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Delhi Converted Into A Fortress For G20 Summit

50,000 Security Personnel, K9 Dog Squads Deployed; Traffic Restrictions In Place



will be maintaining a hawk-eye

vigil during the summit, with the assistance of over 50,000

personnel, K9 dog squads and

In an advisory released on

August 25, the Delhi Traffic

Police has listed out restrictions

on the movement of goods ve-

hicles, buses, auto-rickshaws

and taxis and has urged people

to make maximum use of metro

services in view of regulated

Police have also urged peo-

ple not to visit India Gate and

Kartavya Path for activities such

as walking, cycling and picnick-ing in view of the G20 Summit.

Special Commissioner of

Police (Traffic) S S Yadav had

said as India Gate and Kartavya

Path have been "designated in

the controlled zone", the Delhi

Police appeals to people not to

visit the area for "walking, cy-cling or picnicking" during the

He said >> More On P6

G20 Summit.

movement of traffic.

mounted police.

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New Delhi: The New Delhi area, which houses the G20 Summit venue and hotels where delegates will be staying, will be put under a tight security ring from Friday morning and there will be a slew of traffic restrictions in place, officials said.

The movement of vehicles will be regulated in the New Delhi district as the area will be considered as Controlled Zone-I from 5 am on Friday till 11.59 pm on Sunday due the G20 summit.

However, movement of ambulances will be allowed and local residents of the area and tourists accommodated there will be permitted to move after presenting proper identification papers, police said.

They further stated that all online delivery services, except medicines, will be barred in the New Delhi district during the G20 Summit.

According to officials, police

5,000 CCTV Cams Keep An Eye

he Delhi Police will keep a close watch on the city and its roads during the G20 Summit from its control room through a network of 5,000 CCTV cameras, officials said on Thursday. According to the police, the control room is getting district-wise visuals. They said two teams will be monitoring the feed in round-the-clock shifts. Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) VK Saxena visited Rajghat and Pragati Maidan during the day to take stock of various preparations for the summit slated for September 9-10. >> More On P6

Says Development Is Our Commitment, Our Religion **Observer News Service** Baramulla: Urging people not to shelter terror sup-

porters, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that his administration has dismantled the ecosystem of conflict profiteers, terrorists, secessionists, as there is a strong yearning among all sections for peace, prosperity and accelerated development. "Just do this bit and leave

rest to police and security forces. Our Police and Security Forces with full support of the administration



until the backbone of terror -ecosystem is broken," the LG said.

'Serve Financial Needs Of Young Entrepreneurs'

ammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday asked officers to serve the financial needs and handholding of young entrepreneurs so they can contribute to society and achieve self-growth.

"All our institutions, departments, financial support system and technological mechanism should focus on serving their needs and handholding of those who were engaged in running enterprises," Sinha said, while chairing third Governing Body Meeting of Mission Youth, at Raj Bhawan here. During the meeting, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, CEO, Mission Youth, briefed the Chair on the significant self-employment initiatives for the Financial Year 2023-24 by the department to promote entrepreneurship and enable

Highest Level In 8 Yrs &K Bank Addressing a gathering at Dak Bungalow in Sopore town here, Sinha also reiterated his administration's resolve to Press Trust Of India fulfill the aspirations of the

Srinagar: Shares of Jammu and Kashmir Bank on Thursday hit the highest level in the last eight years, gaining over 12 per cent from Wednesday's closing price. During the intraday trade, the bank's stock touched a high of Rs 103.50 before settling at Rs 100.80 apiece on the NSE.

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J&K Bank

Shares Hit

It is the highest level the J&K Bank shares have attained since August 2015.

Baldev Prakash, Managing Director of J&K Bank, said that the bank is achieving new milestones.

With the hard work of employees, the bank registered the highest profit of Rs 1.197 crore in the previous fiscal and also crossed the 3 lakh crore business target, he said.

The bank has given a dividend to shareholders this year after a gap of seven years.

Majalis, Processions Mark Arbaeen In Kashmir

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Tens of thousands of people on Thursday par-ticipated in majalis and took out processions to mark the Arbaeen (Chehlum) of martyrs of Karbala.

Arbaeen, is an Arabic word which translates to the "forty" day mourning period af-ter Ashura (10th Muharram) when Imam Hussain (A.S) grandson of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was martyred after having refused to pledge allegiance to the corrupt and tyrannical ruler,

Yazid. From early morning, devotees converged at various Imambargahs across Kashmir Valley, including Srinagar, to attend Arbaeen majalis. The largest gathering, reports said, was carried out in central Kashmir's Budgam Township wherein a large number of mourners commemorated the sacrifices of the noble family of holy Prophet (Pbuh). A huge mourning procession



on the occasion was taken out from Astaan Sharief (shrine) in Budgam, which after passing people were seen reciting traditional Kashmiri through the traditional route later culminated at central Imam Bargah. Similar processions were reported in Bemina, also Chattabal, Zadibal and Hassanabad areas in Srinagar, mourning proceswhile sions were also carried out in Shilwat in Baramulla and Udina area of Bandipora district in north Kashmir.

people of Jammu Kashmir.

ous development projects.

He also inaugurated vari-

The LG said the projects

dedicated to the people and

the new works initiated to-

day will improve the overall

quality of life, and remove the socio-economic and regional

imbalances in development.

"Development is our com-

mitment; it is our religion.

The administration is deter-

mined to attend >> More On P6

J&K Finalizes Prohibition Of Child Marriage Rules

Agencies

Srinagar: The Jammu & Kashmir Government has finalised prohibition of child marriage rules in an attempt to discourage underage marriages.

The administration has unveiled the Jammu and Kashmir Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2023 nearly four years after the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 became applicable to the

Union Territory. The Rules state that officers of different departments shall act as child marriage prohibition officers under the law within their respecprohibition officers within their respective jurisdictions.

According to the Rules, it shall be the duty of every child marriage prohibition officer to act immediately upon any information of solemnization of any child marriage that may be received through any mode of communication including written or oral.

He/ she should produce the child whose marriage is ex-

pected to be solemnised or child victim of child marriage before the child welfare committee constituted under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2016 and

Jammu and Kashmir Juvenile stice (Care and Protection of

While paying glowing tributes to the martyrs of Karbala,

will ensure terror and its ecosystem is wiped out from the soil of J&K. We will not rest

LG in Sopore, Urges People Not to

NEARLY 16 ROADS AND JUNCTIONS WILL BE TREATED AS "CONTROLLED ZONE II" from 12 noon till 2 pm on Sunday. The Controlled Zone II roads and junctions include W-Point, A-Point, DDU Marg, Vikas Marg (till Noida Link Road-Pusta Road), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, Delhi Gate etc.

Nohas Additionally, there were blood donation camps and food distribution stalls set up in several areas on the occasion.

On the occasion of Arbaeen, Itehadul Muslimeen President Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari delivered a sermon at Sajjadabad Chattabal in Srinagar. Large number of people visited » More On P6

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dar and zonal education offi-

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Children) Rules, 2021. officer, chief education officer, These officers are also reassistant commissioner (panquired to furnish quarterly rechayat), block medical officer, turn and statistics to the district block development officer, asmagistrate concerned and the sistant labour commissioner, directorates of social welfare district social welfare officer. Iammu/ Kashmir. child development protection officer, tehsildar, naib-tehsil-

According to the Rules, it shall be their duty to file petition for annulling a child marriage in district >> More On P6

Gol Creates Over 300 Posts For Upcoming AIIMS In Kashmir

Agencies

Srinagar: In a significant move, the Government of India has created 94 faculty posts and 244 non-faculty posts for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences(AIIMS) coming up in Kashmir. The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has ordered creation of the faculty and non-faculty posts for AIIMS Awantipora.

In an order, the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare said that the President of India has accorded sanction for creation of these posts



for AIIMS, Awantipora under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

The Ministry has ordered creation of two posts each of professors and additional

professor, five posts of associate professor and 85 posts of assistant professor. Out of 244 non-faculty posts,

100 posts are meant for nursing officer >> More On Pe

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BJP Is Scared Of Defeat After INDIA Formation: Rajni

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Jammu: The BJP is scared of defeat after formation of the opposition INDIA alliance and has now indulged in diversionary tactics over the name of the country, AICC in-charge of Jammu and Kashmir affairs Rajni Patil said on Thursday.

Referring to the controversv over invitations for a G20 dinner sent out by President Droupadi Murmu describing her position as 'President of Bharat' instead of the customary 'President of India',

The Congress leader said that India and Bharat are the same

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thing and this is very much clear from the first page of the Constitution of India.

"India and Bharat are one and the same thing. If you open the first page of the Constitution, it is written very clearly: 'India that is Bharat'. It is diversionary tactics of BJP," Patil told reporters here during a 'padyatra' to mark the first anniversary of Bharat Jodo Yatra.

She said that BJP is under utter frustration after the formation of 26-member opposition INDIA bloc and has been increasingly engaged in its diversionary and divisive tactics, instead of >> More On P6

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Strategic Airfield To Come Up In Eastern Ladakh

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of Rs 218 crore at the strategic

Nyoma belt of eastern Ladakh.

Singh is scheduled to lay the

foundation stone for the air-

field on September 12 through

Landing Ground has been used

for the transportation of men

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Defence Minister Rajnath

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and the C-130J special operations aircraft. Border Roads "The defence minister will Organisation will construct an carry out e-shilanyash of the airfield at an estimated cost

Nyoma airfield in Ladakh on September 12," a Defence PRO said.

The airfield will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs 218 crore for wide-ranging strategic air assets, he said.

"The construction of this airfield will tremendously boost the air infrastructure in Ladakh and augment the IAF's (Indian Air Force) capability along our northern borders," he added. Singh will also inaugurate

ing stand-off with China since 2020 and witnessed operations of Chinook heavy-lift choppers and dedicate to >> More On P6

Kashmiri Minority Leaders Call On LG

delegation of Kashmiri minority leaders called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan here on Thursday. The delegation was led by Manoj Kumar Tandan, President Sanatan Dharam Sabha Kupwara. He was accompanied by Gurmeet Singh and Mahinder Pal Singh from District Gurdwara Committee Kupwara. Javid Ahmad Tenga, President, Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry also met the LG and apprised him >> More On P6

Car Involved In Stunt Making Blacklisted

n a swift action, the Regional Transport Office (RTO) Bandipora on Thursday officially blacklisted a vehicle that was involved in a stunt-making incident. The Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) said that a video of vehicle, bearing registration number JK15B 1238, went viral on social media platforms while the driver of the vehicle was seen standing on the roof top of the car. He said that this incident posed a threat to public safety » More On P6

Hybrid Terrorist Arrested In Srinagar

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'hybrid' terrorist of The Resistance Front was arrested and a hand grenade recovered from him, police here said on Thursday. "A hybrid terrorist of TRF (The Resistance Front) namely Mohd Yawar Rangrez, s/o Abdul Rashid Rangeez, r/o Firdousabad, Batmaloo, arrested by Srinagar Police with one hand grenade," the Srinagar Police said in a tweet. An FIR has been registered, they said.

Pak Flag Attached With Balloons Found

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Pakistani flag attached with scores of balloons were found in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, police said on Thursday. It was found hanging from a tree in Sunetar village of Ramnagar tehsil earlier in the day, they said. The flag was attached with posters and scores of red and green balloons. Senior Superintendent of Police of Udhampur Vinood Kumar told PTI that it might have flown to this side with balloons.

Woman Arrested With Poppy In Jammu

olice arrested a woman drugs peddler and seized 15 kilogrammes of poppy, officials here said on Thursday. A police team rounded up Shinder Kaur, who was acting in a suspicious manner. from the bus stand area, they said. They seized 15 kilogrammes of poppy from Kaur, who hails from Punjab, the officials added. A case was registered and the accused arrested. Further investigation is underway.

French President To Meet Modi On Sunday

rench President Emmanuel Macron is likely to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi over lunch on Sunday after the conclusion of the G20 summit here, officials said. Macron is scheduled to arrive here on Saturday to participate in the G20 Leaders Summit at the Bharat Mandapam and have a bilateral meeting with Modi on Sunday. During his two-day stay in India, Macron is also scheduled to hold bilateral meetings with Brazil President Luiz In cio Lula da Silva, Indonesia President >> More On P6



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Positive Body Image Linked To Better Life Satisfaction: Study

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Having more positive body image is strongly associated with better psychological well-being and life satisfaction, according to a study involving 56,968 participants in 65 countries, including India.

The research, published in the journal Body Image, is one of the largest studies ever conducted on the topic of body image.

Previous research has shown that high levels of body appreciation are linked to a range of positive wellbeing traits such as improved selfesteem and healthy eating habits, and negatively associated with issues such as depression and anxiety. However, few studies have

assessed body appreciation across nations. The team, led by research-

ers from Anglia Ruskin University (ARU), UK, asked participants in 65 nations to complete the Body Appreciation Scale-2 (BAS-2), which contains 10 items, including "I re-



spect my body" and "I appreciate the different and unique characteristics of my body." The study found that across nations, greater body appreciation was significantly associated with higher psychological well-being, as assessed using a measure of life satisfaction.

The researchers also found that body appreciation was higher

in participants who were single -compared with being married or in a committed relationship -- and those living in rural areas.

the study also found large differences in body appreciation scores across the 65 survey nations. Only India and Australia scored

lower for body appreciation than the UK. Malta scored highest, followed by Taiwan and Bangladesh. "This is one of the largest studies on body image ever carried out,

brought about by a collaborative research effort involving over 250 scientists across the world," Viren Swami, Professor of Social Psychology at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) and lead author of the study, said.

"Our finding that greater body appreciation is associated with better psychological well-being highlights the importance of developing ways to promote more positive body image globally," Swami said.

The researchers noted that people who live in urban areas may feel stronger pressure to conform to body ideals promoted by Western society, and it is also notable that people from countries considered culturally different to the US appeared to have broadly greater body appreciation.

People in rural areas may also benefit from being in nature, which past research has also shown to be linked with positive body image, they added.

New Genes That Cause Head, Neck Cancer Patients To Be Resistant To Chemotherapy: Study

ANI

Researchers from Queen Mary University of London have identified two new genes that make patients with head and neck cancer resistant to chemotherapy. By suppressing one of these genes, cancer cells that were previously resistant to chemotherapy can now respond to it.

The two genes were shown to actively "work" in the majority of human cancer types, suggesting that the discoveries might apply to additional malignancies with high quantities of the genes.

The researchers also looked through a

causing chemoresistance in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC) and gene silencing of either gene overturning chemoresistance to multiple drugs.

The scientists first used a method known as data mining to identify genes that may be affecting tumour responsiveness to drug therapy. They tested 28 genes on 12 strains of chemoresistant cancer cell lines, finding 4 'significant' genes that were particularly responsive that they then investigated further and tested multidrug-resistance.

Dr Muy-Teck Teh, senior author of the study from Queen Mary University of London, said: "These results are a promising step towards cancer patients in the future



How Children 'Look' At Their Social Environment Could Help Predict Autism Diagnosis

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A new eye-tracking tool to understand how children "look" at their surrounding social environment could help with diagnosing autism as early as between 16 and 30 months of age, scientists say. Visual engagement of nearly 500

Visual engagement of nearly 500 children in this age group was measured by monitoring their eye movements as they watched video scenes of social interaction, the researchers from Marcus Autism Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, US, said in their study.

Data regarding what social information children looked at and what they did not was thus collected, they said.

Using this data, a diagnostic pre-

diction of autism was provided and compared with expert clinical diagnosis of autism, which is the current gold standard.

In all the children, this method of measuring social visual engagement gave 71 per cent true positives and 80.7 per cent true negatives, the study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) and in JAMA Network Open said.

True positive is when the child in question was clinically diagnosed with autism and the newly developed diagnosis tool re-affirmed it, whereas true negative is when the child was clinically diagnosed to not have autism and this new tool reaffirmed that as well.

The results could help pave the way for an earlier and confident

diagnosis in many children, in addition to reducing burdens on the healthcare system by cutting down wait-times for assessments, the researchers said.

"The far-reaching implications of these results may mean that children who currently have limited access to expert care, and face two or more years of waiting and referrals before finally being diagnosed at age four or five, may now be eligible for diagnosis between the ages of 16 and 30 months," said Ami Klin, the study's co-author.

Čhildren with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain, often experience problems with social communication and interaction, and restricted or repetitive behaviors or interests, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), US.

Autistic children may also have different ways of learning, moving, or paying attention.

Previous studies have showed that differences in visual engagement of autistic children with their social surroundings emerge early in infancy and are directly related to individual genetic differences.

Warren Jones, lead author, and Klin have developed this technology to reliably measure these differences as a biomarker for clinicians to use, they said.

"The results show that the way in which young children look at social information can serve as an effective and objective biomarker for early signs of autism," said Jones. chemical library, commonly used for drug discovery, and found two substances that could target the two genes specifically and make resistant cancer cells almost 30 times more sensitive to a common chemotherapy drug called cisplatin.

They do this by reducing the levels of the two genes and could be given alongside existing chemotherapy treatment such as cisplatin. One of these substances is a fungal toxin - Sirodesmin A - and the other – Carfilzomib - comes from a bacterium. This shows that there may be existing drugs that can be repurposed to target new causes of disease, which can be cheaper than having to develop and produce new ones.

The research, led by Queen Mary and published in Molecular Cancer, is the first evidence for the genes NEK2 and INHBA receiving personalised treatment based on their genes and tumour type that give them a better survival rate and treatment outcome.

"Unfortunately, there are lots of people out there who do not respond to chemotherapy or radiation. But our study has shown that in head and neck cancers at least it is these two particular genes that could be behind this, which can then be targeted to fight against chemoresistance.

"Treatment that doesn't work is damaging both for the NHS and patients themselves. There can be costs associated with prolonged treatment and hospital stays, and it's naturally extremely difficult for people with cancer when their treatment doesn't have the results they are hoping for."





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 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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Residential House Damaged In Fire Incident In HMT

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A three-story residential house was damaged in a fire incident in HMT area on the outskirts of Srinagar this afternoon, officials said.

An official said that a call about a fire incident was received at 1:45 pm following which the fire tenders were rushed to the spot to douse off the flames.

"In the incident, the upper roof of the residential house was involved and was brought under control," he said, adding that no loss of life was reported in the incident.

Fire Breaks Out In Shed At Church Lane

rinagar: Fire broke out in a shed located at Church lane in Srinagar on Thursday, officials said here.

An official said that fire was brought under control soon after. He said that no loss of life was reported, while the cause of fire is being ascertained.



Chairman Itihad-ul-Muslimeen, Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari addressing a gathering at Sajadabad Chattabal on the occasion of Arbaeen, the 40th day of the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions in the battle of Karbala. KO Photo, Abid Bhat.

Majlis-E-Chehlum Held At Imam Bargah Zadibal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Shia Association (AJKSA) today organized a Majlis-e-Chehlum at the historic Imam Bargah Zadibal (Srinagar), in which thousands of devotees from different parts of the valley participated.

Molvi Syed Muzaffar recited the Mailis and gave an hour-long lecture on the occasion in which he paid tribute and spoke on the hardships faced by the martyrs of Karbala.

Muzaffar Molvi threw light on the life and teachings of Imam Hussain (AS) and asked people to follow the path and teachings of Islam, besides he said that the martyrs of Karbala have set an example before us through their deeds, which will remain till the the last

for the whole Muslim Ummah for their religious peace, unity and integrity. The Majlis started at 10 am with the Marsia by prominent Zakirs the whole day at the Imam Bargah followed by a recitation of Ziyarat E Arbaeen. The Zakireens were led by Zakir Majid Khwaja. Later at 5 pm a Zuljanah Shareef procession was carried out from Mohallah Syed Afzal (Shri Bhutt) to Imam Bargah Zadibal which was led by All J&K Shia Association General Secretary Abid Hussain Ansari in which a huge gathering

Observer News Service

Srinagar, Sep 07 (KNO): Amid rising footfall of tourists in Jammu & Kashmir, the world famous Dal Lake in Srinagar is being preserved by the government with hectic efforts going on to make and keep the water body clean by installing biodigesters in all the houseboats.

Houseboat owners expressed dismay over the deteriorating condition of Dal Lake as they claim that the waste goes directly into the water body, which affects the glory of the lake here.

However, on the other hand, the government has made progress in installing the biodigesters in houseboats in a bid to reduce the pollution from the houseboats.

Vice Chairman, Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LC&MA) Srinagar, Bashir Ahmad said the progress has been made in installation of biodigesters in houseboats in Tailbal area.

'Almost 70 per cent of the houseboats have been completed while the rest are being covered. The process is going on and all the houseboats will be completed by October end," he said.

Pertinently, the installation of biodigesters on houseboats to prevent and treat the human waste from the houseboats has been approved by the Committee of Experts under the chairmanship of E Sreedharan, popularly known as the 'Metro Man', which was appointed by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court to suggest measures for the restoration, maintenance and preservation of the lake.

LC&MA was asked to finalize the installation of biodigesters for treating sewage from the houseboats within a stipulated time.

With the growing pollution in Dal Lake becoming a major concern, the expert committee in October 2018 had approached the DRDO for a technological solution to prevent the discharge of human waste in the lake. Subsequently, four prototypes of the biodigester were evaluated by the DRDO in houseboats in Dal over a period of six months and the technology developed has been certified by an independent laboratory.

Moreover, AEE LC&MA, Tanveer Ahmad told KNO that the sewerage pipeline is being laid since May this year for the houseboats in Dal Lake, adding that the deadline for the project is November end.

He added that 90 per cent work on the pipeline has been completed and they are expecting to complete the process by October end only. "The sewerage pipeline is also be ing laid with an aim to ensure pollution free Dal Lake," he said.

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- 1855- British and French troops capture Sevastopol from the Russians, effectively ending the Crimean War.
- 1870- Netherlands & Britain sign "Koelietraktaat" Br-Indian contract work in Suriname
- 1926- League of Nations Assembly voted unanimously to admit Germany
- 1944-1st V-2 rockets land in London & Antwerp
- 1944- Russians march into Bulgaria; Bulgaria declares war on Germany
- 1945- US invades Japanese-held Korea
- 1945- Hideki Tojo, Japanese PM during most of WW II,attempts suicide rather than face war crimes tribunal attempt fails, later he is hanged
- 1946-Bulgaria ends monarchy
- 1951- Japan signs peace treaty with 48 countries (SF)
- 1958- Oman turns over Gwadur (on Baluchistan coast) to Pakistan 1959- The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) is
- established.
- 1962- Chinese troops exceed Mac-Mahon-line (Tibet-India boundary)
- 1967- Surveyor 5 launched; makes soft landing on Moon Sept 10
- 1969 Suleiman Maghrabi appointed premier of Libya
- 1975- Guinee-Bissau declares independence from Portugal
- 1978- Iranian army fires on Khomeini followers in

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the past two months,'

SRK Craze In Kashmir, 'Jawan' Attracts Houseful Crowd At Srinagar Multiplex **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: In view of the enormous response to Bollywood superstar Shahrukh Khan starrer 'Jawan movie' Inov theatre in Srinagar

across India. The movie which also features south superstar Vijay Sethupathi and Deepika Padukone in cameo witnessed an enormous response at Inox Srinagar, where the halls were jam packed with for the movie.

All the shows today ran houseful with audiences including students, professionals and elderly. As the film started, SRK fans whopped and grooved over the songs of the film.

participated. **Non-Availability Of Water Triggers Protest In Srinagar's Batwara** road near Batwara, af-

Amid Tourism Boom, Govt Makes All-Out Efforts For Pollution-Free Dal Lake day of this world. Moreover, he prayed

against Jal Shakti department for acute shortage of drinking water supply in the area

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People held a sit-in protest and blocked the

said a protesting lady, adding the concerned authorities are not pav-

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has added to the number of daily shows of the film. Directed by Atlee, Sharukh

Khan and Nayanthara starer Jawan was released on Thursday

SRK fans.

On Thursday, the theatre owner ran eight shows of the film to cater to the rush of the audiences. who had booked tickets in advance

For Friday, the Inox multiplex owner has kept five shows while eight shows have been kept for weekend- Saturday and Sunday each.

- Teheran,100s killed
- 1983-NASA launches RCA-6
- 1985- Shuttle Discovery flies back to Kennedy Space Center via Kelly AFB
- 1989- Mausoleum of Beatrice of Brabant (1288) discovered

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It is to inform that the name of my wife has incorrectly Mentioned in my passport as sheeba yousuf instead of Mehbooba Yousuf now iam applying for correction of the same. If anyone is having any objection he may bring that into notice of Passport office within the period of seven days no objection shall be accepted latter

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Demise

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Mrs Jameela Akhtar W/o Bashir Ahmad Shah, who passed away on Wednesday 6th of September, 2023. May Almighty Allah grant Jannat-ul-Firdous to the departed soul and give fortitude to the bereaved family to bear this loss. In this regard, mourning will be held for three days at their residence at Private Colony, Baghi Mehtaab near Shining Star School. Ijtimayi Fateh khawani will be held at the graveyard on Saturday 10 AM located adjacent to our residence.

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Before the Hon'ble court PDJ at SRINAGAR

Through : Adv TABASSUM RASOOL & Associates In the case of; 1.Mr. Ghulam Rasool Anchari S/O HABIB ULLAH ANCHARI R/O LAL BAZAR UMER COLONEY B SRINAGAR Caveator Vs

Public at large.

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In the matter of : Caveat

May it please your honour :

The caveator humbly submits as-

That the caveator is Seeking caveat wrt land situated at Nowhatta, mohallah khwaja-yarbal /khojyarbal under khasra no 1723/1241/1 under khewat no 262 and in case the non caveators choose to file any suit/ application /appeal etc. Notice to the caveator be given before issuance of any order. hence the publication for the caveat.. nj

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Iman Rashid D/o: Abdul Rashid Wangnoo **R/o: Mohammadia Colony Bemina**

From the office of Advocate Zahid Ameen Khan

In the case of

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Ghulam Rasool Khan S/o Ghulam Ahmad Khan R/o Kakroosa Handwara Kupwara Caveators)

VS PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

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Sd/advocate

From KO Archives



rinagar- More than 900 Village Defence Committee's (VDC's) will be set, up in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir to check infiltration.

Director General of JK Police, Gurbachan Singh Jagat, told a visiting group of reporters here today.

Members of these VDCs were being armed, trained and provided with single-band communication equipment to tackle infiltrators, who were now aiming soft targets in far-flung and scattered regions, the Police Chief said.

He said about 10 to 15 villagers were being identified for each of these VDCs for imparting arms training by army or paramilitary forces stationed nearby. This was being done in order to reduce dependence on the regular paramilitary forces. he added

Areas like Doda, Baramulla, Poonch and Rajouri had been identified for creation of these VCDs and 651 such committees have already been set up in Doda district, he said.

Describing the perceived Taliban threat as being overrated and exaggerated. Jagat said most of the infiltrators were Pakistani Nationals with a majority being Punjabis. He said the victory of Taliban in Afghanistan was mainly due to regular Pakistani armymen who took part in operations there.

He said the biggest difficulty they face was that of infiltration. Even though more than 30 groups were intercepted in the last two months, a large number of them mostly comprising foreigners had still crossed over, he added

He said army and other forces have taken steps, including redeployment of forces and introduction of new technologies, to counter this menace.

Stating that Rs 200 crore had been given to strengthen J&K Police, he said future plans included creating three more battalions of Indian Reserve a Police along with setting up of 114 additional Border Posts of Police, behind BSF or Army lings. Such rings, he said, had been set up in Kupwara, Baramulla and some other places and had started achieving good results. Implementation of all these plans would be over within the end of next year, he said.

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Protecting Kashmiri Fruits And Nuts

The import of cheaper imported walnuts from countries such as China, Turkey, and the United States is threatening the sale of Kashmiri walnuts within the country, something that is certain to hurt the walnut traders in the Valley. This has created the urgent need for government intervention. The walnut traders are rightly upset about the state of affairs. The core issue lies in the price differential between Kashmiri walnuts and those from other countries. Walnuts cultivated in Kashmir are, unfortunately, more expensive to produce due to various factors, such as the high cost of labor and a lack of irrigation facilities. This cost disparity has allowed cheaper foreign walnuts to flood the Indian market, posing a significant challenge to the local producers.

Another impediment to the Kashmiri walnut trade is that unlike their foreign counterparts, Kashmiri walnuts lack the organic label, limiting their export potential, especially to markets like the European Union. This certification gap further restricts the reach of Kashmiri walnuts, undermining the industry's competitiveness on the global stage.

However, the threat from the imports is not just limited to the walnut. In recent years, the Valley's vaunted apple industry has also been hit hard by the foreign imports. Earlier in July, the reduction of import duty on Washington apples from 70 percent to 50 percent came as a major blow to the apple industry in the Valley. The decision is likely to have a major impact on apple growers and traders in the region, who are already struggling to cope with the challenges of the past few years.

The apple industry is the backbone of the Kashmir's economy, and it provides employment to millions of people. Currently, five lakh families (around 25 lakh people) in the state are practicing horticulture. Apple occupies around 40 percent of the total area under fruit and accounts for 90 percent of the total production of fruits in the state.

The reduction in import duty will make it much more difficult for local apple growers to compete with imported apples. The Washington apples are of high quality and are often sold at a lower price than local apples. This will make it difficult for consumers to choose local apples, and it will lead to a decline in demand for local apples.

Already, the growing costs of pesticides and transportation have reduced considerably the returns from exports. And if the sector suffers major losses because of the low-priced imported apples, it would not only affect the apple farmers but also the economy as a whole. The existing state of affairs is thus grim news for the region. This is the time for the UT government to step in and urge the central government to ensure, at least, a level playing field for Kashmiri fruit and nuts, if it can't raise duties on the imported fruit.

Why are Our School Morning Assemblies Inadequate?

Faroog Shah

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individuals, the constant repetition of religious prayers can even lead to spiritual burnout, leaving them feeling exhausted or detached from their faith. To mitigate these negative consequences, it's essential to strike a balance between tradition and personal growth

assemblies orning are a tradition in our educational institu tions. They are meant to serve as a means of gathering students, instilling discipline, and imparting values. This, in theory, is a noble endeavour, and one that should be embraced wholeheartedly. However, it is crucial to reflect on whether these assemblies are serving their intended purpose or if they have become a mere ritual, losing touch with the evolving needs of our students in the modern world.

Traditionally, morning assemblies have focused heavily on religious practices. While spirituality and moral values are undeniably important aspects of a child's upbringing, an excessive emphasis on religious rituals can inadvertently promote a narrow worldview.

In a diverse society like ours, it is essential that we expose our children to a broader perspective, one that encompasses different cultures, religions, and worldviews. By focusing predominantly on religious content during morning assemblies, we risk isolating children from the rich tapestry of our society.

The lack of a uniform activity schedule for morning assemblies is another issue that needs attention. Each school is left to devise its own program, often resulting in a disjointed and haphazard approach.

It can be contended that heads of institutions at the individual level do not possess a comprehensive grasp of a broader viewpoint, often leaning heavily on their personal experiences. Consequently, this can lead to a lack of alignment with the evolving requirements of children's development in today's context.

In an age where we envision the world as a global village, it is crucial to prepare our children as global citizens. The 40-minute morning assembly presents a golden opportunity to impart knowledge and values that will serve students in their journey as informed and responsible citizens of the world. However, the current state of morning assemblies falls short in this regard.

In many schools especially those run by the government, students are still made to sing religious hymns and prayers or recite



the prayer, as it may become a mechanical routine rather than a meaningful spiritual experience. This can lead to mental disengagement and boredom, making it difficult for the student to focus or find personal growth and solace in the practice.

Moreover, a constant, unchanging routine can hinder personal growth and development, as the student may miss out on exploring different spiritual practices or broadening their understanding of their faith.

Over time, resistance or rebellion against the repetitive practice may develop, causing conflicts within the family or community. Additionally, engaging in such a repetitive routine can consume valuable time that could be better spent on other productive or educational activities, potentially hindering the student's overall development and education.

For some individuals, the constant repetition of religious prayers can even lead to spiritual burnout, leaving them feeling exhausted or detached from their faith. To mitigate these negative consequences, it's essential to strike a balance between tradition and personal growth, encouraging the student to understand the significance of their religious practices and allowing room for personal reflection and growth.

What can morning assemblies become? They can be transformed into a platform for holistic education and character development. Values such as empathy, tolerance, integrity, and respect for diversity should be at the forefront of these assemblies. Through stories, discussions, and interactive activities, students can be encouraged to think critically and develop a sense of social responsibility. Morning assemblies can also serve as a space for discussing current affairs and global issues. In an increasingly interconnected world, it is essential for students to understand the broader context in which they live. By incorporating discussions on topics like climate change, social justice, and geopolitics, morning assemblies can foster a sense of global awareness and inspire students to engage with the world's challenges. Cultural appreciation is another vital aspect that morning assemblies can address. Instead of focusing solely on one religion or culture, these gatherings can celebrate the rich diversity of our society. This can promote

cultural understanding and harmony among students, preparing them to be respectful and open-minded individuals in a multicultural world.

Moreover, morning assemblies can nurture creativity and innovation. Students can showcase their talents in various fields, whether it be music, art, or scientific experiments. Encouraging such displays of creativity can foster a culture of curiosity and exploration, inspiring students to pursue their passions and interests.

Community engagement is yet another avenue that morning assemblies can explore. Encouraging students to participate in service projects and community outreach can instill a sense of social responsibility and empathy. It can teach them the value of giving back to society and making a positive impact on the lives of others.

Inviting guest speakers and role models from various fields can provide students with realworld insights and inspiration. Hearing from individuals who have achieved success through hard work and determination can motivate students to set ambitious goals and work towards achieving them.

Interactive learning can also be incorporated into morning assemblies. Debates, quizzes, and group discussions can make the learning experience more engaging and participatory. Students can learn from each other and develop important skills such as critical thinking and effective communication.

OTHER OPINON

India that is Bharat: On a name game

he cultural echoes of Bharat have never been in doubt, and the current hype around it is more about a campaign to discard the use of India, as if both cannot exist in harmony. India, according to this telling, is a foreign imposition, and hence unsuitable for national dignity. Bharat, linked as it is to various ancient sources, goes beyond the geographical and cultural landscape that constitutes the modern republic of India. In that sense, both names are an outcome of India's nation-building journey. Labouring to tease out the foreign from the native in the expanse of this nation that hosts a multitude of ethnic, linguistic, and genetic diversity and that has been formed as a result of millennia of migrations and cross-currents of human interactions serves no purpose other than creating new flashpoints in society.

This farcical hubbub hoisted upon the country should have been allowed to dissipate and recede, but the knee-jerk reaction of the Opposition gave it the aura of a fundamental identity question before the nation. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has been asking for privileging the use of Bharat over India for long, but the Opposition bloc's decision to label itself INDIA as an acronym also might have influenced the BJP's hurry in the naming exercise. Far from demonstrating a nation's strength and pride, the government's name game undermines the confidence and soft power of the nation. Bharat has been part of popular culture, political and cultural idioms, and literature across many Indian languages. Similarly, India is also used by millions within and outside the country who yearn for its progress. It is possible that contexts and constituencies of these proper nouns might vary, but that is the very reason to desist from attempting to impose the use of one and edge out the other. Whether it is India or Bharat, the essence of the meaning that it conveys remains the same. The needless juxtaposition of the two names should not affect the bonding of the inhabitants in the pursuit of a misplaced cultural combat. Let India and Bharat coexist as they have always been.

Views expressed aren't necessarily that of Kashmir Observer The Hindu poetry from the past. While there is value in preserving our cultural heritage, it is equally important to expose students to contemporary knowledge and ideas. The internet has made information readily accessible, and students can easily find religious texts and historical poetry online. Therefore, it is imperative that morning assemblies offer something different, something that cannot be easily replaced by a quick online search.

A student is typically expected to start their day with a religious prayer conducted at home upon waking up. However, repeatedly performing this ritual without variation can have various adverse effects. These consequences include a loss of meaningful connection to the spiritual or religious significance behind

To conclude, morning assemblies in our schools have the potential to be transformative experiences for our children. They should not be mere rituals or repetitive religious exercises but rather opportunities for holistic education and character development.

By reimagining morning assemblies as platforms for values education, global awareness, creativity, and community engagement, we can make better use of those precious 40 minutes each day. It's time to shift our perspective and harness the potential of morning assemblies to shape a brighter, more informed, and empathetic generation of global citizens.

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The Traffic Hellhole – Srinagar

HROUGH the column of this reputable paper, I want to bring to your attention the repercussions of traffic menace in Srinagar city. Through a commoner's view, the traffic system in the city seems haphazard, as if lacking any arrangement or organisation. Yesterday itself, almost every route in the city was blocked and jammed due to excessive traffic and no surveillance and lack of manage-

ment. Recently, traffic lights have been installed across the city but it is unfortunate how no one seems to adhere to them. It is even more tragic how no authority or members of the traffic police department are seen to be authorising and making sure traffic rules are followed.

Traffic jams result in wastage of time, and wastage of fuel especially when fuel prices are rocketing every other day, making it harder for com-

mon people to afford it.

When all routes in Srinagar were jammed yesterday, almost no escort from the traffic police department was seen to be diverting the traffic to clear the jam. As a matter of fact, at most of the places it was the local boys who did the job. It is as if the traffic police department does not exist at all. People were stuck in the traffic jams for hours altogether, but no stern action was taken by the department which only portrays their incompetence in tackling such situations.

Adherence of traffic rules should be made sure by hook or by crook. The department must realise their responsibility and find ways to fill the loopholes. I hope you analyse the situation and act upon it.

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Boredom Unleashed

Fostering Better Mental Health Among Children in the Digital Age



Wasim Kakroo

n our contemporary, fast-paced, and digitally-driven society, children are constantly bombarded with a plethora of distractions, from smartphones and tablets to video games and neverending streams of content. The notion of boredom, once a common childhood companion, now appears elusive. Yet, paradoxically, embracing boredom can prove immensely advantageous for our children's mental health and holistic development. This article delves into the significance of boredom in a child's life, underscoring how it serves as a catalyst for creativity, problem-solving, and selfdiscovery. We will also offer valuable strategies to encourage healthy doses of boredom, fostering enhanced mental well-being, self-sufficiency, and imagination in our children's lives.

WHAT IS BOREDOM?

Boredom is a state of mind characterized by a lack of engagement or interest in one's current activities or surroundings. It manifests as a sense of restlessness, dissatisfaction, and a desire for stimulation or novelty. When bored, individuals often perceive their immediate environment or tasks as unexciting or monotonous, leading to feelings of ennui and discomfort. Boredom can stem from a variety of sources, including routine tasks, unfulfilling situations, or a surplus of idle time.

HOW DOES EMBRACING BOREDOM HELP CHILDREN IN HAVING BETTER MENTAL HEALTH?

Boredom, often considered an unwelcome and uncomfortable feeling, can be a powerful catalyst for creativity and personal growth, especially in children. It may seem counterintuitive, but allowing your kids to experience periods of boredom can help them build essential life skills.

- **Mental Well-Being:** Embracing boredom can contribute to better mental health in children. Constant engagement and overstimulation can lead to stress and anxiety. Allowing children to experience boredom in a controlled and supportive environment helps them become more comfortable with their thoughts and emotions. It can reduce the pressure to constantly seek external distractions, which can be
- mentally exhausting. **Time Management:** Boredom can also teach children valuable time management skills. When they have unstructured time, they learn to allocate it wisely. They may prioritize tasks, set goals, and develop a sense of responsibility for their own time. This skill can be incredibly beneficial in adulthood when managing responsibilities and com-

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mitments becomes essential. **Appreciation for Simplicity:** In a world filled with screens, gadgets, and constant entertainment, boredom can help children appreciate simplicity. They learn to find joy in simple activities like reading a book, going for a walk, or engaging in a meaningful conversation. This appreciation for the simple pleasures in life can lead to a more balanced

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- and contented adulthood. **Improved Concentration:** Allowing children to experience boredom can enhance their ability to concentrate. In a society where attention spans are shrinking due to constant distractions, the practice of sitting with boredom and engaging with it can strengthen their focus and attention skills.
- Enhanced Emotional Regulation: Boredom can trigger various emotions, including anxiety, frustration, anger, sadness and restlessness. When children experience boredom, they have an opportunity to practice emotional regulation. They learn to manage these emotions and find healthier ways to cope with discomfort, which can contribute to improved emotional well-being. Social Skills: When children are bored, they often seek companionship or engage in social activities to alleviate their boredom. This can lead to the development of social skills such as communication, cooperation, and conflict resolution. Boredom can also encourage children to join group activities or clubs, fostering new friendships and a sense of community.
- **Stress Reduction:** Boredom acts as a natural stress reducer. It provides children with a break from the constant demands and pressures of structured activities. This downtime allows their

minds to relax, reducing stress levels and promoting overall mental well-being.

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Creativity: When children are bored, their minds are more likely to wander and explore new ideas. Boredom can be the spark that ignites their creativity. It encourages them to invent games, draw, write stories, or find unique solutions to problems. By letting them be bored, you give them the opportunity to tap into their imagination and develop creative thinking.

- **Resilience:** Boredom teaches children to cope with discomfort. In a world where instant gratification is the norm, learning to tolerate boredom can be an invaluable life skill. It helps build resilience and the ability to handle frustration and adversity.
- 10. **Independence:** When children are constantly entertained, they may become reliant on external stimuli to keep them engaged. Allowing them to be bored encourages independence. It motivates them to find their own sources of amusement, fostering self-reliance and resourcefulness.
- 11. **Enhanced Focus and Attention:** Boredom encourages the brain to reset and recharge. As a result, when children do engage in activities, they often do so with greater focus and attention.
- 12. **Boosted Self-Esteem:** Accomplishing tasks or finding creative solutions during moments of boredom can boost a child's self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.
- 13. Stronger Relationships: Boredom can also foster stronger social bonds. Children who are comfortable with boredom are more likely to engage in imaginative play and collaborative activities with their peers.

HOW TO HELP CHILDREN OVERCOME THE FEAR OF BOREDOM?

Many parents fear that their children's boredom will lead to complaints and whining. To encourage your children to embrace boredom for better mental health, consider these strategies:

- 1. **Limit Screen Time:** Excessive screen time can stifle boredom. Set reasonable limits on screen use, providing more opportunities for your children to experience boredom.
- Create an Unstructured Environment: Designate spaces in your home where unstructured play is encouraged. Fill these spaces with art supplies, books, puzzles, and other creative tools.
 Set an Example: Children learn
- Set an Example: Children learn by example. Show them that you value downtime and that boredom can be an opportunity for self-discovery. Engage in activities like reading, drawing, or simply daydreaming alongside them.
- Encourage Outdoor Play: Nature provides endless opportunities for exploration and creativity. Encourage your children to spend time outdoors, whether it's hiking, gardening, or simply playing in the yard.
- 5. **Provide Gentle Guidance:** When your child complains of boredom, offer suggestions rather than immediate solutions. Encourage them to brainstorm activities or projects they could pursue.
- 6. **Be Patient:** Boredom can be uncomfortable, and children may resist it initially. Be patient and understanding, allowing them to gradually adapt to the idea of being bored.

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News

Kashmir Set To Host Its First-Ever Auto-Cross Event

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Kashmir valley is set to host its first-ever autocross motorsports event from September 22, which would provide a platform for established and aspiring racers to showcase their talent.

The event is a collabora-tion between J&K Motorsport Federation (JKMSF) and the Federation of Motorsports Clubs of India (FMSCI). "The JK AutoX 2023, a premier motor sporting event set to captivate the hearts and minds of enthusiasts and fans alike, is being held from September 22-24," the organisers told a press conference here.

They said the event promises to bring together the best of motorsports talent, cuttingedge technology, and adrenaline-pumping action in the picturesque backdrop of Kashmir. The event will take place at a two-km, close circuit, track at Nowgam in the outskirts of the city here. This event will feature autocross close racing that features head-to-head competitions on a specially designed circuit that demands precision, agility, and split-second decision-making, the organisers said. The event will also feature established, national-level racers in a bid to inspire young

people to motorsports.

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aspirants. This event was held

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Srinagar, 07 Sep 2023: One97 Communications Limited that owns the brand Paytm, India's leading payments and financial services company and the pioneer of QR and mobile payments, along with Paytm Foundation has distributed 30 desktop computers to the district administration in Kulgam on 2nd September 2023. These computers will help NEET and IAS aspirants to prepare for the competitive exams and will be used to establish 3 e-libraries in the Jammu and Kashmir's

Paytm Foundation has been supporting education and bridging the digital gap in the country, as well as ensuring

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that essential services such as postal and medical services, sample collections by pathological labs will be allowed throughout Delhi.

The police have also advised people to use the navigation app 'Mapmyindia' to reach their destinations.

The entire area of New Delhi will be considered as "Controlled Zone-I" from 5 am on September 8 till 11.59 pm on September 10.

The traffic police has designated the entire area inside Ring Road (Mahatma Gandhi Marg) as "Regulated Zone" from 5 am on September 8 to 11.59 pm on September 10.

This means that only bonafide residents, authorised vehicles, emergency vehicles and vehicles of passengers travelling to the airport, Old Delhi and New Delhi Railway Stations will be allowed to ply on the road network beyond Ring Road towards New Delhi district.

Vehicles dealing with housekeeping, catering, waste management, etc. for hotels pitals and other important installations in New Delhi district will also be allowed after verification. Nearly 16 roads and junctions will be treated as "Controlled Zone II" from 12 noon till 2 pm on Sunday. The Controlled Zone II roads and junctions include W-Point, A-Point, DDU Marg, Vikas Marg (till Noida Link Road-Pusta Road), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, Delhi Gate etc.

Indian Railways' Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Airbus Sign Pact For Aerospace Teaching And Research

This MoU will enable students to be industry ready: Vaishnaw

Observer News Service

New Delhi: Indian Railways' Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) Vadodara and Airbus today entered into collaboration to significantly strengthen the Indian aviation sector. An MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) was signed at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi between Mr. Rémi Maillard (President and Managing Director, AIRBUS India and South Asia) and Prof. Manoj (Vice-Chancellor, Choudhary Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya).

The MoU was signed in the presence of Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministerof Railways, Communications, Electronics and IT who is also the First Chancellor of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya. Ms. Jaya Varma Sinha, the Chairperson and CEO, Railway Board and senior officials of the Railway Board were present on the occasion.

Airbus and Tata had recently announced a partnership to design, innovate, make, manufacture and develop in India C295 aircraft facility at Vadodara (Gujarat). Airbus is the world's largest manufacturer of commercial aircraft and a leading producer of helicopters, defence and space equipment. The company has a long-standing relationship of symbiotic growth with India. The company recognises India as a key driver of global aviation as well as an indispensable talent and resource hub and is committed to maturing all the necessary building blocks to develop a fully



integrated aerospace ecosystem in the country. Make in India is at the heart of Airbus' business strategy in India and the company is steadily increasing India's contribution to its global products.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "GSV will focus on intense industryacademia partnerships. All its courses will be designed in collaboration with industry. The students who study at GSV will be industry ready. They will be highly sought after for employment in transportation and logistics sectors. Today's MoU with Airbus is a significant step in achieving this goal."

Speaking at the event, Mr. Rémi Maillard, President and Managing Director, Airbus India and South Asia, said, "As a company that is committed to developing the aerospace ecosystem in India, we realise our responsibility to invest in human capital development. The partnership with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya will develop a strong pipeline of skilled

workforce in the country that will be future ready to serve its fast-growing aerospace sector."

This industry-academic partnership will enable co-development and co-delivery of sectorrelevant skilling courses and programs for regular students and working professionals, joint research and industry experiences for faculty, internships and placements for students and scholarship programs. It will create job opportunities for students as per the industry requirements. It is expected that 15000 students are likely to be placed in Airbus Indian operations. Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya

(GSV) Vadodara was established through an Act of Parliament in 2022, for creating best in class manpower and talent for the entire transportation and logistics sectors. This Central University is sponsored by the Ministry of Railways, Govt. of India and has Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and IT as its First Chancellor.

Teachers Day Celebrated At GHSS B.K Pora, Budgam



Srinagar: Teachers Day was

celebrated on Tuesday at Govt

Boys Higher Secondary School

B .K Pora, Budgam with much

Naseer Ahmad Lone was

the Chief guest and Chief

Education officer Budgam Mrs.

Romana Qazi was the guest of

The heads of institutions of

the complex were also present

during the event. While speak-

ing on the occasion, the chief

guest expressed good wishes

for all the teachers and ap-

preciated the organisers of the

CEO Budgam , while con-

gratulating the teachers on the

special day, expounded on the

qualities of a good teacher and

Deputy

Budgam,

fervour and enthusiasm.

honour on the occasion.

Additional

Commissioners

event.

threw light on the changing role of teachers in the modern technological era.

Mrs Sabila Rehman, principal BHSS B.K Pora spoke about the various developmental initiatives undertaken by the school in the recent times. She also appreciated the role of teachers and other staff in the institution in creating a vibrant learning environment in the school.

A series of cultural programmes were presented by the students of the institution and other Government and Private schools under B.K.Pora Cluster/ Complex during the whole function. As a mark of appreciation and encouragement, many teachers and students were felicitated by the special guests on the occasion.

beautification and development of Sopore.

"Today, Sopore aspires to become a Smart city. The citizens want good roads, worldclass infrastructures and modern facilities for quality living. We need to work together with the spirit of Jan-Bhagidari to change the destiny of our aspirational towns and villages," he said.

"Who gave Kandhaar title to Sopore which was a famous business hub till 1970? Who promoted stone pelting here? Those responsible for this did great injustice with the people of Sopore and the future generations," he added.

He also shared the efforts of the government for rapid development activities across UT to build a peaceful and prosperous society.

"Many cities and towns of J&K UT today exhibit impressive manifestations of all-round development. We have dismantled the ecosystem of conflict profiteers, terrorists, secessionists and there is a strong yearning among all sections for peace, prosperity and acceler ated development," the LG added.

& Commerce and Mission Youth to work together to promote start-ups and facilitate the spirit of enterprise among the Youth to grow.

"We can achieve our target through convergent functioning of departments, banks, financial institutions and higher educational institutions and provide all the support and guidance. It is our prime objective to fulfill the dreams and aspirations of our youth," he said.

The meeting chaired by the LG approved the establishment of State-of-the-Art Libraries. It was also decided to implement AVSAR Program in all districts of the Union Territory.

The meeting discussed "The Model Finishing School" to enhance employability of qualified youths under the Endeavour to Empower program of Mission Youth. The Lt Governor directed all the stakeholders to fully contribute to its successful implementation. Maialis. Processions

Astana-Babul Hawaij, where the rare manuscript of the holy Ouran written by Imam Musa Kazim during his imprisonment is preserved.

various AIIMS and that all posts are filled up on regular basis as per approved recruitment rules only. They should also ensure that there is uniformity in pay scale/grade pay levels on the similar posts carrying similar duties & re-sponsibilities to avoid any complication/ litigation in future," reads the order.

Pertinently, the Government of India had appointed Lt. General, Dr. Anup Banerji, a retired top medico from the Army, as its first executive director in June 2022. But he didn't join, prompting the Government of India to start the selection process afresh in February this year for filling the key administrative position–(KNO)

BJP Is Scared

dealing with the economic and social challenges.

"The BJP is scared of defeat after the INDIA alliance was formed," Patil said.

"The BJP now feels that it will get defeated v the INDIA alliance, and that is why they are frustrated," Patil said.

Foundation Spokesperson said, "The distribution of computers in Kulgam is a step towards fostering the education and empowerment of the NEET and IAS aspirants. We aim to create a conducive environment for learning and growth, facilitating knowledge sharing among aspirants and enhancing their overall aca-

Police requested commuters to avoid travel to places falling in "Regulated" and "Controlled Zones", but listed out alternate routes to take in case travel is unavoidable.

The Delhi Metro said that it will start services from 4 am from terminal stations on all lines of the network on September 8, 9 and 10 to facilitate movement of people, and police personnel and staff from other assisting agencies deployed to maintain security, law and order and traffic arrangements for the summit.

The move came after Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora had requested the metro authorities in a letter.

Besides, parking facilities at Supreme Court, Patel Chowk and RK Ashram Marg metro stations will be closed from 4 am on September 8 till noon of September 11, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) said.

According to the police, metro rail service shall remain available for commuters at all stations except Supreme Court Metro Station, where boarding/deboarding will not be permitted from 5 am on September 9 to 11 pm on September 10.

Police said that all types of goods vehicles, commercial vehicles, interstate buses and local city buses such as Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses and Delhi Integrated Multi Modal Transit System (DIMTS) buses will not be allowed to ply on Mathura Road (beyond Ashram Chowk), Bhairon Road, Purana Quila Road and inside Pragati Maidan Tunnel from 12 midnight on September 8 to 11.59 pm on September 10.

The movement of buses will be curtailed till ISBT Kashmere Gate, ISBT Sarai Kale Khan, Ashram Chowk, Moolchand Flyover, Vivekanand Marg (Regional Passport Office), AIIMS, Under RTR Flyover, Mayapuri Chowk, Punjabi Bagh Chowk and Azadpur Chowk.

Interstate buses coming from Ghazipur Border will terminate at ISBT Sarai Kale Khan, while those coming from Apsara Border, Chilla Border, Badarpur Border, Tikei Border and Singhu border will terminate at ISBT Kashmere Gate, ISBT Sarai Kale Khan, Ashram Chowk, Peeragarhi Chowk and Mukarba

room round the clock," he said

will be received," a police official said.

The control room is getting district-wise visuals and a special command room has also been set up for 30 senior police officials to monitor the developments in the city, the official said.

The Delhi Police also held full dress re-

hearsals for the summit in which they were

escorting carcades from different parts of

the national capital towards the New Delhi

They have advised people to follow real-time traffic updates on the 'G-20 Virtual Help

Desk' for route suggestions for commuting

from/to the airport, railway stations, or bus

"Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora

briefed the LG about the security prepared-

ness and details of the control room, where

live visuals captured by more than 5,000 CCTVs installed in different parts of the city

"Two teams comprising 25 security per-

sonnel will be monitoring in shifts the digital

information being beamed into the control

The G20 Summit will be held at the newly built international convention and exhibition centre -- Bharat Mandapam -- at Pragati Maidan.

The Delhi Police has made adequate security arrangements for the summit and is coordinating with multiple security agencies.

It is being assisted by the Indian Air Force and specialised central agencies like the National Security Guard (NSG) and some of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

A total of 19 markswomen, who have completed a four-week specialised training session conducted by the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), will also be deployed during the summit at strategic locations in the city, the officials said.

Apart from that, over 400 Quick Response Teams (QRTs), along with firefighters and ambulances, are being placed at strategic locations, they said.

As part of its preparations for the megaevent, the police have also done a comprehensive assessment of protests held by various international and local groups in other nations during previous G20 Summits.

Police will also be using chains and bolt cutters in order to tackle unwanted and unscheduled agitations during the summit, the officials added.

As far as venue security arrangements are concerned, special commissioner of policerank officers will serve as the commander with deputy commissioner of police-rank officials as zonal commanders, the department said earlier.

LG in Sopore

to developmental needs of people without any discrimination. We have successfully implemented a vast spectrum of economic activities and historic transformations are taking place in all areas," he said.

The LG stated that Sopore has a rich history of communal harmony and prosperity but also has had its own unique challenges for inclusive development.

"The UT Administration has taken many important steps in three years that reflect the firm commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to rapid development and inclusive growth," he said.

Addressing the gathering, Sinha called upon the people to actively participate in

He appealed to the people to remain vigilant against the divisive elements in the society.

"It is also the duty of every citizen to protect the public property and the tangible cultural heritage," he added.

Lashing out at those who built huge houses for themselves and left common man suffer, the LG said that a VIP culture was promoted here. "For us, every single resident of any district of J&K is a VIP. There is no discrimination," he said.

Responding to the demands projected by the public representatives, the LG assured that the government will explore every possibility to address the genuine demands in a time-bound manner.

The projects inaugurated by the LG include office complex of MC Sopore worth Rs 1.96 cr; development of Park at Chinkipora Ward of MC Sopore at a cost of Rs 40 lakhs; Public Park at Mahrajpora costing Rs 53.27 lakhs; open air gym park near Bypass Bridge Upper Ashpeer worth Rs One cr and upgradation of Vohlutra Shitloo road including allied links at Vohlutra Arkharwari Valanwari Doonwari road costing Rs 6.50 cr.

Safina Baig, DDC Chairperson, Baramulla and Musarat Kar, President Municipal Council Sopore expressed gratitude to the LG -led Administration for giving special focus to the development of Baramulla and Sopore in particular.

Sinha also distributed sanction letters to beneficiaries under various schemes. (With KNO inputs)

'Serve Financial

young people to realize their dreams. The meeting discussed achievements, action plan for FY 2023-24, Targets and Roadmap for various Youth Entrepreneurship Schemes, etc.

The LG observed that all the requirements for Young Entrepreneurs should be taken care of so they can contribute to society and achieve self-growth.

The meeting discussed the establishment and operationalization of District Youth Centres in all 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir; career counselling, and market-driven skill development programs; recreation facilities, social engagement, and sports activities, including LG's Rolling Trophy; Young Lawyer's initiatives, Exposure tours (Know India, Love India) and awareness programs, besides, Youth innovation promotion program and inclusive youth engagement and outreach. Sinha directed the Department of Industries

Later a Zuljinah procession was taken out from the Bemina crossing which culminated at Auqaf grounds.

At Bemina a large procession was taken out following a grand majlis on the occasion. Agha Syed Hadi Moosavi, president of Anjuman Sharie Shiayan delivered a sermon at the Imambargah Agha Syed Yusuf.

At Zadibal, Srinagar, a large number of mourners from Srinagar and adjacent areas attended the Majlis. Later, a procession was taken out from Mohalla Syed Afzal to Imambargah Zadibal.

A large gathering was held at Zaildar Mohalla, Saida Kadal, where a procession was taken out that passed through different areas before culminating at Imam Bargah Hassanabad.

Reports of Arbaeen Majalis and processions have also been received from other parts of the Valley.

At Budgam's central Imam Bargah, President Anjuman-e-Sharie-Shian Aga Syed Hassan Mosavi Al Safavi addressed the mourners. He said that the unparalleled battle of truth and falsehood that took place on the land of Karbala in the year 61 AH will live on forever and the world of humanity will have a spirit of perseverance against injustice.

J&K Finalizes

court in case any of the contracting party to the marriage is a minor.

The Rules further state that the district magistrate shall ensure that in every Panchayat, a committee c is constituted to assist the child marriage prohibition officer in obtaining information about such child marriages, in prevention of such ceremonies and in annulling of such marriages.

As per these rules, that it shall be the duty of local priests of any religion bestowed with the solemnization of marriages, to inform the child marriage prohibition officer of her/ his area about the likelihood of such child marriages and shall refrain from solemnizing such marriages with a view to prevent such instances of child marriage–(KNO)

Gol Creates

(Staff Nurse Grade II) Level-7 100 and 50 each for senior resident and junior resident.

The Ministry in the order, said these posts may be filled once the infrastructure is ready. "The institute may ensure that in no case shall the pay level of posts agreed for creation is greater than posts already sanctioned in

Strategic Airfield

the nation 90 infrastructure projects constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) worth Rs 2,941 crore.

Located at a height of 13,400 feet, Nvoma is about 46 kilometres from the Line of Actual Control with China.

Singh will also inaugurate the reconstructed and revamped Bagdogra and Barrackpore airfields in West Bengal on September 12, the PRO said.

These airfields have been successfully reconstructed by the BRO at a cost of Rs 529 crore, he added.

"These airfields will not only improve the defensive and offensive architecture of the Indian Air Force along the northern borders but also facilitate commercial flight operations in the region," he said.

Kashmiri Minority

of the upcoming events of Business Interactive Seminar and awareness campaign on Drug Menace to be organised by KCCI.

Meanwhile, D Dharma Rao, National Consultant Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (PMTBMBA) accompanied by Dr Adhfar Yasin, TB Officer Kashmir also called on LG Sinha at Raj Bhavan, today.

The LG was briefed on the achievement and activities of the National TB elimination program in Jammu Kashmir. He was apprised about the additional support to TB patients and the effort to increase community involvement under PMTBMBA in meeting the goal of TB Free Bharat.

On the eve of first anniversary of PMTBMBA, the LG was registered as Ni-Kshay Mitra and adopted several TB patients.

Sinha appealed to the people and the community leaders to come forward and adopt TB patients across J&K UT. People can register themselves as Ni-Kshay Mitra on https://reports.nikshay.in/FormIO/DonorRegistration.

Car Involved In Stunt

and the life of the driver.

He said that the vehicle was instantly blacklisted. The ARTO further said that the vehicle owner/driver will face legal action under IPC and Motor Vehicle Act.

French President

Joko Widodo and the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammad bin Salman.

Macron will leave for Bangladesh on Sunday afternoon.

STATE

Cong Stages March In Srinagar To Mark 1st Anniversary

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of Congress party staged a peaceful march in Srinagar on Thursday to commemorate the first anniversary of the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) march was led by senior Congress leader Tariq Hamid Karra.

Karra said the march was a reiteration of the yatra launched by senior party leader Rahul Gandhi to "counter the narrative of hate" in the country.

"People of Jammu and Kashmir see Rahul Gandhi as a saviour and they feel only he can deliver them from various problems that they are facing," he said

On the Supreme Court hearing a batch of petitions chal-

Yateem Foundation

lenging the abrogation of Article 370, Karra said the people of Jammu and Kashmir were hopeful that the verdict would be in their favour.

"The matter is before the Supreme Court. So, I cannot comment. But the people of Jammu and Kashmir are hopeful that the verdict will be in our favour," he said.

The Bharat Jodo Yatra began from Kanyakumari on September 7 last year and ended in Srinagar on January 30 this year. During the 145-day yatra, Rahul Gandhi travelled more than 4,000 kilometres with several party leaders.

Gandhi addressed 12 public meetings, more than 100 street corner meetings and 13 press conferences. He had over 275 planned walking interactions and more than 100 sitting interactions.

Janmashtami Celebrated **With Religious Fervor In Kashmir**

Shoba Yatras Taken Out At Multiple Places



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Janmashtami was celebrated with religious zeal and fervor across Jammu & Kashmir while processions, known as 'Shoba Yatra' were taken out by Kashmiri Pandits at multiple places as part of

The Kashmiri Pandits took out a Shoba Yatra from a temple in Tanki Pora area here and marched through Habba Kadal,

tight security arrangements. "This Janmashtami proces-

ing a religious festival; it's about reclaiming our cultural heritage and rekindling the spirit of unity among our community members. It sends a message of peace and harmo-

Arun, a devotee. Arun praised the commuthem today.

Krishna, and we should cel-

ebrate it with great enthusiasm, and that's the reason we are dancing and celebrating the festival here on the streets of Srinagar. We believe that, by dancing in front of God, all our sins are washed away," added Rakhi, a female devotee.

Reports of Janmashtami being celebrated with religious fervor and gaiety were also received from Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district .

On this occasion, an impressive Shoba Yatra, as part of the traditional celebrations was taken out after a gap of 34 years by the local Pandit devotees from historic Bedeshwar Mahadev Temple Nunnar which culminated at Devraj Temple Chapergund Wayil peacefully.

The devotees including men and women besides children were part of the procession who were chanting religious prayers throughout the procession journey. Both the temples wore a festive look as they were beautifully decorated with flowers and lights.

Kite Festival In Jammu Marks

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir

also participated in the Shoba Yatra and paid obeisance at the temple. He interacted with the devotees and extended his greetings on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami.

Chairperson Meanwhile, District Development Council Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq; SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar; ADDC Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani and local PRIs also participated in Shoba Yatra and extended their greeting to the local pandits.

The Pandit brothers on this occasion expressed their gratitude towards the district administration and local community for their support.

Pertinently, foolproof arrangements were put in place by the district administration and police for the successful celebration of Janmashtami festival and Shoba Yatra.

On this occasion, several NGOs, Civil Societies, police and locals greeted the local pandits and offered sweets, water and fruits among the devotees, displaying the social fabric of the Ganderbal. (With agency inputs)

Cell Phones Ring For First Time In Doodhpathri

the twin towers at Doodhpathri in shortest possible time.

He said that the LG Admin-

istration is committed to de-

velop Doodhpathri and other

tourist spots including Yous-

marg and Tosamaidaan in

Budgam as Tourism hubs not

only in Kashmir but all across

the country and all efforts are

afoot to develop tourist related

The DC said that the network

development in changing

the overall tourism sce-

nario of this tourist spot.

the District Adminis-

tration Budgam has also

invited NIFT Srinagar to

provide designing support

for development of Tour-

ist shelters, selfie points,

beautification of traditional

Doks at the spot. Efforts are

on to ensure development

of Additional toilet blocks, cafeteria and parking facility at

He said that as many as 8 lac tourist visited Doodhpathri

during last season, however,

this year, the number of tourist

footfall has been recorded as

SSP Budgam, Al- Tahir Gillani

who also spoke on the occasion,

said that the destination sans

network facility was a cause of

concern for all, however, the is-

He further said that

facility will prove as a major

facilities.

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: In a major development, the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo on Thursday inaugurated the first-ever cellular network connectivity at famous Tourist destination, Doodhpathri.

The telecom towers have been installed by JIO at Doodhpatri. SSP Budgam, Al- Tahir Gillani; Director NIFT, Javed Ahmad; Jio company UT Head, Shehzan Ha-mid; ADDC, Dr Akramul-

lah Tak; CEO DDA, Nargis Fatima Tak; SDM, Khansahab Tariq Ahmad were also present on the occasion. Speaking on the oc-

casion, the DC said that the cellular connectivity which was a long pending demand at such a beautiful tourist destination is indeed a much required achievement for the district administration and all other stakeholders.

The DC said that the network facility will not only help in promoting this destination as one of the best tourists spots in J&K but will also enhance the livelihood opportunity for the locals at this destination.

Expressing his happiness over this development, the DC expressed his gratitude to Jio company, Tourism department, Forest department and all other stakeholders for their sup-port in ensuring installation of

sue stands addressed now and will prove a game changer for its tourism potential. Working In Tandem To Root **Out Terrorism In J&K: DGP**

Doodhpathri.

14 lac so far.

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh on Thursday said Police alongwith other security forces are fully alert and working in tandem to put an end to terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir.

The DGP was interacting with Police personnel who were part of yesterday's encounter in which a Pak terrorist was elimi-

nated at Chasana in Reasi District of Jammu Zone. Accompanied by

ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh, the DGP was re-ceived by DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range M. Suleman Choudhary, SSP Reasi Amit Gupta and other jurisdictional officers.

lawans and officers at Chasana. the DGP appreciated the swift move and alertness by the SHO Chasana and I/C Police Post Tuli and their teams to track down the terrorist in the area. He said that this kind of action is being expected at all levels from the professional force like Jammu and Kashmir police . He said that response to the information regarding movement of terrorists was quick and efficient. For such swift action the DGP J&K presented rewards to the police party that was part of the encounter. Work in similar manner and don't allow

any chance to Pak backed ter-

ror groups in the area, the DGP

impressed upon the personnel. He said that J&K Police is working day in and day out in providing peaceful environment to the people and added that by and large peace is flourishing in all parts of J&K. "We have to continue our efforts in a mission mode to realise the

> Singh said that Reasi district is a sensitive place as it is connected with the border district of Rajouri as well as to the valley and added that there may be attempts of

district to another and as such,

terror free Jammu and Kashmir

cross over from one

all the forces should continue to work together to foil such attempts. He directed the officers to be vigilant on all fronts par-While interacting with the ticularly while keeping track of movements of anti-national elements and their supporters. The DGP directed for taking stringent actions against the people found involved in providing any kind of support to terrorists. He directed all officers to monitor activities of all suspects besides the elements attempting to revive the terror structure from across the border. He said that with the support of local people security forces foiled several infiltration attempts along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch-Rajouri belt of Pir Panchal in the Jammu region, besides seizing huge consignments of arms, explosives and narcotics.

Kashmir Concern also spoke on the occasion. Javaid Iqbal Kripak Chairman Al Hilal Educational Institute addressed the gathering virtually from Kishtwar and appreciated work done by Yateem Foundation under the guidance of Syed Abdul Hameed. Religious scholar Tariq Jameel also addressed the function and spoke in detail

about rights of orphans.

leaders to leave a pessimistic

approach and work for society.

' If social leaders become pes-

simistic and people associated

with them get demoralised,

which is a very dangerous

Dr Towseef Bhat Chairman

trend" he said.

JKPCB Observes 4th International **Day Of Clean Air For Blue Skies**

Speakers Lay Emphasis On Coordination Between CBO's of society.

Celebrates 23rd Annual Day

Observer News Service SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Yateem Foundation (JKYF) on gramme said community based Thursday organised its 23rd anorganisations -CBOs working nual day in Srinagar which was in different sectors must colattended by representatives of laborate and coordinate with many community based oreach other so that more work is done on eradicating drug ganisations-CBOs, volunteers of JKYF and many social and menace, environmental degrareligious leaders from different dation and corruption. He also urged upon social and religious

districts of Kashmir. Patron and Trustee of the foundation Syed Abdul Hameed gave a detailed account about the 23 years history of J&K Yateem Foundation and activities the organisation undertook in the last two decades.

Speakers during the programme appreciated the work of Syed Abdul Hameed for strengthening Jammu and Kashmir Yateem Foundation. General Kashmir Secretary Chamber of Commerce and Industries -KCCI Faiz Bakshi who was chief guest during the programme urged upon the participants to work for orphans and ensure they get quality education. He cited guranic verses on

orphans and impressed upon the NGOs and CBOs to work for upliftment of orphans and economically weaker sections Chairman RTI Movement Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat who was guest of honour during the pro-

the traditional celebrations.

Barbarshah, Lal Chowk amid

sion is not just about celebrat-

ny to the entire region," said nal harmony in Kashmir, saying that not only KPs, but the Sikhs and Muslims too have celebrated the occasion with

"It is the festival of lord

Observer News Service

JAMMU: International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is observed on September 7 every year.

J&K Pollution Control Committee observed the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies 2023 with this year's theme "Together for Clean Air".

To mark this event, J&K PCC organized debate and painting competitions amongst the students of different schools of Jammu.

The children along with their teachers were felicitated by JKPCC for their participation in the event. JK PCC also fe-

licitated M. K Wadera, Director Basohli School of Art and his team for their contribution in promoting art in general and orienting children towards environmental conservation in particular.

The programme was attended by officers/officials of JK PCC. The paintings made by Children were displayed in the event and were appreciated by all the participants. The participants also attended the national level function that was held in Bhopal to mark International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies through Video Conferencing.

Ianmashtami

Press Trust Of India culture.'

JAMMU: A kite festival in Jammu marked Janmashtami on Thursday, in keeping with the ancient tradition of the Dogras and to promote culture and tourism in the region.

The event at the Bahu ropeway showcased the splendour of the ride that links important pilgrimage sites in the city.

Jammu Tourism Director Vivekanand Rai told PTI, "My greetings to all the people of Jammu on Janmashtami. Flying kites on Janmashtami is an integral part of Jammu

Deputy Commissioner (Jammu) Sachin Kumar Vaishya inaugurated the festival to highlight the region's tourism potential.

Over a hundred enthusiasts took part in the festival with kites of various shapes, sizes and colours.

"We chose this location and invited the people. Over a hundred enthusiasts have come so that youngsters and tourists know that gondola rides are also available in Jammu," Jammu Tourism Deputy Director Mohd Jabbar told PTI.

Azharuddin, a kite enthusiast, said, "It is very good that the kite festival is being organised by the tourism department. I have been watching this festival for the past three years. We enjoy it. More children and youth should take part to promote culture."

Shubang Sethi claimed the first prize of Rs 3,000 while Himanshu Gupta and Kunal Goria secured the second- and third-place awards worth Rs 2,000 and Rs 1,000, respectively.

All participants were also given certificates of appreciation.

'Meri Maati Mera Desh'

Chief Secretary Kick Starts Preparations For 2nd Phase

Compliments Divisional & District Administration For The Exemplary Performance Of The UT During First Phase

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: After the successful completion of the first phase of 'Meri Maati Mera Desh', the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta reviewed the preparations for the upcoming 2nd phase of the programme to commence from 1st Sept to 30th of October.

Besides Secretary, Tourism & Culture, the meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, RDD; Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce; Secretary, Transport and other concerned officers.

In the outset, the Chief Secretary commended the role of Divisional and District administration for their extraordinary performance in terms of creating record number of Shilaphalakams besides being among top in other aspects of this programme.

Dr Mehta stated that during the first phase of this nation-

wide programme, there was the vibrant display of unity and patriotism all across the UT which resulted into taking it among the top performers in the country despite smaller population than most of the States and UTs. Regarding the 2nd phase of this programme, the Chief Secretary impressed upon all the concerned to work with similar enthusiasm with each other. He asked them to work as a team in spirit of the whole-of-government-approach to obtain the desired results at par with the first phase.

He enjoined upon them to make prior arrangements for all the events to be carried out under this phase. He asked for involving the youth clubs, SHGs, PRI and ULB members besides other responsible citizens of the society in successful conduct of the programme.

He directed the Culture Department to liaise with the J&K Resident Commissioner, Delhi



for making necessary arrangements for youth volunteers who would go to Delhi for participating in the national level celebrations. He asked them to also make

special arrangements for conduct of UT level programme at both Srinagar and Jammu. He impressed upon the Deputy Commissioners to monitor both Panchayat/Municipality level programmes so that these are held in a festive manner as per their true spirit and in a befitting manner.

While giving details the Secretary Tourism and Culture,

Syed Abid Rasheed Shah informed the meeting that the UT has done a remarkable job during the first phase of Meri Maati Mera Desh programme. He made out that over 20000 events were organised in the UT with 100% participation of Panchayats and ULBs.

He also gave out that more than 8000 Shilaphalakams were established during the first phase besides 6000+ Amrit Vatikas and felicitating more than 3000 brave hearts across the districts of J&K. He gave out that this performance has put J&K as the top performer among UTs and placed it at 6th place in overall ranking in the country.

It was further given out that the second phase is going to be conducted between 1st of September till 30th of October this year. It was said that the phase is marked by collection of soil or rice in Åmrit Kalash from households in every village which would be quite a festive occasion as per the local traditions. The taking of Panch Pran pledge at time of 'mitti' and rice collection is also part of the programme, as was added during the meeting.

Elaborating further, it was given out that thereafter mixing of soil from Amrit Kalash collected from villages in a Amrit Kalash placed at Block level shall be undertaken in a festive atmosphere befitting the occasion. In addition the felicitation of martyrs and organization of cultural programmes at block level in honor of brave hearts with active involvement of volunteers of NSS, NYKS, NCC, Hindustan/ Bharat Scouts and Guides, Angawandi Workers and other youth volunteers with special emphasis on women participation is to be contemplated.

Similar events at UT level in the twin capitals of Jammu and Srinagar would follow the district level events. On 26th October, the Amrit Kalash Yatra shall be flagged-off by the Lieutenant Governor for their participation in the national level celebrations. The youth volunteers shall travel to national capital along with their respective Amrit Kalashs to represent their areas in celebrations of 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' programme.

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2-Day Women's Wushu League Begins In Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The two-day long Khelo India State Women's Wushu League began on Thursday at Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex here.

The event is hosted by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council. Secretary Nuzhat Gul inaugurated the championship in which approximately 700 girls from 15 districts of J&K are participating.

The Secretary Sports Coun-

cil in her speech congratulated Wushu Association of J&K for organising the Khelo India Wushu Women's League in Srinagar.

She said that it is the need of the hour to encourage and focus on J&K's women athletes, as they have great potential. Maqsood Rather Joint Secretary Wushu Association of J&K, thanked Wushu Association of India for the allotment and J&K Sports council for supporting Ŵushu.

Two Matches Played In Srinagar Premier League

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srinagar Premier Division League continued on Thursday with two matches taking place at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

In the first game, Novelty FC defeated SCFA Srinagar 2-0. Musamiyam gave Novelty the lead in 45th minute, before Aryan made it 2-0 in the 72nd. Novelty's Musamiyam was awarded the player of thw

match award. The second matchup of the day saw STFC Natipora beat J&K Bank Academy 2-0. Wungramchan gave Syed Tajuddin the lead in the 18th minute. Haris doubled the football club's lead in the 40th minute. Haris Gulzar of STFC was awarded man of the match.

J&K Police FC will take on Star Kashmir FC today, Friday, September 8, at 7:00 PM.

'Pressure On "Unsettled" India To Win WC At Home'



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dia will take on Pakistan in the

most-anticipated World Cup

clash in Ahmedabad on Octo-

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Playing at home, and with intense media scrutiny, will put the Indian cricket team under a lot of pressure in the upcoming World Cup, feels former Pakistan pace bowler Shoaib Akhtar. Akhtar added the stage is set

perfectly for Pakistan, the No. 1 ODI side, to lift the trophy and give the country something to cheer about amid the serious economic situation. India's performance in ICC

events has left much to be desired as they have yet to win a world title since the 2013 Champions Trophy triumph under Mahendra Singh Dhoni. "Pakistan's going to be all lonely there (in India). Having

said that, they will be under no pressure. Playing at home, in front of own crowd, all the pressure will be on India; we will do better," Akhtar said

during a virtual press conferteam is still "unsettled" with less than a month left for the ence organised by Star Sports. "All the stadiums will be World Cup, beginning on Ocpacked, and more than two tober 5.

billion people will be follow-"Why do I have this feeling the live action on TV or ing... why India could not pick social media and what not. their XI in last two years. It's a The Indian media will put an very strange thing to me that incredible amount of pressure your squad is not settled. Who on Pakistan, they will build it is your No. 4, where will Virat up like Mahabharata. They will (Kohli) play 3, 4 or 5? Ishan already declare India as the Kishan looks amazing, can bat winners... that's an uncalled anywhere. amount of pressure to have

"Hardik Pandya is an asset. Look what he has done with Gujarat Titans (in IPL).

"But India is not being a settled squad for (the) last two years, this is a very strange thing for me. Who will occupy which slot?" he asked.

"I'm all for Rohit, Virat, but But before that, they will everyday you got to perform clash in the Super Four stage because you got a name. You of the Asia Cup on Sunday, and have to be out there, and lead may also head for a possible tiby example. But the bowling tle showdown on September 17. and batting both look unset-Akhtar said the Indian tled to me.

If You Like Me, You Don't Have To Hate Messi: **Cristiano Ronaldo**



Agencies

LONDON: Cristiano Ronaldo has been in reflective mood as he brings up 20 years in Portugal's national team, saying he and great rival Lionel Messi "changed the history of soccer" and that he still wants to raise the bar at the age of 38.

Ronaldo's debut for Portugal was in August 2003 and two decades later the most prolific scorer in men's internationals with 123 goals in a record 200 games – will be playing for the team in a European Championship qualifier at Slovakia.

"I am proud of the numbers I reached. But, I want more,"

Ronaldo said. "When I play, the bar has to be up here, I want to think big.'

On his rivalry with Messi, Ronaldo added: "If you like Cristiano Ronaldo, you don't have to hate Messi. We are both very good. We changed the history of soccer. We are respected all over the world. That is the most important thing. He has marked his path, I have marked mine."

Portugal has won all four of its group games and is two points ahead of second-place Slovakia. Elsewhere, Bosnia-Herzegovina hosts Liechtenstein and Iceland visits Luxembourg. (AP)

who has won the award five

times, did not receive a nomi-

nation for the first time in 20

Manchester City striker Erling

Haaland, who won the UEFA

Messi In Ballon d'Or Contention; No Ronaldo In Nominees

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Agencies

Argentina forward Lionel Messi was among the nominees for the men's Ballon d'Or trophy announced by organisers France Football magazine

on Wednesday. Seven-times winner Messi, who plays for Inter Miami, led Argentina to World Cup glory in Qatar in December, their

first triumph since 1986.

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo,

award for the best men's player last season, and Paris St Germain forward Kylian Mbappe were also on the short list. The awards for the best

men's and women's player in the world will be presented on October 30.



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