

Properties of Pak Based Terrorists Being Seized: DGP

Agencies

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Police said on Tuesday that they are in the process of seizing properties of Kashmiri militants living in Pakistan.

"We have a list of terrorists who are natives of J&K and were operating in various parts of the UT but have fled to Pakistan to seek refuge there. Their properties are being confiscated and the process will continue," J&K Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh said on Wednesday after reviewing the security situation in Rajouri and Poonch districts.

"We have already prepared their data and have started a drive to attach their properties and declare them proclaimed offenders. There are people who are supporting them from this side. The cross-border relation to strengthen terrorism will be broken, squeezed and finished," the DGP said.

Referring to the declaration of 16 terrorists as proclaimed offenders with properties of some of them attached in Doda district last month, he said



similar action will be initiated against those involved in terrorism in Rajouri and Poonch as identification of such persons is in progress.

Supporters of terrorists here will be dealt with "strictly" to thwart any fresh conspiracy from Pakistan to disturb peace in the region, he said.

He also asserted that the security grid has been strengthened and area domination ensured with massive searches.

The cross-border relation between "traitors who have taken shelter in Pakistan" and their supporters in Jammu and Kashmir

'Warning Sounds' To Alert People In J&K About Emergency Events

DoT Soon To Launch New SMS Service To Enable Rapid Responses To Earthquakes, Flash Floods, Terrorist Attacks, Epidemics, And Law And Order Issues

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Jammu: People in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh will soon have 'new safety messaging' with 'warning sounds' and 'auto-readout alerts' to warn them about emergency situations, an official said.

The feature is the consequence of a Cell Broadcast Alert System (CBAS), successfully conducted by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) recently.

"The tests have been conducted. These trials have resulted in a unique alert system that differentiates itself from the regular SMS tones... It has a separate tone, not a



normal SMS tone. The audio is high," Additional Director General (ADG) Telecom, Jammu & Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Surendra told PTI.

The high-pitched audio alerts are designed to capture

people's attention swiftly, enabling rapid responses to incidents such as earthquakes, flash floods, terrorist attacks, epidemics, and law and order issues, Surendra said.

The ADG emphasised that

these features aim to send warnings immediately in order to prevent loss of life and property. "The technical capabilities have been enhanced, so that the message of disaster management is immediately delivered to all the mobile users in one go, so that the warning time is minimised," he said.

The License Service Area (LSA) in Jammu and Kashmir serves as the testing ground for this large-scale cell broadcasting initiative, to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of emergency alert broadcasting across various mobile operators and cell broadcast systems.

"The LSA is conducting these tests. >> More On P10

Rajnath, CDS To Visit Jammu

Army To Procure Various Weapons Using Special Financial Powers

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Jammu: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and Army Chief General Manoj Pande will be among the dignitaries to attend the three-day North Tech Symposium being organised by the Army here from September 11.

The symposium is expected to draw more than 250 companies, including 50 start-ups, who will showcase their military equipment at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) campus on the outskirts of Jammu.

"The North Tech Symposium will commence on September 11 and conclude on September 13," Northern Command chief Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta said at a press conference here.

The defence minister, the Union minister of state for technology >> More On P10

Army Says 2 Terrorists Killed Along LoC

Army Wednesday said two terrorists were killed in a fierce gunfight with army soldiers on Wednesday as the troops foiled an infiltration attempt along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir. While the body of one terrorist has been recovered along with war-like stores, a search operation for the body of the second is underway, Jammu-based

Court Issues Proclamation Notice Against Terrorist

National Investigation Agency (NIA) court on Wednesday issued a proclamation notice against an active terrorist hailing from Chadoora area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district. On the request of police, the Court of Additional Sessions Judge Budgam designated NIA Court under section 22 of NIA Act, issued proclamation against Aaqib Ahmad

THREE GROUPS WITH NUMBERS RANGING BETWEEN NINE AND 12 HAVE BEEN SIGHTED in the past...three more terrorists were recently neutralised in encounters at Khawas in Rajouri and Chassana in Reasi. We are active on both sides of the Pir Panjal Range and the rest of them will also be neutralised."

Admin Making Relentless Efforts To Bridge Health Gap: LG

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Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration is making relentless efforts to bridge the health gap and is committed to completely transform the delivery of health care services, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday.

Sinha was addressing a function after virtually inaugurating from the Raj Bhavan a Rotary India medical camp, jointly organised with the health department, in Anantnag, Shopian, Pulwama and Kulgam districts of south Kashmir.

The camp will focus on ophthalmology, general and laparoscopic surgeries, ENT and cancer surgeries, gynaecology, orthopaedics, paediatric and plastic surgery.

Sinha expressed gratitude and admiration for the doctors and the nursing community



for their selfless service.

Rotary India is a symbol of selflessness and, in co-ordination with 450 health department staff, they aim to contribute in the overall wellbeing of the common man, he said.

"The Jammu and Kashmir administration is making relentless efforts to bridge the health gap of our citizens. It is our solemn commitment

to completely transform the delivery of health care services in the Union Territory and strengthen the health care system," Sinha said.

He further said, "We have strengthened primary and community health centres in far-flung areas besides building new public health infrastructure. We have also ensured public health standards to provide quality health services to the citizens."

Later, Sinha told reporters that the health department has been organising such camps for the last few years.

"Our hospitals usually have a huge rush of patients for surgeries. I am thankful to (Rotary International Project In-Charge) Rajiv Pradhaan and his team," he said.

Last year, Rotary International conducted a camp in north Kashmir and it was decided to organise one in the >> More On P10

Akhand Bharat Will Be Reality Soon: RSS Chief

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Nagpur: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday said that discrimination exists in our society, and reservations should continue as long as inequality persists.

Speaking at an event in Nagpur, he also said the 'Akhand Bharat' or undivided India will become a reality before today's youngsters become old, as those who separated from India in 1947 are now feeling that they made a mistake.

Incidentally, Mr Bhagwat's statement on reservations came at a time when the Maratha community's agitation for a quota has once again intensified.

"We kept our own fellow human beings behind in the social system. We did not care for them, and it continued for 2000 years. Until we provide them equality, some special remedies have to be there, and reservations is one of them. Hence, reservations have to continue till there is such discrimination. We at the RSS give all support to the reservations provided in the



Constitution," he said.

Discrimination exists in society even though we may not see it, he noted.

Reservations are about "giving respect" and not just about ensuring financial or political equality, the RSS chief further said.

If the sections of society which faced discrimination suffered for 2000 years, "why cannot we (those who did not face discrimination) accept some trouble for 200 more years," he added.

Replying to a question by a student, Mohan Bhagwat said he can not tell exactly when the Akhand Bharat will come into existence. >> More On P10

9 Chargesheeted For Encroaching Govt Land

Press Trust of India

Jammu: Crime branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday filed a chargesheet against nine persons, including five former officials of the irrigation department, for alleged encroaching of a piece of state land here, and constructing a building and setting up a petrol pump on it.

The Economic Offences Wing of Crime Branch Jammu filed the chargesheet in a court under various sections of the Ranbir Penal Code and Prevention of Corruption Act, a spokesperson of the agency said.

The nine accused were named in an FIR registered in 2016, the spokesperson said.

The five former officials of irrigation department's Akhnour

HC Grants Bail To New Mother Month After Trial Courts Denial

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Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has granted bail to a woman who delivered a baby last month but was sent back to prison in Baramulla after a trial court rejected her plea for extension of bail.

Allowing an appeal filed by the woman, who was earlier granted interim bail on medical grounds by the trial court, on account of her advanced stage of pregnancy of seven months, a bench of Justices Atul Sreedharan and Mohan Lal granted two months bail for the wellbeing of the infant.

The woman had delivered a girl baby on August 2 and moved an application for extension of her bail, which was

declined by the trial Court and she was sent back to District Jail, Baramulla.

"The infant is just about a month old and with the onset of winter, she would be exposed to harsh conditions of low temperature in the prison," the court said, adding, "Therefore, in consideration of the infant, we allow the instant appeal and grant interim bail to the appellant...for a period of two months from the date of her release."

The court however imposed certain conditions and among others ordered that she shall submit two sureties of Rs.1 lac each before the trial court, where one of the sureties shall be a serving Government employee and that she shall appear before the >> More On P10

Children Of SASB Employees To Get Education Allowance

Our Schools, Gurukuls; Universities Should Provide Conducive Environment For All Students: LG

Observer News Service

Katra: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday that the educational institutes should provide a conducive environment for all students to develop their overall personality, encourage originality, new ideas, instill self-confidence among the students and inspire young minds for nation's social and economic empowerment.

Addressing an event to mark the foundation day of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) and annual day of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul, Sinha said the sacrifice, service



and spirituality are the foundation of all-round development of the society.

He announced Children Education Allowance to all

the employees of Shrine Board that will benefit all the staff having children in Schools. He said the government is committed to protect >> More On P10

Cops 'Assault' Revenue Officials In Ramban

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Two revenue officials, including a naib tehsildar, were allegedly assaulted by some police personnel in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, triggering a protest by their colleagues and clerical staff.

Although the senior officials are tight-lipped over the alleged incident, which occurred at the hill resort of Sanasar late on Tuesday, official sources said a team led by the Ramban deputy commissioner visited the scene to gather first-hand information.

The naib tehsildar and his subordinate patwari were allegedly roughed up and locked inside their office at Sanasar by a police party that was agitated over the removal of some tents on a piece of land taken over by the force, the sources said. They said the police had sought >> More On P10

SHORT TAKES

Truck Catches Fire On Banihal Highway

A cement-laden truck caught fire along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in the Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, officials said. Both the driver and his helper escaped unhurt in the incident, which took place near Maroo around 1.30 pm, briefly disrupting the traffic, the officials said. They said fire and emergency services immediately rushed to the scene and doused the fire. The truck was on its >> More On P10

Advocates Association Calls On LG

A delegation of Kashmir Advocates Association called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan here on Wednesday. The members of the delegation led by its President Adv Waseem Gul apprised the LG about the need of setting up a Digital Library for lawyers of J&K UT and one time age relaxation for upcoming Civil Judge (Junior Division) Examination, an official spokesperson said. The LG, he said, assured the delegation that >> More On P10

21 Kanal Forest Land Retrieved In Ramban

The officials of Forest Department and Forest Protection Force on Wednesday retrieved 21 kanal forest land from encroachers in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir. The 21 kanal land was freed from encroachers in village Chewli Senabhati of Forest Block Bhangara Range Ramban, an official spokesperson said. He said that a team of Forest Department and Forest Protection Force led by Range Officer Ramban, Altaf Hussain Wani with >> More On P10

LG Grooms People On Janmashtami

The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday greeted the people on the eve of Janmashtami. In his message, the Lt Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami, I convey greetings and good wishes to all. Lord Krishna symbolizes devotion, discipline, godliness, rootedness, sthita-pragya, acceptance and Niyat Karma- prescribed duties. On this sacred festival celebrating the birth of >> More On P10

Tourist Dies of Suspected Heart Attack

A tourist from Gujarat died of a suspected heart attack at a hotel here in this capital city on Wednesday, reports said. 35-year-old Ashok Ranawat experienced uneasiness at a hotel around Residency Road here following which he was rushed to a hospital, a local news agency Kashmir Scroll reported. However, the doctors there declared him dead. Meanwhile, the body of Ranawat, who hails from Gujarat, was >> More On P10

4 Pak Soldiers Killed In Taliban Attack

At least four Pakistani soldiers were killed and seven others injured on Wednesday when the Taliban militants attacked two border check-posts in the restive northwestern Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province's Chitral district, the army said. The Inter Services Public Relations - the media wing of the army - said that a "large group of terrorists equipped with latest weapons" attacked two military posts located close to the Afghanistan border in Chitral district's general area of Kalash. >> More On P10



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S. No.	NAME OF WORK	Tender Value in Rs. Lacs	Cost of Tender in Rs.	Period of Work
1	M/s Iqbal Motor Transport Services Proprietor Mr. Ghulam Qadir Akhooon s/o Mr. Abdul Ahad Akhooon R/o Housing Colony, Sanat Nagar, Srinagar - 190005 (Jammu & Kashmir) Office Address: Nawai Subhoo Complex, Old Zero Bridge, Srinagar - 190001 (Jammu & Kashmir)			Borrower Mortgagor
2	Mr. Firdous Ahmad Bhat s/o Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Bhat R/o Baghe - Rehmat, Iqbal Nagar Sopore - 193201			Mortgagor/ Guarantor
3	Mr. Fayaz Ahmed Punjoo s/o Mr. Gh. Mustafa Punjoo R/o Umarhair, Buchpora, Srinagar 190020			Mortgagor/ Guarantor
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to repay an amount of Rs. 25,22,63,995.58 (Rupees Twenty Five Crore - Twenty Two Lakh - Sixty Three Thousand - Nine Hundred - Ninety Five & Fifty Eight Paisa only) being the balance outstanding as on 01.01.2023 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken Symbolic possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 2nd day of September of the year 2023.

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Description of the Property/ies

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- All that part and parcel of Land measuring 11 Kanals & 18 Marlas, Survey No 199 min of Khata No 103 min and Khewat No 34 situated at Estate Sonmarg Tehsil Kangan and District Ganderbal standing in the name of Ghulam Qadir Akhooon, Iqbal Qadir Akhooon & Imran Qadir Akhooon.
- All that part and parcel of Land measuring 04 kanals, falling under Survey No 199 min of Khata No 103 and Khewat No 34 situated at Estate Sonmarg Tehsil Kangan, District Ganderbal standing in the name of Ms. Rifat Qadir Akhooon.
- All that part and parcel of Land measuring 04 kanals, falling under Survey No 252 min of Khata Nos 42, 43 and Khewat No 15 situated at Estate Sonmarg Tehsil Kangan, District Ganderbal standing in the name of Ms. Afshan Qadir Akhooon.
- All that part and parcel of Mortgage of 3 Kanal and 6 1/2 Marlas bearing S.No 201 and 202 situated at Mouza Sonmarg, Kangan Tehsil Dist. Ganderbal standing in the name of Mrs Tahira w/o Mr. Ali Mohd Wani R/o Hardapanzin, Kangan.
- All that part and parcel of Mortgage along with land measuring 8 Kanals of land falling under Khasra No 201 Khata No 53, Khewat No 18 situated at Mouza Sonmarg, Kangan Tehsil Dist. Ganderbal standing in the name of Mr Mudasar Sidiq Wani S/o Mohd Sidiq Wani R/o Hardapanzin, Kangan.
- All that part and parcel of Mortgage along with land measuring 4 kanals of land falling under Khasra No 201 situated at Mouza Sonmarg, Kangan Tehsil Dist. Ganderbal standing in the name of Mr. Ali Mohd Wani S/o Ghulam Mohd Wani R/o Kangan.
- All that part and parcel of Land measuring 04 kanals falling under Survey No 490 min of Khata No 239 and Khewat No 47 situated at Estate Faraw Haaknar, Tehsil Kangan, District Ganderbal standing in the name of Imran Qadir Akhooon.
- All that part and parcel of Land measuring 17 kanals and 06 marlas falling under Survey No 444 min (01 kanal& 10 marlas) of Khata No 378 & Khewat No 76, Survey No 445 min (04 kanals) of Khata No 358 & Khewat No 76, Survey No 455 min (01 kanal& 16 marlas) of Khata No 943 & Khewat No 76, Survey No 625 min (06 kanals& 07 marlas) of Khata No 943 min & Khewat No 76, Survey No 626 min (01 kanal& 03 marlas) of Khata No 943 min & Khewat No 76, Survey No 636 min (02 kanals& 10 marlas) of Khata No 943 min and Khewat No 76, situated at Tehsil Kangan, District Ganderbal standing in the name of Ghulam Qadir Akhooon S/O Abdul Ahad Akhooon R/O Housing Colony Sanat Nagar Srinagar.
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Job Insecurity Linked To Higher Risk Of Early Death: Study

ANI

People without a stable job contract can reduce their risk of premature death by 20 per cent if they find permanent work, according to a study published in The Journal of Epidemiology and Community Reports by Karolinska Institutet. According to the researchers, the findings show that job security in Sweden has to improve. Precarious employment is a term that is used to describe jobs with short contracts (e.g. temping), low wages and a lack of influence and rights, all of which lead to a working life without predictability and security.

In the present study, the researchers have examined how this affects the risk of death. "This is the first study to show that changing from precarious employment to



secure employment can reduce the risk of death," says the paper's last author Theo Bodin, assistant professor at the Institute of Environmental Medicine, Karolinska Institutet. "It's the same as saying that the risk of early death is higher if one keeps working in jobs without a secure employment contract."

The researchers used registry data from over 250,000 workers in

Sweden between the ages of 20 and 55 gathered over a period from 2005 to 2017. The study included people who worked under insecure working conditions and who then shifted to secure working conditions. Those who switched from precarious to secure employment had a 20 per cent lower risk of death, regardless of what happened afterwards, compared to those who remained

in precarious employment. If they remained in secure employment for 12 years, the risk of death decreased by 30 per cent.

"Using this large population database allowed us to take account of many factors that could influence mortality, such as age, other diseases that workers can suffer from or life changes like divorce," explains Nuria Matilla-Santander, assistant professor at the same institute and the study's first author.

"Because of the methods we used, we can be relatively certain that the difference in mortality is due to the precariousness of employment rather than individual factors." She continues: "The results are important since they show that the elevated mortality rate observed in workers can be avoided. If we reduce precariousness in the labour market, we can avoid premature deaths in Sweden."

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- All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidders electronically in the PDF format as required online, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.
- To participate in e-bidding process, Bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.
- Hard Copy of the Cost of Tender Document must be delivered to the Office of the Executive Engineer, JPDC, Electric Division, Rajouri in sealed cover at least one day before the scheduled date of opening of the commercial and technical e-Bids.

NOTE: BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO READ SECTION III OF SBD I.E. MANDATORY PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS BEFORE UPLOADING OF DOCUMENTS. NON-ADHERENCE TO THIS SECTION SHALL RESULT IN OUT RIGHT REJECTION OF BIDDERS.

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IN THE CASE OF: Mst Rifat Hassan W/O Mohammad Hassan Rawa R/O Sir Syed Colony Sopore A/P Hamdan Avenue Shah Anwar Colony Hyderabad Srinagar

V/S
 Public at Large
 Caveators
 Non-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 suppress relevant material and in such an eventuality, the Caveators will be put at an irreparable loss. Hence, it would be proper that Caveators maybe given opportunity of being heard by this Hon'ble Court before passing any order.

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 Muzaffar. A. Kirmani, Advocate

From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present : Mr. Jawad Ahmad

Hafeeza Bano (61 Years) W/O Late Ghulam Mohammad Wani R/o Kashipora Tailbal Hazratbal Sgr

- V/S
- Bilal Ahmad Wani (38 Years)
 - Hilal Ahmad Wani (35 Years)
- Sons of late Ghulam Mohammad Wani Both Residents of Kashipora Tailbal Hazratbal Sgr
- Masrat (40 Years) W/o Javed Ahmad Dar D/o Late Ghulam Mohammad Wani R/o Saderbal Hazratbal
 - Rehana (33 years) D/o Late Ghulam Mohammad Wani R/o Kashipora Tailbal Hazratbal Sgr

In the matter of
 Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

Notice to public at Large
 Where the petitioner(s) FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITION BEFORE THIS COURT OF ISSUANCE OF SUCCESSION certificate in favour of Petitioner(s) in respect of Rs 4,93,128 as debits and securities in name of Deceased Namely: Late Ghulam Mohammad Wani S/o Haji Sona Ullah Wani R/o Kashipora Tailbal Hazratbal Srinagar who died on 29-06-23. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 21-09-2023
 Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the drom of this proclamation that at any anyone has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/she / they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 21-09-2023. Failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the same
 In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday the matter shall be taken on the next working day.
 Given under my hand and seal of this court on

Jawad Ahmad
 Principal District Judge, Srinagar

A Spectacle Of Budding Brilliance: Art Exhibition Upcoming At City Mall

Saqlain Beig

Srinagar: An enchanting celebration of artistic diversity is set to unfold at the City Mall, Lal Chowk, on the 9th and 10th of September. The Second Lives Art Guild, renowned for their commitment to pushing the boundaries of creativity, presents an extraordinary art exhibition that promises to be an unmissable sensory experience. With a kaleidoscope of styles and a symphony of colors, this showcase is a testament to the boundless wellspring of creativity that resides within each artist.

The exhibition includes works of a brilliant set of budding artists with diverse art-styles.

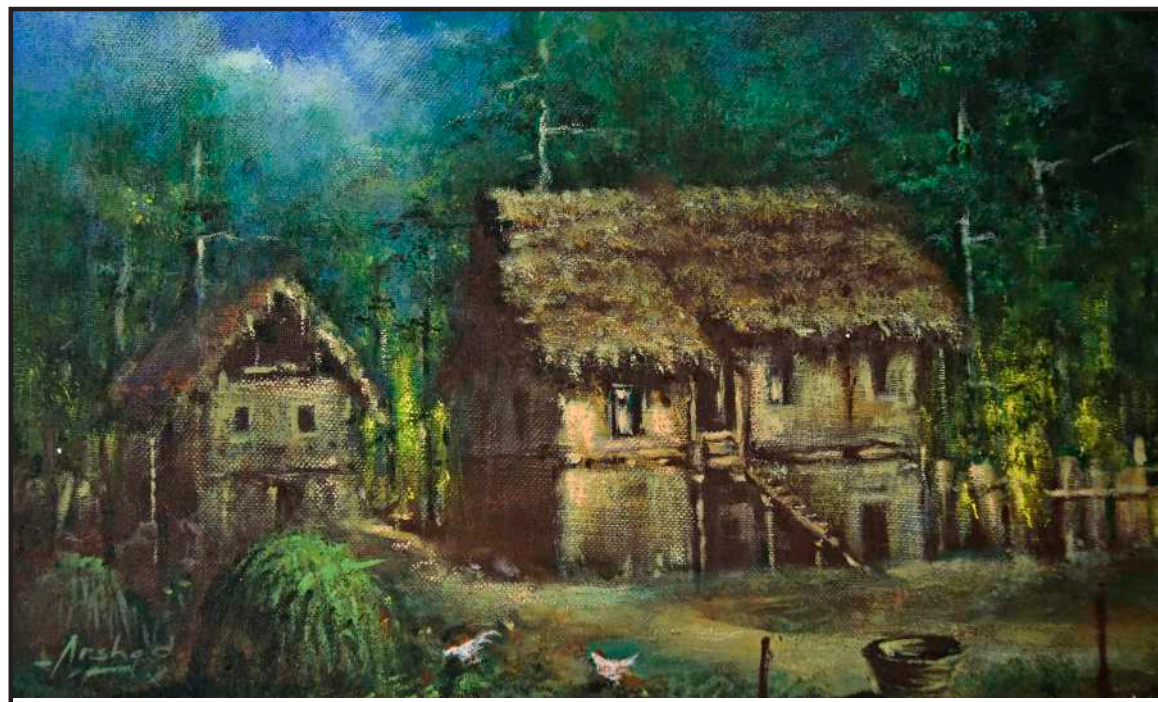
Er. Shazia Basharat: "An engineer by profession and a learner of art forever". Prior to 2020, Shazia Basharat had never ventured into the world of painting. However, with the onset of the lockdown, an abundance of free time presented itself, prompting her to embark on this creative journey alongside her children. Unbeknownst to her, this newfound interest would evolve into a lifelong passion. Shazia's artistic expression knows no bounds, guided solely by the depths of her emotions. Each day, she wholeheartedly embraces the role of a beginner, perpetually committed to the ongoing process of learning and growth.

Dr. Jahangeer Aslam Makhdoom: An oncology specialist turns to art for solace and re-

juvenation during his leisure moments. Painting provides him with a therapeutic escape from the demanding and often stressful hospital environment where he cares for cancer patients. Driven by an unwavering love for nature, he passionately captures untouched landscapes, faithfully replicating the hues of different seasons. His art showcases the unspoiled beauty of nature, devoid of human presence, inviting viewers to lose themselves in its tranquil harmony. Using oil on cotton canvases, Dr. Makhdoom's artistry serves as a soothing and captivating reflection of the natural world.

Rahila Yaseen: A computer programmer turned artist, has discovered her true passion in the world of art. Rahila's artistic journey began in childhood and has remained a steadfast passion. Her art is displayed at "Hungry's" coffee shop in Lal Chowk, where she creates captivating wall art.

For Rahila, art is a healing remedy that brings inner peace. It transports her to a world where tranquility defies words, a place where she finds happiness and contentment with her brushes, pencils, and colours. She remains a dedicated learner, striving to make the most of each day, recognizing that perfection resides only with Allah. Her paintings speak a language of their own, expressing profound thoughts and emotions from the depths of her heart.



Oil painting by famous artist Arshid Sualeh depicting rural life of Kashmir during an exhibition held in Srinagar recently. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Unnecessary Referrals From SDH's Overburdens Tertiary-Care Hospitals In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Unnecessary referrals of patients from districts continue to put a burden on men and machinery at the tertiary-care hospitals.

Doctors posted at the major tertiary-care hospitals in Srinagar said the unnecessary referrals of patients from sub-district and district hospitals are a matter of concern.

"We receive dozens of patients on a daily basis who can be managed at sub-district and district hospitals easily but are being referred here," said a doctor at SMHS Hospital here.

He said there is a difference in facilities available at district hospitals and tertiary-care hospitals but most of the time around 30 to 50 percent of patients are being referred unnecessarily.

Doctors at LD Hospital said,

"Though the hospital is the valley's largest tertiary-care Gynecology and Obstetrics facility, that doesn't mean you have to refer every case here to put pressure on limited resources."

They said that despite government orders to avoid unnecessary referrals, they continue to receive 20 to 40 referral cases per day and among them, only 50 percent are genuine while the rest are uncertain and can be easily managed at primary health centres, sub-district and district hospitals.

"Besides unnecessary referrals, pregnant ladies come here for check-ups from far-off places. They could easily visit peripheral hospitals for check-ups in their districts," they said, adding, this puts pressure on infrastructure as well as manpower and often delays treatment to the patients in need.

So far, the government has

issued many circulars to avoid unnecessary referrals but the ground situation remains the same, doctors rued. They said the government has already improved the infrastructure status of peripheral hospitals and the need is for further improvement so that the doctors won't give any excuse and unnecessary referrals can be avoided.

The government had ordered an audit of all referrals from district-level hospitals to tertiary-care hospitals in order to optimize the manpower available in peripheries and patient services across the healthcare system.


"There must be monitoring committees in place in all hospitals which must have the power to take the call whether to refer the patient or not, otherwise this issue won't get resolved," the doctors said.

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This Day In History

- 1191- Third Crusade: Battle of Arsuf - Richard I of England defeats Saladin at Arsuf.
- 1599- Earl of Essex & Irish rebel Tyrone signs treaty
- 1701- Germany, England & Netherlands sign anti-French covenant
- 1714- Treaty of Baden: Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI & France, ends War of Spanish Succession, French retain Alsace, Austria gets bank of Rhine
- 1812- Battle at Borodino: Napoleon-Kutuzov
- 1909- Eugene Lefebvre becomes first pilot to die in an airplane craft, while test piloting new French-built Wright biplane at Juvisy
- 1922- In Aydin, Turkey, independence of Aydin, from Greek occupation.
- 1936- Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) begins operation
- 1942- Transport nr 29 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 1947- Battles between Hindus & Muslims in New Delhi, India
- 1948- 1st use of synthetic rubber in asphaltic concrete, Akron
- 1950- Monasteries shut down in Hungary
- 1965- China announces that it will reinforce its troops in the Indian border.
- 1970- Fighting between Arabic guerillas and government forces in Amman, Jordan.
- 1977- Ethiopia drops diplomatic relations with Somalia
- 1995- STS 69 (Endeavour 9), launches into orbit
- 1997- The first test flight of the F-22 Raptor takes place.

From KO Archives

Valley Wide Alert As Experts Trace Adulterated Oil

Observer News Service

Srinagar- Officials of Food and Supplies Department and Srinagar Municipality in joint raids today seized tins of adulterated edible oil, capable of causing dreaded dropsy. Alert has been sounded and people warned not to use contaminated brands.

The joint teams today and yesterday fanned out in different directions of capital Srinagar and raided various godowns and retail outlets of edible oil, leading to the seizure of 7800 tins of P. Mark and over 100 cannisters of Hira Brand mustard oil.

Sampling, followed by analysis on war footing of the seized edible oil tins was done by assistant public analyst from State's Drug and Food Control organisation. The assistant public analyst, Mushtaq Ahmed Khateeb confirmed adulteration in Hira brand, packed under seal number 200-201/PFAK, Dated 4-9-1998.

P. Mark Bahadurgarh Haryana Brand was also found adulterated, as per the officials, who warned the general public this evening not to use the two contaminated brands. The analysis of other brands seized by the teams is underway and reports are expected by Sunday.

Out of 225 samples analysed in the laboratory till now, reports of only 140 were received by this evening. While 139 samples tested negative, one tested positive. That was the sample taken from Hira brand, manufactured and marketed by M/S Grower Oil Mills, Private Limited, Bari Brahmana, Jammu.

The raids were conducted by the teams at Court Road, Sarai Bala, Tankipora, Hazuribagh and other parts of the city. More teams will conduct raids tomorrow to trace out adulterated oil.

Eight tins of adulterated Hira brand were seized from a dealer at Court Road. Reports revealed that the said dealer has sold off hundreds of tins of Hira brand to retailers all across Kashmir. Messages have been flashed to different districts to trace out the adulterated brands.

Two edible oil factories -situated at Zainakote, have also been raided and samples taken for analysis. The two factories, reports said, import oil from Jammu in huge tankers. "The factories will be sealed if the samples test positive," a top official in Srinagar Municipality said on condition of anonymity.

With detection of contaminated edible oil, panic has gripped the people in the Valley as thousands of them have been continuing their food preparations on these brands - now declared adulterated. According to an eminent epidemiologist there is every chance of dropsy disease invading the state now.

(Kashmir Observer, September 07, 1998)

Admission For PG, UG Courses Under CUET, Non-CUET Still Open: Principal SP College

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Authorities at Sri Pratap College Srinagar Wednesday said that the admissions for various Postgraduate and Undergraduate courses under CUET and Non-CUET quota were still open for the students.

The Officials said that students can also opt for "On Spot" admissions. Principal of the College, Prof (Dr.) Ghulam Jeelani Qureshi said this during an interactive session with the media persons in the college auditorium.

The session was held with regard to recent NAAC Accreditation and ongoing admission process for various UG and PG courses as per

National Education Policy-2020 for the academic session 2023-24.

Qureshi expressed gratitude to the media fraternity for their presence and explained at length the purpose behind holding the presser.

He briefed the media about the rich historical past of the College and its role in building a legacy throughout the globe.

Qureshi spoke to the media about the immense contribution of Shri Alok Kumar (IRS), Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department of the UT of J&K in building a transparent system to streamline the Department.


He expressed his desire to publicize the student centric facilities available at the college so that more and more meri-

torious students desirous of seeking admission in the college are attracted towards it.

The Coordinator IQAC, Dr. Sadiq Majeed apprised the media personnel about the performance of the College during the recent NAAC re-accreditation process (Cycle-3) in which the college secured grade A+.

He explained to the media that the college has been progressively growing over the last three NAAC accreditation cycles.

Convener admissions, Dr Gowhar Hamid Dar explained the process of ongoing admissions and also gave a brief outline of the various rounds of admissions with special emphasis on the on spot round of admission.



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It is notified for information of all the concerned that few seats have fallen vacant in the below mentioned Postgraduate programmes for the academic session 2023. The admission for unfilled seats shall be made on first come, first served basis.

PROGRAMMES	ELIGIBILITY
M.Sc. Statistics	Bachelor's Degree with a minimum of 45% marks from a recognized University/ Institution with Mathematics/ Statistics/ Applied Mathematics as one of the core subjects in at least 04 semesters/ 02 Years at UG level OR B.Sc. Actuarial and Financial Mathematics.
Master of Computer Application MCA (2-Year)	Having passed BCA OR Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science & Engineering OR B.Sc. / B.Com. / B.A. with Mathematics as compulsory subject at 10+2 Level or at Graduation Level with a minimum of 50% marks from a recognized University/ Institution.
Master of Science in Information Technology (M.Sc. IT)	Degree with a minimum of 45% marks from a recognized University/ Institution in any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's Degree in Relevant subject. B.Sc. having Mathematics as one of the subjects at 10+2 level. B.Sc. having Mathematics/ Physics/ Computer Science/ I.T. / or any relevant Computer related recognized subject as one of the subjects in at least 04 semesters/ 02 Years at UG level. B. Tech./BE.
M.A. Economics	Bachelor's Degree with a minimum of 45% marks from a recognized University/ Institution with Economics/ Mathematics/ Statistics as one of the subjects in at least 04 semesters/ 02 Years at UG level OR Four years Engineering Degree OR Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural/ Horticultural OR Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration OR Bachelor's Degree in Commerce OR B.Sc. Actuarial and Financial Mathematics.
M.Sc. Physics	Bachelor's Degree in Science with a minimum of 45% marks from a recognized University/ Institution with Physics and Mathematics as core subjects in at least 04 semesters/ 02 Years at UG level OR B.E./B. Tech (with Physics and Mathematics as subjects for at least two semesters/ one year) OR B.Sc. Hons Physics.
M.A. Arabic Language & Literature	Bachelor's Degree or equivalent with a minimum of 45% marks from a recognized University/ Institution with Arabic as one of the subjects in at least 04 semesters/ 02 Years at UG level OR having Aalimayat/ Fazilah degree with 10+2 of the approved Madrasas.
M.A. English Language & Literature	Bachelor's Degree or equivalent with a minimum of 45% marks from a recognized University/ Institution with English Literature as one of the subjects in at least 04 semesters/ 02 Years at UG level OR B.A. Hons English.
M.A. International Relations (Peace & Conflict Studies)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline with a minimum of 45% marks from a recognized University/Institution.
M.A. Journalism & Mass Communication	
M. Tech. Food Technology	B. Tech. Food Technology with a minimum of 55% marks from a recognized University/ Institution.

Eligible candidates who are desirous for admission in the above mentioned Postgraduate programmes are hereby informed to report to the Office of the Dean Academic Affairs, IUST Campus Awantipora on any working day by or before 15-09-2023 (except on Saturday & Sunday) along with an application/ all original documents/ copies thereof and requisite fee as mentioned in the Prospectus 2023 available on the University website (www.iust.ac.in) for completion of admission formalities. For any further query/information, the candidates may contact the following: **EPABX: 01933-247954 / 247955; Phone: 9906400789/ 9858306455; Email ID: admissions@iust.ac.in**

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IndiGo Notifies Passengers About Flight Cancellations Due To G20 Summit

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: IndiGo today said passengers have been notified about flight cancellations at the Delhi airport in connection with G20 Summit.

"Due to the G20 Summit 2023 taking place in New Delhi, IndiGo is offering one-time waivers for passengers travelling to and from Delhi between September 8 to 11, 2023," the airline said in a statement.

It did not provide details about the number of flights that are likely to be affected.

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

"Customers are being offered the option of rescheduling or cancelling their flights with refunds. Passengers have been notified about flight cancellations and to schedule changes in advance," the statement said.

Scores of flights are likely to be affected at the Delhi airport and airlines are offering waiver of charges for customers planning to reschedule their travel dates.

On Tuesday, officials in the know said airlines are making adjustments to their flight operations and select flights are being cancelled or rescheduled. One of the officials said that around 120 flights are likely to be impacted during the September 8-10 period.

The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), operated by DIAL, in the national capital is the country's largest airport and handles around 1,300 flights daily.

On August 26, DIAL said it had received requests from airlines for cancellation of 80 departing and as many arriving domestic flights during three days from September 8.

Jamia Millia Teacher Suspended For Collecting Funds For Turkey Earthquake



Agencies

NEW DELHI: Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) has suspended Middle School Physical Education teacher, Haris ul Haq, for his alleged association in fundraising from the students of the school for the earthquake-affected people of Turkey, a press release from the university's Public Relations Office said on Tuesday.

The fundraising was done without approval or prior permission of the competent authority in violation of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, it stated.

A police complaint dated July 31 was filed against Haris ul Haq by the university at Jamia Nagar Police Station for cheating, criminal breach of trust and criminal misappropriation. In the complaint, it was alleged that Haris ul Haq siphoned off ₹1.40 lakh in the garb of collecting money by misrepres-

enting for affected people of Turkey Earthquake.

It was also alleged that the money was collected by deceiving the students under a false pretext and the entire money had been siphoned off for personal gains.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council (EC) of the university in its meeting held on August 4. The EC wide resolution number 11 has resolved that disciplinary action may be initiated against Haris ul Haq as per rules, the release stated.

The EC also asked the University to take appropriate action for recovery of money or funds and pursue criminal complaint as per provisions of law.

It is also stated that there have been several complaints of misbehaviour, negligent attitude towards duty and insubordination against Haris ul Haq. He was earlier suspended in 2010 for misconduct, the press release stated.

Hottest September Since 1938 Awaits G20 Leaders in Delhi



Agencies

NEW DELHI: Global leaders including US President Joe Biden are set to be greeted by stifling heat when they meet in New Delhi this week for the Group of 20 Summit, where climate change is set to be among key issues on the agenda.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sought to make progress on global issues such as climate change, and recent scorching heat in the nation's capital may help to highlight the plight of extreme weather to world leaders. On Monday, Delhi recorded a maximum temperature of 40.1 degrees Celsius (104F), the hottest

September day in 85 years, according to the country's weather bureau.

Extreme weather has swept across the globe this year, from flash flooding to wildfires that have killed people, buckled power grids and damaged roads and homes. The world recorded its hottest June ever for land and sea, with ocean temperatures setting new highs for a third month in a row.

Almost 30 world leaders including Chinese Premier Li Qiang, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman from Saudi Arabia - a heavyweight of the OPEC+ oil producing group - will gather in India's capital

this week for the G-20 meet.

Other parts of India are also seeing a rise in the mercury - higher than usual for this time of the year - boosting demand for electricity from households, farmers and industries. Temperatures normally peak in May and gradually fall with rolling monsoon, but the driest August in more than a century pushed average maximum temperatures for the month to the highest since 1901.

There is a hint of immediate respite for Delhi. Some parts of the city may get isolated rains in the coming days, followed by another dry patch for five days through Sept. 11, according to the India Meteorological Department.

"If China Wants To Be A Spoiler...": US Ahead Of G20 Summit

Press Trust of India

WASHINGTON: It is for China to decide what role it plays at the G20 Summit in New Delhi, a top US official has said, asserting that if Beijing wants to come in and be a "spoiler", that option is available to it.

US National Security Advisor Sullivan was responding to a question at a White House news conference on Tuesday on the impact of India-China border tensions on the G20 Summit.

"As far as the question of tensions between India and China affecting the (G20) summit - really that's up to China. If China wants to come in and play the role of spoiler, of course, that option is available to them," he said.

"What I think the Chair, India, will encourage them to do what we, the United States and every other member, virtually every other member of the G20 will do, is encourage them to come in, in a constructive way on climate, on multilateral development, bank reform, on debt relief, on technology and set aside the geopolitical questions and really focus on problem-

solving and delivering for the developing countries," Mr Sullivan said.

Chinese President Xi Jinping will not attend the G20 Summit in New Delhi this week and the delegation will be led by Premier Li Qiang, China's foreign ministry announced on Monday as it expressed Beijing's readiness to work with all parties to make the high-profile meeting a success.

At the invitation of the Government of India, Premier of the State Council Li will attend the 18th G20 Summit to be held in New Delhi, India on September 9 and 10, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Mao Ning said in a brief statement.

India is hosting the annual G20 Summit in New Delhi on September 9 and 10.

At the G-20 Summit, Mr Sullivan said President Joe Biden will be clear that the United States expects real progress.

"He will be clear that we need all G20 members to be constructive and at the table, with no exceptions. We'll also be making progress on other key priorities, from climate to health to digital technol-

ogy, including commitments, with respect to a more inclusive digital transformation and a responsible path and approach to AI development," he noted.

"In addition, we'll spotlight the progress that we've been making on the Partnership for Global Infrastructure Investment, or what we call PGI. We'll have some announcements that we're excited about. Now, we know that there will be continued focus on how the G20 deals with Russia's illegal and ongoing war in Ukraine," he said.

Mr Sullivan said the reality is that Russia's illegal war has devastated social and economic consequences, and the poorest countries on the planet are bearing the brunt of it.

As he has done before, President Biden will call for a just and durable peace founded in respect for international law, principles of the UN Charter, the precepts of territorial integrity and sovereignty," he said.

Mr Sullivan said Biden will continue to emphasise that the United States will support Ukraine for as long as it takes to redeem these principles.



PM Modi Spells Out Dos And Don'ts For Ministers During G20 Summit

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Ahead of the G20 Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today spelt out a set of dos and don'ts to be observed by ministers during the two-day event to ensure that the visiting dignitaries are not put to any inconvenience, sources said.

The ministers have been asked to ditch their official vehicles and use the shuttle service to reach the Bharat Mandapam and other venues of various meetings.

At a meeting of the Union Council of Ministers, the Prime Minister also asked them to download the G20 India mobile app and make best use of its translation and other features while conversing with foreign dignitaries, officials told Press Trust of India.

The G20 mobile app has an instant translation feature in-

corporating all Indian languages and that of G20 nations.

With nearly 40 world leaders, including those from international organisations, set to attend the summit on September 9-10, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra briefed the ministers in detail about the protocol and related matters.

Some of the ministers are expected to be ministers in waiting for the world leaders who have started arriving for the summit.

Union Minister of State for Health SPS Singh Baghel received President of Nigeria Bola Ahmed Tinubu on his arrival in Delhi on Tuesday.

During an informal interaction before the meeting of the Union Cabinet which lasted for nearly one hour, the ministers were informed how important the summit was for India and its global image.

Supreme Court Rejects Petition Seeking Steps To Stop Religious Conversions



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court today refused to entertain a petition seeking a direction to the Centre to take steps to curb fraudulent religious conversions in the country.

"Why should the court enter into this thicket? How can the court issue a writ of mandamus to the government," said a bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.

The lawyer, appearing for Karnataka-based PIL petitioner Jerome Anto, said Hindus

and minors are being targeted and they are being converted "fraudulently".

"If there is a live challenge and someone is prosecuted then we can entertain," the bench said while dismissing the petition.

"What kind of PIL is this? PIL has become a tool and everyone is coming up with petitions like these," it said.

On being argued where the petitioner should go with this kind of grievance, the bench said, "We are not in advisory jurisdiction. (The plea is) Dismissed".

NEWS MAKERS

Hugely Proud Of My Indian Roots: British PM Rishi Sunak

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: What does the British Prime Minister discuss at the dinner table with his Indian parents-in-law? Is it Indian politics or the challenges of running Britain? Neither. It's cricket.

"The most political we tend to get is in our discussion of cricket. I've agreed that my daughters can support India when it comes to cricket, as long as they support England when it comes to football," Prime Minister Rishi Sunak told Press Trust of India.

Rishi Sunak's parents, both of Indian origin, came to the UK from east Africa. His wife Akshata Murthy is the daughter of India's billionaire tech czar Narayana Murthy and philanthropist and educator Sudha Murthy.

In an interview via email days ahead of his visit to New Delhi to attend the G20 summit on September 9 and 10, Rishi Sunak said today the response from the Indian people to his appointment as the prime minister was "overwhelming and humbling."

"I am hugely proud of my In-



dian roots and my connections to India. As you know, my wife is Indian and being a proud Hindu means I will always have a connection to India and the people of India," he said.

The 43-year-old leader of the Conservative Party was first elected as an MP in 2015. He was made finance minister or chancellor of exchequer in February 2020 by then Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

In October last year, he became the first Indian-origin British prime minister, scripting history.

"One of the first things I did after becoming Prime Minister was to hold a reception for Diwali in Downing Street. Having the opportunity to welcome many British Indians into Number 10 and seeing the building decorated

from top to bottom with lights and flowers was an incredibly proud and emotional moment for me," Rishi Sunak said.

"Because my story is the story of so many people in Britain with deep and enduring links to India. The strength of our country lies in its diversity, and that's something I have seen first-hand many times since becoming Prime Minister," he said.

Asked whether he discusses Indian politics, technology or problems he faces in running Great Britain when he sits with his in-laws, Rishi Sunak said it is important to keep politics separate from family.

"It's very important to keep politics separate from family, but of course my wife and two daughters very much guide my values, as do my parents and parents-in-law." "I am, though, incredibly proud of my parents-in-law and what they have achieved -- going from nothing to building one of the world's largest and most respected companies, which employs thousands of people in both India and in the UK," he said.

His 'Prayers Not Answered', UP Man Steals Shivling From Temple

Press Trust of India

KAUSHAMBI (UP): A man stole a shivling from a temple in Kaushambi district in Uttar Pradesh apparently after his prayer for marrying the woman of his choice was not fulfilled. Police have arrested the man and recovered the stolen shivling.

According to locals, the accused, Chhotu (27), wanted to marry a woman but his family opposed the match. Hoping that he will be able to persuade his family members with some divine intervention, Chhotu began offering prayers to Lord Shiva.

Locals say that Chhotu used to visit the Shiva temple located in the village every morning. He believed his devotion would help him sway the minds of his family members.

He offered prayers at the Shiva temple for a month, but it had no effect. Chhotu, according to the police, stole the shivling then.

Circle Officer (CO) of the area Abhishesh Kumar told PTI on Wednesday, "Chhotu stole the shivling from the temple during the early hours of September 1 and hid it in the bushes." When villagers found the shivling missing from the temple they informed the police. A team of Mahewa Ghat Police station reached the village and began an investigation.

"We detained Chhotu on suspicion on September 3. He later confessed to his crime," said the officer. The police team also recovered the shivling from the bushes.

The stolen shivling was again established in the temple. The accused has been sent to judicial custody.

Netaji's Grandnephew Resigns From BJP

Press Trust of India

Chandra Bose, the grandnephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, resigned from BJP today saying that the promises of propagating the nationalist leader's vision was not fulfilled by the party.

Chandra Bose had joined BJP in 2016 and contested election twice on BJP ticket - in the 2016 assembly and the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

"When I joined BJP I was promised that I would be allowed to propagate the inclusive ideology of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Sarat Chandra Bose. But nothing of that sort happened," he said.

Bose, who was appointed the West Bengal BJP vice-president in 2016, was dropped from it during the 2020 organisational reshuffle.

"My discussions (with BJP) then centered on the inclusive ideology of the Bose Brothers (Netaji and his elder brother Sarat Chandra Bose, also a freedom fighter). My understanding, both then and later, had been that I would propagate this

ideology across the country on the BJP Platform. It was also decided to form an Azad Hind Mocha within the framework of BJP with the primary objective to propagate Netaji's ideology of uniting all communities as Bharatiyas, irrespective of religion, caste and creed," he said in his resignation letter to BJP national president J P Nadda.

This was essential to keep the country united, he said. "My ardent promotional efforts to achieve these laudable objectives have not received any support from the BJP, either at the Centre or at the state level in West Bengal. I had put forward a detailed proposal suggesting a Bengal Strategy to reach out to the people of the state. My proposals were ignored," he added.

Bose had time and again hit out at the state leadership over several issues and also opposed the CAA in 2019, going against the party line. Reacting to his resignation, BJP state spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya said "For quite a long time he was not at all in touch with the party."

LG Receives Shikshan-Kul Gaurav Samman For Contribution To Education

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Fourteen institutes of higher learning in Jammu and Kashmir bestowed the Shikshan-Kul Gaurav Samman on Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for his contribution to education and commitment to improving the Union Territory's academic landscape.

The award was presented during the foundation day celebration of the University of Jammu, marking a first-of-its-kind collaboration among higher education institutes, an institution spokesperson said.

The award acknowledges Sinha's exceptional contribution to education and his unwavering commitment to improving the academic landscape in Jammu and Kashmir.

system that serves the diverse needs and aspirations of the people, the spokesperson said.

"His efforts to bridge the gap between the government and the people have ushered in a period of unprecedented peace, progress and prosperity," he said.

The decision to confer the honour on Sinha reflects his profound impact on education and the future of Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

During his acceptance speech, Sinha expressed his gratitude and highlighted the importance of education in the Union Territory.



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Sinha's tenure has seen significant administrative reforms, aimed at creating a robust and efficient government

He described education as a journey of endless exploration and learning, urging higher education institutes and the teaching community to promote independent thinking, creativity, research and innovation on campus.

BJP Has Lost Its Political Ground In J&K: Dr Farooq

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) president Abdullah Wednesday said the BJP has "lost" its political ground and relevance in Jammu and Kashmir due to its "anti-people policies".

The BJP is non-existent in Kashmir and has forfeited its political space in the Jammu province as well, he said while addressing party functionaries at the NC headquarters here.

"BJP has lost its political ground and relevance across both provinces of Jammu and Kashmir due to its anti-people policies. They had promised a lot to the people of the Jammu

province but delivered poorly on the ground," Abdullah claimed.

The BJP "betrayed" the trust of the people in the region, leaving them feeling cheated. People are suffering due to dilapidated roads, huge power cuts, non-availability of potable drinking water and acute deficiency of teaching staff in the schools, he said.

The Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar said Jammu and Kashmir had survived numerous conspiracies and ploys to dilute its unique culture and history and that the NC will never allow the apologetic proxies of communal parties to divide people for their short-term electoral and political gains.



Brashtachar Mukt J&K Week

CS Virtually Interacts With Stakeholders Across UT

Encourages All To Talk Freely For Eradicating Menace Of Corruption From J&K



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: On the 3rd day of the 'Brashtachar Mukt J&K Week' on Wednesday, Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta continued holding virtual interactions with all the stakeholders including the Deputy Commissioners, PRI members, Prabhari Officers, government officers from line departments and general public in order to have a firsthand assessment of the progress of the campaign on the ground.

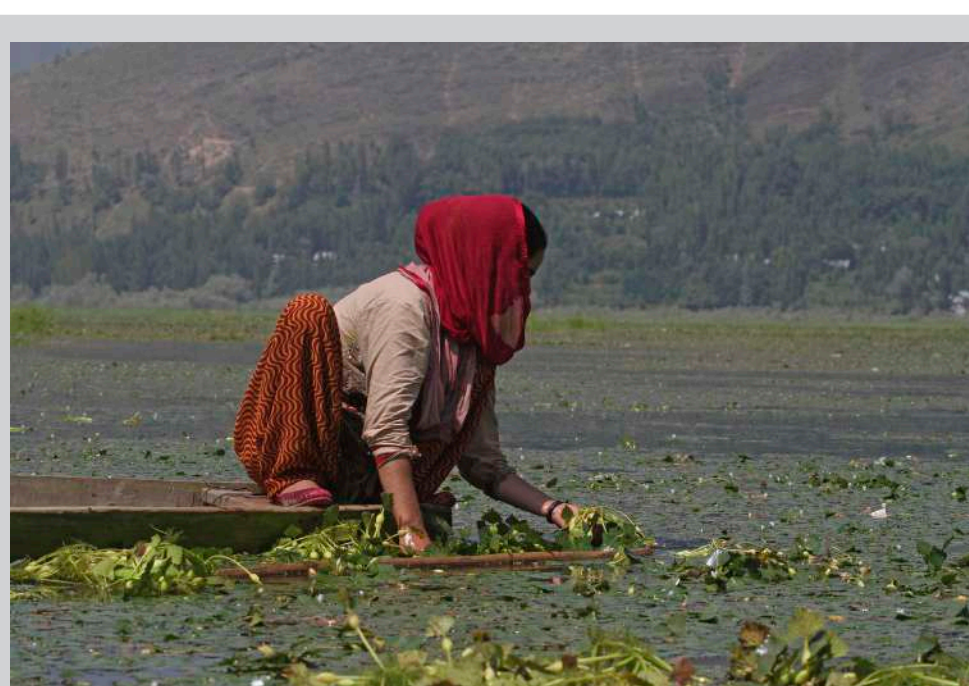
During his interactions, Dr Mehta encouraged all to talk freely about the menace so that the evil is eradicated from the system effectively. He made out that only by talking about it there could be a clear idea about its impact and further action needed. He advised the general public to come forward and give their suggestions or file their grievances about any aspect of corruption they have come across. He assured them that there is no impunity for anyone to resort to corruption and the law would take its own course irrespective of the position or the post.

While talking to people the Chief Secretary asked them about the accessibility of government services in online mode. He enquired from them about the difference in time-frame for delivery of services

through online and offline mode and their preferences between the two. He inspired all to embrace the new and easy-to-use technology so that none of them have to undertake unnecessary travel to avail these services and can accomplish it from the comforts of their homes itself. He motivated them to learn from the youngsters to empower themselves with the IT tool to seek their rights from anywhere on the planet.

During the interactive session the Chief Secretary apprised the public about several IT tools offered by the government to remain informed about government schemes, works or applying for different services. He told them about the benefits of Janbhagadari portal, e-Unnat, Mobile Dost, Scan & Share (OPD Registration), 108 Ambulance Service and other utilities. He asked them to know about their rights to avoid being exploited by anyone.

During this session the Chief Secretary listening to the grievances of the public and instantly passed on directions for their resolution. He even called for reports about each of such complaints to resolve them on merits in this week itself. He invited all of them to come forward and work collectively with the administration to make J&K 'BrashtacharMukt' in real sense.



A WOMAN EXTRACTS WATER chestnuts from Wular Lake in North Kashmir's Bandipora district on Wednesday.

KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

SC Allows NC To Retain Plough Symbol For LAHDC-K Polls

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday set aside the August 5 notification of the election department of the Union Territory of Ladakh for the hill council polls and ordered issuance of a fresh election schedule within a week.

Holding that the National Conference is entitled to the 'plough' symbol, a bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath and Ahsanuddin Amanullah also dismissed the plea by the Ladakh administration opposing the allotment of the symbol to the party and imposed a cost of Rs 1 lakh on it.

The Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court had dismissed the Ladakh administration's plea against a single bench order allowing NC candidates to contest the upcoming polls for the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, on the party symbol.

The Ladakh administration had approached a division bench of the high court against the single bench order of August 9 which directed the National Conference to approach the office of the election department of the administration of Ladakh to notify the reserved symbol

Omar Welcomes Verdict

SRINAGAR: NC leader Omar Abdullah on Wednesday welcomed the Supreme Court order on the allotment of "plough" symbol to it, saying the BJP and Ladakh administration "did everything possible" to deny them their right, but the court saw through it.

"@JKNC got the verdict we wanted & deserved. Our symbol, the plough, has been given to us by the Hon Supreme Court earlier this morning," Abdullah said in a tweet.

The former J-K chief minister alleged that the "BJP ably assisted by a totally biased Ladakh administration, did everything possible to deny us our right".

"The court saw through this & penalised them with 71 lakh costs imposed on the administration. Congratulations to @JknkKargil and a huge thank you to @ShariqReyaz for the amazing job he did arguing this in front of the HC & SC," he added.



'plough' already allotted to it for in the polls.

According to a notification issued by the election department on August 5, the polling for 26 seats of the 30-member LAHDC, Kargil, is scheduled for September 10 and the counting of votes will take place four days later.

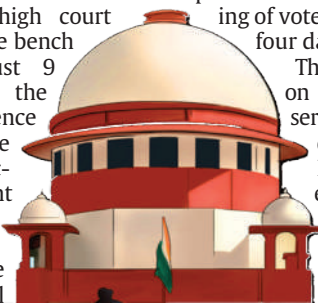
The apex court had reserved its verdict on a plea by the National Conference challenging the denial of 'plough' symbol to its candidates for the

LAHDC polls.

Earlier, the bench had termed as unfair the act of the UT administration of not granting the 'plough' poll symbol to the party for the hill council elections despite the order of the high court.

"It is unfair... We will set aside the election schedule if need arises," the bench had observed on August 25 while hearing the appeal of the Union Territory of Ladakh against the order of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.

It had earlier refused to stay the high court order on allotting the 'plough' poll symbol to the party.



Bandipora To Have Multi-Storey Car Parking Soon

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Bandipora administration has approved a three-storey parking project to combat the growing traffic congestion in the north Kashmir district.

As per the details, Rs 5 crore project was approved following extensive consultations with various stakeholders.

Joint Director Planning, Bandipora, Imtiyaz Ahmad said the facility will play a vital role in alleviating town road congestion; it can accommodate 147 vehicles across multiple levels.

This project will offer much-needed relief to residents and visitors grappling with limited parking options in the district, Imtiyaz said.

The construction of the parking facility will take place in two phases, he said: "The initial phase involves three storeys, and the subsequent phase will add a fourth which will further increase parking capacity."

The Joint Director said the ground floor will house 38 vehicles, the first floor 39 vehicles, the second floor 35 vehicles, and the third floor 35 vehicles, which will offer a comprehensive solution to parking challenges faced by the community.

The news of the parking project has evoked an overwhelming response from locals who expressed their support for the initiative. They highlighted the potential impact it will have on mitigating the growing traffic congestion in the town.

Mudasir Ahmad, an advocate, said the parking project is a much-needed step which will not only ease traffic congestion but also stimulate business activity in the area.

Imtiyaz Ahmad, a local, said Bandipora has witnessed a rapid increase in vehicles, making parking a nightmare. "The parking facility will regulate the overall traffic situation in the town," he said—(KNO)

Person Who Fought Against Militancy Not Eligible For Freedom Fighter's Pension: HC

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has held that a person who has fought against the militancy is not eligible under the category of freedom fighters in the Swantantra Sainik Samman Pension Scheme of the Government of India.

"It is only those persons who have participated in the National Freedom Struggle, who

are eligible for benefits under the Scheme," a bench of Sanja Dhar said while dismissing a plea by one Noor Ahmad who had stated that he has rendered exemplary services for the State while fighting against various militants in his individual capacity.

Noor had submitted that he has been conferred appreciation certificate by the Indian Army operating in District Kupwara.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

DEN-HQ/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 27.09.2023 up to 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online 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.

Tender Type	Open	Tendering Section	Works	Bidding System	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading tenders	04.09.2023	Bid Starting Date	13.09.2023	Bid Closing Date/Time	27.09.2023 15:00 hrs.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender	Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
1.	169-2023-24-ADEN-1 FZR	Provision of basic amenities like Toilets, Benches, Sheds etc. for merchant and other miscellaneous improvement works at MQF, AJL, JGN, MLX on LDH-FZR section under ADEN-I/FZR	₹2,22,52,821.10	₹2,61,300/-	60 Days	08 Months
Similar Nature of work: "Any civil work other than track work"						
2.	170-2023-24-ADEN-1 FZR	Dewatering of LHS during heavy rainfall in the section of ADEN-I/FZR	₹28,67,964.93	₹57,400/-	60 Days	12 Months
Similar Nature of work: NIL						
3.	171-2023-24-ADEN-1 FZR	Heavy repair and resurfacing to roads in staff colonies, service roads and station areas at Firozpur and Heavy repair and replacement of doors and windows in colony no. 1 to 4 at Firozpur in the section of SSE/W/FZR under ADEN-I/FZR.	₹98,34,889.67	₹1,96,700/-	60 Days	06 Months
Similar Nature of work: Any civil work other than track work						
4.	172-2023-24-ADEN-1 FZR	Crossing of 500 mm internal dia Water Supply Pipe Line passing through 700 mm internal dia D.I. encasing pipe K-7 and 900 mm internal dia M.S. Heavy Duty casing pipe under the Railway Track at Km 63/4-5 & 67/4-5 on KKP-FKA Section	₹57,06,647/-	₹1,14,200/-	60 Days	04 Months
Similar Nature of work: "Construction of bridge with pipe & Box pushing technique/Crossing of under ground cable/pipeline etc.						
5.	173-2023-24-ADEN-1 FZR	Misc. Works in connection with the provision of 12.00m wide FOB at Firozpur Cantt. Railway station on JUC-FZR section in C/W ABSS under ADEN/FZR.	₹4,29,12,930.93	₹3,64,600/-	60 Days	06 Months
Similar Nature of work: Any civil work other than track work.						
6.	174-2023-24-ADEN-1 FZR	Misc. Works in connection with the provision of 12.00m wide FOB inter platform movement for divyangjan at KOTKAPURA Railway station on BTI-FZR section in C/W ABSS under ADEN-I/FZR	₹4,48,16,526.06	₹3,74,100/-	60 Days	06 Months
Similar Nature of work: Any civil work other than track work.						
7.	175-2023-24-ADEN-1 FZR	Misc. Works in connection with the provision of 12.00m wide FOB inter platform movement for divyangjan at Muktisar Railway station on KKP-FKA section in C/W ABSS under ADEN-I/FZR	₹2,51,83,862.92	₹2,75,900/-	60 Days	06 Months
Similar Nature of work: Any civil work other than track work.						
8.	176-2023-24-ADEN-1 FZR	Misc. Works in connection with the provision of 12.00 m wide FOB at Moga Railway station on LDH-FZR section in C/W ABSS under ADEN-I/FZR.	₹2,17,69,544.96	₹2,58,900/-	60 Days	06 Months
Similar Nature of work: Any civil work other than track work.						

Note: 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. Tender Notice No.: 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175 & 176-2023-24-ADEN-1-FZR Date: 04.09.2023 2784/2023

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIV. TANGDAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(REW) Tender Notice No.128 SSD Tangdar of 2023-24 Endtt No.3957-67

E-tendering DATED:05.09.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on percentage % basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Panchayat	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	E/Money (in Rs)	Time of Completion In days	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Constt of footpath with tiles sheikh Mohallah and others Dildar B	Dildar B	2.10	200	4200	15 days	DEE/DDC	ADF PRI
2	Repairment of CGI sheets and painting at room and repairing windows panchayat Gharkandi Bala	Kandi Bala	3.88	200	7760	15 days	DEE	ADF PRI
3	Constt of footpath with tiles at najarMohallah and Mir Mohalla ward 3 Tangdar A	Tangdar A	2.04	200	4080	15 days	DEE/DDC	ADF PRI
4	Constt of footpath with drain and tiles form link road Sumo Stand to RCC culvert at Ward 2 Raja Mohalla Tangdar A	Tangdar A	2.04	200	4080	15 days	DEE/DDC	ADF PRI
5	Impmts of link road form High School to Lumbardar Mohalla Kona Gabra	Kona Gabra	4.14	200	8280	15 days	DEE	ADF PRI
6	Fencing and gate for middle school kudlannawa Gabra C	Gabra C	2.92	200	5840	15 days	DEE/DDC	DDC
7	Fencing and gate for NTPHC Nawa Gabra Phase II	Gabra 2 nd	3.00	200	6000	15 days	DEE/DDC	DDC
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9	Const t of washroom and renovation of kitchen shed of GMS Nachiyar	Nachiyar	2.47	200	4940	15 days	DEE/DDC	DDC

Position of AA: TS: Accorded.

- 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.jketenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below.
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of E Challan / Treasury receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Div Tangdar(Tender inviting authority) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Div Tangdar(Tender receiving authority).The Successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% additional performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be released after the successful completion of the defect liability period of the work. The EMD of 2% successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security.

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	05.09.2023
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	05.09.2023
03.	Bid submission start date	05.09.2023
04.	Bid submission end date	15.09.2023upto (04.00P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	16.09.2023at (10.00A.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar

- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on web Site www.jketenders.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 in the office of the Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar (Tender receiving authority).
- The key construction material shall have to be arranged by the contractor of his own as per the quality/specifications.

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1. Cement / steel of approved quality. No extension in quantities/ Cost is allowed in any case

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Battling The Drug Epidemic

The sentencing of two drug peddlers, Syed Ishfaq Shah and Khursheed Ahmad Gojar, by a Srinagar court to 20 years in prison for their involvement in drug possession should serve as a warning to narcotics traders in the Valley. The verdict, although seemingly harsh, carries a vital message - the menace of drugs, particularly among our youth, is an issue of overriding concern that demands immediate attention.

As it has turned out, Police had recovered 15 packets, each weighing one kilogram, filled with brown sugar from Shah and Gojar in 2019. So, in delivering the verdict, Judge Khemraj Sharma did more than just pass judgment: he also drew attention to the surging drug problem that plagues our society. "The menace of drugs is on the rise these days, and the main sufferers of this menace are the younger generation of our society," he rightly observed. He pointed out that the consequences of this menace extend beyond individual lives and families, warranting what he said, "an iron hand," against the people involved in the drug trade. Echoing the sentiment, the Additional Public Prosecutor, Dar Rashid, stressed that securing such convictions was important to prevent the menace from spreading further.

While the conviction of Shah and Gojar is a good beginning, the battle against drug addiction is far from over. It calls on all of us to unite in our efforts to protect the future of our society, our youth, from the clutches of this destructive menace. There should be zero tolerance for those who threaten the well-being of our youth with the scourge of drugs.

As is now well-known, the recent years have witnessed lakhs of our youth taking to drugs. So much so, that the Director General of Police Dillbagh was recently forced to say that drug addiction is now a bigger challenge than even militancy. According to data from India's Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, around 8 percent of the population, roughly 10 lakh residents, are drug addicts. The drugs being used include heroin, cannabis, opioids, and sedatives. This alarming situation calls for urgent attention and solution.

No doubt, law enforcement agencies have taken significant steps to address the crisis. Over the course of 2022, nearly 1,700 alleged drug peddlers were apprehended in Kashmir, with 1,021 cases registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. Despite these efforts, the impact on the ground remains limited, as youth continue to resort to psychotropic substances, barbiturates, and sleeping pills. But we can't afford to give up. Otherwise, nothing can stop Kashmir from becoming the new Punjab.

OTHER OPINION

Step In Time

The third time was good, but not lucky enough. In its third meeting in Mumbai, the Indian National Democratic Inclusive Alliance defined its priorities. All 28 Opposition parties in the alliance agreed that seat shares should be settled as early as possible in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, partly because the elections may be brought forward. Besides, experience suggests that this is often the most problematic issue in alliances, and an all-India plan would mean working out the nitty-gritty in every state, most of them with different regional parties. This should precede the planned joint campaigning and public rallies. Coordination committees have been formed to conduct these matters and a target date has been set in October to complete the seat-sharing agreements. But actual schedules remain vague. Mamata Banerjee's strong objection to Nitish Kumar as convener of INDIA has delayed that matter too. So it is still too early to discern the alliance's campaign strategy.

A clear action plan would let the people know what INDIA has to offer. Rahul Gandhi expressed this need, but the initial agreements must be firmed up before that. Meanwhile, many leaders recommended that the government be confronted punctually on every issue. Facts stated clearly each time would create a perception of a powerful Opposition among the people while laying bare matters that the government would like to conceal or evade. China's movements, the mysterious importance of Gautam Adani and all other subjects ranging from Manipur to unemployment and the price rise would fuel these confrontations. Even the idea of 'one nation, one election' floated recently by the government was questioned as a possible build-up to a comprehensive assault on the federal system. If INDIA's progress seems slow, it could have much to do with its size and diversity - which is also its greatest strength. That 28 parties are determined to move together in spite of differences indicates their shared concern at the destruction of democracy, of the social fabric, of prosperity and peace being wrought by the present regime. That concern is the glue.

Telegraph India

Human-Centric Globalisation

Taking G20 to the Last Mile, Leaving None Behind



Narendra Modi

“Due to the impact of climate change, ensuring food and nutritional security will be crucial. Millets, or Shree Anna, can help with this while also boosting climate-smart agriculture. In the International Year of Millets, we have taken millets to global palates. The Deccan High Level Principles on Food Security and Nutrition is also helpful in this

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - these two words capture a deep philosophy. It means 'the world is one family'. This is an all-embracing outlook that encourages us to progress as one universal family, transcending borders, languages, and ideologies. During India's G20 Presidency, this has translated into a call for human-centric progress. As One Earth, we are coming together to nurture our planet. As One Family, we support each other in the pursuit of growth. And we move together towards a shared future - One Future - which is an undeniable truth in these interconnected times.

The post-pandemic world order is very different from the world before it. There are three important changes, among others.

First, there is a growing realisation that a shift away from a GDP-centric view of the world to a human-centric view is needed.

Second, the world is recognizing the importance of resilience and reliability in global supply chains.

Third, there is a collective call for boosting multilateralism through the reform of global institutions.

Our G20 Presidency has played the role of a catalyst in these shifts.

In December 2022, when we took over the Presidency from Indonesia, I had written that a mindset shift must be catalysed by the G20. This was especially needed in the context of mainstreaming the marginalized aspirations of developing countries, the Global South and Africa.

The Voice of Global South Summit, which witnessed participation from 125 countries, was one of the foremost initiatives under our Presidency. It was an important exercise to gather inputs and ideas from the Global South. Further, our Presidency has not only seen the largest-ever participation from African countries but has also pushed for the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member of the G20.

An interconnected world means our challenges across domains are interlinked. This is the midway year of the 2030 Agenda and many are noting with great concern that the progress on SDGs is off-track. The G20 2023 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on SDGs will spearhead the future direction of the G20 towards implementing SDGs.

In India, living in harmony with nature has been a norm since

ancient times and we have been contributing our share towards climate action even in modern times.

Many countries of the Global South are at various stages of development and climate action must be a complementary pursuit. Ambitions for climate action must be matched with actions on climate finance and transfer of technology.

We believe there is a need to move away from a purely restrictive attitude of what should not be done, to a more constructive attitude focusing on what can be done to fight climate change.

The Chennai HLPs for a Sustainable and Resilient Blue Economy focus on keeping our oceans healthy. A global ecosystem for clean and green hydrogen will emerge from our presidency, along with a Green Hydrogen Innovation Centre.

In 2015, we launched the International Solar Alliance. Now, through the Global Biofuels Alliance, we will support the world to enable energy transitions in tune with the benefits of a circular economy.

Democratising climate action is the best way to impart momentum to the movement. Just as individuals make daily decisions based on their long-term health, they can make lifestyle decisions based on the impact on the planet's long-term health. Just like Yoga became a global mass movement for wellness, we have also nudged the world with Lifestyles for Sustainable Environment (LiFE).

Due to the impact of climate change, ensuring food and nutritional security will be crucial. Millets, or Shree Anna, can help with this while also boosting climate-smart agriculture. In the International Year of Millets, we have taken millets to global palates. The Deccan High Level Principles on Food Security and Nutrition is also helpful in this direction.

Technology is transformative but it also needs to be made inclusive. In the past, the benefits of technological advancements have not benefited all sections of society equally. India, over the last few years, has shown how technology can be leveraged to narrow inequalities, rather than widen them.

For instance, the billions across the world that remain unbanked, or lack digital identities, can be financially included through digital public infrastructure (DPI). The solutions we have

built using our DPI have now been recognised globally. Now, through the G20, we will help developing countries adapt, build, and scale DPI to unlock the power of inclusive growth.

That India is the fastest-growing large economy is no accident. Our simple, scalable and sustainable solutions have empowered the vulnerable and the marginalised to lead our development story. From space to sports, economy to entrepreneurship, Indian women have taken the lead in various sectors. They have shifted the narrative to the development of women to women-led development. Our G20 Presidency is working on bridging the gender digital divide, reducing labour force participation gaps and enabling a larger role for women in leadership and decision-making.

For India, the G20 Presidency is not merely a high-level diplomatic endeavour. As the Mother of Democracy and a model of diversity, we opened the doors of this experience to the world.

Today, accomplishing things at scale is a quality that is associated with India. The G20 Presidency is no exception. It has become a people-driven movement. Over 200 meetings will have been organised in 60 Indian cities across the length and breadth of our nation, hosting nearly 100,000 delegates from 125 countries by the end of our term. No Presidency has ever encompassed such a vast and diverse geographical expanse.

It is one thing to hear about India's demography, democracy, diversity and development from someone else. It is totally different to experience them first-hand. I am sure our G20 delegates would vouch for this.

Our G20 Presidency strives to bridge divides, dismantle barriers, and sow seeds of collaboration that nourish a world where unity prevails over discord, where shared destiny eclipses isolation. As the G20 President, we had pledged to make the global table larger, ensuring that every voice is heard and every country contributes. I am positive that we have matched our pledge with actions and outcomes.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer. The author is the Prime Minister of India.



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Simple Pleasures

DESPITE living in the digital age, there are some habits which many of us simply cannot give up. Preferring to read a printed book over the online version is one such. There are multiple reasons why a large swathe of Indian readers always prefer hard copy of books to online reading. Psychologically,

the 'ownership' factor could be a key reason, besides the nice feeling you get while touching a new book, its fragrance, pleasure of turning the pages, easy portability, leisure reading - all make a physical book comfortably win over an e-book. However splendid the cover image of an e-book may look on screen, it is still an image rather than a phys-

ical thing. Another major disadvantage with an e-book is that you cannot look at more than one page at once. In fact, a study from West Chester University of Pennsylvania reveals that students who read on iPads had lower reading comprehension than when they read traditional printed books. A good physical book is like a full course

of a sumptuous meal, whereas an e-book is just fast food. Said the noted American novelist Harper Lee: "The book to read is not the one that thinks for you, but the one which makes you think."

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A First-Hand Look at Arba'een, the World's Largest Annual Pilgrimage



Arba'een rarely makes headlines, but when it does, it gives hope to humanity that universal peace is realisable.

MEHDI ALAVI

Arba'een, the immense annual gathering in Karbala, Iraq, got my attention after I read Sayed M. Modarresi's Huffington Post article, "World's Biggest Pilgrimage Now Underway, and Why You've Never Heard of It!" After researching it, I knew Arba'een was something that I must experience firsthand.

As the founder and president of Peace Worldwide Organization, I could not get the idea off my mind. In the US, we cannot have a concert with a few thousand attendees without some trouble. How in the world was it possible for millions of people to get together so lovingly and peacefully?

Finally, I took the journey. My experience with Arba'een opened my eyes to many possibilities to achieve global peace. I had never encountered such hospitality, love and generosity in my life. Although it was held in Iraq under the threat of terrorism, I spotted pilgrims from across the world eagerly participating. I was touched by the display of faith in humanity, the likes of which I had never seen anywhere else.

A multicultural gathering

Although it was originally initiated by Shi'a Muslims as a spiritual reawakening, I witnessed that Arba'een brought people together from all walks of life. It was a true representation of all people in the world. The participants included not just Shi'as but Sunnis, Ibadis, Christians, Jews, Hindus, Yazidis and Zoroastrians. There, we were all united in purpose and welcomed with the utmost respect, regardless of religion, culture, ethnicity, gender or race.

Four years earlier, I had participated in the annual Islamic Hajj pilgrimage. In Karbala, I noticed the much greater crowds; Arba'een attracts five or more times more people than the Hajj. In contrast to the Hajj, which is riddled with accidents and troubles, my experience with the Arba'een event was peaceful. While the Hajj consists exclusively of Muslims, Arba'een breaks across identity barriers. Arba'een is truly unique.

As I had read, it was embellished with the longest continuous free dining table with a variety of foods and personal sleep accommodations. Iraqis were stationed throughout

the path of pilgrims to wash feet and massage feet, backs, shoulders and necks. Clinics and doctors were available to treat pilgrims. All amenities, down to baby diapers, were furnished free. All services, including the tight security, were provided by volunteers. None of these were paid for by any government or corporation. They were all offered by Iraqis and others who had been saving for a year to serve pilgrims with pure love and compassion. They expected no pay; rather, they felt honored when we accepted their offerings or lodging.

On my journey, I was told that among the servers were the Iraqi Prime Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi and the Chinese Ambassador along with his wife. I wondered why US officials were absent, especially when the US was generally unpopular in the region and had the largest embassy and military presence in the country. It would have been a great PR opportunity.

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Arba'een memorializes the end of the 40-day mourning period for the brutal 7th-century killing of al-Husayn (Husayn), the Prophet Muhammad's grandson and third Shia Imam. His murder at the hands of the wicked Umayyad Caliph Yazid made him a martyr standing up against injustice. The event left an indelible mark on Islamic history. As Modarresi says, Husayn's "legend encourages, inspires, and champions change for the better, and no amount of media blackout can extinguish its light."

For me, Arba'een was a life-changing experience

Starting in 2014, ISIS freely roamed much of Iraq and committed atrocities that shocked the world. Armed with weapons and vehicles of Western manufacture, ISIS tortured suspects, raped women and girls, robbed, enslaved, used child soldiers and carried out genocide.

I read Modarresi's article in 2015 and learned that millions of people from all over the world ignored ISIS to attend Arba'een. ISIS, which takes an extreme anti-Shi'a stance, attempted to menace pilgrims into skipping Arba'een. The threat encouraged even more participation in defiance, a courageous audacity rarely seen anywhere around the world.

To the pilgrims, Husayn typifies the man who is spiritually connected to Allah, the Source of all things, which enables him to stand firmly against despotism and never submit to oppression or persecution. Husayn did so even though it cost him his own life and those of his brothers, sons and other loved ones.

To me, Arba'een appeared to be a truer representation of cross-cultural participation and cohesiveness than even the United Nations. Like other political entities, the UN is riddled with favoritism and corruption. Unlike in the UN, all people are treated with equal respect in Arba'een.

For days, nights, weeks and months, I was preoccupied. Something deep inside me urged me to participate. I wanted to be a part of it. I needed to see it for myself and experience the event known to millions. I felt a strong zeal to take the journey, despite the imminent threat of ISIS against the pilgrims. I became excited and eager knowing there was a purpose.

With ISIS controlling much of Iraq, my family was adamantly against me traveling in the Middle East, especially within Iraq. I was compelled to delay my journey.

Thanks to Qassem Soleimani, Iran's late top general, things have since changed for the better in the region. In mid-2018, Iraq gathered strength with assistance from Iran and Russia to push ISIS out of Iraq. On the ground with Russian air support, Iraqi special forces led by Soleimani and Iraqi militia commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis soundly defeated ISIS. That brave action gave me an opportunity to convince my family to let me participate in Arba'een. I assured them that I would be careful traveling there. Knowing how badly I wanted to go there, they reluctantly agreed.

In 2018, Arba'een was at the end of October. I was astonished. The journey exceeded all my expectations; every moment was breathtaking. I stayed in Iraq for 12 days, and it cost me not even a dime for food. My lodging would also have been totally free, but I chose to stay a few nights in nice hotels to reflect. The hotels were around \$20 a night.

Step by step, side by side, I marched all 50 miles of the way on foot over three days, alongside millions of other pilgrims. The journey began at the mausoleum of Ali in the

holy city of Najaf and terminated at Husayn's mausoleum in the holy city of Karbala.

As I looked over my shoulder, I saw children in the arms of their mothers and young men assisting the women and elderly in their quest to make the journey. I saw folks with canes and crutches taking each intentional step forward. I found the weakened, aged or disabled rolling in wheelchairs as persistent and committed as those of us on foot beside them. There were no divides or differences. There, we were all one.

There was only hope in their eyes and love in their heart as the people moved beside me. Often, I would find myself interrupted in thought, taking in each individual, making individual picture frame memories of their faces, with the various Iraqi citizens lining the trail motioning to give us water and food or guiding us along the path. I could feel the energy pulsating throughout my body, my mind, my soul—the frequency around me was vibrating, unconditional, pure, wholehearted love.

It was with this powerful frequency that I then took each individual step. All of this beautiful, loving energy made what could otherwise be characterized as a marathon feel like a walk in the park. I had very little on me except for a backpack of clothes, yet I felt fully abundant.

I had never seen generosity to that extent in my whole life. Various kinds of food and comfortable lodging were freely available along the path everywhere. I was astonished to see that even the poorest Iraqis traveled on foot for days to get there, simply to offer the pilgrims dates here and there.

Heaven on Earth

I thought to myself: If Iraqis could continue that spirit for the rest of the year by treating one another with the same compassion and love, Iraq would once again be the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8), a place of happiness and peace. Imagine what the world could be if we existed in this nature daily as well.

The instantaneous coming together of millions of people from across the world in Arba'een must be of Heavenly inspiration. It is equally magical how Iraqis work together providing the pilgrims safety and

security along with free food, lodging and other services. As Oregon's Southminster Presbyterian Church Pastor John Shuck described it, "... it is a divine interplay of an unchoreographed dance of love."

In my journey, I learned that millions of the pilgrims began their journey on foot from Iran, Kuwait, Syria and Lebanon, along with cities in Iraq and the Gulf Arab States, towards Karbala. For days, young and old traveled miles through mountainous and rocky trails in the burning sun of the day and the freezing cold of the night to reach the holy city. Regardless of where they came from, they all simply wanted to connect to Allah and live in harmony and peace. To accomplish these noble goals, they knew that a level of unrelenting self-will, accountability, good nature, kindness and endurance was required to win over oppression and persecution.

Husayn gave us many examples of courage in his stand against tyranny and injustice. Many of his quotes can be heard across the world, even if few are aware of the source of them. Over 1300 years ago, before he was viciously murdered, he said, "Death with dignity is better than a life in humiliation."

More than ever, I am now convinced that we can all learn a lot from religion in pursuit of harmony and peace. Religion is not inherently good or bad. It can be used as a positive force or abused for personal gain. The event of Arba'een symbolizes a religious occasion that annually brings the largest number of people from across the world together in the hope of promoting compassion, love, harmony and peace.

My journey was exceptional. My life's dream of unity and peace was realized in my travels. I watched people who were amazingly liberated from fear, judgment and the desire for control and power. I saw them all sharing their basic needs with strangers. I learned that the vision of the coming together of people from all walks of life united for the pursuit of compassion, love and peace ALREADY exists. Now, I can imagine an entire world through this vision, where I paint a picture in my mind as I lead the Peace Worldwide Organization and write about history, philosophy, politics, religion and spirituality.

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Breast Milk Compounds Found To Enhance Children's Cognition In Long-Term

Children's cognition enhanced when fed with infant formula, externally mixed with compounds known to be present exclusively in milk produced by lactating women, researchers have found.

The study added to the growing scientific support for the importance of ingredients found in breast milk in early human development, the researchers from the University of Kansas, US, said.

These compounds, milk fat globule membrane (MFGM) and lactoferrin, were added to infants formula and fed to children for 12 months.

The children's IQ raised by 5 points at 5 and a half years of age, the researchers said in their study published in the Journal of Pediatrics.

The effects were most evident in tests of children's speed of processing information and visual-spatial skills, they said.

Significant differences were also seen in children's performance on tests of executive function, which are complex skills involving rule learning and inhibition, they said.

"This is consistent with the idea that early exposure to these nutritional components contribute to the long-term structure and function of the brain," said John Colombo, the study's corresponding author.

Breast milk is widely acknowledged as the most beneficial nutrition for infants, but many families face medical or logistical challenges in breastfeeding.

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"No one thought much about this membrane," Colombo said, "until chemical analyses showed that it's remarkably complex and full of components that potentially contribute to health and brain development." "The global nutrition research community has been looking at MFGM for about a decade," Colombo said.

"Because the membrane is made up of several different components, it isn't known whether one of the components is responsible for these benefits, or whether the entire package of nutrients act together to improve brain and behavioral development," said Colombo.



WHY TO USE CRITICAL CARE AMBULANCE

Early Intervention

- Critical care ambulances are equipped with advanced medical equipment and trained medical professionals who can provide early intervention to patients during transit. This early intervention can help to stabilize patients and prevent their condition from deteriorating, thereby reducing the risk of mortality and morbidity.

Timely Transportation

- Critical care ambulances can transport patients to hospitals more quickly and safely than private transport, reducing the time between the onset of the medical emergency and the start of treatment. This can be critical in cases of heart attacks, strokes, or traumatic injuries, where every minute counts.

Reduced Complications

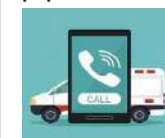
- Patients who receive critical care ambulance services are less likely to experience complications during transit or upon arrival at the hospital. This can result in shorter hospital stays, reduced healthcare costs, and improved patient outcomes.

Better Coordination

- Critical care ambulance services often work closely with local hospitals and emergency medical services (EMS) to ensure that patients receive the appropriate care and treatment. This coordination can help to reduce the risk of medical errors and ensure that patients receive the best possible care.

Improved Accessibility:

Critical care ambulance services can help to improve the accessibility of healthcare services in remote or underserved areas. This can help to reduce health disparities and improve the overall health of the population.



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CORRIGENDUM-II

Subject: - Extension of Critical Dates of e-NITS No. 12/1, 13/1 & 13/2 of 2023-24 Dated:- 17-08-2023.

Reference: - Tender IDs: - 2023_PWDJK_226671_1
2023_PWDJK_226686_1
2023_PWDJK_226686_2

Due to inadequate response in reference to above cited e-NITS, the Critical Dates are extended as under:

S.No	Description	Re- Scheduled date
1	Date of Downloading	18-08-2023 (06:15 PM) to 13-09-2023 (06:00 PM)
2	Date of uploading	18-08-2023 (06:15 PM) to 13-09-2023 (06:55 PM)
3	Due date of opening of tender	14-09-2023 (01:00 PM)

No: - M&HDB/TS/181-83
Dated: -06-09-2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical Division
Baramulla

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
**Office of the Superintending Engineer PMGSY
(JKRRDA) Circle Srinagar Kashmir**
e-NIT No:- 13/SE/PMGSY/S/E-TENDERING-OF 2023-24 Dated:- 04-09-2023-Fresh Call (2nd Call)

For and on behalf of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Superintending Engineer PMGSY Circle Srinagar invite e-tender on Percentage Basis for the following work from the eligible & approved contractors of J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other States/Central Governments for the following works including their maintenance for Five Years under DLP as defined in SBD.

S. No	Name of Work with Package No. and Name of Division	Tendered Cost including GST (Rs in lacs.)			Cost of document (Amount in Rs)	Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs in lacs.)	Time of completion For Construction work	Tender Call	Time and Date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid)	Class of contractor
		Construction Part	Maintenance Part	Total cost of work						
1	Upgradation & Maintenance of road from MRL17-B.L.Road to Dalinder via Batapora Stage U Package No JK01-3017 Length 4.280 Kms Carriage way width- 3.00m Under PMGSY III, Batch II, FY 2023-24, Block Bijbehara PMGSY Division Anantnag-	392.41	47.09	439.50	6000	8.79	427 Days / 14 Months	2nd	14-09-2023 At 10:00 A.M	*A* Class in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.

- Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 04-08-2023 1855 Hours.
- Cost of Bid Form: Rs6000/- per package (non-refundable) only inform of online Payment mode.
- The payment of Bid security and cost of Bid documents to be done online one-tendering website along with the submission of Bids.
- Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website www.pmgstenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www.pmgstenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the valid digital signature issued from authorized CA can use the same in this tender.
- The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website http://pmgstenders.gov.in from 04-09-2023 (1855 PM) to 13-09-2023 upto (4:30 PM).
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website http://pmgstenders.gov.in from 07-09-2023 (10:00 AM) to 13-09-2023 upto 4:30 PM. The bids uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened online on 14-09-2023 at 10:00 AM in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The complete bidding process will be on line.
- The advertised rates are exclusive of GST. The bidder shall quote % age (above or below) for the construction component only. However GST @18% shall be added separately at the time of allotment.
- A Pre-bid meeting will be held on 06-09-2023 at 11:30 AM in the Office of Superintending Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Circle Srinagar Kashmir at Engineering Complex Bund Road Rajbagh Srinagar to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in Clause 9 of instruction to bidders of the Bidding documents. The intending Bidders, before attending the Pre-bid meeting, are advised to visit the site of work and acquaint themselves with the site of conditions. It has been made mandatory for all the intending bidders to participate in the pre-bid meeting on the scheduled date and time.
- Note:- The intending bidders are advised to study the entire bidding document before preparation and submission of their bids. This includes clause 3 (Eligible Bidders), 4 (Qualification of Bidders) of ITB (Instruction to Bidders), Appendix to ITB, Section 3 (Qualification Information), Contract Data to G.C.C. & Section 7 of Bidding Document.

Sd/-
Er. Basharat Hussain
Superintending Engineer
PMGSY Circle Srinagar

SE/PMGSY/S/DB/e-Tendering/3125-3152
DIPK-8401/23 Dated:- 06-09-2023

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NITNo- 95 of RnB-Sopore of 2023-2024-tendering DATED 06.09.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S. No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of DOC (In Rupees)	E/Money	Time for completion of work	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	M.H of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
01	Construction of Surface Drain from H/O Lateef Ahmad Ganie to H/O Mohammad Iqbal Saboon at New Colony MC Sopore	1.42	200/-	2840/-	15 days	15.09.2023	DEE	IDMT
02	Construction of two link Drain from H/O Plot of Haji Firdous Ahmad Gadoo to H/O Noor Mohammad Pan-zoo and from H/O Ghulam Hassan Wani to H/O Javid Ahmad Khan at Model Town B. MC Sopore	7.52	300/-	15040/-	15 days	15.09.2023	DEE/CEE	IDMT/ Own Resources
03	Repairment of Drain from H/O Majloon Ahmad Lisoo to H/O Ab Ahad Khan at Poshwari Via H/o Mohd Ashraf Khanday at Mehrjapora Sopore	2.52	200/-	5040/-	15 days	15.09.2023	DEE	IDMT/ Own Resources
04	Development of link road by way of supply of WBM Grade-2nd from H/o Ayaz Ahmad Kachroo to H/o Farooq Ahmad Changa & H/o Ab Majid Hakeem to H/o Lateef Ahmad Shah at Gousia Noor Bagh. MC Sopore.	1.93	200/-	3860/-	15 days	15.09.2023	DEE	IDMT
05	Development of link road by way of Supply of Nallah Muck & Kakbajiri from H/O Nazir Ahmad Ganie to H/O Ashiq Hussain Shawl via H/o Bashir Ahmad Pir and H/o: Farooq Ahmad Kangoo at New light Colony MC Sopore and (B) Development of link road from H/o Gh Qadir Dand to Aijaz Ahmad Dhobi near Valley Public school Nigeen Bagh by way and Supply of Nallah Muck and Providing and laying of WBM Grade-2nd	2.14	200/-	4280	15 days	15.9.2023	DEE	IDMT
06	Development of Road by way of laying of WBM Grade-1st & 2nd from House of Bilal Ahmad Teli to House Altaf Ahmad Changa and from Masjid Abu Dujana to House of Hamidullah Malla at Yaseen Colony MC Sopore.	1.69	200/-	3380/-	15 days	15.9.2023	DEE	IDMT

Project Authority: M.C Sopore
Position of funds: Available

Position of AAA/ TS /Accorded

- 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 schedule of dates given below:

1	Date of issue of tender Notice	05.09.2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	06.09.2023
3	Bid Submission start date	06.09.2023
4	Bid Submission End date	14.09.2023 (4.00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bides (online)	15.09.2023 (12 PM) in the office of Ex. Engineer R&B Division, Sopore

- Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan/ CDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.
- At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.
- (b) Geotech Photographs Minimum 03 sets (01 set Comprising of Photograph before, during and after execution of work) of size 26 cm x 21 cm to be provided.
- The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on website 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 same website in the office of the Tender receiving authority.

- All bidders shall upload the following information and documents with their bids.
- All bidders shall upload copies of original documents defining constitution/legal status. Place of registration and principal place of business with cell No. and correspondence address.
- All bidders shall upload treasury challan.
- All bidders shall upload Bid security Declaration form.
- All bidders shall upload GSTIN No. and PAN card.
- All bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN along with latest sales tax clearance certificate Form GST-3B for the Proceeding Month/proceeding All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per NIT No: 10f2023-24 issued under No:-350-70 dated: 20.04.2023 PWD form 25 (Double agreement form)

- If the contractor/HMP quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of tendering process, his tender shall be rejected outrightly.

For and on behalf of the
Lt. Governor of J&KUT,

No: 7124-43
DIPK-8411/23 Dated: 06.09.2023

Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Sopore

RBI Governor Asks Fintech Players To Form Self Regulatory Organisation

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Fintech players should form a self regulatory organisation for an orderly growth of the industry that is projected to have revenues of USD 200 billion by 2030, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Wednesday.

Addressing the industry at the Global Fintech Fest here, Das said fintech players need to evolve industry best practices to avoid misselling, stress on ethical practices, pricing transparency and take care of privacy and data protection concerns.

"I would like to use this opportunity to urge and encourage the fintechs to establish a Self Regulatory Organisation (SRO) themselves," he said and assured all help from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the process.

The fintech players should form the SRO at the earliest, Das said and hoped that such a platform will be ready at least by the next edition of the year-long event.

Stating that other industries also have SROs, Das said forming an SRO will help the players to voice their concerns.

He also said that having the SRO will reduce the burden of regulating a dynamic sector off the RBI's shoulders.



Das said regulators play a critical role in addressing arbitrage, ensuring compliance with existing laws, and adopting regulations as per technological advancements.

Further, he asked the fintech players -- most of them startups -- to avoid the "relentless drive for valuations" and profits, and asked them to focus on customer centricity.

"to focus on customers means embracing a customer-centric approach to innovation by understanding the needs of customers, making provisions that protect customer interests and earn their trust," he added.

He said that good governance will be key to durable and long term success of any company and in particular, the fintech players.

Technological innovation has "unprecedented potential" to make finance more inclusive, competitive and robust, Das said, adding that advancements in technology need to evolve in a "responsible" manner.

Over 4 Lakh Indians May Die Awaiting Employment-Based S Green Cards: Report

Press Trust Of India

WASHINGTON: More than 10.5 lakh Indians are in the queue for an employment-based Green Card and 4 lakh of them may die before they receive the much-sought-after legal document of permanent residency in the US, according to a new study.

A Green Card, known officially as a Permanent Resident Card, is a document issued to immigrants to the US as evidence that the bearer has been granted the privilege of residing permanently. The per-country caps are numerical limits on the issuance of green cards to individuals from certain countries.

The employment-based Green Card backlog reached a new record of 1.8 million cases this year, according to the study by David J Bier of the Cato Institute, an American libertarian think tank.

About 1.1 million of the 1.8 million cases in the backlog are from India (63 per cent). Another nearly 250,000 are from China (14 per cent), it said.

The backlog consists of immigrants who are waiting to receive green cards, primarily the result of low Green Card caps for employer-sponsored



immigrants and investors.

Because no country may receive more than 7 per cent of the green cards (the country caps) unless they would otherwise go unused, the 1.1 million cases from Indians in the backlog bear most of the burden of the broken system, the study said.

New applicants from India will face a lifetime wait, and more than 400,000 will die before they receive a green card, it said.

The process starts when an employer files a petition for a worker. If no Green Card is available under the caps, the petition is wait-listed until a spot opens. Finally, a worker may file to adjust their status to permanent residence (the green card application) when a green card cap spot is available to them.

There's a similar staged process for investors and employment-based "special immigrants" who include Afghan interpreters as well as, strangely, abandoned immigrant children.

In March 2023, 80,324 employment-based petitions were pending, representing about 171,635 people with spouses and minor children of the workers included. Another 1.3 million were waitlisted, and 289,000 were pending adjustment of status applications, the study said.

There were also some employment-based immigrants waiting for immigrant visa adjudications at consulates abroad, but the State Department provides no information about the number of these cases.

JKEDI Organises Industry-Academia Interface Program For Students Of IUST



Observer News Service

PULWAMA: In connection with the ongoing observance of 'Brashtachar Mukt-J&K' week, dedicated to promoting accountability, good governance, and a corruption-free UT, the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) Wednesday organized a one-day Industry-Academia Interface program.

The event was held at the Pampore campus of the Institute for the postgraduate students of the Economics department of the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), with a primary focus on understanding the startup ecosystem flourishing within the Union Territory.

The program was presided over by Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director JKEDI. Through a detailed interaction, he provided students with invaluable in-

sights and real-life examples of individuals who have successfully transitioned into entrepreneurs.

His firsthand knowledge added depth to the program, inspiring the students with practical wisdom and guidance drawn from his career.

"Understanding the practical application of academic knowledge in fields as influential as economics, which holds a central position in shaping economic policies and business strategies. Events like this empower students to bridge the gap between theory and real-world implementation, equipping them with the skills needed to contribute meaningfully to the economic development of their region and beyond. It's crucial to take advantage of various Government policies in place to encourage entrepreneurs, said Director JKEDI.

Apple, Facebook, TikTok Among Six Firms To Face Stricter EU Rules

AFP

BRUSSELS- The European Union on Wednesday unveiled the list of digital giants -- including Apple, Facebook owner Meta and TikTok parent ByteDance -- that will face tough new curbs on how they do business.

Brussels is working through a dense legislative agenda to build tougher regulation of big tech, arguing it needs to protect European consumers online and to encourage competition in an industry dominated by US giants.

The latest announcement is a milestone in the application of the Digital Markets Act (DMA), which will force the largest firms to change their ways under a checklist of dos and don'ts and, regulators hope, create a fairer market.

Observers say the law could open a new battlefield between digital titans and the European Union as some companies consider launching legal challenges.

The European Commission, the EU's powerful anti-trust body, named 22 "core



platform" services belonging to five US tech behemoths identified as "gatekeepers" -- Google parent Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft -- and China's ByteDance.

The services included Apple's App Store; Meta's Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp; Google's YouTube video platform and Chrome browser, as well as Apple's Safari.

Others included operating systems run by Apple, Microsoft and Google as well as Alphabet's Google Maps, Play and Shopping.

They must fully comply with the DMA by March 6, 2024.

The "gatekeeper" status applies when a service has more

than 45 million monthly active users and more than 10,000 yearly active business users established in the EU.

Apple on Wednesday said it was "very concerned about the privacy and data security risks the DMA poses for our users" and said it would seek to "mitigate these impacts".

There will be fines of up to 10 percent of a firm's global revenues for breaking some of the most serious competition rules, and even up to 20 percent for repeat offenders.

One major change under the DMA is the rule that forces interoperability between messaging apps, making it easier for users to share links and images.

HP&M Deptt Organises Day-Long Awareness Workshop On PM-FME



SRINAGAR: Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing (HP&M) Wednesday organised a day long awareness workshop on Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro-food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) Scheme at Srinagar.

Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Shabnam Shah Kamili, Managing Director JKHPMC Imam-ud-din, Special Secretary APD, Farooq Ahmad Dar, State Coordinator/Manager Branding and Marketing for J&K, Neha Ganju, Young Professional Technical Ritika Khattar, district nodal officers, rep-

resentatives from banks, farmers and beneficiaries of the PMFME Scheme attended the workshop.

The centrally sponsored PM FME scheme aims at providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.

Speaking on the occasion Secretary APD impressed upon the officers to take substantial steps in successful implementation of the scheme. She said that the number of registrations and sanctioning of cases under the scheme needs to be

ramped up for its successful implementation.

Kamili said that JK has a huge potential owing to the large number of unique products which paves the way for upgradation of micro food processing units.

She further emphasized the importance of coordination between departments and banks to ensure the successful implementation of the PMFME scheme. He urged officers to work diligently to minimize loan rejections.

She also highlighted the need for bankers to be approachable and friendly to-

wards PMFME applicants. She said that banks need to expedite the pending loan applications so that the beneficiaries don't have to wait.

At the outset Special Secretary APD, gave an overview of the scheme and the support provided by the department to the beneficiaries.

He also gave a PowerPoint presentation in which the role of the scheme, respective capacity building measures, subsidies, use of common infrastructure and Common Incubation Centres etc were highlighted.

FCIK Signs MOU With FOIJ To Boost Industrial Development

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) Wednesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federation of Industries Jammu (FOIJ) to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the two apex industrial chambers in order to strive for rejuvenation of distressed industrial units and give boost to overall industrial and economic development.

The MOU was signed by President FCIK Shahid Kamili and Chairman FOIJ Tejwant Singh Reen in presence of Former Chairman FOIJ Lalit Mahajan and Former Presidents of FCIK Shakeel Qalander, Mohammad Ashraf Mir, Meraj Ahmad Qureshi and Zahoor Ahmad Bhat.

The two Chambers had series of virtual meetings on roadmap to mutual cooperation during past several weeks and it materialized after a delegation from FOIJ dropped in Srinagar to hold further meetings to give the MOU a final shape.

In a joint statement released for press, both the organisations regretted continued plight, miseries and difficulties

of the existing industrial units for non-implementation of the industrial policies in their letter and spirit which had affected the working of existing units and put their very survival at risk.

"The 3% turnover incentive announced and promised to the existing industrial units in the current industrial policy was substantially being withdrawn for paucity of funds putting a question mark on government commitments" regretted two chambers.

The two organisations accused the government of withdrawing all marketing incentives during currency of the policy rendering all those units worthless which had their dependence on the government procurements.

"How can the manufacturing units of Jammu and Kashmir with slew of disadvantages compete with their counterparts from industrially advanced states on GeM portal without being provided with any protection" questioned the two chambers adding that the withdrawal of price and purchase preference as also delay in release of due payments had wreaked havoc on these units.



Pr Secy APD Takes Stock Agriculture Activities In Budgam Areas

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Department (APD), Shailendra Kumar Wednesday visited organic vegetable cluster Narkara here, held interaction with the progressive farmers and also took stock of the agriculture activities in the areas.

During the visit, he also reviewed the progress on various projects under holistic agriculture development programme.

Interacting with the farmers, Principal Secretary reiterated department's commitment to the development of agriculture and allied sectors in the region. He impressed upon the young educated farmers to go for diverse agriculture activities like mushroom cultivation, bee keeping as a main source to earn income and livelihood. He further said that organic vegetable cultivation shall be encouraged and a large number of organic vegetable clusters

shall be established under PKVY scheme in the UT of J&K.

On the occasion, Shailendra Kumar also distributed authority letters among beneficiaries under CAPEX budget 2023-24 for the establishment of mushroom units on 50% subsidy.

Meanwhile, the Principal Secretary also visited first of its kind fully automated mushroom unit at Mamath here. He inspected different sections of mushroom unit and held deliberations with the unit holder.

Expressing his view, Shailendra Kumar said that a multi crore project under holistic agriculture development programme is being implemented by the department of agriculture for the promotion of round the year mushroom cultivation for sustainable and profitable crop. He said over the years mushroom cultivation emerged as one of the important tools to enhance agricultural income of the concerned farming families.

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Sub:- Provisional Selection List Of Candidates For The Engagement Of AAYA's/Helpers Under ECCE For The Year 2022-2023 Advertised Vide This Office Notification No. 02 Dated: 24-07-2023 for One Post of AAYA,

Ref:- State project Director SAMAGRA J&K vide his order No. 07 of CHIRAG-2023 Dated:-09/01/2023 endorsed by the Chief Education Officer Ganderbal vide no: CEO/GBL/SS/AAYA/Helper/29 dated:-18/01/2023.

Whereas School Level Monitoring Committee Conducted Through Verification Of The Applicants And Prepared The Provisional Selection List.

The Provisional selection List is Prepared In Accordance With The Norms Of Director SAMAGRA SHIKSHA J&K, And Is Hereby Notified As Per Annexure -A To This Notification . It Is Further Ordered That:-

- The Provisional Selection List Shall Be Subjected To The Production Of Original Documents By The Selected Candidates.**
- This Is A Provisional Selection List Only And Mere Figuring In It Shall Not Confer Any Right To The Candidates For Final Selection.**

In Case Of Any Objection By Any Applicant Who Had Applied For The Post, To This Notification Can File Its Appeal In The Office Of Chief Education Officer Ganderbal Within Seven (7) Days From The Date Of Publication Of This Notification.

No. BHS/H/K/848-1
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Provisional Selection List for Engagement of one Post of AAYA-
ANNEXURE A

S. No.	Name	Parentage	Category	Qualification	D-O-B	Age	Residence	Category of Ration Card	Remarks
1	Kulsuma Raina	Late Gh Nabi Raina	Orphan	10th	11-04-1988	35	Hayan Palpora	Phh	-

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SC upholds HC verdict restoring service of BSF constable accused of taking female doctor's pics

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has upheld a Delhi High Court verdict that had revoked the dismissal of a Border Security Force constable accused of clicking pictures of a woman doctor while she was taking a bath.

A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra dismissed the appeals filed by the Centre and the BSF administration challenging the February 2013 verdict of the high court which had also directed that he would be entitled to certain consequential benefits.

The appellants had also challenged in the top court the November 2013 order of the high court which had dismissed the plea seeking a review of the February 2013 verdict.

"In light of the discussion above and also taking into account that the minutes of the proceedings recording the plea of guilty did not bear the signature of the original petitioner (constable), in our considered view, the high court

was justified in finding the dismissal of the original petitioner on the basis of the plea of guilty unwarranted and liable to be set aside in exercise of powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India," the bench said in its verdict delivered on Tuesday.

It said the high court was also justified in not re-opening the proceeding from the stage where the "error crept in" by noticing that it would serve no useful purpose as there was hardly any evidence on record and nearly a decade had passed since the date of the alleged incident.

"For all the reasons above, we do not find it a fit case for interference in exercise of our jurisdiction under Article 136 of the Constitution of India. The appeals are dismissed," the bench said.

It noted that the man was a constable (General Duty) in the BSF and the case against him was that while he was posted as a security aide to a lady doctor,

he clicked her pictures while she was taking a bath in June 2005.

The apex court noted the allegations against him were that on the day of the alleged incident, the doctor had requested him to leave her quarter as she were to take a bath and while she was bathing, she noticed two camera flashes through the window of her bathroom after which she raised an alarm.

The matter was reported to the chief medical officer after which the BSF authorities investigated it and put the constable under open arrest, the bench noted.

Thereafter, under the orders of the Battalion Commandant, proceedings were initiated against him in respect of commission of an offence under section 40 of the Border Security Force Act, 1968, for committing an act prejudicial to the good order and discipline of the force and record of evidence was prepared.

The apex court noted that

on completion of the record of evidence, the Commandant remanded the constable for trial by a Summary Security Force Court (SSFC), which held its proceedings in July 2005 wherein the constable "is stated to have pleaded guilty".

Based on that, the SSFC dismissed him from service, the bench said, adding that aggrieved by this, he had filed an appeal before the appellate authority.

The apex court noted that in the appeal, he refuted the allegations of clicking pictures of the lady doctor and claimed that no evidence was forthcoming against him in the testimony of prosecution witnesses.

"Taking all the aforesaid circumstances as well as the plea that no confession was made by the original petitioner into consideration, the high court opined that there was no worthwhile evidence against the original petitioner as to weigh on him to admit his guilt," the bench noted.

Appeals in 2006 Mumbai train blasts case

HC slams Maharashtra govt for not appointing prosecutor yet

Press Trust of India

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Wednesday berated the Maharashtra government for not appointing a new special public prosecutor (SPP) to represent it in the appeals arising from the 2006 Mumbai serial train blasts case.

The government was not treating the case with seriousness, said a division bench of Justices Nitin Sambre and Rajesh Patil.

While the trial court sentenced five accused to death in the case in 2015, the hearing on its confirmation as well as the appeals filed by the accused in the high court is yet to start.

Seven blasts ripped through local trains during the evening rush hour in Mumbai on July 11, 2006, killing more than 180 people and injuring several others.

When the appeals came up for hearing on Wednesday, the court was informed that the state government was yet to appoint a special public prosecutor.

Senior advocate Raja Thakare

had been appointed as SPP as he had acted as prosecutor during the trial. But he expressed disinclination to act as SPP at the appellate level, so the hearing was adjourned.

The government approached Thakare again, requesting him to take up the brief. But the terms of his appointment were yet to be decided, the court was told.

When the government sought more time on Wednesday, the bench got irked.

"Is this the way you are treating these appeals? There is no seriousness with which the government is treating this issue. We will summon the chief secretary of the state home department to answer us tomorrow morning," the judges said.

Eventually, the high court directed the government to sort out the issue by September 8 and directed an officer from the law and judiciary department to be present on that day.

"We do not want mid-level officers, we want someone from the government. If there is a failure on the aforesaid issue

on the appointment of SPP by the day after tomorrow, we will call upon the principal secretary of the law and judiciary department," Justice Sambre said.

The court also indicated that it was inclined to start hearing the appeals from October 5 on a day-to-day basis.

Between 2006 and 2008, the Anti Terrorism Squad (ATS) of Maharashtra Police arrested 13 alleged members of the terrorist organisation Indian Mujahideen in connection with the train blasts.

In September 2015, the trial court convicted 12 of the accused, imposed the death penalty on five of them and sentenced the others to life imprisonment. One of the accused was acquitted.

The state government then filed an appeal in the high court seeking confirmation of the death penalty (which is mandatory), while the convicts too filed appeals challenging their convictions and sentences.

Since then, the appeals have come up for hearing before nine different benches of the high court.

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will be "broken, squeezed and finished" to thwart any fresh conspiracy from Pakistan to disturb peace in the region, Singh said.

"Under no circumstances, will we allow terrorism to raise its ugly head again in Rajouri and Poonch districts. Terrorism will be crushed with an iron fist and those supporting terrorism will be dealt with strictly," the police chief told reporters in Rajouri district.

Congratulating security forces and civilian volunteers, including village defence guards, for back-to-back successful operations against terrorists in Rajouri and Poonch, and Reasi in the past couple of months, he said the border grid has been further strengthened and this was evident as infiltration attempts were foiled this year.

"We are determined to thwart any fresh conspiracy of Pakistan. We have successfully foiled many infiltration attempts by terrorists this year, and we will not lower our guard," Singh said, adding that additional police personnel are being deployed to assist the army in further strengthening the border security grid.

He said there were repeated attempts from Pakistan to revive militancy in Poonch and Rajouri districts but these were foiled with the cooperation of people.

"Security was strengthened and area domination was ensured with massive searches... these resulted in the killing of infiltrators on the Line of Control and those who managed to sneak in are being neutralised one after the other," the DGP said.

Asked about the measures taken to curb narcotic smuggling from Pakistan, Singh said security agencies are alert and strict action is being taken against perpetrators.

"Some of our people living ahead of the border fence are in contact with people from across the border. We have seized large consignments airdropped from drones along the Line of Control and the International Border," he said.

The DGP said police are taking stern action against those involved in smuggling of narcotics, weapons or facilitating infiltration of terrorists.

People also need to remain alert and help security forces identify the "bad elements" who are not only enemies of the nation but also ruining the lives of youngsters, Singh said.

On the number of active terrorists in the Rajouri-Poonch belt, the DGP said it is not possible to give an exact figure as they are constantly on the run and were moving from Rajouri-Poonch to south Kashmir's Shopian and Kulgam districts.

"Three groups with numbers ranging between nine and 12 have been sighted in the past...three more terrorists were recently neutralised in encounters at Khawas in Rajouri and Chassana in Reasi. We are active on both sides of the Pir Panjal Range and the rest of them will also be neutralised," he said.

He said one of the two terrorists killed in Khawas on August 5 was a Pakistani national who was active in Rajouri for a very long time. "He was suspected to have been involved in many terrorist acts and was also planning fresh attacks. His killing is a major success for security forces," Singh said.

The DGP said the terrorist killed in Chassana's Tuli area on Monday is also believed to be a Pakistani national. A search operation is on to neutralise his associate who managed to flee during the encounter, taking advantage of heavy rains and darkness, he said.

Earlier, the DGP reviewed the security situation in the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, and also inaugurated a CCTV control room in Rajouri. He also released a book on terrorism, compiled by Deputy Inspector General of Police, Poonch-Rajouri Range, Haseeb Mughal.

Army Says 2 Terrorists

defence PRO Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said. He said the operation was launched after two terrorists were observed crossing the LoC on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday in the Mandi sub-sector of Poonch.

"A joint operation was launched by the Indian Army and police immediately to intercept the terrorists. The hostile terrain, dense jungle and steep gradient were utilised by the terrorists to bring down a heavy volume of fire on the troops," the PRO said, adding both the terrorists were eliminated on Wednesday.

Officials said the terrorists were noticed moving towards the border fence in the Sawjian area of Mandi taking cover of the darkness shortly after the midnight.

Reinforcements were rushed to the area and a fierce gunbattle between the two sides started when the troops confronted the infiltrating terrorists, the officials said, adding the security forces suffered no casualty in the encounter.

The encounter along the LoC comes just two days after security forces gunned down a hardcore terrorist in the remote Gali Sohlab village in the Tuli area of Reasi district.

However, another terrorist had managed to escape. A massive search operation launched to nab him entered the third day on Wednesday, the officials said.

The border district of Poonch and Rajouri have witnessed several encounters this year, resulting in the killing of around 22 terrorists and 10 security personnel.

Most of the terrorists were killed while attempting to sneak into this side from across the border, the officials said.

Coast Guards

Shergojri of Khampora Sarai Chadoora for his involvement in case FIR No. 59/2022 under section 20, 38 UAP Act registered at the Police Station Chadoora, a police spokesperson said.

In this regard, he said, notices were affixed at visible places including on the main gate of residential house of Shergojri by the concerned Police asking him to appear before the trial Court by or before October, 3, this year.

'Warning Sounds'

The messaging has a speciality in that it will identify an area. The message will be delivered to all the mobile users of that area. The alert will warn them about the potential dangers," the ADG said.

The CBAS is a cutting-edge technology that enables the dissemination of critical and time-sensitive disaster management information to all mobile devices within a specified geographical area, regardless of whether the recipients are residents or visitors.

The approach ensures that crucial emergency information reaches as many people as possible pronto, making it invaluable for government agencies and emergency services, the DoT officials said.

"Cell Broadcast is widely used for delivering emergency alerts, including severe weather warnings, public safety messages, evacuation notices, and other vital information," they added.

Arun Aggrawal, a senior DoT officer, stressed India's need for innovative solutions to address its vulnerability to floods, emphasising that cell broadcasting has the potential to save lives and minimise the effects of a disaster.

Officials said the messaging system is not in operation anywhere in India and is in the testing phase.

Testing of the service was done for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir circle by BSNL here, they said.

According to BSNL - the main service Provider in the region - it will charge no money to mobile users for the service, which is completely run by the disaster management setup and service providers.

DoT official A K Tripathi said the service is likely to be launched by the Prime Minister after the completion of trials and testing all over the country.

Rajmath, CDS

and space, lieutenant governors of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, chief of defence staff, and the Army chief will participate in this event, he said.

Lt Gen Sengupta emphasized that the symposium facilitates a structured approach to

product evaluation, prioritisation, and acquisition while contributing actionable inputs for procurement plans.

He also highlighted the evolution of North Tech Symposium, which began in 2005 as a blend of equipment, ideas, innovation, and display but has since shifted its focus towards promoting cutting-edge defence technology and self-reliance.

Regarding the challenges faced by the Northern Command, Lt Gen Sengupta acknowledged the need for customized solutions due to diverse terrain and climatic conditions. He underlined the Northern Command's efforts to bridge the gap between existing resources and requirements.

"This year's North Tech Symposium will be a bigger leap in reinforcing our endeavours to close the gap towards desires," he added.

He said that this year's symposium aims to make significant strides in enhancing military capabilities, with its theme centered on "Synergy, Research, Development, and Innovation in the Modernization of the Military."

Various weapons are set to be procured through this platform, using special financial powers granted to the Army commander and other capital procurement projects, with a current annual budget of approximately Rs 1,000 crore, he added.

Dr Sunil Misra, the Director General of the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers, emphasized that the symposium will showcase cutting-edge technologies aimed at addressing operational challenges faced by the Northern Command.

He highlighted the event's dedication to reigniting the spirit of innovation to meet immediate and future security requirements.

Admin Making

four south Kashmir districts, Sinha said. The camp began in Anantnag and will move to other districts.

"The information I have is that over 2,000 people have registered till now. I hope we will be able to end the pendency in south Kashmir," Sinha said.

Asked about some doctors practising in private during duty hours, the Lt Governor said everyone should obey the law.

Akhand Bharat

"But if you go on working for it, you will see it materialise before you get old. Because the conditions are becoming such that those who separated from India feel that they made a mistake. They feel that we should have been India again. They think that for becoming India they need to erase the lines on the map. But it is not so. Being India is accepting the nature ("swabhav") of India," the RSS chief said.

To a question about the claims that the RSS did not hoist the national flag at its headquarters in Mahal area here from 1950 till 2002, Bhagwat said, "Every year on August 15 and January 26 we hoist the national flag, wherever we are. There is flag-hoisting at both our campuses in Mahal and Reshimbagh in Nagpur. People should not ask this question to us." He then recalled an incident during the Congress's Tejpur convention near Jalgaon in 1933 when Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru hoisted the national flag on an 80-foot pole.

The flag got stuck midway in front of a crowd of about 10,000, but a youth came forward, climbed the pole and freed it, he said.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru asked the youth to be present at the convention the next day for felicitation, but it did not happen because some people told him that the youth attended an RSS 'shakha' (daily assembly), Mr Bhagwat claimed.

When (RSS founder) Dr Keshav Baliram Hedgewar learnt this, he visited the youth's house and praised him, the RSS chief said.

The youth's name was Kishan Singh Rajput, he added.

"The RSS has been associated with the honour of the national flag from the very first time it faced a problem. We also hoist the national flag on these two days (August 15 and January 26)...But whether it is hoisted or not, when it comes to the honour of the national

flag, our swayamsevak (RSS volunteer) has been in the forefront and ready to give his life," Mr Bhagwat said.

9 Chargesheeted

division are identified as former executive engineer Jai Paul, former assistant executive engineer Ashok Nanda, Krishan Lal, Baldev Singh and Randeep Singh. All five were part of the irrigation department when the alleged encroachment is said to have taken place.

Chargesheet has also been filed against alleged beneficiaries of the encroached land, Swarn Singh and his son Manjeet Singh, Guldev Raj and Jagat Ram (now dead).

The spokesperson said a written complaint was lodged by one Aman Choudhary alleging that Manjeet and his father Swarn of Jaurian area of Jammu have constructed a building on land belonging to the irrigation department after encroaching it in active connivance with concerned officials.

The building was then given to a bank on rent while another petrol pump was set up on 11 marlas of state land, he alleged.

The complainant also alleged that the accused had managed to obtain a fake and fraudulent title over the land with intention to cause wrongful loss to the state.

A preliminary verification was initiated following the complaint with prior approval of J&K's crime branch headquarters and during the course of the probe, the allegations were prima facie established leading to the registration of a formal case, the spokesperson said.

During the investigation, documentary and oral evidence were collected, together with the circumstantial evidence, he said.

HC Grants Bail

Station House Officer, Police Station Sumbal once every week and register her presence.

She has been also asked not leave the territorial jurisdiction of the Jammu and Kashmir without seeking prior permission of the trial Court and that she shall present herself before the trial Court on each and every date of hearing, unless exempted by the Court. She has also been asked to surrender before the trial Court on November 6 so as to be sent back to prison.

Children Of SASS

and promote the welfare of employees of the Shrine Board.

"The Children Education Allowance will be provided to the employees from Sharadiya Navratri in the month of October this year," Sinha said, while addressing a gathering at Matrika Auditorium of SMVD University here.

At the ceremony, the LG shared the efforts of the Shrine Board to augment facilities for the pilgrims.

"Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine pilgrimage is a symbol of our Sanatan Culture, source of energy and divinity for humanity. With the blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi, our endeavor is to make modern infrastructure as a medium of service to devotees, hassle-free pilgrimage and enrich the spiritual experience of travelers," he said. He also appreciated the endeavours of the Gurukul to provide quality education to the students.

"Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul is also transforming into a melting pot of science and Sanskar. The Gurukul is persistently making a single effort, to create a fine balance between Science, Technology with search for oneself, inner journey and create a spiritual climate for wisdom to grow," Sinha said.

"Our rich spiritual legacy, Vedas, Upanishads are guiding light for humanity. The Gurukul as an energy field has beautifully integrated modern education with Vedic education to prepare the students to serve the society and effectively tackle the future challenges," he added.

The LG extended his heartiest congratulations to all the Members, management and everyone associated with the Shrine Board and SMVD Gurukul.

"Our Schools, Gurukuls and Universities should provide a conducive environment for all students to develop their overall personality, encourage originality, new ideas, instill

self-confidence among the students and inspire young minds for nation's social and economic empowerment," he added.

Earlier, he inaugurated Gayatri Bhawan, a residential complex for the employees of the Shrine Board at Nomin. He also e-inaugurated underground cabling project in Shrine Area and additional Dining and Accommodation at Gurukul.

The LG released the second edition of Annual Magazine of SMVD Gurukul. A Sanskrit Short Film "Tatvabodh" was also screened on the occasion.

Cops 'Assault'

the transfer of a piece of land from the revenue department last year but the application was rejected and they were asked to vacate the parcel. When they failed to vacate, revenue department employees seized the tents and boards installed by the police.

The incident sparked protests by revenue employees, who held a demonstration outside the deputy commissioner's office to demand action against the guilty police personnel.

"All clerical staff of the deputy commissioner's office and the revenue department went on a spontaneous strike and held a protest against the highhandedness of the police," Ramban Patwar Association chief Harjeet Singh said.

He said the protesters are demanding immediate suspension of the guilty police personnel and a high-level inquiry into the incident.

Truck Catches

way to Kashmir from Jammu. The cause of the fire was not known immediately, the officials said.

Advocates Association

a digital Library will be established at the earliest and a direction will be issued to the concerned department.

On the issue of one-time age relaxation, Sinha, the spokesperson said, assured the delegation that the matter will be taken up with the concerned authority.

21 Kanal Forest Land

the assistance of the Police, also dismantled 2 structures in Compartment 24/R in presence of Executive Magistrate Tehsildar Ukhral.

LG Greets People

Lord Krishna, we must rededicate ourselves to his eternal teachings and build a society full of love, peace, brotherhood and compassion.

May the festival inspire us towards the goal of Viksit Jammu Kashmir and herald peace and prosperity for all".

Tourist Dies of

sent for postmortem and other medico-legal formalities.

4 Pak Soldiers

Four soldiers "fought gallantly" during the exchange of fire and were killed, it said, adding that the area was being sanitised to eliminate any other terrorists found in the vicinity.

"During the fire exchange, 12 terrorists were sent to hell, while a large number has been critically injured," the statement said.

The banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility for the attack on the Ostai security check-post and Janjeerat Koh check-post in the Chitral district.

The attack at the Ostai security check-post left two soldiers dead while two soldiers were killed and four others injured in the attack on the Janjeerat check post, a source said.

The injured have been shifted to Chitral Scouts Hospital of which one, who is critically wounded, was airlifted to the Combined Military Hospitals in Peshawar. Sources said four choppers made emergency landing at the Chitral airport to tackle the situation.

"Security forces of Pakistan are determined to eliminate the menace of terrorism and such sacrifices of our soldiers further strengthen our resolve. The brave people of Chitral also stand firmly with the security forces in not allowing the terrorists to ruin the peace of the area," the ISPR said.

Pakistan Treated Us Well, Says BCCI President Roger Binny

Press Trust of India

AMRITSAR: BCCI President Roger Binny could not stop gushing over the warm and friendly treatment they received in Pakistan on their short visit to the neighbouring nation while Board Vice President Rajeev Shukla asserted that cricket could be the bridge between the two countries that share a tense diplomatic relation.

Binny and Shukla returned to India via the Attari-Wagah border on Wednesday after watching Asia Cup matches on Pakistan Cricket Board's invitation. It was first instance in 17 years that the two BCCI office bearers travelled to Pakistan. They had crossed the border on Monday.

"We had a very good meeting in Pakistan. We received very good hospitality. They took care of us very well. The main agenda was to watch cricket and to sit and discuss things with



them. Overall, it was a very good trip," Binny told PTI after their arrival. "Pakistan treated us very well, they went out of the way to make us comfortable."

The two countries compete against each other only in ICC or ACC events as bilateral cricket ties have been suspended due to diplomatic tension between the two nations. The last time an Indian cricket team travelled to Pakistan was back in 2008 for the Asia Cup. Pakistan

last hosted India for a bilateral series in 2006.

Pakistan last visited India in 2012 for a white-ball tour. Asked about the possibility of resumption of bilateral cricket with Pakistan, Binny reiterated that they can't take a call on that.

India and Pakistan are currently engaged in the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka and will lock horns again in the much-anticipated World Cup clash on October 14 in Ahmedabad.

BCCI To Release 400,000 WC Tickets

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Understanding the high demand for tickets of the upcoming World Cup games, the BCCI will be releasing approximately 400,000 tickets for the highly anticipated tournament. However, a media release from the BCCI doesn't specify as to what percentage of the 400,000 tickets released will be specifically earmarked for India's matches.

This measure is aimed at accommodating as many passionate cricket fans as possible, ensuring their participation in the event.

"Cricket enthusiasts from around the world can now secure their seats to witness the cricketing extravaganza of the year," the release said. "The general sale of tickets for all matches of the will commence from 8:00 PM IST onwards on September 8, 2023.

Fans can purchase tickets by visiting the official ticketing website at <https://tickets.cricketworldcup.com>. Fans will be notified of the further sale of tickets in the next phase in due course," the release added. (PTI)

PCB Demands Compensation From ACC For Losing Asia Cup Matches

Press Trust of India

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board on Wednesday demanded compensation from the Asian Cricket Council for the loss of gate money it has suffered due to Asia Cup matches being held in Sri Lanka.

Although the PCB has not issued any official statement on the matter, some media outlets here have reported that the board's chairman Zaka Ashraf has sent a formal letter to the ACC president Jay Shah, demanding compensation. Ashraf has expressed his disappointment over the way the scheduling of the matches in Sri Lanka has been handled by the ACC.

Without taking any names, the PCB chief has also asked who was responsible for last-minute decisions to shift venues without taking the other ACC board members into confidence.

Ashraf's letter also mentions a meeting between some ACC members including those from Sri Lanka and Pakistan after the contest between India and Nepal. "In



the meeting it was agreed that since the forecast is that Hambantota would remain dry the matches in Colombo should be moved there," Ashraf has written.

As per the letter, it was decided on September 5 by both the host countries and the ACC that matches should be moved to Hambantota, following which Sri Lanka's head curator was dispatched to prepare the pitches.

The letter also mentions that even the broadcast crew had started making arrangements for moving to Hambantota.

The letter says that the ACC sent an email to the PCB confirming it, which would be sending across a press release to announce the shift in venue.

Ashraf has expressed surprise that after a while, the PCB was told to not consider the email, but later it was announced that the matches would be held as per the original schedule in Kandy and Colombo.

He has also expressed displeasure on the way the hosts Pakistan have been ignored while key decisions on the tournament and venues were taken.

Field Archery Coaching Camp Concludes At R.P. School



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The week-long Field Archery Coaching Camp concluded at R. P. School Malla Bagh here. Girl students from 3rd to 5th standard participated in the camp.

The closing/prize distribution ceremony was attended by the school's Principal Sajid Ur Rehman Mir and General Secretary of the Field Archery Association of India.

Principal R.P. School distributed trophies among winners of the coaching camp and thanked

the association for organising such camps especially for female athletes.

All the participants who participated in the camp will be awarded with Appreciation Medal and Certificate, the Vice President of Field Archery Association said while presenting vote of thanks.

The coaching camp was organised by Field Archery Association of Jammu and Kashmir under the aegis Field Archery Association of India and in collaboration with R. P. School Malla Bagh.

Srinagar Premier League: Downtown Heroes Win 3-1

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srinagar Premier League continued with its Round 13 action, with one out of two scheduled matches taking place on Wednesday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

In the first game of the day, LoneStar Kashmir FC was scheduled to take on Kashmir Avengers

took an early lead, as Mehran found the back of the net in 8th minute. Both teams struggled to break their opponents defences for the rest of the half, with the half time at 1-0.

The Heroes came flying in the second half and scored three goals to seal the tie. Moomin equalised for the Downtown Heroes in 61st minute, before Shahid made it



FC at 4 pm. However, LSKFC has decided to "discontinue" competing in the league over issues with the Jammu & Kashmir Football Association. The Srinagar-based club issued a statement on Tuesday, referencing a dispute over a Premier Division game against AG's Office XI.

The only game of the day saw Downtown Heroes FC lock horns with J&K United FC. J&K United

2-1 in the 82nd minute. Moomin ensured Downtown took all the points as he made it 3-1 in the 92nd minute.

The 2023 Srinagar Premier Division League has two matches on schedule for today, Thursday, September 7. SCFA Srinagar will take on Novelty FC at 4 pm, while JK Bank Academy takes on STFC Natipora at 7 pm. Both games will be played at Synthetic Turf TRC.

IUST's Alpine Club Leaves For Ladakh Expedition

Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: The Alpine Club of the Islamic University of Science & Technology Awantipora, Kashmir, is embarking on a n expedition to Ladakh, which was flagged off by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo on Wednesday.

The trip, organised by the Alpine Club IUST under the supervision of the Directorate of Physical Education & Sports, promises to be a learning experience, combining the thrill of outdoor adventure with the spirit of exploration and teamwork.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo highlighted the significance of such experiences in fostering leader-



ship skills, resilience and camaraderie. IUST's Alpine Club's Ladakh engages in promoting adventure, physical fitness, and environmental awareness among students and regularly organizes various outdoor activities and expeditions throughout the year to provide students with opportunities for personal growth and exploration.

DYSS Anantnag Holds Sports Activities

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag on Wednesday organised various sports activities across the district.

In a District Level Cricket tournament, Subaib Nazir from Zone Mattan scored the maiden ton of the series while displaying a brilliant knock.

At another event, a Volleyball and Kho-Kho tournament for boys was inaugurated by ex-lecturer Mushtaq Ahmad Turkii (retired DYSS officer).



Zone Shangus held a rally along with some sports events attended by 250 students. At another Zonal Level, a cricket tournament was organised by Qazigund. At Jablipora, a District Level cricket tournament continued on its 3rd day.

After Luring Neymar, Mane & A Slew Of Stars, The Saudi Transfer Window Is Set To Shut

The Associated Press

MANCHESTER: A lavish spending spree that has seen Saudi Arabia lure some of soccer's biggest stars to the oil-rich kingdom will come to a halt on Thursday when its transfer window shuts.

Cristiano Ronaldo, Neymar and Karim Benzema have been the most notable signings of an ambitious recruitment drive that has shaken up the sport, while there were also attempts to land Lionel Messi, Kylian Mbappe and Mohamed Salah.

More marquee names could still head to the Saudi League before the window closes at midnight local time (10 PM UK), with Salah linked with a possible move to defending champion Al-Ittihad.

Liverpool reportedly rejected a bid worth 150 million pounds (USD 188 million) before last week's European transfer dead-

line, but Al-Ittihad could come back with an even higher offer to try to get the deal done.

Even if Salah does not move before Thursday's deadline, Saudi Arabia has established itself as a major player in global soccer in the space of less than a year.

Ronaldo's decision in December to head to Al-Nassr has opened the door to a slew of the game's top players following suit by swapping Europe's biggest leagues for one that was previously little known outside of Asia.

A host of UEFA Champions League winners have since made the move, with N'Golo Kante, Sadio Mane, Riyad Mahrez, Roberto Firmino, Jordan Henderson, Fabinho and Aymeric Laporte also taking up the riches on offer.

It is not clear where the spending will end, either, after the kingdom's Public Investment Fund (PIF)



took up a majority ownership stake in four of the country's top clubs, Al-Ittihad, Al-Ahli, Al-Nassr, and Al-Hilal.

The failed attempts to sign Messi and Mbappe were evidence that nothing is considered out of reach for the wealthiest Saudi teams. Al-Hilal was behind both of those moves, with

its USD 332 million bid for Mbappe a world record for soccer. It was no surprise then that it eventually secured the signing of one of the sport's biggest names in Neymar, who joined from Paris Saint-Germain.

Should Liverpool be convinced to sell Salah, it would be yet another coup for Saudi soccer in a short

space of time and likely put Europe's top clubs on even higher alert as to the league's pulling power. Saudi Arabia has sought in recent years to buy its way into international sports.

Besides Ronaldo, whose contract reportedly earns him up to USD 200 million a year, Saudi-funded LIV Golf has shaken up profes-

sional golf.

The moves are cast as part of efforts by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to leverage the kingdom's oil wealth to provide new jobs and opportunities for Saudi Arabia's youth. However, critics have dismissed the efforts as "sports-washing," attempting to leverage professional sports to clean up its public image in the face of its human rights record.

As well as investing in boxing, Formula One racing and tennis, there is also speculation that the country wants to host the 2030 men's FIFA World Cup.

Its transfer spree has been its most spectacular move yet. Al-Hilal is Saudi's most successful team, having won the league championship a record 18 times and the Asian Champions League four times. It was runner up at this year's FIFA Club World Cup, even before transforming its

team with a host of stars. As well as Neymar, it has signed Yassine Bounou, Kalidou Koulibaly, Sergej Milinkovic-Savic, Ruben Neves and Aleksandar Mitrovic.

Ronaldo has been joined at Al-Nassr by Mane, Marcelo Brozovic, Laporte and Alex Telles. Even before attempts to sign Salah, Al-Ittihad brought in Benzema, Kante and Fabinho. Al-Ahli have put together an impressive attack consisting of Firmino, Mahrez and Alan Saint-Maximin.

Among other signings are former Chelsea goalkeeper Edouard Mendy, midfielder Franck Kessie from Barcelona and Gabor Veiga. Al-Ettifaq is not among the clubs backed by PIF, but it has hired former Rangers and Aston Villa manager Steven Gerrard as coach, and signed ex-Liverpool captain Henderson. As deadline day approaches, more signings are expected to come.

FOOTBALL



ITC Fined ₹1 Lakh After Man Complains One Biscuit Missing In Sunfeast Marie Pack

Agenceis

Tiruvallur: The district consumer forum here has directed ITC Ltd Food Division to pay a sum of ₹ one lakh to a consumer for alleged unfair trade practice after he complained that packets of the corporate's biscuit brand Sunfeast Marie Light had one biscuit lesser than that advertised on the wrapper.

The District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, in a recent order, also directed the company to "discontinue the selling of the disputed biscuits 'Sunfeast Marie Light' in Batch No.0502C36 with the specific endorsement." It dismissed the company's submission that the challenge made with regard to weight of biscuits would not apply. Complainant P Dillibabu of Chennai alleged there were only 15 biscuits inside the packets as against the advertised 16.

"It is argued by the learned counsel for the 1st opposite party (the company) that the product was sold only based on the weight and not on number of biscuits. Such arguments could not be accepted as the wrapper clearly provides the information to the buyers/consumers to purchase the product only based on the number of biscuits. The potential consumer would only see the wrapper to decide the purchase of the product as the product information available on the packaging influences the consumer's buying behavior and that the product information available on the wrapper or label plays a significant role in customer satisfaction," the order said. In the

present case, the paramount allegation is only with regard to lesser number of biscuits.

"Thus we answer the point accordingly holding that the 1st opposite party being the manufacturer and marketer had committed unfair trade practice and deficiency in service in misleading the consumers and that the complainant had successfully proved the same by sufficient admissible evidence," it said.

While Dillibabu sought imposing 100 crore fine on the company and the store that sold it and 10 crore as compensation for the alleged act of unfair trade practice and deficiency in service, it said the reliefs sought for by the complainant was exorbitant.

The 2nd opposite party being the shop keeper had no role to play with respect to reduction in the number of biscuits. "Hence, complaint dismissed against him," it said.

The consumer forum subsequently directed that one lakh be given as compensation to Dillibabu by the company and another 10,000 towards litigation expenses to be paid by it to him. In its defence, ITC submitted that there was no deficiency or defect in the 76-gram biscuit packs of Sunfeast Marie Light in terms of the quantity that the packs were required to maintain under law. Citing Legal Metrology Rules 2011, it contended that if a pre-packaged commodity has a declared net quantity between 50 gram to 100 gram, then a maximum permissible error in excess or in deficiency of 4.5 gram of the declared quantity was allowed on such items.

Over 14 Million Pilgrims in Karbala to Commemorate Arbaeen



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KARBALA: The number of pilgrims visiting the holy city of Karbala on the occasion of Arbaeen has exceeded 14 million, the Karbala governor has said.

Iraq's central holy shrine city of Karbala is packed with pilgrims from Iraq and all around the world as it prepares to mark the commemoration of Arbaeen in the remembrance of Imam Hussain (RA), the grandson of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

"More than 14 million people have reached Karbala so far to participate in the Arbaeen procession," Karbala Governor Nassif Jassim Al-Khattabi said, adding that this year's Arbaeen

procession is considered the biggest held over the past couple of years.

The official added that the Iraqi prime minister directly supervises and monitors the implementation of the plans serving the Arbaeen pilgrimage.

The number of Iranian pilgrims visiting Karbala has soared 12 percent over the past few days compared to the same period last year.

"So far, more than 3,350,000 Iranian pilgrims have crossed Iran-Iraq borders, which shows a 12 percent growth year on year," an Iranian official in charge of the Arbaeen pilgrimage said on Saturday.

The number of pilgrims

flocking to Iraq for Arbaeen is increasing yearly, with many opting to enter the country from Iran. More than 21 million pilgrims have visited Karbala since the beginning of Ashura.

Last month, the Iranian ministers of interior and health visited the shared border crossings to inspect the facilities and relief equipment at the border for Arbaeen pilgrims.

The annual pilgrimage marks an end to the 40-day mourning period following the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (AS), the third Shia Imam, and his loyal companions who were martyred at the Battle of Karbala on Muharram 10, 680 CE.

Gujarat Family Attempts Mass Suicide Over Daughter's Love Marriage



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Ahmedabad: Unhappy over their daughter's love marriage, a couple and their two sons allegedly consumed poison, following which the man and one of his sons died in Gujarat's Ahmedabad district, police said on Wednesday.

The family members decided to take the extreme step as they were not happy with the woman's decision to marry a man of her choice about a year ago, an official from Dholka police station said, adding both families belong to the Dalit community. Kiran Rathod (52), his wife

Neetaben (50), and their two sons Harsh (24) and Harshil (19) from Dholka town here allegedly consumed a poisonous substance on Tuesday night in a bid to kill themselves, he said.

The man and his elder son died, while his wife and younger son survived and were undergoing treatment, he said.

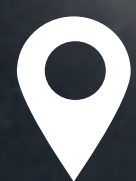
"When the neighbors got to know about the incident, they called an ambulance and informed the police. Doctors at a private hospital declared the man and his elder son dead, while the woman and the younger son are undergoing treatment," the official said.



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