

FROM TABOO TO TREATMENT

How Cannabis Research Project by CSIR-IIIM Jammu Is Breaking Many Myths

Hirra Azmat

Srinagar- When you hear the word 'Cannabis' it often evokes thoughts of pot, dope, weed, and marijuana. But hidden behind the haze is a wonder drug, holding the promise of healing that outshines its 'high'.

To realise this potential of healing, The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu, has initiated the 'Cannabis Research Project'. Its goal is to explore the

healing properties of Cannabis plant in India.

With a focus on advanced scientific research, the project aims to explore the means and ways in which Cannabis and its compounds can be used for medical purposes. This could revolutionize healthcare by offering more efficient and pathbreaking healthcare treatments in the region, which could be imported not just to Jammu and Kashmir, but the country as well.

History of Cannabis Research



in Jammu and Kashmir Speaking exclusively to Kashmir Observer Director CSIR-Indian Institute of

THE OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. In this mechanism, the CSIR will provide funding for the foundational research. When addressing safety and toxicological studies, DBT will offer its support."

- a colloquial term for a state of intense intoxication that seemingly offers pleasure and relaxation. In the long run,

however the relaxation turns into a maelstrom of addiction and destruction. Hence, the taboo around the plant, which the institute seeks to counter.

"We want to change how society views this plant. Back in 1941, our founder Director, Sir R N Chopra did some preliminary research on this plant. But over time, the plant was branded illegal with the introduction of NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) Act. Therefore, no fruitful or sustained research ▶▶More On P6

Terrorist Killed In Reasi Encounter

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Jammu: One terrorist was killed and two security personnel were injured in an ongoing encounter in a remote area in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Monday, officials said.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh said the encounter broke out in the Tuli area's Gali Sohab village during a cordon and search operation launched by the security forces based on specific inputs received by police about the presence of two terrorists there.

One terrorist was killed and a policeman injured in the initial gunfight, Singh said, adding efforts are on to neutralise the second terrorist.

Jammu-based Defence PRO Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said an Army jawan was also injured in the encounter. Both the injured personnel ▶▶More On P6

Last Day For Hearing Submissions On Art-370 Today

It Is A Political Process, It Must Have A Political Solution: Sibal Argues

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New Delhi: There should not be an "emotive majoritarian interpretation" of the Indian Constitution by those supporting abrogation of Article 370, as Jammu and Kashmir was neither completely linked to India nor asked to sign a merger agreement like other princely states, National Conference leader Mohd Akbar Lone told the Supreme Court on Monday.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Lone, told a five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud that the sovereignty of India was never under challenge.

The constitution bench was hearing the pleas challenging the nullification of provisions of Article 370 for the 15th day. Sibal said Lone and



other petitioners challenging the Centre's decision have always maintained that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India.

"We cannot make this case into an emotive majoritarian interpretation of the Constitution. If we look at history, Jammu and Kashmir is not completely

linked to India. The erstwhile state had a separate detailed Constitution, administrative and executive structure. It was never asked to sign a merger agreement," Sibal said.

He told the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, that when

Article 370 says that 'concurrency' of the state government with respect to certain subjects is required, it means the executive can also say 'no'.

The CJ told Sibal, advancing rejoinder arguments, that the Indian Constitution does not specify what would happen after the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir comes into force.

"You see, there is no express provision. There is a complete silence as to what would happen after the J-K Constitution comes into force. It was like allowing Article 370 to operate and let the process of integration (of J-K) get over. But, at what time integration will be over is not hedged in the Constitution of India," the CJ said.

Sibal reiterated his argument that Article 370 acquired a permanent ▶▶More On P6

Will Work On PM's Vision Of Making Srinagar The Next Davos: LG

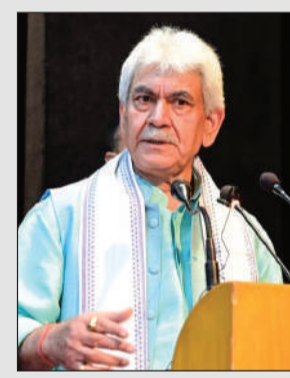
'We Don't Want To Buy Peace. We Want To Establish It'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has said that his administration is working towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of making Srinagar the next Davos which could be an ideal place in the world for business, economy, sports and entertainment as well.

"Srinagar is as beautiful as Davos. We will work in that direction," Sinha said in an interaction with a select group of reporters in Mumbai on Sunday.

According to News9 Plus, the LG listed a number of



achievements, including end to stone pelting and strikes, besides the Muharram procession that was taken out in the Valley after a gap of 34 years. "The shops in ▶▶More On P6

Asks Akbar Lone To Submit Allegiance Affidavit

The Supreme Court Monday asked National Conference leader Mohd Akbar Lone to file an affidavit swearing allegiance to the Constitution of India and accepting the country's sovereignty, after the 'Pakistan zindabad' slogan that he allegedly raised in the Jammu & Kashmir assembly in 2018 kicked up a massive row. Lone, the lead petitioner challenging the abrogation of Article 370 that accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, will file the affidavit by Tuesday, senior advocate Kapil Sibal told a five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud. The senior lawyer said he will not represent Lone if he does not file the affidavit as sought by the bench. "He is an MP of Lok Sabha. He is citizen of India and sworn to his office by the Constitution. He accepts the sovereignty of India," Sibal said. Earlier in the day, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, told the bench that the ▶▶More On P6

26000 Smart Meter Users Switch To Prepaid Mode: CE

Agencies

Srinagar: Amid the installation of smart meters across the Valley, the government on Monday said that at least 26000 consumers have switched to prepaid mode so far in the valley.

"The process to switch the smart meters into prepaid mode has already started for those whose smart meters have been installed in the phase-I. We have crossed about 26000 smart meters so far," Javid Yusuf Dar, Chief Engineer, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) said. He said that the process is going on gradually and all the consumers will have to switch the smart meters into prepaid mode.

Asked when the smart meters installed in the second phase will be switched to prepaid mode, KPDCL Chief Engineer said that at present the ▶▶More On P6

Court Awards Rs 1.25 Cr Fine In Cheque Bounce Cases

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Srinagar: A court here has awarded Rs 1.25 crore fine to two accused persons in two separate cheque bounce cases.

The court—Judge Small Causes Srinagar, Ms Tabasum, also sentenced the accused duo to one year's jail.

Disposing of two separate cases, the court convicted the accused, Farooq Ahmad Bhat of Lalad Sopore, Baramullah, for commission of offence u/s 138 Negotiable Instruments Act and sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one year.

The court also sentenced him by way of fine to the tune of rupees double the cheque amount which amount equals to Rs.10,300,000. "Accused shall also pay an amount of Rs. 5 lakhs as compensation to the complainant."

The fine imposed, the court said, shall be recovered by



issuance of levy warrant to be executed by District Collector Baramullah authorizing him to realize the total amounting to Rs.10,800,000 (One crore eight lac) by execution or attachment through civil process against both movable and immovable property of the accused.

"Compliance report to be filed by District Collector Baramulla regarding the execution within one month from the date of announcement of this order," the court said.

The accused had on 4 November 2020 issued a cheque for Rs.51,50,000 (rupees

fifty one lac fifty thousand only) on account maintained by the accused at HDFC Bank branch unit Sopore in discharge of legally recoverable liability owed to the complainant.

The court also convicted another accused Shabir Ahmad Sofi of Sopore for commission of offence under section 138 Negotiable Instruments Act and sentenced him to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one year.

The court also sentenced him by way of fine to the tune of rupees double the cheque amount which amount equals to Rs.17 lacs 2 thousand.

"Accused shall also pay an amount of Rs. 3 lakhs as compensation to the complainant," the court said, "The fine imposed shall be recovered by issuance of levy warrant to be executed by District Collector Baramullah authorizing him to realize the total amounting to Rs.20 lacs ▶▶More On P6

To Inaugurate 'Community Radio' At JU

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will inaugurate a community radio, a first-of-its-kind in the Union Territory, at the University of Jammu here on its foundation day on Tuesday, officials said.

"The radio shall act as a medium to promote, propagate and disseminate the polyvocal and polylingual voices of the various stakeholders of the university and act as a site of exchange for various ideas culminating in motivating people to participate ▶▶More On P6

IN THE LAST YEAR, 1.87 CRORE TOURISTS visited Jammu and Kashmir. There is a 59 percent increase in the number of foreign tourists."

Online Services Have Left No Scope For Corruption In J&K: CS



Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta has said that there is no chance of corruption in the Union Territory now as all services have been made online.

He said various schemes and platforms have brought transparency in the system

which has ensured that no money can be withdrawn fraudulently from the public exchequer.

"We have taken the initiative of making all services online. The aim is to create a corruption-free environment. Earlier it was said that out of one rupee, ▶▶More On P6

'Digitalisation Holds Key For Future Development'

Digitalisation has vastly improved the public delivery of services and the development in Srinagar has been due to it, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta said on Monday. "Digital is empowering people and digitalisation is ensuring that there is no corruption. Digital is the way forward and digital is also the way to make J-K future ready. Whatever development you are seeing in Srinagar - we are making ▶▶More On P6

SHORT TAKES

Man Injured In Restaurant Fire

A man was injured in a fire at a restaurant on the Jammu-Pathankot highway in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district early Monday, officials said. He was an employee of the restaurant and was sleeping when the fire broke out, they said and added that he has been hospitalised. Fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the fire has been doused, the officials said. The reason behind the incident is being investigated, they said.

Tractor Crushes Minor To Death

A minor boy died after being allegedly hit by a tractor in Karnah area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district this morning. News agency GNS reported that a minor boy was fatally hit by a tractor bearing registration number JK09C 0019. The boy, identified as one Nooran Shah (around 11 years of age), son of Khadam Hussain, a resident of Chamkote Karnah, died on the spot. A police official confirming the incident said that ▶▶More On P6

LG Chairs Meeting Of SASB

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired the 45th Board meeting of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB), at Raj Bawan here on Monday. Members of the Shrine Board - Swami Avdeshanand Giri Ji Maharaj, K. N. Rai, K.N. Shrivastava, Pitambar Lal Gupta, Dr. Shailesh Raina, Prof Vishwamurti Shastri and Manju Garg attended the meeting and shared their valuable suggestions for augmentation of facilities for the devotees. ▶▶More On P6

2 Lakh Pilgrims Undertake Machail Yatra

The annual Machail Mata pilgrimage witnessed a record-breaking turnout this year with nearly 2 lakh pilgrims paying obeisance at the Himalayan temple in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said on Monday. Over the years, the 43-day pilgrimage, rooted in decades-old tradition, has instilled deep faith in devotees travelling to seek the blessings of Mata Chandni Devi at the 9,705-foot high shrine, they added. The Shree ▶▶More On P6

Proclamation Order Issued Against 4 Militants

The NIA Court in Pulwama, designated under the NIA Act, issued proclamation orders on Monday under Section 82 of the CrPC against four active militants involved in multiple cases. These cases include FIR No 42/2018 under sections 18, 20, and 38 of the UA(P) Act at Police Station Pampore, FIR No 119/2022 under Section 38 of the UA(P) Act at Police Station Trail, FIR No 04/2018 under ▶▶More On P6

Bank Accounts Of 4 Drug Peddlers Seized

Jammu & Kashmir Police on Monday said to have arrested three drug peddlers in Shopian & Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession. Besides, police have frozen eight bank accounts of four notorious drug smugglers in Bandipora. A police party led by SHO PS Zainapora under the supervision of SDPO Zainapora at a checkpoint established at Aglar crossing intercepted a motorcycle bearing registration number JK13H-6023 ridden by one person who tried ▶▶More On P6



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ChatGPT Could Boost Vaccine Uptake By Debunking Job Safety Myths: Study

Press Trust Of India

Artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot, ChatGPT, could help to increase vaccine uptake by debunking myths around the safety of jabs, according to a study.

In the study published in the journal Human Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics, the researchers asked the top 50 most frequently-asked Covid-19 vaccine questions. They included queries based on myths and fake stories such as the vaccine causing Long Covid.

The researchers from the University of Santiago de Compostela in Spain found that ChatGPT scored nine out of 10 on average for accuracy. The rest of the time it was correct but left some gaps in the information provided.

The AI tool is a "reliable source of non-technical information to the public," especially for people without specialist scientific knowledge, they said. However, the findings do highlight some concerns about the technology such as ChatGPT changing its answers in certain situations.

"Overall, ChatGPT constructs a narrative in line with the available scientific evidence, debunking myths circulating on social media," said study lead author Antonio Salas, a professor at the University of Santiago de Compostela.

"Thereby, it potentially facilitates an increase in vaccine uptake. ChatGPT can detect counterfeit questions related to vaccines and vaccination. The language this AI uses is not too technical and therefore easily understandable to the public but without losing scientific rigor," Salas said.

The researchers acknowledge that the present-day version of ChatGPT cannot substitute an expert or scientific evidence, but the results suggest it could be a reliable source of information to the public.

In 2019, the World Health Organisation (WHO) listed vaccine hesitancy among the top 10 threats to global health. During the pandemic, misinformation spread via social media contributed to public mistrust of Covid-19 vaccination.

The researchers tested ChatGPT's ability to get the facts right and share accurate information around Covid vaccine safety in line with current scientific evidence. ChatGPT enables people to have human-like conversations and interactions with a virtual assistant.

The technology is very user-friendly which makes it accessible to a wide population, the researchers noted. However, many governments are concerned about the potential for ChatGPT to be used fraudulently in educational settings such as universities, they said. The study was designed

take precautions e.g. A patient with heart muscle inflammation.

The experts analysed the responses and then rated them for veracity and precision against current scientific evidence, and recommendations from WHO and other international agencies.

The authors say this was important because algorithms created by social media and internet search engines are often based on an individual's usual preferences. This may lead to 'biased or wrong answers', they added.

Results showed that most of the questions were answered correctly with an average score of nine out of 10 which is defined as 'excellent' or 'good'. The responses to the three question themes were on average 85.5 per cent or 14.5 per cent but with gaps in the information provided by ChatGPT.

The chatbot provided correct answers to queries that arose from genuine



to challenge the chatbot by asking it the questions most frequently received by the WHO collaborating center at the university.

The queries covered three themes. The first was misconceptions around safety such as the vaccine causing Long Covid. Next was false contraindications - medical situations where the job is safe to use such as in breastfeeding women.

The questions also related to true contraindications - a health condition where the vaccine should not be used - and cases where doctors must

vaccine myths, and to those considered in clinical recommendation guidelines to be false or true contraindications.

However, the research team does highlight ChatGPT's downsides in providing vaccine information. "Chat GPT provides different answers if the question is repeated 'with a few seconds of delay,' Salas said.

"Another concern we have seen is that this AI tool, in its present version, could also be trained to provide answers not in line with scientific evidence," the researcher added.

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir Department of Wildlife Protection Wild Animal Scare: "Do's and Don'ts Thereof" APPEAL

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Detail of Control Rooms established for tackling Man-Animal Conflict in Kashmir Region (UPDATED) As on 04-09-2023

Admissions Under Process At SP College Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Sri Pratap College Srinagar has the distinction of being one of the oldest institutions of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. The college has recently been accredited with grade A+ by the NAAC.

The admission process for various PG and UG (NEP-2020) programs under CUET and NON-CUET quota is under process at Sri Pratap College Srinagar.

In this connection, the eligible candidates can get themselves admitted in various UG/PG courses against available seats. The left out

students have a unique opportunity through spot admission to participate in the admission process.

The desirous UG candidates can participate in the spot round from 05th September 2023 through <https://jkadmission.samarth.ac.in/>. Furthermore eligible PG candidates are being admitted through <https://www.cusrinagar.edu.in/NEP/>.

The candidates are advised to go through the eligibility conditions of the courses available on Cluster University Srinagar website <https://www.cusrinagar.edu.in/> and check admission notifications.

Digital Week Celebrations

Inter College Seminar Held At A.S College

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A student seminar was today held by the Department of Computer Applications in collaboration with the Debates and Seminars Committee, Amar Singh College Srinagar in the Bukhari Hall of the college.

The seminar was held as part of the week-long Digital India Week Celebrations being held in the college from 01 September to 06 September, 2023.

Around 15 students from eight colleges of Srinagar including GDC Hyderpora, S. P. College, COE Srinagar, GDC Be-

mina, VB College, Women's College M.A. Road, Islamia College and A. S. College participated in the seminar. They included Farman Nisar and Soban Rashid Bhat (S.P. College Srinagar), Nadeem Ayoub and Aqsa Shafi (IASE Srinagar), Atoofa Zahoor and Burhan Ahmad (GDC Bemina), Shahid Manzoor and Ikhlas Manzoor (V.B. College Srinagar), Tabish Dar and Hadiya Sultan (A.S. College Srinagar), Sadiya Talat (Women's College M.A. Road), Saqib Mushtaq (Islamia College of Science and Commerce, Srinagar) and Aqsa (GDC Hyderpora).



J&K Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta flagged off digital van during a function organized as part of 'Digital Srinagar Week' at Lal Chowk Square on Monday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Roads Leading To Makhdoom Sahab (RA) Shrine In Dilapidated Condition

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Just a few days ahead of the annual Urs at Hazrat Makhdoom Sahab (RA) shrine, the devotees, who are thronging to the shrine on regular basis have to face immense hardships as all the three roads leading to the religious place are in shambles, thus giving tough time to them.

Pertinently, the annual Urs of

Sultan-ul-Arifeen Hazrat Sheikh Hamza Makhdoom Sahib (RA), is scheduled to commence in coming days, during which a huge rush of devotees could be witnessed at the shrine.

However, the locals said that all the roads leading to the shrine have developed potholes, causing huge inconvenience to the people.

"The shambles condition of all the three main roads is pushing the devotees to the wall. Whenever

it rains, the road turns into a small pond as the muddy water gets accumulated on the potholed roads," said a local resident.

"I travel on the route on a daily basis, and the condition of the road is very bad," added Junaid Ahmad, another local while urging the administration to look into the matter at an earliest so that the devotees could heave a sigh of relief.

VC SKUAST-K Inaugurates 03 Day National Conference

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Vice Chancellor (V.C) SKUAST-Kashmir, Professor Nazir Ahmed Ganaie today inaugurated a three-day National Conference on 'Future of Agriculture and Agriculture for Future Indian Perspective' here.

The Conference has been organized by Division of Vegetable Science, Faculty of Horticulture, SKUAST-Kashmir in collaboration with Society for Plant Research (VEGETOS)

Directors, Deans Heads of Di-

visions /Research Stations, University Scientists attended the inaugural function. About 200 delegates from across the country are participating in the three-day National Conference.

Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir in his address, emphasized the critical role of agriculture in shaping India's future, highlighting the need for sustainable practices, technological advancements, and innovation to address the challenges of food security, climate change and rural development.

He said with a commitment to fostering collaboration and knowl-

edge exchange, the conference promises to be a catalyst for transformative change in the agricultural sector, aligning with India's vision for a prosperous and sustainable future.

Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir also expressed heartfelt appreciation for Dr. Baseerat Afroza, Organizing Secretary and head division of Vegetable Science, SKUAST-K and her dedicated team for their exceptional efforts in orchestrating a highly successful National Conference to explore into the pressing theme of the conference, which is the need of the hour.

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Details of the Borrower	Model	Type/make of vehicles	Registration Nos:
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This Day In History

- 1198- Philips of Zwabia, Prince of Hohenstaufen, crowned King of Germany and King of the Romans
- 1519- Second Battle of Tehuacingo, Mexico: Hernán Cortés vs Tlascal Aztecs
- 1550- William Cecil appoints himself English minister of foreign affairs
- 1590- Alexander Farnese's army forces Henry IV of France to raise the siege of Paris
- 1596- Dutch fleet commander Cornelis de Houtman taken hostage in Java, is later ransomed
- 1622- Bishop Richelieu appointed Cardinal under French King Louis XIII
- 1646- First public library in the Americas established when Bishop Palafox y Mendoza donates his personal library of 5,000 volumes to Tridentine colleges in Puebla, Mexico [1]
- 1666- Great Fire of London ends, leaving 13,200 houses destroyed and 8 dead
- 1698- Russian Tsar Peter the Great imposes a tax on beards
- 1717- Britain's King George I issues Proclamation "For Suppressing Pirates in the West Indies", granting pirates who surrender a pardon (re-issued 1718)
- 1774- The 1st Continental Congress, a meeting of delegates from 12 of the 13 British colonies that later became the United States, convenes at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia
- 1795 - USA and Algiers sign peace treaty
- 1800 - Malta surrenders to British after they blockade French troops
- 1814 -Battle of Masurische Meren: Germans chase Russians out of East Prussia
- 1864 - British, French & Dutch fleets attacked Japan in Shimonoseki Straits
- 1914 - Great Britain, France, Belgium and Russia sign pact of London
- 1914 - US President Woodrow Wilson orders US Navy to make its wireless stations accessible for any transatlantic communications - even to German diplomats sending coded messages; leads to interception of the Zimmermann telegram, helping bring the US into the war
- 1915 - Anti-war conference in Zimmerwald, Switzerland
- 1915 - Tsar Nicholas II, distressed by increasing Russian losses, assumes personal command of his nation's military forces; clearly a symbolic act and devastating for his leadership
- 1937 - Spanish Civil War: Llanes falls
- 1939 - FDR declares US neutrality at start of WW II in Europe
- 1939 - New Zealand Prime Minister, Michael Joseph Savage declares New Zealand's support for Britain in the war with Germany; Savage famously told the nation 'where she goes, we go. Where she stands, we stand'
- 1942 - Battle at Alam Halfa ends
- 1942 - British & US bomb Le Havre & Bremen
- 1944 - Allies liberate Brussels
- 1944 - Belgium, Luxembourg & Netherlands sign customs Unity treaty
- 1953 - 1st privately operated atomic reactor-Raleigh, NC
- 1953 - US give Persian premier Zehedi \$45 million aid
- 1958 - 1st color video recording on magnetic tape presented, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 1961 - JFK begins underground nuclear testing
- 1961 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalinsk USSR
- 1973 - Conference of less developed countries approves forming "producers' associations" and calls for withdrawal of Israeli forces from occupied Arab lands
- 1977 - Voyager 1 (US) launched toward fly-by of Jupiter, Saturn
- 1978 - Anwar Sadat, Menachem Begin and Jimmy Carter begin Egypt-Israel peace conference at Camp David
- 1980 - World's longest road tunnel, St Gotthard in Swiss Alps, opens
- 1983 - 8th Space Shuttle Mission-Challenger 3-lands at Edwards AFB
- 1984 - 12th Space Shuttle Mission (41-D) -Discovery 1-lands at Edwards AFB

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Unusual weather pattern

September is expected to be one of the driest months of the year in Kashmir, with no significant precipitation anticipated for the first two weeks of the month, according to a forecast issued by the region's weather department (MeT). The alert comes amid an unrelenting heat wave that has gripped the region since the onset of summer, with temperatures in Srinagar soaring to 34.6 degrees Celsius. The unusual heatwave conditions began in May, continued through June and July, and extended into August. While heatwaves are not uncommon in May across north and central India, the exceptionally high temperatures in places like Jammu and Kashmir have raised concerns.

One factor contributing to these soaring temperatures has been the feeble presence of Western Disturbances, which usually bring rainfall and cooler conditions to J&K during this time of year. These disturbances have been disappointingly lacking in moisture, allowing the sun's radiation to heat the region unabated. Dry westerly winds have only exacerbated the situation, as they do not bring any moisture relief.

Despite the overall dry outlook for September, the MeT's data reveals an interesting twist: Precipitation in J&K, attributed to Western Disturbances and the monsoon, has been surprisingly above normal. From June 1 onwards, the region received 171.4 mm of rainfall, compared to the average 135.2 mm during this period. Both Kashmir and Jammu divisions experienced more rain than usual, with Jammu division recording 23.7 percent above-normal rainfall and Kashmir valley going a remarkable 34.1 percent beyond the usual figures.

This unusual precipitation created a flood-like situation in the second week of July. The water level of river Jhelum breached flood alert levels in south Kashmir and Srinagar, causing concern among the local population.

The surprising combination of a dry September forecast and above-average rainfall in the preceding months shows the growing complexity of climate patterns in this region. We can still hope for the weather to pleasantly surprise us. As we deal with these weather extremes, it serves as a reminder of the urgent need for continued research and monitoring of climate patterns in J&K and Ladakh. Understanding and adapting to the evolving climate is crucial for the well-being of the residents of the region. It also serves to alert people as well as the UT government about the need to take concrete steps to protect our environment. It is true that climate change is a global phenomenon and the local measures - and that too in as small a region as Jammu and Kashmir - won't make a big difference. But it hardly detracts from the urgent need to adopt a climate friendly approach in any part of the world, including in Kashmir.

OTHER OPINION

Mapping the way forward

A week after the first conversation in many months between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, India and China appear nowhere near coming to any kind of understanding to repair their relations. On the contrary, relations this week have faced yet another storm, with the two sides clashing over China issuing a new map and reports on Thursday suggesting that Mr. Xi may skip the G-20 Summit in New Delhi next week. The Chinese Foreign Ministry did not confirm those reports, but it also chose not to deny them. Events this week, meanwhile, served a reminder of the currently low levels of trust, with relations arguably at their lowest since the normalisation of ties in the 1980s. On August 23, China issued what it called a "standard map" for 2023, which showed the entire State of Arunachal Pradesh, the Aksai Chin region and the South China Sea as Chinese territory, drawing protests from India, Malaysia and the Philippines. Beijing defended the map as "routine" and asked India to not "over-interpret" it, after the Ministry of External Affairs lodged a strong protest. While it may be true that the map made no new territorial claims and depicted borders as in previous Chinese maps, it is clear that the needless issuing of a new map, amid multiple, live territorial disputes, has only further complicated them. The responses of China's neighbours make that clear.

When India in 2019 issued a new map following the internal reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir and creation of the new Union Territory of Ladakh, Beijing responded with strong statements and initiated discussions at the United Nations Security Council, even though that map, too, did not change India's external boundaries or territorial claims vis-à-vis China. In the view of some observers, China's increasingly aggressive mobilisation on the Line of Actual Control, leading to the ongoing crisis that has plunged relations to this low level, was partly a response to India's reiteration of its claims to Aksai Chin in 2019. In the recent up-and-down history of India's ties with China, summit meetings have offered the platform for the two countries to dial down tensions by giving the two leaders the opportunity for high-level interventions, as was the case at the 2017 BRICS Summit following the Doklam stand-off. Regardless of whether Mr. Xi visits New Delhi next week, the prospects of a similar rapprochement remain dim. Repairing relations will require slowly rebuilding trust on a foundation of greater mutual sensitivity. Indeed, China would do well to show its neighbours the sensitivity that it demands of them, if it has any inclination towards repairing increasingly fraught relations.

The Hindu

Celebrating Teachers Day

Modern Teachers and Their Unspoken Struggles

Modern teachers don't just impart knowledge; they light the way in the digital age, inspiring curiosity and creativity

Dr. Ashaq Hussain

Teachers' Day is a special occasion dedicated to honoring educators for their invaluable contributions to society. Celebrated on the 5th of September in India, this day holds great significance as it marks the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a renowned philosopher, scholar, and India's second President. Dr. Radhakrishnan's deep dedication to education and his transformative ideas about teaching continue to inspire educators across the nation. On this day, we not only pay homage to the memory of a visionary leader but also recognize the modern teachers who embody the spirit of teaching in a rapidly evolving world. Today, on this special day, it is essential to reflect on the changing landscape of education and how modern teaching skills are shaping the future of our students.

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan once said, "Teachers should be the best minds in the country." His words underline the vital role teachers play in shaping the future of a nation. Dr. Radhakrishnan's emphasis on the role of teachers and their potential to inspire and guide students is as relevant today as it was in his time. Today, the field of education is constantly evolving due to advancements in technology, changes in societal norms, and the growing diversity of students. Additionally, modern teachers face an immense workload that often goes unnoticed. The demands of curriculum development, lesson planning, grading, and administrative tasks can leave teachers feeling overwhelmed and burnt out. With increasing class sizes and pressure to meet standardized testing requirements, the workload continues to mount, leaving teachers with limited time for personal and professional growth. But, to honor the spirit of Dr. Radhakrishnan, modern educators have adapted to these changes by embracing modern teaching skills to provide the best possible education to their students by advancements in technology, changing societal needs, and innovative pedagogical approaches, thus we find ourselves at the forefront of this shift, embracing new methodologies and adapting to the ever-evolving educational landscape.

Despite the importance of education, many teachers struggle with insufficient resources in their classrooms. Inadequate funding for teaching learning material often leads to outdated teaching aids, limited technology, and a lack of essential supplies. But still, modern teachers try their best to be resourceful and creative to provide quality education despite these limitations. Today, teachers utilize online platforms, multimedia resources, and interactive applications to make learning engaging and accessible. Virtual classrooms have become the norm, enabling educators to reach students worldwide, transcending geographical boundaries.

Modern teachers understand that every student is unique, with different learning styles and paces. They strive to create personalized learning experiences that cater to individual needs, fostering a deeper understanding of the subject matter. This approach not only enhances student engagement but also promotes critical thinking and problem-solving skills. In today's knowledge-driven economy, creativity and innovation are highly prized. Modern teachers encourage students to think outside

the box, explore their passions, and develop a creative mindset. They create an environment that nurtures curiosity, enabling students to become lifelong learners who continuously seek knowledge and innovation. The world is more interconnected than ever before, and modern teachers recognize the importance of global awareness. They incorporate global perspectives into their lessons, exposing students to diverse cultures, ideas, and issues. This broadens students' horizons, instilling empathy and a sense of responsibility towards global challenges. While academic knowledge is crucial, modern teachers also focus on nurturing

and challenges that come with modern teaching and teachers. In the spirit of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, teachers should strive to adapt, evolve, and equip themselves with the necessary skills to provide a high-quality education that prepares students for the demands of the 21st century. By embracing change and adopting modern teaching skills, educators on their part have proven their skills and are continuing to inspire and shape the future of our nation, just as Dr. Radhakrishnan envisioned.

Thus, it is essential to recognize and appreciate the dedication and resilience of these modern teachers who continue to inspire



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essential soft skills like communication, teamwork, and emotional intelligence. These skills are vital for success in the modern workforce, and educators play a pivotal role in helping students develop them.

So, everyone today knows and recognizes that the spirit of teaching extends beyond the classroom and goes far beyond the mere transmission of information and as such teachers are essential contributors to society, yet they sometimes feel undervalued and unsupported. The lack of respect for the teaching profession is reflected in lower facilities compared to the education and experience required. Additionally, teachers may face criticism from parents, administrators, and policymakers, making it challenging to perform their duties effectively. Managing a classroom with diverse students and their unique needs is no easy feat. Many modern teachers encounter disruptive behavior, lack of discipline, and the increasing prevalence of mental health issues among students. Addressing these issues requires both patience and empathy, often without the necessary training or resources to do so effectively.

Last, but not the least, Education policies, examination/evaluation patterns are changing frequently, affecting curriculum standards, evaluation criteria, and teaching methods. Teachers are often required and forced to adapt quickly to these changes, which disrupt their established teaching practices and lead to added stress and confusion.

To conclude with, Teacher's Day is not only a day to celebrate the contributions of educators but also a reminder of the responsibilities

and educate future generations, and side by side face numerous challenges that often go unnoticed. On Teachers' Day, let everyone recognize the modern teachers who embody the evolving spirit of teaching by adapting to changing times, embracing technology, and inspiring students to become lifelong learners and responsible global citizens. As we honor their dedication and passion, let us remember that education is the cornerstone of progress and that modern teachers are the architects of our future. It's thus crucial for society, policymakers, and educational institutions to address their issues, provide support and resources, and ensure that teachers receive the respect and recognition they truly deserve. In doing so, we can help create a more nurturing and sustainable environment for both educators and students.

On this special day, we pay our tribute to those whose guidance is absolute. They have opened doors to worlds unknown, and made our dreams steadily grow. In your lessons, we've found our way, thank you, teachers, for every day. So let us celebrate this day, to honor you in every way. For your dedication, we say "hooray," Happy Teachers' Day, we proudly say.

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Play School Teachers are Unbelievably Underpaid in Srinagar!

A young woman, just out of college, is teaching at my son's play school. She works from 10:00 - 3:00 pm. Young toddlers such as mine are very difficult to handle and one would think that these teachers would be compensated fairly for their work. Would you believe me if I say that these teachers who take care of so many toddlers and give a full working day worth of time every single day a week in every month, are paid as low as three thousand rupees a month!

While we often applaud teachers for their dedication and contributions to society, it is disheartening to witness the exploitation of these

educators, particularly in the critical early childhood education sector.

Play schools serve as the foundation for a child's educational journey, where teachers play a pivotal role in shaping young minds. However, the teachers in Srinagar's play schools are facing dire financial circumstances due to inadequate compensation. Most of these play schools aren't even registered! These educators, responsible for nurturing the intellectual and emotional growth of our children, are often subjected to meager salaries that do not align with the value of their work.

Low wages not only lead to financial stress for teachers but also hin-

der their ability to provide quality education. Underpaid teachers may struggle to make ends meet, resulting in reduced motivation and, ultimately, a decline in the quality of early childhood education. This vicious cycle affects the very foundation of a child's learning experience.

It is essential for the government, educational institutions, and society as a whole to recognize the significance of early childhood education and the vital role teachers play in it. Adequate compensation is not only a matter of fairness but also an investment in the future of our children. Well-paid and motivated teachers are more likely to deliver high-quality

education, ensuring that our youngest learners receive the best possible start in their educational journey.

I urge the relevant authorities and stakeholders in Srinagar to address this issue promptly by implementing fair compensation packages for play school teachers. It is time to acknowledge their dedication and hard work by providing them with wages that reflect the importance of their role in shaping the future of our children and our society.

Sincerely,
A Parent

Teacher's Day Special

A Student's Ode to His Mentor

Shahid Shafi

In India, Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5th of September every year to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and to realize the contribution and importance of teachers. Teachers play a significant role in shaping the future of students.

Teaching is a noble profession acknowledged as sacred in every religion and aspired by every successful person. APJ Kalam once said, "Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, caliber, and future of an individual. If the people remember me as a good teacher, that will be the biggest honour for me".

After passing 12th Standard examinations, I was not really interested in joining college but still did. I joined Govt Degree College Sogam in 2020. That year was chaotic due to the Covid-19 pandemic. No one was expected to be attending. Yet, even in my second year, I skipped college because I had no interest in my course. However, things changed for good in the third year of my college.

We see it in movies and popular stories but we rarely think that we'd ever get to live to see ourselves get so inspired by a teacher's guidance. For me, the unbelievable turned out to be believable when I met a veteran and venerable person, my mentor, Dr Tauseef Ahmad Parry, an Assistant Professor in the Islamic Studies department. Prof. Tauseef is known for being an accomplished author and promising scholar.

When I met him for the first time, I asked him several questions on writing skills. His patience baffled me at first and then kept inspiring me as we went on with the discussion. He shared his experiences with me and suggested different techniques.

As fate would have it, our college organized an essay competition on International Women's Day in which I secured 2nd position, which was my first feat in writing.



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After some time, I was told that I had become a Gender Ambassador for my college. For the same, I was required to turn in a 250 word blog. I completed it in a short span of time and couldn't help

but notice my phobia of writing evaporating and a renewed sense of confidence dawning on me. However, I knew who I needed to thank. It was Prof. Tauseef who gave me the confidence to think clearly,

to write impactfully and to create confidently.

Last year, on the annual day's felicitation ceremony at my college, I was awarded the 'Best Writer of the Year' title. The victory made me remember being a student of 10th Standard, petrified at the thought of having to write something in English! From that scared student to now being published and awarded – it sure has been a long journey and successful journeys are rarely ever possible all alone. It is teachers like Prof. Tauseef who believes in giving every child a chance. Who bet their last penny on each one of us and inspire us through their hope in us.

While struggling with writing, I would contact Prof. Tauseef innumerable times at unusual hours. Yet, he would respond cordially and constantly gave me encouraging responses. This attribute is missing

in many teachers.

In current times, most teachers castigate their students, whenever students ask questions in lieu of clarifying doubts. How can students stay in an unquestioning state, it's their right! Instead of castigating and demoralizing, teachers should anchor students, talk to them politely and in a friendly manner as teachers are the only hope of students who can stride them from the swamp of darkness to the paradise of light.

I once read that APJ Kalam was asked, "who is a good teacher?" He replied, "A good teacher is one who radiates knowledge and radiates purity of life". Fortunately I found both in my mentor, Tauseef sir.

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Celebrating Teachers' Day: Honoring the Guiding Lights of Tomorrow

Aubaid Ahmad Akhoun

As we turn the calendar to September 5th each year, we embark on a journey of gratitude and reflection. Teachers' Day, a day dedicated to celebrating the mentors and guides who illuminate our paths, is a time to appreciate the incredible role educators play in shaping the future of society.

THE TEACHING PROFESSION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

An effective teacher in the 21st century embodies a unique blend of knowledge, skills, beliefs, values, professional aspirations, and unbridled motivation. They transcend the traditional confines of curriculum and content mastery, possessing a wealth of soft skills that enable them to empower students with advanced knowledge and skills. These educators are beacons of guidance, nurturing their students with the latest research and the seamless integration of cutting-edge educational technologies.

When we reflect on the luminaries who have shaped our world, let us not forget the dedicated teachers who worked tirelessly in the shadows, the quiet heroes of our progress. To nurture students with not just knowledge but also values like environmental awareness, social consciousness, tolerance, altruism, and respect, we must ensure teachers can develop without constraints, equipped with all the resources they need to excel.

THE TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP AND ITS SACRED SIGNIFICANCE

The teaching profession is more than just a job; it creates the foundation for all other professions. Among the various human relationships in the world, one stands as particularly sacred:



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the teacher-student relationship. In Islam, the teacher's status is deemed equal to that of biological parents. A teacher is considered the second parent of a student. After parents, it is the teacher who imparts the real meaning of life—how to behave, how to live, how to differentiate between right and wrong, and more.

A good teacher should possess certain qualities. They should

have a pure character and a well-coming demeanor. Effective communication skills, education, and knowledge are essential. Teachers should be role models for their students, diligently revising and reinforcing previous lessons. They should avoid overwhelming students with excessive homework, instead, assessing their performance empathetically. Scolding and corporal punishment should

be avoided, with attention given to students' feelings, emotions, and self-esteem. Individualized methods of discipline should be adopted, and special support provided to slow learners. Teachers should also nurture physical and aesthetic development and foster students' character development. Above all, they should use appropriate methods of communication, presenting themselves

as role models in words, actions, morals, and intellect.

TEACHERS AND THE MODERN AGE

The teacher can impart others the same knowledge that they themselves have access to. However, the teaching profession is far from easy; it demands constant hard work, up-to-date knowledge, dedication, passion, ethics, humanity, consciousness, spirituality, and a calm demeanor.

In the present age, moral education is as crucial as secular education because knowledge without moral principles is like a fruitless tree, a futile endeavor. The Quran underscores moral education as a central theme, with numerous verses emphasizing the formation of good character and embodiment of morality.

Knowledge is intrinsically tied to morality. Knowledge pursued solely for personal gain is like poison, lacking in productivity.

APPRECIATION & CRITICISM

We often hear about government teachers who struggle with basic tasks, like writing a simple application, betraying the great profession they represent. It is disheartening to witness some teachers who, during the pandemic, remained idle for nearly three years, yet proudly celebrate Teachers' Day, seemingly unaware of the true essence and responsibilities of the teaching profession.

On the other hand, we have seen teachers who dedicatedly fulfilled their duties, even joining forces with healthcare professionals to combat COVID-19 while continuing to teach online. There are also honorable government teachers who provided free home tuition during the pandemic, significantly contributing to the improvement of education standards in government schools. To uplift government schools,

it is imperative to introduce in-service training courses to equip teachers with modern education, ensuring they can impart cutting-edge knowledge to their students. Regular assessments of teachers' performance, similar to student evaluations, can maintain high standards in government schools. Encouraging government teachers to enroll their own children in government schools would also foster a personal investment in improving these institutions.

A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION

Whether in a supporting role behind the scenes or in more direct involvement, I, like many others, contribute to students' education by orchestrating exams, creating assignments, and providing practice papers. We are silent observers to the remarkable dedication of teachers who mold the minds of our budding learners. With a profound sense of pride, we find ourselves deeply engaged in their educational journey, sowing the seeds of knowledge alongside these inspiring educators.

As we celebrate Teachers' Day, let us recognize the profound impact teachers have on society. They are not only educators but also mentors, shaping the character and future of our youth. It is a day to honor their dedication, inspire change, and pledge our support to empower these guiding lights as they lead us toward a brighter and more enlightened future. "Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together."

- Scott Hayden
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Srinagar Premier League: Ali Jana, Star Kashmir Win

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two matches were played in the 2023 Srinagar Premier League on Monday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

Star Kashmir FC beat Jehlum FC 2-0. Shariq Husain (71', 80') scored both the goals and was awarded man of the match.

Real Kashmir FC (Re-

serve) took on Ali Jama FC in the day's second game. The hard fought match saw a solitary goal as Ali Jana took the three points after Riyas scored the winner in 54th minute.

J&K Police will take on J&K Bank FC in a blockbuster clash today, Tuesday, September 5, at Synthetic Turf TRC, with kick off at 6 pm.

'Sultan Classic' Body Building C'ship Ends At Tagore Hall



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The first edition of the Sultan Classic 2023 Body Building Championship & Men's Physique Sports successfully concluded on Sunday at Tagore Hall here.

The championship was organised by AHP Vitals and Planet Nutrition, and saw nearly 45 participant take part in Kashmir Body Building Championship, while 51 competed in the Sultan Classic Body Building Championship and Men's Physique Sports from all districts of Kashmir Valley.

Suhail Mohiuddin from Pampore was declared "Sultan Classic 2023" and

awarded 31000 cash prize and stack of 50000. Hamza Fayaz was declared "Men's Physique Sports Champion" and awarded 11000 cash prize stack of 50000.

The organiser also distributed refreshment among athletes and distributed Rs. 3 lakhs worth of supplements, stacks, trophies, medals, galons and shakers.

Riyaz Ahmad Bhat, Founder of Sultan Classic, distributed the prizes among the players. He also gave away the date for upcoming event: 3rd September 2024. "Five lakhs of stacks will be distributed among athletes and winner will get Rs. 1 lakh 1 thousand cash prize," he said.

BCCI Officials In Pakistan

Cricket And Politics Shouldn't Be Mixed, Urges Shukla As Ashraf Hopes For 'Better Relations'



Press Trust of India

AMRITSAR/LAHORE: For the first time in 17 years, two senior BCCI office-bearers — president Roger Binny and vice-president Rajeev Shukla — travelled to Pakistan and reached Lahore on Monday after crossing the Attari-Wagah border, honouring the PCB's invitation to watch Asia Cup there.

While seasoned politician Shukla urged people "not to mix politics with cricket", a beaming PCB supremo Zaka Ashraf hoped that the acceptance of invitation by the BCCI was a welcome step towards improving the relations between the two cricket boards.

It was the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) management committee head Ashraf, who received the BCCI brass at the Wagah border and took them to Gadaffi Stadium in Lahore. The duo will watch a couple of Super Four Games on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The last time an Indian

cricket team travelled to Pakistan was back in 2008 for the Asia Cup. Pakistan last hosted India for a bilateral series in 2006. Their cricket team last visited India for a bilateral white-ball series in 2012.

The BCCI had refused to send its team to Pakistan for the Asia Cup, which led to a bi-nation 'Hybrid Model' arrangement. But in a heartening gesture, the BCCI approved former Test player Binny and Congressman Shukla's participation in a dinner hosted by the Governor of Punjab province of Pakistan. "Pakistan is the host of Asia Cup. The visit by this delegation is purely cricketing and there is no politics involved. It is a two-day visit and the Governor of Punjab is hosting us for dinner and all three teams Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan will be present. We shouldn't mix cricket with politics," Shukla told mediapersons.

Shukla, who has been with the Indian cricket

board for more than two decades, was a part of BCCI delegation that came for the historic 'Friendship Series' back in 2004.

Asked about the chances of resumption of bilateral cricketing contests, the Rajya Sabha MP said: "The decision with regards to bilateral series is taken by the Indian government and we would follow whatever the government suggests." PCB chairman Ashraf conducted an impromptu press conference with Binny and Shukla by his side.

"I thank both Mr Binny and Mr Shukla from the core of my heart for accepting our invitation. We invited and they responded and if they reciprocate by inviting us to their country, we will also accept it with all warmth. Inshallah, we will grow together," Ashraf said.

Binny recollected his last visit to Pakistan which incidentally was more than 16 years ago when he was a part of the Asian Cricket Council.

Afghanistan Play Sri Lanka In Battle For Super 4 Spot

Press Trust of India

LAHORE: Afghanistan will need to up their game with the ball when they face a skillful Sri Lanka in the battle of a Super4 spot in the Asia Cup here on Tuesday.

Afghanistan not only find themselves in a must-win situation after the loss to Bangladesh but they also need a victory with a massive margin to finish in the top two of Group B. Their run-rate is in the negative following the defeat here on Sunday night while Sri Lanka, who beat Bangladesh in their opening game, are in the positive



with a NRR of 0.951.

Having put 300 plus against Afghanistan, Ban-

gladesh have a much superior run rate and are all but through to the next stage.

ELECTION COMMISSION

IGC LASSIPORA 2023-25

Date: 04/09/2023

CORRIGENDUM

Ref No: CEC/009/23

In continuation to notification no CEC/008/2023 dated: 02/09/2023. It is notified that the Last date for obtaining and submission of Election Voting Right Forms is extends.

The dates are as follows:

Last date for issuance of forms 07/09/2023 4PM

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