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**Anantnag Encounter in Day 2** 

# **Drones Scan Area to Track Down Terrorists**



Anantnag: Day after the killing of an army colonel, major and a police officer, the exchange of fire between security forces and terrorists continued for second straight day on Thursday in Gadool forest area of Kokernag hamlet in South Kashmir's Anantnag district with army pressing in new generation weapons and devices to track down the militants.

Media reports said that intermittent exchange of fire between security forces and the militants, said to be numbering two, remained on throughout the day. The operation was put on hold as dusk set in.

"There is no confirmation whether any terrorist has been killed so far given the tough terrain and forest area," the official said. "Given dark, high beam lights have been installed and all the layers >> More On P6

#### **LG Pays Homage To Fallen Soldiers**



ieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha laid a wreath and paid homage to Col Manpreet Singh and Major Aashish Dhonchak, who made supreme sacrifice in an opera-

tion against terrorists in Anantnag. "My deepest condolences to their families. The grateful nation will forever remain indebted to the brave hearts," the Lt Governor said. >> More On P6

**TERRORISTS WILL NOT BE SPARED** and all new generation weapons and devices are being used to locate hiding terrorists."

## **Farooq Advocates Dialogue** For Ending Bloodshed In J&K

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Thursday said India and Pakistan will have to come to the dialogue table if they want to end bloodshed and find lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir. The former Jammu and

Kashmir chief minister also said wars did not resolve issues in the past nor will they bring peace in the future.

"Such incidents will continue if there is no dialogue. We are fools if we think that it (violence) will stop. We will keep losing lives.... There is no way but

BJP leader Altaf Thakur on Thursday said time has come to put behind bars people who advocate holding dialogue with Pakistan on Jammu and



dialogue. Both countries should give up their stubbornness and hold talks," Abdullah told reporters here after visiting the family of Humayun Bhat, a deputy superintendent of the Jammu and Kashmir Police who was killed in a gunbattle with terrorists in Anantnag. » More On P6

**Jail Those Calling For Talks With Pak: BJP Leader** 

Kashmir. The BJP leader was reacting to the statement of National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, → More On P6

# 'Conflict Profiteers' Handed Guns, Stones To Children In J&K: LG

Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Manoj Governor Sinha Thursday said that "conflict profiteers" used to brainwash children and handover guns and stones in their hands but the UT administration is going tough against these profiteers and no one will be spared.

Addressing two-day workshop on Strengthening Ćhild Protection System/Mechanisms for Representatives of PRIs/ULBs/ Police/SIRD and other stakeholders of J&K, at Convention Centre, Srinagar, the LG said that some "conflict profiteers" used to brainwash J&K children and handover stones and guns in their hands.

"We have decided to go



tough against all these conflict profiteers and none of them will be spared," the LG said.

He said that the administration is committed to hand over laptops to J&K's children and shape their future. He said that post August 2019, all

laws that were not applicable to J&K with regard to child protection were made applicable with the result Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) was reframed, Rehabilitation policy for children was also made. "Focus has >> More On P6

#### **'Let's Join Hands To Fight Drug Menace In J&K'** sserting "adolescent

drug abuse" is one of the major areas of concern, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday called upon the public representatives, NGOs, community elders, religious leaders and youth clubs to join the fight against the menace. 'We have adopted a zero tolerance policy against drugs and it

is our collective responsibility to raise awareness and strengthen action to realise the vision of drug-free J&K," he said. The Lieutenant Governor, who inaugurated a two-day workshop on sensitisation-cumtraining programme for the representatives of panchayati raj institutions, urban local bodies and police on 'Child Rights and Protection' here, said "childhood >> More On P6

#### **World Praising India For 'Garib** Kalyan': PM

Press Trust Of India

Raigarh: Prime Narendra Modi on Thursday said global organizations are talking about learning from India's success stories in different fields and this was possible because every region in the country was getting equal priority in development and welfare of the poor

under his government. Addressing a function at Kodatarai village in Raigarh district, he described Chhattisgarh as a powerhouse for development of the country.

On the occasion, the PM inaugurated important rail projects worth around Rs 6,350 crore and laid the foundation stone of 50bed each 'critical care blocks' in nine districts of Chhattisgarh, where assembly polls are due by the year-end.

He also distributed 1 lakh sickle cell counselling cards to the screened population.

"The entire world is not only watching but also heaping praise on the Indian model of 'Garib Kalyan' (welfare of poor). Heads of big countries had come to New Delhi to attend the G20 summit and all >> More On P6

# **WE HAVE DECIDED TO GO TOUGH AGAINST** all these conflict profiteers and none of them will be spared."

#### POST MATRIC **SCHOLARSHIP** SCHEME

# **Ex-Director Tribal Affairs Dept Booked For Bungling Of Funds**

Srinagar: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a case against a former director of the tribal affairs department (TAD) over the alleged bungling in the scholarship funds meant for imparting vocational training to scheduled tribe students of North Kashmir's Kupwara, Bandipora and Baramulla districts. The case has been filed

against M S Choudhary, the then Director TAD for misappropriation of scholarship funds during the year 2014-2017. This, ACB sources said, is the second FIR against Choudhary for his alleged involvement in misappropriation of scholarship funds.

Chaudhary has been booked under section 5 (1) © (d) r/w



of Corruption Act in FIR number 09 -2023 and section 120-B, 467, 468, 471 RPC registered at Police Station ACB Baramulla.

The FIR has been also registered against the owner of SoftTech Computer Education Institute Kunzer Baramulla and Owner of Intech Computer Educational System Bandipora.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Observer, ACB said that an investigation launched

to probe irregularities in centrally sponsored Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) scheme during the year 2014 to 2017, found that Choudhary and others had committed gross violations while disbursement of funds to the private institutes which imparted computer training courses to the students of the ST community.

"The probe revealed that an amount of Rs. 2,06,41,000/was released by then Director Tribal Affairs J&K, as fees component for different sessions vide various orders in favor of nine computer Institutions falling within Districts Bandipora, Baramulla and Kupwara on account of imparting computer training to 1272 students belonging to ST Category during the session 2014-15, 2015-16 **More On P6** 

# Only 100 Cr Out Of Rs 1300 Cr Released In One Year

Flood Mitigation Plan II Hits Roadblock

Srinagar: The completion of flood management plan phase-2 is likely to take time as fund flow from the Central Government hasn't been upto the mark as just around 100 crore have been released out of around 1300 crore in last one year.

A senior official of the irrigation and flood control (I&FC) department said that completion of phase-2 of comprehensive flood management plan is likely to take time as fund flow is slow and it is expected to take more time three years given for its completion.

"Every project completion depends upon flow of funds but as of now fund flow is slow. however, the department is working to complete the project as soon as possible," he said. He said that the 40 metre

widening of the river Jhelum is to be done from Nigli Sopore to Khanpora bridge in Baramulla which is around 19 kilometres.

"To start work, we need acquisition of land and structures as it is touching Sopore town at some spots and some other habitations," he said. "Demarcation process with the revenue department has been started already following which an assessment process about the land and structures will be done."

He said that at some spots, the official said that there is government land which needs to be acquired and for what we have sought directions from concerned authorities.

"As per initial assessment, land and structure acquisition will cost around Rs 300 Cr," he said. "Once the demarcation process along with assessment

## **India Defending Every Inch Of** Border With China: LG Ladakh

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Indian troops are defending every inch of the border with China and not even a single inch of land has been taken over by the neighbour-ing country in recent years, Ladakh Lt Governor Brig (Retd) B D Mishra said on Thursday.

He said infrastructure development is taking place at a rapid pace across Ladakh with roads, helipads, airfields, tunnels and bridges being built, and India will catch up with China in that regard within next four-five years. Brig Mishra (Retd) was in

Jammu in connection with a three-day north-tech symposium which concluded at IIT Jammu on Wednesday.

The event provided a platform for engagement between the academia and



industry to devise unique solutions to meet the army's operational requirements in northern command, while promoting self-reliance in defence production and technology proliferation.

"If there is any match to them (China) in Asia, it is India. China is a nefarious country. So right from the very beginning, they have been having this >> More On P6

# **Govt Simplifies 'Transfer Of Vehicle** Ownership' Through E-Sign

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Transport Department of J&K, in its drive to increase ease of doing business with the Government and eliminating opportunities for corrupt behaviour, launched a new online module for Transfer of Vehicle ownership in Jammu and Kashmir.

The new module would enable both the buyer and the seller to have the option of electronically signing the legal documents, required for application process through their AADHAR registered mobile number. This has not only made the process of making transfer of ownership application much easier but also obviated the requirement for the buyer and seller to visit the Motor Vehicle Department's offices in person



to get their identities verified as the same is being accomplished through the AADHAR enabled e-Signing process.

Earlier, the buyer and seller of a vehicle had to download application forms, fill them manually on the portal, upload back and submit the physical copies in the Transport Department's Offices too. But now after

introduction of this ambitious initiative, Form 29 and Form 30 shall be auto-generated through fetching of relevant information from VAHAN and AADHAR databases.

Earlier, the buyer and seller had to upload some extra documents such as sale-deed, address proof and others. But now, there will be no such requirement, if the buyer and seller opt for the e-Sign method of application.

Also, processing of such applications used to take weeks or even months, but now with the use of e-Sign method the same would take hours if not minutes, because all the relevant data will be fetched through VAHAN and AADHAR databases, obviating the need of another verification by Motor Vehicle Department Officials.

#### **Missing Handwara Boys Traced In Chennai**

hree students, who had gone missing from North Kashmir's Handwara on Monday last, have been traced in Chennai in south India's Tamil Nadu State. The three minor boys Nazim Mumtaz, of Phalmarg, Faizan Hameed Mir of Kalmoona and Uzair Ahmad Dar of Chammpora were reported missing by their families. "After looking for every possible place, the trio couldn't be located

until information was received

from Chennai in >> More On P6

#### **Sarpanch Arrested For Killing His Wife**

Sarpanch was arrested on Thursday for allegedly shooting dead his wife in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir. The Sarpanch identified as Yashpal of Patrara village was arrested by police after receiving information that he fired upon his wife Neelam Devi during the intervening night of September 13-14, reports said. Yashpal, who was also a Village Defense Committee (VDC) member, fired upon his wife with 303 Rifle leaving her critically injured. >> More On P6

#### **Chairman DDC Srinagar Calls On LG**

ftab Malik, Chairman, District Development Council Srinagar, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan here on Thursday. The DDC Chairman discussed with the Lt Governor development issues of rural areas of Srinagar. Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, Chairman Peace Foundation and Farooq Ganderbali. President Voice for Peace & Justice also met the Lt Governor and discussed various issues of public importance >> More On P6

#### **2 Held For Beating Army Colonel In Delhi**

wo persons have been arrested for allegedly beating up an army colonel and snatching his belongings in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar area, police said on Thursday. The victim, Vinit Mahto, a resident of Chanakyapuri, in his police complaint on Wednesday said that he and his friend had visited Malviya Nagar's Triveni complex on Tuesday night and asked for a lighter from a man standing there, a senior police officer said. The person started >> More On P6

#### **Retired Army Man Killed In Road Accident**

retired Army personnel died

while his wife and daughter

sustained critical injuries after a vehicle they were travelling in was hit by a truck at Dandesar village on Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch national highway. The accident took place on Thursday late afternoon after an Alto car bearing registration number JK11B-4049 on way to Jammu from Rajouri and a truck JK02AL-2569 collided at Dandesar. Three mem-

bers of a family >> More On P6

#### 4 Drug Smugglers **Sent To Kot Balwal Jail**

cting tough against drug peddlers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Jammu & Kashmir Police on Thursday said to have booked four most wanted and notorious drug smugglers under PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla and lodged them in Central Jail Kot-balwal Jammu. The four most wanted and notorious drug smugglers namely Sajad Khan of Mohura, Manzoor Yatoo @Munna of Heewan, Bilal Rather of Bandipayeen & Aqib Dar @Babar of Khambiyar have been >> More On P6

No 5- Dal Lake Boulevard Srinagar, 190001, Kashmir

# 'Swapping Half Of Meat And Dairy With Plant-Based **Foods May Cut Agricultural Emissions By 31%'**

**Press Trust Of India** 

eplacing half the animal products we eat with plant-based alternatives may reduce agricultural and land-use greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 31 per cent by 2050, and halt the degradation of forest and natural land, according to a study.

The research, published in the journal Nature Communications, shows that additional climate and biodiversity benefits could accrue from reforesting land spared from livestock production when meat and milk products are substituted by plant-based alternatives, more than doubling the climate benefits and halving future declines of ecosystem integrity by 2050.

The restored area could contribute up to 25 per cent of the estimated global land restoration needs under Target 2 of the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by 2030.

The study is the first to look at the global food security and



environmental impacts of plantbased meat and milk consumption at large scales that considers the complexity of food systems.

The team, including researchers at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIA-SA) in Austria, engaged researchers at Impossible Foods - a company that develops plant-based substitutes for meat products – as a potential user of the data to ensure relevance and to address this gap in existing literature.

The company also provided hypothetical recipes for the plantbased meat substitute products used in the analysis, the researchers said.

The data are however, by design, not specific to Impossible Foods and the science team had complete control over decision making, they said.

"Understanding the impacts of dietary shifts expands our op-

tions for reducing GHG emissions. Shifting diets could also yield huge improvements for biodiversity," said study lead author Marta Kozicka, a researcher in the IIASA Biodiversity and Natural Resources Programme.

"Plant-based meats are not just a novel food product, but a critical opportunity for achieving food security and climate goals while also achieving health and biodiversity objectives worldwide. Yet, such transitions are challenging and require a range of technological innovations and policy interventions," said study coauthor Eva Wollenberg from Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT and the University of Vermont, Canada

The researchers developed scenarios of dietary changes based on plant-based recipes for beef, pork, chicken, and milk. The recipes were designed to be nutritionally equivalent to the original animal-derived protein products and realistic for the existing food manufacturing capabilities and globally available production ingredients.

They found that a 50 per substitution scenario would substantially reduce the mounting impacts of food systems on the natural environment by 2050 compared to the reference scenario.

The full environmental benefit of diet shifts can be achieved if the agricultural land spared from livestock and feed production is restored through biodiversityminded afforestation, according to the researchers.

In the 50 per cent scenario, the benefits from reduced landuse emissions could double as compared to a scenario without afforestation, they said.

The restoration of forest ecosystems would also improve biodiversity, the researchers said.

The 50 per cent scenario would reduce predicted declines in ecosystem integrity by more than half, while the 90 per cent scenario could reverse biodiversity loss between 2030 and 2040, they added.

#### Court Of The 2Nd Additional Munsiff Judicial Magistrate 1St Class At Srinagar

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC CNR: JKSG03-032873-2023 Date of filing 11.09.2023

Mukhtar Ahmad Wani S/o Mohammad Sidiq Wani R/o **Bhagiyas Chattabal Srinagar** 

**Applicant** 

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applicant

WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Mukhtar Ahmad Wani S/o Mohammad Sidiq Wani R/o Bhagiyas Chattabal Srinagar has born on 01-01-1963 the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the birth particulars, Mukhtar Ahmad Wanir , in the concerned register of births and deaths.

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this

Dated, this 11th day of September 2023.

(AHTZAZ AHMED) 2nd Additional (JMIC), Srinagar

#### Court Of The 2Nd Additional Munsiff Judicial Magistrate 1St Class At Srinagar

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Mahmooda D/o Mohmad Bakir Dar R/o Ali pora Bagh Ali

Mardan Khan Botakadal Srinagar

**Applicant** 

Versus Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applicant

WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Mahmooda D/o Mohmad Bakir Dar R/o Ali pora Bagh Ali Mardan Khan Botakadal Srinagar has born on 05-01-1975 the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the birth particulars, Mahmooda, in the concerned register of births and deaths.

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this

Dated, this 11th day of September 2023.

(AHTZAZ AHMED) 2nd Additional (JMIC), Srinagar

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I Mushtaq Ahmad Dar S/o Mohammad Safdar Dar R/o Pandrathan, Panthachowk, Srinagar have applied for the transfer of electric connection on my name bearing Installation No. 37872 & Consumer ID 0201040001844 from Late Ali Mohammad Dar (Grandfather) R/o Pandrathan, Panthachowk, Srinagar, Objections, if any, may be conveyed to Electrical Division-I (Basant Bagh), Subdivision Khonmoh within one week, after that no objection can be entertained.

# Scientist Discover 28 **New Risk Genes For** Covid-19

**Press Trust Of India** 

n international research consortium has discovered 28 new risk factors for COVID-19, pushing the total number Lof candidate genes identified by the initiative up to 51.

The researchers noted that many criteria determine whether or not we get seriously ill from COVID-19. Besides our age and any previous or existing conditions, they also include genetic factors.

"Knowing about genetic risk factors helps scientists to develop successful drugs and predict risks better," said Kerstin Ludwig from the University Hospital Bonn, Germany. In order to identify genes of this kind,

however, researchers need huge groups of patients, who are rarely all in the same place at

This was why the COVID-19 Host Genetics



Initiative (COVID-19 HGI) was launched as a large-scale international project at the start of the pandemic. It aims to collate data from individual studies being set up all over the world and investigate it all together.

The latest findings covering 82 individual studies by COVID-19 HGI have been published in the journal Nature. The study features contributions from a total of 3,669 authors from across the globe.

The consortium is being co-led by the Broad Institute in the US and the Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland (FIMM).

"The consortium has successfully identified 51 risk factors in all, 28 of which are new since the previous publication," said Axel Schmidt, who was responsible for data analysis.

"We also coordinated collaboration with the other university hospitals in Germany that were contributing in order to get even more patients involved in the study," Ludwig added.

The COVID-19 HGI published its initial results in the journal Nature in December 2021, adding its first update in August 2022.

The latest publication thus represents the second update and is expected to be the final part of the documentation.

"With 82 studies from 35 countries and over 200,000 participants in the largest subgroup, the data pool is the biggest to date," Ludwig added.

#### RC of Vehicle lost

I, Niyaz Ahmad Malla S/O. Ab. Rashid Malla R/O Hussipora Chadoora, Budgam have lost RC of Vehicle bearing registration No JK04B-4037 while i was travelling from my residence, Chadoora to Srinagar few days before. Now I am going to apply for its duplicate from the concerned ARTO Office, Budgam. It anyone having any objection in this regard may please file it with ARTO, budgam within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after that no objection will be accepted.

Niyaz Ahmad Malla S/O. Ab. Rashid Malla R/O Hussipora Chadoora Budgam.

Before the Hon'ble Court of Municipal Magistrate, Srinagar Before the Hon'ble Judge Small Cause

Abdul Qudoos Mir S/o Abdul Razak Mir R/o Diyarwanl Batamaloo Srinagar

**VERSUS** 

**Applicant** 

Registrar Birth & Deaths S.M.C, Srinagar

Non Appl icant in the matter of : Application for recording the date of birth of the below named child/ person

May it please your honcur; The application is submitted as under

1 - That the date of Birth of the below named child/person has not sofar been recorded in the records of SMC Srinagar Non avalability certificate in this effect issued by non-applicant enclosed with this application.

2. That the applicant wishes to get the date of Birth of below mentioned child/person be recorded in record of SMC Srinagar and solicits application accordingly.

That this application is supported by duly sworn

IN THE PREMISES IT IS THEREFORE prayed that the nonapplicant be directed to record the following particulars of the below named child/parson.

Name	Asma Binti Qudoos
Sex	Female
Father's Name	Abdul Oudoos Mir
Mother's Name	Fareeda
Date of Birth	24-03-2007
Residence	Diyarwani Batamaloo Srinagar
Place of Birth	At Home situated at Divarwani Batamaloo Srinagar
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#### Before the Hon'ble Court of Municipal Magistrate, Srinagar Before the Hon'ble Judge Small Cause

Abdul Qudoos Mir S/o Abdul Razak Mir R/o DiyarwanI Batamaloo Srinagar

**Applicant** VERSUS

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the below named child/parson.			
Name	Salig Ullah Mir		
Sex	Male		
Father's Name	Abdul Qudoos Mir		
Mother's Name	Fareeda		
Date of Birth	11-06-2001		
Residence	Diyarwani Batamaloo Srinagar		
Place of Birth	At Home situated at Diyarwani Batamaloo Srinagar		
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CIVIL COURT IN THE COURT OF MR. ARVIND SHARMA Additional District Judge Bank Cases, Srinagar SUMMONS FOR DISPOSAL OF SUIT

Commercial Suits (Cum, suits) 750/2023 Punjab And Sindh Bank VS Mst, Haseena

1. Mst Haseena W/o: Late Mohammad Ayoub Rather R/o Sungo Narbal Pulwama 2. Gulzar Ahmad Khan S/o Mohammad Maqbool Khan R/o Buchwara Dalgate Ram Munishi Bagh Srinagar

Whereas Pyunjab and Sindh Bank has instituted a suit against you are hereby summoned to appearance in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed ( and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit or who shall be accompanied by some person, able to answer all such questions, on the 14-11-2023 at 10:30 O' Clock in the forenoon, to answer the claim; and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witnesses upon whose evidence and all the documetns upon which you intend to rely in support of your

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 17-074-2023

Judge Bank Cases (Commercial Court)

# The Jammu And Kashmir State

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Annual 2016 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name: Tajamul Imtiyaz S/o: Pz Imtiyaz Ahmad Roll No: 2606258 Year & Session 2016 Annual



Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as

Sd/ Assistant Secretary **Board Of School Education** Sub Office Bandipora

#### Before The Hon'ble High Court Of UT Of J&K & Ladakh At Srinagar

Before The Hon'ble Court Of District Judge Pulwama Before The Hon'ble Court Of Special Tribunal Before The Hon'ble Court Of Munsiff Pampore

IN THE CAse of

1. Ghulam Hassan Sheikh S/o Abdul Rehman Sheikh

3. Bilal Ahmad Shekh Boths Sons Of Ghulam Hassan Shekh R/O Namblabal Pampore

Public at Large

NONCAVEATOR IN THE MATTER OF.- Caveat Application in terms of Section

May it please your lordships? The Caveator humbly submits as under:

1. The Caveators are raising construction over land situated at Namblabal Pampore, the Caveators apprehend that any person from general public may file false and frivolous writ / application/suit as such, in the eventuality any proceeding is filed against the Caveator, the Caveator may be heard before passing any interim order. NEWSPAPAER CUTTING ANNEXED

IN THE PREMISES, it is, therefore, prayed that this HonT>le Court may accept this caveat application and in the eventuality the non-Caveator files any proceedings against the Caveators, the Caveators may be heard before passing any interim order.

CAVEATOR THROUGH COUNSEL FAYAZ AHMAD LONE ADVOCATE

#### Before the Hon'ble Court of Municipal Magistrate, Srinagar Before the Hon'ble Judge Small Cause

Saleema D/o Ghulam Ahmed Pala R/o Ganaie Mohalla Manigam Brien Nishat Srinagar

**Applicant** 

Non Appl icant

**VERSUS** Registrar Birth & Deaths S.M.C, Srinagar

Application for recording the date of in the matter of: birth of the below named child/person May it please your honcur; The application is submitted as under

1 - That the date of Birth of the below named child/person has

not sofar been recorded in the records of Non-applicant as is evident from the N.O.C issued by non-applicant enclosed with this application. 2. That the applicant wishes to get the date of Birth of

mentioned child/person be recorded in record of non-applicant and solicits application accordingly. 3. That I have not obtained birth certificate till date of below

named child/person.

That this application is supported by duly sworn affidavit.

IN THE PREMISES IT IS THEREFORE prayed that the nonapplicant be directed to record the following particulars of the below named child/parson.

Name Saleema Female Father's Name Ghulam Ahmed Pala 01-03-1970 Date of Birth Ganaie Mohalla Manigam Brien Nishat Srinagar Place of Birth



#### Four Day Urdu Journalism **Workshop Concludes At KU**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Four-day Capacity Building Workshop for Urdu journalists organized by the National Council for the Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) in collaboration with Dean School of Arts, Languages and Literatures and Media Education and Research Centre (MERC) concluded here at the University of Kashmir on Thursday.

The valedictory function was attended by several dignitaries including Dean Social Sciences, Prof. M. Yousuf Ganie, Director of Finance, UoK Bashir Ahmed Haji, Dean of Arts, Language and Literature, Prof. Aadil Amin Kak, Research Officer NCPUL. Dr. Kaleemullah, Research Officer NCPUL, Intikhab, Head of the MERC, Prof. Sabeha Mufti as well as faculty members from MERC, Department of Library Information Services, and senior officials of Educational Multimedia Research Centre (EMRC).

In his speech, Dean

**In Road Accident** 

Social Science M. Y. Ganai highlighted the importance of journalism in current era times.

"Honest journalists help in nation building and when journalists uphold their integrity, they in fact uphold democratic values of a nation. Journalism is the most significant field in a vibrant, democratic state,' he said.

Finance, Director University of Kashmir, Bashir Ahmad Haji, noted the significance of Urdu language in the contemporary era.

"It is a matter of pride for you to study and work in a language which has a rich cultural and social background. I am verv sure that students here pursuing Urdu journalism can do wonders in the language, "he said.

Research NCPUL, Dr Kaleemullah, in his address urged the students to learn other languages also in addition to Urdu to enhance their language skills and broaden their horizon



#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: A youth lost his life, while another was critically injured in a road accident near SKICC on Boulevard road in Sri nagar on Thursday, offi-

Quoting an official,

agency reported that two youth identified as Moazum Ahmad Bhat and Mashkoor Ahmad Bhat of Gulab Bagh Srinagar were critically injured in the accident.

He said the injured duo was shifted to hospital, where one of them



Dried Portion Of The Jhelum River - Photo: Abid Bhat/KO

# **Jhelum's Water Level Drops Amid Prolonged Heat Wave**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: With a prolonged dry spell and a record-breaking heat wave affecting Jammu & Kashmir, water levels in the River Jhelum and its tributaries have decreased, causing concern among the population, especially farmers.

The government acknowledges that some areas have been affected but assures that this is a temporary situation that cannot persist

Sanjeev Malhotra, In Charge Chief Engineer of the Jal Shakti department, informed that the prolonged dry spell has resulted in reduced water flow in the River Jhelum, Doodh Ganga, and other

"It is evident that water can

only be supplied when it is available. Currently, the absence of rainfall has reduced water flow in rivers and tributaries, which may consequently affect the supply process," Malhotra stated.

However, he emphasized that there hasn't been a significant impact thus far and that the prolonged dry spell is a temporary issue that cannot persist for an extended period. The Chief Engineer added that once precipitation occurs, conditions will improve on the ground. He also appealed to people to use water judiciously during this prolonged dry spell.

Meanwhile, Chief Engineer of Irrigation and Flood Control (I & FC), Naresh Kumar, said the prolonged dry spell has had a 25 percent impact on lift irrigation spots.

"There hasn't been any major impact thus far, but conditions will improve as soon as the weather improves," Kumar reassured.

Significantly, the prolonged dry spell has caused a decrease in the water level of the River Jhelum and its tributaries.

Farmers are expressing concerns about the low water levels, fearing a significant impact on their orchards if the weather situation does not improve.

Notably, parts of J&K continue to experience a prolonged dry spell, with hot and dry weather conditions persisting for an extended period. Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu & Kashmir, and other areas in the valley have recorded record-breaking maximum temperatures in September.

Date(s) of Cancellation (from originating station)

21.09.2023 to 25.09.2023

23.09.2023 & 24.09.2023

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#### **HIGHWAY STATUS**



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#### This Day In History

- 1966 First British nuclear ballistic missile submarine HMS Resolution launched
- 1968 Launch of Zond 5, 1st lunar fly-around with Earth re-entry
- 1968 Probable Test flight for a manned fly-around
- (scooped by Apollo 8) 1970 - PLO leader Arafat threatens to make a
- cemetery of Jordan 1972 - An SAS domestic flight from Gothenburg
- to Stockholm was hijacked and flown to Malmö-1973 - OPEC supports price hikes and designates
- six Gulf countries to negotiate collectively with companies over prices; other members to negotiate individually
- 1974 Air Vietnam flight 727 is hijacked, then crashes while attempting to land with 75 on board. 1976 - Soyuz 22 carries 2 cosmonauts into Earth orbit
- for 8 days 1978 - Muhammad Ali beats Leon Spinks in 15 rounds
- for heavyweight boxing title
- 1981 The John Bull becomes the oldest operable steam locomotive in the world when the Smithsonian Institution operates it under its own power outside Washington, D.C.
- 1981 Vanuatu becomes a member of the United
- 1982 Israeli forces began pouring into west Beirut 1982 - Pope John Paul II receives PLO leader Yasser
- 1988 Test Cricket debut of Ian Healy, vs Pakistan at
- 1990 France announce it will send 4,000 troops to
- 1991 US women's gymnastics team win 1st World Championships medal (silver)
- 1996 Bangladesh beat UAE by 104 runs to win the **ACC Trophy Final**
- 1998 With the landmark merger of WorldCom and MCI Communications completed the day prior, the new MCI WorldCom opens its doors for business.
- 1998 Google.com is registered as a domain name 2011 - The St. Thomas Assembly plant is closed
- permanently after decades of providing employing to the region of St. Thomas, Ontario and resulting in the loss of roughly 1,400 well-paid jobs
- 2012 Japan announces that it will phase out nuclear energy by the 2030s
- 2013 21 people are killed in a series of bombings in Baghdad and Shia provinces, Iraq

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**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: In order to review the implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development program (HADP) in the district, a meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed overview about the implementation of HADP in the district through the PowerPoint presentations made by departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Sericulture etc. The DC also took first hand appraisal about the progress regarding achievement of targets and sensitizing farmers about new interventions approved under the

HADP to ensure that the benefits reach the intended beneficiaries under

Establishment Of 93 IGUs Under HADP

During the meeting, the DC who is also the Chairman District Implementation (DLIC), accorded approval for establishment of 93 income generating units (IGUs) in favor of beneficiaries of Srinagar district.

On the occasion, the meeting was informed that a Seed Village has been established by the Agriculture Department at Chatterhama under HADP for procurement of paddy to the beneficiary farmers.

Similarly, the Horticulture Department has established Mother Orchard at Zakura and Root Stock Bank at Zawoora village under HADP at a cost of Rs 39.38 lakh and 82.97 lakh respectively.

During the meeting, the DC was apprised that as many as 29 projects under HADP are being implemented in Srinagar District including 17 by the Agriculture Department.

The DC was also given a detailed overview about the initiatives taken under HDAP for devel-Committee opment of seed and seed multiplication chain, promotion of mushroom cultivation, apiculture, vegetables/ exotic vegetables under open and hi-tech protected cultivation, alternate agriculture system for sustainability, promotion of oil seeds and commercial cultivation of medicinal

> and aromatic plants. The progress with regard to formulation of FPOs and Farm Mechanization for Resource Use Efficiency in Agriculture in Srinagar district was also discussed threadbare besides Technological Intervention for Fish Seed and Trout Production was also discussed.

#### TRAINS HANDLING PLAN FOR RAISING OF **FOOT OVER BRIDGE IN FIROZPUR YARD**

This is notified for the information of all concerned that Firozpur Division of Northern Railway will undertake the work of raising of existing Foot Over Bridge in Firozpur yard towards Fazilka end in connection with Railway Electrification work on Ludhiana-Firozpur-Fazilka section. To execute this work Railway will take a traffic block from 21.09.2023 to 25.09.2023 During this period the following trains will temporarily be affected as under:-

**CANCELLATION OF TRAINS** 

14602 Hanumangarh Jn Firozpur Cantt Express	21.09.202	3 to 25.09.2023		
04627 Firozpur Cantt - Fazilka DMU MEX Special	21.09.202	3 to 24.09.2023		
06988 Fazilka - Firozpur Cantt Express Special	21.09.2023 to 24.09.2023			
PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS				
Train No. & Train Name	Short Terminate at/ Originate from	Date(s) (from originating station)		
04643 Firozpur Cantt - Fazilka MEX Special	from Firozpur City	24.09.2023 & 25.09.2023		
06987 Firozpur Cantt - Fazilka Express Special	from Firozpur City	23.09.2023 & 24.09.2023		
06989 Firozpur Cantt - Fazilka Express Special	from Firozpur City	23.09.2023 & 24.09.2023		
04491 Firozpur Cantt - Fazilka Express Special	from Firozpur City	23 09 2023 & 24 09 2023		

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at Firozpur City

at Firozpur City

06990 Fazilka - Firozpur Cantt Express Special at Firozpur City 23.09.2023 & 24.09.2023 For any kind of information, passengers are requested to contact RailMaded Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.

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04628 Fazilka - Firozpur Cantt DMU MEX Special

Train No. & Train Name

14601 Firozpur Cantt - Hanumangarh Jn. Express

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Tender Notice No. 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR/205-2023-24-ADEN-LDH, 206/2023-24 ADEN-JRC & 207/2023-24-ADEN-JRC acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 03.10.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

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Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
12.09.2023	19.09.2023	03.10.2023

S. No. 1, Tender No : 205-2023-24-ADEN-LDH. Details of Tender : Misc Pway Works for track maintenance in the LDH yard of SSE/P.way in the jurisdiction of ADEN-LDH, Advertised Value (Rs.): 4456175.61, Validity of Offer: 60 Days, Period of

S. No. 2, Tender No: 206/2023-24-ADEN-JRC, Details of Tender: Misc P.way Works for track maintenance in the jurisdiction of ADEN-JRC, Advertised Value (Rs.): 3987062.02, Validity of Offer: 60 Days, Period of Completion: 12 Months

S. No. 3, Tender No: 207/2023-24-ADEN-JRC, Details of Tender: Replacement of old corroded water pipeline including improvements to the sewerage system in the colonies of JRC &JUC and augmentation of water supply by the provision of a new high capacity bore well at HSX, Advertised Value (Rs.): 28554145.43, Validity of

Offer: 60 Days, Period of Completion: 06 Months SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE



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Date: 13.09.2023

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Tendering Works

₹79,76,795.67 ₹1,59,500/-60 Days Similar Nature of work: "Construction of any Bridge work Replacement of old/leaky roof of staff quarters block in colony no. 1, 2, 3 in the section of SSE/W/ML/ASR under ADEN-1/ASR 24-ADEN-1 Earnest Period of Advertised Value Money

offer

60 Days

Money

₹1,20,000/-

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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

In part supersession to Public Notice, published in various newspapers on 13.09.2023. The following corrigendum is issued as under :-

- Train No. 12587 Gorakhpur Jammu Tawi Amar Nath Exp. JCO 18.09.2023 will now run on its proper route instead of diversion & will be regulated for 15 minutes enroute.
- Train No. 15655 Kamakhya Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express JCO 17.09.2023 will not be regulated.
- Train No. 12919 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express JCO 18.09.2023 will not be regulated.
- Train No 12471 Bandra Terminus- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express JCO 18.09.2023 will not be regulated. • Train No. 04642 Pathankot - Jalandhar City DEMU Special Express and 06949 Jalandhar City - Pathankot DEMU
- Special Express JCO 19.09.2023 will be restored. 19224 Jammu Tawi - Ahmedabad Express JCO 19.09.2023 will be short originated from Pathankot (instead of Jalandhar City).

Note : Rest of information will hold good. For detailed information, please call RailMadad Helpline No. 139





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# Kupwara Villager Kills Wife, Absconds

From KO Archives

Ghulam Jeelani

upwara: Police have launched a manhunt to nab a Kup¬wara villager accused of killing his wife. Though he has not left behind any clue, his arrest ■was expected by this eve¬ning, reports said. The gruesome murder has taken place at Surmarg, 15 km from Handwara in the border district.

According to the senior superintendent of police (SSP), Kupwara, J B Singh, Jawahira was married to one Nazir Ahmad Bhat of the village about six years ago from whom she has a child. But their relations became strained about six months ago. The dispute between the couple had even landed in a court of law, according to reports.

Singh said Bhat had apparently mended fences with his estranged wife about five days ago. However, during the night he allegedly killed her. After that, Bhat packed the body of his slain wife in a trunk and hid it in a room of his house. He is believed to have fled from his home immedi¬ately after commission of the crime.

It was only after some foul smell started emanating from the house that Bhat's neighbours became suspicious. Soon they informed the police who recovered the highly decom-posed body of the woman from the house.

(Kashmir Observer, September 15, 2000)

# KASHMIR OBSERVER®

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## **Grim Turn**

Colonel, a Major, and a Deputy Superintendent of Police, lost their lives in an encounter with militants in Kokernag area of South Kashmir in a grim reminder that security challenges persist in Kashmir. The attack, claimed by the banned Resistance Front with alleged ties to Pakistan-based Lashker-e-Taiba, marks the second major assault on army personnel in the region within two months.

The loss of the lives of the senior security forces personnel is tragic. Colonel Manpreet Singh, the Commanding Officer of 19 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Ashish Dhonack, and Deputy Superintendent Humayun Bhat, paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. DySP Bhat's tragic loss leaves behind a grieving family, including a two-month-old daughter, a poignant reminder of the personal sacrifices made by them.

The incident casts a shadow over the region's security situation, especially in South Kashmir. The recent attack in the Jammu region, which claimed the life of an Army personnel and a military dog, highlights the gravity of the security challenges across Jammu and Kashmir. The successive incidents serve as a stark reminder that the militant threat remains very real and cannot be taken lightly. The need for preparedness in the face of such threats cannot be overstated. The recurrence of such attacks in a short span is also deeply concerning and calls for a reevaluation of our counterterrorism strategies.

Over the past four years, the successive killings of militants by the security forces gave a sense that militancy may finally be on its way out in Kashmir. But the recent spurt in attacks and the violence tell a different story. It shows there has either been simultaneous replenishment of the depleted militant ranks through fresh recruitment or the influx of militants from across the border - a trend that has stayed constant over the past three decades. This is why while public unrest and stone-pelting have drastically diminished since the revocation of Article 370 in August 2019, militancy has continued unabated. And there is little sign that the situation on this score will change for the better anytime soon.

There is thus a critical need to reassess the situation and if possible to rethink the response. An iron-fist approach to quell the militancy may have appeared to have borne fruit. But its benefits are obviously now wearing out thin. Hence the need for reaching out to youth and engaging them politically. But it seems unlikely that the union government would be willing to change tack as of now. Here's hoping that sooner or later it does.

#### OTHER OPINON

# Road accidents: A pandemic that needs greater attention

n India, 5.23 lakh people have died due to Covid-19 over the last three years. During the same period, 4.43 lakh fatalities occurred due to road accidents — the damage, therefore, is comparable. It should also be noted that for a large part of these years, a substantial section of the population was indoors due to frequent lockdowns and physical distancing. Roads had far less traffic on average as compared to the times when the virus wasn't raging.

Deaths due to Covid-19 have now come down. But with more and more motorisation on Indian roads, it appears that the death toll due to accidents is only going to be higher if stricter practices are not brought in.

Let me share the trauma experience of my state — Uttarakhand. A Level 1 Trauma Centre was started in AIIMS Rishikesh in 2019. Over the next year, it was realised that the only Level 1 Trauma Centre in the state was not receiving patients. A quick analysis of the multiple casualty scenarios of Uttarakhand provided some clarity. In 2019 alone, more than 1,300 people in the age group of 30-45 years died due to accidents, indicating that their injuries were very severe. In contrast, when the severity of injuries of patients being brought to a Level 1 Trauma Centre (AIIMS Rishikesh) was considered, the mean injury severity score was found to be 14 (moderate severity). This indicates that most deaths took place before reaching the hospital.

Several people attained injuries when vehicles fell into gorges. This is somewhat unique to hill states like Uttarakhand. Such accidents result in more transfer of destructive energy from the vehicles compared to scenarios when vehicles collide amongst themselves. The best solution to this is making vehicles robust. There is a need for better vehicle body standards and regulations. The Bharat NCAP is a good step in this direction, though it focuses only on Light Motor Vehicles (LMVs). Irrespective of the type of vehicle in question, the need of the hour is a safety grading of vehicles. The NCAP safety grading should be extended to all vehicles, including trucks and buses.

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In the UK, when a child is born, the nurse personally inspects the car of the parents to ensure that there is a proper car seat for the newborn. Without that, the baby is not allowed to be taken home. In India, such attention to child safety is restricted to a very small section of society. And even that section is largely unaware of safety norms peculiar to children travelling in four-wheelers. A 2019 study by SaveLIFE Foundation, for instance, found that nearly 76 per cent of the parents surveyed were unaware of the Child Restraint System (CRS). Of the respondents who were aware of CRS, only 3.5 per cent had used the same including booster seats at some point.

The Indian Express



# BRICS in Multipolar Order

Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi

Shutting down the US Dollar and finding an alternative is the last nail in the coffin for US hegemony. The complete end of the hegemony means justice and prosperity for developing nations. BRICS as an economic power has to take the leadership role in the multipolar world and initiate in the interest of the entire international community

egional organizations with global influence have gained significant importance in recent years. The developing countries have concluded that the US is using dollars as a weapon in global trade as a result regional players are considering an alternative currency. The US dominance has entered into its final stage and the world has already arrived at the multipolar order.

China is on rise, the EU is flourishing with the valued Euro, new economies like Russia, India are becoming game changers. The business treaties are opting out of the US dollars. Weaponization of the currency is underlined and the US dollar is under stress.

In this backdrop, the era of regional corporations is gaining more and more importance. BRICS is such a platform that is a beacon light to the trade and commerce that is minus the US. BRICS is composed of emerging economies, Brazil, Russia, India, are the countries that are potential engines of the world economies in the multipolar world and as a leading institution consisting large emerging economies the BRICS is able to shape trends by providing proper models and initiatives and with complimentary economics with cultural diversity BRICS members can meet mutual need and shape their national native developmental experience to enhance global prosperity and peace.

The BRICS group has to offer the world a good tradition of non-hegemonic models of peace and prosperity. The models can be analysed as a step towards collective human security as well. The collective of the group is capable of demilitarisation of the security and replacing it with the welfare and rule of law.

China and Russia have prominence in the Security Council and their hesitation towards the US hegemony is decisive in setting the precedent for global trade. The Russia-Ukraine conflict brought the intentions of Moscow, of checking the NATO presence, to the light of the day. Similarly China is a big challenge for the USA.

Therefore, the BRICS group has tremendous power to democratise the international system and make it inclusive of the countries who are at the wrong side of the USA

the USA.
Oil producing countries like

ers is also under serious question. In this context, BRICS extending its membership to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Iran is opening a new optimism.

BRICS is giving clarity that East is the future and anti-Americanism is no more crime. Additionally, the measure is optimistic towards the end of Iran-Saudi antagonism which is a prerequisite for a stable West Asia and end of civil war.

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Iran have a tremendous national interest in the alignment with the BRICS and the group too should see Iran as their energy partner.

The most important role that we see in BRICS is its role in South-South Dialogue. The group can play an important role in bringing economic prosperity to the Global South and prevent imperial intentions to penetrate into the emerging/developing nations.

The expansion of the BRICS is crucial at this point when the Pandemic has crippled various economies and also underlined the question of conventional security paradigm. The global economy that is dominated by the US and some European pow-

nations. BRICS as an economic power has to take the leadership role in the multipolar world and initiate in the interest of the entire international community. Therefore, the world minus hegemony will be more inclusive and democratic to collectively solve global problems.

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# **Encouraging Literary Festivals**

It is a lot encouraging to see that literary festivals are increasingly held elsewhere in the world, which help build communities of readers. These festivals also provide a platform to new authors by drawing instinctive attention from readers and the media, besides enabling popular authors to market their titles. Turned into a major industry.

these festivals create new readership, boost book sales, and upgrade publishers' brands. Perhaps, another major attraction of literary festivals is that it mirrors the nation's inherent culture and its mores.

As for India, the country celebrates book lovers, authors and writers every year through literary festivals organized across the country's length and breadth. It is a matter of pride for Indians to attend and be a part of these lit-fests, which indicates the growing tribe of intellectuals in the country. The Jaipur Literary Festival, which is described as the 'cultural catalyst' and the 'greatest literary show on earth', draws people around the globe, augmenting Rajasthan's tourism economy. Literary fes-

tivals enable us to unite the past with our contemporary lives, the real with the imagined and the spoken with the written. These festivals have become a great centre for all literature aficionados and aspiring writers with a growing passion for books and expanding love of writing.

Ranganathan Sivakumar



# Why We Should Promote Crying for All Genders



CRYING ALLOWS
CLIENTS TO
RELEASE PENTUP EMOTIONS,
EXPLORE DEEPSEATED FEELINGS,
and gain insights
into their emotional
struggles. It serves
as a gateway to
processing trauma,
grief, and unresolved
issues from the past



#### Wasim Kakroo

**¬** motions are an integral part of the human experience, and yet, for centuries, society has imposed rigid expectations about how people, particularly men, should express their feelings. In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of encouraging emotional expression in all genders, including promoting crying as a healthy means of releasing pent-up emotions. As a clinical psychologist, I have witnessed firsthand how allowing my clients, regardless of their gender, to cry during therapy sessions has a profound impact on their healing and recovery. In this article, we will delve into the science behind encouraging emotional expression and explore why it is essential to embrace crying as a legitimate and therapeutic way of processing

#### THE GENDER STEREOTYPE DILEMMA

Historically, societies have perpetuated harmful stereotypes regarding gender and emotional expression. These stereotypes have often cast men in a role that emphasizes stoicism, emotional suppression, and the avoidance of crying as a sign of strength and resilience. This deeply ingrained social construct has manifested in a societal expectation that men should remain unflinchingly stoic and unemotional, even when confronted with distressing situations. The repercussions of this expectation are far-reaching, affecting not only individual men but society as a whole.

It is worth noting that these gender stereotypes and expectations around emotional expression are not exclusive to any one culture or time period. They are a global phenomenon with roots in various historical contexts. However, some remarkable historical figures

have challenged these norms, even in cultures where such expectations were deeply entrenched.

One such example is the life of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), a revered figure in Islam. Despite living in a society where stoicism was often praised, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) demonstrated the importance of emotional expression during distressing times. He openly wept and expressed his emotions in front of his companions and followers. This emotional transparency was not seen as a sign of weakness but as a reflection of his deep empathy, compassion, and connection to the struggles of his community.

In the Islamic tradition, there is a strong encouragement on emotional expression before Allah (God) in the form of Dua (supplication) and during the five daily prayers (salah), regardless of gender. Muslims are encouraged to pour their hearts out in prayer, sharing their joys, sorrows, fears, and hopes with the Divine. This practice is a testament to the recognition that emotional expression is an essential part of the human experience and a means of seeking solace, guidance, and connection with a higher power.

Islam teaches that crying in prayer is not a sign of weakness but a profound act of surrender and humility. It is a way for individuals, regardless of their gender, to acknowledge their vulnerability and seek strength and guidance from Allah. The act of crying in prayer is seen as a purification of the soul and a means of seeking forgiveness and healing.

In light of these examples, it becomes evident that encouraging emotional expression, including crying, transcends cultural and gender boundaries. It is a universal human need rooted in our shared emotional experiences. Em-

bracing these expressions of vulnerability and allowing individuals, regardless of their gender, to cry when needed is not a departure from tradition but a return to the wisdom of acknowledging our humanity.

#### SCIENCE OF EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION

Crying is a complex physiological and emotional process, and research in neuroscience has shed light on the various benefits of crying for our mental and emotional well-being. Here are some key findings from neuroscience research on the benefits of crying:

Stress Reduction: Crying can help reduce stress by releasing neurochemicals like endorphins and oxytocin. Endorphins are natural painkillers and mood enhancers, while oxytocin is often referred to as the "bonding hormone" because it promotes social bonding and reduces stress.

2. **Emotional Regulation:** Neuroscience studies have shown that crying can serve as a self-regulation mechanism for emotions. It can help individuals process and cope with overwhelming emotions, bringing them back to a state of emotional balance.

Mood Enhancement: Crying is associated with improved mood and a sense of relief. Neuroimaging studies have shown changes in brain activity during crying, indicating a release of tension and emotional burden.

4. **Toxin Elimination:** Some research suggests that crying may help remove certain toxins from the body. Tears contain stress-related hormones and other waste products, and crying may serve as a means to expel these

substances.

5. Pain Relief: Crying may have a pain-relieving effect. Research has shown that tears contain higher levels of certain proteins that may act as natural painkill-

6. **Social Connection:** Neuroscience studies have demonstrated that crying is a potent social signal. It communicates distress and vulnerability, eliciting empathy and support from others. This social support can have profound positive effects on emotional well-being.

Catharsis and Emotional Clarity: Crying can lead to cathar-

sis, providing individuals with a sense of emotional relief and clarity. It allows people to gain insights into their feelings and experiences.

Neural Pathways: Neuroimaging research has shown that different brain regions are activated during crying, including the limbic system, which is associated with emotions, and the hypothalamus, which regulates various physiological processes. These findings highlight the intricate neural pathways involved in crying.

9. **Emotional Resilience:** Some studies suggest that crying may play a role in enhancing emotional resilience by allowing individuals to process and adapt to challenging situations more effectively.

10. **Healing After Loss:** Research has shown that crying can be an essential part of the grieving process. It helps individuals come to terms with loss and find a path toward acceptance and healing.

It's important to note that while these neuroscience findings highlight the potential benefits of crying, individual responses to crying can vary widely, and not everyone experiences the same emotional relief or physiological effects. Additionally, cultural and social factors can influence how crying is perceived and expressed.

#### ENCOURAGING EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION IN ALL GENDERS

It is crucial to challenge and change the societal norms that dictate how people should express their emotions based on their gender. Here are several reasons why we should promote crying for all genders:

1. **Mental Health Benefits:** Allowing individuals of all genders to express their emotions freely, including crying, can reduce the risk of mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, and chronic stress.

2. Improved Relationships: Emotionally expressive individuals tend to have more authentic and fulfilling relationships. Encouraging emotional expression can lead to stronger bonds and better communication within families, friendships, and romantic

partnerships.

Enhanced Resilience: Teach-

ing emotional expression as a healthy coping mechanism helps individuals develop resilience and adaptability in the face of adversity.

4. **Reduced Stigma:** Normalizing crying for all genders reduces the stigma surrounding it. This, in turn, promotes a more inclusive and compassionate society.

#### MY OPINION AS A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

In my role as a clinical psychologist, I have seen the transformative power of encouraging emotional expression, including crying, in my clients' lives. When clients feel safe and supported enough to cry during our therapy sessions, it often marks a significant turning point in their healing process.

Crying allows clients to release pentup emotions, explore deep-seated feelings, and gain insights into their emotional struggles. It serves as a gateway to processing trauma, grief, and unresolved issues from the past. Moreover, crying within a therapeutic setting can lead to the following therapeutic benefits:

1. **Emotional Release:** Clients often report feeling lighter and more relieved after a good cry in therapy. It helps them release emotional burdens that they may have carried for years.

2. **Increased Self-Awareness:** Crying can facilitate introspection and self-discovery. Clients gain a better understanding of their emotional triggers and patterns, which is a crucial step toward

personal growth and healing.

Improved Coping Skills: Crying can serve as a healthier coping mechanism compared to destructive behaviors or emotional suppression. Clients who learn to express their emotions are better equipped to handle life's challenges.

Strengthened Therapeutic Alliance: Encouraging emotional expression, including crying, fosters trust and connection between therapists and clients. It creates a safe space where clients feel heard and validated.

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slam teaches that crying in prayer is not a sign of weakness but a profound act of surrender and humility. It is a way for individuals, regardless of their gender, to acknowledge their vulnerability and seek strength and guidance from Allah

# "Household Work's Burden Should Be Borne Equally By Husband, Wife": Court

Press Trust Of India

Mumbai: In modern society, the burden of household responsibilities should be borne equally by husband and wife, the Bombay High Court has said.

A division bench of Justices Nitin Sambre and Sharmila Deshmukh made the observation on September 6 while dismissing an appeal filed by a 35-year-old man seeking the dissolution of his 13-year-old

He could not establish his claim of 'cruelty' against his

estranged wife, the judges held. The man had challenged a March 2018 order of a family court dismissing his plea seek-

ing divorce.

The couple had got married in 2010. The man contended in the plea that his wife was always on the phone with her mother and did not do household work.

The woman claimed that she was forced to do all the household work after returning from office, and faced abuse when she contacted her family.

She also claimed that her estranged husband had physically

abused her on several occasions.

The bench, in its order, noted that both the man and woman were employed, and expecting

that both the man and woman were employed, and expecting the wife to do all the household work reflects a regressive mindset.

"In modern society the burden of household responsibilities have to be borne by both husband and wife equally. The primitive mindset expecting the woman of the house to solely shoulder the household responsibilities needs to undergo a positive change," the HC said

The marital relationship must not lead to the wife in this case getting isolated from her parents and she cannot be expected to sever the ties with her parents, the court noted.

"Being in contact with one's parents cannot by any stretch of imagination be construed as inflicting mental agony on the other party. In our view, putting restrictions on the respondent to curtail her contact with her parents, has in fact, subjected the wife to mental cruelty apart from physical cruelty," the bench said.

# Opposition bloc INDIA announces boycott of shows of 14 TV anchors, BJP compares action with Emergency

New Delhi: The opposition alliance INDIA on Thursday announced that it will boycott shows of 14 television anchors on several platforms, a decision the BJP compared with the Emergency. The News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA) said the boycott sets a dangerous precedent and goes against the ethos of democracy.

The media committee of the bloc took the decision to boycott the programmes of these journalists and not send their representatives on debates hosted by them on such channels or platforms.

"Pursuant to the decision taken by INDIA Coordination Committee in its meeting on September 13, 2023, the INDIA parties will not send their representatives on the shows and events of the following anchors," a statement from the media committee of the opposition bloc said while listing the names of such journalists.

Justifying the action, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera, who is a part of the committee of opposition parties that took the decision in their virtual meeting, said some channels have put up a "nafrat ka bazaar" (market for hatred) for the last nine years.

The BJP condemned the move with its chief spokesperson and MP Anil Baluni saying in a statement that opposition parties have displayed their repressive, dictatorial and negative mindset.

The BJP strongly opposes such a distorted mindset which curbs the freedom of expression, he said.

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#### **Drones Scan**

of cordon have been tightened to ensure terrorists don't flee."

However, police said that forces have encircled two Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists including Uzair Khan a local militant at Gadool area of Kokernag. On Wednesday, a colonel, major and a DySp of J&K police were killed in the first assault by the militants.

"In solemn tribute to the unwavering valor of Col Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhonak & DSP Humayun Bhat, who laid down their lives leading from the front during this ongoing operation. Our forces persist with unwavering resolve as they encircle 2 LET terrorists including Uzair Khan," Police said in a post on 'X', formerly known as Twitter.

Meanwhile, defence sources said that GoC 15 Corps and GoC Victor Force were closely monitoring the operations. The Army said that the "terrorists will not be spared and all new generation weapons and devices are being used to locate hiding terrorists."

They said that drones including herons have been pressed into action to find and neutralize the hiding terrorists.

Notably, the Kokernag encounter is the biggest since August 5 this year in South Kashmir when three soldiers of army's 34 RR were killed in Halan Manzgam forest area of Kulgam district. On March 30, 2020, five security personnel-including a Colonel, a Major and a sub-inspector were killed in an 18-hour long encounter at north Kashmir's Handwara.

This year so far, 48 militants have been killed in J&K and among them 38 were foreigners and 10 were locals.

Officials said that around 20 security forces were killed this year in terrorist attacks and encounters. Five soldiers were killed and another injured in a major militant attack in the Pir Panjal valley's Poonch district in the Jammu province on 20 April this year.

Five soldiers were killed and another was injured in a gunfight with militants in the thick jungles of the Rajouri-Poonch sector of the Jammu division on 05 May this year.

Three soldiers were killed in an encounter in Hallan Manzgam Kulgam last month while two army officers and a police have been already killed in ongoing Anantnag encounter

#### **LG Pays Homage**

The mortal remains of the brave hearts will be sent to their respective native places for last rites with full military honours.

#### **'Conflict Profiteers**

to be on the institutional care where a child should get home like feeling," the LG said, adding that the administration will ensure that no child is seen begging or working on streets of J&K.

The LG said that children are getting addicted to drugs and the UT administration has announced war against drugs and to make J&K drug free. "But administration alone can't do it. We need support of youth clubs, elders, civil society and all other stakeholders," he said—(KNO)

#### **'Let's Join Hands**

blossoms in a vibrant environment of home".

"Hence, institutional care should be the last option," he added.

Sinha said that the government has taken several rehabilitation and child care initiatives, adding adoption through joint efforts of the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) and the State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) has started that will promote family-based non-institutional care of the children.

Social Welfare Department Commissioner-Secretary Sheetal Nanda, who was also present on the occasion, said the Ministry of Women and Child Development has always made efforts that all judicial acts, the POCSO and the Child Marriage Act etc. should reach out to everyone at the grass root level.

"Now a number of mechanisms have been established in this regard for the awareness and knowledge to reach the public. This is the first of its kind workshop and many more are coming," said Nanda.

"The department has targeted to cover 15,000 people in order to create an awareness about children's rights, management and dealing with children if any untoward incident occurs," she added.

Baramulla Municipal Council chairman Umer Kakru said four things are important to a child -- the right to survival, protection, participation and development.

"District court judges, police, PRIs have participated and all of them have to make sure that not any child should deprive from all these rights, schemes that are provided by the government," he said.

Srinagar Child Welfare Committee chairperson Dr Khair un Nisa said the workshop has been conducted for strengthening the juvenile justice mechanism in Jammu and

"All the stakeholders are participating in this programme. This is to work at the grass root level on how to safeguard rights of children," she added.

#### **World Praising**

of them were impressed by India's efforts towards development and Garib Kalyan," he said

"We have seen that in just five years, 13.5 crore people have come out of poverty. This happened because the BJP government launched welfare schemes in the interest of the poor," he added.

Today, global organizations are talking about learning from India's success and this was happening because every state and every area of the country is getting equal priority in development, Modi said.

The PM said in the last nine years, the central government has continuously worked for all-round development of Chhattisgarh, currently ruled by the Congress, and results of that vision and policies are visible today.

"Today, a new chapter is being written in development of Chhattisgarh's railway network", he said, adding improvement in train network post completion of projects will reduce congestion in the Jharsuguda-Bilaspur section of the Bilaspur-Mumbai line.

Similarly, Railway lines that are being started and train corridors that are being constructed will give further fillip to industrial development of Chhattisgarh, said the PM.

"Upon completion, these routes will not only provide convenience to the people of Chhattisgarh but will also create new employment and income opportunities in the region," he said.

The PM said in the next 25 years of 'Amrit Kaal' (period culminating in centenary of independence in 2047), "we have to transform India into a developed country" and stressed on equal participation of every citizen in this development journey."

"We have to meet the energy needs of the country and also take care of the environment," he emphasized.

Speaking on the occasion, Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister T S Singh Deo said the Centre has not been biased towards states.

"In my experience, I haven't felt biases. If we, as state governments, have worked and sought anything from the Centre, it has cooperated. I believe we will take this state and country forward together with mutual cooperation," Singh Deo said.

After concluding his speech, Singh Deo, a senior Congress leader, was seen shaking hands with the PM on the dais.

The projects which were inaugurated included Chhattisgarh East Rail Project Phase-I, third rail line between Champa to Jamga, third rail line between Pendra Road to Anuppur and MGR (Merry-Go-Round) system connecting Talaipalli Coal Mine to NTPC Lara Super Thermal Power Station (STPS).

The Chhattisgarh East Rail Project Phase-I is being developed under the ambitious PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity and consists of a 124.8 km rail line from Kharsia to Dharamjaigarh, including a spur line to Gare-Pelma and three-feeder lines connecting Chhal, Baroud, Durgapur and other coal mines.

The 50-bed each 'critical care blocks' will be built in nine districts of Chhattisgarh. The nine critical care blocks will be built under the Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) at Durg, Kondagaon, Rajnandgaon, Gariaband, Jashpur, Surajpur, Surguja, Bastar and Raigarh districts at a cost of more than Rs 210 crore.

With an aim to address health problems caused by sickle cell disease, especially among the tribal population, counselling cards were distributed to the screened population under a national programme.

The PM distributed 1 lakh counselling cards to the screened population under the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (NSAEM).

#### Ex-Director Tribal

& 2016-17 under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme, besides released an amount of Rs. 29,25,600/- in favor of these students as maintenance allowance also," the ACB spokesperson said.

The probe, he said, further revealed that fictitious names of students were found illegally and fraudulently shown in the record and payments were released in favor of computer institutes as tuition fees against these names.

names.

"Besides some amount was also released as maintenance allowance against those fictitious/fabricated entries in the name of various students who actually neither applied for such course nor attended the training in the said institutes during the period in question,"

The spokesperson said that the probe also revealed that the allocation of funds under

PMS Scheme was done by the then Director TAD M.S Choudhary to the institutes by following the old/outdated guidelines prescribed in the year 1995 by intentionally bye-passing/ignoring the relevant/applicable guidelines in vogue issued by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India in year 2010.

"By virtue of these fresh guidelines, he was bound to release/transfer the fee component directly into the personal accounts of students instead of computer institutes," the ACB spokesperson said.

He further said that the probe also found that Choudhary has falsely shown the constitution of various committees for ensuring proper verification and disbursement of

funds under the scheme.

"Whereas it was found during the probe that most of the officers named in these committees were already transferred out from department and were not working there at the time of preparing of these orders," the ACB

spokesperson said.

He further said that the probe established that the then Director TAD by way of gross abuse of his official position and authority and under a well knit conspiracy with the various owners of computer institutes in district Kupwara ,Baramulla and Bandipora released huge payments against the names of those fictitious/fabricated students on account of fees and maintenance charges thereby conferred undue pecuniary benefits upon beneficiary owners of the institutes and corresponding loss to government exchequer.

#### Only 100 Cr

completed, the widening work of 40 metres for about 19 kilometers costing around Rs 500 Cr will be tendered out."

He said that widening of river Jhelum in North Kashmir is one of the main work of the flood mitigation plan phase 2 as widening work along acquisition is expected to cost around Rs 750-800 crore.

He said that works costing around Rs 340 crore which are part of phase second have been tendered out and work has been already started at most of the spots.

"With the completion of phase-2 the capacity of river Jhelum will go to 60,000 cusecs, which has been already taken to 40,000 in the phase 1," he said.

He said that the deadline to complete the phase 2 is three years and if fund flow picks up pace and the acquisition process will be completed in the next few months, it will be completed in three years time.

Notably, Flood Management Plan was divided into two phases, phase 1 was funded under the Prime Minister's Development Package with a budget of Rs 399 crore, which included spot dredging as per requirement to increase the capacity of river Jhelum so as to minimize the damage if there will be floods again

Soon after floods in 2014, the government of India had constituted a committee to suggest measures to prevent such calamities in the future.

The committee in its report had recommended several long term measures including additional supplementary flood spill channel, creation of storage facilities on tributaries of Jhelum, flood plain zoning and enhancing capacity of Wular Lake—(KNO)

#### Farooq Advocates

Bhat and two other security officers --Colonel Manpreet Singh and Major Ashish Dhonchak -- were killed in the encounter with terrorists in the Kokernag area of Anantnag district on Wednesday.

Asked about some Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders' remarks about taking back Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), Abdullah said wars neither resolved issues in the past, nor will bring peace in the future.

"Let them do it. Who is stopping them? I will not stop. If they feel that it will end the problem, they should do it. Let me make it clear that no issue can be resolved by confrontation. Pakistan has fought four wars and the borders are still in place," he added.

Abdullah slammed the BJP-led Centre for claiming that terrorism has ended in Jammu and Kashmir.

"It is a big loss for the family and the country. You have seen that a colonel and a major have also been killed, besides this young DSP. There is no doubt that this destruction has been going on for long, but I do not see an end to it. The government is shouting that terrorism has ended. You tell me, has it ended?" he asked.

Reiterating his stand on resumption of dialogue, Abdullah cited the example of the Ukraine conflict.

"Look at the situation in Ukraine. There is destruction everywhere. For establishing peace, Russia and Ukraine will have to hold talks," he said.

Asked if he was advocating holding talks with Pakistan, the NC president said, "The talks will have to be between the two

countries that are at loggerheads. There is no point talking to me. This problem has been there since India became independent."

Replying to a question about Pakistan fomenting trouble in Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah said the neighbouring country has never accepted the status quo. "How does it matter? Pakistan has been

saying that they do not accept it. They throw the UN resolutions at you. What will you tell them? They are saying we do not accept this decision," he added. The former Union minister said he is not in

a position to throw light on where these terrorists are coming from, but added that incidents from the recent past indicate that they are highly trained and might be from a country other than Pakistan.

"I am neither in the intelligence nor in the government, so I cannot say where they come

from. But they are coming and they are coming fully trained. I fear that these foreign terrorists might be from another country, they are so well trained," he said.

Asked if he was hinting at the involvement

point fingers at anyone.
"Those who need to understand will understand. There is a danger, an imminent danger. We have to face this every day. Our people are

of Afghans, Abdullah said he does not want to

### dying, our jawans are dying," he said. **Jail Those Calling**

who said dialogue with Pakistan was necessary to end the bloodshed and establish peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I think time has come to put even those people in jails who advocate holding talks with Pakistan. It is these people who advance Pakistan's cause here and support it," Thakur told PTI after paying tributes to to Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhonchak and Deputy SP Humayun Bhat, who were killed in an encounter with terrorists in Anantnag district on Wednesday

Thakur said India has held talks with Pakistan several times but the neighbouring country always played foul.

"We have held talks with Pakistan many times since 1947. (Atal Bihari) Vajpayee went to Lahore by bus but Pakistan is a country which will never give up its mischievous activities. Terrorism and talks cannot go on simultaneously," he added.

The BJP Kashmir organised a function here to pay tributes to the three slain security force

#### officers. India Defending

policy to contain, to threaten and to coerce India. So they have been doing it for last two, three decades," the LG told PTI-Video in an exclusive interview here

Mishra said India started infrastructure development in the region about six seven years back.

"But the way we are developing our infrastructure like roads, helipads, airfields, tunnels and bridges, during next four or five years we will catch up with China and we will be as good, if not better, on infrastructure on our borders as China," the Lt Governor said.

Asked about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks last month that every individual in Ladakh knows that China has "taken away our land", he said the fact on the ground is that the neighbouring country has not occupied even one square inch of Indian land in the recent years.

"I would not comment on what a particular person has said or what a particular person is saying. I would give you an answer based on my own tour, observation and on seeing the facts on the ground. The fact is they (Chinese) are not in occupation of even one square inch of land of India," the Lt Governor said.

Brig Mishra (Retd) said Indian troops are defending the borders and they are defending every inch of it.

"Anybody who says what is well up to him, but the fact is that not even a single inch of land of India is under Chinese occupation. Whatever has happened in 1962 (during the India-China war), that is a past story. That is a separate issue but when I am talking to present and according to our own definition of Line of Actual control, we are present there," he said.

During his nine-day tour of Ladakh last month, Gandhi raked up the border issue twice at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held a conversation on the sidelines of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Summit in Johannesburg.

The conversation was not a structured bilateral meeting and was an informal one.

"I visited the whole of Ladakh on my motorcycle over the past week...Ladakh is a strategic place and when I was at Pangong lake, one thing was clear that China had taken over thousands of kilometers of Indian land. Unfortunately, the prime minister during an opposition meeting makes a statement that not an inch of our land was taken away which is 'absolutely false'," Gandhi had told a public

meeting on the last day of his =tour of Ladakh on August 25.

"Every individual of Ladakh knows that China has taken away our land and the prime

minister is not speaking the truth," he alleged. The ties between India and China came under severe strain following the eastern Ladakh border row that began in May, 2020.

The Indian and Chinese troops are locked in an over three-year confrontation in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh even as the two sides completed disengagement from several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks.

#### **Missing Handwara**

Tamil Nadu about their presence", said an official source.

Confirming the receipt of information about the sighting of the trio in Chennai, a police official told a local news agency GNS that they are in continuous touch with the authorities there to ensure all the three boys are brought back and reunited with their families at an earliest.

#### **Sarpanch Arrested**

The woman was shifted to Sub District Hospital Sunderbani by her other family members. However, the doctors there referred her to GMC Jammu for further treatment.

However, she succumbed to her injuries at the GMC Jammu. According to reports, police have added of-

fence under Section 302 IPC (murder) in the instant case which was earlier registered.

Meanwhile, the body of deceased has been

handed over to her legal heirs after completing all legal formalities.

#### **Chairman DDC**

and welfare of the people.

The Lt Governor assured the DDC Chairperson and the heads of the organisations working for peace and welfare of the people of appropriate action on the issues apprised by them. **2 Held For Reating** 

#### 2 Held For Beating

abusing Mahto and then grabbed him from behind. At this, the complainant pushed him and the accused fell on the ground, Deputy Commissioner of Police (south) Chandan

Following this, the accused called two more persons and beat up Mahto. They also snatched his mobile phone and other items from his car, the DCP said, adding it was later revealed that two mobile phones, a credit card, a voter ID card and Rs 10,000 in cash were missing.

A case under IPC sections 394 (voluntarily causing hurt in committing robbery), 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property) and 34 (common intention) of the IPC was registered at the Malviya Nagar police station.

During the investigation, police identified the accused persons by checking CCTV footage from the area and conducted raids at their hideouts.

Mithum alias Deenak (22) a resident of

Mithun alias Deepak (22), a resident of Chirag Dilli, and Mukul (28), a resident of Jagdamba Camp in Sheikh Sarai, were arrested. Two mobile phones were recovered from them, the police officer said.

Efforts are being made to arrest the third accused. Mithun was previously involved in a

# criminal case, police said. **Retired Army**

travelling in the car sustained injuries in the accident, who all were taken to sub district hospital Nowshera where one of the injured was declared as brought dead.

The deceased has been identified as Mohammad Sageer (45), son of Mohammad Idress resident of Chowkian, who was a retired army personnel.

His wife Tabassum (30) and daughter Gousia (12) were referred to GMC Associated

Hospital Rajouri in critical condition.

Chief Medical Officer Rajouri, Dr. Rajinder
Langar said that the injured Gousia is having
critical injuries and is presently on ventilator support while deceased's wife Tabassum
is out of danger but is having severe injuries

# including multiple fractures as well—(KNO) **4 Drug Smugglers**

booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority. The booked drug smugglers have been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-balwal Jammu, a police spokesman said in a statement.

He said that many cases are registered against these smugglers, who were involved in promoting drug trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Mohura Heewan, Bandipayeen Chandoosa, Khambiyar Pattan & other areas of District Baramulla.

"Despite their involvement in many FIRs, they did not mend their activities and were again involved in promoting drug abuse," police said.

# **CS** Reviews Modalities For **Establishment Of Mega** Water Park At Jammu

Says That It Would Be A Major Tourist **Attraction Upon Completion** 



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday reviewed the modalities for establishment of Mega Water Park by the Tourist Department in Jammu as was announced in the Budget of 2023-24 and was a commitment of Lieutenant Governor to the inhabitants of the city

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Tourism; VC, Jammu Development Authority, Consultants and other concerned stakeholders

Dr Mehta while taking note of various components of the Water Theme Park maintained that it would act as a major tourist attraction in Jammu Capital round the year offering entertainment and recreational activities to every age group. He observed that this theme park proposed to be established along the banks of River Tawi near Sidhra would make a circuit together with Bahu Fort, Maha Maya Temple, Artificial Lake, and Mubarak

Mandi Heritage Complex. The Chief Secretary observed that Jammu is the route for millions of pilgrim tourists going to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine besides other local tourist destinations. He said that the tourism infrastructure coming up in the city and going to be dedicated to public in future is enough to attract many tourists to visit these places. He expressed hope that this will make Jammu a major

tourist hub of the UT. He further instructed the Department to explore other ecotourism activities as it is in close proximity with the forest area. He said that the eco-friendly hutments and other amenities shall also be explored to add to the ambience of the park. He asked project proponents to explore making JDA the equity holder in this project so that possibility of revenue sharing is examined in project design.

While giving details about the proposed theme park, the Secretary Tourism, Syed Abid Rasheed Shah informed the meeting that around 92 kanals of land has been identified for building this water park attraction. He also gave out that the adjacent forest land could be leased additionally for the said proposal so as to make the project viable for adding new attractions and for creating gardens, jogging tracks, botanical garden, tree houses etc as permissible under master plan.

The meeting was informed that the park is planned to have attractions like provision for water rides, wave pool, artificial water landscape, kids pool, swimming area, water museum, central water body besides other amenities like jogging track, sky dining, water volleyball, sunbathing, lazy river, indoor water sports, cabana rentals, live entertainment, special/night event zones, landscape zone, hardscape and kiosks for public.

Moreover the meeting was apprised that there is also the proposal of a cable stretched foot bridge connecting either Peer Kho Ropeway Station to the proposed site or from the Panjthirthi Chowk having Multi Tier parking. As Peer Kho is a potential tourist destination, the foot bridge shall serve as an attractive connectivity to the said site for tourists.

The objective of this tourism project was described as to enhance tourism potential of Jammu, tap the potential of pilgrimage tourism and fulfil the desire of having a thrilling recreational / adventure destination here. This water theme park is going to attract tourists from neighbouring areas, increasing footfall, extending the tourist stay at Jammu leading to revenue and employment generation for the locals on one hand and water management, environmental sustainability and health benefits for people on the other hand.

# **Shouldn't Hurt Sentiments: BJP's** Raina Over Dr Faroog's Remark

JAMMU: A day after four security personnel were killed in a gunfight with terrorists, Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina on Thursday said no one should engage in politics at this time and no statements should be made that hurts the sentiments of

the people of this country. Reacting to National Conference president Farooq Abdullah's remark that New Delhi and Islamabad will have to come to the dialogue table if they want to end the bloodshed and find lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir, Raina accused Pakistan of aiding and abetting ter-

rorism in the Union Territory. Pakistani terrorists have committed heinous crimes on a large scale and are constantly attempting to shed blood, he said, adding, "Our brave soldiers have always thwarted Pakistan's nefarious intentions. "At a time when our valiant

soldiers are fighting and sacrificing their lives to thwart the terrorists, no one should engage in politics. No statement should be made that hurts the sentiments of the people," Raina told PTI.

Three Army personnel, including a Colonel commanding a battalion and a Major, and a Deputy Superintendent of the Jammu and Kashmir Police were killed in a gunfight with terrorists in the higher reaches of the Kokorenag area on Wednesday while one soldier was missing.

The Jammu and Kashmir BIP chief said, the nation pays tribute to the martyrs Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish, and SDPO Hamayun Bhat, who laid down their lives in the line of duty in South Kashmir's Anantnag and an Armyman who was martyred in Rajouri.

#### **DC Ganderbal Hosts Interactive Meet With Journalists**

Assures All Possible Support For Establishment Of Media Association

**Observer News Service** 

**GANDERBAL:** The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir on Thursday held and hosted an interactive session with the registered journalists of the district and discussed the issues and problems faced

by them. Members of Ganderbal Media Fraternity, an organization of authorised journalists associated with print, electronic and digital media attended the

meeting and apprised the DC about the problems faced by the media and commented on the measures taken to control the self-styled social media personnel involved in ill practices in the name of press and

The DC assured members of the media fraternity with his full cooperation by offering them proper accommodation and other recognition.

He further asked the media fraternity to bring in the membership drive and go for proper election to choose their president, vice president and other office bearers via democratic way to make the media association more stable and proactive.

# Col Manpreet Preferred His Men **When Offered Peace Posting**

**Press Trust Of India** 

SRINAGAR: "No Sir" was the prompt reply of Colonel Manpreet Singh when he was offered a peace posting upon his promotion in 2021. Instead, he volunteered to stay and command the 19 Rashtriya Rifles, a battalion credited with major kills of terrorists.

Col Singh, who is survived by his wife, a six-year-old son and a two-year-old daughter, was a combat veteran and was awarded Sena Medal during his tenure as second-incommand of the 19 Rashtriva Rifles, a battalion tasked with ensuring security in South Anantnag, Kokernag and Verinag Achabal including its higher reaches, which have been highly infested with terrorists especially foreign mercenaries in the past.

Col Singh who was in his early 40s, along with Major Ashish Dhonchak, Deputy Su-perintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police Humayun Bhat and one soldier, was killed in an encounter with terrorists on Wednesday in the higher reaches of Kokernag. One sol-

dier is still missing. Major Dhonchak, 34, who had a close brush with death only a month ago, is remembered as an enthusiastic officer who used to go into the nitty gritty of every operation.

After his promotion in 2021 as a Colonel, Singh was given a choice to opt for peace area



J&K Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid floral tributes to Col Manpreet Singh and Major Ashish Dhonchak, who were killed in an encounter with terrorists in Kokernag area of Anantnag on Wednesday.

posting.
"No Sir, I would like to be posted in my 19 RR (Rashtriva Rifles) and be with my own men," was his prompt response, politely rejecting the offer that had been made to him.

Col Singh always wanted to lead from the front and the reason generally given by him was "I have to ensure that every one under my command is safe."

A sports enthusiast, Col Singh always believed in uplift of youth and engaged them in sports activities.

'Chinar Cricket tournament' for women and volleyball events were quite frequent in otherwise restive areas of Larkipora, where the formation's headquarters was located.

Many sports lovers in the area said they could not believe that Col Singh was no more.

Many of them said the officer was always available for youths and had encouraged them to build a comprehensive society.

"He believed that sports played an important role in building a society...There were many drug addicts whom he sent for rehabilitation," said woman cricketer Rubbiya Sayeed.

On August 10, Major Dhonchak and his team were participating in a cordon and search operation in the Athlan Gadole area of Kokernag when terrorists hurled a grenade injuring three people including a soldier.

"This time he ran out of luck...." recalls one of the officers known to the fallen soldier.

Major Dhonchak was awarded with Sena Medal only last month on the eve of Indepen-

#### JAMMU AIRPORT EXPANSION

# **Div Com Conducts Spot Inspection To Assess Land Acquisition Status**

Directs To Initiate Work Of Terminal 1 On Already Available Space **Observer News Service** 

Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar on Thursday carried out an on-site inspection of land acquisition for the expansion of Jammu Airport, with a special focus on the Animal Husbandry buildings area in Belicharana.

The Div Com assessed the progress of land acquisition and addressed related issues.

It was revealed during the inspection that the land acquisition process is nearing completion, with only a few patches of land, with structures and office buildings belonging to Animal Husbandry in Belicharana, yet to be transferred to the authorities.

As per the Authorities, a total of 22 structures have already been vacated by the Animal Husbandry department to facilitate early start of work.

In response to this positive development, the Divisional Commissioner directed the Di-

rector Airport Authority Jammu to commence construction work on terminal 1 building, as the necessary land for the same has already been provided.

Additionally, the Divisional Commissioner issued instructions to the Director Animal Husbandry to expedite the construction of alternative buildings in designated areas such as Nagrota, Marh and Chatha. This strategic move aims to expedite the transfer of the remaining land to the Airport Authority, facilitating the timely initiation of the project.

Furthermore, the Divisional Commissioner emphasized the need to resolve the issues surrounding the allotted land for the approach road. The resolution is crucial to ensure the smooth and prompt completion of the relocation of Animal Husbandry buildings.

The meeting Div Com was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; Director Animal Husbandry, Shubhra Sharma; ADC Jammu, Harvinder Singh; Director Airport, S K Garg and other concerned officers.

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# J&K Cong Takes Dig At PM Modi **Over Deteriorating Situation**

**Press Trust Of India** 

JAMMU: Taking a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir Congress working president Raman Bhalla on Thursday said it was shameful the way he was engaging in celebrations to mark the success of the G20 Summit at a time security personnel were killed by terrorists.

Bhalla batted strongly for the need to strengthen security measures in Jammu and Kashmir and alleged that the law and order situation has deteriorated.

On Wednesday, a Colonel of the Indian Army's Rashtriya Rifles, a Major and a Deputy Superintendent of Police were killed during a fierce encounter with terrorists in the Kokernag area of Anantnag district.

"The way the prime minister was being cheered and showered with flowrs over G20 at a time the last rites (of the security forces personnel) were being conducted, it is shameful," Bhalla told reporters here.

He also expressed condolences to

the families of the slain army and police officers.

Expressing concern about the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, Bhalla said the challenges of terrorism are there, and Indian soldiers, along with people, are ready to face them.

"Shoulder to shoulder, we are prepared to offer them moral support. Their spirits are high and we believe that those responsible for this incident should be dealt with thoroughly so that there is no room for terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Hitting out at the Centre and the Union territory administration over their claims that the security situation has improved in Iammu and Kashmir. Bhalla said these terror incidents are a testimony to the fact that the law and order situation is getting worse.

"The government's claims have been oven hollow." he said

The government here should take firm steps so that those behind this act are brought to justice as soon as pos-

#### CANCELLATION/SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIGINATION/REGULATION/ DIVERSION OF TRAINS DUE TO MAINTENANCE WORK AT JAMMU TAWI

In order to upgrade the infrastructure, Northern Railway will undertake the Maintenance work at Jammu Tawi Railway Station over Firozpur Division. To execute this work suitable traffic block from 15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023 will be taken. During this period following trains will temporarily be affected as under:-

Train No. & Train Name	Date(s) of Cancellation (from originating station)
12469 Kanpur Central - Jammu Tawi Superfast Express	15.09.2023
12470 Jammu Tawi - Kanpur Central Superfast Express	14.09.2023
12491 Barauni - Jammu Tawi Mour Dhwaj Express	17.09.2023
12492 Jammu Tawi - Barauni Mour Dhwaj Express	15.09.2023
12265 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Jammu Tawi Duronto Express	15.09.2023 & 17.09.2023
12266 Jammu Tawi - Delhi Sarai Rohilla Duronto Express	16.09.2023 & 18.09.2023
12413 Ajmer - Jammu Tawi Pooja Superfast Express	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023
12414 Jammu Tawi - Ajmer Pooja Superfast Express	14.09.2023 to 18.09.2023
14606 Jammu Tawi - Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express	17.09.2023
14605 Yog Nagari Rishikesh - Jammu Tawi Express	18.09.2023
04615 Pathankot - Udhampur Special Express	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023
04616 Udhampur - Pathankot Special Express	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023
06951 Pathankot - Udhampur Special Express	15.09.2023, 18.09.2023, 19.09.2023
06952 Udhampur - Pathankot Special Express	15.09.2023, 18.09.2023, 19.09.2023
04642 Pathankot - Jalandhar City DEMU Special Express	19.09.2023
06949 Jalandhar City - Pathankot DEMU Special Express	19.09.2023

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS				
Train No. & Train Name	Short Terminate at/ Originate from	Date (s) (from originating station)		
18101 Tatanagar - Jammu Tawi Express	at Amritsar	13.09.2023 & 15.09.2023		
18102 Jammu Tawi - Tatanagar Express	from Amritsar	16.09.2023 & 18.09.2023		
18309 Sambalpur - Jammu Tawi Express	at Amritsar	14.09.2023 & 16.09.2023		
18310 Jammu Tawi - Sambalpur Express	from Amritsar	17.09.2023 & 19.09.2023		
19223 Ahmedabad - Jammu Tawi Express	at Pathankot	14.09.2023 to 17.09.2023		
19224 Jammu Tawi - Ahmedabad Express	from Pathankot	16.09.2023 to 18.09.2023		
19224 Jammu Tawi - Ahmedabad Express	from Jalandhar City	19.09.2023		
19225 Bhagat Ki Kothi - Jammu Tawi Express	at Pathankot	15.09.2023 to 18.09.2023		
19226 Jammu Tawi - Bhagat Ki Kothi Express	from Pathankot	15.09.2023 to 18.09.2023		
12237 Varanasi - Jammu Tawi Express	at Pathankot Cantt.	14.09.2023 to 18.09.2023		
12238 Jammu Tawi - Varanasi Express	from Pathankot Cantt.	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023		

REGULATION OF TRAINS				
Train No. & Name	Regulation	Date (from the Originating Station)		
15655 Kamakhya - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	will depart 180 Minutes late from Kamakhya and will regulate 45 minutes in Ambala and 45 minutes in Firozpur Division	17.09.2023		
12919 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar - S. M. Vaishno Devi Katra Exp.	will depart 150 Minutes late from Dr. Ambedkar Nagar and will regulate 30 minutes in Ambala and 30 minutes in Firozpur Division	18.09.2023		
12920 S. M. Vaishno Devi Katra- Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Express	will depart 120 Minutes late from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and will regulate 60 minutes in the route	19.09.2023		
12471 Bandra Terminus- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Exp.	will depart 150 Minutes late from Bandra Terminus and will regulate 30 minutes in Ambala and 30 minutes in Firozpur Division	18.09.2023		
12472 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Bandra Terminus Exp.	will depart 150 Minutes late from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and will regulate 60 minutes in the route	19.09.2023		
19416 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Ahmedabad Express	will depart 70 Minutes late from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and will regulate 50 minutes in the route	19.09.2023		

DIVERSION OF TRAIN			
Train No. & Name	Diverted via	Date (from the Originating Station)	
12587 Gorakhpur - Jammu Tawi Amar Nath Express	Jalandhar CanttJalandhar City-Amritsar- Gurdaspur-Pathankot Cantt.	18.09.2023	

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# **Number Of Terrorists Down In J&K Due To Development: VK Singh**

'Sporadic Terror Incidents Will Continue To Take Place'

**Press Trust Of India** 

**INDORE:** The number of terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir has come down considerably as development has picked pace there, claimed Union minister V K Singh on Thursday, asserting it will take time to stop "sporadic" terror incidents as Pakistan continues to meddle in India's internal matters.

Singh, who was in Madhya Pradesh to campaign for the BIP ahead of the year-end assembly polls, was speaking to reporters in Indore, a day after an Army colonel, a major, a deputy superintendent of police and a jawan were killed in a gunfight with terrorists in J&K.

The Minister of state for road transport and highways and civil aviation said the misconception spread by separatists that J&K is different from the rest of the country has also been dispelled.

"Infrastructure, industries and tourism are developing at a fast pace in Jammu and Kashmir. If the common Kashmiri citizen is asked, he will tell you that he is very happy with this development," Singh said.

'Sporadic terror incidents (in J&K) will continue to take place," he said, a day after three soldiers and a police officer laid down their lives fighting terrorists in J&K's Anantnag district.

"It will take time to stop because there is a country (Pakistan) which may have gone bankrupt but its habit of interfering with India's internal affairs continues. When that country is torn apart, these things will automatically disappear," he said. The Union minister said everyone

in the country is saddened by the

death of the security personnel in

J&K on Wednesday but the Congress did nothing to mourn their sacrifice. "At the very least, they (Congress) could taken out a candlelight pro-

cession. In the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government, soldiers did not even get bulletproof jackets. These jackets have been made available to soldiers since 2014," said Singh, who had also served as the Army chief.

Singh said Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI and some locals were creating hurdles in the government's efforts to resettle Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley for their selfish interests. He said, "... But I am saying this with great confidence that this atmosphere will not last long. Just wait for a few more days.'

The Union minister also said that while the British left after India's independence, some forces took political advantage of the "anti-Sanatan Dharma views" created by them in the southern part of the country.

"DMK is a political party born out of such forces. Today the political existence of this party is in danger, so its leaders started talking against Sanatan Dharma," he said.

The BJP has been attacking the opposition following DMK leader and Tamil Nadu minister Udhayanidhi Stalin's controversial statement that Sanatan Dharma is against social justice and that it should be eradicated. A Raja, another DMK leader, likened Sanatan Dharma to diseases.

Singh also hit out at the "INDIA" bloc of opposition parties, saying the acronym does not represent the country India. He alleged that the name of the opposition alliance has been kept in an attempt to fool the people to hide its real face.



## Srinagar Premier League: Downtown Heroes, FC1 Win

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** The 2023 Srinagar Premier League witnessed three exciting matches on Thursday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

In the first game of the day, Kashmir Panthers FC locked horns with J&K Bank Academy. The academy boys of J&K Bank dominated the game and took the lead through Aasif in the 38th minute. A Daanish own goal in the 45th minute meant J&K Bank Academy went into half time two goals up.

The second half saw the academy boys rake in three more goals, as Salman (76') and Moomin (79', 85) helped the team to a 5-0 win. J&K Bank Academy's Moomin Bhat was awarded player of the match.

The second game of the day saw the Downtown Heroes FC take on AG's Office XI. The blockbuster matchup was highly anticipated as Downtown Heroes are undefeated in the Srinagar Premier Division,

while AG's Office is known to spring surprises.

The Heroes proved why they are highly rated as forward player Afreen Parray gave them the lead in the 12th minute. Afreen doubled Downtown's lead in the 45th minute to end the half time 2-0 up. Amanjot gave AG's Office a glimmer of hope in the 70th minute, but Hafiz scored two important goals (87', 90') to give downtown a convincing 4-1 win. Afreen was the player of the match.

In the final game of the day, fast-emerging football club FC1 was pitted against the reserve team of Real Kashmir FC.

The game was a one-sided contest for most part. Captain Asrar Rehbar opened the scoring with a penalty, before Ahteeb made it 2-0 at half time. Shafaqat and Asrar made it 4-0, before Real Kashmir's Musa pulled one back. Feroze made it 4-2 for Real Kashmir, but Asrar got his hat trick to end the game 5-2 in FC1's favour.

# India's Workload Plans In Focus Against Bangladesh



**Press Trust of India** 

**COLOMBO:** Having already sealed a place in the final, India will be tempted to test their fringe players when they face an already knocked out Bangladesh in a Super Four match of the Asia Cup here on Friday.

The Rohit Sharma-led outfit will think deep whether to give as much game time as possible to its first-choice team or give an opportunity to some of the fringe players ahead of the World Cup at home next month.

The question of workload management is pertinent particularly in the case of bowlers.

Jasprit Bumrah has bowled just 12 overs so far in the Asia Cup – five against Pakistan and seven against Sri Lanka. He did not play against Nepal.

So, it could boil down to

Bumrah's choice whether he wants to have a crack at batsmen in one more match or take a step back and return for the summit clash on September 17. On the other hand, Mohammed Siraj has bowled 19.2 overs and Hardik Pandya 18 overs in this tournament.

It might not appear heavy numbers but the humidity in Colombo has been energysapping, so the team management might just give a break to one of them.

In that context, it would not be a major surprise if Shami replaces Siraj against Bangladesh.

It will also help the senior pacer to register some valuable real-match time under his belt before the quadrennial big bash, starting October 5.

It is important because Shami has now been used as a back-up seamer behind Bumrah, Siraj and Pandya.

But the dwindling bowling graph of Axar Patel will concern the thinktank as he has been marked as a cover for Ravindra Jadeja.

The left-arm spinner has neither been able to take wickets and contain the run-flow, an area where Jadeja excels. When it comes to the Ban-

gladesh camp, they will not have the services of wicketkeeper batsman Mushfiqur Rahim for this match. Rahim had flown back home

after their Super 4 match against Sri Lanka, which they lost by 21 runs.

In the absence of Rahim

In the absence of Rahim, Litton Das is expected to keep wickets.

However, their captain Shakib al Hasan has rejoined the team after returning home to spend some time with his family.



# Messi, Mbappe, Haaland Nominated For FIFA Best Award

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🛘 ionel Messi, Kylian Mbappe Land Erling Haaland are on the short-list for The Best FIFA Men's Player Award, while Spain's Aitana Bonmati is among the nominees for the Best Women's Player on the back of winning the Golden Ball at the World Cup. Half of the dozen nominees in the men's category were part of Manchester City's 2022-23 treble-winning squad, while City's Spanish manager Pep Guardiola is nominated for Best Men's Coach.

Spain's World Cup win sees four of their players among the

16 nominees for the women's award. World Cup runners-up England have four players on the list, with Sarina Wiegman up for the women's coaching award, while Australia have three players. World Cup winners Messi of Argentina and Spain's Alexia Putellas are the current holders of the top player awards.

The nominees were shortlisted by a panel of soccer experts that included retired players Mia Hamm and Didier Drogba. Voting for the eighth annual awards opened on Thursday on FIFA.com and closes in mid-October. National team coaches, captains, journalists and fans make up the list of voters.

### Sancho To Train Away From Man United First Team

Agencies

MANCHESTER: Manchester United's Jadon Sancho will train alone pending the resolution of a "discipline issue", the Premier League club said on Thursday, following the attacker's falling out with manager Erik ten Hag.

England international Sancho was omitted from United's squad for a 3-1 league loss to Arsenal on Sept. 3, with manager Ten Hag stating he had been left out because of poor training performance.

Following the match, the 23-year-old responded in a lengthy post on X - the social media platform formerly known as Twitter - saying he had been unfairly made a "scapegoat".

United are 11th in the Premier League with six points from four games, and they next host Brighton & Hove Albion on Saturday.

