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JKPC Says BBC Report 'Maligns' Kashmir Media

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Press Corps (JKPC), an association of prominent media organizations in J&K, Monday condemned the recent BBC report titled 'Any story could be your last' - India's crackdown on Kashmir press,' calling it not only 'factually incorrect' but also 'maliciously' written.

"In a breach of journalistic norms, the BBC article fails to verify facts with the numerous mainstream journalists employed by over 150 newspapers in Kashmir, as well as with media editors, who could have debunked the inaccuracies presented in the report. The article contains unfounded opinions that are libelous, slanderous, and disgraceful, tarnishing the reputation of the mainstream media in Kashmir", → More On P10

BJP Issues Show Cause Notice To V-P Sofi Yousuf

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The BJP on Monday served a show-cause notice on its Jammu and Kashmir unit vice president Sofi Yousuf for indulging in "anti-party" activities and barred him from interacting with the media for the time being.

Yousuf, who is party incharge of Kashmir, was served the disciplinary notice amid reports suggesting that most of the party leaders in the valley had planned resigning from the party en masse last month.

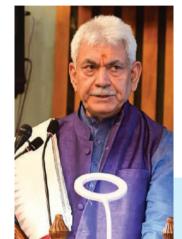
"Despite being >> More On P10

Clean, Transparent System Has Replaced Corruption In J&K: LG

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the corruption, which was deeply entrenched in all systems of Jammu and Kashmir, has been replaced by clean and transparent governance.

"Corruption was deeply rooted in all the systems of J&K for many decades. We have taken multi-pronged action against corruption, stringent action against offenders, and implementation of digital governance for accountability to usher in clean and transparent governance," Sinha said at the



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commitment, we have ensured timely and expeditious implementation of development projects, direct benefit to common man, and social and regional imbalances have been removed."

launch ceremony of the first edition of the Journal of Jammu Kashmir Finance & Accounts

Society (JAKFAS) here. Sinha said the key reforms including BEAMS, J&KPaySys,

'India Is **New Hope**

erming the G20 leaders' Declaration at New Delhi as historic and pathbreaking, the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday advised the young generation to utilize this opportunity to make the 21st Century, India's Century. Addressing the Medhavi >> More On P10

mandatory approvals, technical sanctions, e-tendering, digital payments, adherence to General Financial Rules and other technology interventions have immensely contributed to the efficiency and transparency in the system. He also lauded the key role of Account Service Officers in implementing these reforms.

The Lt Governor congratulated all the members of the JAKFAS

ritories over the next week. and highlighted >> More On P10

"Since the past three to four days, Kashmir valley is experiencing a heat wave to severe heat wave. → More On P10

Heat Wave In

Kashmir To

Persist: IMD Press Trust Of India

The

(IMD) on Monday said the heat

wave in Kashmir valley will

continue over the next week and advised people, especially

the elderly and children, to take

wave with Srinagar city expe-

riencing the hottest September

The IMD has forecast hot and

dry weather across Jammu and

Kashmir and Ladakh Union ter-

day in 18 years on Sunday.

Kashmir is currently reeling from a record-breaking heat

Department

Srinagar:

Meteorological

a lot of fluids.

Govt Transfers Six JKAS Officers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and government on Kashmir Monday ordered of six Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect.

According to an order issued today, Mudasir Ahmad, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gurez, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Gurez, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Kupwara, against an available vacancy.

Mukhtiar Ahmed Ahanger, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the >> More On P10

Mess Scuffle: 17 Kashmiris Among 26 **Students Suspended By Mewar University**

MAJID NABI

Srinagar: The administration of Mewar University in Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan have suspended 26 students, including 17 Kashmiris over last month's group clash in which several students were injured, two among them critically.

The decision to suspend erring students, besides not allowing them to attend classes or enter varsity premises was taken following a report submitted by the

Meri Kahani



Registrar Mewar University in the aftermath of the clashes between the two groups of the students on August 25, officials said, It may be in place to mention

Meri Zubaani

that violent clashes broke out at Mewar University after two groups of students had heated arguments over some issue while they were queuing up for dinner at a hostel mess on August 25.

Several students were injured, two of them critically following violent clashes between the two sides inside the varsity, while 40 students including 21 from Kashmir were taken into preventive custody who were later released.

"On the basis >> More On P10

Curbs On Civilian Traffic Along Highway To Go: Div Com

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Asserting that the situation has considerably improved in Kashmir over the years, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Monday said the curbs imposed on civilian traffic on the highway in the aftermath of the 2019 Pulwama terror attack, will soon be lifted.

Bidhuri said there would be no restrictions on the movement of heavy motor vehicles

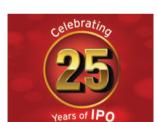
(HMVs) along the 276-km strategic highway, connecting Srinagar with Jammu.

The decision of restricting civilian traffic, he said, was taken as a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) following a terrorist attack on the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) convoy in February 2019 near Lethpora area in south Kashmir's Pulwama district that left at least 40 CRPF personnel dead and as many injured.

"The traffic on NH-44 was allowed on odd, >> More On P10







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Office of the Executive Engineer, ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar

Near Silk Factory Rajbagh Srinagar e-mail: xened2nd@gmail.com Tel/Fax: 01942311374

e-NIT No: ED-II/18 of 2023-24

Notice Inviting e-Tender

Dated: 06/09/23

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), e-bids are invited from reputed Contractors having Valid A-Class Electrical Contractor License or equivalent license issued by Chief Electrical Inspector of J&KPDD/Relevant issuing authority/ registered Firms/Bidders enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways for "Renovation of 02 No. 1 MVA Sub-Stations Fed from Feeder No. 1 Exhibition and Feeder No. 7 Karan Nagar respectively installed. Iron Bed Structure and Installation of Accessories under Capex Budget-2023-24 (Scheme Code New Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, by way of Construction of Channel PDDSS2324100143)3

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П	1.	Name of the Work	Renovation of 02 No. 1 MVA Sub-Stations Fed from Feeder No. 1 Exhibition and Feeder No. 7 Karan
П			Nagar respectively installed at New Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, by way of Construction of Channel
П			Iron Bed Structure and Installation of Accessories under Capex Budget-2023-24 (Scheme Code :
П			PDDSS2324100143)
П	2.	Position of Funds	Available
Ш	3.		Rs 4.28 Lacs
П	4.	Administrative Approval (AA)	Accorded by Superintending Engineer, KPDCL, O&M Circle-2nd, Srinagar vide Order No. SE-
П			II/0&M/177 of 2023. Dated: 04/09/23
	5.	Work Completion Period	45 days

The tender document is available on website http://iktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view or download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to date as per the details mentioned in the table below

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Α	Date & Time of Downloading of Standard Bidding Docu-	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jk-							
ΙL	ment	tenders.gov.in from 09/09/23, 10:00 AM							
В	Clarifications Start Date	09/09/23, 10:05 PM							
C	Clarifications End Date	12/09/23, 02:00 PM							
D	e-Bid Submission (Start) Date & Time (Submission of e-	12/09/23, 02:05 PM							
	tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/								
	XLS format)								
E	e-Bid Submission (End) Date & Time (Submission of e-	27/09/23, 04:30 PM							
	tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/								
	XLS format)								
F	Online e-Bid Opening Date & Time	28/09/23.12:30 PM							
G	Venue of Opening of Technical & Financial e-Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, KPDCL, ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar							
l H	Cost of e-Bid Document (e-challan/TR)	Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two Hundred Only) (Non-Refundable)							
	Amount of EMD/Performance Security	EMD for Rs 8,600/- (Rupees Eight Thousand and Six Hundred Only)							
		to be furnished and uploaded by all bidders for tender participation (Ex-							
		emption allowed only for MSME /Start-Ups having eligible NIC code)							
		and Performance Security for an amount equal to 5% of the value of							
		contract (to be furnished by L1 only)							
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I 1.	1 The hidders need to submit the proof/Cost of e-Rid document as stated in the above table through e-Challan/Treasury Receipt pledged to Executive Engineer								

KPDCL, ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar to be Credited to M.H-0801-Power payable at Srinagar. The scanned copy of the e-Challan/Treasury Receipt must be enclosed along with the e-Bids. No Demand Draft shall be accepted.

2. All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee for tender participation by all bidders (Exemption allowed only for MSME/Start-Ups having eligible NIC code), pledged to the Executive Engineer, KPDCL, ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar. No Interest would be payable on EMD/Performance Security deposited with the Department.

The e-Bids of the bidders not submitting the certified copies of above mentioned documents at S.No. (1) and (2) in scanned form shall liable to be rejected.

3. Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD needs to be submitted only by the lowest tenderer instantly after opening of e-NIT and must be pledged to the Executive Engineer, KPDCL, ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar. The same must be submitted to this office within 5 days positively for award of contract.

4. The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the identified venue on indicated date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder's representative will be required to be

ent reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and

6. In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday/closed day for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the follow ing working day at the appointed time and place. 7. All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOO should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOO should be

uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD. Also, Signed and Stamped Copy of SBD is required to be uploaded. 8. To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate' -(DSC) Class-III (b) as per Information Technology Act-2000, to partici-

pate in online bidding. 9. Hard Copy of requisite documents shall be required to be submitted only by the Lowest Tenderer with original Performance Security and e-Challan/Treasury Receipt

instantly after opening of e-NIT pledged to Executive Engineer, KPDCL, ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar. 10. The Name of the Work/Job along with e-NIT reference should be superscripted in Bold letters on the envelope and the Name/Firm of the Lowest Bidder should be clearly written on the cover.

It may be noted that the hard copy should be an exact replica of the uploaded offer documents by the Lowest Tenderer.

Documents uploaded on the website shall be treated as final. 11. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents

No: FD-II/3774-3478/TS DIPK-NB-3108/23 Dated: 11/09/23

Sd/- Executive Enginee KPDCL, ED-2nd, Raibagh

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Executive Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Division Ganderbal

Email:- piuganderbal@yahoo.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

E-NIT No. 08/EE/PMGSY-Ganderbal/e-tendering of 2023-24 Dated: 08-09-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:

ti, Package No. JK13-44, and Other stat	•	5.No	Name of work	(Lakhs)	Document. (In		Time of comple- tion		Class of Con- tractor
			L079-Bijardpati, Package No.JK13-42, Length-1.50 Kms and Revil to Classpa-	27.30		0.55		Head 2181	in PWD or

Note: - Rate includes carriage (wherever applicable.). Major Head of Account : M.H-5054 Sub Head 2181. 1. The important dates and time are as under:

1.	Date of issue of tender notice	08-09-2023
2.	Bid submission Start date	09-09-2023 from 10:00 am
3.	Bid submission End date	15-09-2023 till 4:00 pm
4.	Date & time of opening of Bids(Online)	16-09-2023 at 11:00 am

Cost of Bid Form (non-refundable) should be submitted only in form of e-challan /treasury challan/ receipt.

Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and bids should be submitted online on website www. pmgsytendersik.gov.in. The bidders are required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www.pmgsytendersjk.gov.in Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the valid digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

Bids must be uploaded along with Scanned copy of cost of Tender Document as mentioned in column 4 in shape of e-challan/treasury challan to MH 0059-PWD (Revenue) and scanned copy of Bid Security/Earnest Money both favouring Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Ganderbal. The bid security/earnest money in the form of BG/CDR/FDR shall be valid for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

The original documents, viz. the cost of tender document, Bid Security submitted by L1 should be same as uploaded online (scanned copies) otherwise the allotment will not be issued. The tenders will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to Participate in any further/future tendering process in PMGSY for a period of one vear.

5. Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore; bids must be submitted online on websitewww.pmgsytendersjk.gov.in. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

10. The bids of such bidders shall be out rightly rejected whose record of performance is poor such as abandoning the works, not properly completing the contract, in ordinate delays in completion, litigation history or financial failure etc.

h). The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in BID document/agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor by forfeiting security deposit and shall be recommended for blacklisting.

No:EE/PMGSY/Gbl/1899-1904 DIPK-8584/23

Dated:11-09-2023

From the office of Advocate Junaid Bhat

Chmaber No.229 Saddar Court Srinagar.

1...Afaq Rafiq Zaroo S/o Mohammad Rafiq Zaroo

R/o Gazali Abad, HMT, Srinagar

2.. Numan ullah Khan S/o Mohammad Syed Khan R/n Sazgeri Pora Hawal Srinagar

3. Ruksana D/o Ghulam Nabi Bhat R/o Ali Jan Road Zoonimar, Srinagar. 4.Mst.Gousia Muzaffar W/o Irshad Ahmad Mir R/o Nowpora, Bandipora. 5. Atiba Fatima W/o Aftab Ahmad R/o Vidhatta Nagar, Bathindi 6. Masrat Sajad W/o Sajad Hussain R/o Peer Bagh Colony, Sunjwan.

6 Nazir Ahmad Paul S/o Hahihuallah Paul R/o Acham Pulwana 7.Rukaya W/o Nazir Ahmad Paul R/o Acham Pulwama

8.Dr.Ishtaq Peerzada S/o Peerzada Ishtiyak R/o Thindama, Baramulla 9.Dr. Muzamil Rasool D/o Ghulam Rasool R/o Sopore, Baramulla 10.Bilal Ahmad Mota S/o Noor-u-din Mota R/o Rajouri Kadal, Srinaga 11.Rubina W/o Shabir Ahmad Gojree R/o Rajouri Kadal, Srinagar.

12. Mariya Shabir D/o Shabir Ahmad Gojree R/o Rajouri Kadal, Srinagar.

Public at large

Non-caveators

In the matter of: Caveat Petition under section 148-A of CPC

The caveators have apprehension that anyone from public at large may file any suit/appeal/application/ any proceedings with respect to their land situated at Abansha, khushipora HMT, Tehsil central Shalteng Srinagar against the Caveators before the Hon`ble Court of Principal District Judge at Srinagar as such the Caveators have lodged/filed a Caveat petition before the Hon`ble Court of Principal District Judge At Srinagar. Advocate J&K High Court

Before the Hon'ble Court of Civil Judge (Jr. Division) Munsiff at Pampore

In the case of:

Mst. Naseema

2. Mst. Zareena

Daughters of late Mohd Rajab Lohar Residents Wuyan

.Caveators Public at Large

. Non-Caveator IN THE MATTER ob.- Caveat Application in terms of Section 148-A CPC

May it please your Honour;

NJ

The Caveator humbly submits as under:

1. That the Caveators are the owner in possession of land estate measuring 33 kanal falling under survey no 2477, 2478, 2503 and 2535. Situated at Wuyan Pampore

2. That the Caveator apprehend that any person from general public may file false and frivolous suit/application to harass them and entangle them in litigation and in the eventuality any proceeding is filed against the Caveator, the Caveator may be heard before passing any interim order.

IN THE PREMISES, it is, therefore, submitted that this Hon'ble Court may accept this caveat application and in the eventuality the non-Caveator files any proceedings against the Caveator, the Caveator may be heard before passing any interim order

Caveator through counsel Fayaz Ahmad Lone & Associates Advocates

IN THE COURT OF JMIC, JUDGE SMALL CAUSES, SRINAGAR

Present:- Ms Tabasum

Bashir Ahmad Dar F/o Mohammad Idrees Dar R/o Darbagh Harwan Srnagar

Registrar Births & Deaths SMC, Srinagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas an application has been received from the applicant for reg-

istration of Birth of Mohammad Idrees Dar in the records of SMC Sri nagar. Objection, if any, he submitted in writting before the un within seven days from the date of this Publication. The details of the Person are as under:-

Name: - Mohamamd Idrees Dar

Father's Name:-Bashir Ahmad Dar

Mother's name: Naza Bano DOB: 25-10-2005

Judge Small Causes, Srinagar

IN THE COURT OF JMIC, JUDGE SMALL CAUSES, SRINAGAR Present:- Ms Tabasum

R/o Darbagh Harwan Srnagar

Igra Bashr D/o Bashir Ahmad Dar

Registrar Births & Deaths SMC, Srinagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas an application has been received from the applicant for registration of Birth of Igra Bashir in the records of SMC Srinagar. Objection, if any, be submitted in writting before the undersigned within seven days from the date of this Publication. The details of the Person are as

Name:- Igra Bashir Sex:-FEMALE Father's Name:-Bashir Ahmad Dar Mother's name: Naza Bano DOB: 15-05-2004 R/o Darbagh Harwan Sgr Place Of Birth:-home

الیں۔ایم۔سی سرینگر (سیول)

Judge Small Causes, Srinagar

درخواست بغرج اندراج تاریخ پیدائش

ازعدالت سب جج میونپل مجسٹریٹ سرینگر بااجلاس مهرين مشاق رجيرار برهس ايند ڈيتھس

Ghulam Haider Dar

/ يبدائش: 21-02-2001 معامله مندجة عنوان الصدر مين سائل سائله نے عدالت مذامين ايک درخواست بشمول حلفی لغرض

Kaneez Fatima D/o Ghulam Hyder Dar کی ہے۔ ابد اعوام الناس کو R/o Arabal Shalimar Sgr بذر بعداشتها مطلع كياحا تاب كنسبت درخواست كوئى عذريا اعتراض مون كي صورت مين ايخ عذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کےاندردس یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔بعد گزرنے معیاد کوئی عذریا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت مذامیں 2023-09-12 کو مقررہے۔

Before The Hon'ble Court Of Principal District Judge Sgr.

IN THE CASE OF: Mukhtar Ahmad Qureshi S/o Hakeem Ghulam Hassan Qureshi R/o Chanapora Doodh Ganga Colony Srinagar

> **VERSUS** Public at large

.(Non – Caveator)

.(Caveator)

IN THE MATTER OF: Caveat Application. MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The Caveator submit as under:

1.That the Caveator is the resident of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, as such, have every right to invoke the jurisdiction of this Honble court for the protection & safeguard of their legal rights and interests there of hence this petition. 2.That the Caveator has piece of land situated at Humhama

Budgam. 3. That the some unknown persons are trying to construct a building in the adjacent plot without any permission 4. That the Cavetor has every apprehension that the non-

Hon'ble court with respect to the said constrction. 5.That the Caveator may be given opportunity of being heard before passing any order or direction and no order / direction be passed in ex-parte which will prejudice the rights of the

Caveator may file a civil suit against the Caveator before this

Caveator. 6.That the Cavetor has already published the same in the dailv newspaper for the information to the general public.

In the premises, it is, therefore, prayed that Honble court may be pleased that before passing any order or direction the Caveator or his counsel may be given opportunity of being heard and no order/direction may be passed in ex-parte, the same would be in the ends of justice. CAVEATORTHROUGH COUNSEL

Dated:-11-09-2023 (Advocate Hamid Shafi Hakim)

The Jammu and Kashmir **State Board Of School Education**

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-Roll No: 2607228

Class 10th

Applicant

Sd/

Applicant

(Non-Applicant)

(Non-Applicant)

Year & Session Annual 2016 Registration: N15460090083 Name: Mohammad Tajamul

Father's Name: Mohammad Azad Reshi Mother's Name: Nahida Begum Date of Birth: - 27-10-2001

Residenc:- Distt & P/O Bandipora Bagh Tawheed Abad B According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for

issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 16ARKAM-1012325 be treated as "CANCELLED") No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/23

Dated **Assistant Secretary**

ازعدالت سب جج میونیل مجسٹریٹ سرینگر بااجلاس مهرين مشاق رجيٹرار برخفس اينڈ ڈینخفس Meema الیں۔ایم _سی سرینگر (سیول)

ورخواست بغرج اندراج تاريخ پيدائش /وفات

Bashir Ahmad Bhat 05-08-1992 : معامله مندجه عنوان الصدر مين سائل سائله نے عدالت مذامين ايک درخواست بشمول حلفی لغرض اندارج تاریخ اوفات Bashir Ahmad Bhat S/o Ghulam Qadir Bhat اندارج تاریخ

سائل اسائله

R/o Pazwalpora Zoonimar Sgr مورخه م بذر بعداشتہار مطلع کیاجا تاہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذریااعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے عذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندردس یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گز رنے معیاد کوئی عذریا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت بذامیں 2023-16-09 کومقررہے۔

ازعدالت سب جج سپیش موبائل مجسر یت پنجرئاس کشمیر پُروینس سرینگر (PT&E) بابعد سائل اسائله: فرشته مجید **بنام** رجسرْار برخس ایندُّ ف^{ی تخس} درخواست بغرج اندراج تاریخ پیدائش

تاريخ يبرائش 1992-04-04 معاملہ مندجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل /سائلہ نے عدالت مذامیں ایک درخواست بشمول حلفی بغرض اندارج تاریخ پیدائش Farshta Majeed

D/o Shekh Abdul Majeed R/o Khanyar Srnagar مورخہ 2023-08-28 پیش کی ہے۔لہذاعوام الناس کو بذر یعداشتہار مطلع کیا

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Artists Find Hope At Kashmir's Lone **Private Art Gallery**

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Mahatta Art Gallery, formerly a photo studio, is Srinagar's only private art gallery and one of the very few refuges for the budding artists of Kashmir to display their works in the

heart of the summer capital. Once a workshop for photographs developing clicked by the photographers at Mahatta, the building-standing on the banks of river Jhelum -has been converted into an art gallery, research centre, a museum, a photo lab, and a cafe. If that were not enough, Mahatta has also introduced home stay facilities so that visitors get a feel

of local living. The place where we are standing now used to be the workshop for developing photographs clicked by photographers of Mahatta. It was converted into an exhibition hall later on. The area was renovated in order to build it into the exhibition hall," Mehraj ud Din Wani, an employee at the Mahatta and Co. for the past five decades, told PTI.

Wani said initially the photo lab displayed only its own works at the gallery but slowly opened up to other artists as well.

"After that people started coming up and booked this place for exhibition purposes. We are happy that art exhibitions have started here." Recently, an art exhibition titled 'Mashq e Arba'een... Dar'ke Azadari' marking the end of the 50-day Muharaam mourning period was held at the Mahatta's.

'Mashq e Arba'een... Dar'ke Azadari' is an annual event held by a team led by Syed Iliyas Rizvi at the Mahatta Art Gallery, said Sabahat Nazir, a regular visitor at the gallery. "It is the only private art gallery in the city. It is a wonderful place with an ambience and a great opportunity for the artists of Jammu and Kashmir," Sabahat said.



National Level Workshop Under Shaala Siddhi Inaugurated In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Principal Secretary Education, Alok Kumar virtually inaugurated two days National level workshop under Shaala Sidhi here today.

The workshop organized by National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha, J&K, is aimed at enhancing the quality of education in schools.

Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj;

Director School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Hussain: Head, NIEPA, New Delhi, Prof. Pranati Panda; faculty from NIEPA, besides CEOs, DIET Principals, ZEOs and HoIs of various districts attended the workshop.

Addressing the inaugural session of the workshop, the Principal Secretary said that Shaala Sidhi empowers educational institutions to take charge of their own development by providing them with structured framework for self-assessment



Water level in River Jhelum records significant drop as a result of rainfall deficit in the valley. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Thousands Pray At Makhdoom Sahib Shrine On Annual Urs

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Thousands of devotees on Monday converged at the revered shrine of Hazrat Sultan ul Arifeen Sheikh Hamza Makhdoom (RA) in Srinagar to pay obeisance and participate in the special prayers.

The shrine on Koh-e-Maran, dedicated to the revered saint, witnessed a major gathering of devotees from various corners of

the region.

During the 13-day period, the special prayers were held throughout the day followed by nightlong prayers on Sunday.

Thousands of devotees from across the valley gathered at the shrine on the eve of annual Urs on Monday.

Authorities at the shrine ensured the smooth conduct of the Urs, providing essential services and maintaining order.

"This gathering at Makhdoom Sahab (RA) shrine is a testament to our shared faith and the unity that binds us. It's a beautiful sight to see people from all walks of life coming together to pay homage to the saint," said Riyaz Ahmad, a local from Khanyar Srinagar.

"It's a time when we pray for peace and prosperity in the region," said Fatima Khan, a resident of Gojwara Srinagar.

SeKT&MCC Seeks 2 Years Time, **OTS Scheme For Traders**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Shehr-e-Khass Traders and Manufacturers Coordination Committee on Monday demanded a respected exit from the current notices being issued to the traders across the valley, seeking two years time for the traders to pay

Addressing a news conference here, Shehr-e-Khass Traders and Manufacturers Coordination Committee (SeKT&MCC), said that in case the demands are not fulfilled they will hand over the keys of their business units voluntarily to the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.

'A meeting was today held in which the issues pertaining to the traders were discussed, one of the main issues that surfaced was the notices being issued to the traders at different places," the trade body said, adding that such activities need to be stopped forthwith as the traders seek immediate and respected exit from the situation.

'We want the authorities in the bank to stop issuing notices and take the traders on board to decide the issues with mutual understanding," they said, adding that they have taken the issue of hanks with the authorities in New Delhi while the meeting with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is also going to be held soon.

"At present, we have got some 3000-4000 cases from different corners. We are ready to talk with the higher ups. Besides, 2 years time should be given to the traders for paying the debt and also an OTS scheme should be implemented for the wellbeing of the traders," they said.

The Shehr-e-Khass Traders and Manufacturers Coordination Committee further said that they want a solution into the matter and in case the demands are not fulfilled they will voluntarily hand over their business units to the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.



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This Day In History

- 1213 Battle at Muret: Crusade of Simon de Montfort beat Pedro II of Aragon
- 1217 French prince Louis & English King Henry III
- sign peace treaty 1635 - Sweden & Poland sign ceasefire Treaty of
- Stuhmsdorf 1683 - Austro-Ottoman War: Battle of Vienna several European armies join forces to defeat the
- Ottoman Empire 1703 - English army under arch duke Charles of Austria lands in Portugal
- 1722 Russian troops occupy Baku & Derbent in Persia 1829 - Greek War of Independence ends after 8 years
- and 6 months 1909 - World's first patent for synthetic rubber
- granted to German chemist Fritz Hofmann 1918 - WWI: US forces launch an attack on German-
- occupied St Mihiel 1919 - Adolf Hitler joins the obscure German Worker's Party as its seventh member, agreeing not with
- worker's rights, but with its German Nationalism and antisemitism 1928 - Hurricane in Florida, kills 6,000
- 1938 Adolf Hitler demands self-determination for
- Sudeten Germans in Czech 1940 - Italian troops enter Egypt
- 1941 1st German ship in WW II captured by US ship
- 1942 Battle of Edson's Ridge begins at Guadalcanal

From KO Archives

Census Held Up, Div Com Cajoles Union Leader

Observer News service

RINAGAR: The second and final Phase of the census operation in Kashmir, scheduled to begin today, failed to take s off with most government employees detaled for the purpose not reporting for duty following militant threat to eliminate those taking part in the exercise.

Director census of Jammuand Kashmir Feroz Ahmad said he had not received any information about the progress of the operation till 1500 hours , today. He said the operations $\,$ had begun in Jammu and Ladakh regions. "I can't say if the operation had begun in Kashmir valley. I can't even say that the operation had not begun at all", he told reporters.

However, he said the job of the directorate of census is to dispatch the material to the concerned wards which has been completed in time. In Srinagar, the material had not been received by the staff in 15 segments, He said the position would become dear in a few days.

Official reports reaching here said the employees did not receive the material and did not take part in the operation. But officials in the divisional commissioner's office here

claimed, that, employee turned up to collect the census material in Budgam. Anantnag and Kupwara districts. 'The exact information from all over the Kashmir valley

is not known, especially in Srinagar", the officials said adding the director-of census has been summoned to obtain information about progress of the operation A PTI reporter who visited the directorate of census and

other areas in the city found that out of 98 employees in Brain-Nishat in ward number one, only five employees turned up to receive the material for the area Two prominent government employees unions, State

Employees Con-ference and Employees and Workers Confederation had directed the staff not to endanger their lives by participating in the operation in view of militants' threat to train their guns on those taking part in the exercise.

Over 22,000 enumerators were trained to conduct the census, to be concluded on September 30, he said adding the first phase was undertaken from May 16 to June 5 this year. House listing with the civic and other amenities available at the household and locality levels was done during the first phase which, however, went off without any problem

An official handout issued here today said the divisional commissioner had a detailed discussion with the representatives of some employees' organisations and assured them the government would take all possible steps to ensure their security. The j statement claimed the representatives informed the divisional commissioner that "they had neither issued any statement to boycott the census duty nor have intention to do so".

(Kashmir Observer, September 12, 2000)

4-Day Capacity Building Workshop For Urdu Journalists Begins At KU

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A four-day capacity building workshop for Urdu Journalists commenced Monday at the Hazratbal campus of University of Kashmir.

Vice- Chancellor Professor Neelofar Khan presided over the inaugural function of the workshop. She was accompanied by the Director NCPUL Professor Aquil Ahmad, Dean School of

Arts, Languages and Literatures Professor Adil Amin Kak and senior faculty member of MERC Professor Aaliya Ahmad.

The workshop, organized by the National Council for the Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) in collaboration with Dean School of Arts, Languages & Literatures and Media Education Research Centre (MERC) will focus on enhancing the skills of budding journalists and those already working in the field.



Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited **Zonal Office** Srinagar

Extension of

With reference to the tender notice No. jkb/zokc-1/Est/22 -Dt:-14-08-2023, issued by this office, regarding advertisement for premises for housing its Branch at 90 Feet, Soura, Buchpora, Srinagar, the last date for receipt of the tenders is extended up to 26th of September 2023. The tender documents can be downloaded from the link www.jkbank.com. The parties who have already applied in response to the tender notice No. jkb/zokc-1/Est/22 -Dt:-14-08-2023 need not apply again.

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SC Extends Relief To 4 Editors Guild Members From Arrest

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday extended till September 15 its order asking the Manipur Police not to take any coercive steps against four members of the Editors Guild of India (EGI) in connection with two FIRs lodged against them for alleged offences, including promoting enmity between two communities.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said it will extend the operation of its order passed on September 6 on the plea of the Editors Guild till Friday when it will hear the case.

At the outset, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the state government, said the EGI members may be protected for some more time and the matter be sent to the Manipur High Court as done in other cases.

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Shyam Divan, appearing for the EGI, opposed the submission and said the matter be heard in top court as the FIRs have been lodged on the basis of a fact-finding report.

"We will take it up on Friday," the bench said, adding it will take up the reply of the state government on that day.

On September 4, Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh had said a police case had been filed on the basis of a complaint against the president and three members of the Editors Guild of India and accused them of trying to "provoke clashes" in the state.

A second FIR was also registered against the four members of the Guild, with the additional charge of defamation.

"Till next date of listing, no coercive step shall be taken against the (four) petitioners in connection with the FIRs...," the bench had ordered on September 6.

The Editors Guild, in a report published on September 2. slammed the internet ban in the state as being detrimental to media reportage, criticised what it termed as one-sided reporting by some media outlets and claimed there were indications that the state leadership had "turned partisan" during

Ladakh LG: 'Not Even A Sq Inch Of Land Occupied By China'



Press Trust of India

JAMMU: Not even one square inch of Indian land has been occupied by China, Ladakh's Lieutenant Governor Brigadier BD Mishra (Retd.) asserted today, adding that the armed forces are prepared to give "a bloody nose" to anyone engaging in any misadventure.

Asked about Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's remark on China occupying a large chunk of land in Ladakh, he said, "I won't comment on anybody's statement. But I will state facts because I have seen for myself that, on the ground, China

has not occupied not even a square inch of land.'

'Whatever happened in 1962 is immaterial. Today we are in possession of our land to the last inch," he said.

Responding to reporters, the Lt Governor said, "Our armed forces are prepared for any eventuality. And, God forbid, if the balloon goes up, people will get a bloody nose from

The morale of the troops is very, very high, he said.

Their intent is to defend every square inch of land. Nobody can dare to come toward India with any design to have a foothold here. I think the credit goes to the great leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said.

Asked if weapons have been identified and procured to be deployed along the Line of Control (LoC) to boost security, he said it is being done.

Post a comment

'... When I was commissioned in the Army in 1961, there was nothing indigenous in my battalion. Our rifles, .303 small arms were made in Birmingham. The watch we got was made in Switzerland. Today, there is nothing that is not indigenous," he added.

Israeli Officials Make First **Public Visit To Saudi Arabia**

Agencies

An official Israeli delegation Aarrived in Saudi Arabia on 10 September to serve as observers during the 45th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, marking the first public visit by government officials to the kingdom.

An Israeli official who spoke with AP said the delegation is led by Amir Weissbrod, a deputy director-general in the Israeli foreign ministry, and includes several diplomats. The official also stressed that the delegation is "not on a bilateral visit."

"We are happy to be here - it's a good first step ... We thank UNESCO and the Saudi authorities," a member of the delegation who did not want to be named told AFP.

The delegation reportedly traveled through Dubai on their way to the kingdom. They only take part as observers due to Tel Aviv quitting UNESCO in 2017 and accusing the organization of being "biased" over Israel's historical abuses against Palestinians and the military

occupation of their land.

Last week, Israeli media accused the kingdom of "delaying granting visas" for the delegation, as the group was reportedly set to include Foreign Minister Eli Cohen and Education Minister Yoav Kisch.

In March, Riyadh refused Israel's request to grant entry to Cohen for the UNESCO conference.

The public visit by low-level Israeli officials to Saudi Arabia has been described as a coup for the US in its plans to secure a normalization agreement between the two nations.

Normalization would be part of a so-called "mega-deal" with the US, which also calls for a defense pact from Washington, access to more advanced weaponry for the Saudis, and US help in developing a civilian nuclear program that would include uranium enrichment on Saudi soil.

Saudi Arabia has also publicly declared that normalization hinges on the implementation of the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative, which calls for the creation of an autonomous Pal-

Menace Of Street Dogs Discussed In Supreme Court; SG Mehta Calls It 'Serious Issue'

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Man's best friend was in for some biting criticism in the Supreme Court on Monday when a lawyer told Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud about how he was hounded and attacked by a pack of dogs in his neighbourhood. Known for having a keen eye for finer points of law, the bandaged arm of lawyer Kunal Chatterjee could not escape Chandrachud's notice and he inquired about the reason. Chatterjee said he got injured after being "hounded and attacked" by five stray dogs in his neighbourhood.

Senior advocate Vijay Hansaria urged the court to take suo motu (on its own) notice of the "stray dog menace" in the

"We will see what can be done," the CJI told Hansaria, turning his attention to Chat-

The CJI offered him help, asking, "Do you need any medical attention? I can ask the registry to take you right now." Solicitor General Tushar Mehta referred to a viral video from Uttar Pradesh and spoke of the plight of a man whose son was bitten by a rabid dog and died a pain-

ful death in his lap. "This is a serious menace.



Recently a video surfaced. A child was bitten by dogs in Uttar Pradesh. Usually we do not take much care Once developed, he was taken to hospital. The doctors said nothing can be done, the child was dying in his father's lap," the law officer said.

"Two years ago, my law clerk was parking his car and he was also attacked by street dogs," the CJI said.

After dogged pursuit by some lawyers seeking the court's intervention to tackle the stray dog menance, the bench proceeded to take up its

MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE

Survivors In Remote Villages Seek Aid As Death Toll Passes 2,100

Agencies

Curvivors of Morocco's earthquake in more than six decades struggled to find food, water and shelter on Sunday as the search for the missing continued in remote villages and the death toll of more than 2,100 seemed likely to rise further.

Many people were spending a third night in the open after the 6.8 magnitude quake hit late on Friday.

Relief workers face the challenge of reaching the worst-affected villages in the High Atlas, a rugged mountain range where settlements are often remote and where many

The death toll climbed to 2.122 with 2.421 people injured, state TV reported.

Late on Sunday, King Mohammed VI thanked Spain, Qatar, the UK and the UAE for sending aid, state TV said in a post on social media site X (formerly known as Twitter).

The damage done to Morocco's cultural heritage became more evident as local media reported the collapse of a historically important 12th century mosque.

The quake also damaged parts of Marrakech old city, a



Unesco World Heritage site. 'We lost everything'

In Moulay Brahim, a village 40km south of Marrakech, residents described how they dug the dead from the rubble using their bare hands. On a hillside overlooking the village, residents buried a 45-year-old woman who had died along with her 18-yearold son, a woman sobbing loudly as the body was lowered into the grave.

As he retrieved possessions from his damaged home, Hussein Adnaie said he believed people were still buried in the rubble nearby.

"They didn't get the rescue they needed so they died. I rescued my children and I'm trying to get covers for them and anything to wear from the house," Adnaie said.

Yassin Noumghar, 36, com-

plained of shortages of water, food and power, saying he had

"We lost everything, we lost the entire house," Noumghar said. "We just want our government to help us.'

received little government aid

Later, sacks of food were unloaded from a truck which local official Mouhamad al-Hayyan said had been organised by the government and civil society organisations.

Twenty-five bodies had been brought to the village's small clinic, according to staff. With many homes built

of mud bricks and timber or cement and breeze blocks, structures crumbled easily. It was Morocco's deadliest earthquake since 1960 when a quake was estimated to have killed at least 12,000 people.

Iran's Chabahar Space Center To Be Completed By March 2025

Agencies

Tranian Space Agency (ISA) Ispokesperson Hossein Dalirian announced on Monday that Iran plans to complete the initial design and construction of the Chabahar Space Center by March 2025

This will pave the way for low-orbit launches, the official

National Chabahar Space Center has three phases. The ISA is in the middle of phase 1, and we hope that in the first part of the year 1403 [March 20 - September 21, 2024] and in early 1404 [the third decade of March 2025] it will be possible to launch a sun-synchronous satellite on board solid-fuel strategic launchers," Dalirian was quoted as saying by the Mehr news agency.

In line with the ISA's 10-year space program, the Chabahar, Space Center is scheduled to be fully operational and capable of carrying out international space launches by the end of March 2031, the spokesperson added.

Earlier this month, the Iranian Space Research Center (ISRC) announced that it will hold a public tender to construct a research satellite for navigation. Tehran has also announced plans to launch several satellites this year.

The Race to Space The race to space has historical-



ly been attributed to global rivals such as the US, China, and Russia (formerly the Soviet Union).

However, in light of recent global developments, the race has intensified, and as Iran continues to make landmark strides in technological advances in the aerospace dustry, it is catching pace with global powers -- which has been met with mixed reactions by the West.

In 1984, Iran launched its space program and was focused on developing sounding rockets and small satellites, which it successfully developed and launched in 1999.

In 2009, it developed its first domestically-made satellite, Omid; in 2011, it launched its first military reconnaissance satellite.

NEWS MAKERS

Ex-Pak Cricketer Offered Money To Kill Dutch MP, Jailed For 12 Years

NETHERLANDS: A Dutch court on Monday sentenced former Pakistan international cricketer Khalid Latif to 12 years in prison for inciting the murder of anti-Islam Member of Parliament (MP) Geert Wilders.

Khalid Latif, 37, had offered 21,000 euros (\$22,500) for the head of Geert Wilders in an online video after the firebrand lawmaker sought to arrange a competition for cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed.

It was not a stretch to think that somebody around the world would have taken heed of the call to kill Mr Wilders," presiding judge G Verbeek told the court.

'The accused knew this and his call fuelled the fire to have Geert Wilders killed."

It is extremely unlikely that Khalid Latif, who was convicted in absentia, will serve his sentence. Dutch authorities have sought in vain to question Khalid Latif over the case and requested legal assistance from Pakistan,



also to no avail.

"It's a good sentence, but it's a pity that the accused is not here in court." Geert Wilders told reporters outside, sporting his trademark peroxide hairdo.

"It is no longer acceptable that the Pakistani authorities refuse to cooperate. I am going to ask the prime minister to ensure that Khalid Latif is arrested in Pakistan and extradited to the Netherlands," he added.

Geert Wilders cancelled the cartoon contest after protests broke out in Pakistan and he was inundated with death threats. He has been under 24-hour state

protection since 2004. In the Netherlands, the plan

to stage the contest was criticised widely with politicians, local media, and ordinary citizens slamming the idea as needlessly antagonising Muslims. But the call to kill Greet Wilders appeared to resonate in the real

tenced to 10 years in prison in 2019 for plotting his assassination in the wake of the cancelled contest. Judge Verbeek said Latif's video was not just an attack on Wilders personally, but also on the concept of free speech in the

world, with a Pakistani man sen-

Netherlands Khalid Latif played five one-day internationals and 13 T20 internationals for Pakistan but was banned from cricket for five years in 2017 for spot-fixing in a Paki-

stan Super League match in Dubai. His last Pakistan appearance was against the West Indies in Abu Dhabi in September 2016.

However, Verbeek said that Khalid Latif had benefitted from his fame as an international cricketer to "add oil to the fire" at a time when the Netherlands was already the target of several threats.

Lucknow Student Ends Life, Family Alleges Harassment By Teacher



Agencies

A24-year-old student at the Ram Prasad Bismil College in Kakori, died by suicide at his house in Lucknow, allegedly owing to harassment by a teach-

Shahrukh, 24, was a fourth-semester student of the Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEEd) course. His father, Zafar Iqbal, informed the police that Shahrukh went to his room to offer namaz on Sunday, 10 September.

When he did not come out, his family members called him but got no response. They then broke the door to find Shahrukh hanging from the ceiling with a noose around his neck.

Shahrukh's mother Shabibi Jahan, a

primary school teacher in Unnao, alleged that a teacher at the school had been harassing Shahrukh, and demanded action against the teacher.

It has come to light that another student of the same college had died in a similar manner in the past.

Shabibi Jahan said Shahrukh was doing an internship at a school and the accused teacher had said that he would ensure that he "gets injured in an accident".

Family members also alleged that the victim ended his life owing to scary stories told by his teachers about the school where he was doing his internship.

Assistant commissioner of police (ACP) Sunil Sharma said the post mortem examination had confirmed suicide, "As soon as we receive a complaint, an

Flyer Accused Of Sex Harassment Onboard IndiGo Flight

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: A passenger travelling on budget carrier IndiGo's flight to Guwahati from Mumbai was handed over to the Guwahati police on arrival for allegedly sexually harassing a passenger onboard, the airline said on Monday.

The complainant has filed an FIR with the local police and the airline will provide assistance in investigation when required, IndiGo said in a statement.

The airline, however, did not share any specific details about the incident. "A passenger travelling on (IndiGo flight) 6E- 5319 between Mumbai-Guwahati was handed over to the Guwahati police on arrival, after receiving a complaint from another passenger for alleged sexual harassment," the airline said.

An FIR has been filed by the complainant with the local police and "we will provide assistance in their investigation, where required," IndiGo added in the statement.

Govt Notifies Transport Arrangements For Migratory Tribal Families

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Tribal Affairs Department in collaboration with J&K Road Transport Corporation and the respective District Administration has notified arrangements for migration of pastoral tribal families from Kashmir region to Jammu, with the onset of winter.

The migration of families will commence from mid-September from higher reaches and will continue till November 2023.

The administrative council headed by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has approved the transport service for tribal population during migration as one of the key deliverables, which is being monitored by the Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta regularly. Finance department has also earmarked required budget for this annual facility provided during summer and winter migration.

Every year the government deputes a fleet of trucks to ease the long-range migration through National Highway-44 and Mughal road. This year 150 trucks are being deployed to districts. The Deputy Commissioners have notified nodal officers for facilitating migration and making associated arrangements.

Earlier, Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Dr Shahid Choudhary reviewed the arrangement with Secretary Transport, G Prasanna Ramaswamy, DCs,

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Sanjeev Gupta,

former district and session's

judge, has resigned as mem-

ber of Jammu & Kashmir Public

Service Commission after his

appointment as member of the

Central Administrative Tribu-

J&K Government on Monday

said that Lieutenant Governor

Manoj Sinha has accepted the

resignation of Sanjeev Gupta,

as member of the Public Ser-

ferred by Clause (2) of the Ar-

ticle 316 of the Constitution of

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the Proclamation issued by the

President dated 31st October,

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RTC management and other allied departments. The meeting was also attended by MD I&K RTC, Director, Tribal Affairs, Director, Tribal Research Institute (TRI), Secretary, Advisory Board and other officers.

Secretary, Transport Department, informed that JK RTC has conveyed its readiness to deputy commissioners and will provide the trucks as per the demand raised by the districts administration. DCs have also been authorised to hire trucks and light commercial vehicles at local level for hassle free and timely service.

Deputy Commissioners of District Pulwama, Anantnag, Ramban, Udhampur, Kulgam, Shopian, Poonch and Rajouri will monitor the migration and put in place required arrangements in coordination with J&K RTC, Animal/Sheep Husbandry Deptt and local authorities.

Meanwhile, TRI J&K has been asked to notify and publicise helpline numbers on radio and all media for wider circulation, to be made available for real time grievance redress.

Pertinent to mention, as per the 1st survey of Transhumance conducted by the Department of Tribal Affairs under supervision of Secretary, Dr Shahid Igbal Choudhary, the department documented world's largest Transhumant population in Jammu and Kashmir.

Kashmir is pleased to accept the

resignation of Mr. Sanjeev Gup-

ta, Member, Public Service Com-

mission for the Union territory

of Jammu and Kashmir, w.e.f

05.09.2023," reads a notification

issued by the General Adminis-

Gupta was appointed as member of PSC in April this

year. He had retired as the Reg-

istrar J&K High Court on Janu-

ary 31, 2023. During his distin-

guished career in the judiciary,

which began with his appoint-

ment as Munsiff/Judicial Mag-

istrate 1st Class in Gool in 1995,

he served in various capacities.

till 1998; promoted as Sub-Judge

in 1998 and served at various

places viz., Batote, Jammu, Samba

and Leh, Ladakh as Sub-Judge

(Chief Judicial Magistrate). He

was promoted as District and Ses-

sions Judge in the month of May

2008 and served as Special Judge

Anti-Corruption thrice at Jammu

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tration Department.

North Tech Symposium

Type-V Heavy Drop System Showcased

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JAMMU: A "Type-V Heavy Drop System" in which a parachute is used to drop from an aircraft arms, ammunition and equipment weighing up to 20 tons in a battlefield or an inaccessible high-altitude area was showcased at the North Tech Symposium here on Monday.

Designed and developed at the Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the system was successfully tested from a cargo aircraft by the Indian Air Force (IAF) recently, officials said.

With the help of this system, arms, equipment and ammunition weighing up to 20 tons can be easily transported and dropped with the help of parachute in the battlefield or inaccessible high-altitude areas, they said. Being manufactured with 100 per cent indigenous resources, the IAF users have declared it a major success under "make in India"

Officials said the testing was jointly completed by the Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment, armed forces and Airbornics Defence



and Space Private Limited (defence division of JCBL).

"The system can be used for C-17, C-130 and other C-series aircraft. It has a platform and a special multi-stage parachute system," an official said.

It consists of eight main canopies, three extractor parachutes, one drogue parachute and electrical, electronic, mechanical systems and other latching accessories. The platform of this system is made of a special aluminum metal, they said.

Preparations have been completed for the induction of this system into the armed forces, he added.

It is being manufactured by Airbornics Defence and Space

ADSPL is involved in R&D activities with aerial delivery research and development establishment, Agra (DRDO) since 2018 for development of such systems for the needs of the armed forces, officials said.

The three-day North Tech Symposium, organised by the Army, began on the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) campus on the outskirts of Jammu on Monday.

A large number of companies and start-ups are showcasing their military equipment at the symposium, which facilitates a structured approach to product evaluation, prioritisation, and acquisition while contributing actionable inputs for procurement plans.

Better' This Year: Lt Gen Dwivedi

JAGTI (JAMMU): The techno-

Speaking at the three-day event that began here on Monday, Dwivedi said the army procured 256 indigenous items for defence and security needs at the last North Tech Symposium held in May 2022 and expects to acquire more equipment this time.

"It is time for the industry and military to sit together to know about the requirements and each other. Last time when we carried out the North Tech Symposium, after that we procured 256 items,"

This time we are looking to acquire more he said, "The best part is that this time, the technological demonstrations much better than last time"

Replying to a question about the army allowing companies to carry out trials, he said, "Earlier it was difficult to get permissions. Now the army headquarters has allowed the command headquarters to give permissions. Similarly, firing ranges have allowed to carry out trials".

He said when the compa-

"Once they go back and uprade equipment, it will get

Manoj Pande will be among the dignitaries to attend symposium being organised by

Singh, Chief of De-

fence Staff General

Gen M V Suchindra Kumar inaugurated the symposium. "The symposium has come

building partnerships.

State of art technologies for the defence sector will be showcased as the Union government is giving a push to the industry under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative and defence exports have ris-Defence Minister Rajnath en to an all-time high, he said.

Technological Demonstrations 'Much

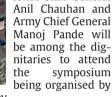
logical demonstrations at this year's North Tech Symposium, dedicated to addressing operational challenges and procuring state of the art equipment for the army, are 'much better" than last year, Northern Army Commander Lt General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday.

he told PTI.

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inducted," he said.



the army Vice Chief of Army Staff Lt

at a time of challenges like artificial intelligence and others,' Lt General Kumar said, adding that it will serve as a platform for churning out new ideas and

Property Of Drug Peddler Attached In Pulwama

of Union Territory of Jammu and and once at Srinagar—(KNO)

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir police have attached property of notorious drug peddler worth lakhs in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

In a statement, a spokesperson said that police today attached a single-storey, underconstruction house valued at approximately Rs 7.88 lakh belonging to notorious drug peddler Zahoor Ahmad Wani in Jindwall village under the NDPS Act 1985.

The statement reads that the house was linked to case FIR No 47/2023 under relevant sections of law of Police Station Rajpora.

The investigation proved that the immovable property was raised using illicit trafficking by the drug peddler. By targeting and freezing the illegal assets of drug peddlers involved in the organized illegal narco trade, Police have dealt a severe blow to their criminal activities.'

It added that depriving these criminals of the proceeds derived from drug trafficking is an essential step in curbing their influence and crippling the drug trade in the Valley.

Muslims Offer Sharbat' During Charri Mubarak' Procession In Doda

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JAMMU: In a gesture of communal harmony, some Muslim youths on Monday put up stalls and offered sharbat' (beverages) to the Hindu pilgrims who embarked on the three-day annual Kailash Kund Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district.

Over 12,000 devotees, carrying Charri Mubarak' (holy mace), left the ancient Vasuki Nag temple in Bhaderwah's Gatha this morning for the 14,700-foot high Kailash Kund, depicting ancient Nag' culture.

The local Muslim youths welcomed the devotees with sharbat' at the specially set up stalls near Eidgah gate in Bhaderwah town.

Bhaderwah Additional Deputy Commissioner Dilmir Chowdhary and Station House Officer (SHO) Jatinder Singh Rakwal visited the stalls and appreciated the effort of the youths.

"This gesture will go a long way to help strengthen the age-old bond of communal harmony in the region," Chowdharv said.

Naseer Mehboob, who led the initiative, said the group had come to welcome the pilgrims who have converged from different states of the country to undertake the tough yatra.

"This tradition of Hindu-Muslim brotherhood will always continue in our city," he said.

The 'Charri Mubarak' yatra is considered one of the toughest as pilgrims have to trek the 18-km-steep Kailash mountain range to pay their obeisance at the high-altitude temple, where they take a dip in the ice-cold Kund' (lake) to seek the blessings of their deities Vasuki Nag and Lord Shiva.

Over 12,000 Devotees Leave For 3-Day Kailash Yatra In Doda

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The three-day Kailash Yatra commenced in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Monday as over 12,000 devotees left for the annual pilgrimage from the ancient Vasuki Nag temple here, officials said.

The pilgrimage to the 14,700-foot-high Kailash Kund, depicting ancient Nag' culture, was seen off by Doda Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan along with Senior Superintendent of Police Abdul Qayoom and Additional Deputy Commissioner Dilmir Chowdhary.

The Yatra is considered one of the toughest as pilgrims have to trek the 18-km-steep Kailash mountain range to pay their obeisance at the high-altitude temple, where they take a dip in the ice-cold Kund' (lake) and take the blessings of their deities Vasuki Nag and Lord Shiva.

"Last year, over 35,000 devotees paid obeisance at the holy Kailash Kund and this year we are expecting manifold increase in the turnout as we have promoted this ancient and unique pilgrimage at the Union Territory and national level simultaneously," Mahajan told PTI.

The 'Charri Mubarak' (holy

mace) was taken out from Vasuki Nag Temple at Gatha around 9 am and was joined by another mace from Vasuki Nag Temple at Vasik Dhera in Bhaderwah town, marking the commencement of the pilgrimage.

Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust, which looks after the maintenance of ancient temples and is also one of the main organisers of the Yatra, demanded that the Kailash Yatra should be promoted on a national level.

"This is perhaps the only Yatra of Jammu and Kashmir which continued during the peak of militancy," Secretary J-K Dharmarth Trust and former SSP Bhaderwah Ashok Sharma said.

The Yatra is unique in every aspect and the government should protect and promote it at par with Amarnath and Vaishno Devi pilgrimage, he said.

Former member of the legislative council (MLC) Naresh Kumar Gupta and another veteran leader Mast Nath Yogi participated in the rituals connected with the ancient vatra at Vasak Dera.

The Charri Mubarak would reach the high-altitude lake on Wednesday morning after a two-night halt en route.

DC Shopian Takes Stock Of **Traffic Management, Inspects Road Construction Works**

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb on Monday undertook a visit to different areas of the Town to oversee and assess the progress of works and traffic management in the town.

He visited Sofanaman, Gagran, Zero point and other areas and asked for making all possible efforts to ensure the smooth traffic at the busiest intersections of the town.

The DC took onsite appraisal of the widening of Sofanaman-Pinjoora road and directed the concerned executing agency

to speed up the work by deploying additional men and machinery and complete the works as soon as possible.

The DC gave on spot directions to concerned officers to remove the bottlenecks immediately so that works are completed on time.

He also asked the concerned engineering wing to monitor the progress on a daily basis and said that it will also bring significant change in the movement of traffic flow in the Town.

The DC was accompanied by ARTO Shopian, Tehsildar Shopian, Executive Engineer (R&B). IEs and others.

Second Round Of Mission Indradhanush 5.0 Starts In JK

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children, who were partially or never immunized, Director Family Welfare, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Immunization, Dr. Tabasum Jabeen launched the 2nd phase of Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0 immunization campaign at NTPHC, Abi Dal Srinagar.

While launching the campaign Director said the Mission Indradhanush 5.0 is a vaccination program aimed to cover all those children and pregnant women who remain unvaccinated or partially vaccinated.

She said that the primary focus of the campaign is on ensuring that every child receives lifesaving vaccines. She also said that the initiative is also intended to be the big leap for achieving Measles & Rubella elimination in the country by ensuring that every child under 5 years of age has completed the two-dose schedule of Measles and Rubella Dr. Tabasum Jabeen further

elaborated that the campaign is now fully supported by U-WIN portal through which all the entries including registration, vaccination and digital immunization certificate generation will be done by entering the phone number of beneficiaries which will help health staff as well as parents of the children to know about their due doses.

She said that with this feature health officials will have digital due list and individual beneficiaries will receive SMS alerts reminding them of next due doses and acknowledgement of the same. This ensures effective tracking of beneficiaries which includes children aged 0-5 and pregnant women.

Director Family Welfare also added that after the registration of the children on the first dose, they will be able to administer second dose anywhere in the country on the production of their mobile number or Aadhar number.

and Jammu in collaboration with

4th Meeting Of UTLLACPC Convened In Srinagar

Rs 5000 Crore Earmarked For Upgrading Infrastructure, Setting Up Public Libraries In Gram Panchayats: DG RRRLF

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Government of India has earmarked whopping Rs 5000 crores for the year 2023-24 for upgrading infrastructure in Public Libraries and extending Library facilities to the Gram Panchayat level across the country.

This was announced by Prof Ajay Pratap Singh, Director General, National Library of India (NLI) and Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) in his opening remarks at the two-day meeting of J&K UT-Level Library Advisory-cum-Purchase Committee (UTLLACPC) which began at SPS Library Complex here on Sunday.

Prof Singh said, it is for the first time, that such a huge amount has been earmarked, in one go, by the Government of India for upgrading library infrastructure in the States & UTs. He said extension of library facilities and taking the library movement to the grassroots level is aimed at facilitating improved access of the children and adolescents in the rural and semi-urban areas to the latest books and e-connecting them to the vast learning resources available through National Digital Library of India (NDLI).

He said the Union Ministry of Finance has already sought

proposals from all the States and Union Territories under the scheme as the funding for upgrading infrastructure in Public Libraries and providing Library facilities at the Gram Panchayat level would be available on "First-Come-First-Serve" basis. "A communication in this regard has been sent by the Department of Expenditure, Union Ministry of Finance to the Chief Secretaries of all the States & UTs in May



2023," he said.

Enumerating the broader contours of the scheme, Prof Singh said that funding under the scheme would be available to the states and UTs for construction of new library buildings; renovation of existing libraries; purchase of library furniture; purchase of IT equipment including computers, printers, networking etc and

purchase of books. He said financial assistance under the scheme would be limited to one Library in each Municipal Ward and one Library in each Gram Panchayat.

Prof Singh said J&K's Libraries Department should also explore the possibility of establishing decent reading spaces, in convergence with related departments, at the Public Parks, Gardens, along Jhelum River bank and around Dal Lake for tourists and morning walkers.

Earlier, welcoming the participants at the meeting, the Director, Libraries & Research, Mr Mohammad Rafi gave an overview of the initiatives taken by the Department to upgrade the infrastructure in Public Libraries and provide best possible facilities to the library users. He said the huge increase in footfall in the Public Libraries has put immense pressure on library resources and there is a pressing need for upgrading the infrastructure espe-

cially the library furniture. The Director Libraries sought the intervention of Director General RRRLF to facilitate early release of funds under National Mission on Libraries (NML) from RRRLF for construction of buildings for Gani Memorial UT

Central Library at Rajouri Kadal Srinagar and District Library Samba. He also pressed for release of RRRLF financial assistance under Matching Grant Scheme for upgrading furniture in Public Libraries.

UT-Level Library Advisorvcum-Purchase Committee discussed and approved various proposals put forth by the Director, Libraries and Research for upgradation and expansion of Public Library facilities in J&K. These include, Digitization of Libraries; establishment of theme-based Libraries-cum-Reading Centres at tourist resorts, setting up of dedicated Reading Areas for travellers at Srinagar & Jammu Airports, collaboration with School Education Department to organize free coaching of students for various competitive exams, organizing Book Fair at Srinagar

National Book Trust (NBT), setting up of "Book Village" at Aragam in District Bandipora as a joint initiative of the Department of Libraries & Research; District Administration Bandipora and Pune-based NGO "Sarhad", setting up of Public Library-cum-Reading Room at Gandtal, Harwan under Aspirational Blocks Development Program (ABDP) in convergence with the Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, extension of Internet facility to the Public Libraries at Tehsil & Block levels, weeding out of obsolete books & reference material for Competitive Examinations, write off the damaged/lost books, conservation of books & manuscripts, procurement of e-Books and making available more Online Services to the Library Users.

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G20 Diplomatic Triumph

he G20 summit in New Delhi was a massive success and in many ways signaled India's rise as a major global power. It was clear from the summit that India's role is now eagerly sought by the major powers to address current geopolitical problems. And it was for this reason that despite the absence of China and Russia and the sharp differences among the participating countries, the summit was able to agree to a joint statement. It concluded with leaders reaching consensus on a broad economic plan for impoverished nations. However, underlying divisions surrounding Russia's invasion of Ukraine persisted, challenging the group's diplomatic unity.

The carefully negotiated declaration issued at the summit was notable for what it omitted. In a departure from the previous year's stance in Bali, where leaders had unequivocally condemned Russia's aggression and called for the withdrawal of troops from Ukraine, the New Delhi declaration merely expressed concern for the "suffering" of the Ukrainian people. It alluded to past United Nations resolutions condemning the war and emphasized the adverse impact of global conflicts while calling on Russia to permit the export of grain and fertilizer from Ukraine and to support a just and lasting peace.

President Biden, in deference to India's close ties with Russia, refrained from overt criticism of Russia's actions in Ukraine. While the Ukraine issue remained a point of contention, the summit achieved progress in other areas. One significant announcement at the summit was the plan to create a rail and shipping corridor linking India to the Middle East and eventually Europe. This is believed to be the west's answer to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). India has always been averse to joining the BRI, since it passes through Gilgit Baltistan which India sees as its part. Should the rail project materialize sometime in future, this will obviate India's need to go through Pakistan and Afghanistan to reach the world.

The absence of two influential leaders, China's President Xi Jinping and Russia's President Vladimir Putin, raised doubts about the summit's potential effectiveness in addressing global issues amid ongoing geopolitical divisions. But as the joint declaration later showed, the summit was able to achieve its objectives. G20 leaders and geopolitical experts on Sunday hailed the New Delhi Summit as a resounding success and said the meeting has once again put the bloc at the centre of global governance. And it has brought India's role as an emerging global power in a renewed focus.

OTHER OPINON

Stocktaking the calamity

he climate crisis intricately wove itself into the G-20 summit in Delhi, particularly during the discussions on clean energy, sustainable development and the collective responsibility necessary to avert it. The United Nations' Global Stocktake, a report that was released just ahead of the G-20 meet, set out the scope of challenges that awaited the major economies of the world even as it presented little beyond what is already known. This stocktake is to serve as a template to guide discussion ahead of the 28th Conference of Parties scheduled in Dubai this November and is meant to be an official reckoning of the work actually done by countries since 2015, in stemming greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. That year, signatories to the UN convention on climate change agreed in Paris to keep global emissions from rising beyond 2°C and, as far as possible, limit it to 1.5°C. Though it acknowledges "some" headway, the world, as of now, is emitting gases in a manner that will certainly overshoot the Paris-agreed limit. The report unequivocally states that "much more ambition in action and support" is necessary for implementing domestic mitigation measures to reduce global GHG emissions by 43% by 2030, 60% by 2035 and reach net zero CO2 emissions by 2050 globally. Based on current information submitted by countries, the emissions gap consistent with 1.5°C in 2030 is estimated to be 20.3 billion tonnes-23.9 billion tonnes of CO2. These are gaps unlikely to be filled without a rapid upscaling of renewable energy resources and an eschewal of fossil fuel sources such as coal, oil and natural gas. However despite several acknowledgements by world leaders, most recently at the G-20, of the magnitude of the crisis, little has been achieved in terms of energy transition. G-20 countries account for 93% of global operating coal power plants and 88% of prospective ones.

The G-20 Leader's Declaration formally recognised the need for "...\$5.8-5.9 trillion in the pre-2030 period required for developing countries ...as well as \$4 trillion per year for clean energy technologies by 2030 to reach net zero by 2050". The report also dwells on the need to reverse deforestation and the adoption of electric vehicles as vital prongs to a clean energy economy; however, it does not single out individual countries or provide a more granular analysis of where the existing shortcomings are in the approach adopted by countries to curtail emissions. The Stocktake report however must not be dismissed as yet another technical document. During the upcoming climate talks, it must form the basis of negotiations to aid the discovery and adoption of genuine breakthroughs.

The Hindu

Juvenile Criminality

Society On The Edge



Amir Suhail Wani

While the society as a

whole, including our religious institutions, has a responsibility to create a bulwark against these gore and ignoble episodes, we must not fall into the trap of ethicising the problem. This requires such a refinement of understanding and an insight into the heart of the problem as is mostly absent and this absence of understanding leads to addressing it in ways which only augments the underlying malady

rowing criminality in any context is symptomatic of an underlying unrest and unattended maladies festering beneath the surface of apparent calm. While humans have been struggling with criminality and penology for centuries, the phenomenon of juvenile delinquency is a comparatively recent and complex criminal manifestation. The valley of Kashmir, where such cases have been unheard of in the past, has also come to occupy a place on the juvenile criminality map with figures on the rise and the nature of crimes getting gruesome, the reports suggest. The recent incident of a 16 year old boy killing a man for objecting to relationship with his daughter rang some bells and the word caught fire that all is not well and our society is pregnant with criminal potential of unforeseen nature. In another criminal accident a juvenile stabbed to death a 15 year old boy in Srinagar, sending shock waves across the city. This is in addition to the several stabbing incidents that have been reported in Qamarwari, Bemina, Kralpora, Batmaloo, Nowhatta, Kothibagh, Rambagh areas of district Srinagar in the past four months. These episodes speak of a deeper malice corrupting the social substructure and points to the invisible but pressing frustrations faced by the youth on one front or the other. It also raises sharp questions on parental upbringing, the eroding social fabric, the losing grip of the social institutions and the negligence of educational institutions, be they schools or tuition institutions to their fundamental prerogative of man making instead of money minting.

A child is not an island separated from the familial and social mainland. His growth and evolution, pattern of living is by the collective impulses rising from social forces, family environment and peer group, access to education or lack thereof. In tracing the major catalysts driving the criminal behaviour among children one comes across the factors like

Poverty, Drug Abuse, Anti-social Peer Group, Easy availability of firearms, Abusive parents, Single-parent child, Nuclear Family, Family Violence and Child sexual abuse. However, in recent times, exposure to media which glorifies violence and depicts criminality as a heroic deed has not only accelerated criminality among youth, but normalised the abnormal too. Social media platforms incessantly bombard us with the content celebrating and glorifying violence, which the teenagers are easily driven away by. The rise of social media and hyper-urbanization has also weakened parental control; a mechanism which in the past kept the behaviour of children under check. Ironically, the glorification of material pursuits within families and societies and the loss of socio-cultural values have also stirred in children the slumbering bestial traits, made them to model their lives on animalistic pattern where violence is the norm and strength the sole merit. Precisely, the shattering of the social matrix and forgoing the cherished values has brought with it a storm of new-age issues with juvenile criminality as part of the package. While conferring upon children the unprecedented liberty and freeing them from all controlling mechanisms under the pretence of delivering them from the clutches of parental oppression has thrown them out of gears. The disempowering of teachers to the extent where they can't speak in a loud tone to the student has had repercussions of its kind. In an ironic inversion of hierarchy, teachers now seem to be scared of students, fearing character assassination from students over social media or other undeserved consequences of their corrective actions. In the past, children were under parental vigilance at home and under the surveillance of teachers at schools

- the disappearance or in-effectuation of these means has pushed youth into criminal euphoria. We do not intend to advocate, behind the veneer of this moral nostalgia, the resurrection of corporal punishment or throttling the liberty of youth. But it must also be seen that youth are not totally left to themselves, entitled to chaos and criminality of all colours.

While the society as a whole, including our religious institutions, has a responsibility to create a bulwark against these gore and ignoble episodes, we must not fall into the trap of ethicising the problem. This requires such a refinement of understanding and an insight into the heart of the problem as is mostly absent and this absence of understanding leads to addressing it in ways which only augments the underlying malady. The aim is to create a social ambience where such cases don't arise in the first place - the place which can be created to the best of approximation by addressing the issues enumerated above as triggers for juvenile criminality. However, once a teenager commits a crime, there are chances of the occurrence of criminal atavism and to abort these tendencies and save the youngsters from turning into lifelong criminals, institutional and structural interventions are mandatory. The state of affairs in this sphere isn't well in our state and except the lone overloaded juvenile jail at Harwan, the state lacks infrastructural and human resources to cope up with the issue. To put a brake, if not a full-stop on this emerging and threatening phenomenon of juvenile criminalpieces, assigning this role to family and that to school, but society as a whole with all its institutions has to rise up to its task of slaying the goliath.

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Better Together

In an era where the world seems to grow increasingly interconnected yet distant, community-focused programs play a crucial role in fostering a sense of belonging and unity among residents. These programs serve as avenues for individuals to come together, share experiences, and collaborate for the betterment of their localities. By focusing on the unique needs and aspirations of a community, such initiatives contribute to creating safer, more vibrant, and tightly knit neighborhoods.

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One of the most remarkable benefits of community-focused programs is their ability to address specific challenges faced by residents. Whether it's improving educational

opportunities for children, providing healthcare services for underserved populations, or enhancing access to job training and employment resources, these programs can make a significant difference where it matters most. By tailoring their efforts to local needs, they empower communities to overcome obstacles and unlock their full potential.

Moreover, community-focused programs promote social interaction and bridge gaps that might otherwise exist between diverse groups. Through shared activities, events, and collaborative projects, people from various backgrounds can interact, learn from one another, and develop mutual understanding. This not only promotes social cohesion

but also enriches the fabric of our society by celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion.

The ripple effect of community-focused programs extends beyond immediate beneficiaries. As neighborhoods thrive, there is often a positive impact on the overall economy, property values, and local businesses. A vibrant community attracts new residents and fosters a sense of pride that encourages people to invest in their surroundings. This virtuous cycle of growth reinforces the importance of sustaining and expanding such programs.

I urge readers to support and participate in community-focused programs, whether through volun-

teering, donations, or simply spreading awareness. By doing so, we can contribute to the growth of neighborhoods that prioritize the well-being of their residents and work together to create a brighter future for all.

In conclusion, community-focused programs are not just about addressing local needs; they are about nurturing connections, encouraging growth, and building a better society from the ground up. As responsible citizens, let us recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of these programs in shaping our communities for the better.

Faizan Muneer

Importance Of Educating School-Age Children About Sustainable Development

MUZAMIL ARII

The idea of sustainable development has become increasingly important in today's society because it focuses on addressing present demands without compromising the capacity of future generations to address their own needs. It is crucial to teach school-age children about sustainable development as we confront serious global issues like climate change, resource depletion, and environmental degradation. We enable students to become responsible global citizens capable of building a better and more sustainable future by arming them with information and attitudes focused on sustainability.

REALISING HOW INTERRELATED THE WORLD IS:

Children who attend school benefit from learning about sustainable development because it helps them understand the complex web of relationships that exists within the global ecosystem. They discover the close interdependence of environmental, social, and economic elements as well as the potential impact of our current behaviours. Children can develop a holistic viewpoint and make thoughtful decisions to minimise adverse effects on the environment by recognising these links. environmental responsibility As the planet's inheritors, it is imperative to instill in children a sense of responsibility for its preservation. They are made aware of the value of protecting biodiversity, preserving natural resources, and reducing climate change through education about sustainable development. Children may actively participate in sustainable practices including recycling, energy conservation, and sustainable consumption patterns by developing an environmental stewardship mind-set.

STRENGTHENING ANALYTICAL AND PROBLEM SOLVING ABILITIES:

Children are encouraged to think critically and analyse complicated situations from a variety of angles through sustainable development education. They gain the ability to weigh the effects of their decisions on the environment, society, and the economy. Children who work on sustainable development-related problems gain the creativity, adaptability, and resilience necessary to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century.



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Sustainable development includes social fairness and economic well-being in addition to environmental preservation. They learn the value of fairness and justice in creating sustainable societies through being taught social responsibility, empathy, and inclusivity. They recognise that sustainable development is an international endeavour and that cooperation, respect, and awareness of many cultures and viewpoints are essential.

PREPARING FOR FUTURE CAREERS:

There is a rising need for experts in sustainable development as the globe moves towards a more sustainable future. We

give youngsters the information and abilities required for the developing green economy by exposing them to sustainability principles at a young age. They can work in industries like sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, environmental management, and urban planning, improving the world while securing their own future employment.

ENCOURAGING SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES:

Educating school-going youngsters about sustainable development also involves advocating sustainable lives. By teaching kids about the ecological footprint and the consequences of individual choices, children become aware of their consumption patterns and the resources

required to support them. They learn about options such as sustainable transportation, organic food, and responsible waste management. Encouraging sustainable habits from an early age creates the groundwork for a generation that emphasises aware and sustainable choices, resulting in reduced environmental degradation and greater general well-being.

PROMOTING ADAPTABILITY AND RESILIENCE:

Children who receive education on sustainable development will be better prepared to cope with the world's rapid changes. They gain knowledge of the effects of environmental problems such as natural catastrophes, climate change, and

others. Children who are aware of these risks can become resilient and adaptable, coming up with creative ways to manage and overcome such difficulties. They help create more resilient communities by becoming better equipped to deal with future difficulties.

CONNECTING CLASSROOM EDUCATION WITH PRACTICAL PROBLEMS:

Sustainable development education goes beyond textbooks and classrooms. It emphasises experiential learning and interaction with real-world situations. Field visits, outdoor activities, and community initiatives allow youngsters to observe and comprehend the actual implications of sustainable development ideas. By connecting academic knowledge to concrete experiences, children gain a better regard for the natural world and an understanding of the need for sustainable practices.

SECURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE:

In the end, educating school-age children about sustainable development is an investment in ensuring a sustainable future for future generations. By equipping kids with information, beliefs, and skills that are in line with sustainability, we create a generation that is able to take on the difficult problems of our day. These young people will go on to become scientists, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and community leaders, helping to create a world where social, economic, and environmental well-being coexist.

For the future to be sustainable, school-age children must be taught about sustainable development. We give kids the skills they need to take an active role in creating a better world by promoting sustainable lifestyles, encouraging resilience and adaptability, imparting optimism and empowerment, and connecting classroom lessons to real-world challenges.

In order for children to participate in a future that is environmentally friendly, socially just, and economically productive, it is our duty as educators, parents, and society at large to make sure they receive a complete education that incorporates sustainable development principles.

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BEYOND THE HYPE

Generative AI Won't Replace Your Teacher But Will Help You Learn Better

Shikhar Sachan

From time to time, a new technology emerges, claiming to be so groundbreaking that it will change everything. Such technologies often find themselves as solutions in search of problems to solve. A decade back, big data was the buzzword; a few years ago, it was the blockchain and cryptocurrency; and now, it's GenAl making waves. Though GenAl offers demonstrable, immediate results when compared to other seemingly groundbreaking technologies, the path to developing category-creation products

ucts remains a challenging endeavor.
One such idea of a category creation product being floated is that of an AI Tutor. Every child will have an AI Tutor who is infinitely patient, infinitely compassionate, infinitely knowledgeable, and infinitely helpful. It will be by their side at every step of their journey. While it's important to not dismiss what might be possible, replacing teachers seems like an idea as remote as replacing one's life partner, true love, or therapist.

If you have ever prepared for competitive exams, then you'd know that clearing these exams requires you to operate in beast mode. Have a strategy, break it down into a practical timetable, achieve your targets, and finally become competent to be in the race. This process has a lot of inefficiencies that GenAl can address and these can



then be extrapolated to other forms of learning.

Students attempt hundreds of tests to familiarise themselves with the exam pattern, develop exam temperament, and know their relative standing among peers. More often than not, these aren't effective as students

don't spend enough time assessing them. Effective assessment goes beyond tallying the right or wrong answers. It involves understanding the underlying reasons for errors. Was it a conceptual misunderstanding, lack of last-minute revision, or merely overattempting difficult questions that

one is required to pass? This comprehensive analysis is a must for targeted improvement. Unfortunately, this process requires significant time and effort, which students may lack or find mentally draining. Generative AI can do the heavy lifting here. Think of a system that tells you the reason

why you got a question wrong and then suggests a short clip to revise that particular concept and attempt ten similar questions for better understanding.

When it comes to subjective papers like essays, humanities, etc. an Al evaluator grades answers based on exam-specific best practices rather than generic knowledge. This is particularly relevant in the context of board exams, and government entrance exams where answers are expected to follow a specific format and stick to core books. Al evaluators can mimic the best human evaluation at scale and point out precise feedback. It ensures consistency and fairness in grading, providing valuable feedback to improve the quality of answers.

GenAI reduces manual efforts by enabling advanced queries on standard books and previous year's exam questions. It can analyze the frequency of questions on specific subtopics within a subject, determine which topics hold greater importance, and create sample questions that closely resemble those asked in previous exams.

While these might look like 3 distinct use-cases, they change how students prepare, ensuring the best utilization of their time and increasing their chances of success.

The article was originally published by Financial Express

New Global Migration-Map Shows Human Development Factors Are Driver, Not Climate

Press Trust Of India

lobal net-migration patterns are more strongly linked with socio-economic factors, not climate change as is generally thought by public, according to new research published in the journal Nature Human Behaviour.

Providing a new, high-resolution dataset of net-migration over the past two decades (2000-19), the study said it made it possible to answer questions that cannot be addressed with coarser data, such as national averages. The study included researchers from Aalto University, Finland, and the University of Bologna, Italy.

The team combined birth and death rates with overall population growth to estimate net migration. The role of socio-economics and climate were incorporated through the Human Development Index (HDI) and the aridity index.

High levels of emigration or outmigration were found in regions in the middle of the scale in both HDI and aridity, such as areas in Central America, northeast Brazil, Central Africa and southeast Asia.

"It's not the poorest of the poor who are fleeing environmental disasters or environmental changes. Migration is an adaptation method used by people who have the capacity to move," said Venla Niva, a postdoctoral researcher at Aalto University and the study's



lead author.

By the same logic, areas with a high HDI were seen to experience positive net-migration, or in-migration, regardless of their climate condition.

For example, regions in the Arabian Peninsula, North America, Australia, and the North Mediterranean were net receivers despite their aridity, the study said.

"Decision-makers should pay attention to this. Rather than focusing solely on border closures and combating migration, we should work to support and empower individuals in economically disadvantaged countries.

"That would help reduce the drivers that compel people to migrate in search of better opportunities," said Matti Kummu, associate professor of global water and food issues at Aalto and senior author of the study.

The granularity of the new dataset reveals complexities in migration patterns that are hidden when national data is used, the researchers said.

"In France and Italy, for example, there are really interesting differences between north and south, and in Spain, there's an east-west differ-

ence. There are so many patterns that national experts could look into, and of course, the reasons behind them might be different for each country," said Kummu.

Unexpected patterns also showed up in urban-rural migration, they said, which dispels the common belief that urban areas are pulling the people from the rural areas.

"There are a lot of places for example in Europe where the opposite is true," said Kummu.

Migration from cities to rural areas was also observed in parts of Indonesia, Congo, Venezuela, and Pakistan. "Overall, migration is more complex than people tend to think," said Niva. "Our findings contribute to the discussion of where and how migration is happening - it's not actually a Euro-centric phenomenon, because most migration happens elsewhere in the world." "They don't really match the narrative that's repeated by the public about climate-induced migration," said Niva.

"When you look at the different factors together, the analysis shows that human development factors are more important drivers than climate," said Niva.

The new dataset, which the researchers produced by starting with sub-national death and birth ratios and scaling them down to 10-kilometre resolution, is openly available and can be easily explored through an online interactive map, they said.

Google Adds AI-Powered 'Proofread' Feature In Gboard; To Help Users Check Text For Spelling, Grammar

IANS

oogle has started to roll out an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered "Proofread" feature in Gboard for beta users.

The "Proofread" option appears in the keyboard's toolbar with Gboard version 13.4, which is currently in beta on Android, allowing users to have their text checked for spelling or grammar errors on the fly, all powered by generative AI, reports 9to5Google.

The feature appeared on our Pixel Fold as a "Fix it" prompt with Google's usual generative AI symbol. A pop-up then explains how proofreading works, with text being sent to Google for processing if you enable the feature.

"The text that's proofread will be sent to Google and temporarily processed to create grammar and writing suggestions," the popup message reads.

Users will be able to use the feature only if they accept these terms and conditions.

Tapping "Proofread" in Gboard's toolbar processes users' text and provides suggestions for spelling and grammar corrections, such as punctuation. Meanwhile, the "Fix it" button will appear alongside the suggestions and, when clicked, will automatically fix errors, the report said. Meanwhile, Google has announced to give its Android brand a new makeover, adopting "Android" with a capital A instead of all lowercase letters and updating the bug droid logo to a 3D avatar.

In addition to moving away from the lowercase stylisation of "android," the company is elevating the Android logo by capitalising the "A," adding more weight to its appearance when placed next to Google's logo.

Srinagar Municipal Corporation Office Of The Executive Engineer Right River Works Division

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FRESH SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER No. 15of 2023-2024

Dated: 08.09.2023

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Commissioner, e-tenders are invited on a percentage basis (as per the J&K PWD Engineering Manual 2020) from approved registered eligible Civil Contractors/ Self Help Groups for the below mentioned works.

Name of the Work	Adv.	Cost of 1/	Earnest	I ime of	Head of	Class	AA order No	1.S. Order No.
	cost in	Doc. in Rs.	Money	Completion	Account	of con-		dated
	lacs		(In Rs.)			tractor		
Development of park jinazagah at	3.20	245	6400	2 weeks	City Grants	DEE	Order No. 373 of 2023	19.00 dated:
Palpora					Parks		dated: 10.03.2023	26.04.2023
Development of public park near	3.15	240	6300	2 weeks	City Grants	DEE	Order No. 373 of 2023	22.00 dated:
Parray chowk at Noorbagh					Parks		dated: 10.03.2023	26.04.2023
Upgradation of public park at Bagh-	1.54	205	3080	2 weeks	City Grants	DEE	Order No. 373 of 2023	29.00 dated:
wanpora near marriage hall ward					Parks		dated: 10.03.2023	26.04.2023
No.37 Takanwari Abad Ward No.37								
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Position of AAA: Accorded, Technical Sanction: Accorded

The NIeT consists of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the date schedule given below:-

S. No.	Particulars	Date from to
1.	Date of publication of e-portal	11.09.2023
2.	Date of Downloading of bid documents for said NIeT	11.09.2023 from 10:00 AM
3.	Date of uploading of bid document / bid submission starts	11.09.2023 from 10:30AM
4.		18.09.2023 at 06:00 PM
5.	Date of Bid opening	19.09.2023 at 11:00 AM
6.	Date of Submission of Uploaded documents (Hard Copies) by Successful Bidder including	20.09.2023 up to 04:00 PM
	Bid Security (CDR/FDR), Tender document fee.	·

Note: - Fresh Date means the Documents Drawn after the issuance of said NIeT.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The intending tenders should attach a call deposit receipt equivalent to 2% of the total cost of the work shown against each work pledged to the Executive Engineer Right River Works Division, SMC, drawn from any scheduled Bank without which no tender will be entertained.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in the shape of Bank Receipt / challan as a tender fee paid in the Municipal Account No. 0216010200000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch Dood Ganga Balgarden, Srinagar payable at Srinagar (with NIT No and Serial No of work mentioned) and Earnest Money/bid security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Bank Receipt/ Challan and earned money/bid security should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date). The tender fees is non-refundable and can also be paid through online mode via NEFT/RTGS in favour of F./A/ Chief Accounts officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation with Bank Details as given below:

Name of the Bank: -Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. Balgarden, Srinagar Bank Account No: 0216010200000007 **JAKAOGARDEN** IFSC code: · MICR CODE: 190051008

For one particular work, only one bank Receipt / challan (not more than one) of the exact amount of tender fees (neither lesser nor greater) as shown against that particular work must be paid and uploaded with the tenders. The same tender fees paid and uploaded for a particular work should not be again used/uploaded for any other work in the Nie1 (i.e. one Bank Receipt / Bank Challan for one work only) Tender Fee and other relevant documents including Bid security (CDR/FDR) duly filled up, if found uploaded, with any ambiguity or un-attested correction/over writing for any work such tender/bid shall be considered as invalid bid and shall be out rightly rejected and action under rules shall be initiated.

Further use of pencil in writing (NIT No and S. No) on tender fees and EMD must be avoided. The participating agencies/ contractors are advised in their own interest not to resort to any cheating while submitting and uploading the tender document Fees or any

other document The bidders are requested to upload the coloured scanned copy of the following documents:

EMD in the shape of CDR and FDR.

Registration card and its latest renewal.
Verification of Registration Card from competent Authority

PAN Card. Correspondence Address of the Agency with active Mobile No.

Bank Account details (16-digit Bank Account No, Branch office, IFSC code)

Any other document required to be uploaded as per the NIeT. The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an E-mail message on their email address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the office of the Executive Engineer, Right River Works Division, SMC (Regal Lane, Lal Chowk Srinagar) or in the office of the Informatics officer, SMC (Karan Nagar Srinagar). In case of holidays/ offices happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, or there is any Nei problem the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

 The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
 The lowest successful bidder has to furnish 5% of the advertised cost as performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR. The performance security required as per NIT conditions shall be released after DLP is successfully over. Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR shall be released after performance security is received. The earnest money in favour of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Bank Receipts/challans.

The earnest money shall be forfeited, if: -Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any Modifications to the terms and conditions of the bid.

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process

Executive Engineer Right River Works Division Srinagar Municipal Corporation

Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Office of the Chairman State Level Purchase Committee, Sheep Husbandry Department, J&K, Srinagar (Directorate of Sheep Husbandry, Lalmandi, Srinagar)

e-Nit No:-DSHK/Acctts/23-24/273772

Dated:- 11.09.2023

E-Procurement Notice for the Supply of Shearing Machine & clipper/Shearing spares/Accessories for Shearing machine

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Union Territory of India, e-Tenders in two bid system (Technical-1 and Financial bid-2) through Chairman State Level Purchase committee, Sheep Husbandry Department, J&K, Kashmir (Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Department, Kashmir) are invited from suppliers of Shearing Spares/Accessories for Shearing machines. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of supply/contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the e-procurement website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule

Date of Issue of Tender Notice	11.09.2023
Period of downloading of bidding documents	12.09.2023 to 04.10.2023
Bid submission start date	12.09.2023
Bid submission end date	04.10.2023(2.00pm)
Date and time of opening of bids (online)	05.10.2023(2.00pm)

Instructions for bidders regarding e-tendering process: Bidders are advised to download bids submission manual from the "Downloads option as well as from Bidders Manual kit" on the website www.jktenders.gov.in to ac

To participate in bidding process bidder has to get a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), as per Information Technology ACT-2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from

The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with the Digital Signature. No bidding will be accepted in physical form. Bidd will be opened online as per the schedule mentioned at Para-1.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason. (Note: Scan all the documents on 100dpi with Black and White option.)

Chairman State Level Purchase Committee Sheep Husbandry Department Jammu & Kashmir

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Qazigund

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No.61 OF R&B/QAZIGUND/2023-24 /E-TENDERING/5730-45 DATED:09-09-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works: -

- 1	S. No	Name of Work	Estimated	Cost of I/	Larnest	I ime of	Major Head of	AAA No & Date	Class of
			Cost (Rs in	Doc. (in Rs)	Money (In	Comple-	Account		Contractor
ı			Lacs)		Rs)	tion			
Ī	1.	Construction of PCC drain including lay-	5.79	300	11580	550 Days	UT Sector	SE's order No. SE/R&B/Ang-Kul/	CEE & DEE
		ing of pipes on old stretch of Qazigund						AAA/38 of 2023-24 Dat-	Class
		Kulgam road from Ziyrath Sharief to						ed:10-08-2033	
l		Downwords.							
	2.	Construction of Feed and Medicine	57.89	1600	115780	210 Days	UT-Capex Bud-	AAA order No. 65/DSHK/Plan of	AAA Class
		Store at Govt Sheep Breeding Farm					get 2023-24	2023 Dated: 04-08-2023 and TS.	
		Kewa Qazigund Anantnag.						Order No. SE/Kul(R&B) 01 of 2023-	
l								24 Dated: 04-09-2023	
	3.	Upgradation of Malpora Lalipora	24.33	800	48660	550 Days	UT Sector	SE's order No. SE/R&B/Ang-Kul/	BEE & CEE
		Chirhama road incluidng Malpora						AAA/26 of 2023-24 Dat-	Class
l		Ziyarat Sharief						ed:08-08-2033	

Position of TS: Accorded.

DIPK-8601/23

dated: 11-09-2023

The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details

can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:									
S. No. Particulars	Dated								
Date of Issue of Tender Notice		09.09.2023							
2 Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	12.09.2023	(11:00 AM)						
	То	21.09.2023	(04:00 PM)						
3 Bid submission Start Date	From	12.09.2023	(11:00 AM) ´						
4 Bid Submission End Date	То	21.09.2023	(04:00 PM)						
5 Date and time of opening of bid (online)		22.09.2023	(11:00 AM) ´						
	In the office of Executive Fi	ngineer PWD(R&R) Division	ΩΔZIGLINΏ						

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division QAZIGUND [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Qazigund (Tender receiving Authority).

3. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division QAZIGUND (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division QAZIGUND must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document), EMD and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOO (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOO manually All Bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate/Acknowledge Receipt of GST Return Copy "FORM GSTR-3B" Latest Quarter April-June, Latest Month (August-2023)

The bidder at his owner responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission no of bid

All the documents relating to the bid shall be in English language.

Payment shall be made as per allocation/Funds released. (For item No.01&03) The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirement as laid down in NIT Performance Security shall be released after DLP is over successfully.

All other terms and conditions are assumes laid in PWD Form25. No.5730-45

DATED:11-09-2023

SD/= Executive Engineer, PW (R&B) Division QAZIGUND//

No: SMC/EERRWD/1360-1364 Dated:-11.09.2023

India Will Show The World A New Path On Biofuel Through GBA: Puri

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: India will show the world a new path on biofuels through Global Biofuels Alliance, stated Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs. Expressing his views through a series of posts on social media platform 'X' the Minister noted that following the mantra of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', this effort of Prime Minister Narendra Modi will definitely reduce the dependence on petrol and diesel across the world.

Creating history in the global energy sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) on the sidelines of the G20 Summit yesterday. 19 countries and 12 international organisations have already agreed to join the alliance.

GBA is an India-led Initiative to develop an alliance of Governments, International organizations and Industry to facilitate adoption of biofuels. Bringing together the biggest consumers and producers of biofuels to drive biofuels development and deployment, the initiative aims to position biofuels as a key to energy transition and contribute to jobs and economic growth.

Hardeep Puri observed that world's quest for cleaner & greener energy has gained historic momentum with launch of GBA on sidelines of the G20



Summit.

The Indian Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister expressed his gratitude to Ms Jennifer Granholm, Secretary of Department of Energy, US; Alexandre Silveira, Energy Minister of Brazil; & Dr Evandro Gussi President & CEO of UNICA Brazil for germinating the seeds of forming Global Biofuels Alliance.

Puri noted that the visionary Global Biofuels Alliance supported by G20 Nations & energy related global organisations like International Energy Agency (IEA), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), World Economic Forum (WEO), and World LPG Association among others will strengthen global biofuels trade & best practices allowing the members to successfully face the Energy Quadrilemma. This will bolster the transformation of our farmers from 'Annadatas to Urjadatas' as an additional source of income. In last 9 year we have given ₹71,600 cr to our farmers. With E20 implementation by 2025, India will save about ₹45,000 cr in oil imports & 63 MT of oil annually, he added.

BSE-Listed Firms' Mcap Touches Record High Of Rs 324 Lakh Crore

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The market capitalisation (mcap) of BSE-listed firms reached an all-time high of Rs 324.26 lakh crore on Monday as the Sensex regained the 67,000-mark, rallying for

the seventh day running.
The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 528.17 points, or 0.79 per cent, to settle at 67,127.08. During the day, it rallied 573.22 points, or 0.86 per cent, to

In seven days, the BSE benchmark has zoomed 2,295.67 points, or 3.54 per cent.

market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies jumped to a new high of Rs investors' wealth gaining Rs 14,67,416.68 crore in seven

The broader Nifty hit its alltime high of 20,008.15, gaining 188.2 points, or 0.94 per cent, during the day. It ended at 19,996.35, up 176.40 points or

0.89 per cent. "India's resilient growth in the face of global macroeconomic headwinds has given investors the confidence to maintain bullish bets and propelled the benchmark Nifty

past the 20K mark. "The seventh consecutive session of gains has come de-

spite persisting selling by foreign institutional investors and other vagaries like inflation, rising dollar, spiking US treasury yields and interest rate hike concerns," Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd, said.

While the undertone appears bullish, the market seems to be in an overbought position and hence caution may prevail going ahead, Chouhan said.

Among the Sensex firms, Axis Bank, Power Grid, Maruti, State Bank of India, Tata Motors, ITC, Nestle, and Mahindra & Mahindra were the major

Bajaj Finance and Larsen & Toubro were the laggards.

"The domestic markets gan the day on a positive note, bolstered by the historic consensus achieved at the G20 summit, which instilled confidence among investors," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geoiit Financial Services.

India on Saturday pulled off a big diplomatic win after the G20 summit adopted a consensus declaration overcoming major differences on the Russia-Ukraine war, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for ending "global trust deficit". Modi also announced that the African Union was admitted as G20's permanent member.

Saudi Arabia, India Sign **47 MoUs To Bolster Investment Landscape**

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia and India have signed a bilateral agreement to bolster the investment climate in both countries, said a senior minister at an ongoing investment meet in New Delhi.

Speaking at the India-Saudi Investment Forum in New Delhi, Badr Al-Badr, the deputy minister of investor outreach at the Saudi Ministry of Investment, said: "The Ministry of Investment of Saudi Arabia and Invest India have signed a bilateral agreement to strengthen mutual investment endeavors and have given the comfort zone to investors and traders to do more business."

The deputy minister further revealed that both nations signed 47 memorandums of understanding, including agreements between private and public sector undertakings.

"Saudi Arabia and India are the right fit for each other. Your demand is our supply, and our demand is your supply as well," said Al-Badr.

Al-Badr further urged Indian investors and businessmen to invest in the Kingdom.

"You know Saudi Arabia as a long-term global superpower in traditional energy. But you now know that we developed into something much more than that. Our dynamic transformations have been created under the framework of Vision 2030," said the deputy minister.

He added: "Our Saudi companies are excellent potential partners for you because of their capabilities, capacities, scale, knowledge, financial strength and experience. You

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Director Agri-

culture Kashmir, Chowdhury

Mohammad Iqbal Monday

inaugurated seven days di-

visional level training pro-

gramme (DLTP) on scientific

beekeeping under(NBHM) at

Agriculture Complex Lalman-

The inaugural session of

the week-long training pro-

gramme was attended by

Chief Agriculture Officer Sri-

nagar, Assistant Entomologist,

students and large number of

Addressing the inaugural

session, the Director high-

lighted the importance of

small scale Agri-Cottage in-

dustries including beekeep-

ing, mushroom cultivation

and other allied activities in

the overall development of

agriculture sector. He said the

di Srinagar.

beekeepers.



great business partners and solution providers.

Improving trade ties

The deputy minister further said that trade ties between Saudi Arabia and India are growing at a robust rate, with the worth of Indian exports to Saudi Arabia hitting \$10.7 billion in 2022 from \$5.6 billion

Saudi exports to India between 2018 and 2022 also recorded a significant growth. The deputy minister continued it reached \$42 billion in 2022 compared to \$26 billion in 2018.

"This export growth was achieved during a period of pandemic, energy shocks, geopolitical upheavals, food security challenges, high inflation, environmental challenges and supply chain issues. Despite the challenges, the economy of Saudi Arabia has grown and diversified over the six and half years,'

added Al-Badr. Indian delegation echoed the sentiment, stating that it felt the time was right to develop the bilateral

main aim of organising such

training programmes is to

promote entrepreneurial cul-

ture among the farmers and

educated youth of the region.

agriculture diversification

is the key to reduce, risk in

farming activities and hence

beekeeping has emerged as

one of the important tools

which not only enhances

agricultural income of the

farming community but also

secures it against changes in

Director Agriculture ex-

pressed satisfaction and said

many people, mostly educat-

ed youth are able to earn their

livelihood, because of honey

bee colonies. With time, more

and more young men and

women are turning towards

beekeeping. He said the bee-

keeping forms the potential

part of integrated farming

climate and soil resources.

Chowdhury Iqbal said the

strength and economic power. 'The time is right, and the

time is now. Forever, we knew the strength and power of Saudi Arabia, and you knew what India stood for. So far, we were thinking with our minds, and now, we are thinking with our minds and hearts," said Invest India CEO Nivruti Rai at the event.

In January, the Saudi Investment Ministry pumped in \$1 billion in India's UPL Ltd. that produces and markets agrochemicals and offers crop protection solutions. The agreement was signed on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

According to industry reports, this large investment is expected to bring specialized agricultural chemicals production within the Kingdom.

The ISIF in New Delhi is seeking to explore investment opportunities across information and communications technology, entrepreneurship, chemicals, energy and advanced manufacturing

and could play an important

role in increasing the farmers

Director said that beekeep-

ing as an off- farm activity has

a potential of employment

generation due to wide agro-

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The DLTP that began today

It is important to mention

that the National Beekeeping

and Honey Mission (NBHM)

aims at promoting bee-keep-

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SRINAGAR: Commissioner Secretary, Skill Development Department (SDD), Saurabh Bhagat

The Commissioner Secretary made these remarks while chairing a meet to review the progress on implementation of various schemes by Jammu and Kashmir Skill Development

The meeting was attended by Mission Director, JKSDM, Leena Padha; Special Secretary, SDD, FA/CÂO SDD, and other concerned officers both in person and through video



Hold Camps To Register All Eligible Pension Beneficiaries: CS

Reiterates the pro-people attitude of govt for giving highest priority to beneficiary oriented schemes meant for poor

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Monday, while reviewing the beneficiary oriented schemes implemented by the Social Welfare Department, impressed upon its officers to work in a mission mode and hold camps at village level to register eligible beneficiaries for old age/widow/specificallyabled pension in their favour.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Director Social Welfare, Kashmir/ Jammu, District Social Welfare Officers (DSWOs) besides other concerned officers of the Department.

During the meeting the Chief Secretary maintained that the administration is pro-poor and has their welfare on top of its agenda. He underscored the need of reaching to these needy people as it is the primary objective of the Department.

He mentioned that during his interactions with the people he came across demands regarding the issuance of pension from the Department. He stated that it is the right of these eligible old aged people to claim their rights and the administration is duty bound to provide them same in a time bound manner.

He directed them to collaborate with the Revenue Department and complete verification of all the pending cases within a week's time. He told them to declare a time table in a day or two for such camps and widely publish it for information of all the concerned. He urged them that no eligible person should be left out and those cases verified should be provided pension forthwith.

He told them to settle the pension cases of at least 1 lakh beneficiaries by next two weeks and complete all the pendencies by the end of month. He also asked them to work for release of their accumulated arrears therefrom in a phased manner.

Dr Mehta further stressed on distribution of benefits among the deserving population only. He asked for providing of PHH ration cards among the most deserving population as per the criteria laid down. He made out that no complaints should be there regarding exclusion of eligible beneficiaries. He urged them that merit should be the only criteria to categorize people in these hierarchies.

MES Can Lead J&K To New Era Of Development: Bhagat



Monday remarked that Modular Employable Skills (MES) can lead Jammu and Kashmir to new era of development as this will amplify employability av-

Mission (JKSDM).

conferencing.

During the meeting, Saurabh Bhagat held a comprehensive review of the various schemes and initiatives undertaken JKS-

DM and assessed the progress, achievements, and challenges faced by the JKSDM to empower the youth of Jammu and Kashmir with relevant skills and employment opportunities.

Addressing the officers, the Commissioner Secretary remarked that skilling is an important way to make youth more employable He lighted that Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha is very keen on skilling of youth and is personally monitoring the progression of skilling components across Jammu and Kashmir.

Saurabh Bhagat emphasized upon the officers to maintain convergence with other departments for bridging the skill gap and enhancing employability avenues for the youth of J&K. He called upon the officers

to devise an action plan for collecting the data of youth identified during Back to Village programmes and trained under different schemes of SDD.

India, UK For Early Conclusion Of Free Trade Pact

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India and the UK on Monday expressed their commitment to an early conclusion of the free trade agreement (FTA) between the two countries.

Addressing a joint press con-ference with UK Chancellor of Exchequer Jeremy Hunt, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said both sides intend to expedite the free trade agreement.

"There is definitely some discussion on the FTA, especially the investment aspects, which comes under the finance ministry, and the intention on both the sides to expedite the discussion so that some quick agreement could lead to finally signing," she said at the conclusion of the 12th India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue.

So, the keenness on both sides is to conclude the comprehensive free trade agreement between India and the UK as soon as possible, she said.

Talking about the meeting, she said the deliberations en-

secure inclusive growth and resilience, advancing climate action and forging partnerships through technology and infrastructure partnership. The UK has expressed its

compassed collaborations to

willingness to further expand its footprint in the IFSC-Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) and foster robust Fintech partnership, the minister said. Sitharaman also said the success of the UK-India Green Growth Equity Fund is a testament to the efficacy of public-private partnerships in channelling large-scale sustainable finance.

Both countries announced the launch of the UK India Infrastructure Financing Bridge, a collaborative venture co-led by the Niti Aayog and City of London Corporation to harness collective expertise in planning and implementing major infrastructure projects

The minister said emerging technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and India's new Digital Personal

Data Protection Act offer ample opportunities for both nations to collaborate on frameworks for secure and inclusive financial intermediation.

Post-meeting, the UK Chancellor of Exchequer appreciated the efforts being made for the direct listing of Indian companies on the London Stock Exchange (LSE).

"We are particularly pleased to have made a big step forward with the first confirmation by India that it will explore the LSE as an international destination for the direct listing of Indian

"Alongside that, there is a new Pensions and Insurance Partnership, the establishment of knowledge and expertisesharing, and the new UK Infrastructure Financing Bridge and a deepened partnership on the developmental GIFT City. So, we can really support each other's plans to strengthen the relationship and the way the next step of this is a comprehensive FTA and Bilateral Investment Treaty," Hunt said.

Delhi Top City For IPhone **Enthusiasts: Report**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Delhi has emerged as the top city for iPhone enthusiasts as it beats the second in the chart, Mumbai, with a mammoth "182 per cent" more iPhone purchases this year so far, reveals a new report.

The research, "iPhone unboxed" conducted by consumer electronics store chain Croma, found "47 per cent growth" in iPhone sales in Delhi from 2020 to 2021 and rose to "106 per cent" from 2021 to 2022 in

Interestingly, Mumbai, while second in iPhone purchases, also experienced a significant iPhone wave, with over a "tenfold increase" in 2022, according to the report. The list was followed by Pune, Bengaluru,

and Hyderabad, with growth percentages of 198 per cent, 221 per cent, and 132 per cent, respectively, from 2021 to 2022.

The findings by Croma are based on the purchase patterns of Croma consumers throughout the year and close observations of post-purchase usage trends. The iPhone unboxed not only gives the highlights of the past few years but also sets the tone ahead of Apple's forthcoming event on September 12th," read the report.

Byjus Proposes Sale Of Overseas Units To Repay USD 1.2 Bn Loan

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Ed-tech titan Byjus is looking to sell its overseas ventures Epic and Great Learning to pay back its entire USD 1.2 billion (Rs 9,956 crore) loan to lenders, a source familiar with the matter said.

The ed-tech decacorn has been in discussions with the lenders and has made a proposal to clear its Term B loan, the source said. Byju's hopes to garner be-

tween USD 800 million to USD 1 billion from the sale of Epic, the US-based kids learning firm, and Great Learning - the upskilling platform.

The firm is also working on raising fresh capital from equity sales, and is working with bankers for the sale of the aforementioned key assets to strategic investors -- which has also garnered

interest, the source said. An email sent to the edtech platform for comments



remained unanswered. India's most-valued start-

up is hoping to repay the entire USD 1.2 billion term loan B (TLB) in under six months. Of this, it is proposing to repay USD 300 million in the next three months.

Lenders have not yet responded to the proposal.

Byju's in November 2021 raised USD 1.2 billion in debt through a term loan facility (TLB) from a group of overseas investors. A TLB is a type of senior secured syndicated credit facility that is issued by global institutional investors. Typically, the proceeds from a TLB are used to either refinance an existing debt or to make overseas acquisitions in order to enhance a company's offerings.

Byju's had acquired Aakash USD 950 million in

In July this year, the steering committee of ad hoc term loan lenders is reported to have agreed to amend the USD 1.2 billion term loan.

The development comes after the company formed an advisory council with ex-Infosys CFO Mohandas Pai and Bharatpe Chairman and former SBI chief Rajnish Kumar after the exit of investors G V Ravishankar of Sequoia Capital (now Peak XV Partners), Vivian Wu of Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and Russell Dreisenstock of

Byjus had acquired Epic in a USD 500 million cash-andstock deal in May 2022.

Auto Wings Toyota Srinagar Runs Test Drive Of HILUX



Srinagar: Autowings Toyota Srinagar organized Toyota Hilux Boot at Kashmir first off road track at Nowgam Srinagar under the supervision of experts certified by Toyota.

The event was inaugurated by DDC Vice chairman Srinagar. The aim of the event was to get its esteemed customers experience the test drive at tough terrain to feel and experience the power and capacity of Toyota Hilux more than 150 customers participated.

Speaking on the launch Mr Younis Bashir (CEO, Autowings Toyota) said "we are extremely delighted by the launch the HILUX which is known for its unbreakable reputation with 20 million hilux owner's all across globe ,it is combination of power pack, sophistication and style makes a bold statement whether it is your regular commute during the week or your off road adventure during weekend, powered by 2.75 L BS -V1 engine with both option of (4*4) manual/automatic transmission with power output of 204 ps and torque output of 500 Nm, water wading capacity of 700 mm (2.29 ft) ,EMBEDED WITH SAFTEY FEATURES like VCS vehicle stability control with brake assist, HAC (Hill Assistcontrol), 7 SRS Airbags,

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Cease-fire declared after days of intense fighting in Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp

Sidon: An "immediate and lasting cease-fire" was declared on Monday after a top Lebanese general met with officials from rival Palestinian factions, following days of fighting in Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp, which left several people dead and dozens wounded.

It was the latest in a series of cease-fires that only lasted for hours before fighting erupted again.

It was not clear if this truce will hold and whether rival groups will abide by it.

The announcement was made in Beirut by the General Security Directorate.

Gunfire and explosions were heard throughout the day inside the Ein el-Hilweh refugee camp, claiming the life of one person. Stray bullets and shells hit residential areas in the country's third-largest city.

The fighting that broke out Thursday night after nearly a month of calm in Ein el-Hilweh refugee camp near the port city of Sidon between Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah group and militant Islamist groups has left six people dead and more than 50 wounded according to medical officials and state media.

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, shared its own tally on Sunday saying four people were killed and 60 others wounded.

Clashes erupted as Fatah and other allied militant factions in the camp had intended to crack down on suspects accused of killing Fatah military general, Abu Ashraf al Armoushi, in the camp in late July.

One of the men suspected of being involved in Armoushi's killing, Izzedine Abu Dawoud, critically wounded Monday inside the camp and rushed to hospital where doctors announced him as "clinically dead," Lebanese security



officials said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

Stray bullets hit the municipality building in Sidon damaging windows without hurting anyone, the state-run National News Agency said.

The public Lebanese University was closed and the Lebanese Army closed off the main highway that links Beirut with southern Lebanon near the camp and traffic was directed toward a coastal road due to the fighting.

"The city is suffering. The civilians in the camp are suffering," Lebanese legislator who represents Sidon Abdul-Rahman Bizri said in an interview with The Associated Press. He added that the fighting may continue for the coming days with "no clear winner or loser ... because the balance of power in the camp is very difficult and delicate."

The Lebanese military said Sunday night that five soldiers were wounded after three shells hit an army checkpoint surrounding the camp, with one in a critical condition.

"We will not stand idle with what is happening in Ein el-Hilweh," warned Maj. Gen. Elias al-Baysari head of the General Security Directorate in an interview with a local newspaper published Monday. "The situation in the camp is unbearable," he said. Al-Baysari later Monday hosted a meeting at his office in Beirut that included officials from several Palestinian factions to discuss the possibility of a new truce.

After the meeting ended, the cease-fire was declared as well as a call to hand over the suspects in Armoushi's killing to Lebanese authorities. The statement by General Security Directorate gave no further details.

Two of the combatting groups Sunday said they would abide by a cease-fire, though Fatah did not officially respond to those claims. It was unclear if a decision was reached during the meeting.

Ein el-Hilweh home to some 55,000 people according to the United Nations is notorious for its lawlessness, and violence is not uncommon in the camp. It was established in 1948 to house Palestinians who were displaced when Israel was established.

UNRWA said hundreds of families displaced from the camp have taken shelter in nearby mosques, schools and the Sidon municipality building.

Earlier this summer, street battles in the Ein el-Hilweh between Fatah and members of the extremist Jund al-Sham group and Shabab al-Muslim lasted for several days, leaving 13 people dead and dozens wounded, and ended after an uneasy truce was put in place on August 3.

Goyal siphoned off money abroad via trusts, says court citing probe, extends his ED custody

Mumbai: Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal, arrested in an alleged Rs 538 crore bank fraud case, siphoned off funds from India to overseas by creating various trusts and used them to buy properties, a special court here noted on Monday, citing investigation carried out so far by the ED.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) told the special court set up under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) that maximum money that was siphoned off has been stacked in foreign accounts.

Goyal (74), whose ED custody was extended till September 14 by the court in a money laundering case linked to the alleged bank fraud of Rs 538 crore at state-run Canara Bank, told the judge he was ailing and needs to be hospitalised.

The veteran businessman, who once operated India's top private airline, claimed the aviation sector runs on the basis of bank loans and all the funds cannot be termed as laundering.

The promoter of the now grounded airline told the court, in person, that his health condition was poor and his body was aching.

"Can't move my shoulder, knee I cried the whole night, could die because of this situation, would like to be admitted to a hospital, an emotional Goyal told the judge.

Goyal was arrested by the ED on September 1 under the PMLA following a long session of questioning at the central agency's office here.

He was produced before special judge for cases under PMLA, MG Deshpande, at the end of his initial remand on Monday. The central probe agency sought his custody for another four days.

The ED told the court that maximum money that was siphoned off has been stacked in foreign accounts and there is a person in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to look after it and further investigation was needed into the matter. Goyal, represented by advocates Abbad Ponda, Amit Desai and Amit Naik, argued that he didn't take any loans on his or family's name or stood as a guarantor for them. Desai argued that a significant

amount of bank loan taken (by Jet Airways) prior to 2011 was used for acquiring Sahara Airlines and added 'This is a historical event in business."

"Not just Jet Airways, other airlines, too, are in a crisis. The aviation sector runs on the basis of funding from banks; all these cannot be termed as laundering,' Desai submitted.

There is a crisis in the economy and that is why he defaulted in mak-

ing some repayments, he added. The court, in its order, said statements of the accused prima facie indicate that he has avoided giving details of all his bank accounts as well as movable and immovable properties in India and abroad. When he was interrogated about these details, Goyal referred to one Hasmukh Gardi, a UAE resident whom he had given power of attorney. Therefore, his (Gardi's) confrontation with the accused is necessary and the ED has taken active steps for the same, the court noted.

The court further stated that various statements and materials collected during the previous ED remand have revealed the accused has created various trusts abroad and through them he purchased multiple immovable properties.

The money for those trusts is nothing but the proceeds of crime (POC) siphoned off from India to àbroad, the judge said.

Investigation has further revealed Goyal had purchased highvalue properties in Mumbai and subsequently sold the same. He also formed a web of companies in India through which he has acquired a lot of immovable assets, the court stated, citing the probe so far.

All this prima facie indicates that there was remarkable progress in the investigation undertaken by the ED in previous remand and hence it is seeking extension of the accused's custody to ascertain the end use of the POC, it said.

"If the prayer is rejected the same work will get paralyzed Hence, I am satisfied that the prayer made by the ED is genuine," the court said while extending Goyal's custody till September 14.

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JKPC Says BBC

the statement circulated by the group said. The BBC's report suggests a stifling atmosphere for journalists in Kashmir, alleging threats and arrests for unbiased coverage attempts.

"The JKPC firmly rebuts these claims, asserting that there are no such instances of harassment or restrictions on press freedom within the region", the statement further said . "The use of the phrase 'Any story could be your last' is deemed baseless and misleading by the JKPC, as thousands of journalists work in the valley without issue or restriction", it

"The JKPC emphasized that individuals arrested on charges of aiding and abetting terror, including some self-proclaimed journalists found in possession of hand grenades. were currently within the jurisdiction of the legal system". The JKPC has urged that cases be adjudicated through proper judicial channels rather than subjected to a media trial.

It accused the BBC of propagating a "malicious narrative borrowed from secessionist ideology, relying on unverified allegations and biased sources" adding the report "not only lacks the journalistic integrity expected from a reputable news outlet but also misrepresents the ground reality in Kashmir".

The body alleged that the article reflects a complete lack of editorial integrity and due diligence, violating the fundamental tenets of editorial ethics and integrity. "Every word in the report is believed to have severely damaged the morale of journalists in Kashmir. As such, the JKPC unequivocally demands that the BBC withdraw its story and issue an unconditional apology to the media fraternity of Kashmir", the statement added.

BJP Issues Show

a senior leader of the party...it has come to notice of disciplinary committee of Jammu Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party, unfortunately, that you are indulging in anti-party activities and showing marked indiscipline in your political dealings," the notice read.

Disciplinary committee chairperson Sunil Sethi also accused Yousuf of trying to trigger dissent in the party along with a few others.

...now your audio recording clip has surfaced whose content depicts that you have no regard for party discipline and high principles which are basis of political ideology of the party," Sethi said.

Yousuf was directed to submit his reply within seven days, explaining why action should not be taken against him.

"You are further directed not to interact with the media directly or indirectly on any issue including these proceedings till the proceedings are pending," the notice read.

Clean, Transparent

the important role and contribution of Account Service Officers in inclusive development and growth.

Finance and Account Services are not only the watchdog of accountability as far as government expenditure is concerned but they are also promoter and facilitator of all-round development, he added.

Sinha shared the financial reforms taken up by J&K Administration in recent years which have brought greater transparency and accountability to the financial system, making it more robust and outcome-oriented.

"Accountability and transparency is the soul of good governance. With complete dedication and commitment, we have ensured timely and expeditious implementation of development projects, direct benefit to common man, and social and regional imbalances have been removed," he said.

'India Is New Hope

Chhatra Samman Samaroh organized by Amar Ujala Group here on Monday, the LG also asked the youth to be future-ready and prepare themselves for the opportunities and challenges coming their way.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration is historic and path-breaking. India is the new hope for the world. The young generation must utilize this opportunity to make the 21st Century India's Century,"

He congratulated and extended his best wishes to the meritorious students of class 10th and 12th who have been honoured with this year's award. He also congratulated the girl students for outshining the boys in the

"The successes of our daughters and the greater share in Gold Medals at all levels have attracted the attention of the entire country. I am confident, with hard work and determination, they will be trailblazers of future economic growth and prosperity in J&K UT," the LG said.

Highlighting the need to develop the educational institutions as a centre of innovation. ideas and lifelong learning, Sinha said the student-centric and Outcome-based education will empower the young generation to learn new skills and unlock success in the dynamic world.

He called upon the teaching community to motivate the students to realize their inner ability and explore their individuality.

"Teachers' job is to stimulate real and unique strength of the students so they can develop new ideas, solve problems, exploit future opportunities, learn to be creative and their power of mind can be utilized for the greater good of humanity," Sinha said.

Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, JMC; Bharat Bhushan, Chairman District Development Council, Jammu; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Vice Chancellors of various Universities; Editors and members of Amar Ujala Group; public representatives; teachers, students and their parents were present.

'India Has Shown Strategic Strength'

Earlier speaking in Jammu LG asserted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the country has witnessed major push for Aatmanirbharta in Defence.

Sinha made these remarks while attending

the North-Tech Symposium-2023 being held at Jagti Campus of IIT here on Monday.

The LG observed that the three-day mega event will showcase cutting-edge technological advancements of the Indian Army and forge a synergy between Army, Industry and Academia in research, development and innovation in Defence technologies.

At the expo, he also talked about India's emergence as a defence exporter and selfreliance in Defence Production.

"Under the leadership of Pri Narendra Modi, the country has witnessed a major push for Aatmanirbharta in Defence. We are a responsible space power and have shown our strategic strength," Sinha said, adding that the launch of INS Vikrant last year vindicated our resolve to develop indigenous

The LG further said that India's arms imports have reduced significantly in the last 4-5 years and defence exports have reached an all-time high in the last financial year.

"It shows our commitment to innovation and Indigenous technology development," he

"The Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh have set the target of achieving 70 percent Aatmanirbharta in weaponry by 2027, which is providing unlimited opportunities to private industries, MSMEs and tech startups. It signals our steadfast commitment to self-reliance," he added.

On the occasion, the LG congratulated and expressed his gratitude to the Armed Forces for complete devotion to the motherland and determination to strengthen national

He said the rapid advancements in technology also called for new innovations in defence

"Our greater thrust on Research & Development, innovation for defence excellence will ensure India is fully prepared for Future Warfare," he added.

The North-Tech Symposium provides a platform to the Army, academia, manufacturers, entrepreneurs, experts and key stakeholders to identify unique solutions to meet the Army's operational requirements, while promoting self-reliance in defence production and technology proliferation.

The symposium will feature exhibitions, product launches, structured interactions and technical seminars.

Earlier, the LG congratulated the Northern Command, Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and IIT Jammu for jointly hosting hundreds of Industries and defence tech startups and making this year's North-Tech Symposium a unique experience with their collaboration.

"It is a proud moment for Academia as for the first time since its inception North-Tech Symposium, defence expo is being held in IIT Jammu," he added.

Lieutenant General M. V. Suchindra Kumar, Vice Chief of Army Staff; Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, GOC-in-C Northern Command; Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, GOC 15 Corps; Prof Manoj S Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu; Dr Sunil Misra,

Director General, Society for Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM); senior officers of Army, Police, Civil Administration, members of SIDM, industry leaders, students and young entrepreneurs were present on this occasion.

Heat Wave In

Same weather is likely to prevail for a week. People, especially elderly and children are advised to drink lots of water and keep themselves hydrated," the Meteorological Centre

"Climatologically also, September receives least rainfall in the year, although exceptions are there e.g. September 2014," the IMD said in reference to the devastating floods nine years ago that hit the valley.

According to the IMD data, Srinagar on Sunday recorded a maximum temperature of 32.9 degrees Celsius, which was 4.7 degrees above normal.

This is the highest maximum temperature recorded in the city in September since 2005. While the mercury soared to 33.4 degrees Celsius on September 6, 2005, the highest day temperature or 35 degrees Celsius was recorded on 18 September 1934.

Gulmarg in north Kashmir recorded 24 degrees Celsius, which was 4.9 degrees above normal and the hottest day at the tourist resort since 27 September 2009.

Qazigund in south Kashmir recorded a high of 32.4 degrees Celsius, which was five degrees above normal and the hottest September day since 2019.

Govt Transfers

office of Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gurez.

"He shall also hold the additional charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Gurez, till further orders," reads the order.

has been transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, Jammu (South), against an available vacancy Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department, has been transferred and post-

ed as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat,

Chander Kant Bhagat, JKAS, DPO, Poonch,

Baramulla, vice Gulzar Ahmad, JKAS, who has been asked to await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department. Yasmeen Jan, JKAS, Private Secretary in the Information Technology Department, has been transferred and posted as Personnel Officer, Associated Hospitals, Srinagar, vice Shaheena Khan, JKAS, who has been asked

to await father orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department. Further Ms. Anju Anand, JKAS, Assistant Settlement Officer, Jammu, shall hold the additional charge of the post of Sub Registrar, R.S. Pura, till further orders, relieving Ms. Seema Parihar, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, R.S. Pura of the additional charge of the post.

Meanwhile, as per a separate order, Rouf Ahmad Lone, Jr. Scale JKAS, Tehsildar, D.H. Pora, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary to the Government, Home Department.

Mess Scuffle:

of the report received and with the approval of the competent authority, it has been reported that some of the students have created nuisance and continuously indulging in deplorable activities. Any such kind of discipline cannot be allowed. It has therefore been decided to put the following students pending enquiry under suspension with immediate effect. This office order is in continuation of previous office orders in the aforesaid context," reads the office report, copy of which is with the Kashmir Observer.

The students who have been placed under suspension have been identified as Adnan Favaz, Mohammad Asif Khuja, Izhan Parvaiz, Ozair Imtiyaz, Sajad Ali Dar, Suhail Shafi, Abu Shahid Sheikh, Kamran Ahmad Parray, Yashpal Singh Rathore Faizan Akber, Aatif Bashir, Abrar Farooq, Mohammad Mudasir Bhat. Amaan Parvaiz Khan, Anish Jaiswal, KH Anees Mustafa, Malik Waseem, Adil Aijaz, Prashant Gaurav, Jitesh Kumar, Amresh Kumar, Krishanpal Sharma, Zafar Hussain, Shivam Kumar, Rayendra Tomar and Anurag

The suspended students, report said, have been asked not to attend the classes or enter varsity premises till further orders while concerned officers including Security Officer and Hostel Wardens have been asked to ensure strict compliance of the directions.

"Above students shall not be allowed to attend the classes and also not allowed to enter in the varsity premises till further orders. Concerned Deans, Heads of Departments and, security Officer and Hostel Wardens will ensure strict compliance," the report

Curbs On Civilian

even basis after the 2019 Pulwama attack as the highway was under construction besides there was no barrier in between the road. Civilian traffic movement was suspended whenever there was a movement of security forces convoy," Bidhuri told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

He said the restrictions that were put in place on the highway will be completely withdrawn and that the people will not face any inconvenience hereafter.

The government, Div Com said, paid more attention towards NH-44 in view of the difficulties faced by the common masses and eventually decided to remove all curbs according to the security scenario and the convenience of the general population.

He said the security agencies have been reviewing the situation and that the decision in this direction will be implemented soon.

"It's a matter of contentment for everyone including valley fruit growers and the general masses. There would be no restrictions on the movement of heavy motor vehicles (trucks) on the national highway-44, nor would the truckers face any inconvenience henceforth," Div Com added.

India Beat Pakistan By 228 Runs After Kohli, Rahul Make Mincemeat Of Opposition Bowling

COLOMBO: India beat Pakistan by 228 runs in an Asia Cup Super Four match here on Monday.

Virat Kohli returned to his recordbreaking ways with his 47th ODI ton while KL Rahul dispelled all doubts over his fitness with a scintillating hundred and powered India to a mammoth 356 for 2 against a hapless

Chasing the mammoth target, Pakistan lost Imam-ul-Haq in fifth over and skipper Babar Azam in 11th over. Mohammad Rizwan was third one to depart.

Rain stopped the play after the 11th over of Pakistan's chase.

Pakistan resumed their chase after rain stopped. No overs were lost. Fakhar Zaman was fourth batter to fall. Soon, Pakistan lost their fifth wicket as Salman Agha departed at 96. Shadab Khan was sixth batter to be dismissed. He became third victim of Kuldeep Yadav.

Yadav caught and bowled Iftikhar Ahmed, adding one more wicket to

Earlier, Kohli also became the fastest to reach 13,000 runs in the format as he closed down on Sachin Tendulkar's world record 49 ODI centuries.



The contemporary legend's love affair with R Premadasa Stadium con-

tinued as his unbeaten 122 off 94 balls was his fourth hundred on trot at this

verv venue. Kohli's hundred did not overshad-

hundred -- a chiselled 106-ball-111 not out in a superb 233-run stand for the unconquered third wicket.

The highly-rated Pakistan bowling attack lay in tatters and was hamstrung on the day due to absence of their fastest man Haris Rauf, who didn't turn up due to an injury.

Shaheen Shah Afridi, considered to be India's biggest threat was taken to the cleaners by India's top four as he leaked 79 runs in his 10 overs.

Overall, the Pakistani bowlers struggled to contain the opposition batters, who hit 37 boundaries and nine sixes in all.

India started the innings, which was suspended on Sunday because of rain, at 147 for two in 24.1 overs, as Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill had given them early momentum with fifties.

But there was no ennui surrounding the Indian batting, and they maintained a run rate close to 7.

Rahul's innings might have been particularly heartening for the team management. He might have batted well in the match simulation process at the NCA, but here the 31-year-old proved his readiness for bigger battles with an ebullient innings against a top opposition.

At the other end, Kohli was a little slow to get off the blocks, sussing up the conditions and also allowing space to Rahul to slot himself into his gear.

But once settled, Kohli bruised the Pakistan attack as only he can.

As he was the previous day, pacer Naseem Shah (0/53 in 9.2 overs) was the most threatening of Pakistan bowlers as others largely struggled to hit the right button.

They were also hit hard by the absence of Rauf, who did not enter the field after suffering an oblique muscle pull while bowling yesterday.

It meant that Pakistan had to use part-time off-spinner Iftikhar Ahmed longer than they would have liked.

However, Kohli and Rahul were not complaining. There were sparkling shots all around as one would expect from two of the finest shot-makers

Kohli conjured his drives, on-the-up shots and pulls out of the draw, while Rahul's swat-flick six off leg-spinner Shadab Khan (1/71 in 10 overs) was worth freezing inside a frame among an array of on-side shots.

Rahul completed his hundred in as many balls, and Kohli went past the mark in 84 balls as Pakistan wilted under tremendous pressure.

Baramulla Wins U-14 Inter District Handball C'ship

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: Baramulla emerged champions of the Under-14 Inter District Provincial Handball Championship on Monday, clinching the title with a commanding score of 20-3.

The competition came to an electrifying conclusion with the final showdown between District Baramulla and Bandipora at the Indoor Stadium Khawaja Bagh here, with Baramulla emerging victorious. This stellar performance has earned them the privilege of representing their district

at the divisional level competition. This remarkable event was organised under the directions of Waseem Raja, Joint Director Youth Services & Sports Kashmir, and proudly hosted by the District Youth Services and Sports Department Baramulla.

The final ceremony was an affair filled with pride and jubilation, graced by the Jatinder Singh DYSSO Baramulla, along with all Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs) of the department. The momentous occasion saw the deserving winners and gallant runners-up being honored with trophies and certificates, symbolizing their dedication and sportsmanship.

The excitement continues as today promises yet another thrilling spectacle, with the Handball tournament for Under-17 boys set to unfold at the same venue.



Srinagar Premier League: FC1 Play 1-1 Draw With AG's Office



SRINAGAR: FC1 and AG's Office XI played a thrilling game in the Srinagar Premier League 2023 on Monday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

Th high voltage matchup between wo exciting teams kicked off at 7:00 PM under TRC floodlights. While, AG's Office was led by veteran midfielder Shahnawaz Bashir, FC1 were captained by J&K's foremost footballing talent Asrar Rehbar.

The game kicked off with both teams creating opportunities, with AG's Office taking the lead in 11th minute. FC1, undefeated in the Srinagar Premier Division League, went looking for an equalizer and found one in the 30th minute.

With everything to play in the second

half, both teams went for the deciding goal. However, both defences stayed intact as the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Monday's Game 1 was supposed to be played between Downtown Heroes FC and LoneStar Kashmir FC. However, since LSKFC decided to withdraw from the league due to the club's differences with the J&K Football Association, the game against Downtown Heroes was

The league, organised by DFA Srinagar in collaboration with IKFA and JKSC, also released its fixtures list for Round 14 matches.

Tuesday, September 12, will see Ali Jana FC play SCFA Srinagar, with kick off at 8:30 AM. In the second game of the day, Kashmir Avengers FC will take on Novelty FC at 7:00 PM.

After Dal & Nigeen, Manasbal **Lake Adopts Water Sports**

Agencies

GANDERBAL: After Dal and Nigeen lakes in Srinagar, the Manasbal Lake in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district has also embraced water sports.

Both Dal and Nigeen are top water skiing destinations in Jammu & Kashmir.

Water skiing is going on in Manasbal and the initiative is aimed at boosting tourism in the district.

"The water skiing began on September 1 and will continue till the end of the month. Three batches from across the country participate and each batch contains 20 participants. Hence, 60 adventure sportspersons got training in three different batches," an of-

Anjali, a water skiing trainee, while talking to news agency KNO said, "It feels great to be part of this adventurous sport; our coaches guide us very well." Rahul from Delhi said it

was his first experience and he feels adventurous and refreshed. "Our batch started from September 1st and shall conclude on 10th," he said.

Saba, a trainee from Srinagar said, "Since it was started by IISM last year, it has become a good platform to unlock the potential of the youth. This also boosts tourism of Manasbal.'

An official said that water skiing was started by the Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering (IISM) last

"We trained 60 participants in two batches including trainees from various states of the country," he said.

This year we intend to train 60 participants in three batches with 10 days for each batch, the official said.



TIMELINE - Novak Djokovic's Run To Record 24 Grand Slam Titles

Reuters

NEW YORK: Novak Djokovic beat Daniil Medvedev in the U.S. Open final on Sunday to win a 24th Grand Slam singles title and equal Margaret Court's record haul. The following is a timeline charting how Djokovic surpassed both Roger Federer and Rafa Nadal.

2003: Federer became the newest entrant in the Grand Slam club with the first of his eight Wimbledon titles, beating Mark Philippoussis in the final. Tally: Federer 1

2004: The Swiss player flexed his muscles by winning three majors, the Australian Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, losing in the third round of the French Open. Tally: Fe-

2005: Federer defended his Wimbledon and U.S. Open crowns, while Nadal burst on to the scene with his first French Open title, beating Mariano Puerta in the final. Tally: Federer

2006: Federer enjoyed another trophy-laden year, winning three majors, while Nadal laid the foundation for a period of dominance on clay with his second French Open title. Tally: Federer 9; Nadal 2

2007: The seemingly unstoppable Federer repeated his feat from the

previous year, but the French Open title continued to elude him as Nadal thwarted him in the final for a second straight year. Tally: Federer 12; 2008: Djokovic hit the big time

with his maiden major, beating Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the Australian Open final. After his French Open triumph, Nadal stunned Federer in the Wimbledon final, but the Swiss player responded by winning the U.S. Open.

Tally: Federer 13; Nadal 5; Djokovic 1 **2009:** Nadal won his first hardcourt Grand Slam title, edging out Federer in five sets in the Australian Open final.

However, Nadal's 31-game winning streak at Roland Garros came to an end in the fourth round, allowing Federer to claim his only claycourt major trophy. Nadal was unable to defend his Wimbledon title as he was forced to pull out with knee problems.

Federer went on to claim his record 15th major at Wimbledon, surpassing Pete Sampras' tally. He finished the season as the year-end number one for the fifth time in his career. Tally: Federer 15; Nadal 6; Djokovic 1

2010: Federer started the year by winning the Australian Open for a fourth time. But it turned out to be Nadal's finest campaign, as he swept the next three majors. He defeated Djokovic in the U.S. Open final to complete a career Grand Slam. Tally: Federer 16; Nadal 9; Djokovic 1

2011: Djokovic began his ascent to the top by winning 10 tournaments in 2011, including three majors at the Australian Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. Meanwhile, Nadal reclaimed his French Open crown for

his 10th major title overall. For the first time 2002, Federer went empty handed from all four slams. Tally: Federer 16; Nadal 10; Djokovic 4 Djokovic

overcame Nadal in the longest Grand Slam final in the Open Era to win his third Australian Open title.

Nadal continued his dominant run at Roland Garros to add another major title to his tally, while Federer won a record-extending 17th major at Wimbledon. Tally: Federer 17; Nadal 11; Djokovic 5

2013: Djokovic won his third straight Australian Open by defeating Andy Murray in the final. While Federer struggled with a back injury, Nadal finished the



Nadal 13; Djokovic 6

2014: Nadal defeated Djokovic to win his ninth French Open title, equalling Sampras' total of 14 slams. At Wimbledon, Djokovic defeated Federer in the final.

Tally: Federer 17; Nadal 14;

2015: Djokovic won three maors - the Australian Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. The Serb also became only the second man to defeat Nadal at the French Open when he beat the Spaniard in the quarter-finals. Djokovic reached all four ma-

jor finals during the season, but was beaten by Stan Wawrinka in the Roland Garros showpiece. Tally: Federer 17; Nadal 14; Djokovic 10

Djokovic successfully defended his Australian Open crown before winning his maiden French Open title, making him the holder of all four majors - a feat the media dubbed the "Nole Slam". Fe-

derer and Nadal were

both plagued by inju-

ries during the season. Since making his Grand Slam debut in 1999, Federer was a no-show at a major for the first time when he missed the French and U.S. Opens due to injury. Tally: Federer 17; Nadal 14; Djokovic 12

2017: Federer won his 18th slam and his first since Wimbledon 2012 - with a thrilling five-set victory over Rafa Nadal in the Australian Open final.

Nadal cemented his place as the greatest claycourter in history when he secured a record 10th title in Roland Garros. Records continued to tumble as Federer became the first man to win Wimbledon eight times with a victory over Marin Cilic in the final, before Nadal clinched his second U.S. Open title.

Djokovic, who retired midway through his Wimbledon quarterfinal against Tomas Berdych, missed the latter half of the season with an elbow injury. Tally: Federer 19; Nadal 16; Djokovic 12

2018: Federer won his sixth Australian Open to become only the fourth player after Court, Serena Williams and Steffi Graf to win 20 or more major singles titles. Nadal extended his winning run at Roland Garros, before Djokovic earned his first major in more than two years at

Outpost Children Who Live In Cities Are More Likely To Have Respiratory Infections

LAUSANNE [Switzerland]: Young children who grow up in towns and cities experience higher respiratory illnesses than those who grow up in the country. According to a study presented at the European Respiratory Society International Congress in Milan, Italy.

A second study, presented at the Congress and published in Pediatric Pulmonology, shows that factors such as attending daycare, living in a damp home or near dense traffic increase the risk of chest infections in young children, while breastfeeding reduces the risk.

It's critical to comprehend why some otherwise healthy youngsters experience repeated illnesses and explore solutions, according to

The first study was presented by Dr Nicklas Brustad, a researcher and physician on the Copenhagen Prospective Studies on Asthma in Childhood (COPSAC) based at Gentofte Hospital and the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. It included 663 children and their mothers who took part in the research from pregnancy until the children were three years old.

Researchers found that before the age of three, children who lived in urban regions had an average of 17 respiratory illnesses, such as coughs and colds, as opposed to an average of 15 infections in children who lived in rural areas.

In-depth blood tests were also performed on pregnant women and their newborn babies by the researchers, who also examined the immune systems of the kids four weeks after birth. Children in urban settings had immune systems that were different from those in rural areas, they discovered. Along with the disparities in living conditions and the frequency of respiratory illnesses, blood samples from mothers and neonates also differed.

Dr Brustad said, "Our findings suggest that urban living is an independent risk factor for developing infections in early life when taking account of several related factors such



as exposure to air pollution and starting daycare. Interestingly, changes in the blood of pregnant mothers and newborn babies, as well as changes in the newborn immune system, seem to partly explain this relationship.

"Our results suggest that the environment children live in can have an effect on their developing immune system before they are exposed to coughs and colds. We continue to investigate why some otherwise healthy children are more prone to infections than others and what the implications are for later health. We have several other studies planned that will look for risk factors and try to explain the underlying mechanisms using our large amount of data."

The second study was presented by Dr Tom Ruffles from Brighton and Sussex Medical School and University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, Brighton, UK. It included data on 1344 mothers and their children living in Scotland and England. The mothers completed detailed questionnaires when their children were a year old and again when their children were two years old. These included questions on chest infections, symptoms such as coughing and wheezing, respiratory medication, and exposure to potential environmental risk factors.

Analysis of the questionnaires revealed that breastfeeding for longer than six months helped protect babies and children from infections, while attending daycare increased the risk. Young children living in homes with visible dampness were twice as likely to need treatment with an inhaler to relieve respiratory symptoms and twice as likely to need treatment with a steroid inhaler. Living in an area with dense traffic increased the risk of chest infections, and exposure to tobacco smoke increased the risk of coughing and wheezing.

Dr Ruffles said, "This research provides some important evidence about how we can help reduce chest infections in babies and toddlers. The benefits of breastfeeding are well-established, and we should continue to support mothers who want to breastfeed their babies. We should also be making every effort to reduce exposure to infections in daycare, keep homes free of dampness and mould, reduce tobacco smoking and cut air pollution."

Co-researcher Professor Somnath Mukhopadhyay, also from Brighton and Sussex Medical School and University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, added, "The link between damp mouldy housing and the need for these very young children to take asthma treatments emphasises how urgently we need legislation to tackle mould and damp in social housing. For example, here in the UK, we want to see rapid implementation of Awaab's Law, which will force social landlords to fix damp and mould within strict time limits." Awaab's Law was proposed following the death of two-year-old Awaab Ishak, caused by the dampness and mould in his local authority home.

Professor Myrofora Goutaki, who is chair of the European Respiratory Society's group on Paediatric respiratory epidemiology and was not involved in the research, said, "We know that some young children suffer with recurrent coughs and colds, and this can lead on to conditions such as asthma as they grow older. It's important that we understand any factors that might be contributing to this, such as the conditions where children live and where they are cared for. The more we understand about these factors, the more we can do to protect the developing lungs of these young children."

Security Guards For Fountains, Statues Put Up For G20 In Delhi: Officer

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New Delhi: The NDMC on Monday said it is contemplating to deploy security guards to prevent vandalisation or theft of assets like fountains and sculptures installed ahead of the G20 Summit.

Different agencies, including the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), made extensive preparations for the two-day G20 Summit that saw heads of state from across the world gather in the national capital and concluded on Sunday.

Road infrastructure was spruced up, roads were adorned with over 7 lakh potted plants and fountains, statues, sculptures and street furniture were installed in area near the summit venue.

"We will maintain the



assets, including 65 fountains and nearly 20 sculptures, that were installed at prominent locations and roundabouts for the G20 Summit," NDMC vice-chairman Satish Upadhyay said.

The civic body also decorated road stretches, roundabouts and other prominent locations with 1 lakh potted plants. Some of these could now be moved to locations

like NDMC buildings, health centres and schools but the overall greenery will be

maintained, he said.

"We will evaluate if there is a need to deploy guards at some of these places to ensure that the assets are not vandalised or stolen in the coming days so that the efforts and hard work put in to beautify the NDMC area do not get wasted," Mr Upadhyay said. The NDMC will also try to maintain the cleanliness in its area and ensure that the response mechanism that was established for quick disposal of complaints during the G20

tive in the future, he said. The reason behind the quick response by different agencies during the summit was the high-level of coordination among them, he added.

Summit also remains effec-

Mr Upadhyay urged Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena to hold monthly or bimonthly meetings of different agencies to ensure better delivery of civic services to people. The G20 venue, Bharat Mandapam; G20 secretariat and hotels where the heads of the state stayed fell under the NDMC's jurisdiction.

Satish Upadhyay had earlier said that 44 roads in the NDMC area were spruced up for the G20 Summit.



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One day maiden conference of All India Bank officers Association Jammu Kashmir Ladakh Committee was held today at NundReshi Convention centre SKUAST Shalimar Srinagar J&K. Delegates from Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh alongwith special invitees and Hon'ble guests participated in inaugural session and delegate session. The observer group from central office of AIBOA Chennai under leadership of comrade Gen. Secretary S Nagarajan also attended the session who in his address highlighted the issues of banking industry and officer staff employed in the banks alongwith informing the gathering about struggles undertaken by the organization at national level. Earlier while delivering his inaugural address in the conference the Hon'ble VC of SKUAST Dr. Nazir Ahmed Ganai highlighted the importance of developing agriculture in the economy and funding of this sector by Bank credit. Towards conclusion the session passed several resolutions which included

- Demand for implementing UDAAN type recruitment plan in Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh.
- Calling its members not to respond to watsup messages of controllers beyond office hours. Electing an office bearer body for the committee for next three years under leadership of comrade Riyaz

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Ahmed Bhat as president.

In his presidential address the newly elected president of the committee outlined the future path of the organization while working for welfare of banking industry of the area in general and bank officer cadre in particular. The president thanked the AIBOA central leadership, comrades from all districts especially from Kargil and Leh and SKUAST administration for the cooperation they provided to reception committee of conference making it a grand success.

Com. Ashwani Pradhan Gen. Secretary.

AI Detects Gallbladder Cancer As **Accurately As Radiologists In India: Study**

(AI) based intelligence demonstrated approach performance diagnostic comparable to experienced radiologists in detecting gallbladder cancer at a hosnital in Chandigarh, accord ing to a study published in The Lancet Regional Health - Southeast Asia journal.

Gallbladder cancer (GBC) is a highly aggressive malignancy with a poor detection and a high mortality rate. Early diagnosis is challenging because benign gallbladder lesions can have similar imaging features, the researchers said. The team at Postgraduate

Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh



and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi, aimed to develop and validate a deep learning (DL) model for GBC detection using abdominal ultrasound and compare its performance with radiologists.

Deep learning is a method in AI that teaches computers to process data in a

way that is inspired by the human brain. The study used abdominal ultrasound data from patients with gallbladder lesions acquired between August 2019 and Iune 2021 at PGIMER, a tertiary care hospital.

A deep learning (DL) model was trained on a dataset of 233 patients,

terms of sensitivity, specificity, and the area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (ALIC) which is widely used to measure the accuracy of diagnostic tests. Two radiologists also independently reviewed the ultrasound images, and their diagnostic performance was compared to the DL model.

In the test set, the DL model had a sensitivity of 92.3 per cent, specificity of 74.4 per cent, and an AUC of 0.887 for detecting GBC, which was comparable to both radiologists, according to the study.

