

## World Leaders Converge In Delhi As G20 Summit Begins Today

### PM Modi Says Confident That The Conclave Will Chart New Path In Human-Centric Development

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New Delhi: As world leaders converge at the G20 summit here, host India on Friday said the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration will reflect the voice of the global south and Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed confidence that the conclave will chart a new path in human-centric and inclusive development.

Refusing to be drawn into the specifics of contentious issues such as the Russia-Ukraine war and climate-related topics, India's top G20 officials told a news conference on the eve of the two-day summit that the Declaration was "almost ready" and they were hopeful of clinching a joint communique by consensus.

US President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and other leaders of the G20 grouping as well as chiefs of many leading world bodies like the International Monetary Fund,



World Bank and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) gathered in the national capital for the summit beginning Saturday.

The leaders were welcomed by traditional dance performances by various troupes and a smiling IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva danced to the beat of the music at the airport.

Security was beefed up across the national capital, especially in New Delhi district, ahead

voice of the global south and developing countries.

"Our New Delhi Leaders' Declaration is almost ready. I would not like to dwell on it because this declaration will be recommended to the leaders during the summit and the leaders will then accept it and only after it is accepted by the leaders, we will be able to talk about the actual achievements of this declaration," he said.

"India's expectation is that all G20 members will move towards a consensus and we are hopeful of a consensus on the communique," Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said in response to a question on the possibility of Ukraine conflict holding up an agreement on the New Delhi Declaration.

The silver lining for India's presidency is likely to be the support by almost all G20 countries to its proposal to include the African Union as a permanent member of the bloc that has emerged as perhaps the most influential multilateral forum after

India's G20 sherpa Amitabh Kant said New Delhi Leaders' Declaration will reflect the

## 'No Lessons Learnt From 2014 Floods' Urbanisation, Encroachment; Sewage Choke Jhelum

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Srinagar: Urbanisation, unabated encroachment and flow of sewage are the reasons the river Jhelum is getting polluted, experts said.

Jhelum which originates from Verinag in south Kashmir and traverses through Srinagar before entering into Wular Lake is an important source of irrigation, drinking water and hydropower in the valley.

Experts said the heaps of garbage, polythene, plastic and even



pipes dropping sewage into the river are a common sight due to

which this river has been turned into a big drain

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## HC Orders Release Of Veeri, Dawoodi

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh quashed detention orders under Public Safety Act against two religious leaders, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat alias Veeri and Molvi Abdul Rashid Sheikh alias Dawoodi, and ordered the authorities to release the duo forthwith if not required in any other case.

Veeri was ordered to be detained by District Magistrate Anantnag by virtue of an order on 12 March 2019. However, the detention order was quashed by the court June 6, 2019. Later the government ordered a fresh PSA detention

## Kargil Local Body Polls: Admin Issues Fresh Notification

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Leh: After a rap on the knuckles from the Supreme Court, the Ladakh election department has issued a fresh notification reserving the 'plough' symbol for the forthcoming local body polls in Kargil.

The election to the fifth Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council-Kargil will be held on October 4, according to the notification issued by administrative secretary Yetindra M Maralkar.

"In pursuance to the order of the Supreme Court dated 06/09/2023..., the symbol 'Plough' is hereby reserved for the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Party for



the ensuing elections..." it stated.

Holding that the National Conference is entitled to the 'plough' symbol, a bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath and Ahsanuddin Amanullah had on Wednesday dismissed the plea by the Ladakh administration opposing the allotment of the

## New Delhi Roads Wear Deserted Look

As stringent traffic regulations and security restrictions came into force in the New Delhi district on Friday in view of the G20 Summit, the area wore a deserted look with key landmarks also without visitors. Delhi Police said that things went "smoothly" and "seamlessly" on the first day of G20-the related security restrictions were implemented in the New Delhi area which houses the summit

venue and the delegates' hotels.

"Traffic restrictions are imposed in a very small area of New Delhi district. That small portion has been restricted to the general public while the rest of Delhi is open," said Delhi Police spokesperson Suman Nalwa, a day before top leaders from the G20 nations officially hold the meet. "We have been working for the last

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# Scientists Grow Whole Model Of Human Embryo Without Sperm Or Egg

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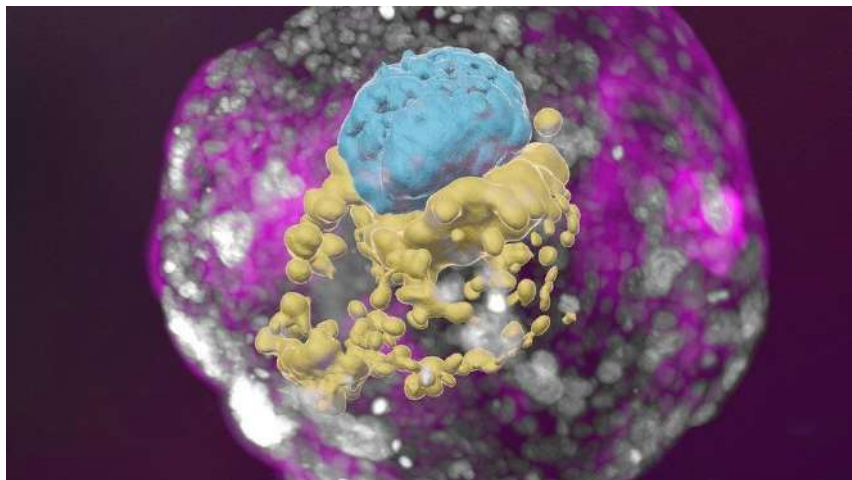
Scientists have grown human embryo-like structures without using sperm, eggs or a womb, an advance that could help reveal the causes of many birth defects and types of infertility.

A research team at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel created the complete models of human embryos from stem cells cultured in the lab and managed to grow them outside the womb up to day 14. The research, published in the journal Nature, shows that these synthetic embryo models had all the structures and compartments characteristic of this

implants itself in the womb. The scientists divided the cells into three groups. The cells intended to develop into the embryo were left as is. The cells in each of the other groups were treated only with chemicals, without any need for genetic modification, so as to turn on certain genes.

These genes cause these cells to differentiate towards one of three tissue types needed to sustain the embryo: placenta, yolk sac or the extraembryonic mesoderm membrane that ultimately creates the chorionic sac.

Soon after being mixed together under optimised, specifically developed conditions, the cells formed clumps, about 1 per cent of which self-organised into complete



stage, including the placenta, yolk sac, chorionic sac and other external tissues that ensure the models' dynamic and adequate growth.

The stem cell derived human embryo model "closely mimics the development of a real human embryo, particularly the emergence of its exquisitely fine architecture," said Jacob Hanna, a professor at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

The scientists did not use fertilised eggs or a womb. Rather, they started out with human cells known as pluripotent stem cells, which have the potential to differentiate into many cell types.

Some were derived from adult skin cells that had been reverted to "stemness." Others were the progeny of human stem cell lines that had been cultured for years in the lab, they said.

The researchers then reprogrammed pluripotent stem cells to revert these cells to an even earlier state known as the naive state in which they are capable of specialising into any type of cell.

This stage corresponds to day 7 of the natural human embryo, around the time it

embryo-like structures.

The researchers said the stem cell based embryo-like structures (termed SEMs) developed normally outside the womb for 8 days, reaching a developmental stage equivalent to day 14 in human embryonic development.

That is the point at which natural embryos acquire the internal structures that enable them to proceed to the next stage: developing the progenitors of body organs, they said.

The models faithfully emulated the process by which an early embryo gains all the structures it needs for beginning its transformation into a fetus.

"Many failures of pregnancy occur in the first few weeks, often before the woman even knows she's pregnant. That is also when many birth defects originate, even though they tend to be discovered much later," Hanna said.

"Our models can be used to reveal the biochemical and mechanical signals that ensure proper development at this early stage, and the ways in which that development can go wrong," she added.

## Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council

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### ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION

Fresh applications through offline mode on prescribed format are invited from domicile of J&K for engagement of past champion Athletes as Coaches/mentors in the following Sports disciplines at the Centres mentioned against each duly approved by SAI under Khelo India Scheme to strengthen Sports ecosystem at the grass root levels & also to have sustained source of income for proponent: -

S.No.	Name of District	Sports Discipline	Name of sports centre
1.	Kulgam	Karate	Indoor Sports Hall Qaimoh Kulgam
2.	Srinagar	Gymnastics	Indoor Sports Hall, Ellahibagh, Srinagar
3.	Pulwama	Table Tennis	Indoor Sports Hall, Rajpora Pulwama
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4.	Udhampur	Table Tennis	Indoor Sports Hall Ramnagar
5.	Rajouri	Table Tennis	Indoor Sports Hall, Koteranka Rajouri
6.	Samba	Table Tennis	Indoor Sports Hall, Samba
7.	Doda	Table Tennis	Indoor Sports Hall, Doda

The applicants who fulfil the following eligibility criteria shall apply on the prescribed format duly supported by coaching experience, Sports achievements, Academic/technical qualification certificates, I.D & address proof:-

Orders of preference	Individual Sports	Team Sports
1 <sup>st</sup> preference	Represented India at recognized International competition under recognized NSF/Association of respective Sport.	Represented India at recognized International competition under recognized NSF/Association of respective Sport.
2 <sup>nd</sup> preference	Medal winner at Senior National Past championship conducted by recognized NSF OR Medal winner at Khelo India Games	Part of medal winning team at Senior National past championship conducted by recognized NSF OR Part of medal winning team at Khelo India Games.
3 <sup>rd</sup> preference	Medal winner at National AIU Past championship	Part of medal winning team at National AIU past championship
4 <sup>th</sup> preference	Represented State in Senior National Past Championships conducted by recognized NSF OR Participation in Khelo India Games	Represented State in Senior National Past Championships conducted by recognized NSF OR Participation in Khelo India Games

#### Terms and conditions:-

- The maximum age on the last date of receipt of application should be 40 years. However relaxation shall be accorded in deserving cases upto 01 year subject to condition that candidate has represented in recognized International Competitions.
- Incomplete application forms without requisite documents shall not be entertained.
- The engagement is purely temporary and shall not confer any right for regularization.
- The prescribed eligibility criteria are the minimum and mere possession of the same does not entitle applicant for engagement.
- Candidates are advised that they should not furnish any particulars that are false or suppress any material information. They are warned that they should in no case alter or otherwise temper with any entry in a document nor they should submit/upload a tempered fabricated document which shall be dealt with in terms of law. It will be mandatory for each past champion Athlete to register themselves as a Coach on the National Sports repository system (NSRS) portal of SAI @ <https://nsrs.khelolindia.gov.in> to become eligible to apply for support under the component.
- Past champion Athletes will be eligible for maximum remuneration of Rs. 3.00 lacs per year subject to the condition that minimum number of trainees should not be less than 30 regular trainees in any given Sports discipline.
- Past champion Athlete will be eligible to avail financial assistance for only one Sports discipline to which that past champion belongs to. However Coaches with NIS certification could also be considered eligible for engagement.
- Each Centre must strive to have equal ratio of male and female trainees.
- Identification of talent pool will be done by respective past champion Athlete in consultation with the Executive Director, SAI of the Regional centre/Divisional Sports Officer of J&K Sports Council.
- The agreement/MOU will be entered between J&K Sports Council and the proponent before start of coaching.
- The Khelo India Centre, Sub Scheme would be run for a period of 4 years coinciding with the Olympic Cycle and Coterminal with Khelo India Scheme.
- Minimum academic qualification should not be less than Matric.
- The Coaching Experience shall be entertained from Government Institutions/SAI/Recognized National Sports Federations/UT Associations on payroll basis.
- Criteria for selection of candidates for engagement as coach/mentor will be carried out on following basis: -

#### A) Sports Achievements: (20 points maximum)

- International Medalist/Participation: 20 points ( G-20, S-18, B-16, P-15).
- Senior National/Khelo India Games Medalist : 15 points(G-15, S-13 & B-11)
- Medal at All India Inter University Level: 10 points (G-10, S-8, B-6)
- Participation in Senior National/Khelo India Games: - 05 points.

#### B) Educational Qualification (maximum 05 points): -

- Post-Graduation: - 05 points.
- Graduation: - 03 points.
- 10 + 2: - 02 points.
- Matric: - 01 point.

#### C) Coaching Experience (maximum 05 points): -

- 05 years: - 05 points.
- 03 years: - 03 points.
- 02 years: - 02 points.
- 01 year: - 01 point.

#### D) Technical Qualification relating to NIS (maximum 10 points): -

- NIS Diploma: - 10 Points.
- NIS Certificate Course: - 05 points.

#### E) Interview/Viva (10 points maximum)

In case of tie, higher sports achievements of the candidate shall be given preference. Next priority to academic/technical qualification followed by seniority of age for breaking the tie.

The prescribed application forms shall be available on Official website of J&K Sports Council viz [www.jkstatesportscouncil.in](http://www.jkstatesportscouncil.in) from 09<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 onwards.

The documents alongwith application form should reach in the office of Divisional Sports Officer (K/J), J&K Sports Council at Pologround Playfield, Poloview Srinagar & New Indoor Sports Hall, M.A. Stadium Jammu on or before 30-09-2023 upto 4.00 P.M. Any query for the purpose shall contact **Mr. Sahil Chopra** on contact no: - **+91-9086625103** strictly during office hours only.

**NO: SC/3767/5886-92**  
**DIPK-NB-3077/23**  
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 The following four candidates are provisionally selected for admission to Ph.D programme in the Department of Economics vide letter No.F (Prov-admission-Ec-SC-Res) KU dated 05-09-2023.

S. No.	Name of the selected candidate
01	Waseem Ahamd Dar (NET)
02	Zubair Mohi ud Din (NET)
03	John Mohammad Yatoo (NET)
04	Mohd Ashraf Mir (NET)

The selected candidates shall be allowed to join the programme only after verification of their certificates/ documents required under statutes. They are, as such, directed to report to the Department alongwith all original certificates / documents and complete their admission formalities upto September 15th, 2023. In case any discrepancy found at any stage of admission or later, the selection/admission of such candidates shall stand cancelled.

Sd/ (Prof. Effat Yasmin)  
 Head of the Department

DIPK-NB-3078/23 dated: 08-09-2023

### Before The Hon'ble Court Of Principal District And Sessions Judge At Srinagar

From the office of :-  
 Adv Faizan Ul Haq Mattoo  
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 Adv Manzoor Sadiq Ganie  
 Adv Srinawaz Thakur

IN THE CASE OF :-  
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 S/o Abdul Majeed Mir  
 R/o Rajpora Pulwama

(Caveator)  
 V/S  
 Public at large (Non-Caveators)

IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat petition in terms of section 148 A cpc.

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Before participating in the online Bids, the intending Bidders shall get acquainted with the sites & scope of work and local conditions thereof.

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Sd/  
 Executive Engineer  
 TLM7 Srinagar  
 DIPK-NB-3069/23 Dated: 08: 09: 2023  
 No: TLM7-7/TS/1721-24



## Lung Cancer Patient Managed Successfully With Bronchoscopic Intervention

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Continuing with the pursuit of upgrading and providing advanced health care services to the patients, Government Chest Diseases (CD) Hospital here has started another advanced technique 'Electro Cautery Knife and Controlled Radial Expansion (CRE) Balloon Dilatation' for palliative care of cancer patients.

A 60-year male with lung cancer was referred to Chest disease hospital with a history of shortness of breath and noisy breathing. For management of lung cancer, the patient had received chemo-radiotherapy. Bronchoscopy was done to visualize patients' airways, which revealed narrowing (stenosis) and obstruction of the patient's right side of the lung severe enough to cause patients symptoms.

Obstruction was relieved using an Electro-Cautery Knife and Controlled Radial Expansion (CRE) Balloon Dilatation. To avoid or reduce the chances of restenosis and obstruction, topical Mitomycin C was also applied locally (at the site of obstruction). The procedure

was done under conscious sedation and the patient had relief of symptoms immediately post procedure. He was kept under observation for 12 hours and was discharged later.

Facility of various Bronchoscopic interventions for management of airway stenosis is available at Government Chest disease hospital, Srinagar. It has improved the management of patients with airway obstruction and will reduce the need of such patients to move outside UT.

The procedure was performed by a team of interventional pulmonologists led by Head of Department, Dr. Naveed Nazir Shah. The department headed by Dr. Naveed with the support of Dr. Khurshid and other faculty members has already started advanced interventional procedures like rigid bronchoscopy and stenting in cancer patients.

The department has expressed gratitude to the administration of CD hospital and Principal Government Medical College, Prof Masood Tanvir for providing support to the department for upgrading facilities to provide quality services to the public.



A boatman posing for a photo holding Lotus in his hand in the interiors of Dal Lake in Srinagar. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## Towns To Wear New Facade: Div Com Issues Slew Of instructions To DCs

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The idea of beautification of Towns in the valley is taking momentum as the Administration puts emphasis on redevelopment of pavements, alignment of electric poles, facade enhancement of buildings, lining of roads, removing of visual pollution and maintenance of parks.

To expedite the process of beautification of Towns, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners and HoDs of various departments wherein he gave slew of directions for steps to be taken for makeover of towns.

He directed DCs to prepare most of the works by September 30, so that towns become attractive

and appealing.

He said that the administration is committed to beautification through different interventions of creativity.

The Deputy Commissioners informed the meeting about the deft beautification and re-development works going on in their respective areas to cloak towns with new facades.

## Check Building Permissions Of All Commercial Establishments In City: Com SMC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Athar Aamir Khan has directed the anti-encroachment and enforcements wings to check the building permission and registration of all the commercial establishments in the city.

An order issued by the SMC Commissioner in this regard said, as per law any commercial establishment can run in Srinagar city only in a building which has a

commercial building permission from the Competent Authority and only after getting the registration of the establishment from the Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

"Now therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Anti-Encroachment and Enforcements wings of Srinagar Municipal Corporation to visit and check the building permission/registration of commercial establishments in the city and ensure necessary action for enforcement as per law," the order reads.

## Dept Of Anesthesia, Critical Care To Organize National Airway Conference At SKIMS

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care is organizing the 14th National Airway conference at SKIMS Auditorium. The inaugural ceremony will be on 9th September. The event is spread over four days.

The event is bringing together

experts, practitioners, and innovators from across the country to discuss the latest advancements, and the best practices in airway management.

As per the details given by the organizing Chairman Prof. Showkat Ahmad Gurcoo and Organizing Secretary Dr Zulfiqar Ali, there was a pre conference CME ex-

clusively dedicated to the teaching and training of Basic Airway on 7th September. A series of eight workshops have been organized to train the medical students and practitioners with the use of advanced gadgets of airway management with hands-on training from experts who have come across all parts of the country.

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D/o: Nazir Ahmad Sheikh  
R/o: Habbak, Hazratbal, Srinagar  
Date of birth: 06-03-2006



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### Before The Hon'ble Special Tribunal 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

Public at large. Vs Non Caveators

In the matter of : Caveat

May it please your honour :

The caveator humbly submits as-  
That the caveator is Seeking caveat wrt land measuring 1 Kanal 2 Malras 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. .

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### SAD DEMISE

With profound grief and sorrow we inform you the sad demise of Habla Bano Mother of Mahmooda Akhtar who left for heavenly abode on 07/09/2023, Fatiha Khwani will be observed on 09/09/2023 10:30 am at her home Umer Colony 'A' Lal Bazar, Srinagar Near Urban Avenue.

Contact No. 9682327837

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### From the office of Advocate Fahim Mehraj

In the case of:  
Ali mohd dar s/o Ghulam Ahmad darR/o 22(2) Madhupora Allochi bagh sgr  
VS  
PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A  
The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveators may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at their back /in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I Have Lost R C Of My Motor Cycle Bearing No Jkolap 0830 Now I Am Applying For Its Same Duplicate If Any Body Have Any Objection In This Regard May File The Same To Arto Srinagar With In Seven Days For The Date Of Publication Of This Notice .No Objection Shall Be Entertained After That Name Dr

Zahid Hassan Beigh  
S/O: Ghulam Hussan Beigh  
R/O: 117 Lal Nagar Chanpora  
Ph 7889486050

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### NAME CHANGE

The name of my son has been registered in School records (Kashmir Valley School) as **Muizz Jan**. It is to be changed as **Mohammad Muizz Dar**. If anyone has any objection in this regard, he/she may please file it within seven days in the office of Principal Kashmir Valley School, Humhama, Budgam. After that no objection will be entertained.

Mohammad Afzal Dar  
F/o Muizz Jan; Class: Ist Green  
R/o Rangreth Srinagar

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### Office Of The Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shopian

Subject: Conduct of election for District Red Cross Society ,Shopian.

#### Notification

General secretary Indian Red Cross Society, J&K UT branch vide letter No:RCSB305/783-805, Dated:05.06.2023, has directed to conduct the election of members of the management committee of the District Red Cross Society in pursuance of schedule iv (rule 13) of the uniform rules of the Indian Red Cross Society New Delhi, notified in Dec-15, 2017 and published in gazette of India on Dec-28, 2017.

The election of 10 members of the management committee of the District Red Cross Committee needs to be conducted as such the election notification is to be issued for the same by Assistant Commissioner, Revenue. The schedule for the election of the 10 members of the management committee of the District Red Cross Society is as under:

S.No	Activity	Date/Period
01	Commencement date of filling of nomination papers.	11.09.2023
02	Last date of filing of nomination papers between 11:00 am to 03:00 pm.	14.09.2023.
03	Scrutiny of the nomination papers in the office of ACR, Shopian at 11:00 am	15.09.2023.
04	Last date of withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the ACR, Shopian upto 3:00 pm.	16.09.2023.
05	Election if necessary for 10 members on Saturday between 10:00 am to 02:00 pm in the meeting hall of Deputy Commissioner, Shopian.	18.09.2023
06	Date and time of declaration of results at 4:00 pm.	18.09.2023

The nomination forms can be obtained from the office of the Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shopian during the office hours and the duly filed nomination papers can be submitted by interested candidates in the same office between 11:00 am - 03:00 pm on working days not later than 14.09.2023.

It may be noted that in the election of District level members comprising of patron, vice patron, life members and life associates only will be the voters (annual members can't vote).

To establish the bonafide of the contesting candidate and the voter, he/she must bring along a two valid ID proofs such as Aadhaar card/voter card/driving license and domicile certificate (mandatory) .two passport size photographs etc.

No: DCS/RC/23/142-145

DIPK-8509/23

Dated: 08-09-2023

Assistant Commissioner  
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#### HIGHWAY STATUS

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

**HIJRI CALENDAR**

22 Safar  
1445

**PRAYERS**

FAJR	4:47
ZUHR	12:31
ASR	4:58
Magrib	6:53
ISHA	8:15

### This Day In History

- 1000 - Battle of Svolder, Baltic Sea. King Olaf on board the Long Serpent defeated in one of the greatest naval battles of the Viking Age.
- 1493 - Battle of Krbava field, a decisive defeat of Croats in Croatian struggle against the Ottoman Empire invasion.
- 1513 - Battle of Flodden Fields; English defeat James IV of Scotland
- 1591 - Battle at Flores Azores: Spanish beat English
- 1753 - 1st steam engine arrives in US colonies
- 1830 - Charles Durant, 1st US aeronaut, flies a balloon from Castle Garden, NYC to Perth Amboy, NJ
- 1881 - Egyptian military coup under colonel Arab "El Wahid"
- 1908 - Russia takes part of Poland boxing title
- 1911 - 1st European airport (Hendon to Windsor, England)
- 1912 - J Verdrines becomes 1st to fly over 100 mph (107 mph/172 kph)
- 1913 - Association for Study of Negro Life & History organizes in Chicago
- 1914 - 12] Belgian offensive from Antwerp
- 1914 - Boston Brave George Davis no-hits Philadelphia Phillies, 7-0
- 1914 - First fully mechanized unit in the British Army created - the Canadian Automobile Machine Gun Brigade (WWI)
- 1914 - Meeting held at Gaelic League headquarters between Irish Republican Brotherhood and other extreme republicans; initial decision made to stage an uprising while Britain is at war
- 1915 - Association for study of Negro Life & History forms by Carter G Woodson
- 1918 - Dutch government of Ruijs de Beerenbrouck forms
- 1919 - Boston's police force forms strike
- 1921 - Guatamala, Honduras, and San Salvador agree to Central American Union
- 1922 - St Louis Brown "Baby Doll" Jacobson hits 3 triples beating Tigers 16-0
- 1922 - Turkish troops conquer Smyrna/murder Greek citizens
- 1942 - 1st bombing on continental US soil at Mount Emily, Oregon during WWII by Japanese planes
- 1943 - US, British & French troops land in Salerno (operation Avalanche)
- 1944 - Bulgaria liberated from Nazi control (National Day)
- 1945 - Japanese in South Korea, Taiwan, China, Indochina surrender to Allies

### From KO Archives

## DD Kashir Runs Into Rough Weather

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI- The much-hyped Kashir channel of the Doordarshan has run into rough weather. The union ministry of home affairs (MHA) is understood to have declined to foot the bill for running the channel. Even as the channel has allegedly become a money spinner for some Mandi House officials and a handpicked coterie of Kashmiri migrants.

According to reliable sources, the MHA had 'promised' to provide the financial support required to run the channel which was launched, for the third time in June this year, with a big fanfare. Two plane loads brought several Bollywood celebrities besides the union minister of information and broadcasting, Arun Jaitley, with hundreds of ministry officials in tow to grace' the occasion The gala function held at the city's Grand Palace hotel is believed to have cost the exchequer a fabulous Rs two to three crore.

Sources said no new Kashmiri programmes were likely to be produced for the channel. Proposals submitted by Kashmir producers, mostly Kashmiri pandits, were being returned due to non-availability of funds. Sources said 148 proposals, were approved by the Mandi House last month. However, some 'stale' programmes provided gratis by Star, Zee TV Sahara and some other private channels may be telecast from the Kashir channel.

(Kashmir Observer, September 09, 2000)



## INDIA Alliance Takes Edge Over BJP, Bags 4 Out Of 7 Bypoll Seats; SP Wins Ghosi



Press Trust of India

**LUCKNOW/AGARTALA:** The by-election results for seven assembly seats in six states declared on Friday were a mixed bag for the BJP and the opposition INDIA bloc, with the saffron party winning three seats and one each going to its rivals Congress, JMM and TMC and Samajwadi Party.

The opposition alliance tasted victory in the Ghosi assembly seat in Uttar Pradesh, where it backed the Samajwadi Party, and in Jharkhand, where the JMM retained the Dumri assembly seat.

The BJP maintained its hold on the Bageshwar assembly seat in Uttarakhand and Dhanpur in Tripura and wrested the Boxanagar assembly seat from CPI(M) in the northeastern state, where the INDIA alliance parties had joined hands, but lost the Dhupguri assembly seat in West Bengal to the Trinamool Congress (TMC).

"I would like to congratulate

all those who beat the BJP to win the bypolls. The BJP has lost four bypolls out of the seven held on September 5. This is a big win for INDIA," West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee said.

The Congress also said the victory of opposition INDIA candidates proves that the people have accepted the bloc as an alternative to the BJP.

However, BJP leaders hailed the party's victory in Tripura and Uttarakhand and its in-charge of the northeastern region Sambit Patra said the results have shattered the arrogance of the "ghamandiya" alliance of opposition parties.

The bypolls were the first electoral test for the INDIA alliance of 28 parties formed recently to take on the BJP in the Lok Sabha polls next year. Of the seven seats where the by-election was held on September 5, three were earlier held by the BJP, and one each was with the Congress, SP, CPI(M) and JMM.

## Gunfight Between Security Forces, Armed Protestors In Manipur



Press Trust of India

**IMPHAL:** Two persons were killed and nearly 50 injured in two different firing incidents at Pallel in Manipur's Tengnoupal district on Friday, officials said.

Among the injured, four civilians sustained bullet wounds, they said.

Firing between two groups of unidentified men began at Pallel around 6 am leading to the death of a person, officials added.

He was brought dead to Kaching Jeevan Hospital while the injured who received bullet injuries have been referred to Imphal, they added.

The condition of one of the injured admitted to Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Imphal is critical, doctors said.

As news of the firing spread, a large number of people from different sides of Thoubal and Kaching districts rushed to Pallel but were stopped by Assam Rifles personnel leading to

the tense face off, officials said.

A 48-year-old man was killed in the crossfire between the two groups of unidentified armed men, officials said.

More than 45 women were also injured after Assam Rifles lobbed teargas shells to defuse the situation, officials said. An Assam Rifles jawan was also injured, they added.

On the other hand, a contingent of RAF personnel heading to Pallel from Imphal to contain the mob was blocked by locals at Thoubal.

Situation is still tense and firing has temporarily stopped, officials said.

This comes two days after thousands of protesters gathered at Phougakchao Ikhai in Bishnupur district on Wednesday and tried to break through army barricades in an attempt to reach their deserted houses in Torbung.

A day before the protest, full curfew had been clamped in all the five valley districts of Manipur as a preventive measure.

## High-Income Countries Of G20 Fall Drastically Short On Climate Action, Says Oxfam Paper

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Even if the high-income G20 countries, including the US, the UK, Australia and Germany, were to reduce their domestic emissions to zero by 2030, they would still fall significantly short of their fair-share benchmarks for emissions reduction, according to a new paper published by Oxfam International.

The paper by the global non-governmental organisation evaluates the fairness and ambition of national greenhouse gas reduction targets, known as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), of the G20 countries, using three distinct approaches. These approaches were employed to gauge the strength of the conclusions drawn. If all approaches arrived at similar results, it would suggest that the conclusions were robust.

The findings reveal that the G20, collectively as well as the most high-income countries of the bloc individually, are failing to meet the necessary levels of ambition required to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The gap between the collective NDCs of G20 and the fairness or ambition benchmarks outlined by the three approaches ranges from 2.8 to 3.9 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per capita by 2030.

This translates to an alarming excess of emissions in 2030, with the G20 countries alone accounting for a surplus of 14.1 to 20.2 billion tons of CO2 equivalent. It underscores



the urgent need for the G20 countries to significantly intensify their climate mitigation efforts, the paper read.

Delving further into the disparities among the G20 countries, the paper notes that the high-income nations of the grouping bear the primary responsibility for historic emissions and possess the technological and financial resources to address the climate crisis. But they are falling far short of their fair-share benchmarks, with emissions levels still exceeding what would be equitable by a large margin.

For example, the United States and Australia, both high-income countries, would need to enhance their 2030 NDC emission reduction targets by 240 per cent and 170 per cent respectively to align with the fair-share benchmarks. Similarly, Germany and the United Kingdom would need to increase their targets by 160 per cent and 124 per cent respectively.

The paper underscores that even if the high-income countries reduce their domestic emissions to zero by 2030, they will still not meet their

fair-share benchmarks. These nations would need to provide substantial climate finance, technology transfers and support to other countries to bridge the emissions gap.

The middle-income G20 countries, while having lower historic responsibilities and fewer financial resources, are also found to fall short in achieving their fair share of global emissions targets, the paper says. This highlights the need for these countries to adopt more ambitious emissions reduction targets, consistent with the fairness benchmarks.

These findings are crucial as the Global Stocktake, set to be finalised by the end of 2023 at COP28, aims to guide countries in enhancing the ambition of their climate action.

The persistent failure of the G20 countries to meet their ambitious and fair emissions reduction targets exacerbates the climate crisis, disproportionately affecting low-income communities and marginalised groups, Oxfam said, adding that the consequences of climate inaction are not only devastating but deeply unjust.

## G20 Summit 2023: Security Agencies Deploy Optical Target Locator To Protect Delegates

Agencies

**NEW DELHI:** As part of the stringent security measures for the G20 summit, the security agencies have deployed an 'Optical Target Locator' made by the DRDO at the summit venue in Pragati Maidan to help in sanitising VIP areas by detecting snipers.

The device, which has been developed by the DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation), can also detect and locate commonly used active and passive surveillance devices, DRDO officials said.

The 'Optical Target Locator' provides an important tool for the detection of camouflaged passive or active surveillance devices like optical day sight or sniper telescopes, night vision devices, or electronic sensors as in the Laser Range Finder, during day and night operations in urban scenarios.

The long-range 'Optical Target Locator' has an operational range of the order of 1500m in day and night operations, according to the DRDO.



Meanwhile, the local police and BSF jawans are keeping a vigil on the Yamuna River by patrolling it on boats in Delhi's Shahdara district.

The Delhi Police have heightened security across the city and continued their security patrols. The specially trained security members of NSG's dog squad, Zenon, Ming, Zozo, and Zinger, along with their handlers and bomb disposal units, have been checking the periphery

of Rajghat to ensure a safe and secure summit.

Curbs on traffic regulations have also come into force in the national capital. The New Delhi district has been designated Controlled Zone-1 from Friday at 5 am until Sunday at 11.59 pm because of the summit.

Delhi Traffic Police said on Friday morning that the movement of buses into the city has been stopped with effect from September 8 until September 10.



## PM Modi, Sheikh Hasina Hold Talks On Diversifying India-Bangladesh Cooperation

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** A day before the G20 Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held talks with his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina on diversifying bilateral cooperation and discussed issues such as connectivity and commercial linkages.

In a post on his second bilateral of the day after holding talks with Mauritian Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth, Modi said he had "productive deliberations" with PM Sheikh Hasina.

"The progress in India-Bangladesh relations in the last 9 years has been very gladdening. Our talks covered areas like connectivity, commercial linkage and more," Modi said.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said, "PM @narendramodi had productive talks with PM Sheikh Hasina on diversifying the India-Bangladesh bilateral cooperation. They agreed to strengthen ties in a host of sectors including connectivity, culture as well as people-to-people ties."

Modi is scheduled to hold about 15 bilateral meetings over the next two days.

"I will also be holding bilateral meetings with several leaders and Heads of Delegation to further deepen the bonds of friendship and cooperation," Prime Minister Modi earlier said.

The meeting between Modi and Hasina comes a day before the G20 meeting.

The G20 leaders will deliberate on pressing global issues at the grouping's annual summit here on September 9 and 10. India is hosting the summit in its capacity as the current G20 chair.

In its G20 presidency, India has been focusing on various issues such as inclusive growth, digital innovation, climate resilience and equitable global health access.

The G20 member countries represent around 85 per cent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade and about two-thirds of the world population.

The grouping comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union (EU).

## Opposition Agrees With Government's Stance On Russia-Ukraine Conflict: Rahul Gandhi

Press Trust of India

**LONDON:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Friday that the Opposition by and large agrees with the BJP-led government's current position on the Russia-Ukraine conflict and that by virtue of being a large country, it is natural for India to have a range of bilateral relationships across the world.

During a press conference at the Press Club in Brussels, he was asked by a Ukrainian news agency about the "cautious approach" taken by the Modi government on the Russia-Ukraine conflict and if such an approach was dictated by the supply of oil from Russia to the country.

He was asked to spell out the Opposition's view on the government's stance on this conflict in Europe, which is expected to dominate the G20 Summit agenda as well.

"I think the Opposition by and large, would agree with India's current position on the conflict," Gandhi responded.

"We have a relationship with Russia. And I don't think the Opposition would have a differ-

ent view than what the government is currently proposing," he said.

India has repeatedly called on Russia and Ukraine to return to the path of diplomacy and dialogue and end their ongoing conflict.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken to the presidents of Russia and Ukraine on multiple occasions and urged for immediate cessation of hostilities and a return to the path of diplomacy and dialogue for the resolution of the conflict.

Elaborating further when asked about India-Russia relations and attempts by Western leaders to "lure India away" from Russia, Gandhi reiterated that it is natural for India to have a diverse range of ties with different nations.

"India, of course, has a relationship with Russia, India has a relationship with the United States. India is a large country and by nature of being a large country, it will have relationships with many other countries. So that's a normal thing... India has every right to have a relationship with whoever it wants," he added.



## NEWS MAKERS

## Paris Mayor Strips Palestinian Leader Of Honor Over Holocaust Outburst

Agencies

**PARIS:** Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo has stripped Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas of the French capital's highest honor after he made remarks about the Holocaust that echoed anti-Semitic tropes, her office said on Friday.

Abbas could no longer hold the Grand Vermeil medal after he "justified the extermination of the Jews of Europe" in World War II, her office told AFP.

"The comments you made are contrary to our universal values and the historical truth of the Shoah," Hidalgo said in a letter to Abbas sent on Thursday. "You can therefore no longer hold this distinction."

The text of the letter was published on X, formerly known as Twitter, by Yonathan Arfi, president of the Representative Council of French Jewish Institutions (CRIF), an umbrella organization representing French Jews.

"This important decision honors Paris and the city's ongoing commitment against anti-Semi-



tism," he wrote.

Abbas, 87, claimed Jews had been murdered in the Holocaust because of their "social role" and not religion, saying it was "not true" that "(Adolf) Hitler killed the Jews because they were Jews."

Echoing anti-Semitic tropes, he claimed Europeans "fought (the Jews) because of their social role, and not their religion. Because of usury and money."

Abbas made the remarks during a speech late last month before senior members of his Fatah party in Ramallah, and a video of the event surfaced this week.

"You (...) justified the extermination of the Jews of Europe during World War II with a clear desire to deny the genocide," Hidalgo said in the letter.

"I vehemently condemn your remarks, no cause can justify revisionism and negationism," she added. Abbas had been given the award during a 2015 visit to Paris.

A spokesperson for the European Union said: "the speech... contained false and grossly misleading remarks about Jews and anti-Semitism."

France's consulate in Jerusalem called the remarks "totally unacceptable."

## Britain Commemorates First Anniversary Of Queen Elizabeth II's Death

Agencies

Britain's King Charles III has thanked the public for their support in his first year as monarch, as he marked the one-year anniversary of the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

In a short statement published on Friday, the 74-year-old British head of state recalled the "great affection" for his mother, her life and public service.

"I am deeply grateful, too, for the love and support that has been shown to my wife and myself during this year as we do our utmost to be of service to you all," he added.

Commemorations will be low-key on Friday, with the king - who is at his Scottish Highland estate of Balmoral - not expected at any official engagement.

He and wife Camilla will attend nearby Crathie Kirk, the late queen's place of worship, for private prayers and a moment of reflection.



His mother, who was on the throne for a record-breaking 70 years, died at Balmoral aged 96 after a period of declining health.

Throughout her reign, she did not publicly mark her accession, as it was also the anniversary of her own father King George VI's death in 1952.

Last year, when she began her Platinum Jubilee year on February 6, she spent the day in private at her Sandringham estate in Norfolk, eastern England.

In London, the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery will mark Charles's accession by firing

a 41-gun ceremonial salute in Hyde Park from 12:00pm (11:00 GMT).

Members of the Honourable Artillery Company - the oldest regiment in the British Army - will fire a 62-gun salute from the Tower of London from 1:00pm (12:00 GMT).

Both regiments were involved in firing the Death Gun salutes to mark the queen's death, and the Proclamation salutes to mark Charles's new reign.

The king's eldest son and heir, Prince William, and his wife, Catherine, will commemorate the anniversary

with a small private service at St Davids Cathedral in west Wales.

Elizabeth II's death was a seismic event in British life. For most Britons alive, the queen was the only monarch and head of state they had ever known.

During the 10-day official mourning period, tens of thousands of people queued for up to 25 hours to file past her flag-shrouded coffin as it lay in state in Westminster Hall at the Houses of Parliament.

Even more packed the streets of London and the route west to Windsor Castle for the state funeral, which was beamed around the world to a television audience of millions.

The queen was interred in the King George VI Memorial Chapel, Windsor, alongside her late husband, Prince Philip, who died in 2021, her father and mother and the ashes of her younger sister, Princess Margaret.



## School Heads Asked To Teach At Least Two Classes A Day

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** In a significant move School Education Department Friday ordered that the principals and headmasters of government institutions shall take part in teaching students besides managing the administration of their respective schools.

Earlier, almost all the principals and headmasters of government run schools used to manage the administration and academics of the institute. However, in a major development, they have been asked to teach at least two classes a day.

According to Kashmir News Observer, Deputy Secretary to the government said that the directives were issued in the interest of academics and growing demand of the public for bringing improvement in the teaching-learning process by experts.

"It is impressed upon the principals and headmasters to be part of the daily time-table and teach at least two classes daily in their subject of interest," the government said.

It also said that these instructions shall be strictly complied with. "All Chief Education Officers are directed to monitor the implementation of these instructions personally and submit reports in this regard

on a monthly basis."

Lecturers to teach 9th, 10th class students

Meanwhile lecturers have been directed to teach 9th and 10th standard students besides their routine duty of teaching senior secondary students.

The department said that the move was aimed to improve the academic standard.

Deputy Secretary to government said, "It is impressed upon lecturers of School Education Department to exuberantly involve themselves in teaching at 9th and 10th level besides at the plus-2 level."

The officer said that the directives were issued in order to improve the academic standard in School Education Department and chisel the talented students of Jammu and Kashmir by way of tapping the professional talent of the able lecturers available in the department.

"This way the students shall be exposed to qualified and experienced staff for competing at the national level in various competitive exams," the officer said.

The government said, "The Head of institutions and lecturers shall comply with these instructions in letter and spirit and a report in this regard shall be submitted by concerned Chief Education Officers on a monthly basis."

## Teacher Suspended For Sending 'Lewd Messages' To Student

Inquiry Team Already Constituted, To Submit Report Within 2-3 Days: CEO Baramulla

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The authorities have placed a teacher, posted at Higher Secondary School (HSS) Shutloo in Rafiabad Baramulla, under suspension for allegedly sending lewd messages to his student.

An order issued in this regard reads that, "Pending enquiry into the matter, Mr Owais Ahmad Nanda Teacher Presently posted at HSS Shutloo, is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect."

"During the period of suspension, the said official shall

remain attached in the office of Principal BHSS Sopore," the order issued by Chief Education Officer (CEO) Baramulla reads.

CEO Baramulla, Balbir Singh told a local news agency KNO that the teacher has been placed under suspension while a committee led by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) has been constituted to inquire the matter.

"The teacher has allegedly sent messages to the student. The matter is under investigation and it is expected that the report in this regard will be submitted within two-three days," he said.

## Arms Found Near Poonch Encounter Site

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Security forces found a cache of arms, ammunition and explosives in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Thursday, a day after two terrorists were killed as soldiers foiled an infiltration attempt along the Line of Control, officials said.

The terrorists were gunned down in a fierce exchange of fire in the Sawjian area of Mandi on Wednesday, they said.

While the body of one terrorist has been recovered along with war-like stores, a search

operation for the other is underway, the officials said.

They said the arms and ammo were found near the encounter site. The seizures included an AK 47, four magazines, a pistol, two magazines and 44 pistol rounds.

A grenade, binoculars, a pair of shoes, a night vision device, two trousers, a pair of gloves, two jackets, two shawls, two rucksack bags, two walking sticks, a syringe, 16 batteries, bandage rolls, a knife, doctor's tape, medicines and rain jackets were recovered as well, the officials added.

## J&K Witnessing Peace Due To Sacrifice Of Fallen Heroes: DGP

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** In a stern warning to local terrorists operating from Pakistan, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Friday said they will not be allowed to live in peace even across the border.

He said security agencies have already started attaching the properties of Pakistan-based terrorists and the action will continue.

"We want to give a clear message to the traitors (local terrorists) who have gone across the border and (are) trying to revive terrorism here (in Jammu and Kashmir) that they cannot live in peace there because we will reach them and those who are supporting them from here will be dealt with sternly," the police chief told reporters on the sidelines of an event in Kishtwar.

The Chenab Valley comprising Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban districts was a target for terrorists in the past but the security agencies are vigilant and will not allow them to gain a foothold, he said.

"The Doda-Kishtwar range is being guarded heavily by security forces with the cooperation of locals. The bad elements trying to revive terrorism will be given a befitting reply," Singh said.

Asked about the recent busting of a hideout being used by Jehangir Saroori -- the longest surviving Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist -- in the higher reaches of Kishtwar, the police chief said action is underway to neutralise him and a couple of his associates.

"He (Saroori) has reached



that stage of his life where he is close to his grave. We want to take him there but if, somehow, he survives, he is himself nearing his end. Time is not far when he will be in his grave," Singh said.

He added that most of the people linked with Saroori have been neutralised but a couple of his associates are still accompanying him and they will also be neutralised soon. The security forces are keeping a close watch on the areas where Saroori and his associates are suspected to be hiding and action against them is underway.

Saroori's cave hideout was dismantled by the police in collaboration with troops of the Rashtriya Rifles and the Central Reserve Police Force in a meticulously planned operation in the Paribag area of Bhatat Saroor on Tuesday.

Saroori joined militancy in the early 1990s and is believed to be hiding in the higher reaches of Kishtwar district. His brother Abdul Karim Butt was detained under the stringent Public Safety Act on charges of being a terrorist as-

sociate on August 3.

Singh said strong action is also underway against terrorists in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

"They (Pakistan-based terrorists) tried to sow the seeds of militancy in Rajouri and Poonch. Strong action to destroy this seed is going on," the police chief said and added that many infiltration attempts were foiled this year.

He said the terrorists planned to infiltrate through Rajouri into nearby Reasi and ultimately to Kashmir or directly into Kashmir from Rajouri but all these attempts were thwarted.

Singh also said that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing growing peace and stability because of the sacrifices of the police's fallen heroes.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the Shaheed Aman Memorial T20 Cricket Tournament in Kishtwar, Singh added that the Jammu and Kashmir Police is proud of its martyrs who sacrificed their lives while protecting the people and the nation.

## G20 Meet 'Normal Process', But It Is Better Forum Than UN: Dr Farooq

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** The G20 forum is better than the United Nations as 20 countries discuss their issues and look for solutions, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah said here on Friday.

However, he stressed that the G20 meeting take place in every member country on a rotational basis and it is a normal process.

"G20 (meeting) is a normal process. It rotates between the 20 countries. It is a good forum where these 20 countries put themselves together and discuss their issues and look for their solutions. It is a good forum rather than the UN where there are so many countries," Abdullah told reporters on the sidelines of a party function here.

When asked what the holding of the meeting in India means for the country, Abdullah said such meetings take



place in every member country on a rotational basis.

"Did the G20 not take place in the other countries? It will happen in Brazil next year, then rotate again," the NC president said.

When asked whether he had received the invitation for the dinner hosted by the President, the Lok Sabha MP said "no".

"Why should president invite me? I don't see why the president would invite me," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said.

India is hosting the G20 meeting over the weekend.

To another question about the Bharat-India name change row, the former Union minister said the Constitution has both the names and there is no difference between the two.

"If you see the prime minister's plane, both India and Bharat are written there as well. I don't see any difference between the two, if anyone sees any difference, then they know that, I do not. They are both the same things. It is the media which creates controversy," he said.

On the question about "One nation, one election proposal", he said the government put it before Parliament, "we will see what we will do".

On the fresh notification by election authorities in Ladakh for the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council polls in Kargil, Abdullah said the notification has been issued and the elections will take place and the people will vote in October.



## NC Pays Tribute To Sheikh Abdullah On Death Anniversary

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**JAMMU:** The National Conference on Friday paid tribute to party founder Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah on his 41st death anniversary.

The party's provincial unit chief Rattan Lal Gupta, who presided over the function, urged the cadre to preserve the legacy of Sheikh Abdullah -- popularly known as "Sher-e-Kashmir" -- for promoting communal harmony and brotherhood.

Gupta also discussed various aspects of Sheikh Abdullah's life and highlighted his contribution to improve the conditions for the weak and the downtrodden sections of society.

He added that Sheikh Abdullah's secular and progressive outlook will continue to be a source of inspiration for generations.

Throughout his charismatic

political career, Sheikh Abdullah symbolised the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in a manner no other individual could even dream of, Gupta said.

The best tribute to Sheikh Abdullah will be to strengthen the amity among the Hindus, Muslims and the Sikhs, Gupta said. He also urged the party cadre to take a pledge to uphold and preserve the legacy of brotherhood and communal harmony bequeathed by Sheikh Abdullah.

Former minister and senior leader Ajay Sadhotra highlighted Sheikh Abdullah's dedication to fighting for the rights of the oppressed sections.

He emphasised the National Conference founder's role in nurturing and strengthening the bonds between different sections of society and the regions of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

## Mehbooba Congratulates INDIA Bloc Parties On Bypoll Win

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Friday congratulated the opposition INDIA bloc parties for winning four seats out of seven in the assembly bypolls, calling it "not an easy feat".

"Congratulations to the INDIA alliance @INCIndia (Congress), @HemantSorenJMM (Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren), @AITCofficial (Trinamool Congress) and @samajwadiparty (Samajwadi Party) for their spectacular wins against divisive forces," she said in a post on X.



"Not an easy feat given the combined might of the central government and its agencies," Mehbooba added.

The People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader also used the INDIA bloc's "Judega Bharat, Jeetega India" tagline as hashtags.

The byelection results for seven assembly seats in six states declared on Friday were a mixed bag for the BJP and the INDIA bloc. The saffron party won three seats while one each went to the Congress, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, the Trinamool Congress and the Samajwadi Party.

## Div Com Reviews Land Issues Of Airport Expansion

Observer News Service



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**JAMMU:** Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar Friday reviewed the status of land acquisition and related issues pertaining to the Jammu Airport Expansion Project here at a meeting of functionaries of the stakeholder departments.

Seeking the details about the Jammu Airport Expansion project, he was informed that the land acquisition had almost been completed and only a few patches of land with structures and buildings of Animal Husbandry at Belicharna were not handed over to the Airport Au-

It was informed that 20 structures have already been vacated by Animal Husbandry and 2 more were vacated today paving the way forward for completion of the project. "Alternative land has been provided to the Animal Husbandry Department for shifting its hatchery and office buildings. The land has been provided in Nagrota and Chatha areas" the meeting was told.

The Div Com instructed DC Jammu to resolve the issues on the allotted land to facilitate shifting of Animal Husbandry buildings in a time-bound manner.

## Villager Injured By Bear In Poonch

**JAMMU:** A villager was injured in an attack by a wild bear in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Friday, officials said.

The incident took place at the Chikri hamlet of Mandi tehsil, when the victim, Wali Mohammad, was returning home from the fields nearby, they said.

The locals came to his rescue after he raised an alarm and the bear returned to the forest, the officials said.

Mohammad was hospitalised after the incident and is currently under treatment, they said.



## CJ Reviews Progress Of Ongoing Works At New Court Complex In Shopian

Also Reviews Functioning Of Courts, Interacts With Judicial Officers, Bar Members



Observer News Service

**SHOPIAN:** Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh on Friday visited district Shopian and reviewed the functioning of Courts.

He visited the District Court Complex Shopian and at the outset took part in a plantation drive in the Court Complex, expressing his commitment for greener and sustainable environment.

He also inspected the under-construction District Court Complex building being constructed by the R&B department. While calling for expediting the work and completing the same within given stipulated

time, he directed for ensuring quality of works.

Justice N. Kotiswar Singh also held interactions with judicial officers and Bar members and listened to the issues concerning the judiciary and public interest and also reviewed functioning of district Court and Subordinate courts.

Chief Justice was accompanied by his Principal Secretary, M K Sharma; Principal District & Sessions Judge, Riyaz Ul Haq Mirza; DC Shopian, Faz Lul Has-seeb; SSP, Tanushree; Chief Judicial Magistrate, Imtiyaz Ahmad Lone; Secretary DLSA Susheel Singh; Munsiff Brijraj Singh; Bar President, other officers and Bar members during the visit.

## Principal Secy Education Flags Off Shanti Yatra From Anantnag

Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** Principal Secretary Education, Alok Kumar on Friday flagged off the Shanti Yatra-2023 from Government Girls Model Higher Secondary School Ranibagh here.

The Yatra is an initiative that seeks to foster a spirit of harmony and understanding among the youth of Jammu & Kashmir organized by the Department of School Education and this year's yatra promises to be a significant step towards promoting the values of peace and education.

Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, SF Hamid; Director School Education Kashmir, Dr. Tassaduq Hussain Mir, senior officers of district administration, faculty of institution, NCC/ NSS volunteers from various educational institutions, and large number of students were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal Secretary emphasized on the importance of education in promoting peace and prosperity. He stated that Education is not just about acquiring knowledge, it is a powerful tool that can bring people together, bridge divides, and foster understanding.

Alok Kumar said that Shanti Yatra-2023 aims to instil these values in our youth, who are the future of our nation. He added that the yatra will traverse different regions of Jammu & Kashmir, engaging with students and communities along the way to spread the message of peace and harmony.

The School Education department has expressed its gratitude to all participants, volunteers, and supporters, Security agencies and Media fraternity who have come together to make this Yatra a reality.

PMDP Projects

## Admin Tells Departments To Expedite Progress Of Projects

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The administration of J&K Union Territory has told departments to speed up progress of the projects being executed under the Prime Minister's Development Programme (PMDP) in the Union Territory, saying that it was not possible to get more extensions for their completion.

In a significant move, the administration has directed departments to expedite physical/ financial progress of the PMDP projects under execution in J&K, read official documents.

Citing closure of the PMDP project executed by the Horticulture department after getting two extensions, Principal

Secretary Finance, Santosh D. Vaidya, has directed departments to expedite physical/ financial progress of these projects so that they are completed in time. "The chair while taking cognizance of the matter reiterated that since more and more extensions from Gol is not possible, therefore, all the departments may expedite the physical/ financial progress in respect of PMDP projects so that the schemes are completed in time and are not foreclosed as has happened in case of Horticulture Department which ultimately deprives the UT of additional resources which are presently available under PMDP," reads record note of a meeting held by Finance department on August 25, 2023 to review progress of the projects.



# A Case for Traditional Architecture in Kashmir

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Amir Suhail Wani

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**What has been the fate of our traditional architecture and the vernacular buildings which had evolved over a course of centuries? Concrete jungles without any regard to the geological and ecological compatibility of the place have cropped up and with these haphazard, imported in a cyclostyle fashion, have brought with them aesthetic erasure and other vulnerabilities**

A gaze encountering traditional architecture not only draws us into awe but inspires in us hundred thousand feelings of varied nature. An entire epoch unfolds before us, the symbolism of the architecture plays with all its fancy before our eyes and invokes in us a sense of strong historical and national identity. Architectural spaces and the spaces of traditional build-up are no mere molds of brick and mortar; they are cultural integrators, emblems of tradition and the icons of identity. These are the motifs one relates with on many levels and are capable of fostering the sense of togetherness and cultural unity in a group of people. But modern day intrusion into our lives and ideas has caused not only hegemony and homogeneity of our language & literature, dress and diet, but has also created an architectural monolith. The building in London is no different from a building in Lahore and the multiplex in Delhi doesn't differ from the one in Dublin. This uniformity carried under the aegis of globalization has outlawed and abolished the traditional forms of architecture and eroded the aesthetic sense of people which so much characterized the world till a few decades ago.

In the trilogy of "Satyam-Shivam-Sundaram", Indian civilization offered the supreme identity between truth and beauty and this beauty was made manifest in the mundane aspects of life from the habits of dining to the codes of construction. Same is true of other civilizations and cultures, which constructed their houses and other spaces in conformity with their underlying ideas, beliefs and mores. With the abandoning of traditional construction style, particularly in the Kashmiri context, we have not only lost an important aesthetic dimension of our construction and buildings, but have brought upon ourselves unforeseen structural ills and challenges. In the pursuit of universality, the locals have suffered not only ignorance, but outright abolition.

The construction codes and building practices do not evolve overnight. These practices, like the cuisine and custom, are the result of an evolutionary process spanning centuries, corroborated by scrupulous obser-

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**The irony has spilled over limits and not only have the common houses in Kashmir undergone drastic architectural metamorphosis but Mosques, which preserved the sense of sacred and transcendence and reverberated in their style of construction the otherworldly echoes, have been secularized in their build up and hijacked by the modern day horizontal, profane architecture**

ventions and careful advances. Traditional Kashmiri houses consisted of wooden framework and walls were made of mud and clay, insulating them from the cold and regulating the temperature inside the house. These were built with special care being paid to Kashmir's harsh winters and they provided natural insulation against the jaw locking cold. Not only this, traditional Kashmiri construction practices which include the Taq and Dhajji-Dewari styles are seen in places like Srinagar. These have either masonry-bearing walls (Taq) fastened with timber or a rectangular timber framework filled with masonry (Dhajji-

Dewari). An analysis appearing in Scientific American explicitly notes that "To restore architectural resilience in the region, we must turn back to traditional ways of building. Governments at all levels must both promote earthquake safety in construction and treat local earthquake science with the seriousness it deserves". But what has been the fate of our traditional architecture and the vernacular buildings which had evolved over a course of centuries? Concrete jungles without any regard to the geological and ecological compatibility of the place have cropped up and with these haphazard, imported in a cyclostyle fashion, have brought with them aesthetic erasure and other vulnerabilities.

London is an apt example of blending traditional architecture with modern developments without either eroding the traditional aesthetic or losing the merits of modern developments. But so much so has some people abandoned their aesthetic nerve that in Islamic world, Mecca and Medina have undergone structural changes that are undesirable and one can add profane order. This change in buildings, which may look naive or inconsequential at first, hosts the roots of historical alienation, the loss of sense of belonging and the communal ties. One often ventured into the countryside and discovered peculiar and particular construction style, the walls and rooftops carrying with them the cultural legacy and aesthetic heritage. But all that has been eroded behind the veneer of progress and development and one can't even plead that this development is coming at the cost of our identity and cultural uniqueness. But we, the moderns, have little time for these things, whose value we neither understand nor appreciate. And what about the city?

One can hardly improve upon Iqbal Ahmed's pithy observation, "Till eighties tourists were seen moving in streets of Downtown Srinagar with their cameras in hand and engaged in taking market shots. The wonderful architectural buildings and historic lanes and by-lines were the splendour of the old city, which has now almost disappeared. Neither that historic grace is visible, nor those foreign tourists any more seen in the historic streets".

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Shrines, constructed centuries ago and now perhaps the sole witnesses to our architectural legacy, whenever retrofitted, are given modern day touch, tarnishing the legacy and the historical continuity which they stand witness to. How long shall we mistake the progress with anti-traditionalism and how long shall the artificial glare of concrete keep us blind to the exquisiteness, the uniqueness and the brilliance of our traditional architecture, construction styles and the elegance of our mores.

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# SONS OF SOLITUDE

## Exploring Old Age Homes in a Changing Kashmir

Peer Mohammad Amir Qureshi

Amidst the corridors of my primary school days, a mesmerizing English tale I remembered – “The Mountain That Ate People,” an ancient Japanese folklore. This chronicle follows the journey of a proud young feudal lord, harboring a disdain for the elderly. He wielded a decree as merciless as it was haunting, directing those past sixty-one to a desolate mountain for their final sojourn a place of somber departure. Yet, as the sands of contemplation trickle through the hourglass of my thoughts, an alternative tableau beckons. Could we not superimpose this narrative onto the canvas of Kashmir?

Here, the very title retains its essence, while the protagonists shift to the sons of the land. These contemporary scions, tragically detached, consign their forebears to the confines of old age homes, where life's curtain descends in solitude. Kashmir, known for its close-knit families, a somber reality has emerged. The challenging conditions have led to a distressing situation where some individuals, once bound by unbreakable bonds, are now finding themselves separated from their aging parents. It's a poignant issue that highlights the need for attention and support. Does the need for old age homes not cast a shadow of reflection in a land where Muslims are in majority? The wisdom of the Quran is evident in its exhortation to respect and love for our elders, a principle that prominently includes our parents. Even as the years pile on top of our parents, its lines softly beg us to cradle them in compassion. The central message of Surah Al-Isra (17:23) is “Worship none other than Him, and be kind to your parents.” Never even say ‘uff’ to them or rebuff them; instead, speak to them with words of grace if they both or one of them reach old age during your lifetime.

As per an autonomous study conducted by Dr. Zubair Salim, a staggering 60% of senior individuals embark on their hospital journeys unaccompanied, while a mere 35 to 40% are joined by attendants, predominantly comprising daughters or unmarried



sons. The disconcerting revelations underscore that a startling 75% of patients endure a myriad of abuses, shockingly often at the hands of their own sons post-marriage. A recent encounter left me

The inception of such facilities is accompanied by potential pitfalls that must not be overlooked. Among these shadows loom the specters of neglect and abuse at the hands of caregivers, an insufficiency of medical care tailored to the aged, the pernicious grip of social isolation, a dearth of intellectual and physical stimulation, the precarious mishandling of medications, and a vulnerability laid bare by an unprepared emergency response

astounded: a frail elderly gentleman, bearing his granddaughter's weight, quivered noticeably. The passage of sixty years had clearly dulled his once-vibrant nervous system, while the highway adjacent pulsed with a torrent of traffic resembling a deluge. I inquired about his presence in the marketplace, and his response resonated deeply within me. With a voice both weathered and poignant, he explained that his actions stemmed from necessity. “We, the elderly,” he mused, “find ourselves not just guardians of our grandchildren, but guardians of sustenance. To relinquish this role is to court hunger for ourselves, and the risk of becoming irrelevant in our children's eyes.” In the graceful theater of life, your treatment of parents weaves a tale uniquely yours. Remember, the story you pen today will be retold by your children tomorrow – echoing the timeless wisdom of Mawlana Rumi. Just as dawn mirrors dusk, cherish your parents in their twilight years, for the narrative you sow shall echo in the harmonious verses of generations to come. Amidst this backdrop, the government has initiated plans to establish old age homes across every district. Yet, this development carries a poignant irony, especially for a region known for its Muslim majority.

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## India's Unique Talent Pool: The Harbinger of a new Global Order

Dharmendra Pradhan

### India: A Knowledge Civilization

As a knowledge civilization, India carries a natural reservoir of talent in its DNA. Throughout its history, India has made significant contributions to various fields of knowledge, including mathematics, astronomy, medicine, philosophy, and literature. The groundbreaking work in number theory and mathematical analysis of ancient Indian mathematicians continues to influence even the modern research. India's history as a knowledge civilization continues to influence its contemporary educational, scientific, and cultural landscape, making it a significant contributor to global good.

### G-20 for Global Well-being

Throughout India's G20 presidency - whether in Working Groups or Ministerial Assembly - the greater global wellbeing has been the connective tissue in all discussions. The G20 theme of “One Earth - One Family - One Future”, rooted in our ancient values of Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam, underscores that India's progress and growth is not only for its own people but for global good - what we call “Vishwa Kalyan” - the well-being of the entire

world.

### Global Confidence on India's Economy

The world has reckoned the innate strength and resilience of India's economy. The International Monetary Fund has identified India as a “bright spot” in the world economy. India's macro-economic fundamentals are very strong. Despite global headwinds, India is among the fastest growing economies in the world. India is now the fifth largest economy with potential to become the third largest economy in a short time.

### The Mother-ship of Education

Raising the human capital through knowledge and skill is the key to realise India's potential. Education is the ‘mother-ship’ that will drive and sustain the growth impulses. Education is the mother-power that will empower the citizenry.

### New Education Policy (NEP): The Mother Document

A comprehensive National Education Policy 2020, has been framed to make education in India inclusive and wholesome; rooted and futuristic; and

progressive and forward-looking.

Learning in mother tongue to ensure strong conceptual understanding and clarity has been given primacy in NEP. Education in mother tongue will not supplant the link languages, but supplement them. It will make the educational pathways of students including those who are cognitively less endowed, smooth and non-problematic.

Internationalization of higher education has received the priority attention. To make India a top study destination, NEP 2020 seeks to facilitate faculty/student exchanges, research and teaching partnerships, and the signing of mutually beneficial MOUs with foreign nations. IIT - Madras and IIT - Delhi have made MOUs to set up their foreign campuses in Zanzibar-Tanzania and Abu Dhabi-UAE, respectively.

Industry-Academia collaboration is yet another priority area of NEP to promote research. The National Research Foundation is being set up to seed, grow, and facilitate research at academic institutions. The focus is to make India an R&D hub. The Government is making concerted efforts to ensure not only Ease of Doing Business but also Ease of Doing Research.

Besides, India is having educational partnerships with major countries of USA, Australia, Japan and Europe where India's talent pool is recognized and

eyed for. Under the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) and the Quad Fellowship enhanced collaboration in high-technology areas is promoted.

Standardization helps align Indian education with the global education. Under the NEP, the National Curriculum Framework for School Education has been released that benchmarks specific learning standards, content, pedagogy, and assessments. Similarly, National Credit Framework has been put in place to bring practice of diverse academics into the ambit of academic bank of credit.

### Skilling and Entrepreneurship

India is home to more than 600 million people aged between 18 and 35, with 65% under the age of 35. Harnessing the demographic dividend with multi-disciplinary and multi-skilled, critically thinking, young and future-ready workforce is the overriding priority.

India is witnessing a path breaking scenario in skilling and entrepreneurship with the third largest start-up ecosystem and over a 100 Unicorns. Not only the metro cities, India's innovation and start-ups are being driven by Tier 2 Tier 3 cities and towns.

### Skilling in school

Skilling has been integrated in school education from standard 6 onwards. It is now integral to credit framework. The Skill Framework of Singapore is worthy of emulation to build a skilled workforce right from the school level to sustain in the tech-driven industrial environment.

### India and New Order

India recognises the central role of human capital in the evolving new order. People equipped with education and skill can play a seminal role in today's knowledge economy. They alone can make exceptional contributions to nation building by way of breakthrough innovations and scientific discoveries, besides expanding the frontier of knowledge and spurring economic growth.

India is a huge laboratory for global good. The 21st century being a knowledge century, new technologies will be the harbinger of a new order and India with its vast talent pool is at the forefront of shaping this new order.

Views expressed are personal. The writer is Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India.



# Transmission Ability Of 'Support' Cells In Brain Could Help Understand Disorders Better

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The discovery of neurotransmission ability of "support" cells in the brain have led neuroscientists to believe that it could help understand pathologies of epilepsy and Parkinson's disease, new research published in the journal Nature said.

The brain is known to be made of neurons and glial cells, or cells of the glia, which is the tissue surrounding and supporting neurons (nerve cells) in the central nervous system.

Some of these glial cells, called astrocytes and surrounding synapses, which are neuronal junctions where neurotransmitters are released to transmit information between neurons, have been found to play an active role in synaptic transmission and in information processing, the study from the University of Lausanne (UNIL), Switzerland, said.

Earlier research has established the role of astrocytes in supporting neurons, but not in releasing neurotransmitters.

To confirm or refute the



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hypothesis that astrocytes can release neurotransmitters, the researchers first scrutinised the molecular content of astrocytes in mice to find traces of the machinery necessary for the rapid secretion of glutamate, the main neurotransmitter used by neurons.

“We also identified other

specialised proteins in these cells, which are essential for the function of glutamatergic vesicles and their capacity to communicate rapidly with other cells,” said Ludovic Tellez, assistant professor at UNIL, co-director of the study.

Next, the neuroscientists tried to find out if these

hybrid cells were able to actually release glutamate with a speed comparable to that of synaptic transmission. They used advanced imaging techniques that could map glutamate released by vesicles in brain tissues and in living mice.

“We have identified a subgroup of astrocytes

responding to selective stimulations with rapid glutamate release, which occurred in spatially delimited areas of these cells reminiscent of synapses,” said Andrea Volterra, honorary professor at UNIL and co-director of the study.

Further, this glutamate release also regulated neuronal circuits without which, the study showed, memory consolidation was impaired and that the memory of mice is impacted.

The implications of this discovery extend to brain disorders, the researchers said.

This is because, they said, the team observed links by disrupting these glutamatergic astrocytes with pathologies such as epilepsy, whose seizures were exacerbated.

They further found these astrocytes were found to be involved in regulating brain circuits related to movement control and could offer therapeutic targets for Parkinson's disease.

“Our next studies will explore the potential protective role of this type of cell against memory impairment in Alzheimer's disease, as well as its role in other regions and pathologies than those explored here,” said Volterra.

# Keto Diet Seen To Improve Pcos Symptoms In Women, Research Says

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Short-term ketogenic diet was found to significantly enhance weight loss in women having polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), according to new research.

Resorting to the low-carbohydrate, high-fat diet for 45 days also improved women's hormonal imbalances usually seen in PCOS, the meta-analytical study by the Malaysian Ministry of Health found.

PCOS is a common hormonal disorder in women of childbearing age, characterised by irregular periods and low ovulation, high levels of male sex hormones such as testosterone and cysts in ovaries. Other symptoms may include excess hair growth, acne, infertility, and weight gain.

Keto diet intervention in women with PCOS markedly improved their reproductive hormone levels, along with lowering their follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) ratio, which meant they had a better chance of ovulating thereby, enhancing fertility, the study published in the Journal of the Endocrine Society said.

The researchers also saw reduced testosterone levels in these women.

The study was a meta-analysis of clinical trials in women with PCOS on the keto diet and examined

the diet's effects on their reproductive hormones and weight change. The overall analysis included 170 participants.

Following a ketogenic diet is one of the means through which the body can be made to enter the metabolic state of ketosis, in which fat is burned for energy instead of carbohydrates.

The diet was also found to normalise menstrual cycles and optimise cholesterol levels in these women having PCOS, which is known to heighten the risk developing diabetes, obesity and other metabolic health problems.



“We found an association between the ketogenic diet and an improvement in reproductive hormone levels, which influence fertility, in women with PCOS,” said the study's corresponding author Karniza Khalid, Ministry of Health Malaysia.

“These findings have important clinical implications, especially for endocrinologists, gynaecologists and dietitians who, in addition to medical treatment, should carefully plan and customise individual diet recommendations for women with PCOS,” said Khalid.

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ANNEXURE "A"

Gen S.No	No	Applica-tion S.No	Name of the Candidate	Parentage/Spousa	Name of Aaganwadi Centre	Ward No	Qualifi-cation	Board	DOB	Marital Status	Max Marks	Marks Ob-tained	% of Marks
1	1	60	Rifat Jan	Shakoor Ahmad Wagay	Yaripora B	5	10 th	JKBose	01.04.1989	married	500	226	45.20%
2	2	26	Ruqia Jan	Sheeraz Ahmad Rangraz	Yaripora B	5	10 th	JKBose	10.01.1988	married	500	214	42.80%
3	1	23	Shazia Nazir	Muzamil Aslam Malik	Yaripora c	3	10 th	JKBose	10.08.1991	Married	500	274	54.80%
4	2	29	Fency Jan	Asif Muzaffer	Yaripora c	2	10 th	JKBose	03.03.1991	Married	500	237	47.40%
5	3	65	Roomy Jan	Zakir Hussain Malik	Yaripora c	1	10 th	JKBose	21.01.1990	Married	500	209	41.80%
6	4	82	Sheeraza 2	Mohd Shafi Malik	Yaripora c	1	10 th	JKBose	01.03.1987	Married	500	207	41.40%
7	5	83	Ruqia Manzoor	Tawseef Ahmad Malik	Yaripora c	1	10 th	JKBose	10.07.1994	Married	500	195	39%
8	6	22	Rafee Farooq	Aadil Gulzar	Yaripora c	2	10 th	JKBose	01.08.1996	Married	500	190	38%
9	7	89	Sadaf Jan	Showkat Ahmad Mir	Yaripora c	2	10 th	JKBose	17.08.2004	Un-married	500	298	59.60%
10	1	85	Zaubaira Abbass	Gulzar Ahmad Naikoo	Zaban	7	10 th	JKBose	01.04.1991	Married	500	244	48.80%
11	2	55	Hoor un Nisa	Abid Hussain Sheikh	Zaban	7	10 th	JKBose	29.09.1995	Married	500	239	47.80%
12	1	28	Rohie Jan	Muzamil Hafeez	Munad A	2	10 th	JKBose	03.03.1991	Married	500	231	46.20%
13	1	15	Soniya Jan	Waseem Ahmad Badder	Nai Basti Qaimoh	2	10 th	JKBose	05.11.1989	Married	500	178	35.60%
14	2	48	Urza Jan	Zubair Ahmad Badder	Nai Basti Qaimoh	2	10 th	JKBose	15.06.1998	Married	500	178	35.60%
15	1	59	Naseema Yousuf	Younus Ahmad Gasi	Rampora	1	10 th	JKBose	07.03.1989	Married	500	202	40.40%
16	2	59	Sameena Khaliq	Masroor Ahmad Sheikh	Rampora	1	10 th	JKBose	08.07.1988	Married	500	201	40.20%
17	3	66	Suriya Yousuf	Zahoor Ahmad Sheikh	Rampora	1	10 th	JKBose	13.06.1986	Married	500	171	34.20%
18	1	80	Rubby Akhter	Mohd Ismail Pandith	Frisal C	2	10 th	JKBose	01.03.1988	Married	500	254	50.80%
19	2	41	Maryama Akhter	Aarif Sajad Shah	Frisal C	2	10 th	JKBose	20.04.1991	Married	500	201	40.20%
20	3	69	Zahida Abbass	Imtiyaz Ahmad Sheikh	Frisal C	2	10 th	JKBose	04.01.1988	Married	500	196	39.20%
21	1	24	Qudasia John	Yonus Tariq Dar	Rehpora A	3	10 th	JKBose	09.01.1993	Married	500	356	71.20%
22	3	14	Arjuman Shaheen	Aadib Farooq Dar	Rehpora A	3	10 th	JKBose	25.06.1993	Married	500	230	46.00%
23	4	47	Shabroza Amin	Javaid Ahmad Dar	Rehpora A	3	10 th	JKBose	02.07.1986	Married	500	212	42.40%
24	5	35	Shabeena Jan	Aijaz Ahmad Dar	Rehpora A	3	10 th	JKBose	31.10.1991	Married	500	201	40.20%
25	2	6	Adfar Jan	Ab Majeed Dar	Rehpora A	3	10 th	JKBose	05.05.2002	Unmarried	500	290	58.00%
26	1	30	Raafi Armeen	Mohammad Armeen Bhat	Srandoo A	2	10 th	JKBose	01.01.1999	Un-married	500	289	57.80%
27	3	84	Rabia Subzar	Mohd Abbass Itoo	T.N.Pora A	2	10 th	JKBose	09.08.1994	Married	500	211	42.20%
28	1	87	Shani Abbass	Mohd Abbass Itoo	T.N.Pora A	2	10 th	JKBose	11.09.1997	Unmarried	500	282	56.40%
29	1	24	Sumira Nazir	Yawar majeed	Frisal H	4	10 th	JKBose	07.07.1997	Married	500	371	74.20%
30	2	72	Mehrun nissa	Sajad Ahmad Bhat	Frisal H	4	10 th	JKBose	10.03.1996	Married	500	233	46.60%
31	3	1	Ulfat Jan	Shameen Ahmad Wani	Frisal H	4	10 th	JKBose	14.12.1987	Married	500	231	46.20%
32	4	70	Shoqee Akhter	Shakir Ahmad Wani	Frisal H	4	10 th	JKBose	03.01.1990	Married	500	218	43.60%
33	5	68	Ruqia Jan	Riyaz Ahmad Laloo	Frisal H	4	10 th	JKBose	25.11.1991	Married	500	212	42.40%
34	6	17	Nelofar Majeed	Aijaz Ahmad Sheikh	Frisal H	4	10 th	JKBose	05.03.1988	Married	500	189	37.80%
35	7	75	Filory Jan	Rameez Ahmad Wani	Frisal H	4	10 th	JKBose	02.11.1991	Married	500	183	36.10%
36	8	39	Naziyah Ayoub	Tawseef Ahmad Bhat	Frisal H	4	10 th	JKBose	15.02.1993	Married	500	175	35.00%
37	1	78	Ruby Akhter	Aejaz Ahmad Ganie	Frisal B	8	10 th	JKBose	02.03.1989	married	500	221	44.20%
38	2	46	Sumeera Yaqoob	Aadil Hameed	Frisal B	8	10 th	JKBose	07.06.1991	married	500	212	42.40%

39	3	62	Razia Shareef	Mubshir Ahmad Ganie	Frisal B	8	10 th	JKBose	14.02.1988	married	500	202	40.40%
40	4	38	Shazia Yousuf	Ashiq Hussain Ganie	Frisal B	8	10 th	JKBose	12.03.1993	married	500	180	36.00%
41	5	71	Nahidah Yousuf	Mohd Yousuf dar	Frisal B	8	10 th	JKBose	04.03.1996	unmarried	500	351	70.20%
42	6	77	Nuzhat Salam	Abdul Salam Baba	Frisal B	8	10 th	JKBose	07.06.1992	unmarried	500	237	47.40%
43	7	76	Sajooda Hamid	Ab.Hamid Ganie	Frisal B	8	10 th	JKBose	02.12.1995	unmarried	500	207	41.40%
44	8	4	Zubeeda Akhter	Mohd Maqbool Wagay	Frisal B	8	10 th	JKBose	01.02.1992	unmarried	500	201	40.20%
45	1	31	Shazi Akhter	Aasif Ahmad Parray	H S Bugh B	6	10 th	JKBose	01.04.1991	married	500	223	44.60%
46	2	37	Shazia Jan	Waseem Majeed Parray	H S Bugh B	6	10 th	JKBose	05.03.1988	married	500	213	42.60%
47	3	43	Shabeena Akhter	Sabzar Ahmad Parray	H S Bugh B	6	10 th	JKBose	07.10.1986	married	500	203	40.60%
48	4	13	Saima Fayaz	Mohd Asif Ganie	H S Bugh B	6	10 th	JKBose	03.11.1992	married	500	199	37.80%
49	5	34	Shani ummar	Nadeem Ayoub Parray	H S Bugh B	6	10 th	JKBose	10.03.2001	married	500	186	37.20%
50	6	74	Rabiya Saleem	Mohd Ashaq Bhat	H S Bugh B	6	10 th	JKBose	07.01.1986	married	500	178	35.60%
51	7	64	Aasifa Gulzar	Gulzar Ahmad Naikoo	H S Bugh B	6	10 th	JKBose	01.03.1999	unmarried	500	279	55.80%
52	8	61	Shanee Gulzar	Gulzar Ahmad Parray	H S Bugh B	6	10 th	JKBose	01.01.1995	unmarried	500	204	40.80%
53	1	45	Shabnum Aara	Sheeraz Ayoub Kuchy	Kaddar A	5	10 th	JKBose	10.03.1987	married	500	332	66.40%
54	2	19	Sabiya Tabbasum	Zahoor Ahmad Kuchy	Kaddar A	5	10 th	JKBose	05.02.1987	married	550	256	46.36%
55	3	40	Usmat ul Abbass Malik	Sartaj Hussain Rather	Kaddar A	5	10 th	JKBose	23.01.1987	married	500	219	43.80%
56	4	86	Aarifa Jan	Tariq Ahmaad Rather	Kaddar A	5	10 th	JKBose	27.03.1987	married	500	190	38.00%
57	5	10	Nuzhat Jan	Aejaz Ahmad Kuchy	Kaddar A	5	10 th	JKBose	25.10.1989	married	500	183	36.60%
58	6	3	Aafia Jan	Mohd Ishaq Kuchy	Kaddar A	5	10 th	JKBose	05.01.1999	unmarried	500	349	69.80%
59	1	50	Arbina Jan	Abdul Aziz Dar	Kharbrari A	6	10 th	JKBose	12.03.2003	unmarried	500	298	59.60%
60	2	49	Zeena Aara	Abdul Aziz Dar	Kharbrari A	6	10 th	JKBose	02.04.2000	unmarried	500	207	41.40%
61	3	63	Ausma Jan	Gh.Mohd Reshi	Kharbrari A	6	10 th	JKBose	07.08.1996	unmarried	550	203	40.60%
62	3	88	Shams Un Nisa	Mohd Mudasar Wagay	Kujar A	2	10 th	JKBose	02.03.1989	married	500	194	38.80%
63	5	79	Tawheeda Akhter	Muzamil Ahmad hajam	Kujar A	2	10 th	JKBose	01.06.1986	married	500	184	36.80%
64	2	57	Ifshana Amin	Mohd Amin Wagay	Kujar A	2	10 th	JKBose	03.03.1997	unmarried	500	236	47.20%
65	4	58	Nusrath Amin	Mohd Amin Wagay	Kujar A	2	10 th	JKBose	01.11.1991	unmarried	500	198	39.60%
66	3	70	Tawseefa Akhter	Rayees Ahmaad Ganie	Rakhi Has-sanpora A	7	10 th	JK Bose	18.03.1990	Married	500	277	55.40%
67	5	24	Shabnum Akhter	Shahnawaz Ahmad Teeli	Rakhi Has-sanpora A	7	10 th	JK Bose	20.10.1988	married	500	204	40.80%
68	1	64	Iqra Ayoub	Mohammad Ayoub dar	Rakhi Has-sanpora A	7	10 th	JK Bose	08.05.2002	Unmarried	500	420	84%
69	2	64	Sahira Hamid	Abdul Hamid Dar	Rakhi Has-sanpora A	7	10 th	JK Bose	19.10.2002	Unmarried	500	359	71.80%
70	4	63	Niha Nazeer	Nazeer Ahmad Rather	Rakhi Has-sanpora A	7	10 th	JK Bose	14.09.2002	Unmarried	500	263	52.60%
71	1	81	Reyhana Manzoor	Bilal Ahmd Ganie	Hafiabad A	4	10 th	JK Bose	15.07.1995	Married	500	295	59%
72	2	28	Shani Akhter	Jahangeer Hussain Ganie	Hafiabad A	4	10 th	JK Bose	11.11.2002	Married	500	247	49.40%
73	4	68	Firdosa Akhter	Touseef Ahmad Ganai	Hafiabad A	4	10 th	JK Bose	28.12.1990	Married	500	219	43.80%
74	5	51	Afroza Akhter	Tariq Ahmad Mir	Hafiabad A	4	10 th	JK Bose	12.04.1986	Married	500	203	40.60%
75	6	20	Sumrat Jan	Reyaz Hussain Ganie	Hafiabad A	4	10 th						



## RBI Decides To Withdraw Incremental CRR In Phased Manner

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** The Reserve Bank on Friday decided to discontinue the Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (I-CRR), which was put in place to absorb surplus liquidity following the withdrawal of Rs 2,000 currency notes, in a phased manner beginning Saturday.

On August 10, the RBI mandated banks to maintain an incremental cash reserve ratio (I-CRR) of 10 per cent on the increase in their net demand and time liabilities (NDTL) between May 19, 2023 and July 28, 2023.

The measure was intended to absorb the surplus liquidity generated by various factors, including the return of Rs 2,000 notes to the banking system.

"On a review, it has been decided to discontinue the I-CRR in a phased manner," the central bank said in a statement.

Based on an assessment of current and evolving liquidity conditions, it has been decided that the amounts impounded under the I-CRR would be released in stages so that system liquidity is not subjected to sudden shocks and money markets function in an orderly manner, it added.

The RBI said 25 per cent of the amount of I-CRR maintained by banks will be released on Saturday and another 25 per cent



on September 23. The rest will be released on October 7.

While announcing the I-CRR, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had indicated that the provision was a temporary measure for managing the liquidity overhang.

The RBI had announced that the I-CRR would be reviewed on September 8, 2023, or earlier with a view to returning the impounded funds to the banking system ahead of the festival season.

Following the withdrawal of the Rs 2,000 notes, the liquidity with the banks had surged significantly, the I-CRR was aimed to absorb the excess cash.

As much as 93 per cent of Rs 2000 currency notes that were in circulation on May 19 -- the day when the currency was withdrawn from circulation -- have been returned to banks.

The total value of Rs 2000 banknotes received back from circulation is Rs 3.32 lakh crore up to August 31, 2023.

## JKEDI Invites Applications From Startups To Register Under J&K Startup Policy

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Director, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) Friday convened a meeting of senior Faculty members of the Institute to accelerate the registration of Startups under the Jammu and Kashmir Startup Policy.

During the meeting, Director, JKEDI, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat emphasized on the crucial role that startups play in strengthening economic growth, creating employment opportunities, and advancing technological innovations.

He reiterated the Government's unwavering commitment to create an enabling and sustainable environment for startups to flourish in J&K, thereby making significant contributions to the Union Territory's socio-economic development.

"It is imperative that startups and business owners in Jammu and Kashmir take full advantage of the benefits offered under the Government's Startup Policy. These benefits can serve as catalysts for the success of their ventures. We must ensure that startups register themselves on 'www.startupjk.com' portal to avail these benefits," he said.

"All faculty members and district officers of the Institute should actively work towards increasing the number of registered startups under this initiative. It is crucial to ensure a broad representation from all corners of the Union Territory, including remote, border, and tribal areas", he



maintained.

We must provide comprehensive guidance and support to aspiring entrepreneurs to facilitate a smoother registration journey, he added.

JKEDI is the UT Nodal Agency for the implementation of the J&K Startup Policy. The policy offers a wide array of incentives and benefits to startups, including support in financial linkages, mentorship programs, and access to state-of-the-art infrastructure.

Some of the features of the policy are providing of Office Space, Monthly Allowance, Assistance for Product Research & Development/Marketing/Publicity, Energy Assistance, Patent Filing Cost Reimbursement, Tax benefits/Exemptions, Public Procurement Self Certification of compliance under Labour Laws, Exposure visits and workshops for Start-ups Infrastructure Support in addition to others.

These measures are strategically designed to encourage local talent to transform innovative concepts into thriving

businesses, ultimately fostering economic self-sufficiency in the region.

Further, the Director encouraged faculty members and DNOs to identify promising startup ideas, and facilitate their seamless integration into the vibrant startup ecosystem.

Startups looking to register under J&K Startup Policy can visit the website www.startupjk.com, where they can access registration details and additional information about the policy.

Moreover, startups can directly reach out to In Charge CIIBM, JKEDI, Vishal Ray, on 9419216208 and Imtiyaz Ahad Malla, Associate Project Manager, JKEDI, on 8825014846 or 01933-222267.

For inquiries via email, startups can use jkedipublic@gmail.com. They are also welcome to visit the district offices of the Institute, besides regional campuses at Bari Brahmana, Jammu and Sempora Pampore. More information is available on the Institute's official website, www.jkedi.org.



## Govt Rolls Out 3rd Phase Of Mandatory Gold Hallmarking In 55 New Districts In 17 States/UT

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The government on Friday said the third phase of mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery and artefacts has come into force in 55 new districts in 16 states and one Union territory.

Gold hallmarking is a purity certification of the precious metal and was voluntary in nature till June 16, 2021, when the government decided to implement mandatory gold hallmarking in a phased manner.

Currently, a total of 343 districts are covered under mandatory hallmarking. In the first phase, launched on June 23, 2021, 256 districts were covered, while the second phase from April 4, 2022, included 32 more districts.

According to the Consumer Affairs Ministry, an order for implementation of the third phase of the mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery and gold artefacts was notified on September 8.

The third phase of the mandatory hallmarking will cover an additional 55 new districts in 16 states and one Union ter-

ritory, it said in a statement. Eight districts, including East Champaran, will be covered in Bihar, five districts each in Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra, and four districts in Telangana under the third phase.

Three districts each will be covered in Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, while two districts each in Assam, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

In Rajasthan, the mandatory gold hallmarking will be implemented in one district -- Jalore -- during the third phase.

Nodal agency Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has successfully implemented mandatory hallmarking in the last two phases, wherein more than 4 lakh gold articles are being hallmarking with Hallmark Unique Identification (HUID) every day.

Since the implementation of mandatory hallmarking, the ministry said, the number of registered jewellers has increased from 34,647 to 1,81,590, while Assaying and Hallmarking Centers (AHCs) rose to 1,471 from 945.

## Mcap Of BSE-Listed Companies Hits Fresh Peak Of Rs 320.94 Trillion



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Buoyed by the ongoing rally in domestic equities, the market capitalisation (mcap) of BSE-listed firms surged to a fresh record of Rs 320.94 lakh crore on Friday.

The BSE Sensex jumped 333.35 points or 0.50 per cent to settle at 66,598.91.

Since August 31, the benchmark index has rallied 1,767.5 points or 2.72 per cent.

Helped by the encouraging trend in domestic equities, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies jumped to a new all-time high of Rs 320,94,202.12 crore.

"Benchmark indices once again defied the weak Asian and European markets trend to post solid gains for the sixth straight session, as lack of opportunity in key economies is prompting investors to increase their bets on India.

"Investors are increasing exposure to stocks of companies

that are likely to play a major role in boosting the economy going ahead," said Amol Athawale, Vice President - Technical Research at Kotak Securities Ltd.

From the Sensex pack, NTPC, Tata Motors, Larsen & Toubro, Bajaj Finserv, Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank, Reliance Industries, Titan, Power Grid and State Bank of India were the major gainers.

ITC, UltraTech Cement, Tech Mahindra, Tata Steel, Wipro, Tata Consultancy Services and JSW Steel were among the laggards.

"Markets extended rally for the sixth straight session despite weak global cues, as investors remained optimistic about India's strong growth prospects going ahead," said Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the negative territory. European markets were trading lower. The US markets ended on a mixed note on Thursday.

## Apple Loses About USD 200 Billion In Market Capitalisation On Reports Of iPhone Restrictions In China

Associated Press

**NEW YORK:** Apple has lost around USD 200 billion in market capitalisation over several days as tensions between the US and China rise, with several media outlets reporting this week that the iPhone maker is being singled out by Beijing.

Apple shares fell 3 per cent Thursday and are down more than 5 per cent for the week on reports of an iPhone ban for Chinese state employees that is being dictated by Beijing.

The ban was first reported by the Wall Street Journal, which cited unnamed sources saying China is ordering officials at central government agencies not to use iPhones or other foreign branded phones.

The Financial Times cited six unnamed sources at government institutions and state-owned companies, including a nuclear technology



company and a hospital, saying they've been told to stop using Apple phones. The ban widens earlier restrictions on using iPhones for work, the outlets said.

"Beijing is looking to reduce its dependence on US technology, but this (ban) acts as a significant headwind to Apple as China is its largest international market and accounts for about 20 per cent of its revenues," said Victoria Scholar, head of investment at interactive investor, a UK investment platform.

Apple didn't respond to a request for comment. When asked about the ban at a daily briefing in Beijing,

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning didn't comment directly, saying only that "products and services from any country are welcome to enter the Chinese market as long as they comply with Chinese laws and regulations."

Tensions between the US and China have been rising and early last month, President Joe Biden signed an executive order to impose blocks and regulations on US high-tech investment in China, reflecting the intensifying competition between the world's two largest economies.

White House officials said Biden, who departed Thursday evening for New Delhi, will use the annual G20 summit as an opportunity for the US to highlight a proposition for developing and middle-income countries that would increase the lending power of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund by some USD 200 billion.

## 'States, UTs Collected Rs 2 Lakh Crore In FY23 From Real Estate Sector'

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The real estate sector is one of the major contributors to revenue of states and UTs, which collected an estimated Rs 2 lakh crore during last fiscal year in various forms, including stamp duties, according to a Naredco-Knight Frank India report.

This is equivalent to 5.4 per cent of the total revenue collected by all states and UTs in India during 2022-23, it added.

"Real estate sector is one of the key contributors to the revenue of state governments. In FY 2022-23, an estimated Rs 2 trillion was collected by all states and UTs (Union Territories) in India from stamp duties, registration fees and land revenue," the report said.

Realtors' body Naredco and property consultant Knight Frank India recently released a report 'India Real Estate: Vision 2047'.



As per the projection of the report, the size of the Indian real estate sector is estimated to jump more than 12-fold to USD 5.8 trillion by 2047 from USD 477 billion last year. The sector will contribute over 15 per cent to the total economic output of the country in 2047 from an existing share of 7.3 per cent.

By 2047, when India reaches 100 years of independence, the size of the economy is estimated to be USD 33-40 trillion. For study purposes, Knight Frank has taken the mean estimated growth of the Indian economy at USD 36.4

trillion by 2047.

As per the report, the size of the residential real estate market is estimated to grow to USD 3.5 trillion (USD 3,500 billion) in 2047 from USD 299 billion last year.

The size of the office real estate market is likely to grow to USD 473 billion from USD 40 billion, while the warehousing market is expected to reach USD 34 billion from USD 2.9 billion.

In addition to state revenues, the report noted that the real estate sector has also evolved as a tool for financing infrastructure development in the country.

## 90 Vehicles Worth Crores Distributed Among Beneficiaries In Rozgar Mela

Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** A job fair cum Rozgar Mela was Friday held at Sports Stadium Dialgam. The event was presided over by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag SF Hamid.

The major highlights of the Mela were distribution of 90 vehicles among beneficiaries selected under the Mumkin Scheme, on spot appointment of 4 youths by the private sector and selection of 85 individuals who have been short listed by various private companies.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner said that aim of such events is to bridge the gap between job seekers and employers, creating opportunities for local youth. He further added that the administration is committed for ensuring employment opportunities for all aspiring youths of the district under various schemes and missions.

A total of 10 private employers and 14 government departments actively participated in this job fair, demonstrating their commitment to empowering the local community.

The event attracted an impressive turnout, with 880 youth eagerly participating and interacting with the stakeholders. Out of these, 209 attendees formally registered for job placements. In an encouraging turn of events, 85 individuals were shortlisted by employers for potential positions.

## 2-Day IFAC-2023 Begins In IIM Jammu

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu inaugurated 2-day International Finance and Accounting Conference (IFAC-2023), focusing on the theme "Reimagining Finance, Accounting, and Banking in a World Under Reset".

The event marked a significant milestone in the field of finance and accounting by bringing together industry leaders, academicians, and professionals to discuss the transformative changes in the global financial landscape.

The conference commenced with participant registrations, followed by the traditional Lamp Lighting ceremony, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and ideas. Present on the occasion were Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Academics, IIM Jammu, Dr. Amit Kumar Agarwal, Secretary, Research Committee, ICAI, CA Manish Mehta, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), NTPC GE, Dr. Praveen Kumar, Conference Chair, IIM Jammu and Dr. Malaya Ranjan Mohapatra Conference Co-Chair, IIM Jammu.

Dr. Praveen Kumar, Conference Chair, IIM Jammu, expressed enthusiasm about the conference's potential to shape the future of finance. He emphasized how this conference can help the whole Finance and Accounting fraternity to reimagine how things are done before and after the reset due to COVID-19 and advancement of the Technology in the

field of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean of Academics, IIM Jammu mentioned that IFAC 2023 is the first International Conference at IIM Jammu's permanent campus, Jagti. He reiterated that the quality of the research work is of utmost importance than quantity. Adding further, he mentioned to all the participants that your conference agenda should be to take "feedback and create networks".

Prof. B.S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, during his address, mentioned that Jammu is the only city that has three Institutes of national importance, IIT Jammu, IIM Jammu, and AIIMS Jammu. He emphasized the remarkable achievement of the nation in bringing out UPI as a secured mode of payment since every vendor of Bharat is using UPI. He reiterated that digitization is the need of the hour and urged the participants that the motive of this conference should be to take this a step further.

Dr. Amit Kumar Agarwal highlighted the role played by ICAI in shaping the future of Finance and Accounting and the opportunities provided by the organization to the professionals in this field. During his address mentioned that ICAI believes in setting and interpreting its standards. Adding further he mentioned that they provide solutions to their stakeholders from the outcome of their research. He also provided an overview of the research projects at ICAI for academicians and non-academicians



## Man held for flight attendant's murder found hanging in Mumbai police's custody

Press Trust of India

Mumbai: A 40-year-old man, who was arrested for allegedly killing flight attendant Rupal Ogrey, was found hanging in the Mumbai police's custody in the early hours of Friday, an official said. It is a suspected case of suicide, he said.

The accused, Vikram Athwal, was found hanging using a pair of pants as a noose inside the toilet of Andheri police station, he said.

Athwal took his life perhaps out of guilt, the police official said. However, the crime branch will probe into the death as he died in police custody, he said.

Ogrey, 24, was found dead with her throat slit late Sunday night in a rented flat in Marol area of suburban Andheri. She hailed from Chhattisgarh and came to Mumbai in April this year for training with a leading private airline.

Athwal, who was doing



housekeeping work over the last year in the residential society where the victim lived, was arrested on Monday on the charge of killing her. A local court had remanded him in police custody till September 8.

During the probe, the police recovered a knife allegedly used by him to kill Ogrey along with the clothes he was wearing at the time of the crime.

Athwal and Ogrey used to argue over petty issues, the police said, adding that as per their preliminary investigation, Athwal entered Ogrey's flat under the pretext of picking up a garbage bag and cleaning the

commode and then killed her. On Friday morning, Athwal had told the police personnel posted at the lockup that he was going to the washroom, the official said.

As he did not return after some time, cops entered the toilet only to find him hanging with his pair of trousers, the official said.

Senior police officials were alerted about the incident following which doctors were called to the police station, he said. Athwal was declared dead before being taken to the hospital.

His relatives have been informed about the incident. After a post-mortem, the body will be handed over to his family members, he said.

Since Athwal died in custody, the crime branch of Mumbai police will investigate the death, the official said.

Police suspect Athwal, who was married and had two daughters, killed himself out of guilt.

## Bilawal Bhutto Zardari calls for prompt polls in Pakistan within 120 days, if not possible in 90

Press Trust of India

Karachi: Former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari called for prompt elections in cash-strapped Pakistan within 120 days, if not possible in the constitutionally mandated 90-day period, a media report said on Friday.

General elections are scheduled to be held in Pakistan within 90 days after the dissolution of the National Assembly, which was prematurely dissolved on August 9. Speaking to the media here, the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman said that his party was ready to participate in the upcoming general elections, The Express Tribune newspaper reported.

"Elections must be held promptly, either within 90 days or, if not, within 120 days," Bilawal was quoted as saying.

The PPP has opposed any delay in the general elections after the Shehbaz Sharif-led coalition government completed its tenure last month.

His statement comes a week after Pakistan's election



commission announced that the delimitation of constituencies will be finalised by November 30, to ensure polls are held "as soon as possible".

The previous government in which the PPP was a coalition partner had announced just days before the end of its term that the elections could take place only after a new census was completed and new constituency boundaries were drawn.

The move triggered fears that the polls meant to be held within 90 days may be delayed till next year as the delimitation process would take about four

months to complete.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) said a date for the elections will be announced keeping in view the schedule for the delimitation process.

Quoting sources, the report said that President Arif Alvi was considering announcing the date for the general elections, adding that he might reveal the date after completing consultations with his legal advisors.

President Alvi is expected to send a letter to the ECP, proposing a date in November for the elections, the report said.

Making a veiled reference to

jailed former prime minister and chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party Imran Khan, Bilawal said that the puppets imposed on the country had attacked sensitive military installations on May 9, the Dawn newspaper reported. He added that those who participated in the attacks had to be taught a lesson so that no one could think of repeating the same in the future.

"The practice of imposing a puppet on this nation must stop. We want to put an end to such experiments and let the people decide. If the people of Pakistan choose the PPP, everyone should accept that," he said.

"You have never been a politician. You're undergoing training. You only emerged as a puppet," he said, referring to Khan.

Following the arrest of Khan by paramilitary Rangers, unrest broke out in Pakistan on May 9 that saw the torching and vandalising of dozens of military and state buildings, including the Army headquarters in Rawalpindi and the ISI building in Faisalabad.

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## World Leaders

the United Nations.

On the inclusion of the African Union in the G20 bloc, Kwatra said he expected that the summit would take a "suitable decision" on it.

"The European Union is looking forward to welcoming the African Union as a permanent member of the G20," President of European Council Charles Michel said, indicating consensus on the proposal. The African Union (AU) is a significant organisation comprising 55 member states that make up the countries of the African continent.

The biggest question that has cropped up in the run up to the summit was whether there will be a joint leaders' declaration in view of the sharp differences between the West and the Russia-China combine on the text to describe the Ukraine conflict in the document.

The G20 operates under the principle of consensus and lack of a common view may result in the summit ending without the declaration.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres hoped India's presidency of G20 will help drive the transformative changes that the world desperately needs as he warned against the catastrophe of growing divisions and eroding trust in a fragmented world.

Addressing a press conference here shortly after his arrival for the G20 Summit, he said the phrase of 'One Earth, One Family and One Future' adopted by India as G20 theme inspired by the Maha Upanishad finds profound resonance in today's world.

"If we are indeed one global family, today we resemble rather a dysfunctional one," he added.

Guterres said India has been doing everything possible to fully represent interests of Global South in preparation of G20 Summit.

He also said G20 leaders must show leadership on climate and achieving sustainable development goals.

On Russia-Ukraine conflict, Guterres said he is not very hopeful of a peace solution in the immediate future.

The Russia-Ukraine conflict has been flagged as a key topic on the agenda for the UK during the summit discussions, with Downing Street saying India's role and influence is "vital".

"India has a vital role to play as the world's largest democracy in calling out Russia's assault on human rights and indeed democracy itself. We will use meetings with Modi or elsewhere to encourage them to use that influence to bring an end to Putin's brutal invasion," Sunak's spokesperson said.

Asked whether the G20 will be able to come out with the leaders' declaration at the summit in view of differences over the Ukraine conflict, President of European Council Charles Michel said it is still being negotiated.

The Russian Foreign Ministry claimed in a news release that the Group of seven industrialised countries (G7) are putting "pressure" on India in an attempt to have their unilateral approaches to the situation in Ukraine reflected in the final documents of the G20 summit.

Invoking Mahatma Gandhi, Prime Minister Modi said on X that it is important to emulate his mission of serving the underprivileged, the very last person in the queue, as he underlined India's great emphasis on a human-centric way of furthering progress.

Rooted in our cultural ethos, India's G20 presidency theme, 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - One Earth, One Family, One Future', deeply resonates with our world view that the whole world is one family, he said.

"India's G20 presidency has been inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action-oriented. We actively voiced the developmental concerns of the Global South."

"It is my firm belief that the New Delhi G20 Summit will chart a new path in the human-centric and inclusive development," said Modi, who will be holding bilateral meetings with several leaders and heads of delegations to further deepen bonds of friendship and cooperation.

Modi said he will be chairing sessions on 'One Earth', 'One Family' and 'One Future', covering a range of issues of prime concern to the world community. These include furthering strong, sustainable, inclusive and balanced growth, he added.

In a riot of brown, green and shades of

vivid orange, hundreds of trees lining roads through which heads of states and foreign delegates will travel during the G20 Summit were adorned with garlands of marigold, as the city wore a festive look.

As officials from India and other countries worked to address some of the complex global challenges such as concerns of the Global South, gloomy economic scenario, and fostering inclusive growth amid a fragmented geopolitical environment, officials indicated there would be a positive outcome at the summit on some of the pressing issues facing the world.

There is an expectation of positive outcomes for India's proposals on issues such as digital public infrastructure, climate finance, sustainable development and clean energy.

Besides the G20 member nations, India has invited leaders of Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, the United Arab Emirates, Spain, Singapore, Oman, Nigeria and the Netherlands.

After assuming the presidency of the bloc on December 1, 2022, India held around 200 meetings related to G20 across the country on a range of its priority areas.

The G20 member countries represent around 85 percent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.

The grouping comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union (EU).

## New Delhi Roads

many months to ensure smooth functioning for everyone. We have restricted traffic and closed commercial establishments in the NDMC area since the movement of delegates from one place to another and to their hotels will be only in this portion," Nalwa said.

"This has been done for the smooth operation and their commuting. Essential services of this area are working properly," she added.

Barring a protest by the Tibetan Youth Congress in Majnu Ka Tila area, which is at a substantial distance from the New Delhi area, there were no untoward incidents reported, Delhi Police said.

The police arrested a man from the Bhalswa Dairy area for allegedly circulating a hoax alert on social media regarding an auto-rickshaw carrying guns and explosives towards the G20 Summit area.

The New Delhi area where the summit will be held has been heavily barricaded, with police checking vehicles and IDs of people entering the area.

Officials said over 50,000 personnel along with dog squads and mounted police have been deployed for the summit.

At the exit point of Patel Chowk metro station, commuters' IDs were being checked. Those who were not bonafide residents of the area or could not provide any valid reason for their presence in the area, were asked to return.

Similar checking was also being carried out at other metro stations in the area.

The Hanuman Mandir and the Connaught Place, usually thronged by people, were seen to be deserted.

Online delivery of services, except for medicines, have been barred in the New Delhi area, officials said. Housekeeping, catering and waste management for hotels, hospitals would be allowed after verification.

According to Raj Niwas officials, Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena will remain in constant touch with the city police commissioner and monitor the security situation for the mega-event.

At the control room, senior police officers are monitoring the round-the-clock live visuals from nearly 5,000 CCTV cameras installed at different parts of the city.

Police maintained a tight vigil in other parts of Delhi as well, with cops patrolling the Yamuna river through boats to stop anyone from entering the city from that route.

New Delhi district has been designated as Controlled Zone-I from Friday 5 am till Sunday 11.59 pm due to the summit.

Police have urged people not to visit India Gate and Kartavya Path for walking or cycling,

While the movement of vehicles is being regulated in the area, ambulances have been permitted to operate.

Essential services such as postal and medical services, and sample collections by pathological labs are being allowed throughout Delhi.

Metro services started at 4 am from the terminal stations on all lines of the network and it will continue for the next two days.

Services will remain operational at all stations except the Supreme Court station, where boarding and disembarking will not be permitted from 5 am on Saturday till 11 pm on Sunday.

Parking facilities at Supreme Court, Patel Chowk and RK Ashram Marg metro stations will remain closed between 4 am on September 8 and September 11 noon.

Police have urged people to use metro services as much as possible saying movement of buses, auto-rickshaws, taxis and goods vehicles would be restricted.

Police have advised people to use the navigation app 'MapmyIndia' to get around the city and get real-time traffic updates on the 'G-20 Virtual Help Desk'.

The entire area inside the Ring Road (Mahatma Gandhi Marg) has been designated as a "regulated zone", which means that only bonafide residents, authorised vehicles, emergency vehicles, and those travelling to the airport, Old Delhi and New Delhi Railway Stations will be allowed to ply on the road network beyond the Ring Road towards New Delhi district.

Nearly 16 roads and junctions will be treated as "Controlled Zone II" till 2 pm on Sunday. These include W-Point, A-Point, DDU Marg, Vikas Marg (till Noida Link Road-Pusta Road), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg and Delhi Gate, among others.

Police have requested people to avoid travelling to places within the "regulated" and "controlled zones". It has listed alternative routes to take in case travel is unavoidable.

All types of goods vehicles, commercial vehicles, interstate buses and buses of the Delhi Transport Corporation and Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System will not be allowed to ply on the Mathura Road (beyond Ashram Chowk), Bhairon Road, Purana Quila Road and inside the Pragati Maidan Tunnel from September 8 midnight till 11.59 pm on September 10.

Interstate buses coming through the Ghazipur border are terminating at ISBT Sarai Kale Khan, while those from the 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 Chowk, respectively.

The two-day G20 Summit begins on Saturday and it will be attended by more than 30 heads of state and top officials from the European Union and invited guest countries and 14 heads of international organisations.

## Urbanisation, Encroachment;

of Kashmir.

They said the majority of the population here is dependent on Jhelum for drinking water purposes but the pollution of this water body has become a reason for many diseases.

An official of the Pollution Control Board said that urbanisation and encroachment of the banks of Jhelum have led to tonnes of solid and liquid waste from home toilets into the water body. This not only deteriorates the water quality but also adversely impacts the aquatic life of the river, he said.

Another official said that slaughterhouse owners located on the banks of Jhelum are also draining the waste of slaughtered animals into it. "We do not have any holistic sewerage project even in Srinagar," he said.

There are dozens of towns in Anantnag, Bijbehara, Awantipora, Pampore and Srinagar city located on the banks of Jhelum which have led to the encroachment and ultimately polluting the water body by draining waste into it, he added.

"Jhelum is our lifeline. If it is damaged beyond repair, it will badly impact each and

every sector of life in Kashmir," the official said, adding that the river provides livelihood to many fishing populace of Kashmir.

The pollution control board official said that fast urban growth coupled with intensified agricultural practices, and disposal of municipal drainage and sewage has altered the aquatic ecosystem in the Jhelum, which has resulted in an alarming increase in eutrophication and pollution level of the water body.

"The garbage of all sorts, including animal carcasses and plastic bottles, get stuck under bridges. From industrial wastes produced by hotels and factories to household garbage, plastics and all kinds of scrap material left behind by the unmindful construction activities, everything seems to be finally finding its way into the river Jhelum," he said.

"The cost of fiddling with nature and mistreatment of Jhelum was there for all to see in 2014 when the fury of flood caused destruction all around. Nearly nine years have passed since the floods nearly wiped off Srinagar from the map, but very few lessons have been learnt."

The research "Massive land system changes impact water quality of the Jhelum in Kashmir Himalayas," published by Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo and others, to assess the changes in water quality from 1983 until 2016 shows an increase of nitrate-nitrogen in the river.

The concentration of nitrate-nitrogen in the river has increased from 185 to 672µg/L-1, indicating an increase of 260 per cent over the years. It has happened due to the combined impact of urbanization, reckless application of pesticides and fertilizers, forest degradation and deforestation.

In a recent study, the turbidity level in the water of Jhelum has been found higher than permissible limits.

The permissible turbidity level of the Jhelum is 1.0-5.0 NTU while turbidity at Verinag has been found 0.9 while at Anantnag it is 9.8, 12.1 at Padgampora Pulwama, 12.6 at Larkipora Pulwama, 13.1 at Awantipora, 15.9 at Barsoo and 19.7 at Srinagar.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) last year declared four water bodies including Jhelum polluted based on Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) indicating organic pollution.

The CPCB data had suggested that the entire stretch of Jhelum from Srinagar to Baramulla is polluted. The BOD level in Jhelum has been recorded at 7.8 and it falls in the priority class four.

The officials said that the restoration process of water bodies including Jhelum is going on and every effort is being made to conserve them from pollution and other things—(KNO)

## HC Orders

order against him. Dawoodi was ordered to be detained under fresh PSA on 13 September 2022.

According to the government's statement, Veeeri is delivering Friday sermons in Jamia Ahil Hadees Sherbagh, Anantnag and is presently serving as Vice President of Jamiat Ahli Hadees.

In the year 2016, it said, he played a key role in "instigating and provoking" the youth, resulting in the registration of FIR (17/2016), FIR No. 168/2018 and FIR No. 228/2017.

The government further stated that Veeeri is continuously delivering anti-national speeches and taking into consideration his activities being prejudicial to the maintenance of public order, an order of detention was issued.

On the other hand, Veeeri's counsel vehemently argued that Veeeri has been detained on vague grounds and that he has "never delivered and will never deliver any anti-national speeches."

The lawyer also submitted that he is under instructions from Veeeri that he is ready to furnish an undertaking that he would never make any hate or anti-national speech anywhere in the country, in any manner and mode.

After hearing both the sides, a bench of Justice Rajnesh Oswal allowed the plea and quashed the detention order (No. 64/DMA/PSSA/DET/2022 dated 13 September 2022 passed by District Magistrate, Anantnag).

"However, taking into consideration the

submissions made by counsel for the petitioner under instructions from the petitioner (Veeeri) in respect of the voluntary offer of the petitioner to submit an undertaking, the petitioner is directed to furnish an undertaking before the District Magistrate concerned that the petitioner will not deliver any hate or anti-national speech on any occasion," the court said, adding, "The undertaking shall be furnished by the petitioner within the period of two days after his release from custody and the receipt of the same be furnished before Registrar, Judicial of this court." Subsequently the court ordered authorities to release Veeeri forthwith, provided he is not required in any other case.

Meanwhile, a bench of Justice Sanjay Dhar quashed detention order (No.65/DMA/PSA/DET/2022 dated 13.09.2022), issued by District Magistrate, Anantnag against Dawoodi and ordered his release from preventive detention.

The government said that activities of Dawoodi was highly prejudicial to the maintenance of public order.

"...it is clear that non-consideration or an unreasonably belated consideration of the representation tantamounts to non-compliance of Article 22(5) of the Constitution, which in turn renders the detention unsustainable in law," the court said and quashed the detention order.

Subsequently, the court directed Dawoodi's release from the preventive custody forthwith "provided he is not required in connection with any other case."

## Kargil Local Body

symbol to the party and also imposed a cost of Rs 1 lakh on it.

In its 51-page order, the Supreme Court said it did not find any merit in the appeal of the Ladakh administration and added that the request for allotment of the 'plough' symbol by the National Conference was "bonafide, legitimate and just, for the plain reason that in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir (which included the present Union Territory of Ladakh), it was a recognized State Party having been allotted the 'plough' symbol."

Coming down heavily on the Ladakh administration, the top court stated, "What is also clear is that the appellants (Ladakh administration) are attempting to approbate and reprobate..."

To a contention of Ladakh administration not to give the symbol to the National Conference as the election department was in the middle of holding the polls, the court said "it would not be out of place to mention that this Court can even turn the clock back, if the situation warrants such dire measures. The powers of this Court, if need be, to even restore status quo ante are not in the realm of any doubt."

The bench also asked the Ladakh administration to deposit Rs 1 lakh in the Supreme Court Advocates on Record Welfare Fund.

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

The administration had approached a division bench of the high court against the single bench order of August 9 which directed the NC to approach the office of the Election Department of the administration of Ladakh to notify the reserved symbol 'plough' already allotted to for in the polls.

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

In Srinagar, NC leader Omar Abdullah said, "Election guidelines are very clear about the allocation of symbols. Clearly, the administration in Ladakh had a very biased agenda which is why they went all the way to the SC to deny us our right."

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said the verdict by the Supreme Court has been scathing about the conduct of the Ladakh administration. "Biased Ladakh administration failed to stop us from contesting council polls," he said.



## Reserve Day For Indo-Pak 'Super 4' Clash On Sept. 10

Press Trust of India

**COLOMBO:** In view of the prevailing weather conditions, the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) on Friday decided to add an exclusive reserve day for the Super 4 match between India and Pakistan, which is scheduled for September 10, here on Sunday.

However, there will not be a reserve day for any of the other Super 4 matches in Sri Lanka.

It means that if the rain plays spoilsport during marquee clash on September 10, the match can be resumed from the point it was halted on the very next day.

"A reserve day has been incorporated for the Asia Cup 2023 Super 4's match between Pakistan and India scheduled to take place on 10th September 2023 at R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium in Colombo," the ACC said in a state-



ment. "If adverse weather suspends play during the Pakistan vs India game, the match will continue on 11th September 2023 from the point it was suspended," the statement added.

The Asia Cup final, to be played on September 17, already has been provided with a reserve day considering the heavy rains in the Lankan capital.

In such an eventuality,

the ACC said spectators can hold on to their match tickets which will remain valid on the reserve day. Recently, the PCB management committee chairman Zaka Ashraf had written to ACC chairman Jay Shah, demanding compensation for allegedly losing out considerable money on gate receipts due to poor crowd response for matches in the island nation.

The group league match

between the arch-rivals had to be called off after a steady downpour after the end of Indian innings in which they scored 266.

While there is not even remotest of chance of ACC giving any compensation to PCB, the reserve day is the most amicable settlement that could have been reached amidst rising tension between continental body and the tournament hosts.

## Asia Cup: Desperate Bangladesh Play Sri Lanka In 'Super 4'

Press Trust of India

**COLOMBO:** Survival will be foremost in Bangladesh's mind whereas Sri Lanka will aim for a winning start when they cross swords in the second Super 4 match of the Asia Cup here on Saturday.

A seven-wicket tussling at the hands of Pakistan in the Super 4 opener in Lahore has made a victory mandatory for Bangladesh against the Sri Lankans, assuming that the weather remains dry enough for the match to take place.

A defeat will almost certainly put an end to their Asia Cup campaign. Batting is their main concern, and they will have to address it immediately.

They did make 334 for 5 against Afghanistan riding on hundreds by Najmal Shanto and Mehidy Hasan Miraz in the league phase.

But they came a cropper against more capable



bowling units of Sri Lanka and Pakistan, making meagre totals of 164 and 193, respectively.

That propensity to go flat against top-class opponents will worry them going into the match against Sri Lanka.

The Sri Lankans have a set of bowlers like

Maheesh Theekshana, Matheesha Pathirana etc who can inflict high damage, and Bangladesh know it first-hand.

The pace-spin combination of Pathirana and Theekshana had taken six wickets among them to restrict Bangladesh to a sub-200 total in a Group

B league match at Pallekele on August 31.

Sri Lanka are better placed in that department and pacer Kasun Rajitha had also played a handy role in their narrow win over Afghanistan in the last league match of the Asia Cup in Lahore on September 5.

## Downtown Heroes & Kashmir Arrows Join Forces To Empower Youth

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Downtown Heroes FC and Kashmir Arrows FC, two renowned football clubs of Kashmir Valley, on Friday announced a collaboration "aimed at revolutionizing youth development and fostering a passion for sports among the younger generation."

The two clubs said the collaboration will nurture young talent and provide them with a platform to showcase their skills.

"The primary objective of this collaboration is to create opportunities for aspiring footballers in the region, allowing them to flourish both on and off the field. By pooling their expertise and resources, Downtown Heroes FC and Kashmir Arrows FC are committed to developing a robust youth development program that will serve as a nurturing ground for the stars of tomorrow," a statement from the clubs said.

The partnership will involve talent scouting initiatives in schools and local communities to identify promising young footballers. This youth development program will provide access to top-tier coaching staff, ensuring that the young talents receive expert guidance and

mentorship.

Players will have the opportunity to compete in regional and national youth leagues, gaining invaluable experience and exposure. Beyond football skills, the program will focus on character development, academic support, and life skills to prepare young athletes for success in all aspects of life.

The collaboration aims to engage with local communities and schools, organizing football workshops to promote the importance of sports in personal growth and community development.

Commenting on this collaboration, Kaiser Bhat, the Vice Chairman of Downtown Heroes FC, said, "We are thrilled to partner with Kashmir Arrows FC on this exciting journey. Our goal is to inspire the youth, instill discipline, and provide a platform where their talents can shine. Together, we believe we can make a significant impact on the lives of young athletes."

Downtown Heroes FC and Kashmir Arrows FC are excited about the potential of this partnership to ignite a passion for sports and develop young talent. They look forward to witnessing the growth and success of the youth involved in this program.



## Srinagar Premier League: Downtown Heroes Lead Standings

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** J&K Police FC took on Star Kashmir FC in the lone 2023 Srinagar Premier League match-up on Friday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

The game proved to be a one-sided contest, as J&K Police had full control of the proceedings from the get-go. Gulshan gave J&K Police the lead in the 2nd minute, before Salman made it 2-0 in the 26th. The second half saw J&K Police make it 3-0 after Salman converted a 56th minute penalty.



Downtown Heroes FC currently leads the Srinagar Premier Division standings, having remained undefeated in the competition thus far. The team has played 11 matches and won 10 of them, raking in 31 points. No. 2 in the standings, Ali Jana FC, are also undefeated in the league, taking 30 points from their 12 games.

Asrar Rehbar-led FC1 is the third undefeated side in the Srinagar Premier League. The team has 24 points from 10 matches. JK Bank FC are 8-2 in their 10 games, while picking up 24 points.

## Two Kashmiri Footballers Named In U-19 India Team

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Two footballer from Kashmir Valley, defender Jahangir Ahmad Shagoo and forward Sahil Khurshid, were on Thursday named in the Under-19 Indian National Team to compete at the SAFF U-19 Championship.

The two Sports Council Football Academy products trained with the U-19 national team back in January. The duo will now represent India in the championship, set to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, from September 21 to 30.

The 23-member U-19 team is coached by Shuwendu Panda and left for a training camp in Saudi Arabia on Friday. The team will travel to Kathmandu on September 19.

India are in Group B alongside Bhutan and Bangladesh.

The Jammu & Kashmir Football Association extended its best wishes to Jahangir and Sahil.



"This moment is nothing short of immense pride for the entire Jammu & Kashmir region, and in particular, Baramulla and Lasjan," the FA said in a statement.

"We also want to recognize and applaud the J&K Sports Council for their continuous support and contribution to nurturing the talents in our region. The inclusion of yet another promising player in the national team speaks volumes of the talent pool in J&K," it added.

## Joint Team Of AJKMF & JIMWS Climb Mt. Kolahoi



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** A joint team of the All Jammu Kashmir Mountaineering Foundation and Jawahar Institute Of Mountaineering And Winter Sports JIM & WS, under leadership of Col Hem Chandra Singh, Principal JIM&WS, successfully climbed Mt. Kolahoi on September 6.

The team included the principal, three instructors from JIM&WS and 12 members from All Jammu Kashmir Mountaineering Foundation.

The team was flagged off on September 3 by Col Hem Chandra Singh from JIM & WS in Nunwan, Pahalgam for the expedition to conquer Kolahoi, the valley's highest and most arduous peak to climb.

The team left Aru at 10 am in the morning and reached intermediate base camp at Satlanjan at 4pm and camped there for a night. On the next day, team moved towards Doodar which is at an elevation of 3750m and established base camp there. Technical equipment and ration was distributed among the

team members before leaving for advance basecamp on the next day.

On the morning of September 5, the team moved towards Advanced Base camp, i.e., the main Kolahoi Glacier. Team roped up and started ascending the glacier; negotiating crevasses, ice-falls and overhangs. The affects of global warming have also taken its toll on the main Kolahoi Glacier, making the route more treacherous and difficult. Team reached the advance basecamp (4700m ASL) at 1pm and immediately pitched tents as it started snowing.

On September 6 morning, the team approached the eastern ridge route to Kolahoi, the same which was taken by the first successful expedition, led by Kenneth Mason and Dr. Ernest Neve in 1912.

Finally at 10:15 hours on September 6, the team successfully reached the snowcapped summit of Mt. Kolahoi.

The team completed the achievement in four days, as 15 members summited the peak in one go.

## FIFA Study Shows English & Saudi Clubs' Spending Fuels Record Year For Transfers

The Associated Press

**GENEVA:** Spending by English and Saudi Arabian clubs fueled a record-setting year for soccer's international transfer market that reached highs in deals done, money spent and agent fees, FIFA said Friday.

FIFA's analysis of male players moving between member countries from June through Sept. 1 counted 10,125 transfers, \$7.36 billion spent by clubs and almost \$700 million paid to intermediaries representing players and clubs.

English clubs spent almost \$2 billion — while recouping \$956 million in sales of players abroad — and Saudi clubs spent \$875.4 million on international deals through FIFA's Sept. 1 cutoff. The Saudi trading period continued

for six more days through Thursday.

The study included all cross-border transfers that are processed by FIFA and require clubs to detail the finances of each deal.

FIFA's study is not a complete picture because it does not count transfers deals between two clubs in the same country. Those deals do not require a change of player registration between two FIFA member federations.

English clubs spent hundreds of millions more on buying players such as Moises Caicedo, Declan Rice, Mason Mount, Kai Havertz and Alexis Mac Allister from other Premier League teams.

FIFA's figure of \$696.6 million paid to agents during the European summer trading window — and



\$865 million in total so far this year — also omits domestic deals.

"The full revenue of all

football agents is thus likely to be even substantially higher," said soccer's world body, which aims to launch

mandatory licensing of agents on Oct. 1. The rules are being challenged by agents in multiple coun-

tries separately from a win for FIFA at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in July.

FIFA's research further shows how the soccer industry has recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic and seen the transfer market surpass records set in 2019.

The \$7.36 billion that clubs spent in transfer fees represents an increase of 26.8% compared to the previous record summer of 2019. The 10,125 international transfers from June-September beat the record four years ago of 9,093. Of those deals, 1,985 involved a transfer fee and more than half were for out-of-contract players.

Spending by Saudi Arabian clubs on transfer fees for players such as Neymar, Sadio Mané and Riyad

Mahrez was reflected in the FIFA study that showed the highest average fee was paid for older players.

The average paid for a player aged at least 30 who moved for a fee was \$5.9 million, FIFA said. The average fee was \$4.1 million for a player aged 24-29 and \$3.32 million for those aged 18-23.

Germany collected \$1.11 billion in fees for international transfers — the first time clubs from a single association received more than \$1 billion in the summer window, FIFA said. German clubs spent \$762.4 million in transfer fees — the fourth highest after England, Saudi Arabia and France.

FIFA will publish a more detailed analysis of the 2023 international transfer market early next year.

FOOTBALL





## Hong Kong Receives Heaviest Rainfall in 140 years



Agenceis

Hong Kong issued its highest black rainstorm warning—black—after torrential rains caused flooding and submerged parts of streets, malls and metro stations.

The Chinese special administrative region saw the highest hourly rainfall since records began 140 years ago.

The black rainstorm warning is the first such warning being issued since October 2021, reported the South China Post. A trough of low pressure linked to the remnants of Typhoon Haikui has brought heavy rain to the coastal Chinese province of Guangdong, which borders Hong Kong.

All schools were shut due to "extreme conditions caused by extensive flooding and serious traffic disruption", announced the government.

Authorities asked workers to stay home as well. Videos circulating on social media

showed streets turning into raging rivers. The functioning of the country's rail network has been disrupted. The stock exchange is set to remain closed as long as the black rainstorm warning is in place.

City leader John Lee expressed his deep concern about the flooding and said that he had instructed all departments to respond with "all-out efforts".

According to authorities, rescue operations were being conducted in various flooded districts. Authorities in China's south-eastern state of Shenzhen warned Hong Kong on Thursday, 7 September, that water might have to be discharged from the Shenzhen reservoir, which could cause further flooding, the Standard newspaper reported. Within the past week, Southern China witnessed two typhoons in quick succession—Saola and Haikui. Hong Kong avoided the dreaded direct hit, however.

## Sumptuous Monsoon Menu Awaits G20 Delegates At President Murmu's Dinner

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A "specially-curated menu" tailored to sync with the delicacies consumed during the Indian monsoon awaits the heads of state and other delegates at President Droupadi Murmu's grand dinner at the G20 Summit venue on Saturday.

Preparations are underway and senior managers and staff members of a luxury hotel group are busy setting up the dinner tables at Bharat Mandapam, which will host the two-day summit.

Sources said the ceremonial dinner will be served in bespoke silverware made especially for the occasion.

"We have prepared a specially-curated menu, keeping in mind the culinary delicacies consumed during this (monsoon) season in India. Millet-based dishes will be on the menu too," a source in the luxury hospitality group told PTI.

Officials are tight-lipped on the exact menu but it is expected to reflect India's culinary diversity.

Murmu will host the grand dinner at Bharat Mandapam after the end of the summit's first day.

While the details of the menu are being kept "tightly guarded", the heads of state are in for an "Indian delight" that will leave a "pleasant and unforgettable taste" in their mouths, another source said.

"Sweets of varied kinds such as gulab jamun, rasmalai and jalebi, etc are planned to be served," the source said, adding



that the serving staff will wear a special uniform. There has been no official word on the menu from the Indian government yet.

Asked if the delegates will use bespoke silverware, the luxury hospitality group source replied in the affirmative. A Jaipur-based metalware firm on Tuesday said several luxury hotels commissioned made-to-order tableware and silverware that would be used by the foreign delegates staying at their establishments and at the special dinner.

Most of the tableware have a steel or brass base or a mix of both with a coating of silver while some the plates that will be used to serve the welcome drinks have a gold plating, Laksh Pabuwal of Iris Jaipur had told PTI.

The company held a media preview on Tuesday of some of the silverware. About 15,000 silverware crafted by 200 artisans

have been made for the summit, it had said.

The designs of the tableware are a nod to India's rich heritage and its global prominence, said Rajeev Pabuwal of Iris Jaipur.

"The tableware depict the glorious cultural heritage of India, motifs of flowers, the peacock -- our national animal -- graces the plates, and other items. The silverware will dazzle the heads of state with their cultural sparkle," he told PTI.

Some of the tableware will be sent to the luxury hotel group responsible for arranging Saturday's grand dinner. The group will cater the lunch and the dinner menus at the G20 Summit venue, the sources said. The G20 Leaders' Summit will be held at the newly-built international convention and exhibition centre -- Bharat Mandapam -- at Pragati Maidan on Saturday and Sunday.

## Guangzhou-bound Emirates flight diverted to Delhi due to medical emergency

An Emirates flight from Dubai to Guangzhou was diverted to Delhi on Friday due to a medical emergency, according to a source.

Specific details could not be immediately ascertained. The source in the know said the flight EK 362 landed at the

Indira Gandhi International Airport in the national capital at around 1605 hours on Friday.

The A380 aircraft was flying from Dubai to Guangzhou in China and was diverted due to a medical emergency, the source added.

## 72 snakes stuffed inside baggage on Bangkok flight seized at Bengaluru airport

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Bengaluru: Customs officials have seized 72 snakes and six dead Capuchin monkeys that were stuffed inside baggage that arrived on a Bangkok flight at Kempegowda International Airport here, an official statement said on Friday.

Following the incident, the Customs officers of Bengaluru Airport have booked a case of wildlife smuggling at Terminal - 1, Kempegowda International Airport, it said.

According to the statement issued by Bengaluru Customs department, the baggage which arrived by Flight no FD 137 Air Asia from Bangkok at 10.30 pm on Wednesday was found to contain a total of 78 animals comprising 55 ball pythons (in different colour morphs) and 17 king cobras. These were found alive and in active condition.

However, six Capuchin



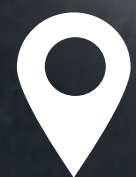
monkeys were found dead. All the said 78 animals are Scheduled animals under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and listed under Appendices of CITES, it said.

"The animals were seized under Section 110 of the Customs Act, 1962. The live animals have been deported to the country of origin and the dead animals have been disposed of with proper sanitary measures. Further investigation is under progress," the statement added.

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