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Figurine Wood Carving Art On Verge Of Extinction In Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Mohammad Yousuf Muran is deaf and mute but a wizard with hands. His woodcarved figurines are a work of art, and if his relatives are to be believed, he is the last of his kind in Kashmir.

"Our family has been in this business for the last 200 years ... it is a premium art in Kashmir. This craft is expensive and only high-end customers buy it. My uncle (Yousuf) is the only surviving artist that makes figurine wood carving,"

Mudasir Muran, Muran's nephew said.

At present, the master craftsman is working on a figurine of Saint George, the patron saint of England and a soldier venerated in Christianity, in the act of slaying a dragon out of a single block of wood.

Mudasir says that his uncle has been working on this piece since 2017.

"He learned the craft from my father, who is now no more. This is one of the premium crafts in Kashmir. We call it figurine carving which is all



done by hand. still at it, he does not get what "Even though my uncle is he deserves. At the end of it,

LOT OF TIME AND THE RAW MATERIAL,

the wood. These are the reasons artists are giving up this art and I am one of those."

money matters," Mudasir said. Low pay has been the top factor for the younger people's waning interest in the craft, even though it has a decent demand in international markets, he said.

"The government too hardly did its part and paid no attention to it," Mudasir said. He said this craft has immense potential in local, national and international markets but the government has failed to show serious concern.

"Another reason for the art being on the verge of extinction is that the government pays the least interest in effective collaboration and implementing new ideas that were offered by us. No one came to my uncle to learn about this art because | More On P10

Hot, Dry Weather To Continue In J&K: MeT

Agencies

Srinagar: The Weather department here on Tuesday forecast mainly "hot and dry" weather and said that the chances of rainfall were "very less" in Jammu and Kashmir for next two weeks.

Quoting a meteorological department official, news agency GNS reported that hot and dry weather was expected during the next 24 hours.

He said that no large change was expected in days ahead and weather was likely to stay "mainly dry" from September 6-11.

"Mainly clear and dry is expected. A brief spell of light rain may occur at isolated places on certain occasions, although chances are very less," he said.

Overall, he said there's no forecast of any major rain and snowfall for the next two weeks. "Subdued rainfall will continue for another two weeks in J&K and Ladakh."

He said More On P10

Pleas Against Art-370 Abrogation

SC Reserves Verdict

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution which bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud reserved the verdict after a marathon 16-day hearing.

The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, heard the rejoinder arguments of senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Gopal Subramanium, Rajeev Dhavan, Zaffar Shah, Dushyant Dave and others on the concluding day of the hearing.

The top court said if any lawyer appearing for the petitioners or respondents wishes to file a written submission can do so in the next three days. The submission should not extend beyond two pages, it said.

In the course of the hearing over the past 16 days, the top court heard Attorney General R Venkataramani, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, senior advocates Harish Salve, Rakesh Dwivedi, V Giri and others on behalf of the Centre and the intervenors defending the abrogation of Article 370.

The lawyers dwelt on various issues including the con-

stitutional validity of the Centre's August 2019 decision to abrogate the provision, the validity of Jammu Kashmir Reorganisation Act,

which split the erstwhile state into two Union Territories, challenges to imposition of Governor's rule in Jammu and Kashmir on June 20, 2018 and imposition of President's rule in the erstwhile state on December 19, 2018 and its extension on July 3, 2019. More On P10

'President of Bharat' on G20 Invite Triggers Row

Congress Calls All Party Meet Today; BJP Slams Opposition

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: For the first time, President Droupadi Murmu has officially invited world dignitaries attending G20 summit for dinner as the 'President of Bharat' replacing traditional 'President of India' which sparked a row as the opposition claimed it to counter their alliance named 'INDIA'.

The controversy triggered at a time when New Delhi is being spruced up for the global summit in which leaders of rich nations would attend G20 meet from September 9-10 as Prime Minister Narendra Modi will host heads of state, including US President Joe Biden.

It was Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan who on Tuesday shared a G20 dinner invitation on X (formerly Twitter) from President Murmu

Social Media

Abuzz With

Reactions



which described her position as 'President of Bharat".

Pradhan used the hashtag '#PresidentOfBharat' and said, 'Jana Gana Mana Adhinayak Jaya He, Bharat Bhagya Vidhata". Besides the first line of the national anthem, the post in Hindi also used the words "Jai Ho".

Later on Tuesday evening, another twist to its credence came from BJP's spokesman Sambit Patra who shared an official document naming Narendra Modi named 'Prime Minister of Bharat'

Patra posted official information on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Indonesia, referring to him as the 'Prime Minister of Bharat' PM Modi will

he G20 dinner invite by 'President of Bharat' created a buzz on social media with many debating if India's

ers jocularly wondered if the name of institutions such as the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO),

name should be changed to Bharat, some using humour to put their point across and others serious. Us-

the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will be changed. The lyrics

"Bharat Kaa Rahane Waalaa Hoon, Bharat Kee Baat Sunaataa Hoon" a popular song from| <mark>More On P10</mark>

'Citizens Are Free To Call Bharat Or India'

he citizens are free to call the country India or Bharat as per their wishes, the Supreme Court had said in 2016 while dismissing a PIL which sought a direction that India be called 'Bharat' for all purposes. "Bharat or India? You want to call it Bharat, go right ahead. Someone wants to call it India, let him call it India," a bench of Chief Justice T S Thakur and Justice U U Lalit, both retired, had observed while trashing the PIL filed by More On P10

SHOPIAN 'FAKE' **ENCOUNTER**

Govt Jobs Given To Family Members Of Victims

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday handed over appointment letters for government jobs to family members of three persons killed in a staged encounter by an army captain in south Kashmir's Shopian district in 2020.

The three were killed at Amshipura, a remote hilly village in Shopian on July 18, 2020 by Captain Bhoopendra Singh, who labelled them as "terrorists".

The letters were handed over on compassionate ground by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at a ceremony here to Shareen Akhter, wife of Mohammad Abrar (a resident of Tarkassi, Kotranka); Mohmmad Arif, brother of Mohammad Imtiyaz, (resident of Dhar Sakri, | More On P10

Akbar Lone Files Affidavit, **Reaffirms Faith in India**

ational Conference leader Mohd Akbar Lone Tuesday filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court reiterating his oath as Lok Sabha MP, saying he will preserve and uphold the Constitution and protect the country's territorial integrity, an undertaking that irked the Centre which claimed it added "insult to injury to the nation". The development came on a day the five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud | More On P10

J&K URBAN LOCAL BODIES POLLS

CEO Unveils Draft Reservation Proposal Of 77 Municipalities

Seeks Objections/ Suggestions From Public Within 7 Days; 25 Wards Reserved In SMC, 37 In JMC

Agencies

Srinagar: In a first step towards holding urban local bodies' polls, Jammu & Kashmir's chief electoral officer on Tuesday unveiled a draft reservation proposal of 77 municipalities in the Union Territory.

The draft proposes reservation of wards for women, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in J&K's 77 urban local bodies(ULBs) including municipal corporations.

According to the proposal, the number of reserved wards for women, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in each ULB has been fixed on the basis of prescribed ratio for each category under the municipal laws.

The proposal was unveiled by the CEO's office to seek objections/ suggestions from the general public over it.

"The Chief Electoral Officer, J&K invites objections/ suggestions in relation to aforesaid proposed notification. | More On P10

Govt To Upgrade 7000 Schools In J&K

'Let's Strengthen Our Resolve And Ensure That Every Child. Especially The Girls, Have Access To Quality Education: LG Sinha

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoi Sinha on Tuesday announced that his administration will provide funds for upgrading 7000 government schools ammu and Kashmir.

Sinha made these remarks during Teachers' Day celebration at Srinagar, during which he paid tribute to former President and great educationist Dr. Radhakrishanan and felicitated the award-winning teachers from across the Kashmir division.

He reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration for upgradation of schools including manpower and infrastructure in



a holistic manner. "I assure you that funds will be provided for upgradation of 7000 such schools which lack basic facilities," he said.

Among them, 6000 schools will be upgraded this year and 1000 during the next year. Earlier in his address, the LG extended his | More On P10

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LG Felicitates 11 Teachers In Srinagar

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ammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday felicitated 11 teachers from various schools of the union territory on the occasion of Teachers' Day. Five teachers were awarded silver medals and a cash prize of Rs 50,000 each for their outstanding services in the field of education while six others, including a specially-abled teacher, were given certificates of appreciation. | More On P10

J&K Bank Launches Mpay Delight+

Over 1.10 Lakh Users Download New App On First Day Of Launch

Important Milestone In Our Digital Journey To Ensure Ease-Of-Banking For **Our Valuable Customers: Baldev Prakash**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As a major step towards realizing its digital banking objectives, J&K Bank launched the first phase of its new mobile banking app Mpay Delight + to provide 'Bank-in-a-Pocket' experience to its customers.

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash formally launched Mpay Delight + on Tuesday in presence of General Managers, Deputy General Managers and senior officers of the Bank here at the Bank's corporate headquarters. While congratulating | More On P10



Hizb Terrorist's Hideout Busted

ecurity forces on Tuesdav unearthed a hideout being used by the longest surviving terrorist of banned Hizbul Mujahideen, Jehangir Saroori, in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, a police officer said.

The hideout was dismantled by police in collaboration with the troops of Rashtriya Rifles and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in a meticulously planned operation in Paribag area of | More On P10

5 Held For Running Fake Job Racket

olice on Tuesday arrested five persons who were running a fake job racket in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said here. Acting on a complaint, police arrested Nazir Ahmad Khan who had duped a youth of Rs 70,000 by promising to provide him with a job in the Military Engineering Service (MES).

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"Responding swiftly to the complaint and supported by credible intelligence from the Military Intelligence (MI), the More On P10

IAF Air Show In Jammu On Sept 21

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first-of-its-kind Airshow will be held at Jammu Airfield on September 21. The Airshow is being organised by the Indian Air Force in collaboration with the UT administration and will feature a variety of aircraft, including fighter jets, helicopters etc. Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya chaired a meeting today to discuss the arrangements for the event. He said that the Airshow would be a spectacular occasion| More On P10

Two Get 20-Yrs In Jail For Smuggling Drugs

sessions court in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday sentenced two drug smugglers to 20 years rigorous imprisonment, officials said here. The Court of Additional Sessions Judge also imposed a fine of Rs 2 lakh on each of them, they said. Syed Ishfaq Shah and Khursheed Ahmad Gojar, residents of Jabdi Karnah, were arrested in connection with a case registered in 2019 at Karnah Police Station. They were arrested | More On P10

DM To Inaugurate 90 BRO Projects

efence Minister Rajnath Singh will on September 12 inaugurate 90 infrastructure projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) including four airstrips and helipads built along the northern and western borders, a spokesperson of the ministry on Tuesday said.

The projects includes 21 roads, 64 bridges, one tunnel, two air strips, and two helipads, he said. Singh will visit Samba district and inaugurate Devak| More On P10

Man Falls From Walnut Tree, Dies

man died on Tuesday after falling from a walnut tree in Rafiabad area of North Kashmir Baramulla district.

65-year-old Mohammad Yousuf Khan lost balance and fell from the walnut tree in his native Chokura village on Tuesday afternoon, reports said. Khan, who sustained serious injuries in the fall, was removed to a nearby hospital for treatment. However, the doctors

there, declared him dead. Meanwhile police have taken cognizance of the incident.(KS)

Monday - Saturday (9am - 6pm)

No 5- Dal Lake Boulevard Srinagar, 190001, Kashmir



Red Blood Cells Exposed To Oxygen Deficiency Protect Against Heart Attack



ed blood cells exposed to oxygen deficiency protect against myocardial infarction (heart attack), according to a new study, adding that the protective effect is enhanced by a nitrate-rich vegetable diet.

Red blood cells carry oxygen from the lungs to all of the body's cells and carbon dioxide back to the lungs.

A new study, conducted at Karolinska Institutet in Sweden in collaboration with Karolinska University

Hospital, now shows that red blood cells have an intrinsic function of protecting against heart injury caused by myocardial infarction.

The effect is enhanced by a diet containing nitrate-rich vegetables, such as arugula and other green leafy vegetables.

'This effect was also shown in a clinical study in patients with high blood pressure who were randomly assigned to eat nitrate-rich vegetables or a diet low in nitrates," said John Pernow, professor of cardiology at the department of medicine, Karolinska

Hafsa Shabir

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Applicant

working day.

D/o Shabir Ahmad Pandith

R/o Russo Tehsil Narbal Class 8th

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my school records

as Tasaduq Shabir while my correct name is Hafsa Shabir which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the

office of the Salfia Education Institute Russo within a

notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

period of seven days from the date of publication of this

In The Court Of

City Judge Srinagar

In The Matter of applicantion for registration of date of birth of applicant Namely Nowsheena Bashir and issuing the certificate thereof under sector 13/17 of the registration of Birth

Notice To General Public Whereas the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant in the court for seeking direction to the non applicant for registrationn of date of birth of applicant

Whereas, through the medium of this proclamiation the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the

registration of date of birth of applicant who has born on Darbagh Harwan Sriinagar to the non-applicant he/she /they shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel on or before 20/09/2023. If the date fixed is declared as holiday, the matter will be taken upon the next

Present: Ms Fozia Paul

Non - applicant

Registrar Births & Deaths

Chief Judge. JMIC Srinagar

Part of the study was conducted through experiments with red blood cells from mice that were added to a myocardial infarction model with hearts from mice.

Before the experiment, the red blood cells were exposed to low oxygen pressure, while nitrate was added to the drinking water.

In a clinical study published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation, red blood cells were collected from patients with high blood pressure who were

randomly assigned a nitrate-rich diet with green leafy vegetables or a diet with nitrate-poor vegetables.

These red blood cells were given to the corresponding myocardial infarction model with hearts from rats.

"The results show both that the red blood cells convey protection against injury in the heart in the event of low oxygen levels, and how that protection can be enhanced through simple dietary advice. This may be of great importance for patients at risk of myocardial infarction," said Jiangning Yang, a researcher at Karolinska Institutet.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Child Development Project Officer Poshan Project Bandipora.

This office has advertised three (03) posts of Sangin's (AWW) vide advertisement Notice No:- (02) of 2023 Dated 15/07/2023 under endorsement No; CDPO/POSHAN/BPR/Estt/ 2023-/175-86 Dated: 15/07/2023 and same was published through department of information vide Dip No:-136117.in Newspaper Daily paper Heaven Mail on dated:-18/07/2023 &Global Kashmir on 18.07.2023 vide publicity was given through PRI's and same was also uploaded on website of DC office Bandipora and applications were received accordingly. After proper scrutiny of application forms by the District level selection committee the tentative merit of candidates for each ward was made accordingly as per H.R. policy for sangnis (AWW) & Sahikayas (AWH) constituted by Government vide order No:-222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated:-30.11.2022, Which is now being published for inviting of objections if any within 10.days from the date of publication, after expiry of cut date no objection shall be entertained. The merit list of all Candidates is mentioned at "Annexure-A "and provisional /Tentative selection list as per (Annexure "B") is shown below each wards from were applications for engagement of Sangnis (AWW) were received. Annexure"A"

Marit Penal of Candidates of Panchayat Halqa Garoora-B Ganie Mohalla Ward No.05.

9	S.No In	ndex	Name of Can-	Parentage/W/o	Location of AWC Ward No	Qualifica-	Date of Birth	Markes	Percentage/
	N	lo	didate			tions		Obtained	weightage
J	3		Nighat Mubarkh	W/o.Javid Ahmad Rather	Ganie Mohalla Ward No.05	12th pass	03.05.1996	359/500	71.80
	2 6		Shaheena Bano	D/o.Gh Ahmad Lone	Ganie Mohalla Ward No.05	12th pass	03.02.1996	284/500	56.80
:	3 11	1	Nishat Parveen	D/o.Ali Mohammad Khan	Ganie Mohalla Ward No.05	12th pass	01.02.1996	294/500	58.80

Marit Penal of Candidates of Panchayat Halqa Sumlar-A (AWC) Ward No.05

S.N	o Index No	Name of Candidate	Parentage/W/o	Location of AWC Ward No	Qualification	Date of Birth	Markes/	Percentage /
							obtained	weightage
1	1	Rifat Bano	D/o.Ab.Rashid Wani	Sumlar-A Ward No.(05)	12th pass	10.01.2004	437/500	87.4
2	2	Shaista Nabi	D/o Gh Nabi Wani	Sumlar-A Ward No.(05)	12th pass	11.03.200	283/500	56.6
3	4	Shaista Begum	W/o Arif Ahmad Lone	Sumlar-A Ward No.(05)	12th pass	04.03.1993	252/500	50.4
4	5	Salma Bano	D/0.Nazir Ahmad Wani	Sumlar-A Ward No.(05)	12th pass	28.05.2000	268/500	53.6
5	9	Mymoona Afzal	D/o Late, Mohd Afzal Wani	Sumlar-A Ward No. (05)	12th pass	05.01.2000	326/500	65.2

Marit Penal of Candidates of PanchayatHalqa Brar AWC Gund_Dachina Ward No.05

S.No	Index No	Name of Candiate	Parentage/W/o	Location of AWC	Qualification	Date of Birth	Markes obtained in	Percentage/
				Ward No			12 th class	Weight
1	7	Nusrat Jabeen	D/o.Khazir Mohd Wani	Ward No.05	12th pass	08.03.1995	333/500	66.6
2	8	Firdoosah	W/o Sajad Ahmad Wani	Ward No.05	12th pass	01.11.1987	254/500	50.8
3	10	Sahira Shabir	D/o Shabir Ahmad Wani	Ward No.05	12th pass	04.03.2004	379/500	75.8
4	12	Chesveeda Bashir	D/O Bashir Ahmad Chopan	Ward No.05	12th pass	08.10.2004	351/500	70.2
5	13	Shabeena Hassan	D/o.Gh Hassan Chopan	Ward No.05	12th pass	10.09.1998	235/500	47
6	14	Rashida Ayub	D/oMohd Ayub Malla	Ward No.05	12th pass	10.11.2004	296/500	59.2
7	15	Shavvista	D/o Sonaullah Dar	Ward No.05	12th pass	12.10.1999	301/500	60.2
8	16	Ifla Áli	D/o.Ali Mohammad Malik	Ward No.05	12th pass	30.09.2000	305/500	61

Tentative Selection list of the Candiates Mentioned at (Annexure-B)

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					Ward No				/weightage
ŀ	l	1	Rifat Bano	D/o.Ab.Rashid Wani	Sumlar-A Ward	12th pass	10.01.2004	437/500	87.4
					No.(05)				
[2	10	Sahira Shabir		Dachina Ward No.05	12th pass	04.03.2004	379/500	75.8
[3	3	Nighat Mubarkh	W/o.Javid Ahmad Rather	Garoora Ganie Mo-	12th pass	03.05.1996	359/500	71.80

No:-CDPO/Poshan/Bpr/2023-24/263-66 DIPK-8327/23 Dated:-05.09.2023

Child Development Project officer Poshan Project Bandipora (Member Secretary)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Given under my hand and sela today on 05/09/2023

I have applied for the issuance of DOB Certificate of my daughter namely Aayesha Binti Asif (DOB 03-08-2021). If anybody haiving any objection in this regard he/she is requested to submit the same in the office of the BDO/ Tehsildar Concerned within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection

F/o Aayesha Binti Asif R/o Asham Sumbal Bandipora

E-Tender Notice

Sr.DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites ope tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date- 28.09.2023 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 shal 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, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information log on to www.ireps.gov.in

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Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender Tender Notice No:- 197,198,199,200,201,202 & 203-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR Date: 04.09.2023

Similar nature of work: - "Nill".

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Office Of The Executive Engineer Rural Engineering Wing Baramulla.

E-NIT No: - 210/Xen/Rew/Bla/2023-2024 Dated. 02/09/2023 For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on percentage basis from approved and

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

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1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	02-09-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 02-09-2023 to 07-09-2023 up to 6:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date	02-09-2023
4		11-09-2023 up to 6:00 PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 12-09-2023 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive
L		Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.

The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:08.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance deptt) that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat. In the event of inadequate response to a tender ,participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted & participant to upload Panchayat certificate necessary. If the Bidder quotes his Bid exceeding the tendering Cost, his bid will be automatically rejected.

In case of dilemma/confusion, the rate and the unit against any item shown in Boq, the SOR rate along with its unit will be applicable. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein Name of work and NIT No. in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender inviting Authority).

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.

The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill requirements as laid down in NIT.

All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form). No: 1631-1638

DIPK-8299/23 Dated: 05-09-2023

Executive Engineer. **REW Baramulla**

From the office of Advocate **Wajid Mohammad Haseeb**

Mrs Saima Jan W/O Mir Shafaat Ahmad R/O KaKaz Gari Mohalla Nowshehra Srinagar

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In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveators may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court/ Tribunal and on the ground of distorted facts/misrpresentation 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 irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing

Sd/advocate

Office of Advocate Muzaffar. A. Kirmani

Advocates Chamber Block Mominabad Court Complex, Srinagar Chamber No: 305

IN THE CASE OF: 1. Aijaz Ahmad Burza S/O Mohammad Amin Burza 2. Mohammad Amin Burza S/O Ghulam Mohammad Burza Both Residents of Kanthbagh Palpora Noor Bagh Srinagar

Public at Large

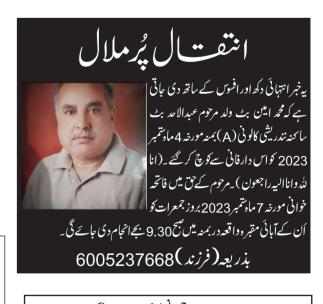
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Caveators

IN THE MATTER OF: Caveat petition

That the Caveators have sufficient reason to believe that anyone from the ambit of Non-Caveators may file Writ/Suit/ Appeal or any other proceeding before this Hon'ble Court and may succeed in obtaining ex-parte relief by presenting false and disorted facts and also suppressig relevant material and in such an eventuality, the Caveators will be put at an irreperable loss. Hence, it would be proper that Caveators maybe given opportunity of being heard by this Hon'ble Court before passing any order.

Muzaffar. A. Kirmani, Advocate





EP Dep't Seals Illegally Fenced Land At Tengpora Bypass

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Acting tough against illegal construction and encroachments. the Evacuee Property Department Kashmir on the strict instructions of Rajinder Singh Tara, Custodian General J&K sealed illegally fenced un-demarcated land belonging to Evacuees Faqir-ullah Khan and others situated at Tengpora Bypass Srinagar.

The illegal occupants namely Ab. Hamid Dar and others residents of Afreen Colony Batamaloo Srinagar were provided an opportunity to remove the fencing raised illegally around the land in question, but on failure the department swung into action and sealed the property

and took over its possession till the long pending demarcation of the whole land under Khewat No. 143 is completed by the team of Revenue Officers/ Officials constituted by the Dy. Commissioner Srinagar.

The Evacuee Property Department has reiterated that such drives undertaken against the violators will continue and appealed general public to refrain from raising illegal constructions on the Evacuee land failing which action as warranted under law will be taken against such violators which include punishment with imprisonment which may extend to three years in terms of Section 18 of J&K Evacuees' (Administration of Property Act, Svt. 2006.

Srinagar Police Bids Farewell To Exemplary Officers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar Police bid adieu to two outstanding officers including Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) Owais Wani, who served as DySP Headquarter and DySP Satish Kumar, who played a crucial role in the District Armed Reserve (DAR).

Both officers concluded their tenures on a high note, leaving an indelible mark on the force. Throughout their time in Srinagar, DySP Owais Wani and DySP Satish Kumar exhibited the

highest levels of professionalism. competence. and unwavering integrity. Their dedication to duty and commitment to upholding the law set a shining example for their peers and subordinates.

Notably, these officers were instrumental in ushering in an era of transparency and enhanced public outreach within the Srinagar Police. Their efforts not only bolstered the efficiency of the force but also fostered stronger bonds between law enforcement and the local community.



Large number of teachers and students turned up at SKICC to attend Teachers Day presided over by J&K LG, Manoi Sinha on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Slain Dalgate Teenager's Family Seeks Death Penalty To Accused

Appeals Government To Close Chinar Bagh Park

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The family members of a teenager, who was stabbed to death by his friend in Srinagar's Dalgate area on Saturday last, also appealed to the government to close Chinar Bagh Park, located in

"We demand the death pen-

alty against the accused person who stabbed our son to death. Today it was my son, and tomorrow it can be someone else's," said Burhan's mother.

Burhan was stabbed to death Park by a juvenile, who was ar-

"We also demand closure of

Chinar Bagh park situated in Dalgate area, as the same has become a safe haven for drug addicts, boozers and gamblers, and if it gets closed, perhaps, another possible untoward incident can be prevent-

Pertinent to mention here that a juvenile stabbed a teenager to death following a scuffle between them at the Chinar Bagh Park on Saturday last.

on Saturday last at Chinar Bagh ed," added she. have demanded death penalty to the accused. The deceased's family rested by the police shortly after the incident that sent shock waves to the entire society the vicinity.

DC Visits Indian Institute Of Carpet Technology Srinagar

Distributes Course Completion Certificates Among Trainees

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today undertook a visit to Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), Baghi Ali Mardan Khan. Nowshara and took stock of the functioning of the Institute established to provide necessary technical support to Carpet Industry.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner

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PROJECT

Kupwara Langate DEEDARPORA 04

Order No: 103 JK (SWD) OF 2023 Dated 28.4.2023 i.e.

inspected the different Units of the IICT and took stock of GI Tagging of Hand Knotted Carpet Laboratory, Design Development of Carpets through Software Tech-Preservation nology, of Old Traditional Carpet Design into Digital Form, New Innovative Prototypes/Products de-

The Director IICT appraised the DC about the ongoing projects of the Institute. He was in-

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office Of The Child Development Project Officer

Poshan Project Langate

RE-ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Applications on prescribed proforma are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch wards/Municipal Wards shown against the below mentioned Panchayat Halqas/Municipal

Wards, for the engagement of Sahayikas (AWH's) "preferably married" for the Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project LANGATE on "Honorarium basis". The applications along with required docu-

ments shall be deposited in the Office of the undersigned i.eChild Development Project Officer

Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be considered for the post.

NAME OF PAN- VACANCY OF SAHAYIKAS (ANGANWADI HELPERS)

veloped at the Institute.

formed that a Modern Dye House is being set up in the Institute which shall start functioning by October 2023.

The DC appreciated the initiatives taken by the Institute and hoped that these initiatives will go a long way in reviving the Carpet Industry of Jammu and Kashmir particularly in Srinagar District which has remained the hub of carpet

Handicapped Association Organizes Awareness Campaign Against Stunt Biking, Drug Abuse

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The members of Jammu and Kashmir Handicapped Association on Tuesday organized an awareness campaign here against stunt bikers and drug abuse.

The association in a statement said the campaign was organized as part of Spinal Cord Injury Month, and that the aim of the campaign is to spread awareness among individuals, who indulge in stunts on bikes and consume drugs

"We are sitting on these wheelchairs due to accidents and the youngsters should not indulge in the activities that endanger their lives," said one of the members

"The youth should also stay away from the drugs that ruin their lives, they added.

Jammu & Kashmir Small Scale Industries Development Corporation Limited (SICOP)

(A J&K Government Undertaking) 2nd floor, Sanat Ghar building Bemina Srinagar Email: sicopproject@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-TENDER NOTICE No:ENIT No: 23-PEK of 2023-24 dated:02-09-2023

For and on behalf of the Managing Director of Jammu & Kashmir Small Scale Industries Cooperation Limited, online tenders are invited from reputed contractors who are registered with CPWD/MES/ PWD of appropriate class in India.

Name of work	Adv. Cost.In	Earnest	Class of	Cost of tende	rTime of	Position
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Repair/renovation of	3.62 lacs	,	"D" Class	500.00	14 dáys	Accorded
two rooms at Director-		0.0724	civil			
ate of Industries &		lacs				
Commerce Sanat Ghar						
Bemina Srinagar						

NO. OF PANCH WARD NAME OF AWC Criteria for Selection of Sahayikas (Aanganwadi Helpers) shall remain as envisaged in the Govt.

The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where Anganwadi Centre is located. Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be Matriculation/Middle Pass In case no matriculate candidate is available in the Panch Ward/MC Ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered.

The committee shall select the most destitute/needy married women of the Panch ward/ MC Ward as helper from amongst those who fulfill the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate can also be considered.

Self-attested copies of documents to be attached with the application form: -

Panch Ward /MC Ward Certificate/ Present /continuous, Ward residencecertificate issued by BDO/Executive Officer.

Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.

Langate by or before 17th of September 2023 against proper receipt.

CHAYAT

The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.

Date of Birth Certificate.

Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10th. Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer.

Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/-

Note: Prescribed Application Proforma can be had from the undersigned office "Free of Cost".

Child Dev. Project Officer **POSHANPOSHAN LANGATE** Terms and Conditions:

The tender documents for the above job can be seen on the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 02-09-2023 (1200Hrs) The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website from 02-09-2023

(1200Hrs) onwards. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on website www.jktenders.gov.in from

02-09-2023 1200Hrs) upto 22-09-2023 (1630Hrs) only. The uploaded Pre-Qualification bids in the first instance on the website will be opened on

23-09--2023 (1200Hrs). In case of holiday on the date of opening of bid, bids will be opened on the next working day. The financial bids of only those firms shall be opened who qualify in pre-qualification bid, intimation in respect of opening of financial bids shall be notified separately. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Bank Receipt with

seal and signature of bank official in favor of Project Engineer (K) SICOP Srinagar Kashmir in Account No CC-0148020100001980 ,IFSC Code JAKAOKARRAN , J&K Bank Branch Karan Nagar Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of bank receipt should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Project Engineer (K) SICOP Srinagar Kashmir. (tender receiving authority) and EMD 2% of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Project Engineer, SICOP Kashmir

The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Project Engineer, SICOP Kashmir) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape CDR/FDR of the

successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect liablitly period (DLP) of the work The advertised cost shown above is inclusive of 10% SICOP service charges and other

taxes as admissible. Complete bidding process will be online (price bid not to be submitted in physical form). **Project Engineer**

SICOP Kashmir

DIPK-NB-3037/23 dated: 05-09-2023

TRAFFIC POLICE: 9419993745, 01998-266686 PCR: 0194-2452092.2455883 PDD: 0194-2450213

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES: 2479488,2452222,2452155 CAPD: 18001807011 SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081

Ambulance: Kashmer EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

RAILWAYS

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

HIGHWAY STATUS



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



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This Day In History

- 3114 BC- Date Maya/Mesoamerican Long Count Calendar starts dating from (as corresponds to the Julian Calendar).
- 394-Battle of Frigidus, Northern Italy.
- 1492- Columbus' fleet leaves Gomera, Canary islands.
- 1522 -Ferdinand Magellen's Spanish expedition aboard the Vitoria returns to Spain without their captain. First to circumnavigate the earth.
- 1543 French & Turkish fleet occupies Nice. 1776- Hurricane hits Guadeloupe, killing more than 6,000.
- 1781- The Battle of Groton Heights takes place, resulting a British victory.
- 1839- Great fire in New York
- 1869- Mine fire kills 110 at Avondale, Pennsylvania
- 1870- Ship sinks in Gulf of Biscay; 483 die 1880- Commencement of 1st Test Cricket in England,
- v Australia at The Oval 1885- Eastern Rumelia declares its union with
- $Bulgaria. The \, Unification \, of \, Bulgaria \, is \, accomplished.$ 1886 Queen Victoria establishes Distinguished Service Order (DSO) 1888- Charles Turner becomes the first bowler to
- take 250 wickets in an English season a feat since accomplished only by Tom Richardson (twice), J.T. Hearne, Wilfred Rhodes (twice) and Tich Freeman
- 1888- Queen Victoria grants William Mackinnon's Imperial British East Africa Company political & commercial rights 1889- King Kabaka Mwanga of Buganda resigns
- 1898- Lord Kitchener destroys Mahdi's tomb in
- 1905- Atlanta Life Insurance Company forms
- 1913- 1st aircraft to loop the loop Adolphe Pégoud 1914- World War I: First Battle of the Marne begins, French and British forces prevent German advance
- on Paris (till the 12th Sept) 1917- French pilot Georges Guynemer shoots down 54th German aircraft
- 1924- Assassination attempt on Benito Mussolini
- 1924- Charles Paddock captures 100 & 200 yd AAU national senior outdoor track & field championships 1928- USSR signs Briand-Kellogg-pact
- 1930- Democratically elected Argentine president Hipólito Yrigoyen is deposed in a military coup.
- 1937-Spanish Civil War: The start of the Battle of El Mazuco.
- 1939 -1st German air attack on Great Britain in WW II. 1939 - South Africa declares war on Nazi-Germany.
- 1939 World War II: The Battle of Barking Creek. 1949- Howard Unruh kills 13 neighbors in 12 minutes
- in Camden, New Jersey 1954- US plane shot down above Siberia
- 1960 American Otis Davis runs a world record 44.9
- to win the gold medal in the 400m at the Rome Olympics; German Carl Kaufmann records same time but ruled second via photo finish 1960- Australian middle distance runner Herb Elliott
- breaks his own world record in winning the 1,500m at the Rome Olympics in 3:35.6 1960- In a famous victory American decathlete
- Rafer Johnson scores Olympic record 8,392 points to win the gold medal in Rome; beats rival & friend C.K. Yang of China by 58 points 1961- USSR performs nuclear test at Kapustin Yar
- USSR 1962-US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1963- The Centre for International Industrial Property Studies (CEIPI) is founded.
- 1965- India invades West Pakistan beginning of the Indo-Pakistani War.
- (National Day). 1978- Begin & Sadat meet at Camp David to discuss peace.

1968- Swaziland gains independence from Britain

- 1986- Attack on synagogue in Istanbul, 23 killed. 1989- Police computer accuses 41,000 Parisians of murder/prostitution.
- 1991- USSR recognizes the independence of the 3 Baltic republics (Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania).

No:-CDPO/POSHAN/Adv/2023/398-412 Dated: - 05-09-2023 DIPK-8357/23

Parties Declare Assets Worth Rs 8,829 Crore

Party	Assets in 2020-21	Assets in 2021-22
BJP	₹4,990 cr	₹6,046.81cr
Cong	₹691.11cr	₹805.68 cr
BSP	₹732.79 cr	₹690.71cr
TMC	₹182.001 cr	₹458.10 cr

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The total assets declared by eight national parties in 2021-22 was Rs 8,829.16 crore, up from Rs 7,297.62 crore during 2020-21, poll rights body Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) said in its report.

The eight parties analysed include the BJP, INC, NCP, BSP, CPI, CPI(M), AITC and NPEP.

Rs 103.55 cr total liabilities declared for FY 2020-21 by na-

Congress declared liabilities worth Rs 71.58 crore, the highest, followed by CPI(M) with Rs 16.109 crore, the ADR

The total capital/reserve fund set aside by the national parties during FY 2020-21 was Rs 7,194 crore, and Rs 8,766 crore for FY 2021-22

What Happened Suddenly That **India Has To Only Be Called Bharat: Mamata Banerjee**

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: Asserting that it's well known that India is Bharat, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today questioned the need to "suddenly use only Bharat" while referring to India in official communique.

Alluding to the controversy over a G20 dinner invite in the name of 'President of Bharat', she said the world knows the country as India.

"I heard that India's name is being changed. The G20 invite that went out in the name of the honourable president has Bharat written on it. In English, we say India and the 'Indian Constitution; in Hindi, we say 'Bharat ka Samvidhan'. We all say 'Bharat', what is new in

"There's nothing new to be done. The world knows us as India. What happened suddenly that the name of the country needs to be changed?" she asked, addressing a function on Teacher's day.

"History is being rewritten in the country," she alleged.

The G20 Summit is being held in Delhi on September 9 and 10 under India's presidency and several heads of state from across the world, including US President Joe Biden, are attending the event.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan shared on X a G20 dinner invitation from President Murmu which described her position as "President of

TMC's ally, the Congress party on Tuesday too attacked the government over the G20 dinner invite referring to President Droupadi Murmu as "President



of Bharat", accusing the government of being "scared" of the INDIA bloc and indulging in distraction from issues such as price rise and "rising joblessness".

Mamata Banerjee also attacked Governor CV Ananda Bose, alleging that he was holding back bills passed by the state assembly.

"The Governor's actions are an attempt to paralyse state administration. He cannot hold back finance bills," she said.

"If need be, I will sit on dharna outside the Raj Bhavan," she

The Chief Minister also alleged that the governor was interfering in the functioning of schools, colleges and universities in the state.

"If the governor continues to interfere in the functioning of universities, we will block the funds," she said.

The governor, in his capacity as the chancellor of state-run universities, had on Sunday night appointed interim vicechancellors for seven varsities, including the prestigious Presidency University, MAKAUT and the University of Burdwan.

Sources told Press Trust of India that the interim vicechancellors of nine other universities have also been finalised and appointment letters "will be issued soon".

Parents Sending Children Below 3 To Preschool An Illegal Act: High Court

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: Parents who force children below the age of three years to attend preschool are committing an "illegal act," the Gujarat High Court said, while dismissing a batch of pleas challenging the state government's decision to set six years as the minimum age limit for Class 1 admission in the academic year 2023-24.

A group of parents of children who did not complete six years as on June 1, 2023 sought to challenge the state government's notification dated January 31, 2020 prescribing the age limit for admission to Class 1 in the academic year 2023-24.

"Forcing children to go to a preschool below the age of 3 years is an illegal act on the part of the parents who are petitioners before us," the division bench of Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice NV Anjaria observed in a recent

petitioners "cannot seek any leniency as they are guilty of violation of the mandate of the Right to Education Rules, 2012 of the Right to Education Act, 2009", it said.

Quoting Rule 8 of the RTE Rules, 2012, which deals with admission procedure in a preschool, the court said no preschool shall admit a child who



has not completed three years of age as on June 1 of the year.

"A bare perusal of Rule 8 shows that there is a prohibition for admission of a child in a preschool who has not completed three years of age as on June 1 of the academic year. Three years of 'early childhood care and education' in a preschool prepares a child to take admission in 1st standard in a formal school," it said.

The children whose parents moved the plea were admitted to a preschool before they completed three years - the minimum age prescribed for admission in a preschool in the RTE Rules, 2012, which has been enforced in Gujarat with effect from February 18, 2012, it said.

The petitioners' counsels told the court that they seek to challenge fixing June 1 as a cut-off date of the current academic year, only because this will deprive around nine lakh children in the state of their right to education in the current academic session.

They sought the court's direction to accommodate children who completed three years in preschool but have not completed six years of age as on June 1, 2023 for the current academic year by granting them relaxation.

They argued that denial of admission would result in infringement of their right to education recognised by Article 21 A of the Constitution and Right to Education Act, 2009.

High Court Upholds Centre's Decision To Include All Medical Devices As Drugs

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has upheld the Centre's decision to include all medical devices within the ambit of "drug" under the law regulating drugs and cosmetics.

A bench headed by Justice Rajiv Shakdher rejected petitions by the Surgical Manufacturers and Traders Association challenging the central government's 2018 and 2020 notifications first declaring four medical devices as "drugs" under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, and then spreading the net to cover all medical devices.

The court said the decision to include all medical devices as "drugs" was a policy matter and no case for interference was made out as there was no arbitrariness or unreasonableness.

"MHFW (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare), in its wisdom, thought it fit to bring all medical devices within the ambit of the expression 'drug . This is clearly a policy mat-

ter," the bench, also compris-

ing Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju,

said in a recent order dated September 1.

"To our minds, there is no manifest arbitrariness or unreasonableness in the shift in policy of bringing all medical devices within the ambit of a regulatory regime. Our postscript is, if we were to allow the writ petitions, figuratively speaking, we would be throwing away the baby with the bathwater," the court opined.

The authorities should, however, take measures to quickly iron out the kinks found while progressing the regulatory regime, the court said.

In 2018, the Centre had first brought four medical devices i.e. nebuliser, blood pressure monitoring device, digital thermometer and glucometer, within the ambit of "drug". In 2020, all medical devices were notified as "drugs".

The court observed that the implementation of the policy was "calibrated" and gave ample time to the manufacturers. importers, sellers and distributors, to transition to a mandatory licensing regime.

India Rejects "Unwarranted And Misleading" Comments Of UN Experts On Manipur

Press Trust of India

UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA: India has strongly rejected comments by UN experts on Manipur, terming them "unwarranted, presumptive and misleading" and asserting that situation in the Northeast state is peaceful.

In the note verbale issued on Monday to the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Indian mission underscored that the situation in Manipur was peaceful and stable and the Indian government was committed to taking requisite steps to maintain peace and stability.

"The Government is also committed to protecting the

of understanding on the situation in Manipur and the steps taken by Government of India to address it," said the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva.

India's response came after group of UN experts raised alarm about reports of "serious human rights violations and abuses" in Manipur, including alleged acts of sexual violence, extrajudicial killings, home destruction, forced displacement, torture and ill-treatment.

Rejecting the news release by the Special Procedure Mandate Holders (SPMH) titled 'India: UN experts alarmed by continuing abuses in Manipur', the Permanent Mission of India



human rights of the people of India, including the people of Manipur," it said.

"The Permanent Mission of India completely rejects the news release as it is not only unwarranted, presumptive and misleading but also betrays a complete lack

expressed disappointment and surprise that the SPMHs chose to issue the press release without waiting for the 60 days period for the Indian government to respond to a joint communication issued on the same topic

on August 29, 2023.

Rajnath Singh, Dharmendra Pradhan Castigate INDIA Bloc Over DMK Leader's Call To 'Eradicate Sanatana Dharma'

Agencies

efence minister Rajnath Singh and education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday castigated the INDIA bloc over DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin's call to "eradicate Sanatana Dharma", reaffirming the BJP's intention of turning the controversy into an election

Speaking at a rally in pollbound Rajasthan, as Union home minister Amit Shah had done on Sunday, Rajnath said "the nation will not forgive their (Opposition's) silence' on Udhayanidhi's remark.

"The DMK has attacked Sanatana Dharma and the Congress is silent about it. I want to ask (Rajasthan chief minister) Ashok Gehlot why he doesn't speak, why Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge do not say what their thinking is on Sanatan Dharma?" Rajnath said.

"The INDIA alliance should apologise; otherwise the nation won't forgive it."



Three high-stakes heartland states – Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are due for elections later this year and the BJP appears to have sniffed political mileage in the controversy.

Udhayanidhi had at a writers' conference on Saturday said that "Sanatana Dharma is against the idea of social justice and must be eradicated".

He has denied the BJP's allegation that his statement was a call for "genocide" of Hindus, clarifying that he had merely urged an eradication of the social evils that he saw Sanatana Dharma as representing.

In Delhi, the BJP fielded Pradhan who sought to drag key leaders of the INDIA bloc why they were silent on the "attack on Sanatan Dharma that is Hindu Dharma".

"For three days, India's identity, basic ideology and Indianness have been attacked.... Why is Rahul Gandhi silent on this? Why are (Arvind) Kejriwalji and Nitish Kumarji silent? Why is Tejashwi Yadav silent? Why are Mamata Banerjee and Sharad Pawar silent?" Pradhan said at a media address at the BJP headquarters.

NEWS MAKERS

Millet Cuisines, Rangoli Await First Ladies, Spouses Of G20 Leaders At Delhi's Pusa Campus

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Millets will be the flavour of the day as not just cuisines, but startups dealing with "superfood", and celebrity chefs, and an exhibition will fete the visiting first ladies and spouses of G20 leaders as they visit the sprawling Pusa campus of IARI here while their better halves discuss geopolitics.

A curated tour of the 1,200acre Pusa-IARI campus, the cradle of the green revolution in India, has been organised on September 9 for the first ladies and spouses of the leaders attending the G20 Summit to help them learn about India's rich agricultural heritage and taste a millet-based feast prepared by renowned celebrity chefs.

A majority of G20 leaders, including US President Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida, have already confirmed their participation at the summit.



According to official sources, the first ladies and spouses of the dignitaries will be guarded by the specially-trained men and women commandos of another paramilitary force -- Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

The first ladies and spouses of the participating heads of G20 countries have been extended a special invitation to an agriculture exhibition, said a senior government official associated with preparations.

They will have a unique opportunity to savour a millet-based feast prepared live by renowned celebrity chefs, including Kunal Kapur, Ajay Chopra and Anahita

Joining these chefs will be two

culinary experts from the ITC group -- Kusha Mathur and Nikita Mehra. In the 'Live Cooking Area', the

chefs will prepare a 'full course meal' with a focus on millets. From appetisers, salads, and main courses to desserts, the

magic of millets will be show-

cased in its full glory. The special guests will also get a first-hand experience of making rangoli using millets with two distinct themes -- "Harmony of Harvest" and "Unity in Sustenance".

"The Ministry of Agriculture is adding a vibrant touch to the G20 Spouses Program at the NASC Complex with two exquisite millet based rangolis," the official said.

Bushra Bibi Moves LHC To Seek Protection

Agencies

LAHORE: Bushra Bibi, the wife of former prime minister Imran Khan, on Monday filed a petition in the Lahore High Court challenging her possible arrest and seeking details of all cases including undisclosed ones registered against her. The petition filed through Advocate Mushtaq Ahmad



Mohal says that after the illegal removal of the petitioner's husband from the office of the prime minister, the political victimisation of the petitioner, her husband and other family members has been started by the federal and provincial governments. It alleges the departments

and law enforcement agencies with mala fide and ulterior motives have lodged several false and frivolous FIRs against the petitioner and her hus-

band on the direction of the governments. It pleads the respondents including FIA, NAB, police and ACE have been keeping FIRs in secret so the petitioner could not approach the courts for grant of pre-arrest bail. The petition says the respondents' act of not disclosing the

cases against the petitioner to her rather concealing them is illegal, unlawful and violation of the fundamental rights. It asks the court to declare the act of the respondents

Probe Agency Summons Trinamool MP Nussrat Jahan **For Questioning Next Week**



Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Trinamool MP and actor Nussrat Jahan for questioning next week in Kolkata in a case linked to alleged cheating of senior citizens by promising them flats in New Town on the eastern fringes of the city, official

sources said today.

Ms Jahan has been asked to depose before the central agency on September 12 here and it is expected that the agency will record her statement.

tains to a group of senior citizens recently lodging a complaint accusing a real estate company of cheating by promising them flats in the New Town area. Ms Jahan, 33, had held a

press conference and denied allegations of being involved in any fraudulent practice saying she had resigned from the directorship of the company in March 2017.

The Trinamool Lok Sabha MP from Basirhat had said she had taken a loan from the company and repaid it with interest in May 2017.

Probe agency ED probe per-

After Wife's Death, Retired Govt Officer Carries Forward Her Mission To Educate Slum Children

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A retired official of the Jammu and Kashmir administration has taken up the baton of running a 'free-of-cost' primary school for slum children that was set up and run by his wife till her death last April.

On the occasion of Teachers Day on Tuesday, Romesh Chander Khajuria recalled how he has taken up teaching as a tribute to his wife Kanchan Sharma

who had opened the makeshift juria's wife Kanchan Sharma, school -- 'Sangarh Vidya Kendra' -- at Maratha Basti around 19 years ago.

"After the death of my wife, decided to ensure that the school keeps running. Though this was not my line. I have taken it up as a service to humanity," Khajuria, who retired in 2012 as additional secretary in the law and parliamentary affairs department, told PTI.

The school, set up by Kha-

a retired government school teacher, currently has over 60 students and four teachers.

"She was known as a super teacher for her efforts and we have to continue her incomplete mission which she started 19 years ago. She firmly believed that the best way to eradicate poverty is education," Khajuria said.

The retired government official said that he has made it

his life's mission and expressed pride in the fact that hundreds of slum children have received basic education over the years.

"Four of them have already completed their graduation and many others are studying in higher classes. We provide education up to class 5 but our teachers visit the parents and ensure that the children are enrolled in middle, high and higher secondary schools," Khajuria

Jodo Yatra Anniversary

Cong To Mark Bharat

He said that his wife had faced a lot of problems in motivating the residents of the slum to send their children to school.

'We have been running this school without any aid from any quarters. I am managing the affairs out of my own pocket and consider it as a service to humanity," Khajuria said.

Anuradha, a teacher, said everybody in the school, including the children, miss Sharma. But since her husband took over the responsibility, the school has been running without any hitch, she said.

"I have been here since the school started. We are working to the best of our ability following her (Sharma's) guidelines to make sure that the children are educated," she said.

Another teacher, Monika Kumari, who has been working in the school for the past seven years, said the students are intelligent and are sec-

E- Auction Of Fancy

Revenue In 3 Days

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Transport depart-

ment has collected Rs 16.10 lakh

revenue through the e-auction of

fancy number plates in the UT in

first e -auction of fancy numbers.

ber is one of the faceless services

of Motor Vehicle Department re-

cently launched by Chief Secre-

According to online details

about 81 applicants had reg-

istered online from different

RTOs/ARTOs to participate in

online bidding for different fan-

cy registration number in first

round until Tuesday afternoon

In the first week of Sep-

tember, the coveted number

JK02DF0786 was auctioned

for nearly Rs 151000. Similarly,

JK02DF0001 was auctioned for

nearly Rs 151000. Registration

in first cycle.

tary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta.

The e-Auction of fancy num-

Numbers Fetches Rs 16.10L

ond to none. "In competitions, they performed well and even grabbed the first prize," she

Parveen, a class three student of the school, said that he

wants to be a policeman.

"We study all subjects, including English, Hindi, science, maths and environment sciences," he said, adding that his parents want him to get educated and "we are thankful to our teachers for their best efforts".

numbers starting from 0001 to

As per user manual, the vehicle

owner can register themselves

on the national transport web-

site: https://vahan.parivahan.

gov.in/fancy (user manual avail-

able at portal) and the link of the same is also available on the UT

administration transport depart-

ment website: www.jktrans.gov.

in to obtain the unique acknowl-

edgement number (UAN) for

login and participation in Bid-

ding process after submission of

registration and reserve money.

The fancy number plates have

been divided into different cat-

egories with a different reserve/ base price for each category.

The new online facility will

not only bring transparency to

the whole system but will also

ensure the identity of the person

is hidden until the final auction

procedure is started.

ازعدالت جوڈیشل مجسٹریٹ درجہاول پیٹن بااجلاس:الطاف حسین خان

میں پیش کریں۔بعد گذرنے معیاد کوئی عذر قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔

9999 are put for public auction.

LG Inaugurates Community Radio Station Of Jammu University



Observer News Service

IAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday addressed the Foundation Day Ceremony of the University of

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the Vice Chancellor, faculty members and students of the University on the occasion and highlighted the key role being played by the Higher education institutions like Jammu University in all-round and speedy development of the nation.

"With several landmark initiatives such as 'Design Your Degree' and 'College on Wheels', Jammu University is making an immense contribution to brighten J&K's image globally in research, innovation and economic develop-

ment," the Lt Governor said. He said the futuristic approach of the University and the implementation of National Education Policy 2020 have ensured the best academic practices and topclass skilled workforce to meet future challenges.

The Lt Governor impressed upon the higher education institutions and the teaching community to promote independent thinking, creativity, research and new inventions in the campus.

All the inventions of the world. all the institutions that have been formed, all the new ideas that have become possible in the humanities, are products of someone's imagination. The prime objective of every University should be igniting that imagination in young minds, he said.

"Education is the journey of endless exploration and learning. It is the responsibility of teachers to innovatively set up a system in their classrooms to encourage new ideas, provide clear goals and inculcate dedication, confidence, optimism and curiosity for the journey ahead,"

Across J&K On Sept 7 Press Trust Of India JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) will commemorate the first anniversary of the Bharat Jodo Yatra in a big way

7, the party said on Tuesday. Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had led the Bharat Iodo Yatra and covered some 4,000 kilometres on foot from Kanyakumari to Kashmir in 145 days. The ambitious yatra began on September 7, 2022

across the 20 districts of the

union territory on September

and concluded on January 30. "The Congress shall commemorate the first anniversary of the Bharat Jodo Yatra on September 7 in a big way at both capital headquarters Srinagar and Jammu besides all districts to revive and reiterate the message of the yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir last year," JKPCC chief Vikar Rasool Wani

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Four persons have been

arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's

Kathua district in connection

with a viral video which shows

some men dragging a woman

out of her house and thrashing

The incident took place in

Kathua's Dewal village last week,

following which a complaint was

lodged on Monday and the ac-

cused were nabbed a few hours

her, officials said.

later, they added.



Woman Dragged Out Of House,

Thrashed In Kathua; 4 Held

A mega event shall be held in Jammu and Srinagar each on the lines of the Bharat Jodo

Wani, who chaired a preparatory meeting of all senior leaders, district presidents, frontal and other prominent leaders here, said AICC incharge of Jammu and Kashmir Rajni Pa-

The 3-minute video clip shows

the woman being thrashed by

some people after they dragged

her by her hair out of her house.

Her child can be seen crying in

Monday, the woman said that four

persons with criminal intention at-

tacked her and abused her when

Sections 452 (house trespassing)

323(voluntarily causing hurt),

427 (mischief causing damage to

A case was registered under

she was at her home, they said.

In a written complaint lodged on

the video, the police said.

along with him.

During the meeting. Wani took stock of the preparations for the event in Jammu and in other districts of the region. He asked all party leaders and cadres to join the events in their respective districts or at assigned places.

The main event in Jammu is proposed to be held on the

the amount of Rs 50), 504 (inten-

tional insult to provoke breach of

peace), and 506 (criminal intimi-

dation) of the Indian Penal Code

against four persons -- Kaku

Ram, Ballu Ram, Happy and Ban-

ty -- all residents of Dewal Tehsil

Police said the villagers op-

posed the woman as she used

to allow a particular group of

persons from outside the village

to visit her house. The police had

earlier warned the group against

Billawar, they said.

visiting the village.

Public Notice I have lost all documents of my Vehiclea Maruti bearing no JK01H

2474. Now I am applying for its duplicate.if anybody have objections in this regard may file the same to ARTO Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained after that.

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Zahoor Ahmed Kalla S/O Late Noor Mohd Kalla R/O Baba Mohlla Hazrathal Phone No: 9419770451

26 Years On, Work On Link **Road Connecting Several** Villages In Bani Yet To Begin

Majid Nabi

SRINAGAR: 26 years on, work on link road connecting around 4 villages from Lowang main road to Baugh in Tehsil Bani of Kathua district is yet to begin, appealed to the LG administration to start work on the link road without any further delay.

The aggrieved residents said the construction of link road was sanctioned way back in the year 1997; no progress has been made by the government in this regard as of now.

They appealed to the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha to personally intervene in the matter and issue a show cause notice to the authorities concerned for delaying the construction of the link road.

"Government had way back in the year 1997 sanctioned a link road from Lowang main road to Baugh in Tehsil Kathua, however 26 years have already elapsed, work on the said road connecting four villages from Lowang is yet to be started," Mudasir Ali, a local resident

told Kashmir Observer. He said the condition of the road is turning from bad to worse with each passing day, however the authorities seem

Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) of the Public Works Department, Tehsil Bani, Ajay Prabhat told Kashmir Observer that the work allocated in 1997 might have been delayed owing to the lack of funds or that there might have been disputes between the local populace and the government.

"I have recently been posted as AEE and I don't know much about this project, however l will take up the matter with my higher-ups to know the cause of the delay. If not this year the department will reflect the project with some other scheme so that the construction work on the link road is started next year," he added.

Another local, Mohammad Hussain Malik, said neither a side nor a protective wall had been built on either side of the crumbling road, nor had any officials ever visited the location during the preceding 26 years.

"We approached several higher-ups of the district administration and apprised them about the deplorable condition of the road but no concrete steps were taken in this direction so far. Now we appeal to the J&K Lieutenant Governor to personally intervene in the matter and issue a show cause notice to the district administration for delay in constructing link road," he added.

DIC Shopian Conducts Media Exposure Tour To Dubjan -Peer Ki Gali

Tour Aimed To Promote The Picturesque Tourism Spots Of The District

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: In order to highlight and promote the virgin tourist destinations of the district, the District Information Centre (DIC) Shopian on Tuesday conducted a media exposure tour to Dubjan -Peer Ki Gali tourist hotspots in Shopian district.

The media tour to Dubjan and Peer Ki Gali is the District Administration's one of the promotional exercises to promote newly notified tourist destinations of the district.

Media persons belonging to different national and local organisations took part in the exposure tour and highlighted the Tourist activities and infrastructural interventions being made to develop the eco-tourism potential of the tourist circuit.

The area is known for many mesmerizing and breathtaking spots, including the Heerpora Wildlife Sanctuary, along the historic Mughal Road and the twin springs of Dubjan besides Mughal Sarai, and multiple trekking routes.

The area offers scenic pleasure for tourists and travelers alike. Expansive Rambiara with its clear waters and dense forests, excite one and all who embark on the journey towards

The area is being developed by the Dubjan -Peer Ki Gali Tourism Development Authority in many ways ranging from building hutment areas, cafeterias, development of parks, walkways and creating public convenience points, among other interventions, said CEO, Ghalib Hussain.

He said efforts are being made to lure tourists and provide them all sorts of facilities for a comfortable journey.

The area also comes under the Tourist Network Plan of Mission Youth which has many incentives to offer for locals for developing tourist infrastructure and building livelihood of the local population.

JAMMU & KASHMIR SPORTS COUNCIL

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NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to notification No.076-BC)PEE of 2023 dated 02-09-2023 received from Controller of Examination J&K BOPEE Srinagar, offline applications on prescribed forms are invited from the eligible candidates of UT of J&K / Ladakh desirous to seek admission in NEET UG (Ayush and BPT-2023) Course under Sports category for determination of sports merit.

The forms duly numbered are available on payment of Rs 200/- in the office of Divisional Sports Officer(K) J&K Sports Council, Bakshi Stadium Srinagar & Divisional Sports Officer(J), J&K Sports Council, New Indoor Sports Complex, M.A. Stadium, Jammu from 06-09-2023 to 14-09-2023 during office hours.

The candidate who fulfill the following qualification/condition as prescribed in Government order No: 808-GAD of 2008 dated: 17-06-2008, 946-GAD of 2008 dated: 15-07-2008, 1090-GAD of 2008 dated: 14-08-2008 & 733-GAD of 2010 dt: 24-06.2010 should only apply:-

A person who has represented India at the Olympic Games, Asian Games, SAARC Games, Common Wealth Games or other officially recognized Test Matches/World Cup Competitions in any of the Games/Sports mentioned below.

A person who has participated & secured one of the first three positions in the individual events or was a member of the team which obtained first, second or 3rd position or has participated twice or more in the same discipline in the National Championship in any of the

Sports or Games as mentioned below. The disciplines (Sports/Games) covered under the above rules are Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Tennis, Weight lifting, Wrestling (International Style), Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Judo, Shooting, Archery, Equestrian, Handball, Rowing, Roller/Ice Skating, Skiing, Squash, Billiards & Snooker, Chess, Golf, Kabaddi, Karate, Kayaking & Canoeing, Polo, Power lifting, Taekwondo, Yachting, Kho-Kho, Body Building, Ball Badminton, Bridge, Tenni-Koit, Carrom, Softball, Wushu, Sport Climbing, Thang-Ta, Base-Ball, and all other games falling within the purview of Indian Olympic Association and/or recognized by the Government of India.

The other terms & conditions as enclosed with the Application Form will also be applicable for determining the eligibility of the candidates for grant of sports category weightage. The last date of receipt of Applications is 15-09-2023 during office hours in the office of the respective Divisional Sports Officers, Sports Council at both Divisions at Bakshi Stadium Srinagar and New Indoor Sports Complex. M.A. Stadium, Jammu . Those candidates who have already applied for sports category weightage being aspirants of NEET UG (MBBS/BDS/BAMS/BUMS/BPT) need not to apply afresh.

No:SC/491-NEET UG (Ayush & BPT) 2023/5744-53 Dated: 05-09-2023

DIPK-NB-3042-23 DT: 05/09/2023

Administrative Officer J&K Sports Council

least bothered to address the legitimate issues of the people.

'Bhrashtachar Mukht' J&K

Dir Information Administers Pledge To DIPR Employees



OBSERVER News Service

SRINAGAR: Director Information, Minga Sherpa on Tuesday administered the pledge on 'Bhrashtachar Mukht' J&K to DIPR employees and officers at

Media Complex here. On the occasion, the officers and employees pledged to con-

tinuously strive to bring about integrity and transparency in all spheres of their activities. They also pledged that they work unstintingly for eradication of corruption in all spheres of life. More so, they also pledged that they shall do duty conscientiously and act without fear or favour.

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India's G20 Diplomacy

In the run-up to the much-anticipated G20 Leaders Summit, India finds itself at the center of global attention. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a recent interview with PTI, addressed objections raised by China and Pakistan regarding the choice of Jammu and kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh as venues for certain G20 events. The Prime Minister's response was unambiguous: India's vast, diverse landscape naturally lends itself to hosting G20 meetings across the nation, showcasing its cultural richness and regional diversity on a global stage. The PM underlined India's commitment to upholding its sovereignty while welcoming the international community.

He expressed his surprise at such objections, stating that the question would only be valid if India had refrained from conducting meetings in these venues. In May 2023, India hosted the third G20 working group meeting on tourism in Srinagar, attended by delegates from all G20 countries except China and a few other countries. In March, a significant number of G20 delegates visited Arunachal Pradesh for another G20 event. These moves were not intended to provoke, but rather to celebrate India's pluralistic identity and promote global cooperation.

Besides, these meetings have translated into increased arrivals of tourists, particularly so in Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir's tourism sector has witnessed a remarkable 59 percent surge in foreign tourist arrivals since the recent G20 event, compared to the previous year, according to government figures. This also includes foreign tourists, of whom 15000 visited the Valley in the first six months of this year. The G-20 meeting in the Valley was attended by participants from various countries and the delegates returned home with a favorable view of the region

The G20 meeting was one of the most significant international events held in Jammu and Kashmir since the nullification of Article 370 in 2019. By hosting this event, the union government showed that most of the major world powers not only endorsed the move but also acknowledged the prevailing normalcy. The effort of both the central government and the LG administration is now to build on the gains in peace and use it to bring more tourists to the region.

PM Modi in his interview stressed that during India's G20 Presidency, the nation will host over 220 meetings in 60 cities, spanning all 28 states and 8 Union Territories of India. The global event will welcome more than 1 lakh participants from 125 nationalities, which will display India's diversity on a global platform. The G20 summit also marks the culmination of a banner year for India, It follows a series of international events and above all the moon landing in recent past. The summit itself will therefore signal India's arrival on the global stage.

OTHER OPINON

The G20 dividend

n his interview to Press Trust of India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi explained the expansive political, diplomatic, and logistical investments that his government has made in hosting the G20 summit in Delhi this weekend. India is not the first country to run this summit — the chair rotates annually among its 20 members. But none of the previous hosts have turned it into as massive an exercise as Modi has. Many of the incoming hosts are already signaling that they do not have plans to sustain the scale and intensity that India has brought to the G20 this year.

The annual chairs of the G20 have considerable leeway in organising it; Delhi has taken full advantage of the political agency that accrues to the chair. India has hosted more than 200 meetings across 50 cities, and the subjects have ranged from a new regime on global taxation to promoting tourism, and from the export of the India model on digital public infrastructure to the consumption of millets. The PM's remarks to PTI reveal two broad strategic ambitions behind his government's G20 diplomacy. One was to take the G20 to the masses. The carping from Modi's critics that the G20 show was to boost the PM's personal image misses an important point. From the beginning of his tenure as PM, Modi has been conscious of the domestic political value of external relations. He took diplomatic events outside Delhi to different parts of the country over the last nine years, and that approach has reached its pinnacle with the G20.

By taking the G20 to states and cities, the government has contributed to capacity building across the country in several domains. Above all, the PM says, it has helped develop confidence among the people that "they can deliver something world-class". Of course, the PM's image has got a big boost in the process. But taking diplomacy to the masses was an option that was available to all governments in Delhi. Modi's predecessors, however, were content to treat diplomacy as a bureaucratic exercise limited to central Delhi.

The G20 has also allowed the PM to project India on the global stage. It was fortuitous that India's G20 leadership coincided with Delhi's brightening economic and geopolitical prospects. Modi seized the moment with both hands to not only raise India's global profile but also claim credit for the domestic political stability of the last decade and the several reforms that have accelerated India's economic growth. He was unwilling to let Russia's war in Ukraine, the mounting tensions between Moscow and the West, and Delhi's own difficult relations with Beijing undermine India's G20 leadership. Delhi's careful navigation of the Ukraine crisis without displeasing either Russia or the West and its willingness to stand up to Beijing on the border has only highlighted India's rising strategic salience within the realignment of great power relations.

The Indian Express

Corruption Free J&K

Need for Anti-Corruption Courts in Each District of J&K



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

his year, in March, the Anti-Corruption in Srinagar sentenced a Police Officer to one year imprisonment for allegations of taking bribes while being posted at Police Station Charar-e-sharief in 2008. This police officer who was then posted as Assistant Sub Inspector -ASI in the police station Charar e sharief was also ordered to pay a fine of Rs 10,000 under each offence. "If he fails to pay the fine, he will be subjected to an additional month of imprisonment under each offence", reads the order of the Special Judge Anti Corruption Court Srinagar

Background of the case

This is a 15 years old corruption case wherein a police officer -ASI Mushtaq Ahmad had taken bribe from a person while he was carrying 3 quintals of rice with him. The officer not only took money from him but also took away one quintal of rice as well. On 19th September 2008, a written complaint was filed by the aggrieved before the J&K Anti Corruption Bureau which was then known as State Vigilance Organisation -SVO. The complainant in his written complaint told SVO that ASI Mushtaq Ahmad had intercepted his vehicle while he was transporting three quintals of rice and demanded a bribe of Rs. 500. The ASI accepted the bribe and returned only two quintals of rice. He forcibly kept one quintal of rice for himself. When he was asked to give it back, he asked the aggrieved / complainant to pay a bribe of Rs 1,000. The complainant assured that he would pay Rs 500 instead and ASI agreed. In the meantime, the aggrieved person (complainant) informed the then SVO now called Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB). The officers of SVO/ ACB laid a trap and caught ASI Mushtaq Ahmad red-handed while accepting the bribe. The tainted money was recovered from his possession in the presence of witnesses. The said police officer was sent to Central Jail Srinagar

Conviction after 15 years

Martin Luther King rightly said, "Justice delayed is Justice denied."

If we see a corrupt police officer being put behind bars after 15 years of committing the crime, how can people expect to get justice from the system? The judiciary is not necessarily responsible for these long delays in convictions but the blame is to be put on the Government as there is dearth of Special Anti Corruption Courts in Jammu & Kashmir.

Hundreds of corruption cases are pending in our Anti Corruption

courts across J&K and Govt officers who were trapped read handed while accepting money move freely in society. In-fact the J&K Anti Corruption Bureau -ACB has shown good progress in trapping corrupt Govt officials during last 4 years, but when it decades to send the culprits behind bars , it frustrates honest and upright officers in the ACB and public spirited citizens or activists as well.

There are only a handful of designated anti-corruption courts in Srinagar and Jammu. In other districts outside Srinagar and Jammu, the regular district courts perform the work of Anti Corruption courts. The trial in these courts is slow as the judges

by the end of 2020 besides that four cases were reopened for investigation, two cases were transferred to other agencies. In 29 cases final reports have been submitted, 55 cases have been charge -sheeted and 398 cases were pending by end of year 2021. In 2020 only one person was convicted by the Anti Corruption Court in J&K and was awarded punishment?

J&K has the least conviction rate

The 2020 NCRB data also reveals that corruption cases in Jammu & Kashmir reported from 2018 to 2020, the conviction rate is more than four times lower than the national average. While the

courts are set up in every district enabling them to dispose of long pending corruption cases in a time bound manner. Technically the week- long corruption free J&K programme (Brashtachar Mukt J&K) should have been celebrated around December 5th which is commemorated as International Anti- Corruption day. Unfortunately during the last several years hardly any Govt function was held around this date.

I would request authorities to continue this campaign around December as well and make sure slogans and themes on this subject are prepared in local official languages as well like Urdu, Kashmiri and Dogri. The NCRB report



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have to deal with other civil and criminal cases as well.

NCRB Report on Corruption

The corruption cases in J&K saw an increase with 94 cases filed by the J&K Anti Corruption Bureau -ACB under the Prevention of Corruption Act and related sections of Indian Penal Code -IPC last year. As per the official figures made public by National Crime Records Bureau -NCRB there was a continuous decline in the number of corruption cases in J&K between the years 2018 to 2020. These are the figures based on FIRs registered by ACB, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the corruption graph was down between 2018 to 2020 ? In 2018 around 82 cases were filed by J&K ACB, 73 in 2019 and 71 in 2020. In 2021 many corruption cases were registered by ACB and the graph was up to 94. The reason as per my own analysis is that ACB got much activated in 2021-22 and 2022 -23 and continues to lay traps to catch corrupt Govt officials red handed. The corruption cases as per NCRB data includes 29 trap cases, 15 cases of disproportionate assets, 2 cases of criminal misconduct and 48 other cases. The report revealed that 386 cases of corruption were pending in J&K

conviction rate of corruption cases under trial at national level was 40.9 % in 2020, the conviction rate of such cases in J&K was only 9 % during this period. In contrast, the 2022 annual report of Central Vigilance Commission -CVC revealed that Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) recorded a conviction rate of 67.56% in 2021, compared to 69.83% in 2020. The CBI registered 680 regular cases and 67 preliminary enquiries in 2021, while it had registered 589 regular cases and 87 preliminary enquiries in 2020. In 2021 court judgments were received in 360 cases, which included 202 convictions, 82 acquittals and 15 of discharge from allegations. In 61 matters, cases were disposed of for other reasons. At the end of the year 2021-22, a total of 10,232 cases were pending in different courts. In 2021, investigations were pending in 982 cases, whereas the figure stood at 1,117 the previous year. The probe was finalised in 798 regular cases and 86 preliminary inquiries last year.

Conclusio

As we celebrate Corruption Free J&K week (Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K) between September 4th to 10th, it is the duty of the Govt to make sure special anti corruption on the very low conviction rate of corruption cases in J&K should be an eye opener for the authorities. Corruption in Govt departments like Police, Revenue, Geology and Mining, Rural Development, R&B, and some other departments is seriously affecting our work-culture and governance. During the Corruption Free J&K week, people must be asked to submit corruption related grievances and DCs must hold public meetings hearing cases related to corruption. The J&K Anti Corruption Bureau -ACB is doing an appreciable job and trapping corrupt officials on a regular basis. We have seen several Govt officials trapped by ACB in Bandipora and Baramulla districts recently while accepting bribes. It is now the time to file cases against those corrupt Govt servants who have amassed huge wealth which is disproportionate to the known sources of their income.

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Promoting Knowledge & Education Through More Public Libraries in Kashmir

am writing to bring attention to the pressing need for an increased number of public libraries in the beautiful region of Kashmir. Public libraries serve as invaluable institutions that foster knowledge, literacy, and community development. However, the scarcity of such facilities in Kashmir hinders the region's progress and deprives its residents of the myriad benefits that public libraries offer.

Kashmir, known for its rich cultural heritage and intellectual traditions, deserves to have robust public libraries that cater to the diverse educational needs of its populace. These libraries would serve as intellectual hubs, facilitating the exchange of ideas, promoting literacy, and nurturing a love for learning among individuals of all ages. They would provide a sanctuary for students, researchers, and the general public to access a wide range of books, periodicals, and digital resources.

A well-established network of public libraries in Kashmir would address several critical issues facing the region. Firstly, it would bridge the educational divide by providing access to resources for students who may not have access to a personal collection or digital devices. This would help level the playing field and enhance educational opportunities for all, promoting a more inclusive society.

Secondly, public libraries would foster a culture of reading and lifelong learning. They would encourage intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and imagination among the residents of Kashmir. Reading is not only a means of personal growth but also an essential tool for societal progress. Libraries would enable individuals to explore diverse perspectives, promote cultural understanding, and contribute to the overall intellectual development of the region.

Furthermore, public libraries would become vibrant community spaces, hosting various educational and cultural events. They could serve as venues for author talks, book clubs, workshops, and exhibitions, bringing people together.

Basit Hussain

Deciphering the Fine Line Between Freedom of Expression and Hate Speech

Asad Mirza

The recent incidents of burning copies of the Holy Quran in Sweden and Denmark by the far right elements has forced the two Scandinavian countries, besides several others to introspect their stand on the freedom of expression and hate speeches and crimes.

Reportedly the Swedish government is concerned about national security following several incidents involving the burning of the Holy Quran that have provoked demonstrations and outrage from Muslim-majority countries.

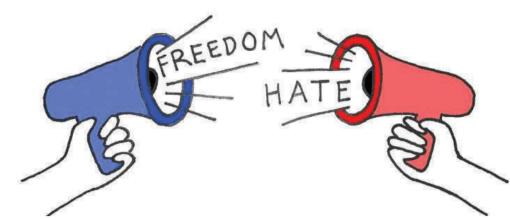
On 25th August, Denmark's government said it would "criminalise" desecration of religious objects and moved a bill banning the burning of scriptures.

Denmark and Sweden are among the most secular and liberal countries in the world, and have long allowed trenchant public criticism of religions. Politicians across Denmark 's political spectrum said an outright ban would compromise citizens' constitutionally inscribed right to freedom of expression as new laws could stop or at least restrict them.

While freedom of expression is a fundamental human right in liberal democracies, the right to express one's opinion can become complex when expressing one's views clashes with the religious and cultural beliefs of others and when this rhetoric veers into hate speech.

In many European countries, lawmakers and others are asking whether these religious book burnings should be seen as exercises of free expression or more as incitement based on religion. A few countries are already introducing new legislation to curb hate speech against religious communities, as per a report by Armin Langer, for The Conversation.

But here we also have to acknowledge



the fact that such tendencies grew in Scandinavian countries, which have a far better societal edifice. This suffered cracks when a large number of migrants from various, mostly Muslim Arab and Asian countries, to these developed nations began. As a result of their old customary and religious belief and with little help from government's side, these migrant communities were not able to assimilate themselves properly in the mainstream of these countries and were seen more of a problem, rather than an asset.

As per census figures the migrants in Sweden constitute about 1.8 to 4.4% of the population, in numbers these transform to 250,000 to 400,000 in a country of 9 million people. On the other hand, 5% of Denmark's population consists of migrants or descendants of migrants.

Historically, since medieval times, because of the dominant role of Christianity in political and cultural life, blasphemy against Christian beliefs in European countries was severely punished.

Even now various European countries retain blasphemy laws, though the laws

may not prevent present-day acts like dishonouring of religious texts.

Russia, introduced a federal law in 2013 criminalising public insults of religious beliefs. The German Penal Code of 1969 has forbidden the public slander of religious standard of religious control of the public slander of religious standard of religious standard

gions and worldviews.

Both, Austria and Switzerland have laws in this regard. In 2011, a person in Vienna was fined for calling the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) a paedophile. This case later went up to the European Court of Human Rights, which supported the Viennese court's decision. The court said that the person wasn't trying to have a useful discussion but instead just wanted to show that Prophet Muhammad shouldn't be respected.

Spain, also takes a strong stance against religious disrespect. Its penal code makes it a crime to publicly belittle religious beliefs, practices or ceremonies in a way that could hurt the feelings of followers of other religions.

Italy, punishes acts deemed to be disrespectful to religions. Its penal code has been used to punish actions that insult Christianity. For example, in 2017 authorities charged an artist for depicting Jesus with an erect penis.

Even in the U.S., there's an on going debate about the boundaries of free speech. The First Amendment of the Constitution allows free speech, which some can interpret as the right to burn holy books.

If we analyse closely, based on our interpretation of societal mores and democratic principles, these acts of hatred against one particular religious community seems to be a part of a broader agenda of targeting Muslims by far-right groups across Europe and elsewhere, too.

Lawmakers, social scientists, academicians, politicians all are intent on getting a plausible definition of defining whether these acts of book burnings should be seen as exercises of free expression or more as an incitement based on religion.

On the other hand in India, a country which has seen a steady increase in cases of hate crimes and hate speeches over the past few years, the real intervention has come

from the judiciary, not the political class.

In reality, if we really want to put an end to such fissiparous tendencies then we'll have to change our focus. The cases of burning copies of the Holy Quran or religious books of other religions or the increasing rise in Islamophobia across the world, could be resolved with the help of the political class but we need to adopt a more humane and social approach to resolve the anti-religious acts through finalising a more clearer definition of free speech, hate speech and hate crimes. Only this would help in dealing with them in a more proactive manner rather than a reactive manner, as is evident by the Danish decision to review laws relating to free speech in Denmark.

A few countries are introducing new legislation to curb hate speech against religious communities. For example, in 2006 England got rid of the blasphemy law and introduced The Racial and Religious Hatred Act, which makes it an offense to stir up religious hatred. After repealing its blasphemy law in 2020, Ireland has been discussing the introduction of a hate speech law, which will criminalise any communication or behaviour that is likely to incite violence or hatred.

Sweden passed a hate speech law in 1970 protecting racial, ethnic, religious and sexual minorities. Swedish authorities pointed to this legislation when they took action against a Quran-burning incident that occurred in front of a mosque in June 2023.

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The Real Significance Of Reward And Recognition

Asha Iyer Kumar

Success is an albatross. It is, at once, a harbinger of good times if handled with care, and a cue to descent, if shot down with conceit.

Recognition is a double-edged sword. It can cut the hands that wield it if handled without expertise.

It takes a long time to get to the victory stand, and when one gets there, there is an inevitability about the trickeries it is capable of playing on our psyche—a devious streak that can lead to affectedness. The pride and sense of accomplishment one feels is delirious, it gives our self-esteem an instant stimulus and in flashes, it can even make us feel invincible. To use a hackneyed adage, "nothing succeeds like success," and it provides a sound reason for us to pat ourselves and marvel at our growth trajectory in moments of self-fulfilment.

None of the above can be denied and shouldn't be, for we have earned it, yet in the moment of a recent accolade that came my way, I wondered what rewards and recognitions should mean to us in the larger scheme of things.

I acknowledged that the honour I have received would, in all probability, catapult my reputation and change the course of my life. I humbly accepted the bouquets that flocked around me and basked in it for a few fleeting hours. And then I sat down to deliberate on the most innocuous sounding question – "what next?" Once the cheers die down, once the crowds return home, once the euphoric emotions settle, what significance will this accomplishment have on me, and more importantly, what positive impact will it have on other people's lives?

In a trice, the award that created ripples among my social media connections and inner circles ceased to be a badge of honour fastened to my name as a ceremonial decoration. My victory no longer carried personal subtexts; it now assumed more solemn aspects.

Success has had a long tradition of being a private enterprise, catering favourable outcomes to the one who claims it by dint of their endeavours. It furthers the winners' prospects and puts them on a growth orbit. We watch them with eyes full of admiration, at times tinged with envy, and laud their exploits, with generous compliments



and praise. And the winners move on, riding the crest of their good times with little to do with the crowd in the long term, except in cases of national victories where patriotism and allegiance makes every follower collectively share the honour, and savour the vic-

tory vicariously.

In a moment of rare insight, I realised my victory should carry a lot more influence on others than it has on me. To announce my triumphs with bells and whistles and to take home the laurels as my exclusive possession is tantamount to selfishness. If I have won, my winning should extend its arms to embrace others. It should encompass the joys and experiences of people and make them feel benefited in one way or the other.

Every step I take towards the podium should leave footprints that others can follow and reach their dream destination. My success cannot remain my exclusive preserve; from it I must draw resources that others can use in the advancement of their life plans. There has to be an upshot from my gains that will make the world a better place in any possible way.

As I wove yarns of deep reflection in my consciousness, the concept of individual wins began to take a universal spin, with a domino effect taking place across multiple domains. I felt obliged to make every action and every accolade I added to my portfolio worth its weight in gold for the impact they will have on humanity. It made me want to reinforce my self-belief, pledge to strive harder and bring progressive changes even if in minuscules, and make my successes look grander than it would be if I kept it locked in my personal victory vault.

Rewards and recognitions are a big deal indeed, not only because they enhance our

personal image and make a statement of our professional worth, but because they provide an impetus to us to stretch our limits and perform better, again not just for our individual profit, but for the greater good too. Every win should be shared generously with an unfailing promise. "I will use this as a spring board to bring more value, joy and peace to people's lives with my work and wherewithal."

It is when I see my victories in this light that every congratulatory message and compliment that I receive becomes more relevant. It is when I detach myself from my success as a patented possession and scatter it all over the plains that a field of flowers will grow.

My successes, in truth, belong to the

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Study Reveals Why Men, Wealthy People **Are More Likely To Develop Skin Cancer**

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new study sponsored by McGill University investigates why persons living in Atlantic regions are more likely to develop melanoma than other Canadians, providing lessons on skin cancer prevention for the entire country.

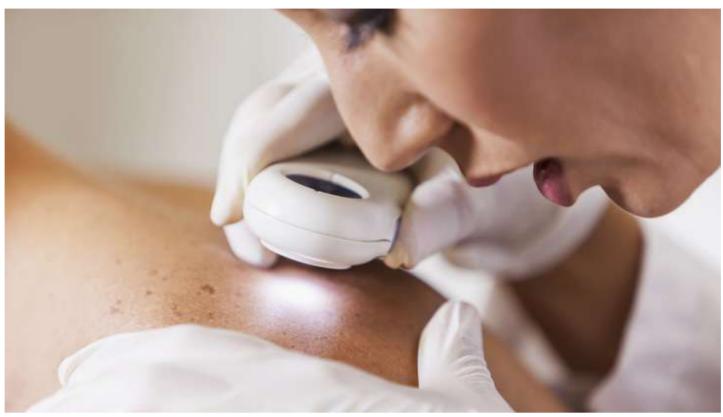
Rates of melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer, have been rising globally, including in Canada. Current estimates indicate that up to 1 in 3 Canadians will develop some form of skin cancer during their lifetime. While some Atlantic provinces such as Prince Edward Island (PEI) and Nova Scotia have the highest incidence rate of melanoma in the country, neighbouring provinces like New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador have rates below or comparable to the Canadian average

To find out why, the researchers compared UV exposure and behaviours among different groups in Atlantic Canada based on income, education, and gender, among other factors.

Higher-income individuals more at risk for

The study found that higher-income individuals had an increased risk of melanoma. Risk factors contributing to this include more lifetime sun burns, tanning bed use, and being tanned. Similarly, individuals with university education had higher rates of recreational sun exposure but were less likely to use tanning beds.

"A higher socio-economic status is known to be associated with more vacations in sunny climates and recreational tanning, which likely ultimately drives



melanoma incidence in this population," highlights Dr. Ivan Litvinov, an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine and Chair of the Dermatology Division at McGill University.

However, the study also showed that individuals earning less than \$50,000 a year were more likely to work outdoors and experience occupational sun exposure, placing them at a higher risk of developing skin cancer. These findings suggest that policies to protect outdoor workers could help reduce melanoma risk, say the researchers.

Men are more skeptical of sunscreen

Looking at differences between men and women, the researchers found that women had less sun exposure and practiced more sun protection compared to men. Men were more likely to report more lifetime

sunburns as well as occupational and recreational sun exposure. They also had higher rates of melanoma and other skin cancers.

Nevertheless, women tended to wear fewer long-sleeve shirts and frequented tanning beds more. These behaviours, the researchers say, may explain findings in a previous study that show women are more likely to develop melanoma in their extremities.

When it comes to skin cancer preven-

tion, their study found that men express more negative beliefs toward sunscreen use than women. Consistent with this, women were more concerned about new moles and were more likely to seek medical advice from a family physician. The researchers say these behavior patterns may account for the overall lower melanoma incidence and mortality in women.

Putting sun protection knowledge into practice.

The findings also show that people living in the most high-risk communities of PEI and Nova Scotia had more sunburns and sun exposure compared to people in regions like Newfoundland and Labrador. Surprisingly, those living in these high-risk communities had more knowledge of sun protection and melanoma awareness as well.

"To prevent skin cancer many Canadians really need to act on the knowledge they already have. Applying sunscreen is one of the effective ways to prevent skin cancer," says Dr. Litvinov.

Public health efforts aimed at reducing skin cancer should be tailored to target specific demographic groups, the researchers say. "You need to have a different sun protection message when you're talking to a single young man versus a mother of three children," says Dr. Litvinov.

"Governments also have a direct role to play in combatting rising rates of melanoma. It's projected that the financial burden of skin cancer to the Canadian healthcare system could rise to one billion annually by 2030," he adds. "Canada should follow in the footsteps of many countries that have removed sales tax on sunscreen to promote their use."

Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)

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Subject: Engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAYAs under support at Pre-Primary (ECCE) for the Year 2023-24 regarding.

Reference: Project Director SamagraShiksha, J&K's No:Edu/PD/SmS/ECCE/Helpers/ 1861-1905/2023-24 Dated 06/06/2023 duly endorsed by Chief Education Officer BaramullaVide No: CEO/Bla/SmS/120883-900Dated 06-07-2023.

Annexure Second List containing of 1430 schools of District Baramulla.

NOTICE ******

Applications on devised format (appended) are invited from the eligible female candidates only, for engagement/ hiring as HELPERS/ AAYAs under ECCE in the identified schools shown below in Annexure "A", which should reach to the office of the undersigned by or before 15th September 2023 on working hours supported by genuine and self-attested documents complete in all respects. Incomplete applications or applications dropped after prescribed date shall not be entertained and shall be rejected without issuing any notice. However, the Undersigned reserves the right of cancellation of the notice if needed.

Nature of deployment: The deployment of HELPER/AAYA shall be purely terminus and shall start from the date, they are engaged/hired and shall conclude with the end of Academic session. It may be extendable, subject to the performance and approval of funds, from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in the particular component. Affidavit from 1stClass shall be taken from the candidate at the time of Joining, for not claiming for permanent absorp-

All decisions of the funding agency (SamagraShiksha, J&K under the aegis of School Education Department) shall be implemented in this regard.

Eligibility Criteria of Helper/ AAYA:

Only female candidates may be deployed.

The helper deployed must be a domicile of the Village in case of Rural Area and

Ward in case of Urban Area, where approved school is located. Candidate must be belonging to BPL (Below Poverty Line) category. The certifi-

cate of BPL Category should be authenticated by TSO concerned. The Candidate must be physically/mentally fit to carry-out her Job.

Qualification/ Preference:

· Minimum Qualification of a Helper/AAYA: 8TH Class Passed, in case there is no eligible candidate available in Village/ Ward, the candidate with lesser qualification shall be con-

Preference shall be given to candidates from BPL Category in the below-mentioned Order of Priority:

iii)

Any Candidate among the poorest of the poor in the Village/Ward. iv) The age of a candidate must be between 18-45 years as on 1st of January of the

deployment Year. Honorarium: Rs.5000/= (Five thousand Only) Per Month, which may vary as per the approval in the subsequent year in PAB of SamagraShiksha.

Total Non-Availability of Eligible Candidate: In case of total non-availability of the candidate, as mentioned under C & D Sections, the candidate from the Panchayat concerned/ Municipal Committee (Concerned) may be con-

Finalization of Selection Process: G.

In case of tie-up of the selection of candidates for Helper, the preference shall be given to the elder candidate (i.e Candidate with more age shall be considered). The name of selected AAYA/ Helper shall be displayed on the Notice Board of

the School/PanchayatGhar/Municipal Ward/ZEO Office.

If anybody feels, aggrieved with the selection of Helper/ AAYA, an appeal shall be preferred to the concerned Chief Education Officer, with in period of 15 days from the selection. 2nd Appeal, if any, may be filed before the Director School Education (Concerned).

In case of any misconduct, misbehave and poor performance while discharging duty, by a Helper/ AAYA, as noticed/reported, the concerned Head Of Institution (HoI) as per the Table-A, shall have the right to terminate the services of Helper/AAYA in consultation with the PanchayatHalqa/ Municipal Ward with due adherence to the prescribed procedures, as the case may be. The replacement shall be made within 7 days.

Job Chart of a Helper/AAYA:

The Helpers/ AAYAs for pre-primary sections of Govt. Schools shall have to perform below mentioned suggestive tasks:

Escorting the children at their arrival, departure, between activities (for exam-

ple while moving to outdoor areas, Play Ground and Toilet etc). b) Maintaining the hygiene of the children-toileting, hand washing, cleanliness of Children

etc.

Helping the teacher in preparing class for activities, like setting up the material, making arrangements for day to day activities.

Assisting the children in taking food under the supervision of Teacher, under PM Any other assignment given by Hol for the proper care of children.

Note: The terms and conditions: Nature of deployment/ and or any other related information can be taken from the office of the undersigned during working hours, candidate should get the receipt of complete application, if deposited from the office duly authenti-

cated (official seal and signature of authorized person.)

DIPK-8304/23 dated: 05-09-2023

No: ZEO/Uri/2023/1120-1250

Fathers Name

Sd/-**Zonal Education Officer**

Application Form for Engagement/Hiring of HELPERS/AAYA for Academic Session 2023-24 in Education Zone Uri.

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BPL or Below Ration Card duly authenticated by TSO Concerned and the applicant is falling in the BPL or below and the applicant is registered in the said Ration Card. Municipality Ward Certificate in Case of applicant falls in Urban Area to be issued by Executive Officer Concerned.

Un-Married Certificate from Concerned Sarpanch in Case of Rural Area and from Chairman Municipal Committee in case of Urban Area for unmarried applicants.(if any)

Death Certificate of Husband and Nikka Certificate Nama in favour of Widow Applicant (If any).

Divorce Certificate from concerned issuing authority from the applicant (if any) 9. 10. Death Certificate of parent in case of Orphan applicant (if any)

Poorest to Poor Certificate of the applicant (if any) Physical Fitness certificate from BMO Concerned.

> OFFICE OF THE ZONAL EDUCATION OFFICER URI List of schools where AAYA/ Helper to be engaged.

Annexure: "A"to this office Notice No:ZEO/URI/2023/1120-1250 Dated 04-09-2023 Note: For Rural Area's on Village basis and for Urban Areas on Ward Basis forms shall be

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RBI Firmly Focused To Bring Down Inflation To 4%: Governor Das

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Tuesday said the central bank is firmly focused on bringing down inflation to 4 per cent and remains prepared to undertake policy responses to deal with supply shocks, which have become more frequent with profound implications.

The current episode of high global inflation and preceding overlapping shocks of the pandemic and Russia-Ukraine war have raised significant issues and challenges for the conduct of monetary policy, the governor said in a speech on 'Art of Monetary Policy Making: The Indian Context' at Delhi School of Economics (DSE) Diamond Jubilee Distinguished Lecture.

He said the monetary policy framework in India has evolved in line with the developments in theory and country practices, the changing nature of the economy and developments in financial markets. Within the broad objectives, the relative emphasis on inflation, growth and financial stability has, however, varied across monetary policy regimes since independence.

Das listed out steps the central bank took to deal with the situation created in the wake of the COVID pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war.

Following the outbreak of the war, the central bank raised the policy rates by 250 basis points since May 2022.

'After a near-zero policy rate for a prolonged period, central banks in these (advanced) economies started raising interest rates aggressively in



2022, which contributed to stress in certain banks in these economies. In contrast, our

has adopted a prudent approach and taken several initiatives to revamp the regulation and supervision of banks, NBF-Cs and other financial entities by developing an integrated and harmonised architecture.

mains resilient and healthy with improved capital ratios, asset quality and profitability,'

Das said the RBI's experience in recent years shows that supply shocks have become more frequent with profound implications for inflation management and anchoring of inflation expectations. A key risk of sustained high inflation is that it can de-anchor inflation expectations.

'It is, therefore, important to remain vigilant and take necessary steps in a calibrated and timely manner to keep expectations firmly anchored.

battle against inflation is not constrained by financial stability concerns. In fact, even during the COVID phase, we continuously took measures to strengthen financial stability," the governor said. The Reserve Bank, he said,

"Our banking system re-

Director CSIR-IIIM Inaugurates Leather Training Centre

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, a premier R&D organisation of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), under Union Ministry of Science & Technology, on Monday started the leather training course besides various others soft initiatives under Atal Incubator Centre (AIC-IIIM).

Dr.Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu who is ex-Bio-innovation Foundation, inaugurated the leather training centre at CSIR-IIIM Srinagar Branch. While speaking on the occasion, Director of CSIR-IIIM informed that the leather training programme is a part of Skill Development initiative in the Manufacture and Design of Leather Goods and Garments which would be pivotal to support the local economy and generation of livelihoods for many others. He also highlighted the importance of such events to promote the startup and entrepreneur ecosystem in the region. He further said that

the mandate of Atal Incubation Centre has been envisaged in the areas like leather training, medicinal mushroom cultivation, food technology, aroma and natural products sector, keeping in view the richness of natural resources and expertise available here, so as to provide the idea incubation support to the innovators at their doorstep. The event organised coincided with the National Teacher Day thus Dr. Zabeer extolled the contribution of teachers in building the future of our nation.

Earlier, AIC-IIIM also organized Hackathon 3.0 competition under the aegis of AIC-IIIM Bio-innovation Foundation. Under the activity, participants from different institutes of Kashmir valley participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The Hackathon 3.0 competition offered a platform to the startups to share their business ideas which have potential to be converted into promising products / technologies. The official logo and brochure of AIC-IIIM were also released during the ceremony.

CBDT Says Over 6 Crore ITR Filings Processed For Assessment Year 2023-24

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NEW DELHI: As many as 6.98 crore tax returns have been filed for income earned in 2022-23 fiscal and out of them, more than 6 crore filings have been processed, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said on Tuesday.

The CBDT -- the apex decision making body in matters of in c o m e a n d porate taxes -- said

the department is not able to process certain Income Tax Returns (ITRs) for want of certain information/action on the part of taxpayers. Of the total ITRs filed, about

14 lakh are yet to be verified by taxpayers while the department has sought further information from another 12 lakh taxpayers, for which requisite communication has been sent through their efiling accounts.

Besides, certain ITR filers are yet to validate their bank accounts.

"As on September 5, 6.98

Year 2023-24 have been filed, of which 6.84 crore have been verified. Of these, more than 6 crore ITRs, or 88 per cent of ment.

tax return filed can only be the total verified ITRs, have taken up for processing once been processed," the CBDT the verification has been said in a statecompleted by the taxpayer.

response from have been issued for more than 2.45 crore filers for

AY 2023-24. The average processing time of ITRs after verification has been reduced to 10 days for returns filed for AY 2023-24 compared to 82 days for AY 2019-20 and 16 days for AY 2022-23.

Refunds

"The Income Tax Department is committed to processing the ITRs in a speedy and efficient manner," the

"Taxpayers are urged to complete the verification process immediately, it said. CBDT

With regard to 14 lakh ITRs,

which are yet to be verified,

the CBDT said failure to verify

the returns causes delays. A

the 12 lakh taxpayers from whom additional information has been sought.

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"There are several cases in which the ITRs have been processed and refunds have also been determined but the department is unable to issue them as taxpayers have not yet validated their bank account in which the refund is to be credited.

"Taxpayers are requested to validate their bank accounts through the e-filing portal," the CBDT added.

RBI Plans To Introduce Wholesale CBDC In Call Money Market Soon

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NEW DELHI- Reserve Bank is planning to extend wholesale Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) as token for interbank borrowing or call money market, RBI sources said on Tuesday. The pilot in wholesale seg-

known as the Digital Rupee -Wholesale (e?-W), was launched on November 1, 2022, with use case being limited to the settlement of secondary market transactions in government securities.

"RBI is now planning to go into interbank borrowing market. The purpose of wholesale CBDC has been to try out different technologies...experimenting on technology is relatively easier for wholesale pilot because participants are related," RBI sources said.

The introduction of CBDC was nnounced in the Union Budget 2022-23, by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and necessary amendments to the relevant section of the RBI Act, 1934 was made with the passage of the Finance Bill 2022.

The RBI began the pilot project wholesale CBDC and picked up nine banks -- State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, YES Bank, IDFC First Bank, and HSBC.

Besides, RBI has already rolled out a pilot in the retail version of the CBDC (e?-R), on December 1, 2022. The e?-R is



in the form of a digital token that represents legal tender.

It is being issued in the same denominations as the paper currency and coins. It is being distributed through financial intermediaries, i.e., the banks. Users are able to transact with e?- R through a digital wallet offered by the participating banks.

With regard to RuPay, sources said no instructions have been given to promote this.

has to be popularised by making it attractive.

Asked when CBDC pilot ends, sources said, there is no deadline as of now and 10.83 crore transactions amounting to Rs 24.000 crore witnessed in August.

Meanwhile, RBI will showcase various digitial initiatives in the financial sector at the exhibition pavilion at the G20 Summit later this week.

These include Public Tech Platform (PTP) for Frictionless Credit, CBDC, UPI One World, RuPay On-The-Go, and Bharat Bill Payment System.

At Public Tech Platform, visitors can experience an interactive demonstration of the entire process i.e., from onboarding to sanction and disbursement of the KCC and dairy loans in an entirely digital manner in a few minutes, revolutionising rural credit. Sources said going forward

this platform can be used for distribution of small ticket loans like MSME, personal loans etc. Besides, the central bank

will showcase an informational video on the RBI's digital rupee and its journey and there would be live digital rupee transactions demonstrated by select banks which are participating in the pilot.

UPI One World would enable visitors to be on boarded to UPI without having a bank account in India.

allow customers to carry out contactless payment transactions through accessories they wear (watch, ring) or use (key chain) every day and highlight the adaptability of the domestic card scheme associated products at par with such global products.

BBPS (Bharat Bill Payment System) cross-border bill payment will highlight the adaptability of the BBPS platform to integrate with fintechs and conventional financial players to facilitate domestic as well as cross-border payment transactions.

'Use Staff Contribution Instead Of Service Charge': Delhi High **Court To Restaurant Body**



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NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday asked the members of a restaurant body to use the term "staff contribution" for the amount they were claiming from their customers as "service charge".

Justice Prathiba M Singh, who was hearing the petitions against guidelines prohibiting hotels and restaurants from automatically levying service charge on food bills, directed the Federation of Hotels and Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI) to clearly specify the imposition in their menu cards and not charge more than 10 per cent of the bill.

"They will make it clear that it is not a levy by the government," the judge observed.

The FHRAI informed the court that they have over 3,300 establishments as its members and while there was no uniformity with respect to the levy of service charge amongst its members, they did not have any objection to the use of an alternative term for the amount.

The senior counsel for FHRAI said some of its members were imposing service charge as a mandatory condition.

Petitioner National Restaurant Association of India, which

however, said service charge was the accepted terminology which cannot be replaced and there was no confusion with respect to its use.

The matter would require hearing. In the meantime, it is directed that the members of the FHRAI shall use the term 'staff contribution' for the amount of service charge that they are charging," the court said.

"The same shall not be more than 10 per cent excluding GST. Menu cards shall specify in bold that no further tip is to be paid to the establishment," ordered the court as it clarified that it was only an interim order which is subject to the final outcome in the petitions.

The court noted that the two petitioners were the apex bodies which represented the interests of the restaurants.

It directed that the matter be listed for hearing on October 3, observing that "this effects the entire country".

Earlier, the court had asked the petitioners to state if there was any objection in the term "service charge" being replaced with alternative terminology, such as "staff welfare fund", to prevent confusion in the minds of the consumer that the same is not a government levy.

UPI Revolution: RBI Allows Use Of Pre-Sanctioned Credit Lines For Payments

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NEW DELHI: The Reserve Bank on Monday said the UPI System will also include presanctioned credit lines issued by banks for transactions.

Earlier, only the deposited amount could be transacted through the UPI System. In April, the RBI proposed to

expand the scope of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) by enabling transfer to/from pre-sanctioned credit lines at

Currently, savings accounts, overdraft accounts, prepaid wallets and credit cards can be linked to UPL

The scope of UPI is now being expanded by the inclusion of credit lines as a funding account, it said in a circular on 'Operation of Pre-Sanctioned Credit Lines at Banks through UPI'.

"Under this facility, payments through a pre-sanctioned credit line issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank to individuals, with the prior consent of the individual cus-



tomer, are enabled for transthe RBI said.

This can reduce the cost and help in the development of unique products for Indian markets.

UPI, used for immediate money transfer through mobile devices round the clock, transactions crossed the 10-billionmark in August. The number of UPI transactions in July was 9.96 billion (996.4 crore) and 9.33 billion in June.

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Dir Agri Inaugurates Two-Day Awareness/ **Training Programme At Budgam**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Tuesday inaugurated two days awareness cum training programme on "promotion of bee keeping on scientific lines" under National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) at Sheikh-ul-Alam Hall Budgam.

The programme was attended by scientists, beekeepers, farmers, officers, officials of the department and other stakeholders.

Director Agriculture in his inaugural address underlined the importance of beekeeping and said that in rural areas bee keeping is an important source of income and livelihood for many landless farmers, small and marginal farming families.

He said that under the holistic Agriculture development programme a multi-crore project has been approved by the UT administration for the development of this sector over the period of five years.

Director Agriculture said the honey bees play a crucial role towards food security by pollinating thousands of flowering plants, therefore a special approach is adopted by the department for the development of this sector.

Iqbal said that the 'promotion of Bee-Keeping in UT of J&K' project is one of 29 projects approved by the J&K administration and recommended by the apex committee for holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors. He said the project aims at addressing various issues by increasing the number of colonies through cluster formation, encouraging beepreneurship and bee- startups beside value addition

and marketing. ADDC Budgam, Akramullah tak who was the guest of honour on the event released a Souvenir regarding the projects, programmes

and initiatives by the department for the development of beekeeping sector in the district.

Earlier, Chief Agriculture Officer Budgam, Syed Tafazal Hussain Madni gave an overview of the bee-keeping scenario in the district. He appraised the chief guest regarding various interventions by the department for the promotion of beekeeping in the district.

Organiser of the awareness programme, Adina Altaf through a powerpoint presentation briefed the participants about the aims and objectives of the two days awareness cum training programme.

Joint Director extension G.M Dhobi, Chief Agriculture Budgam, District Agriculture Officer Extension Budgam, Chief Horticulture Officer Budgam, District coordinator. KVK Budgam, District Officer KVIB Budgam, Manager Lead Bank, Divisional Forest officer Budgam were present on the occasion.

FM Asks Financial Entities To Ensure Customers Nominate Heirs

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MUMBAI: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday asked banks and financial institutions to ensure that their customers nominate heirs, which can help reduce the quantum of unclaimed money.

"I want banking system, the financial ecosystem (including) the mutual funds, stock markets... everybody to keep in mind that when someone deals with his (customer's) money, the organisations will have to think about the future and ensure that they (customers) nominate their heir, give the name and address," Sitharaman said at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) here.

As per a report, the banking system alone has over Rs 35,000 crore of unclaimed deposits, while the overall quantum of the unclaimed money is said to be more than Rs 1 lakh crore. The finance minister also said that it is essential

to build a responsible financial ecosystem, and added that one laggard can cause a disruption. Sitharaman also said that tax havens and round tripping of money are a threat to responsible financial ecosystem.

She asked fintech companies to invest in cybersecurity and said that trust is very important.

India's Services Sector Activity Moderates In Aug

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NEW DELHI: India's services sector activity eased in August but growth rates for new orders remain elevated, as services firms indicated the sharpest upturn in new export business which acted as a catalyst for firms to expand their workforces as well as output, a monthly survey said on Tuesday.

Despite falling from 62.3 in July to 60.1 in August, the seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index indicated one of the strongest increases in output seen since mid-2010.

For the 25th straight month, the headline figure was above the neutral 50 threshold. In Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

"Indian services companies achieved a remarkable milestone in August, as they welcomed a series record surge in new export business. Several regions contributed to the upturn, including Asia Pacific, Europe, North America and the Middle East," Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at S&P Global Market Intelligence, said.

Lima further noted that this spike in international demand supported one of the

best sales performances recorded over the past 13 years, and acted as a catalyst for firms to expand their workforces as well as output.

"Demand strength also fostered a heightened sense of optimism regarding the outlook, boding well for economic growth prospects," Lima said. On August 10, the Reserve Bank of India

(RBI) left its key interest rates unchanged for a third straight meeting but signalled tighter policy if food prices drive inflation higher. The next meeting of the RBI Monetary

Policy Committee (MPC) is scheduled for October 4-6. On the prices front, buoyant demand for services meanwhile aided a further

upward revision to selling prices. The rate of charge inflation quickened to the jointfastest in over six years, while input costs rose to a lesser extent. Favourable demand trends also led to the joint-fastest increase in prices charged for Indian services in over six

policymakers and potentially delay cuts to the benchmark repo rate," Lima added. On the jobs front, hiring activity across

years, which may prompt attention from

India's service economy continued to expand. The rate of job creation was moderate, but the strongest seen since last November.

Figurine Wood

authorities did not bother to revive it," he added. Ghulam Nabi Dar, another wood carving artist, claims he too abandoned the craft due to low wages.

"As artists did not get fair compensation for their art, it became hard for them to survive and earn a livelihood. Some artists like me, who carried on this legacy of figurine art as long as they could, quit," Dar said.

"This art takes a lot of time and the raw material, the wood. These are the reasons artists are giving up this art and I am one of those," Dar said.

Dar said generally wood for the carving of figurines comes from the base of the tree trunk.

"Some of the pieces used to take me more than a year to complete. As this art takes a lot of hard work, dedication and time, unless they get good pay, artists cannot survive and eventually give up.

"I believe that the art is going to become extinct because no one is learning it," Dar added.

Director Department of Handicrafts Kashmir Mehmood Shah said it has felicitated Yousuf Muran for his work and is also encouraging other artists to take up the craft. He admitted the wood carving craft has been in decline for years, but now the government is trying to revive it.

"We have one artist Mr Muran who we recently awarded and then there are other craftsmen who we are encouraging. We are trying to revive the art through centres and we are very hopeful that this art form will see a revival," Shah said

"In addition, we are trying to promote it through our platforms like Kashmir Government Arts Emporium. We have also put some of these in craft tours as we also want tourists to visit the workshops," he said.

Shah said the Department of Handicraft has been running a scheme called 'Karkhandar Scheme' to revive languishing forms of crafts.

"To help artists sell and market their crafts, the department is connecting them with e-commerce platforms," he added. (PTI)

Hot, Dry Weather

weather remains favorable for "harvesting of crops and outdoor activities."

As regards temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a minimum of 16.8°C, Qazigund 15.0°C, Pahalgam 10.7°C, Kupwara town 16.3°C, Kokernag 13.6°C, Gulmarg 11.2°C, Jammu 19.0°C, Banihal 14.7°C, Batote 14.2°C, Katra 16.6°C and Bhaderwah

Govt Jobs Given

Kotranka); and Farayaz Ahmed, brother of Mohammad Abrar of Kotranka, an official spokes-

Doubts were raised over the killings and the Army constituted a Court of Inquiry. The Court of Inquiry and Summary of Evidence found that the troops had "exceeded" powers vested under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA).

General court-martial proceedings, which were completed earlier this year, recommended life imprisonment for Singh.

The life sentence is subject to confirmation by higher army authorities, officials said.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police had also constituted a Special Investigation Team which filed a charge sheet against three persons, including Singh, for "staging a fake encounter".

LG Sinha had visited the families in 2020 and conveyed to them Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message that the government stood with the aggrieved families besides assuring them complete support. The identity of the three youths was subsequently confirmed through a DNA test. The bodies were handed over to their families in Baramulla in October 2020 and buried in their native village in Rajouri.

The LG also handed over an appointment letter to Neeta Devi, widow of Chager Kumar of Dhandal of Ramnagar (Udhampur) who was killed in an IED blast in Udhampur in 2022, the spokesman said.

Sinha interacted with the family members of the deceased civilians and assured all possible assistance by the administration in the future.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Mukesh Singh and Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar were also present at the event.

SC Reserves

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

Akbar Lone Files

reserved its verdict on a clutch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370, which accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, after a 16-day marathon hearing.

A massive controversy had erupted during the hearing on Monday when the court was told lone had raised 'Pakistan zindabad' (long live Pakistan) slogan in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly in 2018. The apex court had then directed the National Conference MP to file an affidavit swearing allegiance to the Constitution of India and accepting the country's sovereignty unconditionally.

On Tuesday, the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that Lone's affidavit should have read..."that I do not support terrorism and separatist activity".

"This (the affidavit) is like adding insult to injury to the nation," Mehta said.

The top court said it will examine the content of Lone's affidavit.

Mehta said Lone's affidavit does not express any remorse and it reads: "That I am a responsible and dutiful citizen of the Union of India. I have exercised my right to approach this court through Article 32 of the Constitution.

"That I reiterate the oath taken while being sworn in as Member of Parliament to preserve and uphold the provisions of the Constitution of India and to protect the territorial integrity of India."

Vehemently objecting to the affidavit, the law officer urged the bench to read what was not written

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Lone, submitted the one-page affidavit before the court at the fag end of Tuesday's hearing.

Lone is the lead petitioner challenging the abrogation of Article 370.

At the start of the day's proceedings, senior advocate Bimal Roy Jad, appearing for NGO 'Roots in Kashmir', a Kashmiri Pandit group which brought to the court's notice the alleged sloganeering by Lone in favour of Pakistan, said they have some additional documents with regard to the conduct of

the National Conference leader.

Mehta said he has gone through the additional documents filed by the NGO and insisted that Lone had expressed sympathy for terrorists when an attack took place in J-K.

He read out several purported statements made by Lone and claimed the NC leader had referred to India as some foreign country. He, therefore, requested the court to ask Lone to apologise and withdraw his statements made at public rallies.

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for one of the petitioners challenging the abrogation of the provision, said, "They are saying we are pushing a separatist agenda. Is filing a petition against abrogation of Article 370 a separatist agenda? I have strong objections to the Government of India taking this stand. Does this mean, we all are pushing a separatist agenda by being here?"

CII Chandrachud intervened and tried to calm him down, saying, "This is unfortunate. Nobody can say that because a petition under Article 32 has been filed against abrogation of Article 370 it is pushing a separatist agenda. Up to this point nobody has said that the filing of the petition constitutes separatist agenda."

The CJI said the access to courts for ventilating the grievances of citizens within the framework of the Constitution is a constitutional right in itself and anyone exercising that right cannot be turned away on the ground that he is following this agenda or that agenda.

"On merits, it is on the court to separate the grain from the chaff but we have not heard the government saying this. Both the Attorney General and the Solicitor General appeared for the Union of India and they have not argued that these petitions be dismissed on the grounds that they pursue separatist agenda. We will now put a lid on this episode," the CJI added.

The bench said the challenge to abrogation of Article 370 has been argued on merits and constitutional terms and this court has said that the issue will be resolved purely on those terms.

The top court heard rejoinder arguments from a battery of senior lawyers including Kapil Sibal, Gopal Subramanium, Rajeev Dhavan, Zaffar Shah and Dushyant Dave before reserving its verdict.

In the course of the hearing over the past 16 days, the top court heard top law officers on behalf of the Centre including Attorney General R Venkataramani and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, while senior advocates Harish Salve, Rakesh Dwivedi, V Giri appeared on behalf of intervenors defending the abrogation of Article 370.

'President of Bharat

be heading to the South East Asian nation on September 7 to attend the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and the 18th East Asia Summit.

Also reports about the identity cards of Indian officials at the G20 Summit to read 'Bharat' official as opposed to Indian officials surprised all in the opposition who resented the move.

The opposition leaders alleged that the shift to using the name "Bharat" instead of India in English language communication was a way of preventing the alliance from being identified with the country's name.

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar said there will be deliberation on the issue in a meeting convened on Wednesday by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge with chiefs of the parties which are part of the INDIA (Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance), an Opposition bloc of 28 parties aiming to take on the BJP-led Centre in next year's general elections.

"No one has the right to change the country's name, after the Congress claimed that a G20 dinner invite refers to the President as "President of Bharat".

"I don't understand why the ruling party is perturbed over a name related to the country," the NCP chief said.

was vociferous in attacking the The Congress BJP government accusing it of being "scared" of the INDIA bloc and diverting from issues such as price rise and "rising joblessness".

"So the news is indeed true. Rashtrapati Bhawan has sent out an invite for a G20 dinner on Sept 9thin the name of 'President of Bharat' instead of the usual 'President of India'," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X Tuesday. "Now, Article 1 in the Constitution can read: Bharat, that was India, shall be a Union of States. But now even this 'Union of States' is under assault.'

"Mr Modi can continue to distort history and divide India, that is Bharat, that is a Union of States. But we will not be deterred. After all, what is the objective of INDIA parties? It is BHARAT - Bring Harmony, Amity, Reconciliation And Trust. Judega BHARAT, Jeetega INDIA!" Ramesh said.

To this, Union Minister Anurag Thakur said, "Who are these people who are opposing the name Bharat? Now they are having a problem even with the name. They see the party above the country. They defame the country even from foreign soil. Some people may have a problem with the name of UPA. 2G and other scams are associated with them. Changing your name will not change your work. People are seeing this 'Ghamandia Gathbandhan' which is full of arrogance..."

Congress Working Committee (CWC) member and Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor said, "While there is no constitutional objection to calling India 'Bharat', which is one of the country's two official names, I hope the government will not be so foolish as to completely dispense with 'India', which has incalculable brand value built up over centuries. We should continue to use both words rather than relinquish our claim to a name redolent of history, a name that is recognised around the world."

At a Teacher's Day function in Kolkata, Banerjee said, "I have heard that in the invitation card for the G20 summit dinner, it is mentioned Bharat in English. We say India and the Indian Constitution and in Hindi we say 'Bharat ka Samvidhan'. We all say 'Bharat'. What is new in this? But the name India is known to the world. What happened when they suddenly had to change the name of the country? Any day, we will see them (BJP) change the name of Rabindranath Tagore also. History is being rewritten in the country."

AAP Supreme leader and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said, "I have not read or received any official information but heard from here and there that BJP wants to rename India as Bharat. The country is of 140 crore people, it does not belong to any one party. Just because some parties came together and formed an alliance and named it INDIA, you want to rename the country? Let's say, if the INDIA alliance holds a meeting and decides to rename it to Bharat, will they change the name again? Will they then name Bharat as BJP... The country

belongs to 140 crore people, this is not a joke."
On September 1, for the first time RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said, "Our country has been known as 'Bharat' for ages. Whatever may be the language, the name remains the same. We don't have to think about whether anyone outside will understand this or not. If they want to, they will, but that is not our problem.'

Referring to this speech, DMK MP Kanimozhi asked whether the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) is setting the agenda for the entire nation.

"Reading this [G20 summit dinner invitation] brings up a lot of questions. Is RSS setting the agenda for the entire nation?" Kanimozhi said.

Rashtriya Janata Dal MP Manoj Jha reacted sharply saying: "We didn't realise BJP was so weak. It has only been a few weeks that our alliance INDIA came into existence and they have already stopped sending invitations in the name of 'India'. With such antics they will lose both India and Bharat."

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that he is happy and proud that the country's civilisation is marching ahead boldly towards Amrit Kaal.

Taking to the social media platform, X, Assam Chief Minister said, "Republic of Bharat- happy and proud that our civilisation is marching ahead boldly towards Amrit Kaal."

'Citizens Are

Niranjan Bhatwal from Maharashtra.

is Bharat, shall be a Union of States.'

It had said, "There is no change in circumstances to consider any change in Article 1 of the Constitution of India.' Article 1(1) of the Constitution says, "India, that

Opposing the PIL then, the Ministry of Home

Affairs (MHA) had said issues regarding the country's name were deliberated upon extensively by the Constituent Assembly during the drafting of the Constitution and clauses in Article 1 were adopted unanimously.

It had said there was no change in circumstances since the Constituent Assembly debated the issue to warrant a review.

The Supreme Court had also taken strong exception to the petitioner and asked him whether he thinks it has nothing else to do, and reminded him that public interest litigations are meant for the poor.

"The PIL is for poor people. You think we have nothing else to do," the bench had said on March

In 2014, a PIL was filed in the Supreme Court seeking to rename India as Bharat, but the apex court had refused to entertain and said that a representation be made before the authority concerned.

A bench comprising then Chief Justice H. L. Dattu and Justice A. K. Sikri asked petitioner Niranjan Bhatwal to first approach the authorities concerned with an appropriate representation.

'Change in name of 'Republic of India' will require several amendments in Constitution'

'India, that is Bharat' written in Article 1 of the Constitution is only descriptive and the two cannot be used interchangeably, constitutional expert P D T Achary said on Tuesday and underlined that any change in name from the Republic of India will require several amendments.

Asked about what it would take to bring about changes in the current position on the name of the country, former Lok Sabha secretary general Achary said, "They will have to amend the Constitution. Article 1 (will have to be changed) and then there will be resultant changes in all the other articles." "Wherever India is used will have to go. You can have only one name for the country. There cannot be two names interchangeable, that will create a lot of confusion not only in India but outside also," he

In the UN, India's name is Republic of India, and tomorrow if it has to be written as Republic of Bharat then the Constitution has to be amended and communication has to be sent to all the relevant countries, saving that "our name has been changed", he said.

"That change has to be brought about by an amendment in the Constitution, otherwise India's name is India only. India that is Bharat written in Article 1 is only descriptive, it is not that these two are interchangeable. It will be suicidal to use them interchangeably. There is only one name for one country," Achary said.

Social Media Abuzz

Manoj Kumar starrer Purab Aur Paschim also trended on X with the hashtag "Bharat" (in Hindi and English).

"Toughest thing to do ISRO to BISRO," a user on X said, while others put out lists of what the abbreviations of names of institutes having India or Indian in them would look like – "IIM-BIM, IIT-BIT, IISc-BISc, AIIMS-ABIMS, RBI-RBB".

"New abbreviation of BCCI would be Bharat Controlling Cricket Internationally," posted another user in a lighter vein.

Velina Tchakarova, a geopolitical strategist, posted on X, "The new abbreviation of BRICS, if India renames itself Bharat and the invited countries (Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and UAE) join it next year, will be BARBIECUES."

On whether the country's name should be changed, those for Bharat posted on X – "Bharat.. the original one", memes showing people celebrating or just the word "Bharat".

"Bharat is already in Constitution there's no need for this" and "There is no need for any referendum. Bharat is already mentioned in the constitution... 'India, that is Bharat', were among the posts that against a name change.

Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan has reacted to reports of India's name change. He wrote, '

added the Indian flag emoticon in his post. Former cricketer Virender Sehwag posted on X, "I

have always believed a name should be one which instills pride in us. We are Bhartiyas, India is a name given by the British & it has been long overdue to get our original name 'Bharat' back officially. I urge the @BCCI @JayShah to ensure that this World Cup our players have Bharat on our chest"

Some airlines also found themselves caught in many humorous takes with users on X saying "Does this mean Air India will be renamed to Air Bharat and Indigo to BharatGo? and "since India is renamed as Bharat Indigo will now be called --BHAAGO (written on a meme)". Mentioning actor Dadasaheb Phalke recipient

actor Manoj Kumar, popularly called Bharat Kumar,

columnist and author Suhel Seth posted on X,

"Apart from everything, I am feeling so so happy for Manoj Kumar. AKA Bharat." "Aaj Manoj Kumar (Bharat Kumar) bahut khush honge (today Manoj Kumar will be very happy),"

another user said.

CEO Unveils Draft

Any objections/ suggestions should reach the chief electoral officer, J&K, Nirvachan Bhawan, Rail head complex, Jammu or Darul Intikhab M.A. Road, Srinagar within seven days from issuance of this notice, i.e. 09.09.2023 after which no objections/ suggestions will be entertained," reads the notification.

According to the proposal, 25 wards will be reserved for women in Srinagar Municipal Corporation while 37 seats would be reserved for women, SCs and STs in Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Of which 25 will be reserved for women, 10 for SCs and two for STs in Jammu Municipal Corporation, the notification states. While SMC has 74 wards, JMC has 75 wards.

The term of the incumbent Municipal Corporations and other Municipalities is ending in the month of October- November. The last ULB polls in Jammu & Kashmir were held in the month of October 2018 when the erstwhile state was under Governor's Rule. The polls were boycotted by National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party, citing "legal assaults" on Article 35A-(KNO)

Govt To Upgrade

hearty greetings to the teaching community and recalled the immense contribution and dedicated service of teachers who are igniting young minds.

"Teacher is the biggest revolutionary and courageous person of this world. He breaks the barriers, old methods and gives a new shape, a new direction to the children, a new resolve and sparks new thinking in the minds of the children," he said.

He highlighted the different roles a teacher plays simultaneously throughout his life.

"A teacher is an explorer who discovers hidden diamonds, gems and pearls in the form of students. As a gemologist, a teacher examines and shapes the diamonds carrying diverse talents. He is a jeweler and gives perfect shape and shine to precious gems," Sinha said.

'The role of a teacher is to also bring creativity inside the classroom. A teacher should be courageous enough to break the stereotypes and let young minds develop their own creative, innovative ideas and critical thinking. Only the teacher has the ability to know the value of hidden talents," he added.

At the function, the LG impressed upon the teaching community to promote individuality and uniqueness of students and make teaching-learning process more interactive.

"Goal of education is not to create a competitive mind but to create a creative and curious mind. We need a fine balance between competition and creativity. Test should not be based on competition but it should be based on originality, experiment, creative and scientific activity," he said.

"I believe today we need teachers to instill creativity, curiosity, teamwork, leadership qualities and civilizational values of harmony, brotherhood and compassion in our children. We need to evolve new methods to create effective approaches to lifelong learning," he added.

On this day, Sinha said, let us strengthen our resolve and ensure that every child, especially the girls, have access to quality education.

Renowned educationist, Padma Shri Prof. JS Rajput; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, School & Higher Education, senior officers, Heads of Departments, large number of teachers and students were

LG Felicitates 11

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Director of School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Mir said the Teachers' Day was being celebrated to encourage the teaching fraternity to serve better.

"We are celebrating this day to boost the morale of the teachers and recognise the services they render to the nation," Mir said.

He said in the last two years, nearly two lakh students have been enrolled in government schools under the Talaash' scheme. "It is our effort to make sure that no child remains out of school".

Abrar Ahmad from SP Higher Secondary School said, "Today we are celebrating Teachers' Day but we also pay our tributes to S Radhakrishnan. The message that should go out is that respect is the foundation of the bond between a teacher and a student. In the absence of respect for the teacher, the students cannot absorb the information that is being given to them."

Every religion imbibes respect for teachers. "Their status comes just after the parents. Whatever I am saying here is a gift from my teachers," he

Hadiya, Abrar's co-host for the event, said, "I cannot (bear to) see what is happening to our teachers today. Bullying. Disrespect. So we have to create awareness among students how we have to respect our teachers."

J&K Bank

the participants for the new application, MD & CEO J&K Bank, Baldev Prakash said, "Today I am happy to see that the first-phase of Mpay Delight + is in our pockets and well ahead of the timeline. With the new app we have overcome the most severe pain-point in our banking services while covering an important milestone in our digital journey to ensure ease-of-banking for our valuable customers."

"The second phase will be completed by December this year with all the necessary digital banking features like online journeys for loans, deposits and investment product line. Thereafter, the customer won't have to go to branch any more as all the core functions of the branch will be managed on Mpay Delight + with much ease and efficiency", he added.

In his remarks on the occasion, MD & CEO further said, "Best quality products and timely delivery of services are the two critical components of a good strategy that enables organizations to thrive in any kind of competition. And when it comes to banking, the new-age customer is not ready to compromise on either of the two."

He urged the entire staff to promote the app aggressively so that the Bank's valuable customers can enjoy the ease, convenience and safety of managing their bank accounts anytime, anywhere without any hassles.

"With so many digital initiatives of the Bank currently in 'work-in-progress' stage, I assure all our stakeholders that J&K Bank will be one of the digitally best banks in the country by the end of current financial year", he asserted while appreciating the entire team of Mpay Delight + for their hard work in devising a highly competitive and feature-rich mobile banking application.

"All of us should continue to do the good-work as a team because the new-age banking calls for more of an advanced and integrated mode of functioning possible only through team-work", he added.

Earlier, in his welcome address Bank's General Manager (Strategy & IT) Imtiyaz Ahmad gave an overview of the new application along with its features. He said, "Our previous application has 2 million users which makes it evident that of all the digital banking channels, J&K Bank's mPay is the mostly used platform by the common people. Today, as of now, the Mpay Delight + has already been downloaded by 1 Lakh Ten thousand users."

"And with enhanced features and ease-of-function, I am sure we will cross the 2 million mark sooner than we expect after this formal launch", he

The function ended with a vote of thanks presented by the DGM (IT & BPR) Mohammad Muzaffar Wani, wherein he expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries for sparing their valuable time besides thanking organisers of the event. "It might look a very small tool or app that every other bank has. But for us, Mpay Delight + will be a vehicle for achieving our digital transformation goals and it is going to help us in scripting a new business growth story

of the Bank", he said. Notably, Mpay Delight + is a state-of-the-art mobile banking application with an intuitive and user-friendly interface, making it easy for customers to navigate and access various banking functions. Some of the prominent features include easy account/s management, debit card management, utility bill payments, mobile deposits, alerts and notifications, loyalty management, Chatbot etc. The app has robust security measures in place such as encryption, biometric authentication (like fingerprint or facial recognition), and two-factor authentication (2FA) to protect user data and transactions.

Hizb Terrorist's

Bhadat Saroor, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal said.

Saroori joined militancy in the early 1990s and is believed to be hiding in the higher reaches of Kishtwar district. Saroori's brother Abdul Karim Butt was detained under the stringent Public Safety Act for being a terrorist associate on August 3.

Terming the unearthing of the hideout as a "significant breakthrough" in anti-terrorist operations, he said Saroori was suspected to have been using the hideout and planning subversive activities.

During the search operation, the police recovered two blankets, some edibles and personal use items from the hideout, indicating the presence of the terrorist, the officer said, adding the recovery of these items underscores the importance of this operation in disrupting unlawful activities in the region.

The SSP said the entire area has been cordoned and searches are being conducted.

"Our mission is to ensure the safety and security of our citizens, and today's operation is a resounding success in our ongoing efforts to eradicate terrorism from the region," Poswal said.

The officer urged the citizens to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities or come forward with information that could aid in maintaining peace and thwarting the designs of anti-social elements.

5 Held For Running

Kralpora Police Station initiated legal proceedings by registering an FIR," the officials said.

During the investigations, key witnesses were examined and counterfeit appointment letters were seized as evidence. "Khan was subsequently apprehended in con-

nection with the scam. The accused disclosed his affiliation with a group of scammers employing a distinctive modus operandi to defraud unemployed youths eagerly seeking positions within MES," the official said. "Khan revealed the identities of his four accom-

plices, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Shakeel Ahmad Makroo, Feroz Ahmad Khashu and Shafkat Ahmad Shah, who were also arrested," they said. Makroo, who emerged as the mastermind of the scam, operated under the alias "Raju," presenting

himself as an MES officer stationed at Rangreth,

Srinagar, they said. He enlisted the assistance of Mir, Khashu, and Khan as field agents, entrusted with the task of extracting money from unsuspecting job seekers, the

They said Shah, the "technical expert" of the racket, was responsible for fabricating and printing counterfeit appointment letters and other documentation, they said.

"As of now, the gang has duped eight unemployed youths hailing from North Kashmir, amassing an illicit sum of Rs 25 lakhs," the officials said, adding that more arrests were expected as the investigations in the case were ongoing.

IAF Air Show

for children, youth, and all local citizens. He urged the stakeholders to ensure that the event is a success and is widely publicised to encourage maximum public participation.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (L&O), Harvinder Singh; AOC Airforce Jammu, SSP Jammu, Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta besides, other officers of concerned department.

Two Get 20-Yrs

following the discovery of 15 kg of brown sugar from their possession in Karnah, they said.

"Investigation conclusively established that the duo intended to transport the narcotics consignment from Karnah to Punjab. It was proven that both the smugglers had procured the narcotics consignment from across the Line of Control through Bashir Ahmad, who is presently settled in Pakistanoccupied Jammu and Kashmir and is known to be a cousin of Khursheed Ahmed," the official said



India Names 15-Member Squad For ODI World Cup

Press Trust of India

PALLEKELE: Wicketkeeperbatter KL Rahul, whose fitness is under the scanner, was on Tuesday named in India's 15-member World Cup squad as the selectors drafted in seven batters and four all-rounders for the tournament.

Rahul has been out of action for months due to a of the ongoing Asia Cup but

His comeback was delayed due to a niggle he suffered ahead of Asia Cup.

There were a couple of fitness issues we had but all three players have come back. KL is looking good. We feel this squad gives us the best balance for this World Cup," chief selector Ajit

Agarkar said. 'KL looked really good there but picked up a niggle just before the Asia

is an important player for us and we are happy to have him.'

vice captain of the squad. Pacer Prasidh Krishna and left-handed rookie Tilak

Hardik Pandya was named

Varma, who are part of the Asia Cup squad, could not make the cut.

The marquee ICC tournament will begin on October 5 with a clash between England and New Zealand in

India play their first match against Australia on October 8 in Chennai.

Squad: Rohit Sharma (captain), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Ishan Kishan, KL Rahul, Hardik Pandya (vice captain), Suryakumar Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj and Kuldeep Yadav.

Asia Cup: India v Pakistan On Sept. 10; Super 4, Finals In Colombo

Press Trust of India

COLOMBO: The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) on Tuesday decided to keep the Asia Cup Super 4 and final matches in Colombo itself as the weather in the Sri Lankan capital has shown signs of improvement.

It has been speculated over the last few days that the Super 4 and final games of the Asia Cup could be shifted to Hambantota after heavy rains lashed Colombo.

The PTI has been informed that the ACC held parleys with Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), hosts Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and the official broadcaster before arriving at the decision to keep the matches in Colombo itself.

The broadcaster too has explained the difficulties to relocate their equipment and staff to Hambantota, a deep Southern district, at such a short notice.

In fact, it was SLC who suggested Hambantota as an alternate venue for the five Asia Cup Super 4 matches and the final as the city has been experiencing a drought over the last few weeks.

The Sri Lanka-leg of Super 4 will be started with a game between India and Pakistan on September 10 at the R Premadasa Stadium

This will be the second time India will take on Pakistan in the Asia Cup.

The league match between the two sides was rained off after India made 266 all out, courtesy fifties from Ishan Kishan and Hardik Pandya.

The ACC also briefly dab-

bled with the idea of shifting the matches to Pallekele and Dambulla only to abandon it

While Pallekele too has been experiencing heavy rains, the Rangiri International Stadium in Dambulla is under maintenance to install new floodlights and a few other facilities.

Both of India's group matches were affected by rain.

Nowhatta Youth Creates 'World Record' In Epic Solo Marathon For Drug-Free Youth



SRINAGAR: Khan Uzair Fayaz of Makhdoom Sahib, Nowhatta created a World Record for Epic Solo Marathon for a Drug-Free Youth from Srinagar to Baramulla.

He was presented a certificate by Influencer Book of World Records (IBWR) and congratulated him for a monumental achievement which is a true inspiration to all.

"Your courageous solo marathon from Srinagar to Baramulla, spanning 60 kilometers in 6 hours and 10 minutes, is not only a world record but a beacon of positive change," IBWR said.

Further, they appreciated his commitment for raising awareness against drug use and promoting healthier lifestyles.

Khan was supported by Coach Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, sponsored by ABRAQ AGRO, and assisted by supporting team KMBA.

Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri congratulated Uzair for the feat said that this will inspire Youth and motivate them to quit drugs and tread the path of prosperity and positiv-

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Hosts J&K Win Bronze In Senior Handball National C'ship



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 52nd Senior National Men's Handball Championship concluded on Tuesday at Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Stadium here.

The championship was organised by J&K Sports Council in collaboration with J&K Handball Association under the aegis of Handball Association of India and witnessed thirty-two teams from states, union territories and sports boards compete in the event.

Around seven hundred participants including fifty coaches and seventy referees were part of the championship.

The Haryana team put up an exemplary show all through the championship and bagged the gold medal while Railways settled for the silver medal. The hosts I&K and Guiarat bagged the

bronze medal. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, presided over the closing ceremony as the chief guest. He was flanked by Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez; Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull; Dr. Zaffar Iqbal, Chief Accounts Officer; Muzaffar Hussain Wani, Divisional Sports Officer; besides other officials from various departments and Sports Council.

22nd J&K Squash C'ship **Concludes At Srinagar**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 22nd J&K UT Squash Championship 2023 concluded at Squash Complex in Gindun Sports Complex, Rajbagh here on Tuesday. Secretary JKSC Nuzhat Gul presided over the function as Chief Guest.

The championship was organized by J&K Squash Rackets Association in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council and saw 438 players from different registered clubs and districts compete. Athletes from Srinagar, Kupwara, Bandipora, Budgam, Udhampur,

Competitions were held in Under-11 Boys, Under-13 Boys & Girls, Under-15 Boys & Girls, Under-17 Boys & Girls, Under-19 Boys & Girls, Youth U-21 Boys, Senior Men, Men's Over 35 & Women categories.

Secretary JKSC congratulated the association for organising the event in professional manner, and also said that regular tournament will continuously be organised by the association with support of J&K Sports Council. I wish that J&K Squash Rackets Association continuously work hard to uplift Squash in Jammu & Kashmir.

Gul also assured that every possible facility will be provided by Sports Council



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for the promotion & development of Squash Sport in Jammu & Kashmir.

Sehwag Wants 'Bharat' On WC Jersey Instead Of India

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Former India cricketer Virender Sehwag on Tuesday urged the BCCI to have "Bharat", instead of India, inscribed on the jerseys of the national team players in the upcoming ODI World Cup. Sehwag tagged BCCI secretary Jay Shah and suggested that the players wear a jersey with Bharat written on it.

"I have always believed a name should be one which instills pride in us. We are Bhartiyas, India is a name given by the British and it has been long overdue to get our original name 'Bharat' back officially. "I urge the BCCI (secretary) Jay Shah to ensure that in this World Cup our players have Bharat on our chest," Sehwag posted on X.

In another post, he wrote, "Team India nahin #TeamBharat. This World Cup as we cheer for Kohli, Rohit, Bumrah, Jaddu, may we have Bharat in our hearts and the players wear jersey which has "Bharat" @ JayShah."

Sehwag's comments came on the heels of controversy over the Rashtrapati Bhavan sending out invites for a G20 dinner on September 9 in the name of 'President of Bharat' instead of the usual 'President of In-



dia'. Several political figures waded into the issue after it became public. Sehwag, a swashbuckling opener of his time, also cited examples of other nations who had changed their names.

"In the 1996 World Cup, Netherlands came to play in the World Cup in Bharat as Holland. In 2003, when we met them, they were The Netherlands and continue to be so. Burma

have changed the name given by the British back to Myanmar. "And many others have gone back

to their original name," he added in another tweet.

It has been reported that the central government is considering changing India's name to 'Bharat' in the special session of Parliament which is scheduled from September 18 to 22.



Sri Lanka Beats Afghanistan By 2 Runs In Asia Cup Thriller



Press Trust of India

LAHORE: Sri Lanka defeated Afghanistan by two runs to end their hopes of qualifying for the Asia Cup Super 4 stage here on Tuesday.

Afghanistan, who needed to chase a target of 292 in 37.1 overs, fought hard but were bowled out for 289 in 37.4 overs despite fifties from Mohammad Nabi (65) and Hashmatullah Shahidi (59). Kasun Rajitha took four wickets for Sri Lanka. Earlier in the first innings, Sri Lanka posted a total of 291 for eight after Kusal Mendis top scored with 92. The other

Sri Lanka batters in Pathum Nissanka (41), Dimuth Karunaratne (32), Charith Asalanka (36) and Dunith Wellalage (33 not out) made vital contributions. For Afghanistan, Gulbadin Naib returned figures of 4/60 while Rashid Khan picked up two wickets.

Brief scores: Sri Lanka 291/8 in 50 overs (Pathum Nissanka 41, Dimuth Karunaratne 32, Kusal Mendis 92, Charith Asalanka 36; Gulbadin Naib 4/60) beat Afghanistan 289 in 37.4 overs (Hashmatullah Shahidi 59, Mohammad Nabi 65; Kasun Rajitha 4/79) by 2 runs. DDV A

<u>Outpost</u>

G20 Summit: Which World Leader Will Attend. Who Has Opted Out

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The G20 Summit will kick off on September 8 in New Delhi, Leaders from the group of 20 major economies of the world will discuss and find solutions to several key global issues including digital transformation, climate financing, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and food security among others.

Here's a list of world leaders who will be attending the event in New Delhi.

US President Joe Biden

US President Joe Biden will travel to India on September 7 to attend the G20 Summit. He will also hold bilateral meetings with Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of the two-day Summit, the White House has announced.

On Saturday and Sunday, President Biden will participate in the G20 Summit where he and other G20 partners will discuss a range of issues, the economic and social impacts of the Russia-Ukraine war and increasing the capacity of multilateral develop-

ment banks. As per latest reports, US First Lady Jill Biden tested positive for COVID-19. After this, President Biden was also tested for COVID-19 and the result came negative.

Chinese Premier Li Qiang

Li Qiang, the Chinese Premier of The State Council, will lead the country's delegation at the G20 Summit. It was also confirmed that China's President Xi Jinping won't attend this year's meeting in Delhi. This will be the first time that a Chinese president has missed a G20 leaders' summit since the first edition was held in 2008.

During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, and 2021, Xi Jinping attended the summit virtually.

Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak

British Prime Minister will attend the G20 Summit, making his first official visit to India after taking charge.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has confirmed his in-person attendance at the G20 summit in Delhi on September 9 and 10. The Australian PM's visit to India will be part of a three-nation tour in which he will also be visiting Indonesia and the Philippines. Ahead of the G20 Summit, Albanese emphasised Australia's commitment to India Pacific to enhance "growth and prosperity, stability and respect for sovereignty and lasting peace."

AI-Generated Avatar To Welcome World Leaders At G20 Exhibition: Report



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New Delhi: The Heads of State and other top leaders will be greeted by an artificial intelligence-generated 'avatar' at the 'Mother of Democracy' exhibition which will be hosted at the Bharat Mandapam to mark the G20 Summit, official sources have said. The exhibition will showcase India's democratic traditions from the "Vedic period to the modern era", they said.

The textual content, along with its audio is presented in

"16 global languages", including English, French Mandarin, Italian, Korean and Japanese, they added.

The history of the democratic ethos of India will be "summed up and retold through 26 interactive screens" arranged in multiple kiosks, sources said.

"Upon their arrival in the exhibition area, heads of state, delegates and other guests, will be greeted by an AI-generated 'avatar' which will provide them a concise overview of the exhibition," the source said.

A replica sculpture of the Harappan girl, placed on a rotating elevated podium will be standing in the centre of the hall in the exhibition area.

The actual height of the object is 10.5 cm but the replica was created 5 feet height and 120 kg weight in bronze, the source said. The election traditions of India will be showcased right to the modern era when after Independence, the first general elections were held in 1951-52 down to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the sources said.

BHARAT MATA KI JAI

Amitabh Bachchan Amid Debate Over 'President Of Bharat' On G20 Invite

"Bharat mata ki jai," megastar Amitabh Bachchan said on Tuesday as debate spiralled over a G20 dinner invitation that described Droupadi Murmu as "President of Bharat".

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan shared on X a G20 dinner invitation from President Murmu which described her position as "President of Bharat", leading to allegations from the Opposition that the government was trying to change the name of the country from India to Bharat. Bachchan took X, formerly

known as Twitter, and simply wrote, "Bharat mata ki jai." He also shared a tricolour emoji with the post.

There has been no official word from the government on the issue yet.

The G20 Summit is being held in Delhi on September 9 and 10 under India's presidency and several heads of state from across the world, including US President Joe Biden, are attending the event.

China to deploy most powerful Wide Field Survey Telescope this month

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China will soon put into operation a wide-field survey telescope, set to be the most powerful sky survey telescope in the Northern Hemisphere, that will help scientists monitor dynamic astronomical events and carry out the time domain astronomical observation research, the official media reported on Tuesday.

The telescope was jointly developed by the University of Science and Technology of China and the Purple Mountain

Observatory under the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

The telescope will likely start operation in mid-September, helping scientists monitor the dynamic astronomical events and carrying out the time domain astronomical observation research, according to the observatory, Xinhua news agency reported.

Measuring 2.5 meters in diameter, the Wide Field Survey Telescope (WFST) is now the largest time-domain survey facility in the Northern Hemisphere, it said.

