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No Major Respite From Scorching Heat: MeT

Srinagar: Despite morning showers at scattered places, the heat wave continued at isolated places of Kashmir on Friday while as the Met office here has predicted brief spell of rains during the next two days in Jammu & Kashmir.

According to Kashmir News Observer, J&K parts including the summer capital received light rainfall this morning, bringing slight respite from the heat wave in Kashmir.

Director However, Meteorological department (MeT), Sonum Lotus said that the maximum temperature remained normal in Jammu

region today. He further added that the isolated places in Kashmir continued to witness heat wave.

Lotus further said that similar as today, there is a possibility of light rainfall at isolated to scattered places of Jammu & Kashmir during the next two days. Nonetheless, he said that there is no forecast of any major respite from the prevalent weather conditions for the next one week **→ More On P10**

ANANTNAG ENCOUNTER

Operation On For 70+ Hours

1 More Soldier Dead, Forces Fire Grenades, RPGs On Suspected Hideouts, No Traces of Terrorists Yet

Observer News Service

Anantnag: Another soldier. who had been reported missing since Thursday, was found dead as the ongoing encounter between security forces and terrorists in South Kashmir forests entered third day on Friday.

The operation, which began on Wednesday evening and resulted in the death of three officers of army and police in its initial phase, continued on Friday with Army using drones to locate the terrorists in the forest area on a hilly terrain, falling in Anantnag district.

"One more soldier lost his life in the operations. He had been reported missing since yesterday (Thursday). During joint security operations in Gadool area, forces dropped grenades on terrorist hideout locations using

drones," police officials said. The army has already stated that it was using new-generation weapons and devices, including strike-capable Heron drones and quad copters to locate the hiding terrorists.



They said that despite the rains, the security forces cordoned-off the area and launched an operation to flush out the terrorists.

"A tight cordon is being maintained in the area," they added. The official said that civilians living close to the encounter area have been already evacuated to safer places.

"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 of cordon have been tightened to ensure ter-

during the initial exchange of fire Colonel Manpreet Singh, who was the commanding

rorists don't flee." Pertinently on Wednesday,

a sub-inspector were killed in an 18-hour long encounter at north Kashmir's Handwara. This was the first encounter in the district in around the last four months as in May contact

> ists in Sagam area of Kokernag, however, they later managed to give slip to forces. Anantnag district where as per police records just one or two local terrorists including

Uzair Khan of >> More On P10

Dhonchak and DySP Humayun

Bhat, the son of former DIG

Kashmir Ghulam Muhammad

On Thursday, the operation

continued in which two soldiers

received injuries who were

shifted to hospital for treatment.

counter 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

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Notably, the Kokernag en-

Bhat were killed.

MIRWAIZ DETENTION

High Court Issues Notice to UT Admin

Press Trust of India

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Friday issued a notice to the Union Territory administration seeking its response on a petition filed by Hurriyat Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar Faroog over his house arrest since August 2019.

Farooq's lawyer, Nazir Ahmad Ronga said the court has given four weeks' time to the administration to file its response.

The separatist leader filed a writ petition in the high court "seeking an order, or direction upon the respondents (state authorities) to release the petitioner (Mirwaiz) from 'illegal and unauthorised detention' as the petitioner has been detained/ house arrested at his Nigeen residence without any order or authority in law".

The writ petition also requests the high court that it may issue an appropriate writ or order asking the administration to "lift the siege outside" the separatist leader's house at Nigeen Hazratbal here.
"It also submits » More On P10

AC Approves Separate 'J&K Sports Cadre'

235 Posts Created In Gazetted, Non- Gazetted Categories



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC), which met here, under the chairmanship of the

Lieutenant Governor, Manoi Sinha, gave nod for creation of "Jammu and Kashmir Sports cadre" under the administrative control of Youth

2nd National Judicial Pay Commission to be Implemented in J&K

he Administrative Council (AC), which met here, under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the implementation of the Second Nationa Judicial Pay Commission in >> More On P10

J&K Bank Presents Dividend Cheques Worth Rs 30 Cr To LG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Initiating the payment of dividend to shareholders of J&K Bank after seven years, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash on Friday presented two cheques worth Rs 28.57 Cr and Rs 1.84 Cr to J&K Government, its promoter and major share-holder.

Prakash handed over the dividend cheques for the FY 2022-23 to LG in presence of Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta; Principal Secretary Finance, Santosh D Vaidya; Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Dr M K Bhandari and Bank's General Manager Government Business, Syed

Pertinently, the Bank approved 50% dividend for the financial year 2022-23 at its 85th AGM.

While lauding J&K Bank for its recent performance on the occasion, the LG also



appreciated the Bank for its major contribution in the financial empowerment of people besides the critical role in the economic development of Jammu and Kashmir.

"J&K Bank has performed Il during the last financial year, and we expect it to continue its growth while extending the best banking services and empowering people financially in the future," Sinha said.

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta commended the

Bank for its role towards saturation of self-employment in J&K. Expressing pleasure over the sustained surge in Bank's share price, he said, "With most of its financial parameters improving during the last many quarters, it is qu a comforting sign for investors to see the Bank's shares trad-

ing above Rs 100." Earlier, MD & CEO thanked the UT Government led by LG Sinha for support, guidance and gave a >> More On P10

Deadline For Retrieval Of Evacuee Properties

Custodian General Sets

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Custodian General J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara on Friday launched an extensive drive to free Evacuee Properties from encroachers in Kashmir.

During the drive undertaken by the department against the encroachers, illegal occupants and violators, the Custodian General J&K said action will be taken against violators which include punishment with imprisonment which may extend to three years in terms of Section 18 of I&K Evacuees (Administration

of Property) Act, Setting a deadline, he issued directions to the

Executive Engineer E.P J&K to get the land fenced immediately to avoid any encroachment / misuse and also come up with the proposal for optimum use of the land.

The Custodian General I&K while on visit to Evacuee land situated at Panthachowk Srinagar ordered for resumption of possession of Evacuee land measuring 17 Kanals 16 Marlas which was under illegal occupation of few persons and accordingly the department after proper demarcation by the revenue agency, the Evacuee land in question was retrieved and the departmental sign boards installed in presence of Naib Tehsildar concerned. >> More On P10

3-day Ayurveda Parv Inaugurated In Srinagar

LG Seeks Ayurvedic College, Hospital in Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday inaugurated the three-day Ayurveda Parv, organized by Akhil Bhartiya Ayurveda Mahasammelan Trust, Ministry of AYUSH & Directorate of AYUSH-J&K, at Dental College Srinagar.

"Ayurveda has gained global popularity and today the entire world is adopting Ayurveda techniques to meet the changing health care needs of people, for well-being of the body, mind & spirit and management of various diseases," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor asked the Union Ministry of AYUSH for establishing an Ayurvedic College and Hospital in Kashmir.

He also called for expediting the process for upgradation of 115 AYUSH dispensaries and



of High Altitude in Bhaderwah.

"I am hopeful this platform of Ayurveda Parv will also draw a roadmap to further strengthen the health architecture of Jammu Kashmir and provide valuable suggestions for a more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health system for the well-being of all our citizens,' the Lt Governor said. He said the Ayurvedic Medical

College & Hospital in Akhnoor; Unani Medical >> More On P10

Avoid Long Queues For Students During Official Visits: DSEK

SRINAGAR: The School Education Department in Kashmir has said that government-run institutions should not disrupt academic hours or jeopardise the mental and emotional well-being of students during the arrival or visits of officials, where students are forced to stand in long queues for receptions.

In a circular issued by Director of School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Hussain Mir, it has come to notice that whenever an officer visits a school or educational institution, students are made to stand for extended periods in queues on both sides of the pathway, and they are required to wait outside classrooms during any events.

The circular states that the

department has also observed the practice of offering visiting officers or guests artificial floral bouquets or garlands made of non-biodegradable materials. which contribute to environmental burdens during disposal.

"During various school functions, substantial expenses are incurred for hospitality and catering arrangements for guests or officers, which do not align with the school's atmosphere and can lead to feelings of discrimination among students who are not provided with such refreshments during the event," it reads.

"Such practices raise several questions due to their adverse effects on students' available learning time, disruptions in learning, productivity losses, >> More On P10

SC Says It Heard 'Voice Of Nation' On Article- 370

Trashes Allegation Of Not Hearing Ordinary Citizens

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday trashed the allegation that it does not hear ordinary citizens, saying it has been hearing the "voice of the nation" and individuals from Kashmir on the issue of abrogation of Article 370.

It was reacting to lawyer Mathews Nedumpara's email to the top court in which he claimed the apex court has been hearing only constitution bench matters, which have no public interest involved, and not the cases of ordinary citizens.

"Mr. Nedumpara, I don't want to join issue with you but secretary general has informed me of the email you have written to the Supreme Court in which you have said that the Supreme Court should not hear constitution bench matters and hear only nonconstitution bench matters," said the bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud. Nedumpara accepted he

had written the email to the apex court and said by nonconstitution bench matters he meant "cases of ordinary people". The CJI, while em-

phasising on the importance of constitution bench matters said, "I just wanted to tell you that you don't seem to know what

constitution bench matters are and vou seem to be ignorant of the importance of constitution bench matters which often involve interpretation of the Constitution, which forms the foundation of the legal framework in India." → More On P10

Sheema Qasba inducted as Ast Director IB

he government on Friday relieved Sheema Nabi Qasba (IPS) for her induction as Assistant Director (SP Level) in the Intelligence Bureau (IB) on a deputation basis for five years. "Consequent upon the approval of the Competent Authority for the induction of Ms. Sheema Nabi Qasba, IPS (AGMUT: 2016), Superintendent of Police, Handwara, as Assistant Director (SP Level) in the Intelligence Bureau (IB) on a deputation basis. for a period of five >> More On P10

CBI Arrests Cantonment Board official

he Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested a revenue inspector of the Jammu Cantonment Board for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 1 lakh. In a statement, a spokesperson said that a case was registered based on a complaint alleging that the accused was demanding a bribe of Rs 2 lakh. The statement further reads that it was alleged that the complainant had been residing in a residential quarter inside Jammu >> More On P10

Floods Ht **Jammu-Rajouri Highway**

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ash floods triggered by heavy rains washed away a culvert on the Jammu-Rajouri highway, prompting authorities to divert traffic. officials said on Friday. A temporary culvert on the highway at Rajal Top area in Nowshera was washed away due to heavy rains late Thursday night, they said. Due to this, scores of vehicles were stranded on the highway since this morning, they said. The work on the construction of a bridge on the highway >> More On P10

Udhampur Railway Station Renamed

he Udhampur railway station in Jammu and Kashmir has been renamed after martyr Captain Tushar Mahaian, officials said on Friday. Captain Tushar Mahajan, an officer of the 9 Para of Special Forces of army attained martyrdom after killing a terrorist while protecting his fellow Army personnel in a terror attack on the JKEDI building in Pulwama district in South Kashmir in February 2016. The station was renamed after the Lieutenant Governor's >> More On P10

2 LeT Associates Held In Baramulla

module has been unearthed in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, with the arrest of two associates and recovery of arms and ammunition from them. police said on Friday. The two terrorist associates of LeT outfit have been arrested in Uri area of Baramulla, in north Kashmir, a police official said. He said incriminating material, including two pistols and five hand grenades, have been >> More

Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror

Gandhi Global Family Delegation Meets LG

delegation of Gandhi Global Family led by its President Padma Shri Ily lea by its President i dama s.... Dr SP Varma called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan here on Friday. The members of the delegation discussed with the LG the events to be organized to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti, an official spokesperson said. Also, he said that a delegation led by Dr Ramesh Bhat, President and Shrines Prabandhak Committee, Tral-Awantipora, Pulwama met the Lt Governor and put forth their demands and issues. >> More On P10



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Meta Denies Exploring Ads In WhatsApp To 'Boost Revenue'

IANS

eta on Friday refuted a report which claimed that the Mark Zuckerberg-run company is planning to put ads in WhatsApp, which has over 2 billion users globally, including more than 500 million in India alone.

Reacting to a Financial Times report which claimed that Meta teams were exploring ads in WhatsApp as the social network "seeks revenue boost, saying "discussions are at an early stage and include possible subscription fee"

Will Cathcart, Head of WhatsApp at Meta, said that the report is false.

"We aren't doing this (exploring ads). Also it looks like you misspelled Brian's (WhatsApp Co-founder Brian Acton) name," Cathcar posted on X.

According to the report, Meta has been working to "shore up its advertising revenue, which took a hit during a period of macroeconomic uncertainty".

Earlier reports have claimed that WhatsApp may finally bring advertisements to its platform to monetise it better. Facebook Founder Zuckerberg acquired WhatsApp for \$19 billion in 2014.

Unlike Instagram, which Facebook bought in 2012 for roughly \$1 billion, WhatsApp doesn't show ads.

According to CNBC, almost a decade after purchasing WhatsApp, Meta is still "trying to turn the messaging app into a big moneymaker'

WhatsApp now needs more large businesses acros the globe to rely on the service as a main way to converse with customers.

Index No. Name of the candidate

Rifat Rashid

W/O Hilal Ahmad Lone D/O Abdul Majeed Lone

Email ID: xenbemina@gmail.com Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer **R&B Division Bemina Srinagar.**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

DATED:13.09.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the follow-

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NIT No.03/EE/R&B/BM/312-19 of 2023-24

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www. iktenders gov in as ner schedule of dates given below-

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1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	13.09.2023.							
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	14.09.2023 from 10.00 AM							
3	Bid submission Start Date	14.09.2023 from 10.00 AM							
4	Bid Submission End Date	19.09.2023 upto 4.00 PM.							
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	20.09.2023 at 11:00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar.							

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under M.H-0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar (tender receiving authority). In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

Instructions to Bidder (ITB)

4.1. All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-

All bidders shall upload Copies of original documents defining constitution/legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address. Registration Card duly renewed/valid for the year 2023-24

All bidders shall upload Verification Certificate duly issued by the card issuing authority or an Affidavit duly certified by 1st class Judicial Magistrate to the effect of genuineness of the registration.

d. All bidders shall upload Treasury Challan/Earnest Money. All bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card. e.

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All bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of last quarter i.e. April-June 2022-23 or preceding month i.e. July-2023.

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The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

DIPK-8793/23 Dated:15.09.2023

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office Of The Child Development Project Officer Poshan Proiect Narvaw

(PUBLIC NOTICE).

Subject:-TentativeSelectionListof Sanginis(AnganwadiWorkers) of Poshan Project Narvaw.

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No.312-19

In pursuance to Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023, and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar vide No: MD/Poshan/Estt/13281-94Dated:08-05-2023, (05) posts of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) have been advertised by this office vide advertisement noticeNo. CDPO/POSHAN/N/2023-24/331-42, Dated: -28-08-2023 and published in Daily Newspaper "Uqaab" on 30-08-2023.Out of (05) posts of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers), the selection has been made against (05) posts of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) for (05) Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Narvaw. In response to said advertisement notice, 21 application forms were received against (05) Posts of Sanginis (AWWs) on the basis of Wards withincut-offdate and meritlist of candidates has been prepared as percriterial aid downvide Government Order No.103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023 and Selection list has been framed on the basis of merit list herewith as Annexure-A, comprising of 05 candidates Tentatively selected as Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers). The Merit Listfor (05) Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Narvawisannexed herewith as Annexure-B. Both Tentative Selection Listand Merit List are here by published for information of general public and inviting appeal/objections if any.

Theappeal/objectionifanyagainstthesaidTentative selectionlist, shallbefiledintheofficeofthe Child Development Project Officer, Poshan Project Narvaw 21-09-2023 against proper receipt up to 4:00 PM, no appeal/objection shall be entertained after expiryof the last date for filling appeal/objections.

(ANNEXURE-A) Tentative Selection List of Candidates for the post of Sanginis (AWWs) for Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Narvaw advertised vide notice No as mentioned above. **ANNEXURE A**

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E-AUCTION NOTICE behalf of President of India invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for EAFZR-CTG23-5 Auction Catalogue No. **Auction Start** 29/09/2023 at 11.00 AM Allotment of catering stall at Railway Stations Name of work Stall No. | Location Reserved for Railway Station Khem Karan GMU Stall No 1 PF No 1 All GMU Stall No.1 PF No.1 Women Freedom Fighters & War Widows Verka GMU Stall No.1 PF No.1 & Widows of Railway Employees GMU Stall No.1 PF No.1 All Hoshiarpur SMU Stall No.1 PF No.1 Other Backward Class (Women) Tanda Urmu SMU Stall No.1 PF No.1 Minorities Batala Schedule Tribe (Freedom Stall No.1 PF No.1 Fighters & War Widows & Samba Widows of Railway Employees) Ram Nagar JK SMU Stall No.1 PF No.1 Other Backward Class (Women) Nawashehar Doaba SMU Stall No.1 PF No.1 Schedule Tribe (ST) Vijaypur Jammu SMU Stall No.1 PF No.1 Other Backward Class (OBC) Bari Brahmna SMU Stall No.1 PF No.1 Other Backward Class (OBC) Tarn Taran SMU Stall No.1 PF No.1 Schedule Caste (SC) SMU Stall No. 1 PE No. 1 Other Backward Class (OBC) Gurdaspur SMU Stall No.1 PF No.1 Schedule Caste (Women) For other details please visit Railway website www.ireps.gov.in

Subject:-Grant of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & style"M/s Lynx Holiday's "your Travel Advocates" Situated at 90 Feet Soura Srinagar

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PUBLIC NOTICE

& Azad Ahmad Zargar R/o Lal Bazar & Azad Colony 90 FEET SOURA SRINAGAR kashmir. intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style "M/s Lynx Holiday's "your Travel Advocates" Situated at 90 FEET SOURA SRINAGAR under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department). Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly

attested by Sub-Registrar, Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card), hotograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photograph to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency / Adventure tour operator. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director: Tourism Registration (e-mail Id:- ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from 👱 the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the

valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

Office of Adv Mufti Muhtashim & Associates

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(Caveator)

PUBLIC AT LARGE

(Non-Caveators) In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C.

The caveator has reasons to believe/apprehension that the non-caveator may file a suit or any other type of proceeding before a Court of Law on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation or cooked up story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at his back/exparte against the caveator and in such eventuality the caveator will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveator is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing

Sd/- Advocate

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

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 Regular 2016 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars Name: Gulnaza Banoo

S/o: Fayaz Ahmad Lone Roll No:260147 Year & Session 2016 Annual Regular

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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary Board Of School Education Sub Office Bandipora

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in Driving License bearing DL No: JK0520100024732 as Sameer Ahmad Khan While my correct name is Shameem Ahmad Khan which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the ARTO Sopore Baramulla within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be

Shameem Ahmad Khan R/o Hanjiyora Bala Baramullah bmg

The Jammu And Kashmir **Board Of School Education**

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 11th)under Roll No:. 18144253 Session 2019-2020 Year 2020 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent/Board against my name as Falah Insted of Falah



Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bernina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be

Name: Falah Khan Father's Name: Mukhtar Ahmad Khan Mother's Name Samiya Jan DOB 06-08-2004 R/o Vakeel Colony Brien Nishat

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DIPK-8855/23 dated: 15-09-2023



Authorities Closed Badamwari Park For Morning, Evening Walks

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The authorities here have barred the locals from visiting Badamwari Park during morning and evening hours, alleging that the local residents, who enter the park for activities like walking and jogging, are causing damage to the turf. However, the decision by the authorities led to widespread criticism from the local community.

A circular posted outside Badamwari Park states: "It is impressed upon the In-charge Head Gardener of Badamwari Park to ensure that no individual shall be allowed to carry out the activities like Morning Walk & Evening Walk inside the premises of Badamwari Park as it

has been observed that the local residents who are visiting the park during morning hours for walking, jogging etc are damaging the turf of the park as they are not using the paths which are meant for these activities and thereby, also damages the plant material.

"Therefore, you (Mr. Gulla Malik, the I/C Head Gardener of Badamwari is hereby being directed to ensure complete suspension of these activities at the Badamwari Park so that the glory of the park may not be affected in future," it reads.

Nonetheless, locals while speaking to KNO expressed anguish over the authorities' decision and described it as a nonsensical move, while urging the authorities to refrain from such actions.

Female Biker Embarks On Dream Trip To Kashmir

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A female biker from Karnataka has embarked on a journey to Jammu and Kashmir, riding solo and reaching her destination in just 15 days.

Sharing her travel experience, Chitra Rao told the news agency— Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that she reached Srinagar on Thursday.

"People are very nice here. Before coming to Kashmir, I was worried but I find people are very

KU Strengthens

Amenities For

Observer News Service

Srinagar: To strengthen the amenities being pro-

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main and satellite campus-

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and safety of the students

University of Kashmir,

Prof Nilofer Khan inau-

gurated the fleet of eight

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from far-flung areas.

Students

helpful and I would like to thank Kashmiri people," she added.

She said that it is her first solo road trip and she is enjoying it.

"For me, traveling alone was important because if I would have come in a group, people would think it's a biker gang roaming around. But when they see a solo female traveler, it is noticeable.

"I took all the precautions and reached Kashmir safely within 15 days," she added.

1 Auction catalogue No. EAFZR-PRKG23-25

Auction catalogue No. EAFZR-OH23-20

Auction start Date & Time 28-09-23 at 11:00 Hrs

Auction catalogue No. EAFZR-OH23-21

4 Auction catalogue No. EAFZR-WVM23-3

Auction start Date & Time 29-09-23 at 11:00 Hrs

Auction start Date & Time 29-09-23 at 12:00 Hrs

Auction start Date & Time 25-09-23 at 12:00 Hrs

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION NOTICE

The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and or

behalf of President of India invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders fo the following works over Firozpur Division:

Name of work Allotment of Parking contract at Railway Station Mukerian, Kathua, Palampur Himachal & Joginder Nagar.

Name of Allotment of contract for advertisement rights through static media a

Name of work Allotment of contract for advertisement rights through static media at Water Tank at Sahnewal, Sujanpur, Samba, Firozpur Cantt & SVD Katra

Name of work Allotment of Contract for provision and operation of Water Vending Machines at Railway Station Pathankot Cantt.

Complete details of auction can be seen by registered bidder on www.ireps.gov.in

Eligibility As mentioned in E- auction catalogue available on www.ireps.gov.in

Dinanagar, Tarn Taran Gangsar Jaito, Faridkot & Amritsar.

Muktsar, Kathua, Makhu, Goneana Bhai Jagta, Kotkapura, Nakoda



Man taking out water from his shikara in the interiors of world famous Dal Lake amid scroaching heat on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhai

Cop On Mumbai Visit Dies 'Mysteriously', **Family Suspects Foul Play**

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Dead body of a policeman who died under mysterious circumstances in Mumbai a few days ago, arrived at his native place in Srinagar on Friday, family sources said.

Augib Hussain Mir son of Khurshd Ahmad Mir aged around 32 of Hassanabad Rainawari, according to his family had gone to Mumbai for dronepilot course a few days ago

However, the sudden death of their son, who had been married

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Now I want to apply its duplicate.

Regard this, if anybody having any

objection may file the same to the

RTO office Ganderbal within a

week at the most after that no

excuses will be accepted.

only for a year, shook the whole family, they added.

'The entire family and relatives of the deceased cop were shocked the moment they came across the sudden death of their son. Augib was married only for a year and had gone to Mumbai for a drone-pilot course a few days ago, one of the close relatives of the deceased cop told Kashmir Observer.

He said there were deep wounds on his entire body while his back was broken as if he had either been pushed or had fallen from the top.

The family of the deceased cop who was posted at Police Control Room (PCR) Srinagar urged the government to conduct a thorough probe into the mysterious death of their son.

'We want an in-depth investigation into Augib's enigmatic death to be carried out by the authorities. His back was broken, and there were visible injury marks all over his body, it appeared that he was either pushed or fell from the top, they added.

Office of the Executive Engineer, **Electric Division- 1st, Srinagar.**

Email: xen.ed1st@gmail.com Tel No. 0194-2452079 Fax No.0194-2452079

e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE e-NIT No. 044/EDI, dt:14.09.2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Electric Division-1st, Srinagar invites online e-bids from registered A-Class Electrical Contractors/firms for as under:

S.No	Particulars	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)
1	Creation of 100 KVA, 6.6-11KV/433V 3 phase Double ratio Substation alongwith	8.32
	HT/LT network for stabilization of power system network at Hamza Colony Near	
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The complete tender document is available at website http://iktenders.gov.in, Interested bidder/tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

i)	Date and Time of downloading/ Sale (Start) of Tender	14.09.2023; 16:00 Hrs
	Document	
ii)	Date & Time of Download/ Sale (End) of Tender Document	03.10.2023; 16:00 Hrs
ii) iii)	Date and time of bidding queries/clarifications	14.09.2023; 16:00 Hrs to 15.09.2023; 16:00 Hrs
iv)	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/End)	14.09.2023; 16:00 Hrs to 03.10.2023; 16:00 Hrs
v)	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	04.10.2023 at 13:00 Hrs
vi)	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically
		qualified bidders
vii)	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Electronically on J&K Government e-Procure-
'		ment System website http://iktenders.gov.in
viii)	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.500.00 (Rupees Five Hundred Only) (Non-
,		refundable) [Treasury Receipt Only]
ix)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.16,700/= (Rupees Sixteen Thousand Seven
'		Hundred Only)

Sd/-Executive Engineer Electric Division 1st, Srinagar

DIPK-NB-3177/23 Dated: 15-09-2023

Chancellor,

Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited

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Impaired Assets Portfolio Management Department (IAPMD) Zonal Office Central

Possession Notice

Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas Mr. Tariq Ahmad Shangloo, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 03-12-2022 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely Mr. Firdous Ahmad Sheikh S/o Noor Mohammad Sheikh R/o Charamgari Mohalla Safakadal Srinagar to repay an amount of Rs.15.82 Lac (Rupees Fifteen Lac Eighty Two Thousand Only) being the balance outstanding as on 30-11-2022 in the account cash credit account of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 12th day of September of the year 2023.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to Rs.17,41,884.57 (Rupees Seventeen Lac Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four And Paisa Fifty Seven Only) together with future interest thereon from 01-09-2023 and other charges incurred

The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property (As per the schedule provided in mortgage deed/latest particulars

including any accreditations)

Registered mortgage of piece of land measuring 03 Kanals falling under Khasra Nos.[2072,2073,2083,2091,2094] Musha of Khata No.64/134 and Khewat No.64/134 situated in Mouza Anchar Tehsil Eidgah Srinagar owned by Mr. Firdous Ahmed Sheikh S/o Noor Mohammed Sheikh R/o Shah Kadal, Charamgari Mohalla Sgr.

Registered office : Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India

 $\textbf{CIN:} \ L65110JK1938SGC000048 \ ; \ \textbf{T:} +91 \ (0)194 \ 2481 \ 930 - 35 \ ; \ \textbf{F:} +91 \ (0)194 \ 2481 \ 928 \ ; \ \textbf{E:} \ info@jkbmail.com \ ; \ \textbf{W:} \ www.jkbank.com \ ; \ \textbf{W:} \ ww.jkbank.com \ ; \ \textbf{W:} \ ww.jkbank.com \ ; \ ww.jkbank.com \ ; \ \textbf{W:} \ ww.jkbank.com \$

DIPK-NB-3184/23 dated: 15-09-2023



Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited

Business Unit: Zablinora T: 01932-234280 E: zablip@jkbmail.com

Possession Notice

Whereas Mr. Mohammad Shafi Bhat, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 08/12/2021 calling upon (i) Nazir Ahmad Sofi S/O Ab. Gaffar Sofi R/O Uranhall Anantnag sole proprietor of M/S Sofi Brick Klin (Borrower/Mortgagor) (ii) Mst. Taja D/O Ab. Gaffar Sofi R/O Uranhal Anantnag (Mortgagor) (iii) Mr. Ghulam Hassan Ganie S/O Ghulam Mohammad Ganie R/O Gantlipora Bijbehara Anantnag (Guarantor) and (iv) Abdul Salam Badam S/O Mohammad Rajab Badam R/O Zablipora Bijbehara (Guarantors), to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.2106814.75/- (Rupees Twenty One Lac Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen & Paisa Seventy Five Only) (Outstanding as on 30/09/2021) together with further interest from 01/10/2021, along with costs, charges and expenses, within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The above named Borrower, Mortgagor/s and Guarantors having failed to repay the said amount, Notice is hereby given to the said Borrower, Mortgagor/s and Guarantors in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules on this 12th September

The said Borrower, Mortgagor and Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property/assets and any dealings with the said property/assets will be subject to the charge of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Business Unit Zablipora for an amount of Rs. 26,58,240.75 (Rupees Twenty Six Lac Fifty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty & Paisa Seventy Five Only) (outstanding as on 31/08/2023) together with further interest thereon from 01/09/2023 along with costs, charges and expenses.

The borrowers/Mortgagor/s attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property Land measuring O1Kanal and 16 Marlas falling under Khasra No.658, Khewat No.35 alongwith

residential house constructed thereon situated at Mouza Uranhall, Anantnag.

Registered office: Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India $\textbf{CIN:} \ L65110JK1938SGC000048; \textbf{T:} + 91\ (0)194\ 2481\ 930-35; \textbf{F:} + 91\ (0)194\ 248\ 1928; \textbf{E:} info@jkbmail.com; \textbf{W:} www.jkbank.com; \textbf{W:} ww$

DIPK-NB-3219/23 dated: 15-09-202



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Ambulance: Kashmer EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

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SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

RAILWAYS

SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259 ANANTNAG: 01932-228243 BARAMULLA: 0194-102029 BIJBHERA: 01932-228243 PAMPORE: 01933-294132 PATTAN: 01954-293507 QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

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This Day In History

- 1970 King Hussein of Jordan forms military government
- 1971 West German chancellor Willy Brandt meets with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev
- 1974 US President Gerald Ford announces conditional amnesty for US Vietnam War deserters
- 1974 US General Haig becomes NATO supreme commander in Europe 1975 - The first prototype of the MiG-31 interceptor
- makes its maiden flight. 1976 - Egyptian president Sadat re-elected
- 1977 Seattle beats Royals, 4-1, to end KC's winning streak at 16 games
- 1978 25,000 die in 7.7 earthquake in Tabar, Iran 1979 - Coup in Afghanistan under Hafizullah Amin
- 1982 Massacre of 1000+ Palestinian refugees at Chatila & Sabra begins
- 1987 USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinsk USSR
- 1987 Pope John Paul II's ends his Los Angeles tour with an interfaith meeting at Dodger Stadium with leaders of Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism
- 1988 Javed Miandad completes 211, his 5th Test Cricket double, v Australia

India, US To Showcase New Ties

AGENCIES

ASHINGTON: The White House will showcase a "new" era in India-US ties by welcoming Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee this week, but tough issues like arms control and war-torn Kashmir will lurk beneath the bonhomie.

Vajpayee, who arrives in Washington on Wednesday after attending the UN Millennium Summit, will meet President Bill Clinton and deliver a landmark address to a joint session of Congress. His invitation, which was issued during Clinton's stay in India earlier this year, further cements a drive by both sides to end decades of frosty ties between Washington and New Delhi. "The president's visit brought us into a qualitatively new relationship with the Indians," a State Department official told AFP.

Vajpayee's visit will stress blossoming links between the two countries in computer technology, trade and science, said India's I national security advisor Brajesh Mishra during a visit to Washington in July. Indian-US ties have warmed considerably on Clinton's

watch, largely due to a reshuffling of US diplomatic priorities after the Cold War, a period when Washington scorned New Delhi for its links to the Soviet Union. The attempt by both sides to consign old suspicions to the past was interrupted in 1998 when India's nuclear arms tests triggered a tit-for-tat response by its arch-rival Pakistan. Fearing that periodic conflicts over the divided Kashmir

could boil over into full scale nuclear war, the United States has since been trying to ease tensions on the subcontinent. But it has been confined to treating the symptoms of the conflict, rather than their cause due to debate Kashmir seemingly unbridgeable differences between India and Pakistan. Pakistan is crying out for international mediation in a

dispute which has triggered two out of three wars between the neighbours. But India, has refused and accused Islamabad of fomenting an. insurgency that has claimed more than 30,000 lives in the Indian zone of the divided state since.

"Vaipayee is likely to insist in the US that "India will not engage Pakistan (in talks) unless it puts an end. to its crossborder terrorism," Indian analyst Raja Mohan told AFP in

Stressing that the United States did not see itself as a mediator, the State Department official said the dispute could only be solved by the two rivals.

'What we are doing is trying to push both the Indians and Pakistanis to talks," he said. "You have to do what you can with the tools you have — a direct intervention would probably do more harm than good."

Vajpayee arrives as a campaign gathers pace in the US Congress for the lifting of the sanctions, but there is no sign the administration is ready to relax the pressure.

His tour of the US was delayed several days due to concerns over his health and members of the Indian diaspora in the high technology corridor in California were disappointed he would be unable to visit them.

A powerful business delegation is however travelling with Vajpayee, hoping to scoop billions of dollars of US investment for India's flagship hi-tech industry.

As well as meeting Clinton, Vajpayee is scheduled to meet Vice President Al Gore, who is now himself running for the White House, and members of both parties in Congress

(Kashmir Observer, September 19. 2000)

Yemen War: Saudi Arabia **Invites Houthi Officials For Talks To End Conflict**



first option and everyone must

work to achieve it," Mashat said.

when the Houthis seized Sanaa

A Saudi-led military inter-

vention began in 2015, intend-

ing to restore the internation-

on since, without a decisive

military victory for either side,

resulting in hundreds of thou-

sands of deaths and a major

After the UN brokered a

ceasefire in April 2022, hos-

tilities and casualties were

drastically reduced. The truce

expired in October, but fighting

According to analysts, it ap-

pears that Saudi Arabia has re-

alised that its prolonged mili-

tary campaign will not bring

about the defeat of the rebel

This understanding comes as

Saudi Arabia and Iran, which

backs the Houthis, re-estab-

lished diplomatic ties, leading

to a wave of rapprochement

forces in Yemen.

across the region.

has largely remained on hold.

humanitarian crisis.

The fighting has dragged

ally recognised government.

The conflict in Yemen began

Agencies

Caudi Arabia invited a delega-Ition from the Houthi movement to resume talks about ending the war in Yemen, Saudi state media said on Thursday.

The visit aimed to "reach a permanent and comprehensive ceasefire in Yemen and a sustainable political solution acceptable to all Yemeni parties," the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said.

The talks will build on previous efforts by Saudi Arabia and Oman to end the conflict.

In April, a Saudi delegation led by the country's ambassador to Yemen, Mohammed Al-Jaber, visited Sanaa and met with Houthi political chief Mahdi al-Mashat.

It was the first public meeting between Saudi and Houthi officials since a war between the two broke out in 2015.

Mashat confirmed that a Houthi delegation would travel to Saudi Arabia with Omani mediators, according to the group's Saba news agency.

"Peace was and still is our

Earth's Warmest August Saw 65 Countries Set Record High Temperatures: Report

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Thirteen per cent of the Earth's surface, spanning 65 countries, experienced record high tem-peratures in August, while the rest of the world braved significantly higher temperatures compared to the 1951-1980 average, according to a new analysis conducted by an independent US-based nonprofit organisation.

Berkeley Earth, which focuses on environmental data science and analysis, said last month was the warmest August since records began to be kept in 1850, with "particularly warm conditions" prevailing in parts of India, Japan, North Atlantic, Eastern Equatorial Pacific, Northern South America, Central America, parts of Africa and the Middle

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a US government agency, said on Thursday that 2023 witnessed Earth's hottest August in its 174-year climate record.

The sizzling month also marked the northern hemisphere's warmest meteorological summer and the southern hemisphere's warmest meteorological winter on record, the NOAA's National Centres for Environmental Information said.

Berkeley Earth said August 2023 exceeded the previous record set in August 2016 by 0.31 degrees Celsius, "a surprisingly large margin, well



outside the margin of uncer-

tainty". Its researchers said: "We estimate that 13 per cent of the Earth's surface experienced its locally warmest August average, and 87 per cent of the Earth's surface was significantly warmer when compared to its local average during the period from 1951 to 1980." In total, they estimated that 65 countries (mostly in the tropics) witnessed their warmest August on record.

These countries include Barbados, Brazil, Bahrain, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, China, Colombia, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Niger, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Qatar, Russia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Turkiye, Venezuela and Yemen.

Some of these countries broke their August records by extraordinary margins. In Ecuador, close to the strengthening El Niño, the August average temperature record was broken by more than 1.4 degrees Celsius, the analysis

An El Niño condition -- periods of unusual warming of waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean -- was officially declared by the NOAA in early

Berkeley Earth said the global mean temperature in August was 1.68 (± 0.09) degrees Celsius above the 1850to-1900 average, which is frequently used as a benchmark for the preindustrial period.

"This is the 12th time in the Berkeley Earth analysis that any individual month has reached at least 1.5 degrees Celsius over the preindustrial benchmark. However, July and August 2023 are the only times, thus far, that a 1.5-degree Celsius anomaly has occurred during the northern hemisphere summer," it said.

One of the Paris Agreement goals has been to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above the preindustrial

(1850-1900) average.
"That goal is defined in reference to the average climate over many years, so a few individual months above 1.5 degrees Celsius do not automatically mean that the target has been exceeded.

"However, isolated anomalies above 1.5 degrees Celsius are a sign that the Earth is getting close to that limit. It is likely that global warming will cause the long-term average to exceed 1.5 degrees C during the 2030s unless significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions

Mobile Internet Suspended In Haryana's Nuh After **Congress MLA's Arrest**



Press Trust of India

CHANDIGARH: Hours after Congress MLA Mamman Khan was arrested in connection with the July 31 Nuh violence, the Haryana government on Friday ordered the suspension of mobile Internet and bulk SMS services in the district for two days to prevent "the spread of misinformation and rumours". A government order in this regard does not mention anything about Mr Khan's arrest though.

"This order is issued to prevent any disturbance of peace and public order in the jurisdiction of district Nuh in the state of Haryana and shall be in force with effect from September 15 (10:00hrs) to September 16 (23:59hrs)," says the order issued by Home Department Additional Chief Secretary T V S N Prasad.

Mr Prasad said the decision was taken after the Nuh deputy commissioner wrote to him on Thursday expressing apprehension there could be tension, agitation, damage of public and private property, and disturbance of peace and tranquillity in the district.

The additional chief secretary agreed there is a clear potential

of disruption of public utilities, damage to assets and amenities and disturbance of law and order in Nuh on account of misuse of Internet services.

He said inflammatory material and false rumours are being or could be circulated to the public through social media and messaging services through Internet, SMS and dongle services.

"In order to stop the spread of misinformation and rumours through various social media platforms, such as WhatsApp, Facebook Twitter, etc. on mobile phones and SMS, for facilitation and mobilisation of mobs of agitators and demonstrators who can cause serious loss of life and damage to public and private properties by indulging in arson or vandalism and other types of violent activities, the mobile internet has been suspended." he said.

"...I do hereby order the suspension of the mobile internet services(2G/3G/4G/5G/CDMA/ GPRS), bulk SMS (excluding banking and mobile recharge) and all dongle services etc. provided on mobile networks except the voice calls in the jurisdiction of district Nuh of Haryana State," Mr Prasad's or-

Living With Another Woman Doesn't Disentitle Man From Divorce If...: Court

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Living with another woman during pendency of divorce proceedings after long separation cannot disentitle a husband from divorce on account of proven cruelty by wife, the Delhi High Court has

While upholding the divorce granted by a family court to one such couple, a bench headed Justice Suresh Kumar Kait observed that they had been living separately since 2005 with no possibility of re-union, and the prolonged differences and criminal complaints by wife made the husband's life bereft of peace and conjugal relationship.

The court observed the disputes emanating from disrespect to husband and his family members and frequent quarrels resulted in mental agony for which there was no solution and the conduct of

wife "indisputably" amounted to cruelty.

"Such prolonged differences and criminal complaints made the life of respondent-husband bereft of peace and conjugal relationship which is the bedrock of any matrimonial relationship," the bench, also comprising Justice Neena Bansal Krishna, said in an order dated September 13.

"After such long years of separation with no possibility of re-union, the respondent husband may have found his peace and comfort by living with another woman, but, that is a subsequent event during the pendency of the Divorce Petition and cannot disentitle the husband from divorce from the wife on the proven grounds of cruelty," the court stated.

The court observed the wife was not been able to prove any other act of cruelty by the husband to disentitle him from obtaining divorce.

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Defence Purchase Proposals Worth Rs 45,000 Cr Get Centre's Nod

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Defence Ministry on Friday cleared procurement of various weapons systems and platforms including Dhruvastra short range air-to-surface missile and 12 Su-30 MKI fighter jets at a cost of around ₹45,000

A total of nine procurement proposals were approved by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) headed by Defence Minister Rainath Singh officials said.

"All these procurements will be made from Indian vendors under Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured (IDMM)/ Buy (Indian) category which will give substantial boost to the Indian defence Industry towards achieving the goal of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'," the



defence ministry said. To enhance protection, mo-

bility, attack capability and innised forces, the DAC accorded the approval for procurement of Light Armoured Multipurpose Vehicles (LAMV) and Integrated Surveillance and Targeting System (ISAT-S), the ministry said in a statement.

The DAC cleared also cleared the procurement of High Mobility Vehicle (HMV) Gun Towing Vehicles for swift

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mobilisation and deployment of artillery guns and radars. The DAC further approved procurement of next genera-

tion survey vessels for the Indian Navy, the ministry said. It said a proposal of the Indian Air Force to ensure avionic upgrade of Dornier aircraft to improve the accuracy and reliability for operations was also given Acceptance of Necessity (AoN). The AoN is

the initial approval. "The procurement of Dhruastra Short Range Surface Missile as a potent Indigenous Precision Guided Weapon for indigenously built ALH Mk-IV Helicopters has been cleared by the DAC," the ministry said.

"The AoN for procurement of 12 Su-30 MKI Aircraft with associated equipment from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) was also accorded," it said.

Witness To Dalit Man's **Murder Killed 4 Years Later** In Gujarat, 3 Arrested

Press Trust of India

BOTAD: A 46-year-old man who was a witness in the murder case of a Dalit man four years ago has died after allegedly being attacked by the accused's relatives last week, police said here on Friday.

Three of the alleged assailants

have already been arrested. Rajesh Makwana, resident of Bagad in Ranpur taluka in Botad district of Gujarat, was attacked men on September 6.

He died at a hospital in neighbouring Bhavnagar city on Thursday night, said Botad district superintendent of police Kishor Balolia.

As per preliminary probe, the assailants, who belonged to an Other Backward Class (OBC) community, held a grudge against Makwana for being

a witness in the case of the murder of Manjibhai Solanki, a Dalit social worker who lived in neighbouring Jalila village.

Political rivalry between Solanki and his wife Geeta Solanki, the then village sarpanch, and the accused men led to his murder in 2019, the official said.

The men allegedly involved in the attack on Makwana are related to the eight persons arrested in the Solanki murder case, he added.

"Makwana was allegedly at tacked by one Dhiru Khachar, his three sons and three unidentified men on September 6. He succumbed to injuries on Thursday night. While Khachar's three sons have been already arrested, Khachar himself and the other three are yet to be nabbed," said Botad district superintendent of police

Kishor Balolia.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DC OFFICE AT BUDGAM. THROUGH: ADV ISHFAO AHMAD AND ASSOCIATES.

In the case of: 1 Gh Mohammad Thoker S/O Gh Rasool Thoker

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May it please your honour:

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No.: - STD/GBL/22 of 2023-24 Dated: 14-09-2023

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, KPDCL Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from OEM's, Authorized Dealers & Service providers, Registered (A- Class) Electric Contractors registered with J&K Government, Central Public Works Department, Railways and other state/central governments for "Laying of 2 Kms. of 150 mm2 ACS/ XLPE, DOG covered conductor on already erected 11 Meter ST poles, along 33KV

Important Dates and Events

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	e-NIT No	STD/GBL/22 of 2023-24 Dated: 14-09-2023						
	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over h	ttp://jktenders.gov.in as per schedule given below:						
Α	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	14-09-2023: 17:00 Hours						
В	Clarifications start date	15-09-2023: 14:00 Hours						
С	Clarifications end date	20/09/2023: 14:00 Hours						
D	e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-bidder fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS)	15-09-2023: 14:00 Hours						
Ε	e-Bid submission (end) date & Time	25/09/2023: 15:00 Hours						
F	Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time	26/09/2023: 14:00 Hours						
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J	Earnest Money Deposit	2% of advertised amount (Rs. 106639/=)						
K	Advertised amount	Rs. 53.32 Lacs						
L	Validity offer	180 days from the date of opening of price tender.						
M	Completion period	30 days						

The tender document can be downloaded from website jktenders.gov.in "Corrigendum, if any, would appear only on the jktenders.gov.in website. Sale of physical tender document is not applicable. No price shall be submitted offline in any form. Bidder can modify his bid before last date of submission of online bid. After the last date of submission of online bid, no claim of bidder shall be entertained. Executive Engineer,

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Shiv Sena Questions Modi Govt Over Post-Article 370 Normalcy In Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The Shiv Sena (UBT) on Friday targeted the Narendra Modi government over the recent killing of security personnel in Kashmir, and said the Centre's claim that the situation in the Valley would normalise after the abrogation of Article 370 has turned out to be false.

In an editorial in party mouthpiece 'Saamana', it said the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is not right, but the Modi government is immersed in the success of G20.

'The Centre painted a picture that things would be normal post (abrogation of) Article 370, but it turned out to be false eventually," it said.

Colonel Manpreet Singh, commanding officer of the 19 Rashtriya Rifles unit of the Army, Major Ashish Dhonchak, Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police Humayun Bhat and a soldier were killed in an encounter with the terrorists at Gadole in the Kokernag area of the south Kashmir district on Wednesday

The editorial said that although more than four years have passed since the abrogation of special provisions of Article 370, which accorded special status to Jammu and Kashmir, assembly elections have not been held in the Valley.

Not holding elections out of fear that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will lose is betrayal of people, it said.

Despite the claims made at the time of the abrogation of Article 370 that Kashmiri Pandits will return home, new industries will be set up and job opportunities will be created in the Valley, nothing of that sort has happened so far, it claimed.

"What has the BJP government achieved by scrapping Article 370 and making Ladakh a separate union territory?" the Uddhav Thackeray-led party asked.

"This government cannot take back our land in Ladakh, it cannot protect Kashmiri Pandits, it cannot stop the sacrifices of soldiers and stop infiltration and it cannot calm the Kashmiri minds. It is the failure of the government," the party

DC Bandipora Takes Review Of Revenue Department

Discusses Allotment Of 05 Marlas Of Land To The Beneficiaries

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Friday convened a meeting to take review of the Revenue department. The meeting discussed the agenda of allocation of 05 marlas of land to deserving beneficiaries in the district.

The meeting, was attended by, ADC Bandipora Umar Shafi: Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; ACR Bandipora, Shabir Ahmad; Tehsildars, BDOs, Officials from Municipalities besides concerned officials from the Revenue Department, including senior officials and experts in land

allocation and social welfare. The meeting discussed the pressing issue of housing shortage faced by marginalized communities within the

During the meeting, the DC the application process.

laid importance on equitable land distribution as a means to provide shelter and stability to the most vulnerable sections of society. The allotment of 05 marlas of land to deserving beneficiaries was identified as a milestone in the district for social welfare and poverty alleviation.

The meeting also discussed various aspects of land allocation, including eligibility criteria, documentation procedures, and the timeline for implementation.

On the occasion, the Revenue Department officials presented comprehensive plans to ensure that the process is transparent, fair, and efficient.

Dr Owais directed to establish a dedicated task force within the Revenue Department to oversee the land allocation process. He directed them to work closely with District Administration to identify eligible beneficiaries and streamline

Two Criminals Arrested In Samba

JAMMU: Police on Friday arrested two criminals in connection with two separate cases of rape and murder in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said.

Ali Mohammad, who hailed from Kathua district, allegedly raped a woman with disabilities in Samba last month, they

When she got pregnant, he caused her miscarriage by administering drugs. He also threatened her about not disclosing the matter.

To escape the police, Mohammad fraudulently solem-

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nised their marriage before divorcing her by forging her signature, the officials said.

In the second case, Mohammad Riaz alias Raju -- a native of Samba district -- allegedly killed Zakir Hussain of Balole Khad in 2022, they said

Senior Superintendent of Police (Samba) Benam Tosh said 83 hardcore criminals involved in heinous crimes have been arrested in eight months in Samba. Dozens of other top criminals are under the police's radar and they will be arrested on priority.

Ladakh LG Assures Transparency In Kargil Council Polls

Defends Court Battle Against 'Plough' Symbol To NC

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Assuring the people of Kargil a free and fair hill council election next month, Ladakh Lt Governor Brigadier (Retd) B D Mishra has defended his administration's protracted but unsuccessful battle in the courts against the granting of the 'plough' symbol to the National Conference.

He rejected as "totally wrong" allegations that he was biased or was working at the behest of BIP.

On September 6, the Supreme Court set aside the August 5 notification of the election department of the Union Territory of Ladakh for the hill council polls and ordered the issuance of a fresh election schedule within a week.

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

pensation. National Conference vice president and former chief minister Omar Abdullah welcomed the Supreme Court or-der and said the BJP and the Ladakh administration "did everything possible" to deny them their right, but the court saw through it.



The election to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil is now scheduled for October 4 as per the fresh notification issued by the Ladakh election department.

"I am a worshipper of the Constitution of India and I have taken an oath to defend, preserve and protect it. I am a devotee of democracy and therefore I am a watchman for free and fair elections. It is my resolve that free and fair elections should take place," Brigadier (Retd) Mishra told PTI-Video in an exclusive interview in Jammu.

The Lt Governor said he is monitoring the entire election process including the deployment of staff to ensure elections are held in a "free and fair" manner.

"It is all being taken care of and I can assure (the people) that the hill council elections will be absolutely 100 percent free, fair and timely," he said.

ence's accusations the he was biased, Mishra said, "it is a totally wrong statement or a wrong insinuation."

"I am the Lt Governor there (in Ladakh) and to me every party is the same. I am having no brief, suggestion or instruction from any party... responsible parties know that in a democracy, elections have to be free and fair and it has to be decided by laws, rules and regulations.

"So I am not having any brief from anybody, which is the first thing. And secondly, if somebody is saying that I am having a brief, it is totally a lie. I do not entertain such a statement because these are incorrect," the Lt Governor said.

The army veteran said he studied everything before the elections as he knew such issues may come up.

"When I studied and discussed it with my secretaries and everybody, the issue of reserving any symbol for a party was not there. So then I consulted the legal luminaries at Delhi and even I consulted very senior people, advocates who are there for the government. They said the election symbol can be reserved by the election commission of India and not by the UT government," he said.

The Lt Governor said he took the decision after self study and on the basis of the advice

Journalist Held For 'Criminal Conspiracy', 'Extortion'

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: A journalist has been arrested here on the charges of criminal conspiracy and extortion, police said on Friday.

Majid Hyderi, a resident of the city's Peerbagh area, was arrested after police lodged a case against him following orders from a court, they said.

FIR number 88/2023 under sections 120B, 177, 386 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered at the Sadder police station on the basis of an order issued by the JMIC court in Srinagar, police said on X. Majid Hyderi, son of Jahangir

Hyderi, has been arrested for criminal conspiracy, intimidation, extortion, giving false information, defamation etc., they added.

Hyderi, who has worked with a number of publications and news portals, is also a regular on television news channels as a political analyst.

People's Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti condemned the scribe's arrest.

Hyderi's arrest late on Thursday night has "exposed the nexus between conmen and certain intelligence agencies", Mufti alleged in a post on X.

She claimed that the journalist was dragged from his home like a wanted terrorist, without following any legalities.

"His mother and sister pleaded to see a warrant but this too was denied. This is how journalists who expose scams are accused of intimidation and



mu and Kashmir chief minister

However, police said all legal formalities were followed while placing Hyderi under arrest.

"It is clarified that all legal procedures of formal arrest as mandated by law were fully followed. Family was clearly informed about the order of Hon'ble court regarding this. It is requested to kindly not fall prey to misinformation campaign by vested interests," the Srinagar Police said on X.

The National Conference (NC) too condemned Hyderi's arrest, saying such actions are detrimental to democracy and have a chilling effect on the freedom of the press and expression.

IKNC condemns the arrest of journalist Majid Hyderi last night. Such heavy-handed actions are detrimental to democracy and have a chilling effect on freedom of the press and defamation," the former Jam- expression," the party said on X.

AYUSHMAN BHARAT-JAN AROGYA YOJANA IMPLEMENTATION

Court Seeks Status Report From ACB On Complaint Seeking FIR In 'Scam'

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A court here on Friday directed the Anti-Corruption Bureau to submit by September 26 the latest status of the complaint to the CBI seeking registration of an FIR in an alleged scam of Rs 500-700 crore in the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat-Jan Arogya Yojana in Iammu and Kashmir.

In the complaint application filed by advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed, it has been submitted that after getting RTI information from the State Health Agency and the Health and Medical Education Department of the government of Jammu and Kashmir, it has been prima facie established that a scam of Rs 500-700 crore took place in the implementation of the health insurance scheme in the Union territory.

The complainant lodged a complaint with the SBI on October 10 last year seeking registration of an FIR in the matter.

Ahmed submitted before the court that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) did nothing in the matter, prompting him to move a court on February 7 this year seeking directions to the agency to submit the status of his complaint.

He further submitted that pursuant to the directions passed by the special judge (anti-corruption), the CBI filed a status report wherein it was divulged that the complaint had been forwarded by the CBI to the Director of the Anti-Corruption Bureau on April 19 this year.

Ahmed submitted that almost five months have passed since the CBI moved the complaint to the ACB but the bureau is sitting on the matter.

After hearing the submissions, Additional Sessions Judge (Anti-Corruption) O P Bhagat directed the ACB to file the status report by or before the next date of hearing on September 26.

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ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE: NO.04 CDPO, GBL OF 2023 DATED: -15/09/2023 Advertisement for Recruitment of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Ganderba

1. Government order No.222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated: - 30.11.2022 2. Government order No.103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated: - 28.04.2023

Applications on the Prescribed Proforma in Annexure "A" are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch ward/ Municipal ward concerned for engagement as Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) purely on Honorarium basis for the below mentioned posts of Anganwadi Centres of Poshan **Project Ganderbal**:

Sr. No	Name of Anganwadi Centre	Name of Panchayat/ Municipal Ward	Panch Ward No./ Municipal Ward No.	Name of Post	No. of Posts
1	Chunduna A	Gogjigund	3-Chunduna	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
2	Gogji-Gund A	Gogjigund	5- Gogjigund	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
3	Hatbura A	Hatbura	1-Hatbura	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
4	Hakimgund	Hatbura	5-Hakimgund	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
5	Magrey Mohalla, Gundirehman	Harran	6-Magrey Mohalla, Gundirehman	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
6	Hanji Mohalla	Bamloora	14- Bamloora	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
7	Saloora C	Saloora C	17-Saloora C	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
8	Najar Mohalla	Saloora C	17-Saloora C	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
9	Duderhama B (Herpora)	Duderhama 08	8-Duderhama	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
10	Gathi Saloora B	Fatehpora A 9	9-Gathi Saloora	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
11	Peer Mohalla	Wayil Wuder	4-Peer Mohalla	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
12	Shah Mohalla	Baba Wayil	4-Shah Mohalla	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
13	Khan Mohalla	Wayil	2-Khan Mohalla	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
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15	Shah Mohalla	Urpash	2-Shah Mohalla	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
16	Dar Mohalla	Urpash	4-Dar Mohalla	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
17	Serch Bonpora	Serch	3-Bonpora	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
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20	Bhat Mohalla, Malshahibagh A	Malshahibagh	4-Bhat Mohalla	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
21	Dar Mohalla, Shahpora B	Shahpora	2-Dar Mohalla	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
22	Beehama A	Beehama A	1-Nagripora	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
23	Behamma D	Beehama A	1-Nagripora	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
24	Tangpora A	B4-Ganderbal	B4-Ganderbal	Cabarilea (AMIII)	01 (0.00)
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25	War Mohalla, Bakura	Bakura	6B-War Mohalla, Bakura	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)
26	Tang Mohalla, GadbalBucerbugh B	Busserbugh	5-Gadbal	Sahayika (AWH)	01 (One)

Date of commencement for submission of application is 18.09.2023. Last date for submission of application is 03.10.2023 a) La ELIGIBILITY:

The selection of helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the

proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Where ever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible

The candidate must be domicile of UT of J&K.

Minimum qualification for Sahavika (Anganwadi Helper) shall be matriculation TO BE ATTACHED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM:

Municipal Ward/Panch Ward certificate to be issued by the EO/BDO concerned

Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post. Date of birth/Matriculate Certificate

Domicile Certificate

Unmarried Certificate (where required) Voters ID slip.

Self-attested envelope with postal stamp worth rupees two

Aadhar Card. All applicants must submit affidavit stating therein the following facts:

nent may be cancelled and liable to action under law Maximum Qualification is Class Xii and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent

All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect at any stage, the candidature of the depo

The deponent has read the HR policy No. 222-JK (SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper). No:-CDPO/Poshan/Gbl/2023-2024/ 4397-4408

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Signature of the candidate

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Misfortune That Youngsters Getting Killed: Mehbooba

mir that youngsters here continue to get killed when they should be enjoying and planning their lives, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said on Friday. The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister,

along with her daughter and media advisor Iltija Mufti, visited the residence of slain Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat here to extend condolences to the family.

Bhat was killed in an encounter with terrorists in Anantnag on Wednesday.

"A young son of the parents was martyred, the world has ended for them. What can we say? How many times will we say that we condemn this? He (Bhat) will not come back through this act of condemnation.

"Not even a year has passed since his wedding.



This is the misfortune of Jammu and Kashmir that our youngsters achieve martyrdom and continue to adorn the graveyards when they should be enjoying and planning their lives," Mufti told reporters outside Bhat's residence.

The visibly emotional People's Democratic Party (PDP) chief said there cannot be a worse tragedy for Kashmir than this that a voungster who got married just a year ago lost his life in such a manner and "the BJP celebrating in Delhi" the

success of the G20 Summit. "I will not give any po-

litical statement. Everyone knows what the situation (here) is. What can be a worse tragedy for Kashmir than this that a youngster who got married just a year ago is martyred and the BJP people were celebrating in Delhi?" she asked.

Iltija Mufti said it is very sad that the people of Kashmir are paying the price with their lives, while the conflict is still going on. "It feels very bad that he

(Bhat) got married only last year and has left behind a one-month-old baby. It is very sad that the people here are paying the price with their lives and this conflict is still going on.

"We felt very bad. We met his father and mother, they had this dignity about them. It really breaks your heart," she said.

Iltija Mufti said while she would not give a political statement, it is "shame-

ful" that the day four security personnel were killed in Anantnag, there was a "celebration" at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) headquarters. "We came here to extend

our condolences. It is really sad and my heart also breaks for the army men who have lost their lives. I will not give any political statement, but it is shameful that the day they were killed, there was a celebration at the BJP headquarters. Such a huge tragedy took place and they were celebrating. It is just very sad," she said.

Besides Bhat, Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer of the Army's 19 Rashtriya Rifles unit, Major Ashish Dhonchak and a soldier were killed in an encounter with terrorists at Gadole in the Kokernag area of Anantnag district on Wednesday morning.

School Squabbles

Does Teacher In-fighting Get The Better Of Academics At Schools?

Faroog Shah

The repercussions of this division are profound, sowing the seeds of hierarchy and prejudice among staff members. Gazetted staff often consider themselves superior, while their non-gazetted counterparts grapple with feelings of inferiority. Adding to the complexity, gender-based segregation results in separate staff rooms for male and female educators, further fragmenting the

school community

chools play a pivotal role in shaping not only the academic expertise of their students but also their values, attitudes, and social consciousness. A key aspect of this influence is their ability to cultivate unity, inclusiveness, and an appreciation for life's diverse tapestry.

The primary focus, in an ideal educational environment, should be on the pursuit of knowledge and the nurturing of intellectual curiosity among students. Teachers play a crucial and multidimensional role in establishing and sustaining such an atmosphere. They play a key role in creating a learning atmosphere that encourages growth, inclusiveness, and positive student interactions. This involves not just imparting knowledge but also appreciating belonging, respect, and a safe space for growth.

Teachers, thus, serve as the backbone of this educational ecosystem, where their dedication and efforts contribute significantly to the overall well-being and success of their students.

However, there is a concerning trend prevalent in almost all the government-run schools that is negatively impacting their overall academic environment. This is evident in the troubling divisions that have emerged among the school staff, rooted in differences of gender and job positions, sometimes seniority posing a significant threat to the fundamental principles of the education system.

Government-run schools, the bedrock of our educational system, are suffering the consequences of this insidious influence. Rather than cultivating an environment of unity and shared educational goals, the system is rife with discord and disunity.

Within a typical higher secondary school, a clear separation can be observed between the senior secondary and higher secondary sections, each overseen by non-gazetted staff and gazetted lecturers, respectively. This division is so deep that it even extends to the physical layout of the school, with up to four separate rooms being used by staff members, each of which has its own tea club.

The repercussions of this division are profound, sowing the seeds of hierarchy and prejudice among staff members. Gazetted staff often consider themselves superior, while their non-gazetted counterparts grapple with feelings of inferiority. Adding to the complexity, gender-based segregation results in separate staff rooms for male and female educators, further fragmenting the school community.

This disunity among staff members has dire consequences for the academic character of the schools. Students, who should be learning the values of cooperation and inclusiveness, instead witness the stark realities of discord within their educational environment. The first lessons in division and prejudice are imparted right within the school walls, where staff members often find themselves at odds.

On occasion, these divisions become evident through behaviours such as mudslinging, backbiting, and character assassination. In more heated moments, they may even escalate to verbal confrontations, stopping just short of physical altercations.

School administrators, whether principals or headmasters, face an arduous task in bridging these divides. Almost all of them have risen through the ranks within this divisive system itself, making it exceptionally challenging to instil a sense of unity and a



shared commitment to academic excellence.

The way ahead necessitates immediate intervention from the authorities at the helm to tackle the issue promptly. Converting staff rooms and opening them up for students could serve as the initial action to deter teachers from congregating in these undesirable gatherings.

Simultaneously, teachers should be encouraged to utilize alternative spaces like libraries and reading rooms during their free time. This change in approach would not only resolve overcrowding but would also foster a culture of engagement in more constructive and academically enriching activities.

Transforming school libraries into hubs of intellectual engagement can be a powerful tool in fostering inclusivity. Encourage teachers, irrespective of their designation or gender, to spend time in libraries, perusing books, journals, and magazines together. This shared intellectual pursuit not only promotes unity but also provides opportunities for informal discussions and bonding. The library becomes a neutral ground where staff members can interact as equals, promoting a sense of belonging.

An essential step in dismantling hierarchical barriers involves arranging frequent workshops and training sessions dedicated to enhancing professional growth and interpersonal abilities. These programs can assist staff in understanding the value of teamwork and proficient communication. By elevating their expertise and understanding, educators are better prepared to partake in meaningful discussions and collaboration, regardless of their position or gender.

Furthermore, to foster a sense of unity among school staff, it is essential to encourage team-building activities that bring them together in a non-academic setting. These activities help break down the barriers that may have developed over time and allow staff members to interact on a more personal level. Teambuilding not only builds trust but also promotes inclu-

sivity by transcending traditional hierarchies.

Implementing mentoring programs within the school can further solidify the bonds between educators. Experienced educators can guide and support their colleagues, regardless of their designation or gender. These programs provide opportunities for knowledge sharing and create a culture of mutual support and collaboration.

Encouraging collaboration between gazetted and non-gazetted staff members on academic projects and extracurricular activities is another powerful way to break down artificial barriers. When educators from different designations work together, it promotes a more cohesive staff body. It showcases the value each member brings to the table, regardless of their job title, and emphasizes that everyone's contribution is equally important.

We must understand that it is crucial to recognize that education should transcend such divisions and biases. Instead, it should stand as a beacon of enlightenment and progress, where all individuals, regardless of their gender or job title, can collaborate harmoniously in the pursuit of knowledge and the empowerment of future generations.

To counteract this concerning trend, educators, administrators, and stakeholders must work together to cultivate a culture of unity, respect, and inclusivity within our academic institutions. Only by upholding the core values of education can we ensure that the seeds of wisdom and inspiration continue to flourish in the fertile soil of our schools.

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Geo-Political Implications of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor

Dr Lakshmi Priya

igning of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) by the USA, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, India, Saudi Arabia and the UAE during the 18th G20 summit will have various implications for the regional and global geo-politics. The corridor has the potential to stir existing political dynamics while emphasizing on the rising significance of the Middle East for Asia, Europe and the USA. It underlines the fact that the USA is willing to engage in the Arab world, Europe is assigning considerable attention to the region and India is ready to be the dependable partner. Also, IMEC is perceived as a counter to the China's Belt and Road initiative (BRI) in the region, sheds light on the western isolation of Iran and indicates towards the warming of ties between Saudi Arabia and Israel.

With the potential to stimulate economic development through enhanced connectivity and economic integration between Asia and Europe, IMEC consists of two corridors-the eastern corridor will connect India to the Arabian Gulf and the northern corridor will connect Arabian Gulf to Europe. The corridor includes a railway line that will provide a reliable and cost-effective cross-border ship-to-rail transit for goods and services between India, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel, and Europe while supplementing the existing maritime and road transport routes. The railway link will also have an electricity cable, a high-speed data cable and a hydrogen pipeline for digital con-

nectivity and green energy export respectively.

Belying speculations of withdrawal from the region, the corridor confirms Washington's strong footing and unwavering presence in the Middle East. President Joe Biden said that the USA focuses on the regional infrastructure projects that deliver results across multiple countries and in multiple sectors and IMEC is a big deal and a game changing investment. He thanked the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and the UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. UAE attended the G20 meeting as an invitee country whereas Saudi Arabia and Turkey participated as member countries. It is to be noted that the US and EU also announced the "Trans-African Corridor" connecting the Angolan port of Lobito with landlocked areas in the mineral-rich countries of Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia.

At the same time, the corridor is seen as a counter to China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), when China has ramped up its active engagement in the region. Beijing's mediation role in the Saudi-Iran deal has fostered its role as an important external actor in the region. Absence of the President of China and Russia in the G20 summit adds to the speculations that the corridor may undermine their position in the region. The corridor is also being seen opposed to the North South Transport Corridor in which Iran and Russia have made considerable investments. However, the Gulf countries claim that the corridor will lead to economic growth and development while enhancing connectivity along with emphasizing on the multipolar world.

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to stimulate economic development through enhanced connectivity and economic integration between Asia and Europe, IMEC consists of two corridors-the eastern corridor will connect India to the Arabian Gulf and the northern corridor will connect Arabian Gulf to Europe

Signing of IMEC also signals Europe's increasing interests in the Middle East for energy security. The Ukraine crisis led to disruptions in the energy flow to Europe; as per the International Energy Agency report the European Union might face a potential shortfall of almost 30 billion cubic meters of natural gas in 2023. The signs of European countries cozying up to the Gulf countries have been visible in recent times. In May 2023, Italy had Italy announced last week a full and immediate end to its arms embargo on the United Arab Emirates, and a month later the French multinational energy and petroleum company TotalEnergy and the Saudi state-owned petroleum and natural gas

company ARAMCO signed a \$11 billion contract. Following that, Germany softened its position on arms exports to Saudi Arabia.

For India, the corridor opens new opportunities and possibilities to engage with the region. While being a credible and dependable partner for the regional countries, it is committed to the development of the region crucial for energy security and hosting more than 9 million Indian citizens. The corridor will not only connect the region like never before, but will also lead to digital connectivity and sustainable development. However, there are concerns like the vulnerability and political instability of the region. Currently the region is going through a state of reverie with deals and agreements giving a semblance of stability but the longevity of this phase is questionable. Secondly, the logistical issues like the poorly developed railways in Greece due to mountainous topography and the hot deserts of the Arab land will pose a challenge for the corridor. Thirdly, funding will be an important concern as not much has been put on paper regarding this; Saudi Arabia is expected to invest around \$20 billion. Fourthly, since there are multiple stakeholders, chances of it picking pace are slim. Lastly, Israel is an important country for the success of IMEC and even though Riyadh-Tel Aviv are coming closer gradually, the likelihood for Saudi Arabia to sign Abraham accords is thin.

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This Conservationist Quietly Comes to Kashmir to Check on Bird Habitats

KO Web Desk

r Asad Rahmani is an ornithologist and conservationist who was also the former Director of Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS). He is currently the scientific adviser to The Corbett Foundation, and governing council member of Wetlands International, South Asia. He was a member of several committees of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) for about two decades and was a Global Council member of BirdLife International, UK. Having authored about two dozen books and over 150 peer-reviewed research papers in scientific journals, Dr. Rahmani has also guided scores of scholars of biological sciences. He is deeply interested in grassland and wetland birds and often highlights the plight of bird species and bird habitats. The only mission this scientist comes to Kashmir with is to enquire about the health of bird habitats given their significance for migratory and resident bird species.

In an interview with Kashmir Observer's Parvaiz Bhat, Dr. Rahmani spoke about his frequent visits to Kashmir's wetlands and his impressions about Kashmir and challenges facing conservation of bird habitats in Kashmir.

Q. Tell us about your connection with Kashmir. Since when you started coming to Kashmir and what was your first impression about the place and its people? Has that impression changed over the years?

Q. When you compare the environment and wildlife conservation in Kashmir with other parts of India, do you find any major difference?

Wildlife and wild areas are under threat all over the country. So, Kashmir is no exception. J&K is perhaps the only state that has a separate Department of Wildlife Conservation. Kashmir has fabulous wetlands in the Valley but they are generally neglected. Like other states, in J&K also, attention is given only to a few protected areas, for example Dachigam, while other sanctuaries are neglected. There are many good sanctuaries in the state but lack sufficient staff, facilities, approach roads, and protection. Most of the visitors do not even know the names of these Protected Areas.

Q. Every time you come to Kashmir, it is only for ecological reasons -- mainly for visiting wetlands. Which other aspects of Kashmir's ecology attract you the most?

You are right. I visit places to study their conditions and then contact decision makers. I love birds but I am not a birdwatcher in its true sense. I am basically a conservationist, interested in protection and nature education. I encourage people to become conservationists, not just birdwatchers. People should speak to authorities on behalf of birds (and wildlife in general). If we do not speak, then who will speak? If not now, then when?



I do not get a response from authorities but I am told they take notice of my letters and articles, which is fine with me. I do not need facile acknowledgement, but strong actions on the ground.

Recently, I was instrumental in bringing out a special issue of Buceros, a publication of the ENVIS Centre of the Bombay Natural History Society, on the Wetlands of Jammu and Kashmir. I sent copies of this publication to nearly 50 people in the state. Now it is for the authorities to take action. Poaching is a big problem in the Valley that needs to be tackled immediately. The Department of Wildlife has very fine officers and staff - they need government full support, resources and human-power. The authorities should immediately cancel all gun licences, instead give pistols for so-called "personal safety". Why does a person need a gun? Extra-vigilance should be increased during winter when most of the poaching takes place. More staff should be recruited, and volunteers should be appointed who could become 'eyes and ears' of the Wildlife Department to stop poaching.

The birds, particularly wildfowls (ducks and geese) are shy, clearly indicating they are afraid of human beings. I have never seen such shy ducks anywhere in India. In good protected areas, one can approach ducks 50-60 m but in Kashmir, they fly away from 200 to 300 m. It is only because of extensive poaching. Even I have heard gun shots in late evening in Shallabugh and Haigam.

The Wildlife staff should be taken to Keoladeo National Park in Bharatpur, or Lakh Bahosi Sanctuary in UP, or Nalsarovar in Gujarat to see how birds behave when they are protected.

Q. You have written several journal articles and books about the birds of India. Could you please tell us how birds and their habitats are crucial for local ecology, economy and culture?

I am not sufficiently qualified to talk about birds with particular reference to Kashmiri culture. I have not written many research papers on the birds of Kashmir though I have guided some students to work on birds. I have written two books, co-authored by many Kashmiri

Threatened Birds of Jammu and Kashmir

Important Bird Areas of Jammu and Kashmir Both these books were published by BNHS, RSPB and BirdLife International, and distributed by Oxford University Press. If I write about the importance of birds in our life, it will be like a text-book. In a nutshell: Birds are an integral part of our culture and literature. Birds play an important role in eating insects, help in pollination, and seed dispersal. Birds are a heritage of our country. Bird watching is a multi-billion industry and occupation as birds attract thousands of tourists, helping the local economy. Bird habitats help in water regime (wetlands), climate mitigation (forests, wetlands, and grasslands) and pollution control.

Q. In recent years, a lot of young people in Kashmir have started taking interest in bird

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encourage people to become conservationists, not just birdwatchers. People should speak to authorities on behalf of birds (and wildlife in general). If we do not speak, then who will speak? If not now, then when?

watching and environmental conservation. How do you see that?

Bird-watching is all fine but all birdwatchers should become conservationists, spokespersons for wildlife. Merely taking pictures and sharing in social media is not going to save birds and their habitats. Do something on the ground. Become a pressure group, work with the Department (not for the Department), report to them if you see any wrongdoing. Do not remain silent when you see drainage of Hokarsar (as it happened two years ago). Do not remain silent when you see poaching. The Department of Wildlife needs your support to stop poaching. Help in environmental awareness.

Taking pictures of birds and sharing in social media is not enough – it does not save them.

Q. In one of your articles, you had profiled Musa Khan of Jaisalmer in Rajasthan who you call "birding star of Desert National Park." Khan has probably not received formal education and yet he knows names of over 200 birds and their ecological behavior. Have you come across any such bird enthusiasts in Kashmir?

Yes, Musa Khan of Jaisalmer has come up well, and now he has a flourishing bird tourism business. He is the most sought-after bird guide of Jaisalmer.

In Kashmir, Dachigam to be precise, Nazir Malik was a fine forest staff and birdman, but after his retirement there is no good replacement, as far as I know. But now we have many youngsters like Mudassir Manzoor, Sheikh Haris, and Reyan Sofi who are good birdwatchers. They need national and international exposure to develop bird tourism as a profession.

In the last 20 years, I have conducted many training-workshop to develop bird guides in Kashmir, even distributed hundreds of bird books in Urdu, but unfortunately, there was no follow-up by the authorities. I am willing to conduct bird tourism training even now but people and authorities should follow it up.

The Kashmir Valley has a great potential for bird tourism, but first we have to get out of Dachigam-Hangul syndrome and look beyond. There is a whole world of birds waiting to be appreciated.



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I had heard about the beauty of Kashmir since my childhood but came to Kashmir in the late 1990s for a short time, and later in 2005 with my two students for a longer period when we went around the Valley and also some protected areas. From Srinagar, we drove to Ladakh.

Kashmiris are very friendly and hospitable people, despite the problems that they are facing since late 1980s. The education system in Kashmir is much better than many states, therefore, Kashmiris are educated and articulate.

I want local people, experts, concerned citizens, and scientists to come together to work for conservation. The Kashmir Valley needs a strong civil society movement for conservation, like in many other Indian states.

Q. You have taken personal interest in highlighting the problems facing Kashmir's wetlands. This includes writing to the Jammu & Kashmir administration about those problems and their solutions. What kind of response do you get from the government?

Growth Trends In First 1,000 Days Of Child's Life Can Influence Their Future Growth, Studies Examine Such Trends

Press Trust Of India

Wasting and stunted growth trends seen in the first 1,000 days of a child's life can influence their future growth and health, according to studies newly published in Nature journal's Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Collection.

Informing ourselves of these trends is imperative to addressing growth faltering in children, along with understanding the populations and age groups that need the most attention, said the authors of these studies pertaining to SDG 2, which is "Zero Hunger".

The studies present longitudinal, or longterm, analyses of 33 previously published studies by analysing data from overall 80,000 children from across South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

The Collection marks the mid-point of the 15-year period envisioned by the United Nations to achieve the SDGs by 2030, Nature's press statement said.

The first study, from Stanford University, found that the onset of stuntedgrowth was most prevalent within the first three months after a child's birth, with South Asia seeing substantially higher stunting at birth. Jade Benjamin-Chung and colleagues analysed data of 52,640 chil-

dren in this study. During these three months, wasting was seen to "peak", the second study, from the University of California (UC)

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Berkeley, found.

Nearly 30 per cent of the children studied lost fat and muscle tissue in the first 2 years of life and 10 per cent experienced two or more episodes of wasting, Andrew Mertens from UC Berkeley and team found after studying child wasting in a subset of 11,448 children.

Faltering in growth in the first 6 months of life was found to lay the ground for subsequent and persistent growth faltering in these children, found the third study, also by Mertens and team, adding that boys had a higher risk of growth faltering than girls. The study evaluated the potential causes and consequences of child growth failure in 83,671 children.

Wasting experienced early in life heightened the risk of growth faltering in future, Mertens said, even as their team found wasting in the first six months to be associated with faster recovery than in older children.

Reversal of stunting between 0 and 15 months was rare and in children who's stunting was reversed, relapse was frequent, Benjamin-Chung and team found.

These findings emphasised the importance of interventions to im-

prove general maternal

and infant health in the

first 1,000 days, as well as

household environment

and sanitation, the re-

searchers said. Our findings suggest that defining stunting targets at earlier ages (for example, stunting by 3 or 6 months) would help focus attention on the period when interventions may be most impactful, Benjamin-Chung and team said in their study regarding SDG 2.2.1 which aims to reduce stunting prevalence among children under 5 years by 2025.

SDG 2.2 calls for the elimination of malnutrition by 2030, with child wasting as its primary indicator. Our results elevate the importance of improving at-birth child outcomes, with a focus on both maternal support during pregnancy and nutritional supplementation in food-insecure populations for women of child-bearing age, pregnant women and children under 24 months, Mertens and team wrote in their study analysing child wasting trends.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama

SHORT TERM NIT NO. (27) OF 2023-24 (e-Tendering) For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K U.T, e-Tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. for the following works.

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Position of Funds: **Budgetary Provision** Position of AAA:

Accorded vide District Development Commissioner Pulwama's order No. 37 - DDCP of 2023 dated: 30/05/2023

Position of T/S: The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website

v.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:		
Date of issue of Tender Notice	14-09-2023 (06.00 pm)	
Date of start of downloading	[14-09-2023 (06.00 pm)	
Bid submission start date Technical/ Financial.	14-09-2023 (06.00 pm)	
Bid submission end date	21-09-2023 (04.00 pm)	
Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)	22-09-2023 (10.00 am)	

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Bids must be accompanied with proof of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury receipt/e-challan under (MH: 0702-PWD Remittance) in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama (tender inviting authority), and Earnest Money/ Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR from any schedule or nationalized bank pledged to Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama (Tender Receiving Author

The date and time of opening of Technical Bids shall be notified on departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama (Tender Receiving Authority). The bid for the work shall remain valid for period of 90 days from the date of opening of bid.

Bidders are advised to use the (My Documents) area in their user on www.j&ktenders.gov.in portal to store, the required documents as given below:

GST, Adhaar Card, 16- Digit Bank Account No. and PAN No. Registration card with the latest renewal

Treasury challan (0702)

Scanned copy of EMD. Card verification letter

Registered mobile number and E-mail ID in the shape of Bidders address form.

Acknowledgment/ certificate w.r.t. filing of GST returns of previous quarter Acknowledgment/certificate w.r.t. filing of Income Tax returns of Previous financial year The earnest money shall be forfeited if:

Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in terms and conditions of the bid. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 7 Days after fixation of contract.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-Tendering process: -Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well

as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on web site www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process. 6.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from any approved vendor.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-3. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100dpi with black & white option.

The Department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury receipt/e-challan under (MH: 0702-PWD Remittance) in favour of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama and Earnest Money/ Bid Security in shape of CDR/ FDR as applicable pledged to Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama must be uploaded with the technical documents of the bid.

Price Escalation and Taxes: - The item wise cost/ offer be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes till completion of work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on e-Tendering portal to store nents as are required. Instructions to Bidder (ITB):

All bidders shall upload the following information and documents with their Bids GST No., PAN, Contact No., E-mail ID, Registration Card duly renewed for the current year & card verification certificate from the issuing authority, Acknowledgment/ certificate w.r.t. filing of GST returns of previous quarter and Income Tax returns of Previous financial year.

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The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its

surroundings before submission of bid. If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the rate List/Quantity Schedule, cost of such item/items shall be deemed to be part of the overall/total contract value. No rate shall be allowed for such

item/items in the allotment of contract. General Conditions of Contract:

The successful bidder shall submit all documents related to the bid in English Language. The material shall have to be procured by the contractor from the open market with the quality & specification as prescribed, to be certified by the Engineer In-charge.

The conditional bids are also liable for rejection.

The date of start of the work shall be reckoned within one week from the date of submission of LOI/ Contract Allotment as the case may be.

Penalty for delay in completion: - In case of delay in completion of work beyond stipulated

period of completion, penalty upto maximum of 10% of the contract shall be imposed. Time Extension: - Suitable time extension shall be granted in case of increase in scope of work

and in the event of delay beyond control of contractor to be determined by the Department. Advance Payments: - No mobilization advance shall be paid.

Secured Advance: - No secured advance shall be paid to the successful bidder.

Retention Money/Performance security: - 10% of the value of contract shall be deducted

from each running account hill/final hill of the successful contractor which shall be released after completion of work in all respects and when the DLP of the work is over or the successful bidder shall have to deposi 10% of the value of the contract as performance security as per Rule 171 of GFR, 2017 at the time of issuance

13.8. The Successful bidder will be solely responsible for any deterioration/loss or theft of material at site Schedule of Payment: - The payment schedule shall be fixed after award of contract in favour of successful bidder, on the basis of availability of funds and value of work executed, shall be determined by the Engineer In-charge 20% shall be deducted from the filling embankment quantity for compaction till the proctor's density test is received and found within specified limits.

Amendment of Bidding Document: - Before the deadline for submission of bids the employer

may modify the bidding documents by issuing Agenda.

13.11. The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders. without assigning any reason thereof and conditional tenders shall also be rejected in any case.

Restoration of work: - On completion of contract the contractor shall be responsible to remove all un-used material and restore all work in its original position at his own cost.

The contract has to manage housing for labors, electricity, water storage for material watch and ward and other facilities at his own. Arbitration: - The arbitration shall be conducted is accordance with the Arbitration procedure

stated in the J&K conciliation and Arbitration Act No. xxxv of 1997 issued vide SRO No.: - 4023 vide notification of J&K Govt. "Law Department 11th December 1997).

Defect Liability Period: -The DLP shall be considered from start of trail run which shall be 06 Months in case of Mechanical works/machinery and equipment's or one Irrigation Season (Kharief Season) in case of civil construction works.

Safety: - The contractor shall be responsible for safety of all activities at site of work Discoveries: - Anything of historical or other interest or of significant value unexpectedly dis-

covered on the site shall be the property of the Government. Tests: - The contractor shall be solely responsible for carrying out the mandatory tests re-

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT NARVAW

Subject:-Tentative Selection List of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project Narvaw.

In pursuance to Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023, and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar vide No: MD/Poshan/Estt/13281-94 Dated: 08-05-2023, (31) posts of Sahayikas (Ánganwadi Helpers) had been advertised by this office vide advertisement notice No: 01-CDPO Narvaw of 2023, Dated: 31-05-

Out of (31) posts of Sahavikas (Anganwadi Helpers), the selection has been made against (15) posts of Sahavikas (Anganwadi Helpers) for (15) Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Narvaw. In response to the said advertisement notice, 29 application forms were received against (15) posts of Sahayikas (AWHs) on the basis of Wards within cut-off date i.e. 12-06-2023 and merit list of candidates has been prepared as per criteria laid down vide Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023 and Selection list has been framed on the basis of merit list herewith as Annexure-A, comprising of 15 candidates Tentatively selected as Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers). The Merit List for (15) Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Narvaw is annexed herewith as Annexure-B. Both Tentative Selection List and Merit List are hereby published for information of general public and inviting appeal/objections if any.

The appeal/objection, if any, against the said Tentative selection list, shall be filed in the office of the Child Development Project Officer, Poshan Project Narvaw till 22/09/2023 against proper receipt up to 4:00 P.M.

Note:- No appeal/objection shall be entertained after expiry of the last date for filling appeal/objections
(ANNEXURE-A)

Tentative Selection List of Candidates for the post of Sahayikas (AWHs) for Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Narvaw advertised vide Notice No. as mentioned above:-Ward D.O.B Oualifica-Marks in 10th S. No. Index Name of the Parentage/ W/O Weightage | Total Merit

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Finance Ministry Notifies 31 State Benches Of GST **Appellate Tribunal**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Finance Ministry has notified 31 benches of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) which will be set up in all states and Union Territories.

Setting up of state-level benches of GSTAT would help businesses by way of faster dispute resolution. Currently, taxpayers aggrieved with the ruling of tax authorities are required to move to the respective High Courts.

The resolution process takes a long time as High Courts are already burdened with a backlog of cases and do not have a specialised bench to deal with GST cases.

As per the notification, Gujarat and UTs -- Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, will have two benches of the GSTAT; Goa and Maharashtra together will have three benches.

Karnataka and Rajasthan will have two benches each, while Uttar Pradesh will have three

West Bengal, Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar islands;

and Tamil Nadu and Puducherry will together have two GSTAT benches each, while Kerala and Lakshadweep will have one bench.

The seven North Eastern states -- Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura -- will have one bench.

All other states will have one bench of the GSTAT.

AMRG & Associates Senior Partner Rajat Mohan said GST tribunals are essential for resolving tax matters due to their importance in providing an impartial, expert, and efficient forum for addressing tax disputes.

They play a crucial role in ensuring fairness, accountability, and the rule of law in tax administration.

In the first phase, the government notified 31 tribunals that would be formed in all major cities of the country.

"Now, the next phase of identifying suitable locations for tribunals, appointing qualified members, and providing necessary infrastructure and resources would begin," Mohan said.

'Online Festive Season Sale To Touch Rs 90,000 Cr'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Online sale during the upcoming festive season is expected to witness 18-20 per cent annual growth and touch Rs 90,000 crore this year, according to market research firm Redseer Strategy Consultants.

According to the market research firm the upcoming festive season can potentially be the most efficient one ever in terms of margins, with evolving category mix and higher advertisements and promotion revenues.

"We project the 2023 festive season GMV for the entire festive month for India eTailing to be around Rs 90,000 crore, up 18-20 per cent from last year's festive month sales," Redseer

The firm said that the sale will be driven by about 14 crore online shoppers who are expected to be transacting online at least once during this festive month.

"2023 online festive sales will catalyze consumption demand as the economy emerges from the turbulence of the last three

Associated Press

LONDON: European regula-

tors slapped TikTok with a

USD 368 million fine on Fri-

day for failing to protect chil-

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that the popular short video-

sharing app has been pun-

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years," Redseer statement said. The key drivers of e-commerce sales during the festive season are rise in number of on-

2023, the statement said.

Consultants, Partner, Mrigank Gutgutia said that while electronics sell a lot in the festive period, the festive sale comparison over the last several years shows there is a clear trend of cat-

Exports Dip 6.86% To \$34.48 Bn In Aug; Trade Deficit At \$24.16 Bn

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- India's exports declined 6.86 per cent to USD 34.48 billion, the seventh month in a row, in August this year due to a fall in shipments from key sectors like petroleum and gems and jewellery on subdued global demand.
The trade deficit (difference

between imports and exports) during the month remained almost flat at USD 24.16 billion. However, it widened on a sequential basis, as it was USD 20.67 billion in July.

According to the government data released on Friday, imports also declined, ninth month in a row, by 5.23 per cent to USD 58.64 billion against USD 61.88 billion recorded in August 2022.

Cumulatively, exports during April-August this fiscal contracted by 11.9 per cent to USD 172.95 billion. Imports during the five-month period fell by 12 per cent to USD 271.83 billion. The trade deficit narrowed to USD 98.88 billion against USD 112.85 billion during April-August 2022.

Briefing media about the Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthawal said that there



is some improvement and it is a "good sign for us". India's exports contracted by 15.88 per cent in July.

He added that till July, there was a pessimism, but now green shoots are visible. "It means the global situation is improving. The trade deficit, which has always been a concern, but the figures (August) are looking good. It is a soothing factor for the economy," Barthwal told reporters here.

He, however, expressed concerns over rising interest rates in Europe, which may impact their manufacturing and Indian shipments. Exports sectors, which recorded negative growth in August, include tea, coffee, rice, spices, leather, gems and jewellery, textiles, and petroleum products.

However, 15 of the 30 key

exhibited growth in August include iron ore, electronic goods, oil seeds, cashew, carpet, engineering, pharma and marine products.

On the import front, oil shipments in August dipped by 23.76 per cent to USD 13.2 billion. During April-August 2023, it declined by 23.33 per cent to USD 68.3 billion.

Gold imports in August rose by 38.75 per cent to USD 4.93 billion. During April-August 2023, it increased by 10.48 per cent to USD 18.13 billion.

According to the data, exports of electronic goods rose by 26.29 per cent in August to USD 2.17 billion. During the five-month period, it has increased by 35.22 per cent to USD 11.18 billion

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there is a case for increasing

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"I am requesting the Fi-

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This is the only way to phase

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said. But soon after, he took

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referring to media reports

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Sensex, Nifty Hit Fresh Lifetime Highs As Telecom, **Auto Shares Advance**

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty darted up to fresh lifetime highs on Friday, propelled by a rally in global markets and renewed foreign capital inflows.

Besides, buying in telecom, auto and tech stocks also helped markets to settle with gains, traders said.

Rallying for the 11th day running, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 319.63 points or 0.47 per cent to settle at a record closing of 67,838.63. During the day, it rallied 408.23 points or 0.60 per cent to hit its fresh all-time intra-day high of 67,927.23.

The Nifty went up by 89.25 points or 0.44 per cent to end at its all-time closing high of 20,192.35. During the day, it advanced 119.35 points or 0.59 per cent to hit its lifetime intraday peak of 20,222.45.

"Nifty scaled fresh life highs on Friday, rising for the third consecutive session to end at a record close. Sensex rose for the 11th day, the longest streak of gains since October 2007." Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said. On the weekly front, the BSE

benchmark jumped 1,239.72 points or 1.86 per cent, and the Nifty climbed 372.4 points or 1.87 per cent.

"Domestic equities continued their winning streak following their global peers boosted by better-than-expected Chinese and US economic data as well as optimism that the European Central Bank may be close to peak interest rates," Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said.

Bharti Airtel was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 2.37 per cent, followed by Mahindra & Mahindra, HCL Tech, Tata Motors, Tech Mahindra, HDFC Bank, Wipro, Tata Consultancy Services, Axis

Basic Customs Duties On 8 US Products Will Continue; Only Retaliatory Tax Removed

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The basic customs duties and other levies will continue on eight products, including apple and walnut from the US as well as other countries, a senior government official said on Friday.

Additional Secretary in the Department of Commerce Peeyush Kumar said that India has imposed retaliatory customs duties on 28 American products in 2019 against US measure to imposes duties on certain steel and aluminium products.

He added that India has withdrawn only retaliatory duty on these eight products -- chickpeas, lentils, almonds, walnut, apple, boric acid, diagnostic reagents -- in 2023 and its value of imports into India from the US stood at USD 1.08 billion in 2022-23.

In return, India has gained market access for indefinite period into the US through commitments for granting approval to 70 per cent and 80 per cent of exclusion requests, respectively, for Indian steel and aluminum products.

Total volume approved is 3.36 lakh MT (metric tones) and its total value is USD 1.01 billion, Kumar told reporters here.

"The existing BCD (basic customs duty) rates for all the 8 products along with applicable surcharge, cess, IGST, etc. prevails for these imports from all the countries including the US," he said.

In addition, he said, Indian apples would be shielded against dumping of low quality and predatory pricing through the Minimum Import Price (MIP) of Rs 50 per kilogramme for imports from all countries except Bhutan.

line shoppers and the economy bouncing back after three years of "challenging" period.

The year 2023 marks the
10th year of Indian eCom-

merce festive season sales and over these years, Indian eCommerce GMV has grown about 20 times with an approximately 15 times jump in annual transacting user base, the statement said.

In 2014, the e-commerce industry clocked a GMV (gross merchandise value) of Rs 27,000 crore in the whole year and the same is expected to be approximately Rs 5.25 lakh crore in

Redseer Strategy egory diversification.

TikTok Is Hit With USD 368 Mn Fine Under

vacy regulator for Big Tech

companies whose European

headquarters are largely in

Dublin, said it was fining

TikTok 345 million euros and

reprimanding the platform

for the violations dating to

that the sign-up process for

teen users resulted in set-

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The investigation found

the second half of 2020.

Europe's Strict Data Privacy Rules

Govt Not Planning To Levy Any Tax On Diesel Vehicles: Nitin Gadkari **Press Trust Of India** ing at the annual convention of automobile manufacturers

NEW DELH: Seeking to clarify his remarks on the taxation of diesel vehicles, Union minister Nitin Gadkari said on Thursday that he wanted to convey to automobile manufacturers the need to take steps to reduce pollution and also added that there is no proposal to levy a tax on such vehicles.

Earlier this week, the road, transport, and highway minister's remarks regarding the need to levy a 10 percent tax on diesel-run vehicles to help cut emissions generated lots of controversy.

"I am not against diesel fuel, and neither are we going to levy any tax on diesel vehicles," Gadkari told CN-BC-TV18.

The road transport and highways minister noted

lowing anyone to view and

Those default settings also

posed a risk to children under

13 who gained access to the

platform even though they're

not allowed. Also, a "family

pairing" feature designed for

parents to manage settings

wasn't strict enough, allow-

ing adults to turn on direct

messaging for users aged 16

and 17 without their consent.

comment on their videos.



that, from a pollution point of view, diesel is very hazardous and is really causing health problems in the country.

Gadkari emphasised that he is not against any industry and pointed out that the government is already giving incentives for electric cars.

"So my suggestion to the industry is that the best way to reduce pollution is to concentrate on alternative fuel," he added.

On September 12, speak-

additional 10 per cent GST on diesel vehicles.

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M. A. Road Srinagar, 190 001 J&K

On-Line Request for Tender (e-NIT)

Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Fire Fighting System for Currency Chest cum **Branch Unit Residency Road Srinagar**

Tender Notice along with Complete Tender document outlining the minimum requirements can be downloaded from and BIDs can be submitted on the Banks' e-Tendering Portal https://jkbank.abcprocure.com w.e.f. September 14, 2023, 16.00 Hrs. Tender Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website www.jkbank.com. Last date for submission of Bids is September 28, 2023, 17.00 Hrs.

e-RFP Ref. No JKB/E&ED/Fire-fighting-R.Road/2023-796 Dated: 12-09-2023

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MACHINERY DIVISION SRINAGAR, MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, KASHMIR. Fax No: 0194-2497093 | email: xenmds@gmail.com | website: www.medkashmir.org

Name of work:

Reference:

FOR RETENDER Drafting, Updating, Editing, Printing and Spiral Binding of Snow Clearance Action Plan Booklets of Machinery Division Srinagar for the Year 2023-24 This office NIT: MDSK/TS /2023-24/02 Date:05-09-2023 (Tender ID: 2023_PWDJK_228881_1)

Due to poor response, the critical dates of the above referred NIT issued for the subject work is extended as under: -

Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

CORRIGENDUM 01

S.No.	Description	New Dates
01.	Last date of downloading/ submission of bids	21-09-2023 upto 12:00 Noon
02.	Date of opening of bids online	22 -09-2023 at 02:00 PM

All other terms, conditions and specifications of the NIT shall remain unchanged.

No: MDSK/TS/ 461-65 (Er. Reyaz Ah. Khan) Date: 14 -09-2023. DIPK-8884-23 **Executive Engineer** DT: 15/09/2023 Mechanical Division, Srinagar

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECHANICAL DIVISION (NORTH) SOPORE

Extension of e-tenders. Sub:

Ref:

This office E-NIT No. PHE/MDNS/NIT/E-36 of 2023-24, S. No. 03 and 04 issued under No. PHE/MDNS/DB/4164-71, dated: 28-08-2023.

Due to poor response the above referred e-NIT is hereby extended as under:

S. No.	Particulars	Dates
1	Last date for online submission of bids	18-09-2023 (06:55 pm)
2	Date of online opening of tender	19-09-2023 (02:00 pm)
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All other terms and conditions shall remain same. No.: PHE/MDNS/DB/4858-60

Dated: 15-09-2023 DIPK-8885-23

DT: 15/09/2023

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore

OFFICE OF ADV MUFTI MUHTASHIM & ASSOCIATES

J&K Bank

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PUBLIC AT LARGE (Non-Caveators)

In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C The caveator has reasons to believe/apprehension that the non-caveator may file a suit or any other type of proceeding before a Court of Law on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation or cooked up story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at his back/exparte against the caveator and in such eventuality the caveator will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveator is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order. Hence this caveat.

Caveato

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF PDJ AT BUDGAM THROUGH ADV ISHFAQ AHMAD AND ASSOCIATES In the case of;

1 Gh Mohammad Thoke S/O Gh Rasool Thoker R/O Khawaja gund khag budgam

In the matter of : Caveat

VS Public at large Non Caveator

May it please your honour: The Caveator humbly submits as -That the Caveator is seeking caveat wrt land situated at Khawaia gund tehsil khag district budgam measuring 32 kanals 19 marlas 8 number of fruit under khewa

no 25 khata no 10 & 11 and in case the non Caveators choose to file any suit, application/appeal etc. Notice to the Caveator be given before issuance of any order. hence the publication for the Caveat.

كے يما فك واقع شيك يوره ، بد مالو بائى ياس ميں مورخه 2023-09- 20 = باریخ کھو ولر بغیر کسی دعویٰ کے بندیڑے (ضبط شدہ) ہیں۔ ان ضبط شدہ کے مالکان کو مطلع کیاجاتا ہے کہ وہ مور ند 2023-09 - 18 یک بھا ٹک ھذامیں اپنے مستحور ہے متعلق شاخت ظاہر کرنے کے بعد جرمانہ ود یگراخراجات ادا کرے اینے محکوطوں کووایس لے جانیں۔ بصورت دیگران ضط شدہ مستحوظ میں _ کو بذراید سر بمہر offers عاصل کرنے کے تحت فروخت کیا جائےگا۔اس سلسلے میں ذیر نیلام جانور کی تفصیلات ویٹر نری آفیسر کے دفتر واقع ٹینگہ پورہ، مائی یاس سے دفتری او قات کے دوران حاصل کی جاسکتی ہیں۔ للذا خواہشند اصحاب این مہر بند آفر (offer) مور خ<u>د حرم - 99 - 99</u> ون کے 2:00 PM چنے تک ویٹر نری آفیسر کے پاس پیژر، کرسکتے ہیں۔

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سرينگرميو بل كارپوريش

Congress Should Boycott Rahul Gandhi And Not Journalists If It Wants To Benefit: BJP

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The BJP on Friday took a swipe at the Congress over the opposition INDIA bloc's decision to boycott 14 broadcast media anchors, saying shunning the media or any other institution will do it no good and the party can only benefit by boycotting Rahul Gandhi as he has no strength.

There is no institution in India that this opposition alliance has not attacked, be it the Election Commission or courts, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra told reporters, wondering if the list of anchors is more a "target list" or "hit list" aimed at targeting them with FIRs.

Who will be responsible if some of these anchors are physically attacked tomorrow by some people, including members of these parties, he asked.

All institutions are doing their job well, he said before targeting

"If there is someone who is not up to it and who the Congress should indeed boycott for its own benefit, then his name is Rahul Gandhi... Your leader has no strength. Who all will you boycott? If you have to boycott and move ahead, then boycott your leader."

The Congress leader speaks about 'mohabbat' (love) but sells 'nafrat' (hate), he claimed.

Patra alleged that the journalists on the "hit list" will be slapped with criminal cases and will not be spared.

Hitting out at the opposition



for Congress leader Saifuddin Soz's and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah's pitch for talks with Pakistan, he said the remarks came soon after the death of security officials in an encounter with terrorists in Kashmir and added that the INDIA bloc should boycott leaders like them instead of journalists.

Soz has asked the Union government to try to understand the minds of militants, he said, condemning the Congress leader. It is such a painful and unfortunate statement, he added.

Patra said the Congress has a history of going after the media, citing the first amendment brought by Jawaharlal Nehru to curb absolute freedom of expression, the Emergency promulgated by Indira Gandhi and the defamation law proposed by

Rajiv Gandhi. Congress leaders questioned the existence of Lord Ram while the likes of Bihar minister and RID leader Chandra Shekhar targeted Ramchairtmanas. These leaders are not boycotted but journalists questioning these parties about corruption in states ruled by them and saying "good things" about G20 and India are boycotted, he said.

"Netas can raise questions on God but journalists can't question these netas," Patra said.

Senior BJP leader and for-Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad alleged that the "Congress-led alliance" of the

opposition parties have decided to boycott 14 electronic media anchors as they are uncomfortable with their questions and do not want to give a reply.

"They are yet to come to power at Centre, a dream that will never fructify, but look at their arrogance; how they are showing blatant disregard to constitutional values by engaging in cancel culture," he added.

Prasad said the boycott of these journalists by the opposition alliance is a grim reminder of the Emergency days when the government of the time used to arrest editors and impose censorship on media publications.

What is still more painful is the fact that the people who were part of the JP movement and opposed the Emergency and the Congress rule have also become part of this, he charged, adding, "The dark days of Emergency are back even before they are in power at the Centre."

The BJP leader noted that the opposition parties' allegation against Prime Minister Narendra Modi is that the Constitution is being compromised under the current dispensation.

"But in reality, all the leaders of the I.N.D.I.A alliance, including Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, Lalu Prasad, Nitish Kumar, and all their friends are actually compromising the constitutional values of freedom of speech and expression," he said in a post on X.

"The people of India will give a befitting reply," he added

India to procure 20 more doses of monoclonal antibody from Australia for Nipah treatment: ICMR DG

New Delhi: India has reached out to Australia for procuring 20 more doses of monoclonal antibody for the treatment of Nipah virus infection amid cases being reported from Kerala, ICMR DG Rajeev Bahl said on

With repeated instances of Nipah outbreaks being reported from the southern state and the mortality rate very high compared to Covid, Bahl said that ICMR is also planning to start work on developing a vaccine against the viral disease.

He said mortality among the infected is very high in Nipah (between 40 and 70 per cent) compared to the mortality in Covid, which was 2-3 per cent. A fresh case of Nipah virus

was confirmed in Kozhikode, taking the total number of people infected in the state to six, two of had died earlier.

"We got some doses of monoclonal antibody from Australia in 2018. Currently the doses are available for only 10 patients," Bahl said, adding globally monoclonal antibody has been given to 14 patients infected with Nipah virus outside India and all of them have survived.

"Only phase 1 trial to establish the safety of the medicine has been done outside. Efficacy trials have not been done. It can only given as compassionate use medicine," he said.

According to him, no one so far has been administered the medicine in India.

"Twenty more doses are being procured. But the medicine needs to be given during the early stage of the infection," he



said, adding it can only given as compassionate use medicine.

He asserted that all efforts are on to contain the spread of the virus in Kerala.

All patients are contact of an index patient, he said.

On ICMR planning to start work on new vaccines such as a vaccine for Nipah, Bahl said the procedure involves looking for partners - who can make it, and on which platform.

"Our biggest asset at the moment is that we have developed vaccines on diverse platforms during Covid such as DNA vaccine, mRNA vaccine, adenoviral vector vaccine, protein subunit vaccine, and nasal vaccine, and we can use these diverse platforms to develop the new vaccine against disease such as Nipah infection," he said.

On why cases keep surfacing in Kerala, Bahl said, "We do not know. In 2018, we found the outbreak in Kerala was related to bats. We are not sure how the infection passed from bats to humans. The link couldn't be established. Again we are trying to find out this time. It always happens in the rainy

season.

Globally monoclonal antibody have been given to 14 patients infected with Nipah virus outside India and all of them have survived.

The decision to use the antibody, however, has to be of the Kerala government's, besides that of doctors and also families of patients.

ICMR's National Institute of Virology in Pune is conducting whole genome sequencing of the virus to know which exact variant is in circulation in Kerala.

Meanwhile he said the Mobile BSL 3 Laboratory which has been sent to Kozikodhe to enable testing at the district itself there testing of samples have already begun.

In view of high mortality, Bahl said taking precautions is the best option. He advised people to follow social distancing, wear masks and stay away from raw food that could be exposed to bats.

Developed in America, the antibody was shared with a university in Australia as part of a tech-transfer initiative.

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No Major Respite

as the major or good spell of rain is unlikely to occur in J&K during the next one week. He added that the weather would remain

mainly hot and dry for the next one week. Pertinently, J&K parts witnessed severe heat wave from the past in September as the Valley parts recorded the hottest day in the month of September after decades.

The prolonged dry spell has also led to the water scarcity at multiple places while the lifting irrigations spots have also got affected 25 per cent due to the prevalent weather conditions as the water level in the major water bodies including the river Jhelum, Doodh Ganga and other tributaries has reduced.

On Tuesday, Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 34.2 degrees Celsius, six degrees above normal, Met Office (Srinagar) Deputy Director Mukhtar Ahmed said.

said it was the second-h maximum temperature ever recorded in September since 1891, when the weather observatory was established.

Ahmed said it broke a 53-year-old record of 33.8 degrees Celsius, recorded on September The all-time record is 35.0 degrees Celsius,

recorded on September 18, 1934, he added. There was a forecast of dry weather till

Friday and it remained hot and dry across the valley, the Met office deputy director said. However, there was slight rain early on Friday in some areas of Pulwama and Shopian.

The weather has remained generally hot in Kashmir in the last about two decades. The temperature touched 32.7 degrees Celsius in 2017, 2019 and 2021 as well, Ahmed said. "So, it is not that the weather has been this

hot for the first time. This time, it was a bit extended due to which people felt uncomfortable," he added. Ahmed said the whole of August and the

first week of September remained dry and, because of the extended dry weather, the temperature increased and caused heatwavelike conditions.

"The day temperature has remained 5-6 degrees above normal across most of the stations, thus falling under the heatwave cat-

egory," he said. Ahmed advised children, older people and

labourers to take excess fluids. "There is a drinking water crisis. The water level in rivers and streams has also gone down. The extended dry weather can result in a drop in the yield of paddy and can impact apple cultivation. The absence of rain affects the colour, quality and weight of apples," he said. The weather office, however, said there is a forecast of light to moderate rain in the valley over a few days from Saturday that can bring respite from the heatwave conditions.

Operation On

Nagam area of Kokernag are active has been very calm as compared to other three districts of South Kashmir.

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. A senior official told KNO that after receiving the information about the presence of terrorists in Gadool area, many teams were formed and one of them teams led by a Colonel, Major and the DySP came under heavy fire when they were trying to locate the hideout. "They survived after being hit by bullets but evacuation was delayed due to intense firing," he said.

The officials said that terrain is very difficult and the operation involves high risk. "Either we had to go back or we had to continue the operation with all precautions. We choose the second option. We believe terrorists are still hiding in their hideout. All escape routes have been blocked," he said.

High Court

that he be allowed to deliver his Friday sermons and lead the Friday religious prayers at Jamia Masjid, Nowhatta Srinagar, and removal of any impediments into the day-to-day life of the Mirwaiz, including his free movement as a citizen, and allow him to avail the freedom and liberty guaranteed under the Constitution," the petition said.

The Hurriyat leader has been under house arrest since August 2, 2019, a day before the Centre revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir State and reorganised it into two union territories.

AC Approves Separate

Service and Sports Department, along with the creation of 235 posts to be utilized for appointment of outstanding sports persons, which include 10 Gazetted posts.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, attended the meeting.

With this decision, the process for appointment of outstanding sportspersons will commence, which has been entangled in various legal and procedural issues for the past few vears. The new rules have been formulated with the view to motivate the young people for sports activities and also to encourage the outstanding sportspersons. Recognition of sportspersons from J&K at the national and international level across different sports categories is a testament of the efforts of the government to rejuvenate sports activities in the Union Territory.

The government endeavors to make these appointments a yearly affair so as to provide an enabling environment for promotion of sports in J&K. Besides, the appointment of outstanding sportspersons as mentors would give a major fillip to the training & development process of youth and increase their participation in local, national, and worldwide competitions.

2nd National Judicial

favor of Judicial Officers. An official statement said that Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K, and Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to e Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The implementation of the Second National Judicial Pay Commission (SNJPC) shall benefit those Judicial Officers who, on 01.01.2016, were holding permanent or temporary posts in the Jammu & Kashmir State Subordinate Judiciary, Judicial Officers who have been appointed against any post in the Subordinate Judiciary from 01.01.2016 up to the date of issuance of Jammu & Kashmir Subordinate Judicial (Revised) Pay Rules, 2023 (Implementation of Second National Judicial Pay Commission) and also to those who may be appointed against any such post hereafter.

The Implementation of SNJPC in favour of Judicial Officers of the Subordinate Courts is based on the analogy of the 7th Pay Commission and the decision entails a financial implication of an estimated amount of Rs. 75.38 Crore.

J&K Bank Presents

brief overview of the Bank's performance and future plans.

"Backed by the continued support and guidance of the UT Government, we are mostly on trajectory to achieve our annual targets. We remain committed to provide best banking services to the people while working diligently towards realizing the UT Government's mission of Inclusive, equitable and sustainable economic growth in J&K", he said.

Meanwhile, continuing its bullish trend the Bank's share-price today closed at Rs 104.60, thereby earning 214% in returns for its investors during the last one year.

Custodian General

"There is also the need of scanning of all records pertaining to the department through the concerned agency in a time bound manner and to upgrade the skills of the employees," he added.

Custodian General J&K conveyed to the officers that the Evacuee Property Department has a deep sense of responsibility towards safeguarding the Evacuee property with honesty and dedication, as such as and when reports of encroachment of Evacuee land are available, the department should act swiftly with the collaboration of Revenue/ Police Department.

The Custodian General J&K also impressed upon the Deputy Custodians South/ North Kashmir to ensure timely action on any type of encroachment/ illegal occupation of Evacuee property if any surfaced within their iurisdiction.

The Custodian General also asked the Deputy Custodians to liaise up with District Administration for proper management and safeguarding the evacuee property and identify the evacuee land which is potentially viable for commercial purposes including other lands which may be got fenced and sign boards installed to avoid any encroachment, so that the land not viable for departmental use is put to e-auction for which the department has already developed e-auction portal.

LG Seeks Ayurvedic

College and Hospital in Ganderbal; AYUSH Health and Wellness Centers across J&K, the upcoming Homeopathic College & Hospital in Kathua and the integrated AYUSH hospitals in various districts is a testimony to our commitment to strengthen the infrastructure for traditional medicine system in the UT.

Padma Bhushan Vaidya Devinder Triguna; President of All India Ayurveda Congress; Padma Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, AYUSH; Dr. Manoj Nesari, Advisor, Ayurveda, Union Ministry of AYUSH; Vaidya Jayant Deo Pujari, Chairman NCISM; Prof. (Vaidya) Rakesh Sharma, President of Board of Ethics and Registration for Indian System of Medicine; Vaidya S. N. Pandey General Secretary, Akhil Bhartiya Ayurveda Mahasammelan; Ranjeet Puranik, MD & CEO, Shree Dhootapapeshwar Ltd were present.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary Health and Medical Education; Dr Mohan Singh. Director, AYUSH, J&K and other senior officers were also

and negative impacts on students' self-es-

teem, mental and emotional health."

Avoid Long Queues

Additionally, the circular suggests that if there is a need to offer a token of welcome to guests or officers, it can be done with a simple natural flower. Regarding catering, it recommends a simple and modest offering of tea and snacks.

SC Says It Heard

He said, "You may think of Article 370 that issue is not relevant. I don't think this is what the government or the petitioners in that case feel. In the Article 370 matter, we heard groups of individuals and interveners who came and addressed us from the valley. So, we have been hearing the voice of the nation."

The top court reserved its verdict on September 5 on a batch of pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution which bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, after 16 days of marathon hearing

The matter came up after the top court refused to entertain a petition filed by a Micro Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) firm for which Nedumpara was appearing. It refused to entertain the plea on the ground that the petitioner had not challenged it in the high court and instead approached the top court against the magistrate's order.

Nedumpara, while leaving after the order was dictated, said the court should take care of small business enterprises, a remark which prompted CJI Chandrachud to question him about the email he had written to the top

The CJI told Nedumpara about a recent constitution bench matter the outcome of which will have an impact on the livelihood of numerous drivers across the country.

The top court was referring to a constitution bench matter it heard on September 13 in which it had asked the Centre if a change in the law that allows a person holding a driving licence for a light motor vehicle to legally drive a transport vehicle of a particular weight was warranted.

"All constitution bench matters are not necessarily interpretations of the Constitution. If you came and sat in our court the day before yesterday you would have found that we were dealing with a matter which concerned the livelihood of hundreds and thousands of drivers all across the country. The issue was whether a person who holds a licence to drive a light motor vehicle can drive a commercial vehicle," the bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, told

Nedumpara. CJI Chandrachud asked the lawyer to "disabuse his mind" that the apex court was "only dealing with some fancy constitution bench matters which have no bearing on the lives of ordinary people".

After drawing flak from the court. Nedumpara said he salutes the court for doing good work of enabling virtual hearing which immensely benefited lawyers and litigants.

"I am not against the court hearing matters involving the fundamental rights of people. I am only against this court hearing matters of public interest behind the back of the people," he said.

The bench said even this statement of his is wrong as people appear before the court in constitution bench matters through various intervention applications like it happened in the Article 370 matter.

Sheema Qasba

years from the date of assuming charge of the post or until further orders, whichever event takes place earlier, the officer is relieved from the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, to enable her to take up the new assignment,' reads a government order.

The government also ordered that Yougal Kumar Manhas, Superintendent of Police, Kupwara, shall hold the charge of the post of Superintendent of Police, Handwara, in addition to his own duties, until further orders. (GNS)

CBI arrests

Cantonment since 1991.

"An eviction order was issued by the Jammu Cantonment Board to the complainant's mother on 23.08.2023. It was also alleged that the accused demanded a bribe of Rs 2 lakh from the complainant to prevent eviction from the residential quarter and to make an allotment entry in the name of his mother in the records," it reads.

It was added that the CBI laid a trap and caught the accused while accepting a bribe of Rs 1 lakh from the complainant.

"Searches were conducted at the premises of the accused, which led to the recovery of approximately Rs 6.50 lakh in cash and property documents. The accused is being produced before the court of the special judge CBI cases in Jammu today." (KNO)

Floods Ht

at Rajal Top in Nowshera was going on for the past one month and a temporary culvert was built to facilitate the movement of vehicles, they said.

Divisional traffic inspector Ajaz Mirza said movement of vehicles has been diverted with heavy vehicles as well as passenger vehicles diverted from Siot towards Kalakote-Rajouri. while private and light motor vehicles are diverted from Nowshera bridge to Beri Pattan Sunderbani road.

He said efforts to restore the highway are underway.

Udhampur Railway

office accorded a formal approval, the officials said."Sanction is hereby accorded to the naming of 'Udhampur railway station' as 'Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan railway station' in district Udhampur, Jammu and Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Kashmir." Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), said in an order issued here on Thursday evening.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) accorded approval to the renaming of Udhampur railway station on September 6, the officials said.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh, who represents the Kathua-Udhampur parliamentary constituency in Lok Sabha, had announced the decision through a tweet on September 6.

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recovered from their possession. A case under UA (P) & Arms Act has been

on, the police official said. **Gandhi Global Family**

registered and further investigation is going

Earlier, a delegation led by Farooq Ahmad Bajad, President, Dabistan Gujjar Bakarwal Foundation also called on the Lt Governor and apprised him of their concerning issues and demands.

"The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegation of appropriate action on the suggestions, issues, demands presented by them," the spokesperson added.

India 2nd In ODI Rankings, Pakistan Drop To 3rd



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Having stormed into the Asia Cup final, India have climbed to second place, ahead of Pakistan who have lost the No. 1 ODI rankings following their elimination from the tournament.

The Babar Azam-led side, who lost to Sri Lanka in a last-ball thriller for their second successive defeat in the 'Super Four', slipped two places to No. 3 with 115 points in ICC's mid-week update.

Two points ahead of India (116), Australia are now the No. 1 ODI side as the race for the top spot has intensified ahead of next month's World Cup.

Both the teams are also set to clash in a three-match ODI series in India beginning on September 22 ahead of their World Cup opener in Chennai on October 8.

Australia have climbed to No. 1 on the back of their back-to-back defeats in South Africa but their their loss in the third ODI at Potchefstroom by 111 runs may have given an opening to India.

The fourth and penultimate ODI of the South Africa-Australia rubber is slated on

Friday, while the series finale is on Sunday. India will play the Asia Cup final against co-hosts Sri Lanka on Sunday.

No India-Pakistan Match Till They 'End Terrorism': Sports Minister

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Union Sports Minsters Anurag Thakur said that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had earlier decided a bilateral series of cricket between India and Pakistan wouldn't take place until Pakistan puts end to "terrorism" following the Anantnag encounter.

Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur while speaking to reporters said, "BCCI had decided much earlier that we would not play bilateral matches with Pakistan until they put an end to terrorism, cross-border attacks and infiltration. I think the sentiments of the country and of the public are also the same."

The statement comes after three top Indian security personnel were recently killed in a gunfight in Anantnag's encounter with Pakistan-based terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir which has enraged the entire country.

An Army Colonel commanding a Quick Response Team (QRT) of the Rashtriya Rifles, lost his life in the ongoing gunfight in the Anantnag district. An Army Major and a Deputy Superintendent with the Jammu and Kashmir Police also fell to enemy fire in the Kokernag area.

The slain senior Army officers and the DSP were

preet Singh, Major Ashish Dhonak, and Humayun Bhat.

India and Pakistan haven't played a bilateral series since 2012/13, after that series the bilateral cricket ties between India and Pakistan have been suspended due to the heightened diplomatic tensions between the two neighbours.

Earlier this month, BCCI president Roger Binny and vice-president Rajeev Shukla travelled to Pakistan following an invitation to members of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) and other cricket boards by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to attend Asia Cup matches taking place in Lahore. (ANI)

Two Matches Played in Srinagar Premier League



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two out of the three 2023 Srinagar Premier League matches were played on Friday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

The first game, scheduled to be played between Novelty FC and LoneStar Kashmir FC, did not take place as LoneStar Kashmir "failed to report" to the venue. The match resulted in a walkover in favour of Novelty FC.

LoneStar Kashmir released a statement few days back announcing their intention to withdraw from the Premier Division league. The club laid out several disagreements with J&K Football Association as their reason to pull out from the competition.

The second scheduled game of the day was played between Star Kashmir FC and Kashmir Maharaja FC. Star Kashmir took the lead through Ayaan in the 28th minute.

Abdula made it 2-0 in the 52nd minute, before Sharik made it 3-0. Adil pegged one back for the Maharaia, but Dawar (66') and Ayaan (90+') sealed the tie 5-1 in favour of Star Kashmir FC.

In the final contest of the day, ARCO FC took on Igbal Sports FC. The late evening kick off saw a mawinners in the matchup.

It seemed business as usual for ARCO when Sujith made it 1-0 in the 17th minute. However, Iqbal Sports hung on and equalised with a spectacular long-range effort by Ghulam Mohd in the 69th minute. Club captain and Solina product, Aiman, then scored the winning goal in the 75th minute to give Iqbal Sports a much-needed win.

Srinagar Premier League matches scheduled for Saturday and Sunday have been postponed, the league officials announced.



ODI WC: Demand For Kashmir Willow Cricket Bats Up By 10 Times

Agencies

SRINAGAR: With the 2023 ODI World Cup around the corner, Kashmiri cricket bat manufacturers are gearing up for an anticipated surge in demand.

The World Cup will start from October 5, and this season, many international players are going to use Kashmir willow cricket bats.

The local bat manufacturers said the demand for the Kashmir willow bats has increased by 10 times in the last few weeks.

"We are anticipating a further surge in demand. Almost one lakh cricket bats are being exported to various states per week to meet the demand. It's cricket fever everywhere during the World Cup and we are boosting our production to cater to cricket lovers," said Fawzul Kabir, spokesperson of the Kashmir Cricket Bat Manufacturers Association.

Kabir's company-made cricket bats are going to be used by at least 17 international cricketers in the World Cup matches.

He said currently, the demand for Kashmiri willow cricket bats is emerging from the entire India.

"We expect the demand to go even higher as the ODI World Cup begins. From Odisha to Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and other states, cricket lovers are preferring Kashmiri cricket bats this season," he said.

Spokesperson, South Sports Goods Manufacturers Association, Firdous Ahmad Khan said the demand for both seasoned and tennis cricket bats has surged during the recent past

Khan said every unit holder is now increasing the production of cricket bats in view of the World Cup 2023.

The surge in demand for Kashmiri cricket bats is not limited to domestic markets. Export orders from countries such as England, Australia and New Zealand have also seen a notable uptick as the World Cup approaches.

Currently, Kashmir has 400 factories manufacturing cricket bats, with which 1.5 lakh people are directly and indirectly associated.

The Jammu and Kashmir government is also working hard to get a geographic indication (GI) for Kashmir willow bats. (KNO)

J&K Admin Clears Decks For Creation Of Sports Cadre

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC) met on Friday under the chairmanship of LG Manoj Sinha and gave its nod for creation of "Jammu and Kashmir Sports cadre" under the administrative control of Youth Service and Sports Department, along with the creation of 235 posts to be utilized for appointment of out"The new rules have been

formulated with the view to motivate the young people for sports activities and also to encourage the outstanding sportspersons. Recognition of sportspersons from J&K at the national and international level across different sports categories is a testament of the efforts of the government to rejuvenate sports activities in



standing sports persons, which include 10 Gazetted posts.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary I&K. and Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to LG, attended the meeting.

With this decision, the process for appointment of outstanding sportspersons will begin, which has been entangled in various legal and procedural issues for the past

the Union Territory."

'The government endeavors to make these appointments a yearly affair so as to provide an enabling environment for promotion of sports in J&K. Besides, the appointment of outstanding sportspersons as mentors would give a major fillip to the training and development process of youth and increase their participation in local, national, and worldwide competitions," a press release said.

Former Sri Lanka Skipper Arjuna Ranatunga Calls ICC 'Toothless'



"Ultimately cricket should be controlled by ICC and not by a country. In Asia Cup, you had rules and you changed rules for one game. So where is ACC? Where is ICC?"

Press Trust of India

COLOMBO: The International Cricket Council has become a "toothless tiger" whose suited officials are happy making numbers at various meetings and are ready to allow one country take all major decisions, former Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga said on

" "ICC is a toothless tiger. They act very unprofessionally. I think they are the ones who should protect cricket. Ultimately cricket should be controlled by ICC and not by a country. In Asia Cup, you had rules and you changed rules for one game. So where is ACC? Where is ICC?," said Ranatunga in a sarcastic tone.

"So I will not be surprised if for World Cup, they have a separate rule for Indo-Pak game. This is bad. India is powerful no doubt but then

ICC officials are quite comfortable, happy putting coat and tie and hanky and going

to meetings," he added. The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) move to add a reserve day for the Indo-Pak match in Colombo had raised several eyebrows, despite inclement weather being listed out as the reason.

Ranatunga said changing rules of a tournament to suit one or two teams would put the game in jeopardy, and slammed ICC and ACC for inaction.

'I am not very comfortable when you have a tournament, where you change rules for one team. You are looking at a disaster in the future," the World Cup winning skipper

"I feel very sad for ICC and ACC because they just want to hold the positions. Former cricketers too don't open. simply because they need the



bucks." he said.

Ranatunga, using caustic sarcasm, said he would not be surprised if India's World Cup match against Pakistan at

Ahmedabad gets a reserve day. "I won't be surprised if they change the rule before the In-

dia-Pakistan game (in World Cup). ICC will keep their mouth shut and say 'OK, do it'. ICC just talks rubbish, nothing

happens," he said. There were predictions for rain in Colombo during the Asia Cup, and Ranatunga

criticised the ACC for not exploring venues outside the city such as Hambantota to conduct the Super 4 and final

"Why did they play in Colombo when you have places like Hambantota? That ground was built to play cricket during the rainy season. And you come to Colombo to play in the Asia Cup. What is ACC doing?" said Ranatunga.

Ranatunga said world cricket should not be governed by one board or individual, and cited the Asia Cup scheduling issue as a case in point.

"Why do the other countries allow that (poor scheduling) to happen? Because the BCCI is powerful, or one particular person is powerful. No, it can't happen like that. They should have given an extra day for all the games if that was the case," said Ranatunga, without taking names.

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END OF AN ERA

Mumbai Says Goodbye to Iconic Double-decker Buses

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Mumbai: After 86 years of lording several routes in Mumbai, the iconic non-air-conditioned double-decker BEST buses will officially 'retire' from the service of the commuters Friday night, officials said.

The last of the five such buses plying on certain routes in south Mumbai will go into oblivion, followed by a handful of open-deck double-decker tourist buses which will be retired on October 5.

However, the BEST has introduced 16 air-conditioned, electric double-decker buses -- first unveiled by Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari in 2022 -- with closed doors on a few routes and 18 more will be joining the fleet in phases over the next few months.

Of the 18, around 10 will be deployed south Mumbai and the rest will serve in the suburbs, with plans to acquire and add more such buses in the fleet.

Currently, a little over 3,000 BEST single-decker buses crisscross Mumbai, parts of Navi Mumbai, Thane, Raigad for the benefit of over three-million daily commuters and are considered "the reliable, allweather life-line of Mumbai".

The first of the non-AC double-deckers was introduced on Mumbai roads way back in 1937, eleven years after the BEST bus services were launched in the city in July 1926.

Visible from a long distance, these buses -- some with a vestibule where the driver's cabin was separate from the rest of the vehicle -- were popular for the large and spacious commuter 'boarding deck'.

A tiny curving staircase led to the upper deck, the most popular especially for a long ride, and a small hop on a raised level to travel on the lower deck with two side seats and rest facing the front, preferred by those making a short trip.

On certain crowded routes, there would be nearly a dozen commuters jostling for space on the 'boarding deck', waiting to get off at their stop, before another flood of commuters would board it, but in case of a sudden brake, there would be a pile-up of people right there!



'Emits Too Much Radiation'; EU Orders Apple To Halt Sales Of iPhone 12



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apple has agreed to install updates for the iPhone 12 in France after French regulators ordered the company to stop selling the model because it emits electromagnetic radiation levels that exceed European Union standards.

The company, which just unveiled its newest generation of iPhones, insists the 12 model is safe and the phones have been certified in countries around the world since its introduction in 2020. It says the problem raised by the French government agency that manages wireless communications frequencies is related to a specific testing protocol.

The French agency said the iPhone 12 recently failed one

of two types of tests for electromagnetic waves capable of being absorbed by the body. On Tuesday, France's government ordered a halt to sales of the iPhone 12 and told Apple to issue a software update to address the problem or face a recall.

Apple said in a statement Friday that it will issue a software update for users in France to accommodate the protocol used by French regulators. It did not elaborate.

The French ban could have been extended to all 27 EU countries after three months if Apple had refused to issue updates and if no other government objected, European Commission spokesperson Sonya Gospodinova said Thursday.

France's digital affairs

minister said the iPhone 12's radiation levels are still much lower than what scientific studies consider potentially harmful to users, and the radiation agency acknowledged that its tests don't reflect typical phone use.

Cellphones have been labelled as possible carcinogens by the World Health Organization's cancer research arm, putting them in the same category as coffee, diesel fumes and the pesticide DDT. The radiation produced by mobile phones cannot directly damage DNA and is different from stronger types of radiation like X-rays or ultraviolet light.

Experts have recommended that people concerned about their cellphone radiation exposure use earphones or switch to texting.

What NASA Says About Aliens After New Findings

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The US space agency NASA on Thursday released a 33-page report calling for new techniques to study UAPs, or unidentified anomalous phenomena.

That's the term NASA uses for unidentified or unexplained objects or phenomena seen in the skies or space, some of which would more commonly be referred to as potential UFO (unidentified flying object) sightings.

An independent 16-member study team commissioned by NASA last year to conduct research into reports of human encounters with unidentified phenomena in the skies said advanced satellites, artificial intelligence and machine learning were essential to better understanding UAP.

"NASA has a variety of existing and planned Earth- and space-observing assets, together with an extensive archive of historic and current data sets, which should be directly leveraged to understand UAP," wrote the report's authors.

The panel, which featured physicists, astronauts and astrobiologists, also noted that negative perceptions surrounding the topic of UAP posed an impediment to data collection. NASA officials hope their involvement will allow more serious consideration of such phenomena.

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson, a former Democratic senator from Florida, said the space agency was seeking to move the conversation around UAP, "from sensationalism to science."

Nelson also made a point of noting that the panel had

found no evidence of extraterrestrial origins in any of the

UAP they investigated.
Nelson said NASA would be "transparent" in identifying unexplained occurrences in the skies and in space.

Thursday's report used several popular examples often cited as evidence of possible alien life to underscore public misinterpretations based on faulty sensor recordings, claiming that scientific conclusions were impossible until observation methods could be improved.

"Observations of objects in our skies that cannot be identified as balloons, aircraft or natural known phenomena have been spotted worldwide, yet there are limited highquality observations," according to the report.

Furthermore, it stated, "Despite numerous accounts and visuals, the absence of consistent, detailed, and curated observations means we do not presently have the body of data needed to make definitive, scientific conclusions about UAP."

The topic of possible alien encounters and conspiracy theories surrounding massive government cover-ups have been popular in the US for decades and have become more so over the past few years.

The issue has been further fueled by Pentagon releases of video taken by pilots and purporting to show objects resembling aircraft appearing to fly in ways and at speeds that would surpass known human technologies.

The panel did not access top secret government files for its report but instead relied on unclassified data.

