



Amid Rising Drug Abuse, SMHS to Shut IPD Services at De-Addiction Centre

Srinagar: Amid the alarming rise in substance abuse in Jammu & Kashmir, the authorities have decided to curtail multiple services including stopping the de-addiction Indoor Patients Department (IPD) IPD services at Community General Hospital Unit of SMHS.

The officials at Government Psychiatric Diseases Hospital

Srinagar said that they were forced to take such kind of steps due to poor response from authorities to look into the issue of manpower shortage as out of 69 sanctioned strength, 38 are lying

vacant. They said the service will remain stopped till the manpower crisis is not resolved. Only severely sick patients will be admitted in the hospital, they

added. Government Psychiatric Diseases Hospital Srinagar recently called a meeting presided over by Head of Department Psychiatry Prof Dr Mohammad Maqbool Dar in which various decisions were taken. The meeting was called to discuss the fall-out of the cessation of services of 28 personnel

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Army, Police Launches Searches Along LoC



Jammu: Security forces on Saturday launched a search operation in a forested area after detecting suspicious movement near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, officials said.

The search operation by the army and police was launched in Chamrer and Gangna Top in the Buflaiz sector around 6 am, they said. The search parties fired a few rounds in the Chamber forest area on observing some suspicious movement but there was no retaliation from the other side, the officials said.

Reinforcements have been rushed to

Missing Army Porter Found Dead

Srinagar: Police on Saturday recovered the body of an army porter, who went missing on Friday from a forest area in Nowshera area of Rajouri district. The body of Ashok Kumar of Bhawani village was found in a gorge at Ghal Kote forest area of Nowshera with both hands tied with plastic strips, officials said.

"The body has been taken into possession to carry out medico-legal formalities," they said. They added that a FSL team was also called at the spot where senior officers of police were also present.

Kumar, who worked as an Army porter went missing on Friday morning after which security forces launched a search operation.—(KNO)

CHANDRAYAAN-3 SUCCESS

PM Declares August 23 As National Space Day



Agencies

Bengaluru: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday announced that August 23 will be celebrated as National Space Day to mark Chandrayaan-3's landing on the Moon.

PM Modi also announced that the touchdown spot of the Vikram lander on the lunar

surface would from now onwards be known as the 'Shiv Shakti' Point while the Chandrayaan-2 Lunar landing point will be called the 'Tiranga' Point.

"This will be an inspiration for every effort made by India. It will remind us any failure is not final...," PM Modi said.

A visibly emotional Prime Minister

Kashmiri Students Beaten Inside Mewar University In Rajasthan

25 Students Detained By Police, Several Injured In Stone Pelting Attack

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Several Kashmiri students on Friday were attacked and injured by right-wing activists inside Mewar University in Rajasthan following a minor altercation between them and the local students.

At least 45 students, including 25 Kashmiris were detained by police in a bid to contain the situation.

According to Kashmiri students, they were dining in the University mess when an argument over a trivial issue between them and local students took an ugly turn. The local students, they said, got infuriated and started beating them.

"As if this was not enough, local students sought help from right-wing activists who barged inside the campus and started pelting stones at us," a Kashmiri student, wishing not to be named, told Kashmir Observer.

Besides pelting stones at the Kashmiri students, he said, the



File Photo

local students and right-wing activists also raised provocative slogans. He said at least four Kashmiri students were injured in stone pelting, one among them critically.

He identified him as Furqan Ahmad, a second year student of Bsc Radiology.

"After coming under attack,

we also raised slogans. We felt helpless after being cornered by local students and goons inside the campus," he said.

"We are living under constant fear after being brutally assaulted and haunted here. We want to go back to Kashmir. We appeal to the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj

Sinha to intervene and ensure our safe evacuation from here," he added.

Vice-Chancellor, Mewar University, Dr Alok Mishra told Kashmir Observer over phone that some Kashmiri as well as local students suffered injuries during a scuffle.

However, he quickly said that Kashmir students shouted slogans in response to the provocative slogans raised by the local students.

"Slogans were raised from both sides. However, it were the local students who chanted slogans first. Investigation is on and whosoever will be found involved in creating trouble inside the campus will be dealt seriously," Mishra said.

As of now, the VC said, the situation is under control.

A police official from Gangrar police station in Chittorgarh said the situation is under control and those detained will be released soon. He also said the scuffle between the two

Names Touchdown Point As 'Shiva Shakti Point'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flew down to Bengaluru on Saturday directly from the Greek capital of Athens to interact with ISRO scientists on the successful Chandrayaan-3 mission and announced the decision to name the place where lander 'Vikram' touched down on the lunar surface as "Shiva Shakti Point".

Terming the success of Chandrayaan-3 mission as an 'extraordinary moment' in the history of India's India's space

"I SALUTE YOUR DEDICATION. I salute your patience. I salute your hard work. I salute your inspiration."

ART-370 ABROGATION

Lecturer Suspended For Appearing In SC

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has placed a lecturer in the education department under suspension with immediate effect, days after he appeared in the Supreme Court as a party against the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.

Senior Lecturer Zahoor Ahmad Bhat was removed from his place of posting in Srinagar and was attached to the office of Director

School Education, Jammu, while a senior officer was appointed as an inquiry officer to conduct an in-depth inquiry into his conduct, according to an official order.

"Pending enquiry into his conduct, Mr Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, Senior Lecturer, Political Science, presently posted at Government Higher Secondary School, Jawahar Nagar Srinagar, is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect for violation of provisions of J&K CSR, Jammu and Kashmir

Sonia Gandhi Joins Son Rahul In Srinagar

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Congress leader Sonia Gandhi on Saturday reached Srinagar on a personal visit even as her son Rahul Gandhi arrived here from his week-long Ladakh tour the previous day.

Upon her arrival at the airport on Saturday afternoon, Sonia was welcomed by senior leaders of her party, including Congress Central Working Committee members and Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool Wani.

Immediately after her arrival, Sonia visited the Nigeen Lake here and enjoyed a boat ride, a senior Congress leader said.

Rahul, who was in the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh for the past week, arrived in Srinagar on Friday after addressing a public rally in Kargil earlier in the day. The Wayanad MP stayed at a houseboat in Nigeen Lake and the family is likely to stay at a hotel in the Rainawari area on Saturday. Rahul's sister Priyanka Gandhi, along with her husband Robert Wadra, is also likely to join the duo, the party leader said.

The family is likely to visit Gulmarg on Sunday, he added.



PTI Photo

The leader, however, said no political engagements are scheduled for the family during the visit.

"It is a completely personal, family visit and no political engagement or meeting with any party leaders will happen," he added.

Rahul reached Ladakh on August 17, his first visit to the region since it was granted UT status after being carved

out from Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019. The erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was also turned into a Union Territory with its special status under Article 370 revoked.

Over the past week, Rahul has visited almost all famous places in the region, including the Pangong Lake, Nubra Valley, Khardungla top, Lamayuru and Zaskar, on his motorbike before reaching Kargil on Thursday.

Jammu Shuts Down Against Toll Plaza, Smart Meters

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Normal life was affected in parts of the Jammu division on Saturday following a bandh called by a traders' body against the installation of smart electricity meters and to press for the removal of a toll plaza on the Jammu-Pathankot highway.

The one-day strike called by the Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industries (JCCI) was supported by several political parties in Jammu and Kashmir such as the Congress, the National Conference and the PDP.

In protests in many parts of the division, including Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Reasi and

Udhampur districts, people also demanded the unconditional release of some Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) members, who were detained on Monday during a demonstration for the removal of the toll plaza at Sarore in Samba. They were accused of violating restrictions imposed around the toll plaza.

While the toll plaza has been set up illegally, the smart meters have resulted in people getting inflated power bills, protestors from political parties and social organisations claimed.

The main markets in Jammu, Samba, Kathua and Udhampur districts were a deserted look with almost all



S H O R T T A K E S

Man Detained Under PSA In Reasi

A 25-year-old man was detained under the stringent Public Safety Act and lodged at a jail in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, police said.

Mukhtiyar Ahmad (25), a resident of Chassana, is named in nearly a dozen cases registered at various police stations in Reasi, Udhampur and Himachal Pradesh between 2017 and 2023, mostly related to thefts and liquor smuggling.

"Besides indulging in criminal activities, he was found motivating the local youth and therefore, it became imperative to book him under the stringent law to

Terror Module Busted In B'pora

Security forces have busted a terror module in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district with the arrest of two people, including the wife of a slain terrorist, police said on Saturday.

A police spokesman said that based on specific input about the movement of a hybrid terrorist, a checkpoint was established in Dardgund area of the north Kashmir district on Friday, a police spokesman said.

He said a person tried to flee on seeing security personnel at the checkpoint and was subsequently arrested.

Man Dies After Falling From Tree

A man died on Saturday after falling from a tree in Hajin area of North Kashmir's Bandipora district.

45-year-old Mohammad Maqbool Dar lost balance and fell down from a willow tree in his native Rahimdar Mohallah in Shahgund on Saturday, reports said. Dar, who suffered critical injuries in the fall was removed to the community health centre (CHC) Hajin for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him dead.

"The body was handed over to his family for the last rites after completion of

Govt Employee Chargesheeted For Fraud

The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday filed a chargesheet against a government employee here for allegedly duping a man of Rs 3 lakhs on the pretext of arranging a job for his wife, an official said.

The 123-page charge sheet was filed against the accused Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, a resident of central Kashmir's Budgam district, in the court of law for judicial determination after allegations of cheating were proved during the investigation, a

Drug Peddler Sentenced To 2-Month In Jail

A court in Samba in Jammu and Kashmir sentenced a man to two-month imprisonment in a narcotics seizure case on Saturday, a police spokesman said.

The court of additional special mobile magistrate in Samba also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on the convict, Amandeep, a resident of Bari Brahmana.

Amandeep, a drug peddler, was arrested by a police team during patrolling in Vijaypur on April 27, 2018. Fifty-three gram of charas was recovered

2 Gamblers Arrested In Ganderbal

Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested two gamblers during a raid in Rangil area of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

Nazir Ahmad Mir and Tanveer Ahmad Beigh, both residents of Srinagar were arrested by a team of cops from Police Post Nagbal during a raid at Rangil area, a police spokesperson said. Besides playing cards, the police also recovered Rs 2,990 from their possession.

"They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody," the spokesperson said. Accordingly, he said, a case vide FIR No. 241/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered in

In The Court Judicial
Magistrate
1st Class Pampore.
Case No.34 of 2023
Date of Institution: 01/08/2023

Whereas, the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant in this court seeking direction to the non-applicant for Registration of Date of Birth...

Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited
Possession Notice
Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas Mr. Basharat Ahmad Bhat, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002...

Description of the Immovable Property
a. Mortgage of Double Storeyed Residential House measuring 34*28 with Land underneath and appurtenant thereto measuring 15 Marlas bearing Khasra No.125...

Before the Hon'ble Court of Municipal Magistrate Srinagar

Rehti W/o Abdul Khaliq Waloo
R/o AlAMDAR Colony Nowpora Srinagar
Applicant
VERSUS
Registrar Birth & Deaths S.M.C, Srinagar
Non Applicant

Before the Hon'ble Court of Municipal Magistrate Srinagar

Fazi W/O Abdul Rehman Sheikh Gusoo
R/O Gasoo Harzatlal Sgr
Applicant
VERSUS
Registrar Birth & Deaths S.M.C, Srinagar
Non Applicant

Before the Hon'ble Court of Municipal Magistrate Srinagar

Naseema Bano W/o Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh R/o Abi Buchwara Dalgate Sgr
Applicant
VERSUS
Registrar Birth & Deaths S.M.C, Srinagar
Non Applicant

BARAMULLA CENTRAL CO-OPRATIVE BANK LTD
Appendix-IV POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Nodal Officer of Baramulla Central Cooperative Bank Head office Baramulla under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002...

DEMISE
Our beloved father, HAJI BASHIR AHMAD SHAH S/o Sonallah Shah, resident of Rainawari present at 73-Hamzah Colony Bemina, Srinagar, the guiding light of our family...

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The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Private 2007 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars...

PUBLIC NOTICE

My son namely Muhammad Ahtishaam Bhat is a bonafide student of Minto Circle Higher Secondary School Alloochoi Bagh, Srinagar, studying in 7th class wherein his mother's name has inadvertently been recorded as Haleema Banoo instead of Halima Banoo...

The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education
Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued as per below mentioned details:-

From the principal District Judge, Srinagar

Rafiq W/o Late Nazir Ahmad Sheikh @ Nazir
R/o Sangeen Darwaza Hawal Sgr A/P Zafran Colony Mehjoor Nagar
Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

Mohammad Muzaffar Laily
Ayesha Bano
Mortgage of land measuring 4 kanal and 14 marlas under Survey No-314-MIR Serial No -727 in the name of GH HASSAN MIR S/O: QAZIM MIR R/O: GOOM AHMADPORA...

DC Srinagar Visits Shah-e-Khaas To Assess Feasibility Of Establishing Sunday Market

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to assess the feasibility of establishing a Sunday market in Sekidafar-Eidgah corridor in Shah-e-Khaas area of the District, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Saturday undertook an extensive tour of the various areas of the City.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Syed Ahmad Kataria, SP Traffic Tariq Ahmad, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Secretary SMC, Mudasir Ahmad, Tehsildar Eidgah, Ishfaq Ahmad Khan and Officers of other concerned Departments.

On the occasion, the members of Shah-e-Khaas Traders Association welcomed the DC and accompanied him to the area proposed by the Trade bodies for setting up of Sunday Market near Eidgah. President Kashmir Chambers of Commerce and Industry Mr Javed Ahmed Tenga was also present during the tour and flagged various public issues of the downtown area.

The Deputy Commissioner while inspecting

the proposed site for establishment of Sunday Market along Sekidafar-Eidgah corridor passed several directions to the line Departments.

The DC asked the SMC authorities to take necessary measures for brush cutting, grill cleaning, sanitation and removal of debris from the designated site for the proposed Sunday Market. They were also asked to complete the macadamization of Ganderpora-Eidgah by-lane, besides addressing drainage related issues in the area.

Similarly, the DC asked the Officers of R&B Department to carry out the macadamization related works along the proposed Sunday Market area. They were also asked to ensure early completion of the under construction gateway to historic Eidgah near Sekidafar Chowk.

The DC further asked the R&B authorities to expedite the works for laying tiles on pathways along Sekidafar-Aali Masjid.

The Tehsildar Eidgah was asked to monitor the cleanliness measures and removal of waste from footpaths along the Eidgah near Sekidafar Chowk.

3-Day Cultural Karavaan-Virasat 2023 Begins At Tagore Hall

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A three-day Cultural Karavaan-Virasat 2023 was inaugurated today at Tagore Hall here. The event is being organized by Jashn-e-Adab in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

This cultural spectacle aims to encapsulate the essence of the profound heritage enshrined within Hindustani literature, art, and culture.

Over the course of the next three days, attendees will be treated to an array of captivating events, including engaging conversational sessions, the rhythmic harmony of Kavi Sammelan, and the soul-stirring verses of Mushaira, brought to life by eminent poets hailing from every corner of the nation.

In his address, the revered Padma Shri Prof Ashok Chakradhar, an illustrious poet and author, underscored the enduring power of language that springs forth from the depths of human hearts. He eloquently expressed that when poetry thrives, language thrives, and in its

absence, language languishes into oblivion, a slow and natural demise.

Secretary Culture & Tourism, Syed Abid Rashid Shah, echoed this sentiment, emphasizing the paramount responsibility entrusted upon the shoulders of the youth to safeguard the flame of cultural legacy. He articulated that the tapestry of art and literature mirrors the zeitgeist of its era. Should people falter to evolve with changing times, the very fabric of language and literature may inevitably fray, he added.

Urdu Poet and Founder of Jashn-e-Adab Foundation, Kunwar Ranjeet Chauhan, hailed the eternal vibrancy of Hindustani art, culture, and literature. He extolled the therapeutic balm that these artistic expressions offer in the midst of today's frenetic world.

The digital age, he affirmed, has ushered in a renewed interest among the youth to explore the riches of Hindi and Urdu, effectively bridging the gap between timeless art and modern platforms. This resurgent fascination is propelling Hindustani art towards mainstream prominence.

Tengpora Noorbagh residents suffer in absence of drinking water supply

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Residents of Tengpora Noorbagh in Srinagar on Saturday complained of acute drinking water shortage in the area for more than two months.

Residents said the authorities have not responded to their pleas so far.

"We have no potable water and the supply is very low. Sometimes there is no water in the day and supply is restored at around 1:00 to 1:50 am. We are being

forced to wake up at night to collect the water," said a local Ayoub Lone.

"We don't even have water for our children, and if we have any patient at our home, tell us what he will drink," added another local, Hamid Sheikh son of Gh Ahmad Sheikh.

"We have gone to the authorities many times, but nothing happened. We are again requesting the authorities to kindly look into the matter as urgently as we have no water supply in our area," they added.



A roller skater performs stunts at City Square Lal Chowk amid moderate climate on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Wheelchair-Bound Woman Becomes Entrepreneur, Provides Employment To Others

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Around 20 years ago, a tragic accident not only shattered the dreams of a Srinagar woman but confined her to a wheelchair. But nothing stopped her from working hard and becoming an inspiration as she now provides jobs to around 10 persons.

Sumarty Ji, 34, a resident of the Sonwar area of Srinagar, started her own spice factory in Khonmoh Srinagar.

Sumarty Ji said she was quite well in her childhood but at the age of 13 met a tragedy due to which became dysfunctional.

Despite treatment outside J&K, nothing worked, she said. "After coming to know that I won't be able to walk now, I started suffering from depression, and other issues. My health began deteriorating despite full support from my family," she said, adding, "It was my father who stood behind me like a rock. If I am anything today it is only because of him."

Though it took me a long time to accept the reality that I have to live life in a wheelchair, I started taking everything positively and

After some time, I started a boutique in a locality where two girls were working with me but as I wasn't able to work there properly, I had to close it

took my disability, which had become a hurdle, as a challenge, she said.

"After some time, I started a boutique in a locality where two girls were working with me but as I wasn't able to work there properly, I had to close it," Sumarty Ji added.

Later, the idea of starting a spice factory came to her mind.

There was no support from the government; however, I took a loan and started this factory 'Sadaf Masalay' in the industrial area of Khonmoh where we have been working for more than a month now, she said, adding, "Currently, 10 educated youth

are working in our factory where we are manufacturing, grinding and packing chillies and other all spices and selling them in market."

During the initial days, everyone was of the opinion that you can't do it but today everyone appreciates me, Sumarty Ji said, adding that the spices manufactured at the factory are pure with no chemicals added to them. I am hopeful of everyone liking it, she said.

Sumarty Ji said she has played basketball and other games where her skill was appreciated at various levels. She said that specially-abled people shouldn't lose hope but learn to overcome challenges to live an independent life.

My message to the other specially-abled persons will be that your disability isn't the end of life, rather you need to be courageous to fight all odds and overcome challenges, Sumarty Ji said, adding, "If your one organ isn't functioning, your brain is working and that is enough to dream and work on your dreams to make them come true."

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IAPM Department Zonal Office Pulwama.

Possession Notice

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

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices dated **25.02.2022** thereby calling upon 1) Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh S/O Mohammad Abdullah Sheikh R/O Murrana, Pulwama (Sole Proprietor of M/s Noorani Traders (Borrower/Mortgagor) to repay an amount of **Rs.68,08,918.00 (Rupees Sixty Eight Lac Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen only)** being the balance outstanding as on **31.01.2022** in the account of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon. Copies of the said notices were served upon the legal heirs of the deceased guarantor Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Mir and the surviving guarantor Mrs. Nissara Akhtar W/O Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh R/O Murrana, Pulwama.

The said borrower/mortgagor/guarantors having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrowers/mortgagor/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J&K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 22nd day of August 2023.

The said borrower/mortgagor/guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for an amount of **Rs.64,22,359.35 (Rupees Sixty Four Lac Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine and Paise Thirty Five only)**, being balance outstanding in the borrowers loan accounts as on 31.07.2023 together with future interest thereon from **01.08.2023** and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

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

Description of the Immovable Property

Residential house along with land measuring **14 Marlas**, falling under Khasra No. **1659/1537**, Khata No. **1069** and Khewat No. **247** situated at Murrana Pulwama, standing in the name of Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh S/O Mohammad Abdullah Sheikh R/O Murrana, Pulwama

(Abdul Hamid Wani)
Authorized Officer

DIPK-NB-2862/23
dated: **26-08-2023**

Place: Pulwama
Dated: 22.08.2023

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092, 2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488, 245222, 2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

AIRPORTS
SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311 ✈

RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORA: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS

- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (Open)
- Srinagar-Leh - (Open)

HIJRI CALENDAR
9 Safar
1445

PRAYERS	
FAJR	4 :30
ZUHR	12:33
ASR	5:14
Magrib	7:09
ISHA	8:33

This Day In History

- 663 - Battle of Baekgang: Tang Chinese and Silla Korean forces defeat Korean Baekje forces and their Yamato Japanese allies on the Geum River in Korea. Last Japanese invasion of Korea for 900 years.
- 1799 - British invasion army lands in North Holland
- 1813 - Battle of Dresden; Napoleon defeats Austrians
- 1828 - Uruguay gains independence during Brazil-Argentina peace talks
- 1828 - The Russians defeat the Turks at the Battle of Akhalzic.
- 1883 - Krakatoa volcano, west of Java in Indonesia, erupts with a force of 1,300 megatons and kills approximately 40,000 people.
- 1900 - Battle of Bergendal: General Buller defeats the Boer under general Louis Botha
- 1913 - Swedish engineer Gideon Sundback of Hoboken applies to patent all-purpose zipper
- 1916 - Romania declares war on Austria-Hungary
- 1928 - Kellogg-Briand Pact, 60 nations agree to condemn 'recourse to war for the solution of international controversies'.
- 1941 - Shah of Iran Reza Shah Pahlavi abdicates throne in favour of his son Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
- 1942 - Cuba declares war on Germany, Japan & Italy
- 1945 - US troops land in Japan after Japanese surrender
- 1955 - "Guinness Book of World Records" 1st published
- 1958 - USSR launches Sputnik 3 with two dogs aboard
- 1962 - Mariner 2 launched; first probe to fly by Venus
- 1962 - USSR performs nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya USSR
- 1979 - 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma, cousin of Queen Elizabeth II and last Viceroy of India, is killed along with three companions, two of them children by the IRA when his boat is blown up near Sligo, Ireland
- 1982 - Soyuz T-7 returns to Earth
- 1984 - USSR performs underground nuclear test
- 1984 - War Against Indiscipline is launched by the Buhari regime in Nigeria
- 1985 - 20th Space Shuttle Mission (51-I)-Discovery 6-launched
- 1985 - General Ibrahim Babangida overthrows Major General Muhammadu Buhari's regime in Nigeria
- 1990 - Market prices plunge as OPEC nears informal agreement to increase output to cover shortfall due to invasion; cash market trading experiences abrupt decline.
- 1991 - Moldavia declares independence from USSR
- 2003 - Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in nearly 60,000 years, passing 34,646,418 miles (55,758,005 km) distant.

From KO Archives

Commandos Deployed In Sensitive Areas

Observer News Service

JAMMU- The Union Home Ministry has made all possible security arrangements to ensure incident free Lok Sabha elections in the state with the deployment of trained commandos of different para-military forces for the protection of VVIPs and candidates visiting sensitive areas of the state, especially Doda, Udhampur, and Rajouri-Poonch areas in the Jammu region.

According to well placed official sources, these measures have been necessitated in the wake of escalation of attacks on security posts and VDC and SPO pickets in these areas and Kupwara, Handwara and other places in the Kashmir valley.

The sources said that trained foreign infiltrators, who had withdrawn from Kargil, had reportedly managed to infiltrate in the Kupwara and Poonch sectors with a 'definite plan of escalating violence and subversion in the state during the coming Lok Sabha elections.' They had formulated a special contingency plan of subversion and were waiting for the green signal from their masters from across, they sources said.

Besides deployment of commandos and additional troops in sensitive areas, the Village Defence Committees (VDCs) have been equipped with highly sophisticated and automatic weapons to counter possible attacks during the forthcoming elections, the sources said and added that constant vigilance was being exercised in sensitive border areas of the state.

(Kashmir Observer, August 27, 1999)

G20 Summit: Airlines Plan To Cancel 160 Domestic Flights At Delhi Airport



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI, August 26 Delhi airport operator DIAL on Saturday said it has received requests from airlines for cancellation of 80 departing and as many arriving domestic flights during three days from September 8 in connection with the G20 Summit.

The Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), a consortium led by the GMR Group, also stressed that the airport is fully equipped with ample parking space for aircraft during the summit period.

"We take immense pride in India's role as the host of the G20 Summit 2023. Current news on cancellations of flights has no linkage to the parking of aircraft. We have already provided required parking," it said in a statement.

Further, it noted that the decision on cancellations of flights has been taken by air-

lines possibly in light of traffic restrictions due to the G20 Summit.

"So far, we have received requests for cancellation of approximately 80 departing and 80 arriving domestic flights over three days, which is a mere 6 per cent of the normal domestic operations at Delhi Airport. The restrictions will not cause any impact on international flights.

"While we recognise that approximately 80 arrivals and 80 departures may be affected due to these cancellations, we are committed to working closely with airlines to minimize any inconvenience caused to passengers," the statement said.

The G20 Summit will be held in the national capital on September 9 and 10.

Delhi Airport, also known as the Indira Gandhi International Airport, is the country's largest airport and handles around two lakh passengers daily.

Madras Lawyers Body Passes Resolution Against Renaming Of Criminal Laws



Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: The Madras Bar Association (MBA) on Friday passed a resolution against the proposed renaming of the Indian Penal Code, Indian Evidence Act and the Code of Criminal Procedure as Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Sakshya and Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita respectively by introducing three different Bills in the Parliament.

The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill 2023 were introduced in the Lower House of Parliament on August 11.

These bills seek to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC) 1860, Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPc), 1973, and the Indian

Evidence Act, 1872 respectively. While introducing the bills, Home Minister Amit Shah said the soul of these three new laws will be to protect all the rights given by the Constitution to the citizens.

"British-era laws were made to strengthen and protect their rule and their purpose was to punish, not to give justice," he said.

"We (government) are going to bring changes in both these fundamental aspects. The soul of these three new laws will be to protect all the rights given by the Constitution to Indian citizens. The objective will not be to punish anyone but to give justice and in this process, punishment will be given where it is required to create a sense of prevention of crime," Mr Shah stressed.

On Heels Of Chandrayaan-3 Success, ISRO Eyes September 2 For Mission To Sun

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BENGALURU: After the successful moon lander venture, ISRO is now gearing up for the launch of a solar mission in a week's time, likely on September 2, to study the Sun.

Aditya-L1 spacecraft is designed for providing remote observations of the solar corona and in situ observations of the solar wind at L1 (Sun-Earth Lagrangian point), which is about 1.5 million kilometres from the earth.

It will be the first dedicated Indian space mission for observations of the Sun to be launched by the Bengaluru-headquartered space agency.

The Aditya-L1 mission, aimed at studying the Sun from an orbit around the L1, would carry seven payloads to observe the photosphere, chromosphere and the outer-most layers of the Sun, the corona, in different wavebands.

Aditya-L1 is a fully indigenous effort with the participation of national institutions, an ISRO official said.

The Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) is the lead institute for the development of Visible Emission Line Coronagraph payload. While Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune, has developed the Solar Ultraviolet Imager payload for the mission.

Aditya-L1 can provide observations on the corona, and on



the solar Chromosphere using the UV payload and on the flares using the X-ray payloads. The particle detectors and the magnetometer payload can provide information on charged particles and the magnetic field reaching the halo orbit around L1.

The satellite, realised at UR Rao Satellite Centre here, arrived at the ISRO's spaceport in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh, two weeks ago. "Most likely the launch will take place on September 2", an ISRO official said. The spacecraft is planned to be placed in a halo orbit around the L1 of the Sun-Earth system. A satellite placed in the halo orbit around the L1 point has the major advantage of continuously viewing the Sun without any occultation/eclipses, ISRO noted.

"This will provide a greater advantage of observing the solar activities and its effect on space weather in real time," it said.

Using the special vantage point L1, four payloads direct-

ly view the Sun and the remaining three payloads carry out in-situ studies of particles and fields at the L1, thus providing important scientific studies of the propagatory effect of solar dynamics in the interplanetary medium.

"The suits of Aditya L1 payloads are expected to provide most crucial informations to understand the problem of coronal heating, coronal mass ejection, pre-flare and flare activities and their characteristics, dynamics of space weather, propagation of particle and fields etc", ISRO said.

The major science objectives of the Aditya-L1 mission are: Study of Solar upper atmospheric (chromosphere and corona) dynamics; Study of chromospheric and coronal heating, physics of the partially ionised plasma, initiation of the coronal mass ejections, and flares; Observe the in-situ particle and plasma environment providing data for the study of particle dynamics from the Sun.

Muzaffarnagar Schoolteacher Booked Under Bailable Charges In Slap Video Case; Opposition Slams BJP Over 'Hate Politics'

Press Trust of India

MUZAFFARNAGAR : An outrage poured in from all quarters, including political parties, the Muzaffarnagar police on Saturday booked the teacher accused of making communal comments and ordering her students to slap a Muslim classmate for not doing his homework.

The school was also served a notice by the state Education Department in connection with the matter.

The teacher, Trapti Tyagi, was booked a day after a video showed her asking her students to slap the Class 2 boy at Neha Public School in Khubapur village and also making a communal remark.



The video elicited strong words from several political leaders, with the apex child right body NCPDR demanding action against the accused teacher.

The police booked Tyagi at the complaint of the boy's

capped and was not able to stand up and reach the student who had not done his assignment.

Basic Shiksha Adhikari of Muzaffarnagar Shubham Shukla said that a show cause notice has been served on the school management through the secretary of the management committee Ravinder Tyagi.

It has been asked to furnish its response by August 28 as to why the government recognition of the school not be cancelled.

A criminal case would be registered against the authorities of the school, where the incident took place, the BSA said, adding that a team has been sent there.

The matter snowballed into a fray between the BJP and the Opposition parties, many of which alleged it was the ruling party's "politics of hate" that prepared the ground for such an incident to happen.

In her defence, Tyagi said that the video had been tampered with in order to stoke tensions. She claimed the video was shot by an uncle of the boy.

She said though it was wrong on her part to get a student slapped by his classmates, she was forced to do it as she is handi-

capped and was not able to stand up and reach the student who had not done his assignment.



Chhattisgarh Polls: Persons Above 80 Can Vote from Home

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RAIPUR: Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Saturday said the persons above 80 years of age and those with more than 40 percent disability will be able to cast their votes from home through postal ballot in the coming Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh.

More than two lakh voters in the state are above 80, he said.

"Voters above the age of 80 years will have the facility to cast their votes from home and the same facility will be available to the persons with disabilities (more than 40 per cent disability). For this, they have to fill up form 12D within five days of the notification of elections," Kumar said at a press conference here.

He was here for the last two days to review preparedness for the assembly elections which are yet to be announced.

These voters will also have a pick-up and drop facility if they wish to cast vote at a polling station, the CEC said.

An intensive drive will be carried out to enroll voters from the five particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) during the ongoing special summary revision (SSR)-2, he said.

The special summary revision of electoral rolls has been extended up to September 11 and the final voter roll will be published on October 4, he added.

The concerned administrative and law enforcement authorities have been directed to work in a coordinated manner and maintain strict vigil on the

105 inter-state border check-posts to prevent illegal movement of liquor, cash, freebies and drugs during the polls, Kumar said.

Authorities have been asked to keep these check-posts operational with CCTV cameras installed there, he added.

The monitoring of private airstrips and helipads in the state will be conducted by the concerned agencies, and action will also be taken against liquor trade kingpins and big liquor suppliers (if found to be violating rules), he said.

Chhattisgarh has 1.97 crore registered voters comprising 98.5 lakh women, 98.2 lakh men and 762 transgenders, Kumar said.

There are 4.43 lakh first-time voters, 2,948 centenarians, 1.47 lakh persons with disabilities, 2.02 lakh voters in the 80-plus age segment and 19,854 servicemen voters, he said.

"An intensive drive will be carried out to enroll left-out electors belonging to five PVTGs- Abhujmaria, Kamar, Pahadi Korwa, Birhor and Baiga. These PVTGs have a population of 1.86 lakh and of them 1.15 lakh are over 18 years of age but only 1.13 lakh have been enrolled as voters," Kumar said.

The total number of polling booths in the state is 24,109, of which 900 'sanghari' ones will be managed by women staff and security personnel, and 90 booths will be managed by PwDs, he said.

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10 Mountaineers Killed, 8 Injured As Minibus Plunges Into Gorge In Iran

Agencies

TEHRAN: A minibus carrying mountaineers in Iran plunged into a ravine, killing 10 people, the state media reported Saturday.

The accident occurred on Friday near the city of Varzaghan, in East Azerbaijan province, said the provincial emergency services spokesman, Vahid Shadnia, according to the state news agency IRNA.

The minibus was heading towards a tourist village in the mountainous region when it overturned for an undeter-

mined reason and fell into the ravine, an official said.

"10 people including the driver were killed and eight were injured," Vahid Shadnia said, adding that, "If the seat belts had been buckled, the number of victims would have been lower".

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Although its roads are generally in good condition, Iran has one of the world's highest traffic death rates partly because of poor driving habits, as well as the impact of international sanctions on vehicle maintenance.

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Skipping school in Saudi Arabia? Parents could face jail

Agencies

CAIRO: Parents of students who stay away from their schools in Saudi Arabia for 20 days without a plausible excuse could face jailing, a Saudi newspaper has reported.

The student's absence from the school for 20 days without an excuse makes the guardian liable to an inquiry by public prosecution under the kingdom's Child Protection Law, according to Makkah newspaper.

After finalising the investigation, prosecutors shall refer the case to the law court where the judge has the jurisdiction to issue a jail sentence of an appropriate term against the parent if he was negligent about the student's absence. The move is part of efforts to ensure "ideal studies" in the new academic year, the report said.



More than 6 million students in different educational stages returned to school earlier this week across Saudi Arabia after a two-month summer vacation.

The three-semester school year in the kingdom is spread over 38 weeks and features 60-day different holidays, in addition to a 68-day summer break.

According to an official schedule, the first semester runs until November 16. The second semester is due to begin 10 days later and run until February 22. The third is scheduled to start March 3 and end on June 10.

As of the new school year in the kingdom, new subjects such as earth sciences, space and event managements are introduced in the secondary school stage.

Listed the legal action process against the guardian of the absentee student, the paper said the school principal is to report the case to the respective

2 Directors Held for Diverting ₹1,786 Crore

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday said it has arrested two directors of a West Bengal-based company that allegedly ran a ponzi scheme and diverted ₹1,786 crore worth of public funds.

Prabir Kumar Chanda and Pranab Kumar Das, the directors of MPS Greenery Developers Limited, were arrested on August 24 and a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Kolkata sent them to ED custody till September 1, the central agency said.

MPS Greenery Developers Limited raised funds of about ₹2,682 crore during 1999-2000 to 2013-2014 from investors through various "fraudulent" income schemes, by issuing agro, orchard and teak bonds in violation of norms of banking regulator RBI and markets regular SEBI, it alleged.

The company was controlled and managed by its Chief Managing Director (CMD) Pramatha Nath Manna, the two arrested directors and other associates.

Trump Returns to X, Formerly Twitter

Agencies

LONDON: Former President Donald Trump returned to the social media site X, formerly known as Twitter, with a post on Thursday showing his mug shot from his booking at Fulton County Jail in Georgia earlier in the day.

With his post appealing for donations, Trump re-claimed direct access to the public on the platform that banned him following the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on Congress by his supporters.

On Nov. 19 the San Francisco-based app reversed its position under billionaire Elon Musk, the self-proclaimed "free speech absolutist" who bought Twitter on Oct. 2.

Trump, who had over 88 million followers when Twitter banned him, posted a photo on Thursday of the mug shot with the words: "ELECTION INTERFERENCE! NEVER SURRENDER!" The post garnered more than 14 million views 50 minutes after going live.



Twitter permanently suspended Trump's account in January 2021, citing the risk of further incitement of violence following the storming of the US Capitol.

He used Twitter and other social media platforms to claim his defeat in the 2020 election was due to widespread voter fraud and to share other conspiracy theories.

On Nov. 15 Trump launched a bid to regain the White House in 2024.

On Wednesday, Trump opted out of a Republican primary debate on Fox News, attracting millions of

viewers who watched — or at least scrolled by — a rival interview on X.

That 46-minute conversation with conservative commentator Tucker Carlson had drawn nearly 250 million views as of Thursday night, according to the site's statistics.

On Thursday evening, Trump broke from a vow that he would stick exclusively with his new platform Truth Social, the app developed by his Trump Media & Technology Group (TMTG) startup. Trump had 6.4 million followers on Truth Social as of Thursday.

Trouble With Government Schools

Amir Suhail Wani

A little reflection leads us to the mechanism of internal accountability and regular evaluation at private schools which is almost absent in case of government schools. While private schools ensure to have regular evaluations in place to assess the performance of teachers and students; government schools, eviscerated of any such process, defer it to annual exams, whose results often expose their cracks and lacunae

Shambled buildings, untidy spaces, dull classrooms and disinterested teachers – this is the image that most of us conjure when thinking about government schools and to all dismay the picture is correct and true in its contents. No matter how authorities try to gloss over the ground realities, the fact is that government schools, despite having qualified staff and minimum expenses, remain the last choice with parents.

Government schools are opted in situations of economic emergency, only when situations corner parents and they are absolutely disempowered to afford private school for their ward. Sometimes, even in situations of such economic extremes, people cut out their needs and try to secure for their children a place in private schools – reflecting the desperation of people to stay away from government schools. Why are people ready to sacrifice their basic amenities and enrol their wards in private schools instead of sending them to government schools, where expenses are minimal and children also receive free uniform and other items? The paradox is one that needs close attention in order to understand the failure of government schools in delivering quality education and magnetising parents and students to attend to these institutions. The classical irony is not lost to us as members of same society that government teachers enrol their own children in private schools and at times use influence and approach for the same. One can't imagine a bigger tragedy and treason in the context we are talking and the audacity of self-contradiction is not only well known but now stands well accepted and approved socially. The state of affairs, as it exists, makes us ponder the rot within the system and to explore the reason for the dichotomies in place with reference to government schools, their tall claims and the simultaneous existence of fallacies, lacunae and failures.

One often ponders the puzzles that how do teachers in private schools, who are paid far lesser, in comparison to their government counterparts; impart quality education to their students and literally burnout themselves in the process?

The answer to this is a master-key that unlocks other allied questions. A little reflection leads us to the mechanism of internal accountability and regular evaluation at private schools which is almost absent in case of government schools. While private schools ensure to have regular evaluations in place to assess the performance of teachers and stu-



dents; government schools, eviscerated of any such process, defer it to annual exams, whose results often expose their cracks and lacunae. Recently, we have been told that government schools are doing good as they have secured some positions here and there. But this overlooks the fact that individual achievements can't be used to rub off collective failures and when these instances are probed, they turn out to be the fruits of individual efforts rather than institutional excellence.

The factor of poor infrastructure can be brought in, but that is not widespread and by & large, government schools now have working infrastructure and the ball of responsibility can't be shifted from human agency to some invisible factors. Unless some strong evaluation process and reward/punishment mechanism is brought in, the situation is unlikely to improve.

The teaching apathy in government schools is only augmented and aggravated by the absence of extra-curricular activities, lack of exposure, the total absence of academic competence and an ambience which could foster excellence and competence. In a shocking revelation, 2600 government teachers turned out to be under-qualified "the official figures reveal that a total of 2685 teachers with below secondary level qualification were teaching students at all levels". It is left

to the imagination of the readers to gauge the state of muddled affairs on ground and the quality of education served by government schools. The added irony being that at a time when educated and highly qualified youth are committing suicide and suffering from depression in the wake of unemployment, these under qualified and dead wood type of persons are enjoying the perks and benefits which a government job brings along.

The student teacher ratio is another challenge faced by these schools ranging from six teachers for three students to three teachers for three hundred students. This disproportion ratio raises strong questions on the administrative and managerial mechanism of the education department and unveils their state of absolute oblivion to the ground realities. These comments, notwithstanding their harshness, are only a mirror of reality and one can't water them down to suit the taste of the people. The mirror is not to be blamed, the face is to be cleaned.

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The Science Of Alienation

Alienation of scientific labour is also exacerbated by imposition of the need to acquire marketable skills. For example, in academia, evaluation of job applicants is often based on publication history

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Science reinforces in us a sense of intellectual aura as well as adventurism to unravel the intriguing secrets of nature. The pursuit of science has led to groundbreaking discoveries and technological advances. But the process of cultivating scientific curiosity has been left unprotected from the clutches of instrumentalism. It is quite alarming that several surveys have confirmed widespread dissatisfaction and anxiety among scientists, especially those on fixed contracts or are early-career researchers, that are resulting in intellectual calcification and, subsequently, alienation.

Scientific inventions are organic, cumulative, and cooperative processes. The scientific revolution in Europe was based on the principle of the freedom of the mind. But now, with governments exonerating their role in supporting research and development and conceding those spaces to private enterprises, freedom in science is getting compromised, impeding the intellectual labour of scientists

for the greater good.

The unease among young scientists is the result of structural conditions, such as low wages, insecure contracts, and the pressure of publication that are stifling intellectual curiosity. But the real problem concerns the alienation of labour. Significantly, intellectual calcification-induced alienation in the sciences is yet to find space in the public discourse.

Companies extracting intellectual labour from scientists are alienating them from their creations. Imagine that you have been part of a life-saving drug discovery that your neighbour is unable to afford owing to the surrender of your intellectual labour to private corporations. For instance, insulin is still unaffordable for millions of people despite not being patented by its discoverers (Banting and Best), exemplifying the alienation of scientific labour from its creation. This surrender of intellectual labour in exchange for wages is a form of submission that undermines freedom, which is indispensable to creativity and discoveries.

The second stage of the alienation process is alienation from labour ac-



tivity. The scientific enterprise is not immune to this. Reduced freedom in science transforms scientists into a constituency of experimentalists testing the ideas and hypotheses of supervisors or merely responding to the demands of the market, leading to monotonous labour activity. Funding agencies determine research activity of scientists by allocating funds for a

specific research area, thereby suppressing intrinsic scientific curiosity further.

The alienation of scientific labour is also exacerbated by the imposition of the need to acquire marketable skills. For example, in academia, evaluation of job applicants is often based on publication history. This begins a crisis because professionals

are selected not on the basis of their ability to nurture critical thinking but their ability to keep products afloat in the market. Peter Higgs, a Nobel laureate, had once said, "Today, I wouldn't get an academic job. It's as simple as that. I don't think I would be regarded as productive enough." Who, how, and what define productivity in science?

Despite all the efforts to inject 'efficiency' in science, research productivity has decreased in the United States of America. Unleashing the potential of individual

scientists requires an ecosystem where the right to innovate is not imperilled

by threats of scarcity and failure. The forcible compartmentalisation of scientists from their innate motivation/passion is bound to alienate labour in science and undermine their creativity.

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Over the Moon!

Mohammad Hanief

In a historic achievement for India's space endeavours, the Chandrayaan-3 lunar rover successfully disembarked from its spacecraft early on August 24, 2023. This significant move marks the commencement of its mission to explore the enigmatic lunar surface, located at the moon's south pole. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) delivered the news via the messaging platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

With the mission's success, India has become the first country to land a spacecraft in uncharted territory near the lunar South Pole. In fact, India is only the fourth country in history to complete a soft landing on the Moon after the United States, the Soviet Union and China.

The successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the Moon is one of the most defining moments in India's history. It consolidates its position as a space power. India is one of the four countries to accomplish a soft landing on the lunar surface, and the first to do so near the Moon's South Pole. Just like the implications of the nuclear tests, for instance, went far beyond nuclear or military affairs, the ramifications of Chandrayaan-3's success are not restricted to matters of space. ISRO's successful mission adds yet another dimension to India's increasing global heft, across sectors.

This great success in space exploration comes, coincidentally, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in Johannesburg, South Africa, for the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) summit. Chandrayaan-3's success will boost India's profile and standing among its BRICS partners.

However, India started celebrating on August 23, 2023 itself, when Chandrayaan-3 accomplished a precise landing on the uncharted southern extremity of the moon. This achievement followed Russia's Luna-25 recent failure, catapulting India into the spotlight as the pioneering nation to accomplish this remarkable feat.

According to the ISRO, the Chandrayaan-3 Rover executed a seamless transition from the Lander, symbolising India's tangible presence on the moon's surface. With an estimated budget of around 615 crore, this endeavour marked India's second endeavour to touch down on the moon. The prior attempt, Chandrayaan-2 in 2019, had achieved an orbiter deployment, albeit with an unfortunate crash landing of its



With Chandrayaan-3 successfully landing on the Moon's surface, decks have been cleared for ISRO to unveil the next stage of its lunar exploration programme. As of now, ISRO is preparing for one more lunar mission, this one in collaboration with the Japanese space agency, JAXA. This mission, called LUPEX, or Lunar Polar Exploration, is slated for 2024-25. But there would be more in the Chandrayaan series as well

lander.

Derived from Hindi and Sanskrit, the term 'Chandrayaan' translates to "moon vehicle". The choice of the lunar South Pole as the mission's destination stems from its speculated water ice reserves. These resources are anticipated to be crucial for sustaining future space missions by offering essential elements like fuel, oxygen, and drinking water. However, the rough and uneven terrain of the moon's South Pole adds complexity to the landing process.

The historic event captivated millions across the nation, with a staggering 80 lakh viewers tuning in to witness the landing on YouTube's live stream.

The real test of the mission began at the last leg of the landing. Prior to 20 minutes before landing, ISRO initiated Automatic Landing Sequence (ALS). It enabled Vikram LM to take charge and use its on-board computers and logic to identify a favourable spot and make a soft-landing on the lunar surface.

Experts say that the final 15 to 20 minutes were highly crucial for the success of the mission when Chandrayaan-3's Vikram

lander descended down to its soft landing. Indians throughout the country and across the world are prayed for Chandrayaan-3's Successful Landing today.

Given the history of India's second lunar mission, which failed during the last 20 minutes before landing, ISRO was extra-cautious this time in the process. Due to high risk to the spacecraft minutes before moon landing, the duration is dubbed by many as "20 or 17 minutes". During this phase, the whole process became autonomous, where Vikram lander ignited its own engines at the right times and altitudes.

Chandrayaan-3 consists of an indigenous Lander module (LM), Propulsion module (PM) and a Rover with an objective of developing and demonstrating new technologies required for inter planetary missions. The Lander will have the capability to soft land at a specified lunar site and deploy the Rover which will carry out in-situ chemical analysis of the lunar surface during the course of its mobility.

The Lander and the Rover have scientific payloads to carry out experiments on the lunar surface. The main

function of PM is to carry the LM from launch vehicle injection till final lunar 100 km circular polar orbit and separate the LM from PM. Apart from this, the Propulsion Module also has one scientific payload as a value addition which will be operated post separation of Lander Module. The launcher identified for Chandrayaan-3 is LVM3 M4 which will place the integrated module in an Elliptical Parking Orbit (EPO) of size ~170 x 36500 km.

After rolling down a ramp from the Chandrayaan-3 lander, the six-wheel, 26-kg rover, which is capable of slowly moving up to 500 metres, will begin its job of lunar exploration. The landing has happened at lunar dawn, and the six payloads on board the lander and rover will start collecting data soon after to get as much science as possible in the single lunar day or 14 Earth days for which they will remain operable.

The Chandrayaan-3 payloads will further the science learnings of the two predecessor missions by studying lunar quakes, mineral compositions, and the electrons and ions near the surface of

the Moon. The mission will attempt to study water-ice, the presence of which was detected by Chandrayaan-1.

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Over the next 14 days, the six-wheeled rover will carry out experiments on the surface of the moon. Both Vikram lander and Pragyan rover have a mission life of 1 lunar day, equal to 14 days on earth. The lander module is carrying five payloads for specific tasks on the Moon.

The rover's an Alpha Particle X-Ray Spectrometer will be used to derive the chemical composition and infer mineralogical composition to further enhance the understanding of the lunar surface. A Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy will determine elemental composition of the lunar soil and rocks around the landing site.

The lander is also carrying RAMBHALP (Langmuir Probe) to measure the near surface plasma (ions and electrons) density and its changes with time. ChaSTE Chandrayaan-3's Surface Thermo Physical Experiment will carry out the measurements of thermal properties of lunar surface near its polar region. The Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity will measure the seismicity around the landing site.

The Space Applications Centre (SAC) of ISRO and Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) have made crucial contributions to the Chandrayaan-3 mission, which landed close to the unexplored lunar south pole on Wednesday evening. Both institutions were founded in Ahmedabad by Dr Vikram Sarabhai, father of India's space programme.

ISRO SAC played a crucial role in the landing process. It has developed a number of sensors on board the lander, including the hazard detection and avoidance camera and processing algorithm. SAC has developed eight camera systems for the Chandrayaan-3 mission, four of which are on board the lander, and one on the rover. Three other cameras on the lander played a crucial role in the landing.

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14 Ways To Cultivate A Lifetime Reading Habit

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"To acquire the habit of reading is to construct for yourself a refuge from almost all the miseries of life." – W. Somerset Maugham

Somewhere after "lose weight", "stop procrastinating", and "fall in love", "read more" is one of the top goals that many people set for themselves. And rightly so: A good book can be hugely satisfying, can teach you about things beyond your daily horizons, and can create characters so vivid you feel as if you really know them.

If reading is a habit you'd like to get into, there are a number of ways to cultivate it.

First, realize that reading is highly enjoyable, if you have a good book. If you have a lousy book (or an extremely difficult one) and you are forcing yourself through it, it will seem like a chore. If this happens for several days in a row, consider abandoning the book and finding one that you'll really love.

Other than that, try these tips to cultivate a lifetime reading habit:

1. Set times

You should have a few set times during every day when you'll read for at least 5-10 minutes. These are times that you will read no matter what – triggers that happen each day. For example, make it a habit to read during breakfast and lunch (and even dinner if you eat alone). And if you also read every time you're sitting on the can, and when you go to bed, you now have four



times a day when you read for 10 minutes each – or 40 minutes a day. That's a great start, and by itself would be an excellent daily reading habit. But there's more you can do.

2. Always carry a book

Wherever you go, take a book with

you. When I leave the house, I always make sure to have my drivers license, my keys and my book, at a minimum. The book stays with me in the car, and I take it into the office and to appointments and pretty much everywhere I go, unless I know I definitely won't be reading (like at a movie). If there is a time when you have to wait (like at a

doctor's office or at the DMV), whip out your book and read. Great way to pass the time.

3. Make a list

Keep a list of all the great books you want to read. You can keep this in your journal, in a pocket notebook, on your

personal home page, on your personal wiki, wherever. Be sure to add to it whenever you hear about a good book, online or in person. Keep a running list, and cross out the ones you read.

Tech trick: create a Gmail account for your book list, and email the address every time you hear about a good book. Now your inbox will be your reading list. When you've read a book, file it under "Done". If you want, you can even reply to the message (to the same address) with notes about the book, and those will be in the same conversation thread, so now your Gmail account is your reading log too.

4. Find a quiet place

Find a place in your home where you can sit in a comfortable chair (don't lay down unless you're going to sleep) and curl up with a good book without interruptions. There should be no television or computer near the chair to minimize distractions, and no music or noisy family members/roommates. If you don't have a place like this, create one.

5. Reduce television/Internet

If you really want to read more, try cutting back on TV or Internet consumption. This may be difficult for many people. Still, every minute you reduce of Internet/TV, you could use for reading. This could create hours of book reading time.

The article was originally published by Life Hack

New Spray Technique Developed By Scientists Could Usher In New Era Of Transdermal Medication

Press Trust Of India

Scientists at Rutgers University have devised a highly accurate method for creating coatings of biologically active materials for a variety of medical products. Such a technique could pave the way for a new era of transdermal medication, including shot-free vaccinations, researchers said.

Writing in Nature Communications,

researchers described a new approach to electrospray deposition, an industrial spray-coating process. Essentially, Rutgers scientists developed a way to better control the target region within a spray zone as well as the electrical properties of microscopic particles that are being deposited. The greater command of those two properties means that more of the spray is likely to hit its microscopic target.

In electrospray deposition, manufacturers

apply a high voltage to a flowing liquid, such as a biopharmaceutical, converting it into fine particles. Each of those droplets evaporates as it travels to a target area, depositing a solid precipitate from the original solution.

"While many people think of electrospray deposition as an efficient method, applying it normally does not work for targets that are smaller than the spray, such as the microneedle arrays in transdermal patches," said Jonathan Singer, an associate professor

in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the Rutgers School of Engineering and an author of the study.

"Present methods only achieve about 40 per cent efficiency. However, through advanced engineering techniques we've developed, we can achieve efficiencies statistically indistinguishable from 100 per cent."

Coatings are increasingly critical for a variety of medical applications. They are used on medical devices implanted

into the body, such as stents, defibrillators and pacemakers. And they are beginning to be used more frequently in new products employing biologicals, such as transdermal patches.

Advanced biological or "bioactive" materials such as drugs and vaccines can be costly to produce, especially if any of the material is wasted, which can greatly limit whether a patient can receive a given treatment.

SCHOLARSHIPS This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir.

Scholarship Name 1: LIC HFL Vidyadhan Scholarship 2023

Description: LIC HFL Vidyadhan Scholarship is an initiative of LIC Housing Finance Limited that aims to empower lower-income group students who are pursuing studies from Class 11 to post-graduation.

Eligibility: Open for Indian students who are currently studying in Class 11 and first year of graduation and post-graduation programmes (in the academic year 2023-24). Applicants must have scored more than 60% marks in their previous qualifying examination. Annual family income of the applicant must not be more than INR 3,60,000 from all sources.

- Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 25,000 per year
- Last Date to Apply: 30-09-2023
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/LHVC11

Scholarship Name 2: Virchow Scholarship Program 2023

Description: Virchow Scholarship Program 2023 aims to provide financial support to meritorious and underprivileged girl students from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to support their higher education.

Eligibility: Girl students from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh who have passed Class 10 or 12 and are currently studying in Class 11 or first-year of graduation (any stream) from government



schools/colleges are eligible. The annual family income of the applicants must be less than INR 6 lakh from all sources.

- Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 15,000 per year
- Last Date to Apply: 31-08-2023
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/VISC3

Scholarship Name 3: Raman Kant Munjal Scholarship 2023

Description: Raman Kant Munjal Scholarships 2023, an initiative of Raman Kant Munjal Foundation, supported by Hero FinCorp, aims to support students pursuing finance-related courses to get admissions to reputed colleges and pursue their dream of a promising career and a better life.

Eligibility: Students pursuing 1st year of BBA, B.FIA, B.Com. (H, E), BMS, IPM, B.A. (Economics), BBS, BBI, BAF, and B.Sc. (Statistics) or any other finance-related degree courses are eligible.

Applicants must have secured a minimum of 80% marks in Classes 10 & 12 examinations. The annual family income of the applicants should be less than INR 4 lakh.

Open for Indian nationals only.

- Prizes & Rewards: Scholarship up to INR 5,00,000 per year for 3 years
- Last Date to Apply: 15-09-2023
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/RMKSP1

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

Tele/Fax: 0194-2433590, 2437647 (Srinagar); 0191-2479371, 2470102 (Jammu)
Website: www.jkbopee.gov.in E-mail: coejakbopee@gmail.com/ helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com

Subject: - Conduct of Second Round of Counseling (Physical) for Upgradation /Allotment of seats in MBBS/BDS/DDH/DDM Courses - 2023 in Government / Private Medical/Dental Colleges of UT of J&K, including seats falling under Hindu Minority & NRI Quota in ASCOMS, Jammu.

Reference: i) Notification No. 057-BOPEE of 2023 dated 11.08.2023.
ii) Notification No. 066-BOPEE of 2023 dated 20.08.2023.

Notification No. 070-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 26-08-2023

Pursuant to Notification No. 057-BOPEE of 2023 dated 11.08.2023, the Board has received shortfall of seats in MBBS/BDS course from various Government/Private Medical/Dental Colleges of UT of J&K. In order to fill up these seats along with the seats which have remained unfilled including the seats which have become available due to the Resignations by the selected candidates from the respective allotted college(s). Further, as already notified vide Notification No. 066-BOPEE of 2023 dated 20-08-2023, the seats of ASCOMS under Hindu Minority (HM) / Non Resident Indians (NRI) Quota shall also be filled up during Second Round of Counseling.

It is hereby notified for information of all the concerned candidates that the Board shall conduct the Second Round of (Physical) Upgradation/Allotment counseling as per the schedule given below:-

S. No.	Date	Rank	Remarks
1.	28-08-2023	001-1000	All candidates including Reserved category/HM/NRI.
2.	29-08-2023	1001-2200	All candidates including Reserved category/ HM/NRI.
3.	30-08-2023	2201-3862	All candidates including Reserved category/ HM/NRI.

The following procedure shall be followed during Second Upgradation/Allotment Round of Physical Counseling.

- The eligible and willing candidates have to report at the BOPEE offices Jammu / Srinagar for Registration/Attendance & fulfillment of other formalities, from 8.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on the day/date of counseling.
- It is enjoined upon all the eligible candidates that they shall visit/ attend counseling only after checking the Seat Matrix available on the official website of the Board and if the seats of their choice(s) are available in their respective categories they shall participate in the counselling.
- Those candidate(s) who have been allotted seat(s) during First Round of Online Counseling and have joined against the said seat/College, if, interested for upgradation can participate in the 2nd Round of Physical Counseling with the condition that he/she shall have to produce his/her fee deposition receipt of the concerned allotted College at the time of Registration/Attendance on his/her day/date of counseling.
- Candidate(s) who has / have opted for C.N.A./S.N.A., are also eligible to attend the Second Round of physical counseling for up-gradation / allotment of seats in MBBS/BDS/DDH/DDM Courses-2023.
- The candidates whose names are figuring in the updated UT Merit List annexed to the Notification No. 048-BOPEE of 2023 dated 31-07-2023, but failed to participate in the First Round of online counselling due to one or the other reason shall also be eligible to participate in the counselling subject to the condition that they shall have to deposit counselling fee of Rs.1500/- physically, through POS machines available at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar on their day/date of counseling.
- The candidate(s) who have been allotted Seat(s) during First Round of counseling, but have failed to join against the said allotted seat/College, he/she shall not be eligible to participate in the Up-gradation/Second Physical Round of counseling.
- The candidate(s) participating in this physical round of counseling and getting allotted a seat, should in their own interest not to leave the Board office as there is a possibility that a seat of his/her choice, which was not available on his/her turn of counseling may become available during the process, he/ she can stake a claim on such a seat immediately once the seat is displayed in the seat matrix on the monitor of the Board consequent upon its vacation by a candidate so that such a candidate is considered for allotment of the seat on merit cum preference basis. The seat allotted to him/her earlier shall become vacant and shall be added to the seat matrix. However, it is clarified that the Board shall not be responsible in case a candidate leaves the Board office and he/she fails to stake a claim on a seat as may become available at appropriate time.
- As already notified vide Notification No. 057-BOPEE of 2023 dated 11.08.2023 that the Board shall fill up 29 MBBS seats and 03 BDS seats in CDP category during Second Round of Counseling strictly on the basis of Priorities fixed by the Government and preferences preferred by the eligible candidates during the First Round of online counselling. The seats shall be allotted to the eligible candidates strictly as per the amended /revised priorities conveyed by the concerned certificate issuing authorities.
- The Board reserves the right to notify such changes as may become necessary in view of any technical difficulty or the reasons beyond its control.

Note:

- The Updated Seat Matrix shall be uploaded on website of the Board separately in due course of time which shall facilitate the candidates to decide about their participation in the Upgradation/Allotment Round of Counseling.
- The seats of DDH/DDM in Govt. Dental College Jammu /Indira Gandhi Government Dental College Jammu shall also be filled during this Round of counseling.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified by the Board in the e-Information Brochure and Notifications/Notices issued from time to time in this regard.

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Sd/-
Controller of Examinations
J&K BOPEE

DIPK-NB-2869/23

No. BOPEE/Exam-03/2023

Dated: 26-08-2023

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR Office Of The Executive Engineer, Irrigation Construction Division Pampore

e-NIT No.16 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of J&K e-tenders (Two cover System) are invited by e-tendering mode on item rate basis from established and accredited companies / suppliers / firms for the following work, which should be uploaded on the Procurement web portal <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

S.No.	Name of the work	Amount	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Document	Class of Tender	Time of Completion	Head of Account	Tender Receiving Authority
1.	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF NON-CONTACT TYPE RADAR WATER LEVEL SENSOR WITH DATA LOGGER AND ALLIED ACCESSORIES INCLUDING FABRICATION/CONSTRUCTION OF THE STEEL TOWER AND ITS FOUNDATION at (1) Lidder Nallah at Pahalgam (Aru tributary) (2) Lidder nallah Betab valley Pahalgam (Sheshnag tributary) (3) Romshi Nallah at Pohn (4) Aripal nallah at head (5) Doodganga nallah at Brenwar, (6) Dachigam nallah at dachigam head.(7) Erin Nallah at Papchan (Head) (8) Madhumati Nallah at Sonarwani (Head).	80.00 lacs	160000/-	5000/-	"A"	90 Days	MH 4711	Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore

Position of Funds: 50.00 lacs available during F.Y 2023-24 and the balance amount of Rs. 30.00 lacs during next F.Y 2024-25

Major Head of Account: MH 4711

Position of AAA: Accorded

The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz:

Cover 1st (Technical Cover) - Tender fee and Earnest Money details, fulfillment of prequalification criteria, technical specifications and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender.

Cover 2nd (Financial Cover) - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities [B.O.Q.], set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given hereunder:

1.	Publishing date of NIT	25-08-2023 (6.00 PM)
2.	Bid Document Downloading Start Date	25-08-2023 (6.00 PM)
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	25-08-2023 (6.00 PM)
4.	Pre-bid meeting	06-09-2023 (11.30 AM)
5.	Last Date & Time for Uploading (Submission) of Bids	15-09-2023 (6.00 PM)
6.	Bid Validity Period	90 Days
7.	Deadline for submission of hard copies	25-09-2023
8.	Date of opening of 1 st cover	16-09-2023

- Bid documents can be downloaded from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in> from the date of document download start date.
- The Bids shall be uploaded on the website <https://jktenders.gov.in> from the date of bid submission date to bid closing date.
- The original copy of EMD, DD, and other documents as specified in tender document must reach the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore through registered / speed post / by hand prior to one day of opening of the 1st cover of the tender up to 1400 Hrs. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in delivery of the documents.
- The complete bidding process will be online through <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The Cover-I shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore (Tender Inviting Authority).
- The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore date of which shall be communicated separately.
- Bids must be accompanied with proof of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury receipt/e-Challan under M.H.0701-PWD Remittance in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore (Tender Inviting Authority). Bid security will have to be in the form of CDR/FDR of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for five years or more after last date of receipt of Bid, to be pledged in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore.
- The tenderer shall keep his offer valid for acceptance for a minimum period of 90 days from the date of opening of Price bid. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process:**
 - The interested bidder can download the NIT/bidding document from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get (DSC) "Digital Signature Certificate" as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. This certificate will be required for digitally signing the bid. Bidders can get above mentioned digital certificate from any approved vendor. The Bidders, who already possess valid (DSC) Digital Signature Certificates, need not to procure new Digital Signature Certificate.
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. The bids cannot be uploaded without Digital Signature. No Proposal will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule.
 - Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid.
 - The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids whatsoever reasons may be.
 - All the required information for bid must be filled and submitted online.
 - Bidders should get ready with the scanned copies of cost of documents & EMD as specified in the tender documents. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents be submitted to the Tender Inviting Authority by Speed/Registered post/courier as per time schedule specified.
 - The details of cost of documents, EMD specified in the tender documents should be the same, as submitted online (scanned copies) otherwise bid will not be accepted.
 - Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on jktenders.gov.in, e-tendering portal to store important documents like Experience certificate, Income tax, Balance sheet, sales Tax Clearance Certificate and other related documents etc., and attach these certificates as non-Statutory documents while submitting their bids.
 - Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents or its name. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the net item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same as it contains.
 - Bidders are advised to scan their documents at 100 DPI (Dots per Inch) resolutions with Black and White, JPEG Scan properly, convert scanned images to PDF**
 - The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

No. PICD/1974-87

DIPK-7802/23

Dated: - 26-08-2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Irrigation Construction Division Pampore



86% Of Employees Feel Reskilling, Upskilling Can Help Reduce Unemployment: Report

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- Over 86 per cent of respondents feel reskilling and upskilling can reduce unemployment and help employees easily adapt to the evolving demands of the modern work environment, a report said on Saturday.

The report by HR solutions provider Genius Consultants revealed that 86 per cent of employees interviewed feel reskilling and upskilling can help in reducing unemployment, however, 8 per cent disagreed saying that it will not have much effect on the current scenario.

With the rapid advancement of technology and its integration into various work processes, 88 per cent of employees consider reskilling and upskilling is crucial for professional growth, it added.

The report is based on an online survey among 1,148 employees from June 14 to July 25, across sectors including banking and finance, construction and engineering, education, FMCG, hospitality, HR solutions, IT, ITES and BPO, logistics, manufacturing, media

among others.

The report further revealed that 77 per cent of employees interviewed believed that online courses play a crucial role in facilitating skill development for individuals, whereas 17 per cent hold a contrary opinion.

This is indeed an important factor to be considered as in today's date, there are multiple portals and websites that provide multiple courses for skill enhancement, the report stated.

But, only 39 per cent of respondents are of the opinion that online reskilling certifications are holding the same value as traditional institutional degrees.

However, 49 per cent do not share this belief, indicating room for further awareness about the significance of online certifications, said the report.

Many organisations still don't accept online certifications as valid, which is a viewpoint that might need to be changed since we are moving towards a future where everything will be depending on technology, web and cloud, said the report.

India, US Discuss Ways To Promote Trade, Investments



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and US Trade Representative Katherine Tai on Saturday discussed ways to promote trade and investments between the two countries.

In a message on social media network X (formerly known as Twitter), Goyal said he held a bilateral meeting with the US counterpart Tai.

"Discussed key bilateral issues of mutual interest and explored ways to give further impetus to the growing India-US partnership through enhanced trade and investments," he said.

An official has recently said that both countries are looking at ending their last trade dispute related to poultry in the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Besides they are also looking at enhancing the partnership by permitting companies in both countries to partici-

pate in each others' government procurement.

In July, India and the US mutually resolved six trade disputes pending at the WTO, in line with the commitment made by the two countries during the US visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June.

During Modi's US visit in June, a joint statement said that the prime minister had expressed India's interest towards being recognized as a Trade Agreements Act-designated country by the US to further enhance the integration of both economies and promote bilateral trade and investment.

In this regard, the two sides have welcomed the initiation of discussions at an official level on issues related to bilateral government procurement.

The poultry case was filed by the US against India in the WTO in 2012. India has lost the dispute both at the panel

as well as the appellate body levels. It was ruled against India that New Delhi's ban on imports of poultry products from the US was inconsistent with global norms.

As India was not able to implement the decision within the stipulated time frame, the US demanded compensation. After that, both countries are discussing ways to resolve the case mutually.

The US is the largest trading partner of India. In 2022-23, the bilateral goods trade increased to USD 128.8 billion as against USD 119.5 billion in 2021-22.

Further, Goyal also held a bilateral meeting with UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade Kemi Badenoch on the proposed free trade agreement between the two countries.

"Discussed ways to add further momentum to the India-UK free trade agreement negotiations for a mutually beneficial deal," he added.

CBDT Launches Revamped Website Of I-T Dept

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The income tax department on Saturday launched a revamped website with a user-friendly interface, value-added features, and new modules.

The newly revamped website was launched by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Chairman Nitin Gupta at the 'Chintan Shivir', organised by the Directorate of Income Tax (Systems), at Udaipur.

"In order to enhance taxpayer experience and keep pace with new technology, the Income Tax Department has revamped its National website 'www.incometax-india.gov.in' with a user-

friendly interface, value-added features, and new modules," the CBDT said in a statement.

The revamped website has been redesigned with a mobile-responsive layout. The website also has a 'Mega Menu' for content, with new features, and functionalities.

For the convenience of the visitors to the website, all these new additions are explained through a guided virtual tour and new button indicators.

The new functionalities allow users to compare different Acts, sections, rules, and tax treaties. All relevant content on the site is now tagged with Income Tax sections for easy navigation.

Further, dynamic due date alerts functionality provides reverse countdowns, tool tips, and links to relevant portals to help taxpayers to comply easily.

The revamped website is another initiative in providing enhanced taxpayer services and will continue to educate taxpayers and facilitate tax compliance, the CBDT added.

EU Looking At Petroleum Products Made From Russian Crude Oil In India Finding Way To Its Market

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The EU on Saturday voiced concerns over "rapid" rise in refined petroleum products made from Russian crude oil in India finding way to the European market, saying it defies the purpose of the economic sanctions against Moscow that are aimed at reducing its ability to finance the war on Ukraine.

The European Union's Executive Vice-President and Commissioner for Trade, Valdis Dombrovskis, said oil products processed from Russian crude oil are arriving at the European market in "large quantities" and the grouping is looking at ways to deal with it.

In an interaction with a small group of journalists, the EU Vice President, currently on a visit to India, accused Russia of using its energy supplies, and food as "tools" of "war and manipulation" to continue its attack on Ukraine.

On the issue of food, Dombrovskis cited Russia withdrawing from the Black Sea grain initiative and blocking Ukraine's export of food grain to the world market.

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February last year, the Western powers have imposed a series of sanctions on Moscow including a price cap on Russian oil by G7-plus nations, in order to reduce its ability to finance the war on Ukraine.

Notwithstanding the restrictions, India's procurement of discounted crude oil from Russia has witnessed a major upswing in the last over one year. "We are obviously aware that a number of countries, includ-



ing China and India have not joined those sanctions. We are aware that Russia is actively seeking alternative markets for the lost European market," Dombrovskis said.

The EU trade commissioner said this while asked about India's increasing trade relations with Russia, especially its procurement of discounted Russian crude oil.

"We indeed see new trade patterns emerging. Those are some issues which are also the new developments which we are currently assessing. For example, what we see is now a rapid increase of refined oil products, so to say, imports in the EU from India."

"But if they are made with Russian oil, in a sense it defies the purpose which we are putting in front of us as the EU, as a Western democratic world, to reduce Russia's ability to wage the civil war," he said. "So this is something which will provide some reflection on that," the top trade official added.

Dombrovskis said a series of sanctions were imposed against Russia, including in the area of exports of oil and oil products as energy supply is Russia's "biggest source" of revenue.

"We want to reduce Russia's ability to finance the war," he said.

Finance Minister Sitharaman Meets UK Trade Secretary; Discusses Investment, FTA

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday met UK Trade Secretary of State Kemi Badenoch and discussed bilateral investment and free trade agreement (FTA).

"FM Smt. @nsitharaman and Secretary Ms. @KemiBadenoch briefly exchanged views and also reaffirmed the commitment by both sides for taking the ongoing negotiations on India-UK #FTA and India-UK #BIT to an early conclusion," the Finance Ministry tweeted.

During the meeting, the two ministers discussed bilateral investment and trade issues of mutual interests.

Earlier in the day, Sitharaman also met European Commission Executive vice-president V Dombrovskis and discussed bilateral economic and financial issues of mutual interests.

"In their interactions, Smt. @nsitharaman and Mr. @VDombrovskis exchanged views on ongoing consultations for India-EU Investment Protection Agreement #IPA and India-EU Free Trade Agreement #FTA," the ministry tweeted.

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ZONAL HQRS POLICE TELECOMMUNICATION KASHMIR

PUBLIC NOTICE

Aejaz Rashid Wani S/O Abdul Rashid Wani R/O Yamrach Tehsil Yaripora District Kulgam working as HC (Telecom) in J&K Police Telecommunication under Regimental No. 2204/PW, TEL-993726 has represented for correction in his name/parentage recorded as Aijaz Rashid Wani S/O Ah. Rashid Wani instead of Aejaz Rashid Wani S/O Abdul Rashid Wani in the service records of this office.

As such, objections if any, in this regard are invited from General Public, which should reach the office of the undersigned within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this Notice.

No: - ESTT/PF-2204/KZ-2023/15722
Dated: 26-08-2023

Superintendent of Police,
Telecommunication Kashmir.

DIPK-7844-23
DT: 26/08/2023

website: www.jkprisons.org email: jk.prison@gmail.com Phone FAX Srinagar (May-Oct) 0194-2457969 - 2457911 Jammu (Nov-Apr) 0191-2561004 - 2561008

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS

JAMMU & KASHMIR, JAMMU

e-TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF HARDCOKE /CHARCOAL/ REJECTION WOOD FOR ALL JAILS OF J&K (U/T)

e-Nit No. 06 of 2023
DATED 3,5-8-2023

- For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tender(s) through online mode are invited eligible vendors/firms for supply of Hardcoke, Charcoal and Rejection woods
- Bidding documents consisting of eligibility criteria, specifications of items, Quantities, set of terms and conditions of supplies, and other relevant details can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in and www.jkprisons.in

Schedule of tender:

a	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	25-08-2023
b	Period of downloading of bidding documents	25-08-2023 from 1800 Hrs to 08-09-2023 upto 1400 Hrs
c	Bid submission Start Date and time	28-08-2023 from 1800 Hrs
d	Bid submission End Date and time	08-09-2023 upto 1600 Hrs
e	Date and Time of opening of Technical Bids in online mode	11 -09-2023 1200 Hrs in the office of Director General of Prison J&K

- Tender Fee (Cost of tender documents): An amount of ₹1500/- towards the cost of the tender fee has to be deposited by the bidder in the following bank account:
Name of the Account holder FA/CAO- Prison Department, J&K.
Account Number 0110010100000289
Name of the Bank J&K Bank
Branch J&K Bank Civil Sectt. Jammu
IFSC JAKAOMOVING

Scanned copy of the receipt towards DEPOSIT of amount of tender fee has to be necessarily uploaded along with the bid documents.

- The bidder has to submit Earnest Money of ₹3.20 lacs (Rupees Three Lacs twenty thousand only) in the form of CDR/FDR issued by a scheduled bank, drawn and pledged in favour of FA/CAO Prison department and payable at Jammu. The bidder has to upload the scanned copy of the CDR/FDR along with other documents during the submission of the bid within the above-mentioned date and time of bid submission.
- The department shall not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.
- The tender shall be in two bid cover systems (Technical Bid and Financial Bid).

No. Accts/N/4760
Dated: 25/08/2023

Financial Advisor/CAO
Prisons Department
J&K, Jammu

DIPK-7805-23
DT: 26/08/2023



NCCF Procures 2,826 Tn Onion From Farmers For Buffer Stock; To Scale Up Buying In Coming Days

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The National Co-operative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) on Saturday said it has purchased 2,826 tonnes of onion at Rs 2,410 per quintal directly from farmers in the last four days mostly from Maharashtra as it resumed procurement of the bulb for a higher buffer stock.

The government enhanced the onion buffer stock target from 3 lakh tonnes to 5 lakh tonnes this year.

Two cooperatives, NCCF and NAFED, have been mandated to procure 1 lakh tonnes each directly from farmers at Rs 2,410 per quintal to avoid panic selling amid the imposition of an export curb to control domestic prices.

The two cooperatives are also disposing of the government's buffer stock of onion in both wholesale and retail mar-

kets to control the rising retail prices of onion, which at present are ruling up to Rs 60 per kg depending on the quality in Delhi and other cities.

Speaking with PTI, NCCF Managing Director Anice Joseph Chandra said the cooperative commenced the procurement directly from farmers on August 22 in both Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. Around 12-13 procurement centres have been opened in Maharashtra and more will be set up depending on the demand.

"In the last four days, we purchased about 2,826 tonnes of onion mostly from Maharashtra. The target is to buy 1 lakh tonnes and we may procure more," she said.

NCCF is procuring onion directly from farmers at Rs 2410 per quintal, which is higher than the prevailing wholesale rate of Rs 1900-2000 per quintal, she added.

Over 50 Cr Jan Dhan Accounts Opened In Past 9 Years, Total Deposits Cross Rs 2 Lakh Cr



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NEW DELHI: More than 50.09 crore accounts have been opened under the PM Jan Dhan Yojana in the last nine years and the deposit balance swelled to over Rs 2.03 lakh crore, the Finance Ministry said on Saturday.

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was launched on August 28, 2014, with the aim to provide universal banking services through the opening of zero-balance bank accounts for every unbanked household, based on the guiding principles of banking the unbanked, securing the unsecured and funding the unfunded.

Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi said 33.98 crore RuPay cards were issued to PMJDY

account holders as of August 2023, up from 13 crore at the end of March 2015.

"Currently there are 225 crore bank accounts in the country. The data shows that many people have more than one bank account. Overall in terms of account opening, we are nearing saturation," Joshi said.

He said the zero balance accounts under Jan Dhan yojana have reduced to 8 per cent of total accounts as of August 2023, from 58 per cent in March 2015.

"We have successfully achieved the 50 crore account opening mark in August. On an average 2.5-3 crore JDY accounts have been opened every year," Joshi said on the eve of Jan Dhan Yojana completing 9 years on August 28.



Emaan Majid Becomes Youngest Kashmiri-American To Win US Taekwondo National Championship

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SRINAGAR: With a blend of unwavering determination and exceptional skill, Emaan Majid, a US-born Kashmiri living in Los Angeles, has risen to prominence on the global stage. Emaan showcased her mastery in Taekwondo and made her Kashmiri roots swell with pride as the youngest Kashmiri-American to win the US Taekwondo National Championship.

Emaan attends Victory Taekwondo USA in Hacienda Heights, California. Dedicating herself to the sport, honing her skills and pushing every limit, Emaan has been practising Taekwondo since she was five.

Emaan Majid started Taekwondo as an after-school activity, which would help her with self-defence and confidence. However, she fell in love with the sport and turned it into her passion. She added that she is grateful to her trainers and her family for supporting her and that her goal is to represent Kashmir and the US in the Olympics.

Just this month, Emaan par-



ticipated in the USA-TKD National Championship held in Jacksonville, Florida, emerging triumphant in her category and securing the National Championship title. As the recognised national governing body for the US Olympic

Committee and the hub of the official

US National Teams, USA-TKD holds numerous events throughout the year to foster competitive excellence.

In addition to the local tournaments in and around Los Angeles, Emaan has ventured to various cities and states in the past to compete. In May 2023, she travelled to Portland, Oregon, where she took part in the USATKD West Grand Prix. This event held qualifying significance for the 2023 USA National Taekwondo Championships. Emaan's remarkable performance saw her stand atop the podium with the Gold medal, solidifying her position in the upcoming US Nationals.

In July 2023, Emaan marked another significant milestone in her Taekwondo journey by participating in the USA-TKD National Championship hosted in Jacksonville, Florida. Demonstrating remarkable prowess and determination, she secured a Gold Medal in her category, proudly earning the title of a 10-year-old National Champion.

Emaan's accomplishments in

Taekwondo have extended to a range of locations across the United States, encompassing Reno, Nevada, Salt Lake City, Utah and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Notably, her dedication and outstanding abilities garnered substantial recognition in 2022, when she secured the No. 1 national ranking in her belt and division, affirming her position as a distinguished athlete on the national stage.

Wearing a coveted Black Belt, Emaan Majid stands as a pivotal member of her Taekwondo studio's world-class team. This select group undergoes a rigorous training regimen and top-tier coaching, fostering an environment geared towards personal growth

and attaining excellence as accomplished athletes.

Guiding Emaan from the outset of her Taekwondo journey, Master Bobby Cazares remarked, "Emaan is an exceptional athlete and an even better person. She is an example of a true martial artist who demonstrates discipline, respect, self-control and confidence. She realises that success comes from hard work and perseverance. Emaan has a bright future ahead of her."



Indian Women's Visually Challenged Cricket Team Wins Gold At ISBA Games

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BIRMINGHAM: The visually challenged Indian women's cricket team, on Saturday, scripted history winning a gold medal beating Australia by nine wickets at the IBSA World Games.

India restricted Australia to 114/8 in the allotted 20 overs and then chased down the revised target of 42 in 3.3 overs.

Cricket for the visually challenged made its debut in the In-

ternational Blind Sports Federation World Games this year.

ried their innings slowly, scoring 29 runs in the powerplay. India picked two wickets in the eighth and ninth over as Australia were left reeling at 39/3. C Lewis and C Webeck then carried Australia's innings stitching a 54-run partnership.

However, India came back in the game picking wickets at regular intervals and reduced Australia to 109/8 in just 3 overs. In the end, the team from down under was just able to score 114/8 in the allotted 20 overs.



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Opting to bat first, Australia got off to a bad start as the side lost the first wicket in the 4th over. Feeling the pressure of finals, Australia car-

Chasing a paltry target of 42 runs, India came all guns blazing on Australia bowlers. The Women In Blue never looked out of form as the side chased down the target in just 3.3 overs.

Sub Junior Football Selection Trials For Boys & Girls Today



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Football Association on Saturday announced that open selection trials for Sub Junior boys and girls will be held at Srinagar and Jammu.

The first day of the girl's team trials took place on Saturday, with today, Sunday, August 27, being the last day of the trials. Players born between 01-01-2010 to 31-12-2011 can participate in these trials, which begin at 3:00 PM at Synthetic Turf TRC, here. In Jammu, the trials will be held at Mini Stadium Parade Ground at the same time.

The selected girls will then com-

pete in the final selection, which will be held at Synthetic Turf TRC in Srinagar on August 30 and 31.

The boys' selection trials will be held from September 2 to 3. The final trials will be held on September 6 and 7.

"In pursuance to the J&K Sports Council Circular No: SC/SOK/50-Q/1682-87 Dated: 25-08-2023, the Jammu & Kashmir Football Association is thrilled to announce open selection trials for Sub Junior Girls and Boys," the JKFA said in a statement.

According to the Sport Council circular, the players have been advised to bring their original Date of Birth certificates.

PCB Chief Zaka Ashraf Calls Emergency Meeting To 'Save Chair'

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KARACHI: In a desperate attempt to save his chair, head of the Pakistan Cricket Board management committee has called an emergency meeting on Sunday on the eve of his hearing in Lahore High Court.

Zaka, who was appointed in June by the previous government to hold elections of affiliated units, has moved the High Court to obtain a stay order against any decision by the government and election commission to remove him. Although the PCB has made no official announcement about the meeting, insiders say all the CMC members were called and told about the meeting.

The interesting part is that the meeting has been called in Karachi one day before the Lahore High Court hearing at which the PCB has assured the judge they would submit an election schedule for the post of chairman.

The caveat is that even if the

CMC forms a Board of Governors on Sunday it has to be ratified by the ministry of sports and also by the election commissioner and secondly only the patron in chief (sitting Prime Minister) can nominate two candidates for the BOG which has to elect one of them as chairman.

More problems have arisen as at least two members of the CMC have informed the secretary to the chairman in the board that they would not attend the meeting as they do not agree with the way it is being convened.

Zaka Ashraf finds himself in the unusual position of perhaps becoming the third chairman since last December to be removed from the board.

The reason is that the ministry of sports recently wrote a note to the principal secretary of the PM pointing out that the election commission wanted all those heads of institutions removed who were appointed on political basis with Zaka mentioned as a front runner.



EPL Clubs Spend Record £1.95 Billion In Transfer Window



Agencies

LONDON: Premier League clubs have splurged a record 1.95 billion pounds (\$2.45 billion) on players in the summer transfer window, with spending expected to exceed 2 billion pounds, according to analysis from Deloitte published on Friday. The transfer window, which opened on June 14, has already exceeded last year's record 1.92 billion pounds with a week remaining until the Sept. 1 deadline, Deloitte's Sports Business Group

said. Two transfers have been for more than 100 million pounds each, with midfielders Moises Caicedo joining Chelsea and Declan Rice signing for Arsenal, compared to none last summer. Chelsea, who have signed nine players so far, spent more than \$1 billion in transfer fees since the new ownership led by Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital completed their takeover of the club in May 2022. Champions Manchester City signed winger Jeremy Doku for a reported 55 million pounds

this week, having brought in defender Josko Gvardiol for 90 million euros (\$97 million) and midfielder Mateo Kovacic for 25 million pounds earlier. Manchester United splashed out 72 million pounds on striker Rasmus Hojlund, while last year's runners-up Arsenal spent 65 million pounds on forward Kai Havertz. Newcastle United, who finished fourth last season, brought in midfielder Sandro Tonali for 55 million pounds and winger Harvey Barnes for 38 million pounds.

Roma Sign Iran's Sardar Azmoun With Lukaku Talks Ongoing

Agencies

ROME: Iran forward Sardar Azmoun signed for Roma on loan from Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday as the Serie A club tries to hammer out a deal to take Romelu Lukaku from Chelsea.

Roma said they have brought in Azmoun, 28, "on a temporary basis until 30 June 2024" with "the option to make the transfer permanent".

Azmoun, who has 45 goals in 71 appearances for his country, arrives after a difficult spell in Germany where he only scored five times since moving to Leverkusen in January 2021.

But his arrival has been completely overshadowed by the potential arrival of Lukaku. Chelsea have been trying to offload outcast Lukaku all summer but neither Inter Milan -- where he was loaned by the Blues last summer -- nor Juventus decided to sign the Belgium striker.

Inter were deep in talks with Chelsea but reportedly gave up on Lukaku after they discovered he had been secretly talk-



ing to their biggest rivals Juventus and AC Milan.

Last month Inter captain Lautaro Martinez said he had been "disappointed" by Lukaku for hiding from his teammates and refusing to answer calls before the deal broke down.

Meanwhile Juve would have had to sell Serbia striker Dusan Vlahovic in order to sign Lukaku, a move which supporters

vocally opposed all pre-season and during their 3-0 win at Udinese last weekend.

With a permanent sale now off the table less than a week before the end of the summer transfer window Chelsea are talking to Roma about another loan, with the Italian club's American owners travelling to London on Friday to negotiate a deal.

Iran Court Orders US To Pay \$330 mn For 'Planning Coup'

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TEHRAN: A court in Tehran has ordered the US government to pay \$330 million in damages for "planning a coup" against the newly established Islamic republic in 1980, the judiciary said Saturday.

A year after the 1979 Islamic revolution that toppled the US-backed shah, a group of mostly army officers tried to overthrow the new government.

State news agency IRNA said the "insurgents" were led by Saeed Mahdiyoun, a former Iranian air force commander, and had their headquarters in Nojeh, an air base in the western Hamedan province.

Several people were killed in clashes between the coup plotters and government forces, and scores of others were arrested.

"Their objective was to seize control of military bases across the country and target strategic centers and residences of the revolution's leaders. However, their efforts were thwarted," IRNA said.

Last year, relatives of those killed in the coup filed a legal petition with Iran's International Court demanding damages, the judiciary's Mizan Online website said. They specifically accused

the United States of "planning and executing" the coup, Mizan said.

The court ruled in their favor, ordering "the American government to pay the plaintiffs 30 million dollars in material and moral damages, and 300 million dollars in punitive damages," it added.

Tehran and Washington have had no diplomatic relations since the aftermath of the 1979 revolution.

In 1953, the British and US intelligence services orchestrated the overthrow of prime minister Mohammad Mossadegh who had nationalized Iran's lucrative oil industry.

In 2016, the US Supreme Court ordered that Iranian assets frozen in the United States should be paid to victims of attacks Washington has blamed on Tehran, including the 1983 bombing of a US Marine barracks in Beirut and a 1996 blast in Saudi Arabia.

In March this year, the International Court of Justice ruled that Washington's freezing of funds belonging to several Iranian individuals and companies was "manifestly unreasonable."

But it ruled it had no jurisdiction to unblock nearly \$2 billion in Iranian central bank assets frozen by the United States.

Loch Ness Monster: Biggest Search In 50 Years Begins

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Nicknamed "Nessie," the legendary monster from the Scottish Highlands has long captivated imaginations. A new expedition is using thermal scanners and an underwater hydrophone to search for the creature.

Researchers and enthusiasts on Saturday began searching for the Loch Ness Monster in Scotland.

The expedition has been billed as the largest search for the monster, nicknamed "Nessie," in five decades.

What do we know about the search for Nessie?

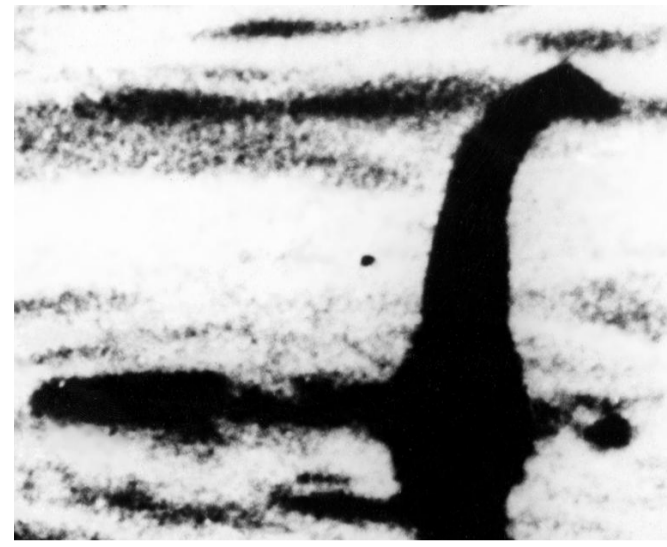
Drones with thermal scanners, boats with infrared cameras and an underwater hydrophone are being deployed in the search.

The scanners allow researchers to find anomalies in the depths of the lake and the hydrophone could identify underwater calls.

Dozens of volunteers from around the world are participating in the search at 17 observation points around the lake.

"It's always been our goal to record, study and analyze all manner of natural behavior and phenomena that may be more challenging to explain," said Loch Ness Exploration co-organizer Alan McKenna.

"The weekend gives an opportunity to search the waters in a



way that has never been done before, and we can't wait to see what we find," Loch Ness Center manager Paul Nixon said.

What is the Loch Ness Monster?

Loch Ness, which lies in the Scottish Highlands, is the United Kingdom's largest lake by volume, at 23 miles (36 kilometers) long and with a maximum depth of 788 feet (240 meters).

Legends around a monster in the body of water emerged as early as 565 AD, when the Irish monk Saint Columba wrote an account of the creature attacking a swimmer.

In 1934, the UK's Daily Mail published a photo that

purported to show the Loch Ness Monster. It was later revealed to be a hoax, but helped popularize the image of the creature internationally.

The Loch Ness Center in the Highland village of Drumnadrochit says that there have been 1,100 officially recorded sightings of the monster.

This weekend's search is not the first time researchers have combed the lake for signs of the Loch Ness Monster. In 2018, a DNA survey conducted by a group of researchers found no evidence of any large animals in Loch Ness, only detecting the presence of numerous eels.

Venezuelan Women Left 'Mutilated' by Butt Lifts

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CARACAS: Maria Sanchez walks slowly through her house in the Venezuelan capital with two surgical drainage bags hanging from her waist -- the nightmare result of her search for the perfect derriere.

Almost a decade ago she underwent a backside-enhancing procedure, the kind that has soared in popularity as women crave a figure popularized by celebrities like Jennifer Lopez or Kim Kardashian.

"I was mutilated," the 50-year-old tells AFP, but "I had to assume the consequences."

In 2006, she was injected with what is known as a biopolymer, a term commonly used to refer to naturally derived products, but which also encompasses synthetic fillers made from silicone or even paraffin.

Sanchez now has a scar running across her lower back as a painful reminder of the reconstruction surgery in which doctors managed to extract 90 percent of the filler.

The fillers, seen as a cheaper and less invasive alternative to fat grafting, are injected and expand inside the body.

Their use was banned in Venezuela in 2012 after years of massive commercialization in outpatient clinics but also in hair salons and even in doctors' offices.

Recognition of their toxicity is growing.

Neighboring Colombia on Tuesday enacted a law imposing two- to 10-year jail terms on those who inject biopolymers in consumers as well as fines up to US\$70,000.

Growing numbers of people suffering chronic pain are seeking to have biopolymer removed from their bodies.

Last year, American rapper Cardi B admitted she had had polymer filler removed from her buttocks, warning young women against the procedure. Little fat balls'

The presence of biopolymers triggers the immune system, which constantly fights them, causing fever, swelling and pain.

Over the course of two years, Sanchez was successively diagnosed with arthritis, rheumatism and lupus before reaching a diagnosis that the chemical was actually the cause of her ailments.

An acquaintance, a public hospital employee, referred her to plastic surgeon Juan Carlos Blanco, who has treated some 50 cases in the last five years, of which 20 ended in surgery, including Sanchez's.

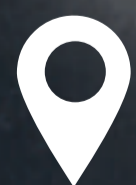
Blanco told AFP that when he goes in to remove the filler he finds "little fat balls."

When he cauterizes them "they explode and what comes out is oil."

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