by Phase-II. It includes construction of embankments/ retaining wall with channelized section 250m wide and for a length of 3.5km on both sides. It was given out that raising of barrage height to achieve adequate water height (ponding) at Gujjar

Nagar bridge is also part of it.

Pertinently, the JSCL is developing Tawi River front as the most important project for development of the city. The 7 KM long river front is proposed to be completed in 2 phases. The first phase starts from 4th bridge to Main Tawi Bridge and phase 2 from Main Tawi Bridge to Gujjar Nagar Bridge. Pathways would be constructed on both the sides (banks) of the river to provide easy access to the public.

## Srinagar Premier League: Police, Bank Register Wins



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Two Round 11 matches of the 2023 Srinagar Premier League were played on Wednesday.

In the first game, SCFA Srinagar took on JK Police XI at Baskshi Stadium. The 5:00 pm kick off between the young prospects of the Sports Council Academy and the experienced professionals of J&K Police was expected to be a thrilling contest.

However, the SCFA boys proved no match as J&K Police raced to a 3-0 lead at half time, with two goals from Aamir and one by Faisal. The second half started on a similar note as Aaamir converted from the penalty spot to complete his hat trick. Salman Hassan added another to make it 5-0 in favour of J&K Police.

The second match of the day saw JK United FC take on J&K Bank FC at Synthetic Turf TRC.

Prem gave J&K Bank the lead in 13th minute, before star forward Aakif Reshi made it 2-0 in the 17th minute. JK United's Aubaid scored an own goal to give J&K Bank a 3-0 lead at half time.

Aakif made it 4-0 early on in the second half, while Prem scored the fifth goal of the game.

## **Elections Of J&K Cycle Polo Association Held**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: The General Election of the Jammu and Kashmir Cycle Polo Association was held on Wednesday at Indoor Sports Complex here. All the executive members, office bearers, affiliated district associations and outstanding sportspersons of Cycle Polo Association attended the election process. Elections were conducted under the supervision of Musbat Ismail, Return-

ing Officer/Election Incharge (J&K Sports Council).

Following officials were elected for the tenure of four years as on 23-08-2023: Vilayat Hussain was elected as President while as Parveen Singh elected as Vice President (Jammu). Mukhtar Ahmad Bhat as Vice President (Kashmir), Sheikh Zulfikar as General Secretary, Bilkees Fatima as Treasurer, Mansi Bhatt as Joint Secretary (Jammu) and Gulshan Maqbool as Joint Secretary (Kashmir).

# India To Play England In World Cup Warm-Ups

**Press Trust of India** 

**DUBAI:** India will play two official warm-up matches against England and the Netherlands, ahead of their ODI World Cup opener against Australia, the ICC said on Wednesday.

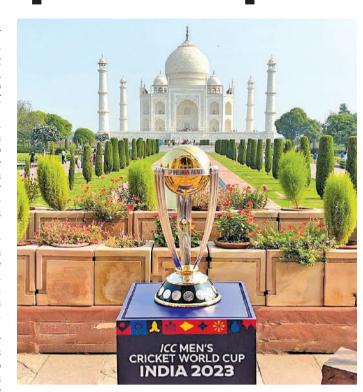
The two-time winners India will face defending champion England in the first warm-up game on September 30 at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium in Guwahati, after which they will travel to Thiruvananthapuram to face the Netherlands on October 3.

A total of three venues -- Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram and Hyderabad -- will host the official warm-up matches for all the 10 teams before the World Cup opener in Ahmedabad on October 5 between New Zealand and England.

"The 10 teams will each play two official 50-over contests during the week leading up to the start of the World Cup on October 5, with matches to be held in three different cities across India," the ICC said in a release.

"The matches will be held in Guwahati, Hyderabad and Thiruvananthapuram between Friday 29 September and Tuesday 3 October and will provide teams with the perfect opportunity to acclimatise to the conditions they are expected to face during the World Cup."

All matches in the warm-up round will start in the afternoon.
"All games will commence at 2:00pm IST and teams will be allowed to field all members of their 15-player squads during



the matches," the ICC said.

**Schedule:** September 29: Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka (Guwahati), South Africa vs Afghanistan, (Thiruvananthapuram) and New Zealand vs Pakistan (Hyderabad). September 30: India vs England (Guwahati), Australia vs Netherlands (Thiruvananthapuram). October 2: England vs Bangladesh (Guwahati), New Zealand vs South Africa (Thiruvananthapuram). October 3: India vs Netherlands (Thiruvananthapuram), Afghanistan vs Sri Lanka (Guwahati), Pakistan vs Australia (Hyderabad).

BCCI Announces BookMyShow As Ticketing Platform For World Cup

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Wednesday announced Book-MyShow as the ticketing platform for the prestigious ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.

With the tournament's commencement scheduled for September 29 with the warm-up fixtures, the cricket extravaganza will extend till November 19, providing fans with a chance to witness their cricketing heroes in action.



### CHESS WORLD CUP FINAL

## Second Praggnanandhaa, Carlsen Game Ends In Draw

**Press Trust of India** 

**BAKU:** In an anticlimax of sorts, the second game of the Chess World Cup final between Indian teen sensation R Praggnanandhaa and Magnus Carlsen failed to throw a winner, as it ended in a draw after 30 moves here on Wednesday.

The two players settled for a quiet draw in the second classical game after one-and-ahalf hours of play.

The champion will be decided via two tie-breaks on Thursday.

Five-time world champion Carlsen played a solid game with white pieces against Praggnanandhaa. The Indian did not face any trouble with black plus moves, following which Carlsen said he was a bit under the weather.

Speaking after the game, Praggnanandhaa said, "I didn't really think that he would go for a quick draw today, but I realised when he went for this line that he wanted to make a draw; I was also fine with that.

"I also feel exhausted, as I said in the previous interviews. Now I can just give everything tomorrow and relax after that."

The 18-year-old Praggnanandhaa has been enjoying an incredible run in the tournament, having already beaten world No.2 Hikaru Nakamura and world No.3 Fabiano Caruana to set up a final



pieces, with the players agreeing to a draw after 30 moves in an equal Bishop ending.

Praggnanandhaa was ahead on time at the start of the contest, but was unable to press home the advantage. He himself came under time by the end of the contest.

The first game on Tuesday had ended in a stalemate after over four hours of play and 70-

date against the Norwegian Grandmaster.

The results in the ongoing tournament also helped Praggnanandhaa qualify for Candidates 2024 tournament, which will be held in Canada. Praggnanandhaa, thus, became the third youngest player after the legendary Bobby Fischer and Carlsen to qualify for the Candidates tournament.

