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As Cancers Surge, 5 New Patients Register At SMHS Every Day

Srinagar: The number of cancer patients is on the rise in Jammu and Kashmir as around 6,000 patients have been registered at the Department of Radiation Oncology, SMHS Hospital Srinagar since 2017.

Around one thousand cases of various cancers have been registered this year alone at the department and officials said that number is likely to reach around 2,000 by the year end, KNO quoting medical records reported on Monday.

The details reveal that 491 new cancer patients were registered at the radiation oncology department, SMHS in year 2017; 1,032 in 2018, 801 in 2019, 650 in 2020, 1,010 in 2021, 1,169 in 2022 and 953 in 2023 till date.

The report quoting officials said that around 5 to 6 new cancer patients were being registered at the department every day.

Prof Manzoor Ahmad Head Department, Radiation



SMHS Hospital, Srinagar, said that the OPD of the department

remains functional for six days (Monday-Saturday) from 10 am to 4 pm where the consultant along with senior resident and PG students remains available.

"After checking the relevant reports in the OPD, patients are registered and data is digitised," he said, adding that there are two separate units where pa-tients are being admitted and four consultants along with senior residents remain available in each of the wards.

"Later, plans are being discussed after proper unit meetings and accordingly, the patient is being treated for months. The patient comes for follow-up in OPD whenever it is feasible for him," he said.

26 JKAS

Agencies

Officers To

next calendar year.

up their boots in 2024.

Gardens and Parks.

Affairs Department).

Retire Next Year

Srinagar: As many as 26 offi-

cers of Jammu & Kashmir's top-

most administrative service are

attaining superannuation in the

Fayaz Ahmad, son of J&K's for-

mer Chief Secretary Sheikh

Ghulam Rasool, figures in the list of 26 JKAS officers hanging

Fayaz is currently posted

as Commissioner Secretary, Department of Floriculture,

Other senior officers figuring in the list includes Nisar Ahmad

Wani (Director Employment), Tariq Ahmad Zargar (Secretary

in the Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj), Raman Kumar Kesar (Secretary

in the Power Development Department) and Jabeen (Secretary in the Tribal

The other officers attain-

ing superannuation include

Ashok Kumar (Mission Director,

RUSA), Ashok Kumar Pandita

(Additional Secretary, Revenue

Department), Farooq Ahmad

Rather (Director Floriculture,

Kashmir), Suram Chand Sharma

(Joint Director, Youth Services

& Sports, Jammu), Kewal Krishan (Additional Secretary,

Labour and Employment

Department), Ahmad Hussain

(Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Baramulla), Ghulam

Officer, ICDS Project, Ganderbal),

Ravi Mohan Khajuria (Registrar, District Udhampur), Sushil Kumar Khajuria (Additional

Secretary, Higher Education

Department), Nissar Ahmad

Malik (Programme Officer, ICDS

Project, Shopian), Mohammad

Jahangir Khanday (Joint Director,

Education, South Kashmir),

Saleem Ahmad >> More On P6

Rasool

Wani (Programme

According to details, Sheikh

All high-tech and latest technologies are available at the department including Intensity-modulated radiation therapy, Image-guided radiation therapy, Stereotactic body radiation therapy, Stereotactic radical surgery and Volumetric Modulated Arc Therapy (VMAT), the doctor said.

Prof Manzoor said all treatments are being >> More On P6

Art-35A Took Away Fundamental Rights Of People: CJI



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday prima facie agreed with the Centre's submission on pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370 that the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir is "subordinate" to the Indian Constitution, which is on a higher pedestal.

five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, however, did not seem to be in agreement with the plea that the Constituent Assembly of the erstwhile state, which was disbanded in 1957, was in reality a legislative assembly.

Without naming the two mainstream political parties of the erstwhile state, the Centre said citizens have been misguided that the special provisions for Jammu and Kashmir were "not dis-

crimination but a privilege". "Even today two political parties are before this court defending Article 370 and 35A," the solicitor general

THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR CONSTITUTION **PROVIDED FOR A SEPARATE PROVISION**

for permanent residents of J-K in Article 7. It removed references to Scheduled Tribes from Article 15(4). Other Articles 19, 22, 31, 31A and 32 were applied with some modifications,"

told the top court on the 11th day of hearing the litany of pleas challenging the abrogation of the constitutional provision which bestowed special status to the erstwhile state of I-K

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said there is enough material to show that the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir is subordinate to the Constitution of India and the constituent assembly of J-K was in reality a legislative assembly making laws.

"At one level, >> More On P6

SC Questions J&K Lecturer's Suspension

he Supreme Court on Monday asked Attorney General R Venkataramani and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to look into the issue of the suspension of a Jammu and Kashmir education department lecturer who had argued before the top court in a matter related to the abrogation of Article 370. A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud took note of the suspension of Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, who had >> More On P6

NO POLITICAL PARTY CHALLENGED the governor's rule or dissolution of the assembly. We are being called at midnight in this court for a hearing on forming

Gurez Witnessed Transformational Change In Last 3 Yrs: LG

'Our Collective Aim Has Been To Convert Today's Weakness Into Tomorrow's Strength'

Observer News Service

Bandipora: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Monday that the picturesque Gurez Valley along the Line of Control (LoC) has seen a transformational change in the last three years with tourism sector witnessing a massive increase in footfall from 700-800 tourists in a year to 35,000 this year till August 15th.

"Today, the increased tourist influx to Gurez has strengthened the local economy and is providing large employment opportunities to the people," the LG said.



He was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the 'Shinon Meeras', the Shina

Kashmir Ideal Place for Miss

World Pageant: Bielawska

Cultural Centre, curated and developed by the Indian Army and District Administration.

The centre, Sinha said, was a unique tribute to preserve and promote the glorious artistic heritage of Dard-Shin tribal community and to provide glimpses of its rich culture to

"India's first museum for Dardis traces the journey of Shina culture, languages and Gurezi way of life. I believe Shinon Meeras will become the centre of attraction for travelers visiting this best off-beat destination of India," he said

"Various sections of the museum will provide an opportunity to travelers, historians to explore tangible >> More On P6

Hands Over Bravery Medal To Slain Civilian's Father

ammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha handed over the Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak to father of a civilian, who was killed in a terror attack in Budgam last year. Sinha handed over Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak, titation and a cheque to Gulam Mohammad Dar, father of Martyr civilian Mohammad Umar Dar, at Raj Bhawan here on Monday, an official spokesperson said. Umar was conferred with Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak (Posthumously) by the President of India, Droupadi Murmu. According to the spokesperson, Umar and his brother Ishfaq Ahmad Dar, who was working as an SPO in J&K Police, were killed by the terrorists inside their house in Chattabugh Budgam on March 26 last year. The LG paid homage to Umar and saluted the exemplary courage shown by him in saving the lives of his family members. Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, GOC 15 Corps; and family members of the slain civilian were also present on this occasion

Detained Kashmiri Students In Rajasthan Released

Action Under Law To Be Taken Against Outsiders For Creating Chaos: VC Mewar University

Srinagar: All 21 Kashmiri students, who were detained after a violent scuffle inside Mewar University in Rajasthan, have been released by police, officials said on Monday.

At least 36 students, including 21 from Kashmir were detained after fierce clashes broke out between two groups of students at the Chittorgarh's Mewar University on Friday last during the queuing for food at the mess.

Dr Alok Mishra, Vice-Chancellor of Mewar University told Kashmir Observer over phone that all the students

warning that no such incident having potential to create communal disharmony will be tolerated in the future.

have been released with the

Mishra said all 36 students including 21 from Kashmir have been released while action as per law shall be initiated against the outsiders who had joined local students during clashes. He said the situation has normalized and that the students attend classes as per routine.

"No one will be spared; I would like to reiterate that any action that brings disrepute to the Mewar University will not be tolerated. >> More On P6

governments, but here there are no challenges.

Srinagar: After the G20- global event, the stage is all set for the 71st Miss World 2023 contest in Kashmir where 140 countries would participate later this year. In this regard, a press meet was organized at SKICC here in Srinagar in which Miss World Karolina Bielawska, Miss India Sini Shetty, Miss World Caribbean

has welcomed us nicely. The hospitality here we got was wonderful," she said, adding it would be exciting to see 140 countries participating in the event.

She added that every state and country has its own beauty, but the pleasant hospitality here has been overwhelming. "It is a proud >> More On P6

Beauty Pageants Meet LG

Emmy Pena, Miss Caribbean and

World

while

ing the media, said that the

Kashmir Valley has everything

and it is the best place to host

beautiful place in India, the

beautiful lakes here, everyone

"I am so grateful to see the

Miss England were present.

the event like Miss World.

Miss

Bielawska

Bielawska was accompanied by Miss World Caribbean,

Karolina

address-

Emmy Pena; Miss World America, Shree Saini; Miss World India, Sini Shetty; Miss World England, Jessica Gagen; Miss Asia, Pricilia Carla Saputri Yules; Chair-Morley. They shared the experience >> More On P6

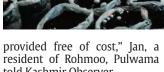
Mushroom Cultivation Paying Rich Dividends To Kashmiri Youth

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: Perseverance pays off and this young girl from Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district has proved it right!

Rumi Jan, 23, was sitting idle at home after finishing her college but she always wanted to start something of her own to support her family of six. But a simple visit to the office of Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM) at her home district changed her life forever.

Jan registered herself as a member of JKRLM scheme and got a hundred bags of mushroom for cultivation at her own home. "Everything including the mushroom crop was



told Kashmir Observer.

After forty days, she harvested the first lot of the mushrooms and earned around Rs 5000.

"Initially I managed to get five to ten kilograms of mushrooms per day from my farm but gradually I learnt that mushroom

cultivation is a technical pro-

cess that requires proper use of

technology and guidance from experts," Jan said.

After working day and night, Ian has now started yielding more than three quintals of mushroom per season with a net profit of two lakh rupees.

Mushroom cultivation has been a great source of income in Jammu and Kashmir with more and more youth choosing this business. The much in demand vegetable can be grown in a temperature between 20 and 30 degrees Celsius and requires relative humidity of 55-75 per cent. This makes Jammu and Kashmir a suitable place for mushroom cultivation and

The government is encouraging youth in the rural areas to take up mushroom cultivation, which has a potential entrepreneurship for youth in a big way. Market for mushrooms in the valley is growing rapidly owing to its nutritious value and special taste. The main consumers of mushrooms are Chinese food restaurants, hotels, clubs and households as well.

Similarly, Gowhar Ali Lone. 28 from Khoechipora, Tangmarg received many local and national awards for his contribution to the agro-farming industry and promoting and growing mushrooms on a large scale in the union territory.

Lone told Kashmir Observer that he started cultivating mushrooms in the year 2007 with the help of the >> More On P6

Shepherd Slips To Death

shepherd died on Monday after slipping from a cliff in the upper reaches of Baba Nagri in Kangan area of Ganderbal district. Muhammad Amjid Raina of Baba Nagri Wangath had gone to a forest area to take care of his livestock when he lost control and fell down from a cliff, a local news agency KNT reported. Raina lost his life due to the fall. Meanwhile, Police have registered a case in this regard. >> More On P6

Man Tries To End Life, Neighbour Arrested

isturbed over a prolonged land dispute with his neighbour, a man allegedly committed suicide by setting himself afire in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, police said on Monday. The incident occurred at Pathanmorha Dassal village on Sunday in which a person namely Sain Dass poured petrol on himself and committed self-immolation, an official said, adding he was rushed to the hospital where doctors declared him dead. A case of alleged abetment to suicide was registered at Rajouri police station and accused Pawan Kumar has been arrested, the official said. Police officials said that there was

Electric Shock Kills Youth

wo siblings were electrocuted in Babapora village of Zainapora Sub Division in South Kashmir's Shopian district and one of them succumbed while another is undergoing treatment at a hospital. An official said that two brothers namely Mashoog Ahmad Hajam and his brother Irfan Ahmad Hajam were injured due to electric shock when they were repairing wires on electric pole at Babapora Zainapora. He said both were evacuated to hospital for treatment where Mashooq Ahmad succumbed to his injuries while condition of Irfan is said to be stable Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident.



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UK Researchers Develop New Tool To Reduce Stroke Risk

K researchers have developed a new way of identifying patients at risk of an irregular heartbeat, known as atrial fibrillation, that can raise odds of having a transient ischemic attack (TIA) or stroke by up to five times.

The team from the University of East Anglia found four specific factors that can predict which patients will have atrial fibrillation.

These include older age, higher diastolic blood pressure and problems with both the coordination and function of the upper left chamber of the heart.

The team created an easy tool for doctors to use in practice to identify those at high risk, which will help diagnose and treat more patients, reducing their risk of future strokes.

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Cardiology, the team collected

data from 323 patients who had

had a stroke with no cause iden-

tified known as Embolic Stroke

cords as well as data from pro-

longed heart rhythm monitoring

They analysed medical re-

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05 points for teaching experience (Polytechnic Diploma level or higher) on pro rata basis, 01 point for each academic year.

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do hereby affirm that the entries made herein above in the application form are true and correct and nothing has

Ganderbal, Srinagar for the session Nov-Dec- 2023 purely on temporary basis in the following course.

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"Identifying who is at high risk and more likely to develop atrial fibrillation is very important," said lead researcher Prof. Vassilios Vassiliou, from UEA's Norwich Medical School.

"This is because it requires specific treatment with anticoagulants, commonly known as blood thinners, to reduce the risk

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80 points for basic qualification.

05 points for higher qualification.

05 points for GATE/NET/SET.

nated at any point of time without any notice period.

of future strokes," Vassiliou said.

To determine the cause of the stroke, Vassiliou explained that people often undergo multiple investigations like prolonged monitoring of the heart rhythm with a small implantable device called a loop recorder, and an ultrasound of the heart, called an echocardiogram.

have atrial fibrillation up to three years following their stroke, and went on to perform a thorough assessment to identify if there are specific parameters that are connected with atrial fibrillation identification.

and also studied their echocar-

of these patients were found to

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four parameters that were linked with the development of atrial fibrillation, which were consistently present in patients that had this arrhythmia. We then developed a model that can be used to predict who will show atrial fibrillation in the next three years, and is therefore at increased risk of another stroke in

"We identified

"This is a very easy tool that any doctor can use in clinical practice And it can potentially help doctors provide more targeted and effective treatment to these patients, ultimately aiming to highlight the people at higher risk of this arrhythmia that can benefit from prolonged heart rhythm monitoring and earlier anticoagulation to prevent a future stroke," he added.

the future," Vassiliou said.

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From the office of Advocate **Mohammad Rafiq Bhat**

In the case of

Nazir Ahmad Bhat S/O Mohammad Sultan Bhat R/Oriazat Tang Sgr

(Caveator)

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In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap-peal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of dis-

torted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irrepa-rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order. nj

Sd/advocate

G2 NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available or www.ireps.gov.in with closing date-19.09.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDF etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in Tendering Section

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26.08.2023			05.09.2023		19.	9.09.2023/ 15:00 Hrs.		
S.N.	Tender No.	Details of Tender						
	168-2023-24-	Misc Works in connection with the provision of 12.00 m wide						
	BDGM-DRM-	FOB at	FOB at Budgam Railway station on BAHL-BRML section in					
	FZR	C/W AB	C/W ABSS under ADEN/BDGM					
1.	Advertised Value (Rs.)		Earnest Money	Validity of	Offer	Period of Completion		
	4,09,60,913.53/-		3,54,800.00/-	60 Days		12 Months		
	Similar Nature of work:- "Any civil work other than track work".							
	167-2023-24-	Misc Wo	orks in connecti	on with the	prov	ision of 12.00 m wide		
2.	UHP-DRM-	FOB at Udhampur Railway station on JAT-SVDK section in						
	FZR	C/W AB	C/W ABSS under ADEN/UHP.					
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	3,66,47,285.60/-		3,33,200/- 60 Day		rs 12 Months			
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Earnest Money	#(Rs.)	2,52,700/-			
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Opening of ten	der	21.09.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.			
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Before The Hon'ble Court Of Principal District Judge At Pulwama/Munsiff Pampore

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Signature of Applicant

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(Applicants/Caveators) V/S

Public at Large. (Non-Applicants/Non-Caveators) In the matter of: Caveat application in terms of section 14S-A

of C.P.C on behalf of Caveator. May it please your Honour.

The application is most humbly submitted as under:-

1. That caveator/applicant apprehend that people from general public may institute some false and frivolous case against the caveator/applicant to harass and intimidate him, and may succeed in getting an ex-parte order regarding the construction of shopping complex which is almost complete over the land measuring 15 Vi marlas falling under survey no. 6584 situated at Lcthpora Pamporc.

That the applicant is not in a position to foresee the name of the persons who will present suit/application before this Hon'ble court.

That before passing any kind of order/relief in favour of the nonapplicants on any suit or application, the caveator be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard, otherwise the caveator shall have to face great irreparable loss, injury and in-

In the premises it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court be pleased to provide an opportunity to the caveator of being heard before passing granting any kind of relief/order in favour of the nonapplicants with regard to the subject property mentioned above in the interests of justice and law.

Caveator

Public Notice

I have sold my Bike bearing Regd No: JK01Q-8568 in March 2018. We have already made Buyer/seller Agreement at that time But unfortunately I don't have that documents at present and now it's my humble request to the prospective owner kindly transferthe ownership in his name and now onwards I am not responsible if any untoward incident happened in future. If anybody have any objection immediately contact with me or with concerned authorities

Amid Farooq Kaloo S/o Farooq Ahmad Kaloo R/o Noorbagh Srinagar

Ph. No: 8899388846

From the office of **Advocate Mudasir Gulzar**

Rafiqa jan wife of Abdul Hameed Matta R/o Qamarwari Srinagar'2. Rukhsana Wife of Mohammad Sadiq Sofi R/o Safa Kadal Srinagar'

3.Bilala Wife of Manzoor Ahmad Dar R/o Batamaloo Srinagar all daughters of Wali Mohammad Dar

(Caveators)

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PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

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

Sd/advocate

Caveator)

From the office of Advocate Syed Abid

In the case of

Nisar Ahmad Gojwari s/o Ghulam Rasool Gojwari R/o Daribal Naid Kadal Srinagar

PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

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Sd/advocate

Before The Hon'ble Court Of **Principal District And Session At Srinagar**

IN THE CASE OF:-RAFIQ AHMAD MIR S/O GHULAM MOHAMMAD MIR R/O K.K SOKTHA NAWAKADAL SRINAGAR.

PUBLIC AT LARGE

Non-Caveators.

Caveator.

IN THE MATTER OF: CAVEAT PETITION.

May it please your Honour:

The caveator humbly submits as under:

1/ That the caveator apprehend that the non-caveators may approach this Honble Court with a suit or any other proceedings against the caveator prejudicial to the rights of the caveator.

2/ That in the event any case is filed by the non-caveators against the caveator, the caveator may kindly be given an opportunity of being heard before any order is passed.

3/ That the caveator has already published a notice in a daily news paper, copy of the publication is annexed herewith. 4/ That the caveat petition is supported by an affidavit duly

In the premises, it is therefore prayed that in the event of filing of any proceedings, application, suit by the non-caveators

against the caveator in such eventuality the caveator may kindly be put on notice before passing of any order. The same would be in consonance with law and justice. Dated: - 28.08.2023 Advocate Mir Shafat

Cell No.7006163805

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The name & Parentage of my son has been wronlgy written in DOB certificate as Tazeem Taiamul Father's Name: Mohammad Tajamul Dar Mother's Name: Dilshada while his correct name is Tazeem Tajamul Dar Father's Name: Mohd Tajamul Dar Mother's Name: Dilshada Akhter which needs to be correted. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/ her objection in the office of the Municipality Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Mohd Tajamul Dar F/o Tazeem Taiamul Dar DOB: 3-10-2022 bmg

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National Sports Day Week Water Sports Activities Organized In Dal Lake

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) organized a series of exhilarating sports activities this past week across the union territory of J&K, driving everyone to the festivities and embraces the spirit of healthy sports competitions.

On the penultimate day of the National Sports Day Week celebrations, JK-SC's Water Sports Centre organized multiple events in scintillating waters of Dal Lake.Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS),

Sarmad Hafeez flagged off marathon events in Kavaking and Canoeing at the Water Sports centre.

Director YSS, Subash C. Chibber; Secretary, JKSC, Nuzhat Gull; Divisional Sports Officer, Muzaffar Hussain Wani; Director of Water Sports Centre, Bilquis Mir and other officers of the YSS department were also present on the occasion.

More than a hundred participants from Water Sports Centre and Khelo India Water Sports Centre of Excellence participated in the event.

Abrar Hussain Elected Chairman, Imdad Saqi Gen Sec Of Fallah-e-Aam Waqf

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Idara Falah-e-Aam Trust elected its new managing body with Er Munshi Abrar Hussain as chairman and journalist Imdad Saqi as general secretary

tions held on Sunday saw triangular contest for the post of Chair-Munshi man. Abrar emerged triumphant, securing an emphatic victory with 141-vote

share against 116 polled by Syed Kifayat Rizvi. "Abrar Hussain's elec-

tion underscores his widespread popularity and the faith that the community has reposed in him", said a member while declaring the results.

There were two candidates in the fray for the post of general secretary. Senior journalist Imdad Saqi secured 139 votes while his nearest rival

Ahmad Ali Bhat received

113 votes Members also elected seven trustees during the elections. They include Raja Anees Ali Khan, Muhammad Maqbool Wani, Sved Javeed Mousavi,



dul Rashid Mugloo, Syed Muhammad Yaseen and Nazar Mohmmad Khan.

The newly elected chairman later expressed profound gratitude to the members for their support. overwhelming He pledged unwavering dedication to advancing the organization's mission and objectives. "I am deeply honored to have been chosen as the Chairman of Idara Fallah-e-Aam Waqf", he said.



On the penultimate National Sports Day Week celebrations, JKSC's Water Sports Centre organized multiple events in scintillating waters of Dal Lake on Monday.

Every House, Street, Heritage Site In Srinagar To Get Unique ID: Div Com

Observer News Service

Divisional Srinagar: Commissioner Kashmir VK Bidhuri Monday said every house, street and heritage in Srinagar district will get a Unique Identification Number which will help every individual and authorities to identify the

Observer News Service

'Refrain From Unilateral

Decisions On Appointments'

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Nation-

al Conference today asked J&K Waqf to re-

frain from unilateral decisions with regards

to appointment of Imam Sahiban in Masjids.

Nawa-e-Subha, party's general Secretary Ali

Mohammad Sagar said, "Before implementing

radical decisions which have a direct bearing

on how our masjids operate, it would have been

prudent for those at helm to understand the

complexities involved. Therefore it's necessary

to have religious scholars with expertise not

only in religious domain but also in worldly af-

fairs. It's not possible to replace seasoned Molvis,

preachers, and Mauzins with a simple decision."

Speaking to media at party headquarters

person or place without any inconvenience.

'The allotment of Unique ID is a process that has been taken under Smart City Project. In Srinagar it was executed earlier on trial basis and soon will be extended to beyond Srinagar." Divisional Commissioner Kashmir VK Bidhuri said.

He said the Unique ID will help relatives and others to identify and reach out to the location without any inconvenience.

This will be a guide to people and authorities to locate the place and find out the person or house hassle-free," he said.

Notably the project of allotment of Unique ID to every household and business venture in central Kashmir's Srinagar district was taken up in year 2022 on trial basis. Authorities had established a well-equipped and hitech Command Control System (CCS) in HMT Srinagar in this regard to monitor activities in the district.

Dargah Hazratbal Imam Sayeed Ahmad Faroogi Passes Away

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Imam of Dargah Hazratbal, Maulana Sayeed Ahmad Farooqi died on Monday after a brief illness.

Maulana Sayeed Ahmad Faroogi was leading regular five time prayers at Dargah Hazratbal for the past over two decades. Maulana Syeed Ahmad Faroogi passed away this evening after a brief illness at his home



in Hazratbal area here. His Nimaz-e-Jinaza will be held at 9 PM after Isha prayers in the lawns of Dargah Hazratbal, the family said

EJCC Protests In Srinagar, Demands **GP Fund**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Employees Coordination Joint Committee (EJCC), an organization umbrella representing different departments, staged a protest in Srinagar on Monday to draw the attention of administration towards pending G.P. funds and retirement benefits.

The protestors gathered at Srinagar's Press Enclave said the funds have not been released yet, and unfortunately, they are being forced to hit the streets to press for their demands.

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Other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid Tender Notice.

Sd/ Accounts Officer, (Member Secretary)

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Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer REW Division Bandipora

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

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This Day In History

- 708 Copper coins are minted in Japan for the first time (Traditional Japanese date: August 10, 708).
- 1988 USSR launches 3 cosmonauts (Valery Polyakav, 1 Afghan) to station Mir.
- 1990 Saddam Hussein declares America can't beat
- 1991 USSR suspends Communist Party activities
- 1995 NATO launches Operation Deliberate Force against Bosnian Serb forces.
- 1997 At least 98 villagers are killed by the GIA in the Rais massacre, Algeria.
- 2003 Ayatollah Sayed Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim, the Shia Muslim leader in Iraq, is assassinated in a bombing, along with nearly 100 worshippers as they
- leave a mosque in Najaf.
- 2004 28th Olympic Games closes at Athens, Greece 2004 - Athens Olympic marathon is run on same route
- as 1896 Games, start at site of the Battle of Marathon to the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens: Stefano Baldini of Italy wins men's gold in 2:10:55 2004 - Future undisputed world light heavyweight
- boxing champion Andre Ward of the US wins the light heavyweight gold medal at the Athens Olympics beating Magomed Aripgadjiev of Belarus on points
- Panhandle. Kills more than 1.836, causes over \$115 billion in damage. 2007 - A United States Air Force nuclear weapons
- incident takes place at Minot Air Force Base and Barksdale Air Force Base. 2013 - 41 people are killed and 33 are injured in a bus
- accident in Kenya

From KO Archives Congress Unlikely To

Extend Mufti's Tenure

Observer News Service

FEW DELHI - As the date draws nearer for Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed to hand over the baton to a leader from alliance partner Congress, the party today sought to put an end to all speculation by indicating that the PDP leader would not be asked to continue. Virtually putting at rest speculation that Congress might

not be willing to take over the reins of the government after three years in November as per an agreement between the two coalition partners, a senior leader said the party would suffer if did it. "It will not go down well in the party," the leader close to

J&K affairs said when asked whether the Congress would let Sayeed continue for remaining three years of six year term as has been suggested by some reports. When the two parties forged post-poll alliance to form

government in November 2002, they had agreed that one party would lead the coalition for three years and the other for rest Congress, with 20 MLAs in the 87-member Assembly, had

then allowed junior partner PDP, with 17 MLAs, to lead the alliance in the first phase. The Deputy Chief Minister was from Congress for the first three years and from PDP for the remaining tenure.

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

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

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

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

(Kashmir Observer, August 29, 2005)

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Militancy Challenge Persists

irector General of Police, Dilbag Singh, in a recent interaction with media in Jammu said that significant strides have been made in curbing militancy in J&K and emphasized that the focus is not merely containing terrorism, but eliminating it altogether. Singh underlined that 99 percent of infiltration attempts from Pakistan have been successfully thwarted this year alone. He attributed this success to the heightened vigilance and the tightening of the border security grid.

Over the past two months, there have been multiple instances of interception, leading to the killing of nearly a dozen infiltrators and the seizure of substantial caches of weapons, explosives, and narcotics. However, as the DGP himself acknowledged, the challenges remain. There have been recurrent attempts to send IEDs and weaponry from across the border, some of which seem to have succeeded. A recent incident involving the discovery of an IED in Nagrota served as a reminder of these dangers. Similarly, militants in South Kashmir's Kulgam killed three security personnel during a recent encounter. What is more, Poonch and Rajouri districts in Jammu have witnessed a certain revival of militancy since 2021. This year, so far, ten security personnel have been killed in the twin districts in two successive encounters. And what is particularly concerning for the security agencies is that the forest area where the militants are hiding extends to Shopian in South Kashmir, the district that has been a hotbed of militancy in recent years. But the militants have largely chosen to stay in Jammu only, possibly because the region has a lower concentration of security forces than the Valley and also a warmer climate throughout the year. The security agencies believe they are the highly trained militants since they most probably come from across the border.

If anything, it shows that despite the drastic reduction in the number of militants in recent years, militancy lingers in some form. More importantly, militancy is now largely sustained by the infiltration. But with more counter-infiltration measures the situation could be brought under control. The government, according to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, is now working on a plan to replicate the counterinsurgency strategy adopted in Kashmir Valley, to curb the rising violence in Jammu. This includes identification and arrest of over-ground supporters of militants, proactive counterinsurgency operations, deployment of police, Army, Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) and night patrolling and area domination, which are believed to have helped check infiltration to a large extent in the Kashmir region. Here's one approach that we would like the administration to follow: the political outreach. In past, this approach has made a redeeming difference to the situation.

OTHER OPINON

The new book ban

Bradbury said that one of the motivations for writing his most famous book Fahrenheit 451, about a dystopian society where books are outlawed, was the scourge of "political correctness" which could lead to censoring of books. In previous interviews, when talking about the 1953 book, he had cited the paranoia of the McCarthy era and the effect of mass media on literature as having spurred him to write. Had Bradbury been alive today, one wonders if he would have perceived the danger posed to books by artificial intelligence (AI), and seen in it the potential for the execution of an age-old threat via a very 21st century means.

There is something to worry about in an Iowa school district's solution when confronted with a new law passed by the state which requires school library catalogues to be "age appropriate" and contain no "descriptions or visual depictions of a sex act". The authorities at Mason City Community School District put a "master list" of the most challenged books in the US through ChatGPT so that the programme could identify those that wouldn't comply with the new law: 19 books — including Alice Walker's The Colour Purple, Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale and Toni Morrison's Beloved — have been removed from its libraries

its libraries.

Since ChatGPT and other generative AI programmes started making headlines last year, several terabytes worth of arguments have been made both in the technology's favour and against it. The pendulum has swung from fantasies about its potential for medicine, space technology etc to spectres about its impact on jobs and human creativity. But as the Iowa school district's example shows, what is needed, really, is caution: When put in the hands of flawed humans, any tool – which, after all, is what AI is — can become a weapon.

The Indian Express

BRICS Marching Ahead

The 15th BRICS summit comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, was held at Johannesburg, S. Africa. This year's annual summit was majorly focussed on two issues; first, admitting new members to the 5-nation organisation and boosting trade using the local currency of the member nations

Asad Mirza

There were also rumours that the Summit may announce a BRICSissued reserve currency to be used by members in cross-border trade. Though the member nations collectively enjoy a comfortable balance of payment surplus, they don't have the financial wherewithal

encouraged eportedly, by BRICS success on the economic and geopolitical fronts, a growing number of countries in the Global South consider it as an attractive agent of multilateralism. More than forty nations - including Algeria, Egypt, Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates, including key G-20 countries such as Argentina, Indonesia, Mexico, and Saudi Arabia - had formally expressed their interest in joining the BRICS. But finally only six more were added to the original members' list.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa formally announced BRICS expansion, and now Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the UAE, Argentina and Ethiopia will join BRICS. Overtly this seems to be an attempt to reshape the global world order and provide a counterweight to the U.S. and its allies.

The Chinese president, Xi Jinping, described the expansion as "historic". Xi had leading the demand admitting new members, thus shaping-up an enlarged BRICS as a way for the Global South to have a stronger voice in world affairs.

The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, welcoming the expansion of the five-nation grouping said, "Through this step, the faith of numerous nations in a multipolar world order will become stronger."

Media reports prior to the summit cited Chinese officials furthering the view that the bloc should be a rival to the G-7. But they were silent on plans to enhance the group's clout on the global stage. It would depend on how far it will be able to act in unison, as the addition of new members has made it even more disparate.

The Guardian quoted the director of the Asia and Latin America programme at the Inter-American Dialogue, Margaret Myers, as saying that this move is more symbolic than anything – it's an indication of wide-ranging global south support for a recalibration of the global order.

The decision to admit Iran represented a win for both Putin and Xi, giving the group a more antiwestern nuance. Iran, which has been looking for ways to sidestep the U.S. sanctions, was indeed elated and same could be said about Putin, who'll be hosting the next summit and addressed the Jo'burg summit virtually.

While India had not opposed the expansion of the BRICS, it did push for rules and procedures to be laid down, which would govern which countries could enter the bloc. China's push to incorporate Pakistan into the BRICS alliance earlier stirred a diplomatic conundrum, but ultimately it was not amongst the lucky six.

For Argentina, facing dire economic problems, membership may provide a lifeline to escape from

the deepening crisis. Its president, Alberto Fernández, said it represented a "new scenario" for the country. Ethiopia became the only low-income country in the group. Its prime minister, Abiy Ahmed, described it as "a great moment" for his country.

Al Jazeera quoted Ayham Ka-

cies have chipped away at its dominance has been incremental. But a growing number of experts, including senior U.S. government officials, recognise that the aggressive use of economic and financial sanctions to advance U.S. foreign policy could threaten the dollar's hegemony in the



mel, the head of Eurasia Group's Middle East and North Africa research team, as saying that in one move, the Middle East and North Africa region could have four members in an expanded BRICS organisation. This will structurally enhance their leverage regionally and globally.

A strengthened region would further pave the way for a multipolar world, Al Jazeera quoted Trita Parsi, vice president of the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, as saying, "As the world moves away from unipolarity, the U.S. is also losing its ability to act as a gatekeeper, no one single state can any longer decide who is in the Community of Nations and who is a pariah.

However the most important takeaway from the summit was described by Ryan Berg, the head of the Americas programme at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, quoted by The Guardian as saying that "For China and Russia, this is a win. They have been pushing for this for five plus years now. For China, it allows them to continue to build what they hope is a Beijing-centric order. For Russia, who is hosting it next year, it sees this as a tremendous opportunity in its current moment of significant isolation.'

In addition, BRICS members also discussed sustainable development in the climate change era, global governance reform, and an orderly process of increasing trade in local currencies., which many emerging economies are exploring and where India is pushing for trade in the Indian rupee.

Hippolyte Fofack, chief economist and director of research at the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) told The Atlantic magazine that the dollar remains the global reserve currency, and the pace at which other curren-

vears ahead.

There were also rumours that the Summit may announce a BRICS-issued reserve currency to be used by members in cross-border trade. Though the member nations collectively enjoy a comfortable balance of payment surplus, they don't have the financial wherewithal, Hippolyte opined to establish such a currency as they lack the institutional architecture and the scale to sustainably achieve this end.

Reflecting on these challenges, Anil Sooklal, South Africa's ambassador-at-large to BRICS, had reiterated in July earlier that a BRICS currency will not be on the agenda during the summit, though expanding trade and settlement in local currencies will be. According to Hippolyte BRICS countries are already making strides in the use of local currencies in cross-border transactions. Their use is helping to sustain and boost cross-border trade between members, even amid a challenging operating environment of heightened geopolitical risks. It is also loosening the balance of payments constraints associated with dollar funding, bolstering local economies.

Lastly, the Jo'burg summit served as a new foundation in advancing cross-border payment systems and embracing local currencies to fortify international trade, besides sending a warning light to U.S.-led western democracies that the concerns of developing nations shouldn't be ignored any further.

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Change Your Life and Personality

HERE'S no real "you". You're just a blueprint of the society in which you were born and one that made you. Your habits, hobbies, interests, religion, beliefs and actions are all meditated by society. What you are right now is not the actual you. However, there is a possibility to discover and rediscover yourself. You are the creator of your own story. However this change will hardly come overnight.

Consider this, in a village two children are born. One grows up in the village itself and another is raised in a developed country abroad. After twenty years, they both will have different personalities. The village boy will have his own set of hobbies

and dreams. On the other hand, the one raised abroad will have a different set of values meditated by a completely different society abroad. Therefore, it is obvious that you do not control your life, society does. One might mistake ones life as though luck directed it, however, things aren't that simple.

However, no matter what society has done, you can change it if you don't like your story that you are living. You can completely recreate it no matter how old and strong your story is. You have the power, because you are the author of your own life story. This is the highest power for a hu-

man being.
You have to first accept it deep

within by increasing your self understanding. Research on it, analyse your past. Listen and watch struggle stories of people who then become successful all over the world. One thought can change your life. Plant your thoughts deeply in your subconscious mind through gratitude affirmations. Do this until your belief in your abilities becomes stronger.

Then the next step is to destroy your fear of people. As they say, "sabse bada rogh, kya kahenge log". If you don't remove this fear then you can't unlock your true potential or inner voice. Listen to the inner voice not the outer voice. No matter how many failures you have faced, you become closer to success from every failure.

If you are so concerned about what people are thinking, then how can you make your decisions? You will act on their expectations of you and not on your inner voice.

Life is what you make it, it's your choice. Don't compromise in life, enjoy it to the fullest. Don't make excuses. Be patient, work hard. Keep a learning attitude, an open mind and do not see through the beliefs you hold but see things as they are.

Make a commitment that no matter what your boring story was in the past and that you will live life on your own terms and conditions.

Mohsin Nazir

Whispers of Diligence Bee's Unity, Scorpion's Strength

Aubaid Ahmad Akhoon

"Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, 'The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.'Similarly, in the delicate dance of honeybees and the determined stride of scorpions, we find a profound lessons on unity and diligence that resonates through the tapestry of nature"

In the vast world of insects, honeybees stand out for their remarkable unity and unwavering diligence. These tiny creatures work together in perfect harmony, displaying a level of cooperation that offers valuable lessons for human societies.

Honeybees are known for their complex social structure, with each member of the colony having a specific role to play. The queen bee, as the matriarch, lays eggs and ensures the continuity of the hive. The male drones serve to fertilize the queen's eggs, while the female worker bees are responsible for various tasks,

such as foraging for nectar, producing honey, and protecting the hive.

The work ethic of honeybees is truly awe-inspiring. Day after day, they venture out in search of nectar from flowers, tirelessly flying long distances to collect the precious resource. Back at the hive, they convert the nectar into honey, a vital food source for the entire colony, especially during times of scarcity.

What makes honeybees even more remarkable is their cooperative spirit. They communicate through intricate dances, sharing vital information about the location of food sources. The unity of purpose within the hive is evident as they all work towards a common goal – the survival and prosperity of the colony.

As humans, we can learn valuable lessons from the honeybee's way of life. The strength of their colony lies in unity, collaboration, and a deep sense of responsibility towards each other. Similarly, in our societies, when individuals come together, pooling their diverse talents and skills for the greater good, remarkable progress can be achieved.

Just like the honeybees, we should recognize the significance

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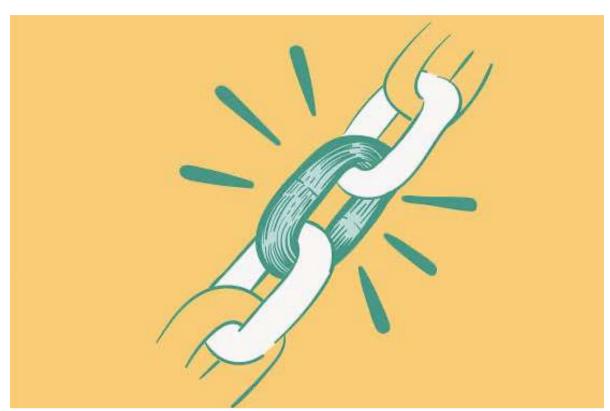
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of teamwork and shared responsibilities. When we work in unison, supporting one another through challenges and celebrating collective achievements, we create a harmonious environment that fosters growth and mutual benefit.

Furthermore, the diligent nature of honeybees teaches us the value of hard work and perseverance. Success often comes through consistent effort and dedication to our goals. Just as honeybees diligently gather nectar day after day, we must stay focused on our aspirations, knowing that our efforts will eventually bear sweet fruits of success.

"Cherishing Parents: A Lesson from the Scorpion"

In the vast tapestry of nature, there are remarkable lessons to be learned from even the tiniest creatures. The scorpion, a creature often misunderstood, reveals a powerful message about the value of parents and the reciprocity of love and care.

In the scorpion kingdom, a unique phenomenon unfolds. After giving birth, the mother places her offspring on her back, carrying them with utmost devotion. Astonishingly, these young scorpions feed on their mother's flesh, a symbiotic sacrifice she silently endures. This striking tale of selflessness and endurance bears an uncanny resemblance to certain aspects of today's human society.

In our modern world, parents toil tirelessly, working day and night, regardless of challenges, to provide for their children's needs and dreams. Just like the scorpion mother, they silently endure the trials of life, expecting nothing in return but their children's happiness. However, as children grow, some might unknowingly detach themselves, focusing on their own

aspirations without considering the sacrifices made on their behalf.

It is essential to realize that filial responsibility is not merely a cultural norm; it holds deep significance in various religious and ethical traditions. Islam, for instance, places great emphasis on honoring parents, recognizing the profound bond and respect owed to them. In Islamic belief, paradise lies beneath a mother's feet, highlighting the divine importance of caring for parents.

Gratitude and reciprocity towards parents are key tenets not only in Islam but in various other belief systems too. The tale of the scorpion teaches us that by valuing and caring for our parents, we can earn blessings from a higher power, fostering a sense of contentment and harmony in both this life and the hereafter.

It is crucial to remember that the

scorpion's tale is not a call for parents to demand obedience or repayments from their children. Instead, it urges children to recognize the love and sacrifices of their parents and repay them with love, respect, and appreciation. By sharing our goals and achievements with our parents, we invite them into our lives, and in return, they offer guidance, support, and blessings for our endeavors.

The remarkable behavior of honeybees offers profound insights into unity, diligence, and cooperation. By emulating their sense of community and dedicated work ethic, we can create more harmonious societies and achieve extraordinary outcomes together. Let us be inspired by the humble honeybee and strive to build a world where unity and diligence become the pillars of progress and prosperity and similarly the scorpion's unique story carries a profound lesson for all of us. Let us emulate the mother scorpion's resilience and selflessness in our relationships with our parents. By cherishing and caring for them, we not only gain the favor of a higher power but also create a nurturing and loving environment for ourselves and future generations. May we all strive to be like the scorpion in the best possible way - selfless, caring, and grateful to those who brought us into this world.

"As we reflect upon the intricate collaboration of honeybees and the steadfast resolve of scorpions, let us remember that unity and diligence are not mere chance occurrences in nature, but deliberate choices that shape the world around us. Their story urges us to embrace the strength of togetherness and the unwavering commitment to our goals, for it is in these virtues that we too can find our place in the grand symphony of existence."

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Let us stop glorifying multi-tasking

Asha Iyer Kumar

A hand on the wheel, a thumb on the QUERTY keys in the phone, and eyes alternating between the road and the speeding text.

Feeding a toddler on the lap, a phone sandwiched between the right cheek and ear, a skewed pair of eyes scanning the laptop screen.

Half an ear on the speaker on stage, a revisionary glance on the points to present and mind on the agenda for a client meeting the next day.

Math formulae clouding the eyes, song lyrics on YouTube filling the brain and messages from a school group yanking attention.

These are examples of a few multi-taskers, capable of hopping between assignments and connecting dissimilar mental nodes at the same time without a hassle. They juggle jobs in hand with aplomb and carry the tag of super achievers with elan. There is one problem, though, and a serious one at that.

Unbeknownst to them, the two sides of their brain's prefrontal cortex have slipped into a pattern of disharmony, and their think tank has become muddled. What they consider a phenomenal coup of their mental power has in truth turned detrimental to their brain capacity. What they take pride in—being able to get more done in less time—has in reality become their nemesis.

Multi-taskers are often lauded, but the truth is this much-acclaimed skill has no merit except it injects a notion in them of being a notch better than others, hence more worthy of accolades. It is a myth probably instituted by new



age corporates that expect their employees to extract their last dreg of energy to perform, failing which, to be ready to perish.

The downsides of multi-tasking has been in discussion for a long time now, but they have been ignored deliberately for reasons of vanity than purpose. It serves one's reputation to be a multitasker in a world of equal calibres; it gives fillip to one's self-confidence to imagine that to be

able to do multiple tasks at one time reflects one's competence, and it acts as a pick-me-up sign in a contest where speed is key. Add to these, a delusion of time-management it induces into our psyche.

psyche.
None of the above is true. What is true is that multi-tasking, especially when it involves neurologically intense tasks that require cognitive effort, retards our reflexes, mixes our priorities and

takes our eyes off what is important. Research says it adds burden to the brain, consumes more glucose, thereby sapping our energy and making us disoriented. Our error index goes up and the quality of work suffers. As simplistic as it might sound in words, the truth behind this 'talent' to juggle is a lot more damaging than we may care to think. The negative effects often remain unperceived, but they come out in the open in

the long term when tasks are ridden with mistakes and the final outcome is below par.

The brain science behind it apart, arguments against multitasking have sound reasoning. Switching focus frequently and trying to fix attention on more than one thing demands the brain to turn off from one thing and move to the other, which takes extra time. It may not seem like much, but when gathered over a

series of actions, the shifting can result in longer processing time and delays. It is like how leaving our appliances on standby can lead to higher current bills that we fail to notice.

Having said that, it is nearly impossible for people to dislodge the habit of multi-tasking when workload gets overwhelming. Students have more than a handful to accomplish in order to make the cut, employees with ballooning targets stare at back-to-back deadlines and managers have bottom lines to bolster. Given these, multi-tasking seems like the only way to manoeuver through increasing work pressure.

It is a tough call to make, but one must find a middle path where neither productivity suffers nor one's well-being. Organising chaos will require discipline and an ability to prioritise one's responsibilities. The first thing to do is to dethrone multi-tasking as a champion's asset and decide that we will not put our brain in duress unless life is at stake. We have a choice to either clutter our mind with miscellany or to fix our focus on one and give each task its own deserved time, and get it done well.

At the end of the day, we have only two hands and let us give them only enough to handle. Juggling might be an exciting sport, but only those who are exceptionally adept will ace it. A majority of us have butter fingers and cannot dabble with more than one thing at a time, and we had better know it before dropping things becomes an incorrigible habit.

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J&K Bank Conducts DLRC Meet In Bandipora

Observer News Service

Srinagar: To review the performance of banks and line departments under various schemes, J&K Bank conducted the District Level Review cum Consultative Committee (DLRCC) meeting of District Bandipora under Annual Credit Plan for the June quarter of FY 2023-24.

Additional DDC (Bandipora) Ali Afsar khan chaired the meeting that was attended by Lead District Manager (LDM) Bandipora Shamim Ahmad, DDC Chairman Abdul Gani, CPO Imtiyaz Ahmad, AGM RBI, DDM NABARD and other district heads of line departments and banks.

LDM Shamim Ahmad informed the house that the banks operating in the district have disbursed an amount of Rs



100.29 Cr in priority sector for the quarter against the annual target of Rs 922.71 Cr and Rs 65 Cr in non-priority sector against the annual target of Rs 128 Cr thereby achieving 11% and 51% of targets respectively.

Speaking on the occasion

Chairman DLRC instructed all banks for gearing up the speed and ensure that TAT was followed in all cases and same was endorsed by the CPO and AGM RBI. He further stressed upon the banks and line departments to work together for enrolling maximum

number of beneficiaries under JANSURAKHSA schemes.

During the review, Additional DDC directed the line Departments to sponsor quality cases while urging the banks for speedy disposal of all government sponsored cases.

Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra Concludes

Chari Yatra Taken Out In Poonch Amid Religious Fervour

Observer News Service

Poonch: Amid religious and spiritual fervour, the Chari Mubarak Yatra was triumphantly conducted in Poonch, marking the culmination of the revered Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra.

Led by Shri Shri 1008 Mahamandleshwar Swami Vishavatmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj, the procession embarked from the Dashnami Akhara Mandir complex in Poonch, making its way to the sacred Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Shrine at Rajpura, Mandi.

The Chari Mubarak Yatra commenced after a special Puja and Havan, accompanied by the resounding chants of Vedic Mantras, at the Akhara Mandir Poonch. Swami Vishavatmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj, along with numerous religious luminaries, congregated for this auspicious occasion. Following the puja, a guard of honour was accorded to the holy mace, and the Yatra to Baba Budha Amarnath Ji temple commenced amidst the participation of hundreds of devotees from across the nation, who fervently offered prayers and chanted slogans in reverence to Lord Shiva.

Subsequently, a grand religious gathering was held at a nearby hall, where Swami Ji and other dignitaries delivered enlightening speeches on

communal harmony, brotherhood, and peace in the region. The Chari Mubarak Yatra spanned a distance of 25 kilometers, with pilgrims making halts at various stalls arranged by locals, providing nourishment and refreshments.

The ancient Shrine of Lord Shiva, situated in the Himalayas, holds great significance as it is believed to be the place where Rishi Pulatsya, the grandfather of King Ravana of Lanka, engaged in worship for several decades. The Pulast River, flowing from the Loran-Mandi mountains of Pir Panjal (Himalayas) to Poonch, derives its name from this revered saint.

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As Cancers Surge

done easily. "There is an inpatient ward, day care ward for patients who come for blood transfusion and chemotherapy besides that there is a ward for terminally ill patients as well," he said, adding that all kinds of tumours among adults as well as children except acute leukaemia are being treated at the department.

The department has Telecobalt 60, linear accelerator, Brachytherapy and CT stimulator machine available and everything is being managed very well, he said.

26 JKAS Officers

(Collector Land Acquisition, Defence, Kewal Kumar (Additional Department), Cooperatives Sohan Lal (Registrar, GCET Jammu), Saleem Beigh (Deputy Secretary, Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens), Ram Lal Sharma (Deputy Secretary, Social Welfare Department), Ishtaq Ahmad Bhat (Secretary, Srinagar Development Authority), Parveen Akther (Deputy Director (Administration) Handicrafts and Handlooms Jammu), Noorud-din Bhat (Deputy District Election Officer, Bandipora), Shakeel Hussain (Deputy District Election Officer, Srinagar) and Ghulam Dastigir Alam (Deputy Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment)—(KNO)

Gurez Witnessed

and intangible art and a vibrant space for community to tell their stories and showcase traditions," he added.

Sharing the efforts of his administration for the inclusive development of Gurez, the LG said that our dedicated focus was to strengthen physical infrastructure, ensure adequate skilled manpower and to provide a conducive atmosphere for new business enterprises to

"Our collective aim has been to convert today's weakness into tomorrow's strength," he said, while highlighting the new initiatives taken to tap the tourism potential of Gurez

"Tourism sector has witnessed a massive increase from earlier 700-800 tourists a year to 35,000 this year till 15th August,"

Speaking on the power sector, the LG said the sector had remained a matter of great concern for the people of Gurez for decades.

"We are working on war footing to strengthen the power infrastructure, NHPC power project and work on 33kV line has been expedited and work on infrastructure for inter-connectivity between the villages has started," he added.

The LG informed that the administration has decided to extend Kisan Sampark Abhiyaan by 15 days and impressed on the officials to connect more farmers from Gurez with the endeavour.

Sinha also met with various public delegations including PRI representatives, members of Hoteliers and Youth Club Associations and assured them time bound redressal of their genuine issues and grievances.

He also flagged off Dawar - Drass - Darchik car rally connecting the Dard community of Gurez to Ladakh, and unveiled a Shina Language Primer for promoting the use of Shina mother tongue amongst children of Gurez.

He also flagged-in Vajr Top Expedition by Indian Army carrying soil of Vajr Top as a contribution to 'Meri Maati Mera Desh'.

The LG appreciated the joint effort of Army, District Administration and the Tourism Department for acknowledging the immense contribution of Dard-Shin community in nation-building

nation-building.

The Army had partnered with reputed institutions of the country to build the museum. It has a mix of digital displays, exhibits, artifacts, textiles, interactive boards and various sections including Dardistan, Kishanganga River, Gurezi way of life, Language Section, Symbiotic Relationship with Indian Army, Souvenir Section and AV room. The Sand Art will display the operation ERAZE - Indian Army operation for liberation of Gurez in 1948

Open Air Amphitheatre having a capacity of 150 people has been constructed on the banks of Kishanganga River for performances by the local cultural dance groups during weekends. Museum also has a website and a rich social

media presence.
Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, GOC-in-C
Northern Command; Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, GOC
15 Corps; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari,
Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Dr. Owais
Ahmad, Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, senior Civil, Police and Army officers, PRI representatives, members of Tribal Community,

students and local residents were present.

Art-35A Took

you may be right subject to rejoinder arguments from the other side (petitioners' side) that the Constitution of India is really a document which lies on a higher platform than that of the Constitution of J-K," the bench also comprising justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna. BR Gavai and Surya Kant said.

It told Mehta that it would be difficult to accept the second limb of the argument that the Constituent Assembly (CA) of J-K was, in reality, a legislative assembly as proviso to Article 370 specifically mentioned that it (CA) brought certain subjects into the fold of the state upon its approval.

Mehta, said, "The Constituent Assembly of J-K was for all purposes functioning as the state legislature apart from framing a subordinate document called 'the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir' also made legislations by passing several laws."

He said the Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir, in the exercise of its limited powers, approved and adopted the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir which was nothing but a "legislative piece" for internal governance with the overarching application of the Indian Constitution.

The solicitor general further submitted that the effect of Article 370 was such that by the administrative act of the President and the state government, any part of the Constitution of India with respect to J-K can be amended, altered or even "destroyed" and new provisions can be created.

He said that after the 42nd amendment, the words "Socialist" and "Secular" were not made applicable to Jammu and Kashmir.

"Even the word "Integrity" is not there. Fundamental duties were not there, which exists in the Indian Constitution.

"The Jammu and Kashmir Constitution provided for a separate provision for permanent residents of J-K in Article 7. It removed references to Scheduled Tribes from Article 15(4). Other Articles 19, 22, 31, 31A and 32 were applied with some modifications," Mehta said.

He referred to another contentious provision, Article 35A, of the Indian Constitution that gave special rights to only permanent residents of the erstwhile state and said it was discriminatory, to say the least.

"Under the provision (A-35A), people like sanitation workers working in the erstwhile state for decades were not given equal rights like that of permanent residents of J-K.

"This discrimination continued till the provision was abrogated in 2019. Non-permanent residents of J-K were not able to purchase lands, could not avail scholarship, employment in the state government," he said, urging the court to look into issues from the "eyes of people".

CJI Chandrachud deciphering Mehta's submissions said that by enacting Article 35A, they took away fundamental rights of equality, liberty to practice profession in any part of the country and even granted immunity from legal challenges and the power of judicial review.

"People were misguided by those - who were supposed to guide them - that this was not a discrimination but a privilege. Even today two political parties are before this court defending Article 370 and 35A," the Solicitor General said.

Mehta submitted that the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir needed to be repealed because it could not co-exist with the Indian constitution.

"On November 21, 2018, the legislative assembly of the state was dissolved but there was no contemporaneous challenge by any political party or any citizen or leader.

"Till, today there is no challenge to the dissolution of the assembly," he said, adding that despite there being no challenge, arguments were made by the petitioners' side that the action was "arbitrary".

Mehta added that on June 20, 2018, under Section 92 of the J-K Constitution, the Governor's rule was imposed in the state due to the failure of constitutional machinery in the state and only one petition challenged it after 14 months.

"No political party challenged the governor's rule or dissolution of the assembly. We are being called at midnight in this court for a hearing on forming governments, but here there are no challenges.

"Yet, arguments have been made that how can the governor dissolve the House. I am unable to understand the hollowness of the arguments," he submitted, adding that in J-K, Governor's rule has been imposed eight times and President's rule three times.

The hearing remained inconclusive and would continue on Tuesday.

On August 24, commencing their arguments in support of the abrogation of Article 370, the Centre had asserted there was no "constitutional fraud" in annulling the provision that accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Several petitions challenging the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split the erstwhile state into two union territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh - were referred to a Constitution bench in 2019.

SC Questions J&K

argued before the top court on August 24 as petitioner in-person in the case. As soon as the court resumed its hearing, senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Rajeev Dhavan pointed out that Bhat was suspended from his job by the Jammu and Kashmir administration after having argued before the top court.

"He took leave for two days. Argued before this court and went back and was suspended," Sibal said.

The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, asked Venkataramani to talk to the J-K Lieutenant Governor and look into the issue

"This should not happen. Someone arguing before this court gets suspended," the bench said

Venktaramani replied that he will look into the issue.

Mehta said after the news of Bhat's suspension was published in a newspaper, he checked with the administration and he was informed that there were various reasons behind the lecturer's suspension including that he has been regularly filing petitions before different courts.

"We can place before the court all the materials related to his suspension," Mehta said. Sibal countered, "Then, he would have been

Sibal countered, "Then, he would have been suspended earlier, why now. I have the suspension order of Bhat and it says that he has argued before this court and therefore the suspension. This is not fair. This is not how democracy should function."

The bench said if there are other reasons then it is another matter but if a person gets suspended in close proximity of arguing before this court, then it needs to be looked into.

Mehta said he agrees that the timing was

not appropriate and he will look into it. On August 24, Bhat had appeared in-person before the top court and argued against the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate

Article 370.

Bhat was removed from his place of posting in Srinagar and was attached to the office of the Director School Education, Jammu, while a senior official 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 Government Employees (Conduct) Rules 1971, J&K Leave Rules," School Education Department Principal Secretary Alok Kumar said in an order.

During the period of suspension, the delinquent officer shall remain attached in the office of Director School Education, Jammu.

"Further, it is hereby ordered that Ms Subah Mehta, Joint Director, School Education, Jammu is appointed as inquiry officer, who shall conduct an in-depth inquiry in the conduct of the delinquent officer," the order issued on Friday read.

Hailing from central Kashmir's Budgam district, Bhat, who holds a law degree, personally appeared before the Supreme Court which is currently hearing a bunch of petitions challenging the scrapping of Article 370 that granted special status to the erstwhile state.

The central government abrogated Article 370 and bifurcated Jammu and Kashmir into Union territories of J-K and Ladakh on August 5, 2019

Detained Kashmiri

I had a meeting with both sides of the students and advised them to concentrate on studies other than indulging in hooliganism," the VC said.

Pertinently, the scuffle, according to officials, ensued after a local student entered into a heated argument with a few Kashmiri students during the dinner at the hostel mess on Friday evening

The students, they said later pelted stones at each other, leading to injuries to three students including one from Kashmir, who were

admitted to the local district hospital.

A police team from Gangrar police station led by Superintendent of Police (SP) Chittorgarh, Rajan Dushyant had rushed to the spot and bundled around 36 students and later detained them at the concerned police station.

A group of Kashmiri students told Kashmir Observer over phone that the situation turned ugly after members of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), and Bajrang Dal allegedly barged inside the campus amid provocative sloganeering and attacked Kashmiri students.

"It were local students who joined with right wing Hindu activists chanted slogans first and pelted stones at us. After coming under attack, we also chanted slogans to grab the attention of the varsity administration," the students added.

Meanwhile Nasir Khuehami, National Convener of J&K Students Association (JKSA) has thanked senior Congress leader, Sachin Pilot and DG Police Rajasthan Umesh Mishra for their intervention to get all Kashmiri students released.

He said the prompt response of Pilot and Mishra has restored faith in justice and ensured an environment of inclusivity and harmony.

"All Twenty-Five students who were detained by the Rajasthan Police were released today after the J&K Students Association took up Matter with Former Deputy Chief Minister and MLA Sachin Pilot and DGP Rajasthan Umesh Mishra," Khuehami said in a statement.

He said that a Kashmiri student also suffered injuries following a clash with students from Rajasthan and Bihar at Mewar University in Rajasthan. The altercation, he said occurred while queuing for food at the mess.

Kashmir Ideal

moment that Miss World 2023 is going to be held in Kashmir. This month is like Diwali as 140 countries are coming to India and participating as a family," Miss India Sini Shetty said in her address.

Miss England while addressing media men said that she had a fabulous time today to explore Kashmir as the hospitality here is great and wonderful.

Miss World arrived here along with other pageant winners, including Miss World India Sini Shetty and Miss World Caribbean Emmy Pena today for a day-long visit. Poland's Bielawska, along with other pag-

eant winners, enjoyed breakfast with other dignitaries at a five-star hotel here. For the day-long tour, Bielawska and Shetty were joined by Miss World America Shree Saini and Julia Morley, chairperson and CEO

of the Miss World Organisation.
Rouble Nagi of Rouble Nagi Art Foundation
and Chairman PME entertainment in India
Jamil Saidi were also present at the breakfast

India, which has won the prestigious title six times, is hosting the pageant after nearly three decades. The last time the country hosted the event was back in 1996

Earlier upon their arrival Bielawska, along with other pageant winners enjoyed breakfast with other dignitaries at Lalit Grand Hotel

Rouble Nagi of Rouble Nagi Art Foundation and Chairman PME entertainment in India Jamil Saidi were also present at the breakfast meeting.

Bielawska's visit to Jammu and Kashmir, a first for an international beauty pageant winner, comes ahead of the 71st edition of the Miss World 2023 pageant, to be held in India later this year.

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Meanwhile, in a handout issued here this evening, an official spokesperson said that in a major fillip to MICE tourism and in a historic development for the tourism industry of J&K, a group of global Beauty Divas visited Kashmir today, as a prelude to the Miss World pageant 2023 with Tourism Department making all necessary arrangements for the visit.

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Besides Miss World, Karolina Bielawska and Miss World India, Sini Shetty, the spokesperson said, other members of the group include Miss World Caribbean, Emmy Pena; Miss World America, Shree Saini; Miss World England, Jessica Gagen; Miss Asia, Pricilia Carla Saputri Yules; Chairman and CEO of Miss World Organization, Julia Eric Morley and her team; Ms. Rouble Negi, founder Rouble Negi Art Foundation.

The visit of these Beauty Divas was curated by the Tourism Department in collaboration

with Rouble Nagi Art Foundation.

"The visit of these celebrities is expected to give a further push to MICE tourism in J&K which is already witnessing a very encouraging scenario after the successful holding of 3rd Working Group meeting of G 20 countries here in May this year," the spokesperson said.

Hailing the recently held G-20 meeting, he said, the event has proved to be a game changer and a transformative event for the local tourism and has led to an increased footfall of foreign travellors visiting the UT, which has gone up several notches after the successful event.

He said that several national and international corporate bodies and companies have planned their events in UT and many high profile dignitaries have visited the region in the meantime.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman, PME, Jamil Saidi described Kashmir as the crowning jewel of India which has a special place for him. He said the majestic landscape and warm people here reminds him of unity in diversity. He thanked Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha and the Tourism Department for hosting them.

Beauty Pageants

of their visit to Kashmir Valley. According to the spokesperson, the LG discussed with the international beauty pageant winners the tourism potential of J&K UT and its emergence as a favourite destination for hosting major international events. The visit of the international beauty pageant winners was organized by the Tourism Department in collaboration with Rouble Nagi Art Foundation.

Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary Tourism Department; Ms. Rouble Nagi, Founder Rouble Nagi Art Foundation and Jamil Saidi, Chairman PME were also present during the interaction at Raj Bhawan.

Man Tries To End

an old dispute over land between Sain Dass and his neighbour Pawan Kumar.

Police are conducting a fair and in-depth probe into the matter and action as per the law of the land is being ensured, they said.

"It is further clarified that deceased Sain Dass was not a Pujari (priest) of any temple as reported, the police said, adding the general public is advised not to pay heed to baseless statements.

"It is further assured that a fair and indepth probe is going on into the matter and action as per law of land is being ensured," they said.

Mushroom Cultivation

government and now runs a 500-tray mushroom operation out of a single room in his house. "I currently produce 30 quintals of mushroom per season," Lone added.

Lone appeals to youth not to sit idle at home

and approach the government for help and take the benefits under different schemes.

The government, this year, announced that they are implementing a full-fledged project

on 'Promotion of Round the Year Mushroom Cultivation' (PRYMC) across the UT.

The project, according to the government, will be implemented at a cost of around Rs 42 crore over the next three years by the Agriculture Production Department of J&K and will increase the production of mushrooms by 3.5 times and revolutionise mush-

room cultivation here.

The growing domestic and export market, the delicacy and food value provides extensive and good potential for cultivation of mushrooms. There is also a growing market for processed, dried and packed mushrooms as their shelf life is longer.

According to the government, the production of mushrooms was at 6,983.23 quintals, out of which 5,442 quintals were a produce from Jammu division and 1,541.23 quintals from Kashmir in 2011-12.

Mushrooms are of different types, the most common being the button mushrooms followed by Dhingri (Oyster) and Paddy Straw

mushrooms.

The Valley boasts many success stories in the mushroom cultivation business and the administration's fifty percent subsidy and technical knowledge is making the cultivation profitable for growers.

Under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (National Agriculture Development Programme), mushroom cultivation is a focus area and growers are equipped with quality seeds and are trained as per scientific cultivation techniques.

Women-led self-help groups (SHGs) are also being encouraged under HAUSLA and TEJASWINI entrepreneurship schemes introduced by the Centre in J&K.

Cong Strong Enough To

Defeat Malicious BJP

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Congress is a vi-

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politics" of the BJP, All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-

charge of Jammu and Kashmir

Rajya Sabha MP Patil was ad-

"Congress is a vibrant party

strong enough to defeat the malicious propaganda and

misleading politics of BJP. The

party is committed to ensuring

that people live with dignity

and their issues are resolved on

that bifurcating the erstwhile

Jammu and Kashmir state into

Union territories was an as-

sault on people's emotions.

The Congress leader also said

dressing a workers' convention

at Chekibhadri Nath in Pulwa-

ma district.

priority," she said.

Rajani Patil said on Monday.



Chhari Mubarak Leaves For Holy Cave Shrine

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The saffron-robed holy mace of Lord Shiva, popularly known as 'Chhari Mubarak', left from Pahalgam base camp on Monday for Chandanwari where it will halt for the night, officials said.

Amidst religious chants, the Chhari was taken from Pahalgam to Chandanwari by Mahant Deependra Giri, the custodian of the holy mace.

The holy mace will reach the cave shrine, considered to be the abode of Lord Shiva, in south Kashmir Himalayas for special prayers on August 31 which will mark the culmination of the annual Amarnath yatra.

The holy mace will be taken to Sheshnag on August 29 for a night halt before reaching Panchtarani on August 30.

The Chhari Mubarak Swami Amarnath Ji had left for the main course of pilgrimage on Saturday from Mahadev Gir Dashnami Akhara here.

Special prayers were held at the Dashnami Akhara temple before the commencement of the religious pilgrimage.

Giri will carry the holy mace to perform 'pujan' and have 'darshan' in the early morning of 'Shravan-Purnima' on Au-

Just Tip Of Iceberg: Mehbooba On Lecturer's Suspension

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said the suspension of a Jammu and Kashmir education department lecturer who had argued before the Supreme Court in a matter related to the abrogation of Article 370 was "just the tip of the iceberg".

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has placed Senior Lecturer Zahoor Ahmad Bhat under suspension "for violation of provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Service Regulations, Jammu and Kashmir Government Employees (Conduct) Rules 1971, J&K Leave Rules", days after he appeared in the Supreme Court as a party against the abrogation of Article 370.

He was removed from his place of posting in Srinagar and attached to the office of the Director of School Education, Jammu, while a senior officer was appointed as an inquiry officer to conduct an in-depth inquiry into his conduct.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg. Since the illegal abrogation of Article 370, the people of Jammu and Kashmir have to choose. Either be mute spectators and watch their livelihood, jobs and land being snatched or face the music for raising their voice. It's a Hobson's choice laden with deadly consequences. Every

In NDPS Case

Agencies

KUPWARA: A fast track court

in Kupwara on Monday con-

victed two accused persons in

Dar Abdul Rashid, Addi-

tional Public Prosecutor, FTC/

NIA Court, Kupwara said that

in FIR No 56 of Year 2019 of

PS Karnah (Titled State Versus

Syed Ishfaq & Anr) U/S 08/21

of NDPS Act, Fast Track Court

Kupwara has convicted two

accused persons Syed Ishfaq

and Khurshid Ahmad Gojar

both residents of Jabdi Karnah.

15 kilograms of Heroin was re-

covered from the duo on 12th

an NDPS case.

Kupwara Court Convicts 2

To Announce Quantum of Punishment On Sept 4

February 2019.

Kashmiri can't afford to knock on the doors of the SC," Mehbooba posted on X.

The issue of Bhat's suspension was raised in the Supreme Court by senior advocate Kapil Sibal on Monday. The Supreme Court asked Attorney General R Venkataramani and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to look into the issue. National Conference leader Omar Abdullah thanked Sibal for raising the issue in the apex court.

"Grateful to Kapil Sibal for raising the issue of Zahoor Bhat in the Supreme Court. Zahoor is a lecturer who was suspended immediately after he returned to the valley having argued his petition in front of the Constitution Bench against the events of Aug 5, 2019," Abdullah posted on X.

A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud took note of the suspension of Bhat, who had argued before the top court on August 24 as peti-

tioner in person in the case. As soon as the court resumed its hearing on Monday, senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Rajeev Dhavan pointed out that Bhat was suspended from his job by the Jammu and Kashmir administration after having argued before the top court.

"He took leave for two days. Argued before this court went back and was suspended," Sibal said.

The case has been listed for

arguments on quantum of pun-

ishment on 4th of September

Earlier in June 2023 two per-

sons namely Mohammad Shafi

Lone and Bilal Ahmad Dar both

residents of Sopore, in case FIR

No: 45/2020 U/s 8/21 NDPS Act

were convicted by Fast Track

Court Kupwara and were sen-

tenced to 10 years imprison-

It is pertinent to mention that

in both these cases prosecution

was conducted by Dar Rashid,

Additional Public Prosecutor,

FTC/NIA Court Kupwara. (GNS)

ment and 1 lakh fine.

MISS WORLD KAROLINA BIELAWSKA and Miss World India Sini Shetty interacting with a handicraft artist at a hotel in Srinagar on Monday.. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

FOUR LANING PROJECT

Chief Secretary Tours Ramban, Inspects Highway Works



Observer News Service

RAMBAN: In an effort to oversee the progress of ongoing four-laning works on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday took a firsthand appraisal of all critical sections between Banihal and Ramban and also held a holistic review of flagship programmes in the District.

During his visit, the Chief Secretary reiterated his direction to the Traffic Department for making the 66-km road stretch between Qazigund and Nashri tunnels two-way for both LMVs and HMVs which are below 4 axle, adding that HMVs which are above 4 axle shall ply only during the lean period as per laid out plan by the Traffic Department. This is expected to provide huge relief as this will put an end to forced halt at Qazigund and Ban toll plaza in future.

Additional Chief Secretary, Home, R. K. Goyal; Commissioner Secretary GAD, Sanjeev

Verma; Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar; Inspector General of Police Traffic, Bhim Sen Tuti; DIGs of DKR and Traffic Range Jammu, Deputy Commissioner Ramban and SSP NHW, RO NHAI, along with many other senior officers of different departments were also present on the occasion.

During the first leg of his tour, Chief Secretary inspected the progress of work on 2.3km Banihal Viaduct, which will bypass the Banihal town and facilitate smooth movement of traffic on the National Highway. He emphasized upon the NHAI to ensure that the work on the project is completed by December this year. He also passed standing instructions to NHAI to blacktop the link road towards Banihal Market, till the bypass is completed.

Earlier, the Chief Secretary stopped at Lambar, on Banihal Expressway, and passed directions to use the handover / takeover site of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra - 2023 as truck holding area, keeping in view the

increasing movement of fruit laden trucks from Kashmir valley towards Jammu and rest of the country.

Emphasizing upon strict adherence to stipulated timelines, Dr. Mehta asked Regional Officer NHAI to ensure completion of 6.2 km Sher Bibi viaduct, Tunnel T-4, 4.2 km Digdol twin-tube and the additional two tubes of Ramban flyover, as this new infrastructure will further decrease the travel time between Srinagar and Jammu. He advised NHAI to explore the possibility of hassle-free two-way movement of HMVs between Tunnels T-3 and T-5.

The road between T-3 and T-5 had caved-in following incessant rains in the first week of July earlier this year during SANJY 2023. NHAI had developed a temporary ramp to restore the movement of vehicles.

The Chief Secretary also passed directions to NHAI to complete the T-5 viaduct and underpass near Magerkote within the stipulated timeline.

Propaganda: Rajani "The BJP rule is hostile, working as a punishment for the public," she said.

Patil also alleged that despite all these failures, the BJP government is building a false narrative aimed at diverting the attention of the public from real issues.

She added that the Congress will ensure justice and inclusive development in J&K.

"The UPA-I and UPA-II had prepared a roadmap and ensured enormous development and employment in J&K, but the BJP policies are contrary to that. With the result, the developmental process started in J&K received severe setbacks," Patil added.

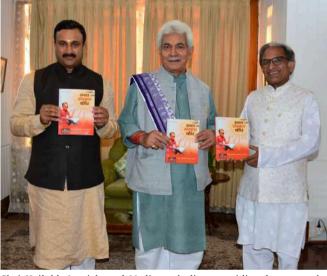
She reiterated that the Congress would not compromise on people's aspirations and would do its best to restore the confidence and trust of the common citizens in I&K.

LG Releases 'Saral Sanskrit Bodh'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday released a book titled 'Saral Sanskrit Bodh' published by President J&K Apni Party called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, today.

Manhas apprised the Lt Governor on various issues of public importance of Shopian in-



Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, at Raj Bhawan

The Lt Governor congratulated Mahant Rohit Shastri, President Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust and Prof. Sharat Chandra Sharma, the authors of the book. He appreciated the commitment motion of tourism and smooth of Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic implementation of PMAY. Sansthan for the promotion. development and enrichment

Manhas, former MLC and Vice

cluding providing boost to the horticulture sector, construction of road from Army camp Chanchmarg Shopian to Dubjan, construction of Zarkan Bridge, upgradation of High School building at Shahabad, upgradation of water supply schemes of Kandi Areas of Shopian, pro-

The Lt Covernor assured former Legislator of appropriate action on the genuine is-Meanwhile, Zafar Iqbal Khan sues put forth during the inter-

Over 5 Lakh Job Letters Given By **Centre Since Oct 2022: Minister**

Says 10 Lakh Target By Year-End

Press Trust Of India

IAMMU: Union minister B L Verma Monday said the Centre has distributed job letters to 5.5 lakh youth since last October and aims to provide 10 lakh jobs by year-end.

Addressing a Rozgar mela at the Border Security Force (BSF) headquarters here, Verma handed over appointment letters to 250 candidates, out of a total of 1,000 selected for various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) such as BSF, CRPF CISF, SSB, and ITBP.

This morning, Modi distributed over 51,000 appointment letters to the youth, mostly in

the security forces, joined in from 45 locations across the

Distributing job letters at the event here, Verma said this Rozgar Mela scheme is part of the government's efforts to abate unemployment in the

"In October 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a commitment that 10 lakh jobs will be given to youth by December 2023. By this time, we have provided job letters to 5.5 lakh youth," the Union Minister of State for development of the Northeastern region said.

He added that in the days to come, the prime minister will deliver what he has promised to the youth of this country.

BSF officials at the event here said this recruitment drive will significantly help the country's security forces to conduct their operations more efficiently and effectively and better manage a wide range of security duties across the entire country.

Through this Rozgar Mela event, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is recruiting personnel in various CAPFs such as CRPF, BSF, SSB, Assam Rifles, CISF, ITBP and Narcotics Control Bureau as well as Delhi Police, the officials said.

The MHA has filled up around one lakh posts through Mission Recruitment, out of which about 87,000 vacant posts have been filled up in CAPFs, they added.

Crewel Embroidery Entrepreneur From Kupwara Scripts Success Story

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Razia Sultan, a crewel embroidery entrepreneur from Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, never pinned her hopes on a government job. She instead took a keen interest in handicraft and scripted her own success story.

Today, she has established a successful crewel embroidery chain stitch unit at Trehgam in Kupwara where she is generating livelihood for herself and other women working in her unit. She is also imparting training to other girls of the area.

"In 2012, my father passed away and there was no one to support my family financially. It was in 2013 when the Handi-



crafts Department, Kupwara established a Crewel Elementary Training Centre at my native village Trehgam and I along with other village girls got ourselves registered for the course against a monthly stipend of Rs 500," Razia, daughter of Mohammad Sultan Sheikh, said.

"The initial training course had the duration of one year and owing to the good response from the trainees, the batch was put to advanced training for two more years against a monthly stipend of Rs 700," she added.

The love for the craft made Razia take up the role of a crafts instructor at a crewel centre at the age of 19 years against a monthly salary of Rs 2,000. She said this money in 2017 meant

a lot for her and her family, and her joy doubled as she was doing something she loved.

In the meantime, Razia was honoured with a State Level Award by the handicrafts department in crewel craft in 2018. which fuelled her passion for crewel embroidery.

Around the same time, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir announced the Karkhandar' scheme wherein the meritorious pass-outs are given advanced training regarding the design and marketing, and the 'karkhana' of Razia was covered under the scheme for a period of six months.

Taking the benefit of this scheme, he made 285 metres crewel cloth and produced 236 crewel embroidered cushion covers.

She said during the last five months, she got a revenue of Rs 1,60,000 for her crewel work. Besides, she has established her successful entrepreneurial venture and is earning around Rs 60,000 to Rs 70,000 per month. Razia has trained more than 200 girls so far.

She believes that every woman should become financially independent which will make them more self-reliant and boost their confidence.

The girl from Kupwara suggests that women should come forward and start their ventures to generate employment and earn profit simultaneously and become job providers not job

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NOTICE

Subsequent to Directions of Director General Sheep Husbandry Department Kashmir vide no:- DSHK/Tech/2023-24/3439-55 Dated:- 16/08/2023 and to ensure timely utilization of funds under HADP, this office is going to conduct selection of beneficiaries under different components of HADP scheme. In this backdrop it is hereby notified that application received on HADP Portal by or before 31/08/2023 will only be considered for selection in first instance. The applications received after that will only be considered if additional targets are assigned to this organization for the year 2023-24.

Furthermore, it is impressed upon all the VAS's to verify and forward/reject application accordingly by 01 September up to 4:00 Pm positively, enabling this office to conduct selection of beneficiaries on 5th September 2023.

No: DSHOP/Tech/2023-24/1226-35

Dated: 28/08/2023 **District Sheep Husbandry Officer**

Pulwama

DIPK-7909-23 DT: 28/08/2023

Asia's Cricket Giants Square Up Ahead Of WC

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sia's cricket giants India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will get a final chance to size each other up before October's 50-over World Cup when the Asia Cup begins on Wednesday.

Fiery rivals India and Pakistan could clash as many as three times if they go all the way in the six-nation continental championship.

Pakistan and Sri Lanka are cohosts, a hybrid model agreed after World Cup hosts India refused to tour Pakistan, with the final on September 17 in Colombo.

Pakistan, which became the world's top-ranked ODI team after last week's 3-0 series sweep against Afghanistan, open the campaign at home on Wednesday against Asia Cup debutants Nepal in Multan.

Skipper Babar Azam, who scored 113 runs in the Afghanistan series, leads a team containing a triple-pronged fast bowling attack in Shaheen Shah Afridi, Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf.

World Cup hosts India, led by Rohit Sharma, will open their campaign against the Green Shirts in a hotly anticipated clash on Saturday in Pallekele.

India and Pakistan, who only play against each other in international tournaments due to the countries' long-standing political tensions, are expected to meet again in the Super Four stage and could face off for a third time in the final.

"It's not just Pakistan, there are other teams," Rohit said of the hype surrounding the Pakistan clashes, with the rivals also scheduled to meet in the 50-over World



Cup in Ahmedabad on October 14. "Sri Lanka won the Asia Cup last year. So there are other teams who are playing good cricket and will challenge us."

'TEST OURSELVES'

Rohit said the Asia Cup was the perfect place to "test ourselves, try and put ourselves under pressure and respond to that pressure".

India's batting has been boosted by the return of KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer alongside Virat Kohli, Shubman Gill and Rohit.

The 50-over World Cup begins on October 5 in India.

Sri Lanka, who won the Asia Cup last year in Dubai when it was played as a Twenty20 tournament, have been hit by injuries ahead of their opener against Bangladesh in Kandy on Thursday.

Fast bowler Dushmantha Chameera is all but out of the tournament with a shoulder injury and leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga is doubtful for at least the group

matches having missed the Lanka Premier League final eight days ago with a thigh strain.

Bangladesh have had a difficult build-up with Tamim Iqbal stepping down as captain and missing the tournament with a back injury as he tries to get fit for the World Cup.

Veteran all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan has been reappointed captain through to the end of the World Cup. He previously led Bangladesh for 50 one-day internationals between 2009 and 2017.

Afghanistan, despite their recent loss to Pakistan, can pose problems with their potent spin attack of Rashid Khan, Mujeebur Rahman and Mohammad Nabi.

They also have in-form batsman Rahmanullah Gurbaz who smashed 151 in a losing cause in the second game against Pakistan.

Minnows Nepal could be in for a baptism of fire having been clubbed with India and Pakistan in Group A. Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan make up Group B. (AFP)

AJKMF Mountaineers Scale Mount Tatakooti

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: All Jammu Kashmir Mountaineering Foundation (AJKMF) members have scaled Mount Tatakooti, which is 15583 feet above sea level and is known as one of the most technical peak of Kashmir valley.

Team left for the expedition From Srinagar on August 25 and pitched tents at Tatakooti base camp in Dumail

Next day, the team buckled up and started to climb the mountain at 6:00 AM, climbing the 70° steep section of the mountain which is full of loose rocks and rock falls.

At 10:30AM, the AJKMF team reached the shoulder of the mountain which is at the elevation of 14501 feet. At 11:55 AM, all members had successfully scaled the giant peak.



The team was led by the most experienced mountain-

eer of valley Yaseen Lone, who has done his mountaineering courses back in '90s. Lone has climbed major peaks of Kashmir, including the highest in 2005. Other members of the team included Rouf Rather and Muzakir.

As the 50% task was done, same day at 12:15Am it started snowing heavily on the summit. At 12:30 PM, the AJK-MF team started their descend down. They tied their ropes and rapell down through narrow patches of the mountain, facing many challenges and making it safe and sound at base camp.

"Club is so proud of their big achievement," the All Jammu Kashmir Mountaineering Foundation (AJKMF), which is affiliated to the Jammu & Kashmir Mountaineering Association, said in a statement.

DPS Sangam Lifts U-14 Inter School Cricket Tournament Bijbehara Title

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: Delhi Public School Sangam on Monday lifted the title of Under-14 Inter School Cricket Tournament organized by Zonal Physical Education Officer Bijbehara.

In the grand finale, DPS Sangam defeated Oxford High School Bijbehara by 8 wickets at Sports Ground

of DPS Sangam, Anantnag. Earlier while batting first Oxford High School Bijbehara set the small total of 63 runs as target. In reply, DPS Sangam chased the target easily with eight



wickets in hand.
In the post match presentation ceremony, Prof.
Nighat Fatima, Principal
DPS Sangam, was the chief

guest and gave away the

trophies and certificates

among the players. On the occasion, Director of DPS Sangam Sartaj Ahmad Allie and others officials of Youth Services & Sports Zone Bijbehara were present as guests.

Williamson Given Two Weeks To Prove Fitness For World Cup

Agencies

WELLINGTON: New Zealand coach Gary Stead said he will give Kane Williamson every chance to prove his fitness over the two weeks before the World Cup squad is named but conceded the Black Caps captain still had a long way to go. Williamson underwent surgery after suffering a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in the Indian Premier League in early April, making him a serious doubt for the 50-overs World Cup in India.

The 33-year-old batter is in Britain with the New Zealand squad, which is preparing for a four-match Twenty20 series against England starting in Durham on Wednesday. "We got about two weeks from now, until we until we name that side," Stead told reporters from England.

