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HC TO GOVT 'Consider Age Limit For Social

Media Use' Press Trust Of India

Bengaluru: The High Court of Karnataka Tuesday observed that it would be suitable if an age limit was introduced for using social media akin to the legal age for drinking alcohol.

A division bench of Justices G Narendar and Vijaykumar A Patil made the observation while hearing an appeal by X Corp (formerly Twitter) challenging the single judge order of June 30 which had dismissed its plea to the takedown orders issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY).

MeiTY had under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act between February 2, 2021 and February 28, 2022 issued 10 Government Orders directing it to block 1,474 accounts, 175 Tweets, 256 URLs and one hashtag. Twitter challenged the orders related to 39 of these URLs.

"Ban social media. I will tell you a lot of good will come. Today's school going children are so addicted to it. I think there should be an age limit such as in Excise rules," Justice G Narendar noted.

The court further observed that "children may → More On P10

Women's Quota Bill Tabled In Lok Sabha Bill To Provide 33 Per Cent Reservation To Women In Lok Sabha & State Assemblies

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Meeting a longpending demand, the government on Tuesday introduced a bill to provide 33 per cent reservation to women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies.

However, its implementation may still take some time and is unlikely to be in force for the next Lok Sabha elections in 2024 as the reservation will come into effect only after a delimitation exercise is completed.

The bill has proposed that the reservation will continue for a period of 15 years and there will be quota for SC/STs within the reserved seats for women.

Speaking in Lok Sabha ahead of its introduction, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the government wants more and more women to join the development process of the country.

"For that work of giving power to women and for many such nobel works, God has chosen me. Once again our government has taken a step in this direction," he asserted.

Constitution



IT HAS A SOCIAL ASPECT, SOCIAL JUSTICE TO BE GIVEN TO 50 PER **CENT OF THE POPULATION** of the country, that kind of commitment is not demonstrated by the NDA and the BJP government."

Hundred and Twenty Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2023, was listed for introduction in the Lower House through a supplementary list of business.

The reservation of "as nearly as may be, one-third of the

total number of seats to be filled by direct election" will come into effect after a delimitation exercise is undertaken and will continue for 15 years. Seats reserved for women will be rotated after

each subsequent delimitation exercise, according to the bill. Officials said according to

provisions of Article 368, the Constitution amendment bill will require ratification by at least 50 per cent of the states.

Their consent is needed as it affects their rights.

The then finance minister Pranab Mukherjee had said in Lok Sabha in March 2010 that such bills will have to be ratified by half of the states. By bringing the bill, which requires amendment to the Constitution, the Modi government has revived the concept of women reservation in Lok Sabha and state assemblies pending for 27 years for want

of consensus among parties.

Making it the first bill to
be introduced in the new Parliament building, the draft law will be named "Narishakti Vandan Adhiniyam".

The government said it will enable greater participation of women in policy-making at the state and national levels and help achieve the goal of making India a developed country by 2047.

While several parties had supported the concept, the debate in Parliament may see opposition questioning the pre-requisite of holding census and delimitation before the proposed law **→ More On P10**

US Concerned Over Canada's Allegation

Urges India To Cooperate

Agenceis

New York: Authorities in the United States have been in close contact with their Canadian counterparts about allegations the Indian government was involved in the murder of a Khalistani terrorist in Canada and have urged India to cooperate with the investigation, a senior State Department official said on Tuesday.

"We have been in close contact with our Canadian colleagues about this. We're quite concerned about the allegations. We think it's important there is a full and open investigation and we would urge the Indian Government to cooperate with that investigation," the official told reporters at a news briefing.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said authorities were actively pursuing credible allegations" linking New Delhi's agents to the murder of a Khalistani terrorist, an assertion India quickly dismissed as 'absurd'.

The spat deals a fresh blow to diplomatic ties that have been fraying for years, with New Delhi unhappy over Khalistani separatist activities >> More On P10

Week-Long Anantnag Operation Ends

LeT Commander Among 2 Terrorists Killed: Police



Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Lashkar-e-Taiba was among the two terrorists killed in a gunfight in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district that ended after seven days, Additional Director

General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said on Tuesday. Four security personnel, and a police officer, lost their lives in the gunfight, which Kumar said is over.

"Till now, LeT commander Uzair Khan's >> More On P10

Privileged To Have Abrogated Art-370: PM 'Parliament Took An Important Step To Get Rid Of Article 370 And Fight Against Separatism And Terrorism'

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Stating that the Parliament took an important step to get rid of Article-370 and fight against separatism and terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that the Constitution made in "this House" was implemented in Jammu and Kashmir.

'In the last few Parliament has also passed laws giving justice to the trans-genders. We have unitedly passed laws that will guarantee a bright future for the speciallyabled people. It is our privilege that we got the opportunity to abrogate Article 370." he said.

Addressing a function in the Central Hall of old Parliament building, the PM noted that Parliament took an important step to get rid of Article 370



and fight against separatism

"The Constitution made in ed in Jammu and Kashmir," he said, adding J&K has embarked on the path of peace and development and with a new zeal, enthusiasm and

determination, the people there do not want to miss any opportunity to move forward. status to the erstwhile state of

Jammu and Kashmir. Recounting the laws passed in the old Parliament building, he said Muslim >> More On P10

I&FC Dept Rules Out Dredging Jhelum River

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: At a time when people have raised concerns over the falling water level of river Jhelum to a 70-year low, the irrigation and flood control (I&FC) department on Tuesday ruled out dredging or desiltation operations in the river from Sangam to Asham citing a study carried out three years after the devastating 2014 floods.

An official told Kashmir Observer that the I & FC Department is already carrying out a dredging process in the lower areas of Jhelum on the basis of recommendations suggested by experts.

Notably with wa the river Jhelum abruptly falling down to a 70-year low in the month of September, the netizens are demanding desiltation of the river in order to avoid flood like situation. Interestingly, pictures of

houseboats standing on the dry riverbeds of Jhelum have started doing rounds on popular social-media platforms like Facebook and Twitter. "Since the water level is very

carry-out the delisting process, especially in Srinagar," Ahmad, a resident of Abi Guzar here, told Kashmir Observer. However, Chief Engineer I&FC

low, this is the best time to

Kashmir, Naresh Kumar told Kashmir Observer that the desilting of river Jhelum in Srinagar was not required at the moment.

In 2017, Kumar said, a study was carried out by the Central Water and Power Station (CWPRS), Pune, suggesting that the 90-kilometre stretch from Sangam to Asham doesn't need dredging or desilt-

LG, Forces Pay Tributes To Fallen Soldier

ammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday led the Army, police and civil administration in paying floral tributes to Sepoy Pardeep Singh, who was killed during the Anantnag gunfight. The gunfight ended after seven days on Tuesday. "Paid homage to our braveheart Sep Pardeep Singh, martyred during anti-terror operation

Release 2003 Interest Subsidy To Hoteliers: HC To Govt

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Tuesday directed authorities to release the entire amount of interest subsidy in favour of the hoteliers for revival of Hotel and Guest-Houses in terms of a notification issued by Government of India, Department of Tourism, in 2003.

Disposing of a petition by owners of various hotels and guest-houses" in Jammu and Kashmir, a bench of Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal directed the government to do the needful within two months.

The court was hearing a joint petition → More On P10

Groom Arrested For Skipping Reception Ceremony

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Police on Tuesday arrested a groom from South Kashmir's Pulwama district for skipping his marriage ceremony, thereby disputing Nikah, which was performed four years ago.

The groom Fayaz Ahmad Dar and his father Mohammad Shaban Kandizal, Awantipora, were arrested

by police on Tuesday the basis of a complaint filed by the bride alleging that the wedding reception, fixed on September 16, was called off after the groom skipped out at the last moment.

Taking cognizance of the incident, Awantipora police filed a case FIR no 182 of 2023 under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC), and arrested the accused groom and his father.

bride's father The Mohammad Shaban Dar is a fisherman by profession. He is a father of seven daughters, including the one whose was solemnized with

Dar. According residents Arizal, Dar made all preparations for his daughter's wedding. However, the groom failed to turn

up on the wedding night, leaving the destitute family 'thunderstruck'. The incident, locals said, not only left the family of Mohammad Shaban but the >> More On P10

Vacancies In Govt Deptt's To Be Filled Within 6 Months: LG

'Ex Rulers Looted State Exchequer To Construct Vilas Abroad'

Ganderbal: and Jammu Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha Tuesday said all the vacant posts in various government departments will be filled in the next six months through a "major recruitment drive."

Addressing a public gathering here on Tuesday, the LG said that last year, a recruitment drive was initiated by the UT administration and hundreds of vouth were recruited through a



transparent system. "Let me announce here that all the vacant

posts in various government departments will be >> More On P10

'J&K Witnessing New Revolution In Infra **Development'**

sserting that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a new revolution in infrastructure development, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Tuesday that several projects, pending for over a decade, have been completed and dedicated to the people. "Fast-paced development in the last four years and unprecedented investments in modern infrastructure is shaping the economic growth trajectory of Jammu Kashmir and fueling aspiration of the >> More On P10

PM Modi Joins WhatsApp Channels

rime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday joined WhatsApp Channels in an outreach exercise through one of the most popular social media platforms.

"Thrilled to join the WhatsApp community! It is yet another step closer in our journey of continued interactions. Let's stay connected here! Here's a picture from the new Parliament Building," Modi posted on X, while sharing the picture of him at work.

Dr Karan Singh, **JMC Mayor Meets LG**

Karan Singh, former Union Minister and Member of Parliament, Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Rajinder Sharma and Masarat Kar, President Municipal Council Sopore on Tuesday called upon Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha at Raj Bhawan here. Kar, accompanied by Touseef Raina, youth leader from Sopore, met LG Sinha at Raj Bhawan, an official spokesperson said. Besides, he said. Dr. Karan Singh and Raiinder Sharma Mayor JMC also called >> More On P10

Man Eater Leopard Shot Dead

'man-eater' leopard on Tuesday was shot dead by sharp shooters in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, local sources said. They said that a leopard, believed to have killed a three-year old boy last Monday, was killed by the Wildlife Department shooters. "The leopard had been on prowl and posed an imminent threat to locals and their livestock", they said, adding as soon as the beast emerged, the watchful locals gathered around to chase >> More On P10

Searches Underway In Poonch, Rajouri

ecurity forces are conducting cordon and search operations in some areas along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Raiouri and Poonch districts, officials said on Tuesday. The operations were launched on Monday evening following information about the movement of suspected persons, they said. The officials said that the operations are being conducted in the Nowshera, Gagrote and Kangota areas of Rajouri >> More On P10

MHA Picks Mukesh Singh As ITBP IG

ammu Zone Additional Director General of Police Mukesh Singh was on Tuesday appointed as the Inspector General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) on deputation basis, the Union Home Ministry said. The appointment of Singh, a 1996-batch AGMUT cadre IPS officer, will be for a period of five years from the date of assumption of charge or until further orders. whichever is earlier, the order reads. >> More On P10

Woman Injured In Bear Attack

woman was attacked and injured on Tuesday by a black bear in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir. 35-year-old Parveena Begum was cutting grass near her house in her native Rajghar village of the district when a bear appeared there and attacked her, reports said. The woman's screams caught the attention of other villagers who rushed to the site and chased away the beast. Parveena, who sustained injuries in the bear attack, was removed to the hospital for treatment. >> More On P10

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Origins Of Human Agency Discerned In A New Study By Tracking Babies' Motions

Press Trust Of India

The realisation that one's action is effecting change triggers a "positive feedback", which amplifies the "cause-and-effect relationship" between the organism and their environment, scientists say.

Our behaviour thus transitions from a spontaneous to an intentional one, according to the researchers from the Florida Atlantic University, US.

Choosing human babies as their subjects, they found that when infants' feet were tethered to a crib-mounted baby mobile, infants discovered they could make the mobile move.

The researchers saw that each movement of an infant's foot, tethered to the mobile, caused the mobile to move. More the mobile moved, the more the infant was stimulated to move, producing yet more mobile motion.

"Positive feedback amplifies and highlights the cause-and-effect relationship between infant and mobile motion," said Scott Kelso, Eminent Scholar in Science and Professor, Department of Psychology and senior

1.Mst. Khati W/o Ghulam Rasool Sheikh

IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat Petition.

May It Please Your Lordships.

Both residents of Shankar pora Srinagar, Kashmir;

guaranteed to them under the Constitution of India.

The humble Caveators most respectfully submit as under:

1. That the caveators are the permanent resident of the Union terri-

invoke the extra ordinary jurisdiction of this Hon'ble court for protec-

tion of their legal, fundamental rights and the allied interests thereto

sion of the land measuring 17 Kanals and 10 Marias situated at Mouza

of Jammu & Kashmir, as such have every right to

That the Caveators are the lawful owner and in posses-

Caveat Appl. No. /2023

2. Ashiq Hussain Sheikh

In the case of:

Public At Large

author of the study published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

"At some critical level of coordination, the infant recognises its causal powers and transitions from spontaneous to intentional behaviour. This aha! moment is marked by an abrupt increase in infant movement rate, said Kelso.

The moment of infants' realisation was captured as the researchers measured infant and mobile movements, which uncovered dynamic and coordinative features of the moment that they said marked the "birth of agency".

The fact that goal-directed action appears in the first months of human life prompted the researchers to study human babies to answer the question "where does agency or purose come from?"

While previous modelling studies have suggested that agency emerged from the coupled relation between the organism and the environment, this study aimed to understand how exactly this happened.

The study said that the approach used here framed "agency" as an

...(Caveators)

emergent property from the functional coupling of organism and environment.

Further, agency emerges through a punctuated self-organizing process, with meaning found both in movement and stillness, the researchers found through a comprehensive analysis of baby motion, mobile motion and the interaction between the two.

"The babies in our study have revealed something really profound: that there is action in the midst of inaction, and inaction in the midst of action. Both provide meaningful information to the infant exploring the world and its place in it," said Kelso.

"The coordination dynamics of movement and stillness jointly constitute the unity of the baby's conscious awareness - that they can make things happen in the world. Intentionally,' said Kelso.

Discovery driven by agency does have observable characteristics and that coordination dynamics provides a means to identify them, as shown by the distinct clusters in the timing and degree of bursts of infant activity detected, the study said.

E-TENDER NOTICE

modes available on ireps portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manua payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. ar Tendering Section Bidding System Works Single Bid Syste Date of Uploading Tenders Bid Starting Date Bid Closing Date/Time

S.No.:1 Tender No. 213-2023-24-ADEN-JRC

Hyderpora and District Srinagar. 3. That in the eventuality of any kind of Appeal/LPA, writ petition or any other legal proceedings filed by the non-Caveator or any third per-

Before The Hon'ble High Court Of Jammu And Kashmir And Ladakh At Srinagar

Adv. Rayees Lone,

chamber no.67 J&K High Court

son against the Caveators, in that eventuality Caveators may be heard before passing any ex-parte order/direction.

4. That caveat is supported with an affidavit duly sworn by the Cave-

In the premises, it is therefore prayed that the caveat application be taken on record and in case of any Appeal/LPA, writ or any other proceedings filed by the non-Caveator or any third person against the Caveator, thus in that eventuality, the Caveator may be heard before passing any ex-parte order, in the interests of justice.

Any other order, direction or albeit which this Hon'ble court may deem fit and proper be also passed in favour of the applicant-caveators and against the non-Caveator.

Srinagar: Caveators through Counsel,

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No:- 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR/213-2023-24-ADEN-JRC & 220-2023 24-ADEN-LDH acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available or www.ireps.gov.in with closing date-10/10/2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original /revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manua offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tende owards tender document cost and earnest money only through only paymer

Details of Tender: AT welding of 60 Kg/60El-R260 grade Rail/52 Kg-90/72 UTS Rail rails situ with single shot crucible fitted as per RDSO specifications on JRC-PTKC, SNL-JUC & JRC-HSX sections in the Section of ADEN/JRC					
Advertised	ertised Value (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion				
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S.No.: 2	S.No.: 2 Tender No. 220-2023-24-ADEN-LDH				
Details of Tender: Providing and installing automatic water chlorinator for maintaining minimum chlorination level along with operation and maintenance for 5 years in the jurisdiction of ADEN-LDH					
Advertised	d Value (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion				
3999174.88		60 Days	60 Months		
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 2906/2023					

PUBLIC NOTICE

i have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate for my ward namely zeeshan abass banka (DOB: 17_01_2015. If anybody is having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the block development officer sherabad within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Firdous Ahmad Banka F/o Zeeshan Abass Banka

R/o Goom Ahmadpora

Executive Engineer

R&B Division Tangmarg

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Tangmarg.

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Dated: 19-09-2023

NIT No:11/R&B of 2023-24 For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on percentage basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works: S. No Name of Work Adv. Cost (Rs. In Cost of T/Doc. | Earnest money (In Time of comple- M.H of Account | Class of Projecting (In Rupees) Contractor Authority CAPEX 2023-24 DEE Extension of Guard Hut at 4.00 200/-8000/-30 days Forest Deptt.

Baba-Reshi Tangmarg. Position of AAA: Accorded Position of TS:-Accorded Available

The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.O). a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates

ustea	listed below: -				
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	19-09-2023			
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	21-09-2023			
3	Bid submission Start Date	21-09-2023			
4	Bid Submission End Date	30-09-2023 4:00 PM			
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	30-09-2023 4:30 PM			
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Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) with NIT No. Name of work and Serial No. deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document. 3.At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) otherwise the tender will be rejected. The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 3% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 3% of the total cost, in single CDR/FDR/BG which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

The department will not be held responsible for any delays in online submission due to unanticipated circumstances. The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other Uploaded bid documents shall have to be produced on demand by the successful bidder at the time of contract signing, and in the case of unsuccessful bidders, 2 percent EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg, will be released only after production of Original Treasury Challan of uploaded Scanned copy (Cost of tender document).

Bidders are advised not to change the contents of the BOO (Bill of Quantities). They should never attempt to create similar BOO manually. Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/ not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.

Price escalation and Taxes: -The bidder's percentage shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to the completion of the work. Taxes shall be deducted from the contractor's bills on the gross amount of the bill at the time of recovery at the rates in effect at the time of recovery.

Bidders are advised to use the "My Documents" area in their R&B e-Tendering portal user account to store any required documents All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All

documents pertaining to the bid must be in English): All bidders must submit copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number and e-mail address.

A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate duly renewed for the year (2023-24 Online mode) issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor Registration Act.& verification of Card registration issued from the competent authority

Treasury Challan under (M.H 0059) & Earnest money

· Scanned copy of GST registration and most recent clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B and GSTR-1 from the previous quarter or last month, whichever is applicable.

No: R&B / Divn./ Tang/566-89 Dated: 19-09-2023 DIPK-9120/23

R/O Naik Bagh Srinagar

Before the Hon'ble Court of Municipal

Magistrate, Srinagar

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Public Notice

In Date of Birth records of my son, father's name was

mistakenly written as Irfan Ahmed Bhat instead of Irfan Ahmad Bhat. Now I am applying for correction in

this regard. If anybody is having any objection may file

the same before Principal JK Public School Humhama

School with in a period of 7 days from publishing of

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

Batamaloo Srinagar **Applicant**

Non Appl icant

Irfan Ahmad Bhat

F/O Faiz Irfan Bhat

Registrar Birth & Deaths S.M.C, Srinagar

in the matter of : Application for recording the date of birth of the below named child/person May it please your honcur;

The application is submitted as under

this notice.

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

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

That this application is supported by duly sworn affidavit.

IN THE PREMISES IT IS THEREFORE prayed that the nonapplicant be directed to record the following particulars of

I	the below hamed child/parson.				
l	Name	Asma Binti Qudoos			
I	Sex	Female			
I	Father's Name	Abdul Oudoos Mir			
I	Mother's Name	Fareeda			
I	Date of Birth	24-03-2007			
I	Residence	Diyarwani Batamaloo Srinagar			
l	Place of Birth	At Home situated at Divarwani Batamaloo Srinaga			
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I		.,,			

Before the Hon'ble Court of Municipal Magistrate, Srinagar

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

Applicant

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Name	Salig Ullah Mir
Sex	Male
Father's Name	Abdul Qudoos Mir
Mother's Name	Fareeda
Date of Birth	11-06-2001
Residence	Diyarwani Batamaloo Srinagar
Place of Birth	At Home situated at Divarwani Batamaloo Srinagar
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mohammad Altaf Bhat, S/o: Mohammad Sidig Bhat, R/O: Yachipora, Narwara, Srinagar, hereby bring to the public's attention the matter concerning my son, Altaf Ahmad Bhat, aged 29. Despite repeated warnings and counsel, he has persistently failed to reform his behavior to lead a respectable life. I am aware that he has engaged in various transactions with individuals outside my residence, and I want to clarify that I hold no responsibility for these dealings. It is important to note that I have formally disowned my son, Altaf Ahmad Bhat, from all my movable and immovable assets. He shall have no claim or entitlement to any of my properties, now or in the future. I want to emphasize that I will not be held accountable for any actions or transactions that my disowned son may undertake, whether they are related to the past, present, or future. I am hereby absolved of any obligation towards any person with regard to his actions.

Mohammad Altaf Bhat S/o: Mohammad Sidiq Bhat R/o: Yachipora, Narwara, Srinagar

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 2021 issued by the board of School Educaton under Below mentioned particulars Name: Umi Haani

S/o: Peerzada Ishtiyaq Haq Roll No: 112017208

Year & Session 2021 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 as cancelled.

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

RUN OF SPECIAL EXPRESS TRAINS

In order to clear extra rush of passengers, Northern Railway has decided to run the following Special ExpressTrains as per details given below:-

04071/04072 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra- New Delhi Gati Shakti Special Express Train (2 Trips)					
TRAIN N	IO. 04071	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04072		
ARR.	DEP.	SIAHONS	ARR.	DEP.	
_	23:30	New Delhi	06:25	_	
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Days of Run: 04071 Ex New Delhi on 29.09.2023 (Friday) and 04072 Ex Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra on 01.10.2023 (Sunday) Accommodation: AC3Tier Economy Class.

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04081/04082 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra- New Delhi Special Express Train (2 Trips)						
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Before The Hon'ble Court Of Municipal Magistrate, Srinagar

Nazir Ahmad S/o Abdul Razaq Haji R/o Haji Mohalla Saida Kadal Srinagar

Applicant

Registrar Birth & Deaths S.M.C, Srinagar

Non Appl icant

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

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

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

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

affidavit.

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

Name	Adika
Sex	Female
Father's Name	Nazir Ahmad
Mother's Name	Maryam
Date of Birth	05-10-2010
Residence	Haji Mohalla Saida Kadal Srinagar
Place of Birth	At Home situated at Haji Mohalla Sajda
	Kadal Srinagar
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ونوان: درخواست منجانب : بتوله بيگم بيوه اعجاز حسين را تقرسا كنه لووى بگ بمراد حصول ليگل هير اشتہار بمراد آگاہ ء ہرخاص وعام معاملہ مندر دیم عنوان الصدرییں درخواست سائلہ بغرض حصول لیگل ہیر سرٹھیکیٹ زیر کاروائی ہے سبارے میں ریپورٹ پٹواری حلقہ بیان گواہاں، نمر داردھ، چوکیدار متعلقہ کے مطابق سائلہ کا شو ہرا عجاز حسین راتھر ولدغلام حسین راتھر ساکنہ لووی بگ مورخہ2020-11-22 کوفوت و چکیے متوفی کا کنہمہ بذیل افراد پر شمل ہے مبرشار نام افراد رشته متوفی عمر زوجهاعجازاحمرراتهر 45سال مزدوري دختر 25سال گھریلوکام السمينهاعجاز 22سال ٹیلرکام ۔۔ 20سال سوزنی ثقلين اعجاز پىر 17-يال زىرتعلم

سکےعلاوہ اورکوئی وارث نہیں بتلایا گیاہے۔ سرٹفیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص

لوئی اعتراض ہوتو سات دن کے اندراندر دفتر ہذا کُومطلع کریں۔بعداز معیاد کوئی اعتراض قابل قبول

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تحريرالصدر

ضمون: اجرائی Date of Birth سر شکیت بحق مبینه ال دختر علی محمد دارسا کنه سلطان پوره اشتهار بمرادا گاہی ہرخاص وعام

معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدرمين درخواست اجراء نسبت ازبلاك ديوليمنث آفيسر پينن زينمري BP/RDB/2023-74/507 مورخه2023-10-14 کو موصول ہوئی ہے جو کہ ذیر کا روائی ہے اس بارے ریورٹ متعلقہ سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل واقعی سلطان یورہ میں رائش پذیرہے سائل كالمجنم دن مورخ200-20-14 ہے جبکہ برطابق سرٹفیکیٹ جمول وکشمیر اسٹنٹ بورڈ آف سکول ایجوکیشن انجر اشده سائل کا پیدائش دن 2002-02-14 ہے بائل مندرجہ ذیل پیدائش سٹفیکیٹ حاصل کرنے کاخواں ہے اگر کسی شخص یا شخاص کوکوئی عذریا اعتراض ہوتو وہ ساتھ یوم کے اندر پیش کرے معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگاہ۔

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158 Drug Peddlers Booked Under PITs-PSA, Over 150 Narco Smugglers Arrested

DC Srinagar Chairs NCORD Meeting

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As many as 158 drug peddlers have been booked under PITs-PSA/ PSA and over 150 Narco smugglers were arrested during the current year in Srinagar District, Superintendent of Police (S) P Headquarter, Arif Amin Shah apprised the meeting of District Level Committee of Narco Coordination Centre(NCORD).

The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Tuesday.

SP also informed that huge quantity Contraband substance were also seized/recovered including 108.52 gms of Brown sugar, 8.693 Kgs of Heroin, 8.7 Kgs of Charas, 9.5 Kgs of Fuki, 1356 PSY syrup bottles, 41210 PSY capsules/tablets, besides illicit cultivation of 5066 Kgs Ganja, 2 quintals of bang/ poppy straw/cannabises were destroyed, in addition, to the cash recovery of Rs 26 lakh from the drug

Similarly, the DC was informed that the Excise Department has destroyed wild bang spread over 348 kanals of land in Srinagar District, besides illicit poppy cultivation over 12.3 kanals of land during the current year. In addition, several awareness programs regarding Narcotic Crops/Drug Abuse were also conducted.

Likewise, the DC was also briefed about the action taken and deterrence measures taken by the Anti-Narcotic Task Force (ANTF) to curb drug peddling in Srinagar District.

During the meeting, it was informed that Sale operation of 08 Chemist shops operating in different parts of the City has been suspended for violating Drugs & Cosmetics Act.

The DC also reviewed the implementation of the measures taken and progress achieved to eliminate drug abuse and its peddling from the Srinagar District particularly during the last two months.

The meeting, among others was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Shabir Ahmad, Superintendent of Police, Arif Amin Shah, Chief Education Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, Chief Agricultural Officer DDMO Srinagar, besides Nodal Officer Colleges, representative from Private Schools Association, Incharge Drug Deaddiction Centre SMHS Hospital, Incharge ATF, SKIMS Bemina and from ANTF, Excise Depart ment, other concerned.

LCMA Demolishes Various Illegal Structures In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to curb the menace of illegal constructions, the Lake Conservation & Management Authority through its Enforcement Wing today conducted a Routine demolition drive in the area of Brein, Ishber Kral Mohalla, Harwan, Tailbel, WFR and Dal.

During the drive several illegal construcons were demolished/ removed which includes 01 tin Shed, 03 Hut, 01 tin walling, 01 3rd storey, 01

2nd storey, 01 shop and 01 Single storey. Besides, legal action has also initiated against been the violators

The Special Demolition Drives will continue within LCMA Jurisdiction especially in Green Belt (200 mts) and the violators will be dealt under law. Therefore, people within LCMA Jurisdiction are time and again warned not to resort to any kind of illegal construction. ments within LCMA Jurisdiction especially Green Belt (200 mts).



Lt Governor Inaugurates JKAACL's **Kashmir Folk Festival In Srinagar**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated the Kashmir Folk Festival, organized by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages at Tagore Hall, today.

In his address, the Lt Governor commended the efforts of the JKAACL, artists, literary people from J&K and various organizations for promotion of local folk art and culture

Diverse culture, different art forms are our greatest strengths. The peace has provided the conducive environment for the revival of cultural activities. In the last few years, dedicated efforts have been made through literary & folk festivals, theatre, cultural

exchange programs and cultural events to provide a platform to our artists and young talent, the Lt Governor said.

"We have taken decisive steps for rejuvenation of our rich cultural heritage and it is heartening to see that youth in large numbers are coming forward to promote cultural activities," the Lt Gover-

Our cultural and spiritual heritage is attracting people from across the world. The earnest efforts made to facilitate the tourists visiting the UT have also opened up large livelihood generation avenues for the youth, local people and all the associated stakeholders, he said.

At the inaugural event, the Lt Governor called upon the artists,

poets and literary personalities of the UT to work collectively and complement the government's endeavors to preserve the cultural and folk traditions of Jammu

Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary JKAACL shared the efforts of the academy for promotion and preservation of local art, culture and languages. He also informed about the upcoming events to be organized as a part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations.

Cultural performances displaying the folk art of Jammu Kashmir were performed by artists.

Senior officers of UT and Police Administration, eminent artists and personalities from diverse fields were present.

Mission Youth Conducts Psychosocial Program At SP College

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In its concerted efforts to address the critical issues of mental health and drug abuse among the youth of J&K, Mission Youth in its month-long awareness program today conducted a one-day psychosocial program at Sri Pratap College, M.A Road, Srinagar.

The event brought together a gathering of a large number of students who are committed to raising awareness and combating these pressing societal challenges by becoming the stakeholders of this Government initiative. The event was graced by the

presence of the Principal, Sri Pratap College as the chief guest. He emphasized the paramount importance of mental well-being in the lives of students. His thought provoking remarks felt the need for a holistic approach to education, which includes addressing the mental health concerns faced by young individuals.

The event's proceedings menced with a compelling introductory speech delivered by a Psychosocial Consultant from Mission

Youth. This address offered a concise but insightful overview of Mission Youth's extensive initiatives and their dedication to empower the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

A pivotal moment of the program featured an expert from IM-HANS (Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences) who threw light on the importance of mental health awareness and the battle against drug abuse. The session was both informative and inspiring, as it highlighted the critical role that awareness plays in safeguarding the mental health of our youth.

KTA Seeks Release Of Pending **Payments From J&K Agro Industries**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The **Kashmir Traders** Alliance (KTA) has made a fervent appeal to the authorities, seeking the immediate release of pending payments by the Jammu and Kashmir Agro Industries

President KTA, Aijaz Ahmad Shahdhar in a statement spoke about the plight of the suppliers, and contractors, stating, "Our members have been facing immense financial stress because of the prolonged delay in receiving payments from J&K Agro Industries and also pending liabilities in treasuries across Kashmir This has not only affected their business operations but also put their livelihoods at risk. We implore the authorities to intervene and ensure the immediate release of these payments, which are rightfully owed to our members.'

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name in my passport bearing no k6917115 is record as Safiya Begum whereas in my matriculation certification it is recorded as Safiya Bano. now i am applying for renew of my passport and went to correct my name in my passport if any body has any objection in this time regards he / she may contact head post office Barmulla within seven days, after which no objection will be entertained.

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Whereas Mr. Faroog Ahmad Pajwari, 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 09.03.2023 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Bhat S/O. Mr. Abdul Aziz Bhat R/O. Astan Mohalla, Darnambal, Tarzua, Sopore to repay an amount of Rs. 22,91,525.21 (Rupees Twenty Two Lacs Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five & Paise Twenty One Only) being the balance outstanding as on 28.02.2023 in the accounts 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 18th day of September, 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. 24,32,301.21 (Rupees Twenty Four Lacs Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred One & Paise Twenty One Only) being balance outstanding as on 31.08.2023 together with future interest thereon from 01.09.2023 and other charges incurred or to be 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)

Land measuring O3 Kanals & O2 Marlas under Khasra No: 1449, khewat No: 163 and Khatta No 255 situated at Mouza Darnambal, Tehsil Sopore, District Baramulla J&K standing in the name of Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Bhat S/O. Mr. Abdul Aziz Bhat R/O. Astan Mohalla Darnambal, Tarzua Sopore (Borrower).

Mr. Arshad Nazir

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- This Day In History 622 Islamic Prophet Muhammed (SAW)/Abu Bakr (RA) arrives in Jathrib (Medina)
- 1066- Battle of Fulford, Yorkshire: Harald III Hardrada of Norway defeats Northern Saxon Earls **Edwin and Morcar**
- 1187- Saladin begins the Siege of Jerusalem. 1378 Robert de Geneve, "butcher of Cesena"
- crowned anti-pope Clemens VII
- 1519 Spanish expedition led by Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan sets off on the 1st successful circumnavigation of the globe (Magellan killed on route)
- 1530-Luther advises protestant monarch compromise
- 1565- Spaniards capture Fort Caroline Florida & massacre the French 1596 - Diego de Montemayor founded the city of
- Monterrey in New Spain 1602- Spanish held city of Grave surrenders to
- Maurice of Orange during Eighty Years' War 1604- Spanish army under Spinola recaptures
- Oostende 1643 - First Battle of Newbury (English civil war):
- King Charles I's forces beaten by a parliamentary army led by the Earl of Essex and Philip Stapleton 1688 - French troops occupies Palts 1854 - Battle of the Alma: first major battle of
- Crimean War. British and French alliance defeat the
- 1861 Battle of Lexington, MI-captured by Union 1863 - Battle of Shepardstown VA
- 1863 Civil War Battle of Chickamauga, near Chattanooga Tenn, ends 1909 - The British Parliament passes the South
- Africa Act; it calls for union of Cape Colony, Natal, Orange River Colony, and Transvaal; and both English and Dutch as official languages. 1932 - Gandhi begins hunger strike against
- treatment of untouchables
- 1939 British navy captures German U-27 boat 1954 - 1st FORTRAN computer program run
- 1954 1st National People's Congress adopts Chinese constitution
- 1960 UN General Assembly admit 13 African countries & Cyprus (96 nations)
- 1963 JFK proposes a joint US-Soviet voyage to the
- 1966 US Surveyor B launched toward Moon; crashed Sept 23
- 1967 Benin separates from Nigeria
- 1970 Soviet speecraft Luna 16 lands on Moon's
- Mare Fecunditatis, drills core sample 1972 - Libya acquires a 50 percent interest in two ENI
- oil concessions 1972 - The Social Democratic and Labour Party
- issues a document entitled "Towards a New Ireland", proposing that the British and Irish governments should have joint sovereignty over Northern Ireland 1979 - NASA launches HEAO 3
- 1979 Lee Iacocca is elected president of the Chrysler Corporation.
 - 1979 The Punjab wing of the Unity Centre of Communist Revolutionaries of India (Marxist-Leninist) formally splits and constitutes a parallel
- 1982 Jalaluddin takes a one-day hat-trick Pakistan v Australia 1984 - Suicide car bomb attacks US Embassy annex
- in Beirut, kills 23 1992 - Space shuttle STS-47 (Endeavour 2) lands
- 1994 Space shuttle STS-64 (Discovery 20), lands 2010 - The National Bureau of Economic Research state today that the US left the recession in June 2009, with managing director Lakshman Achuthan of the Economic Cycle Research Institute saying GDP recovered to 70% of the pre-recession level
- 2012 50 people are killed and dozens injured after a gas station is bombed by the Syrian Army in Ain Issa 2013 - 46 soldiers are killed in army-base attacks in
- Shabwah Governorate, Yemen 2014 - New Zealand's National Government wins a 3rd term in the elections despite allegations of
- corruption and revelations about state surveillance 2015 - Pope Francis meets Fidel Castro in Havana. on
- the 1st day of his tour of Cuba

Iran Lets 5 Americans Leave As US Unfreezes Billions In Oil Revenue For Tehran

Agencies

Live Americans who had been Γ imprisoned in Iran were allowed to leave the country on Monday, according to White House officials, after two years of high-stakes negotiations in which the US agreed to unfreeze \$6 billion in Iranian oil revenue and dismiss federal charges against five Iranians accused of violating US sanctions.

The announcement that the Americans took off in a plane from Tehran just before 9am US eastern time, came as President Joe Biden and President Ebrahim Raisi of Iran were to attend the annual UN General Assembly meeting of world leaders on Tuesday.

The five Americans, some of whom had been held for years in Evin Prison, one of the most notorious detention centres in Iran, arrived in Doha as part of a Cold War-style exchange with two of the five Iranian nationals.

Three others declined to return to Iran, according to US officials.

The Americans will be given a brief medical check-up in Doha before boarding a US government plane to be flown back to Washington.

At the same time, the US informed Iran that it had completed the transfer of about \$6 billion in Iranian oil revenue from South Korea to a Qatari bank account.



Top aides to Biden have said financial sanctions and strict monitoring will prevent Iran from spending the money on anything except food, medicine and other humanitarian goods.

But they acknowledge that the deal might free up money that Iran is already spending on those items for other purposes.

The terms of the deal have generated intense criticism from Republicans, who accused Biden of helping to finance Iran's terrorist activities around the world.

"Iran's leaders will take the money and run," Senator Tom Cotton wrote last week on X. formerly known as Twitter. "What on earth did Joe Biden think would happen?

Administration officials have said the agreement with Iran was the only way to win the release of the five Americans.

The Americans - Siamak Namazi, Emad Sharghi and Morad Tahbaz, as well as two others who have not been named at their families' request — had been jailed on unsubstantiated charges of spying.

Nuh Communal Violence: Congress MLA Mamman Khan's Judicial Custody Extended For 14 Days

Press Trust of India

NUH (HARYANA): A court here on Tuesday sent Congress MLA Mamman Khan, who has been arrested in connection with the July 31 communal violence in Haryana's Nuh district, to judicial custody for 14 days.

On Sunday, the court had extended his police remand by two more days in connection with the FIR registered at the Nagina police station.

The MLA from Ferozepur Jhirka, who was named as an accused in a separate FIR lodged on August 1 after the communal clashes in Nuh, was arrested late on Thursday night from Rajasthan.

The charges in that FIR include promoting enmity between different groups on religious grounds. Police had, on Friday, secured a two-day remand of Khan after he was produced before a court here which later extended his police remand in another FIR registered at Nagina police station in

connection with Nuh violence. Earlier, police in Nuh had said the violence had occurred at mainly three to four places in the district.

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NIT No.-STDS/23 of 2023-24

Clarifications start date

conditions, technical specifications, Drawings and schedules forming part of tender.

Downloading of Standard Bidding Document 20th of September 2023; 10:00 AM

The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site http://jktenders.gov.in.

Addressing a press conference on Friday, Nuh Superintendent of Police (SP) Narendra Bijarniya said during the investigation into the incidents of violence that took place around the Barkali Chowk in Nagina, some accused were interrogated and "the MLA's name came to the fore".

On the charges against the Congress legislator, he had said, "In the acts of vandalism and arson that took place at Nagina's Barkali Chowk, he is accused of provoking people and inciting violence."

Several people were injured in the Barkali Chowk violence, while government vehicles, including those belonging to the police, were damaged and an oil mill was set on fire, the SP had said

A procession led by the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) was attacked by mobs in Nuh on July 31. Six people were killed in the violence and the ensuing riots.

Multiple FIRs were lodged after the violence, including one at a police station in Nuh on August 1. Khan was issued a notice under CrPC section 160 (requiring his presence before police) in connection with the August 1 FIR.

Spat Over Assassinated Sikh Separatist Deepens

India Expels Canadian Diplomat in Tit-for-tat Move

Press Trust of India

TORONTO/NEW DELHI: Canada and India have expelled a senior diplomat each after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged the involvement of "agents of the Indian government" in the killing of a prominent Sikh separatist leader in Surrey in June, claims outrightly rejected by New Delhi as "absurd" and "motivated".

Hardeep Singh Nijjar, 45, the chief of the banned Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) and one of India's most-wanted terrorists who carried a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh on his head, was shot dead by two unidentified gunmen outside a gurdwara in Surrey in the western Canadian province of British Columbia on June 18.

"Over the past number of weeks, Canadian security agencies have been actively pursuing credible allegations of a potential link between agents of the Government of India and the killing of a Canadian citizen, Hardeep Singh Nijjar," Trudeau said Monday in a speech to the House of Commons.

After Trudeau's remarks in Parliament, Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly confirmed that she has ordered the expulsion of "a senior Indian diplomat." Reacting sharply to the allegations and Joly's remarks, India on Tuesday rejected Trudeau's claims, calling them "absurd and motivated". The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has also asked a Canadian diplomat to leave India within the next

"Allegations of the Government of India's involvement in any act of violence in Canada are absurd and motivated," the MEA said in a statement on Tuesday in New Delhi.



"Similar allegations were made by the Canadian Prime Minister to our Prime Minister, and were completely rejected," it said.

'We are a democratic polity with a strong commitment to the rule of law," the MEA said.

"Such unsubstantiated allegations seek to shift the focus from Khalistani terrorists and extremists, who have been provided shelter in Canada and continue to threaten India's sovereignty and territorial integrity," it said.

"The inaction of the Canadian Government on this matter has been a long-standing and continuing concern," the ministry said.

The MEA said Canadian political figures have "openly expressed sympathy for such elements remains a matter of deep concern".

"The space given in Canada to a range of illegal activities including murders, human trafficking and organised crime is not new," the MEA

'We reject any attempts to connect the Government of India to such developments," it said.

"We urge the Government of Canada to take prompt and effective legal action against all anti-India elements operating from their soil," it added. In his speech, Trudeau told

the lawmakers that any involvement of a foreign government in killing a Canadian citizen on Canadian soil is "an unacceptable violation of our sovereignty." "It is contrary to the fundamental rules by which free, open and democratic societies conduct themselves," he said.

"As you would expect, we have been working closely and coordinating with our allies on this very serious matter," he added.

He also said that he had raised with Prime Minister Narendra Modi the issue during their meeting on the sidelines of the G20 summit in New Delhi earlier this month.

Trudeau urged the Indian government to "cooperate with Canada to get to the bottom of this matter." During the bilateral meeting with Trudeau on September 10, Prime Minister Modi conveyed India's strong concerns about continuing anti-India activities of extremist elements in Canada as they are promoting secessionism, inciting violence against Indian diplomats and threatening the Indian community there.

Women's Reservation Bill

Adhir Seeks To Give Credit To Cong, Amit Shah Refutes

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Tuesday sought to give credit to his party for the women's reservation bill but Home Minister Amit Shah refuted his claim, saying that the legislation brought by the Manmohan Singh government had lapsed following the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha.

The government introduced a constitutional amendment bill

to reserve one-third of seats in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies for women, reviving a bill pending for 27 years for want of consensus among parties.

Speaking in the first session of the Lok Sabha in the new

Parliament building, Chowdhury said a women's reservation bill was first brought in 1989 by the then prime minister Rajiv Gandhi to ensure one-third reservation in local body elections.

"Since then, the Congress has been trying to bring law to ensure one-third reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies," Chowdhury

He said the governments under Rajiv Gandhi, Narasimha Rao, and Manmohan Singh tried to pass the bill for providing

reservation of one-third seats to women candidates. At times, it got passed in the Lok Sabha, but could not be cleared by the Rajya Sabha and vice versa, the Congress leader said.

"The bill that came during Manmohan Singh's tenure was passed by the Rajya Sabha and hence is still alive. The CWC (Congress Working Committee) resolution has spoken about this... Even Sonia Gandhi has written to Prime Minister (Narendra Modi). We reiterate our

demand for women reservation Chowdhury said.

Countering claims of the Congress leader, Shah said Chowdhury has made two factually incorrect statements and he should pro-

vide documents to validate his claims or withdraw his statement.

The home minister said that the women's reservation bill was never passed by the Lok Sabha. Secondly, the old bill is not pending in the Lok Sabha as with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha in 2014, the bill has lapsed, he said.

"What Adhir Ji said is factually incorrect. The old bill has lapsed. he has any supporting document to prove what he said he should table it in the Lok Sabha or withdraw his statement." he said.

When Women Can Be Posted In Siachen, Men Can Also Work As Nurses In Army: Delhi High Court

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: When a woman officer can be posted in Siachen, a man can also be employed as a nurse in the Army, the Delhi High Court observed on Tuesday as it pitched for gender equality in the armed forces.

A bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sanjeev Narula was hearing a petition about the alleged unconstitutional practice of having only women nurses in military establishments.

Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, representing the Centre, said the practices in the Army are based on long-standing traditions. She, however, said the government has just now brought in a legislation to grant 33 per cent res-Sabha and state assemblies.

"Yes, in parliament... On one hand you are talking about empowering women and on the other you are saying men cannot join as nurse... If a woman (officer) can be posted in Siachen, then a man can work in R&R (Hospital)," the bench said.

The bench also said the Supreme Court has permitted women to join the National Defence Academy and it has time and again held that there

should be no gender bias. Bhati told the bench the central government has filed its response in the matter.

Advocate Amit George, representing petitioner Indian Professional Nurses Association, said now there are male nurses in all hospitals and even the apex court has said the practice of excluding one gender from the services has no place even in a military ecosystem.

The court said it is an important issue which requires deliberation and listed the petition for further hearing in

The high court had earlier sought the Centre's stand on the plea challenging the "illegal practice" of appointing only women as military nurses.

In its plea, the association has said there are several thou sand trained and qualified male nurses in India and their omission from the nursing corps of the Army was "unjustifiable and unconstitutional inasmuch as it deprives them of an avenue of employment and professional advancement".

"The said omission also deprives the military and the nation of a large pool of committed professionals," the petition, filed through advocates George and Rishabh Dheer, said.

Old Parliament Building Renamed 'Samvidhan Sadan'

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The old Parliament building will now be known as 'Samvidhan Sadan', Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Tuesday as the functioning of Parliament shifted to its new building here.

The Speaker also announced that henceforth, terms such as 'House', 'Lobby', and 'Galleries' used in the proceedings of the Lok Sabha will refer to the new building, which is now the Parliament House of India.

"The building where we gathered in the morning will now be known as Samvidhan Sadan," he said.

Earlier, at a function held in the Central Hall of the old Par-

Rs.18000/= (Eighteen Thousand only) favoring Ex. Engineer STD Sopore



liament building, Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested that the building should be renamed "Samvidhan Sadan".

"We are shifting to the new Parliament building. It is an auspicious day, it is Ganesh Chaturthi." he said.

"My suggestion is that as we are going to the new building, the glory of this building should never decline. It should not be called just the old Parliament... It can be named

Samvidhan Sadan," Modi said. Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on Tuesday gathered at the historic Central Hall of the old Parliament building for the function.

Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir

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

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Short term)

e-NIT No. 43 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UTof J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore, invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders, Firms/Companies/JointVentures/ Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railway sor any other state Government for "Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of electro-mechanical equipment at various water supply schemes of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore". The bidding process shall be completed on https://iktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1^{5t} consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2 shall consist of Financial Bid on item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S.No.	Description of work	Tender document Fee (In Rs.)	Earnest money	Estimated cost (Rs in Lacs)	Bid validity (Days)
1	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of electro-me- chanical equipment at various water supply schemes of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore		Upload "Bid Security Dec- laration" duly notarized	As devised against each item of work in Form I of SBD	180Days

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission(JJM) The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division North Sopore The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Critical Dates:

Publish Date 19-09-2023 (10:00am) II Bid submission start date 19-09-2023 (10:00am) III Date of Pre-bid meetings 22-09-2023 (02:00 pm) 25-09-2023 (06:55pm) IV Bid submission end date V Date and time of Bid opening | 26-09-2023 (02:00pm)

Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website https:// iktenders.gov.in 2.

The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore.

The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal https://jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading

them on the tender portal. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document and shall be payable at Srinagar.

Bid Security declaration duly notarized shall be uploaded separately against each work instead of EMD (as annexed in SBD). However to ensure due performance of the contract. Performance Security is to be obtained from the successful bidder.

The cost of tender documents should be inform of Treasury Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North)

The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Receipts Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder/tenderer with draws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website

https://jktenders.gov.in Queries by email if any, should be made at phe.mdns@gmail.com

No: PHE/MDNS/DB/JJM/5062-67 Dated:18-09-2023 **Executive Engineer** DIPK-9083-23 Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North)

C Clarifications end date 22nd of September 2023; 04:00 PM e-Bid submission (start) date & time 22nd of September 2023; 04:00 PM 11th of October 2023; 04:00 PM Ε e-Bid submission (end) date & time 13th of October 2023; 02:00 PM F Online Technical e-Bid opening date & Time G Rs.500.00 (Five Hundred) (Non Refundable) Cost of e-Bid document

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SUB

TRANSMISSION DIVISION (KPDCL) SOPORE

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Jammu and Kashmir State, e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from registered A class

Electrical Contractors registered with JKPDD, J&K state Government, Central Public Works Department, Railways and other state or central governments or any other relevant Government agency enlisted with CPWD,MES, Railway, DGBRO of appropriate class, for Erection of 33kV line

on 11 Metre ST Poles with standard Span of 58 metre for upcoming 3.15 MVA Receiving Station at Nutnoosa Kupwara under Capex as per terms,

20th of September 2023; 10:00 AM

- 9.00 Lakhs **Advertized Cost** All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD/Bid Document Fee in the form of CDR/FDR/DD/T.R only. pledged 1. to the Executive Engineer Sub Transmission Division Sopore. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the
- 3. The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this notice shall be deemed to have been done
- after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

No: STDS / TS / 634-36 Dated: 18-09-2023

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Dated: 18-09-2023

Rural Self Employment Training Institute To Come Up In Anantnag

AC Approves Transfer Of Land To RDD

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the transfer of land measuring 04 Kanal at Bangi Nowgam, Anantnag in favour of Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj for establishment of Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI).

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

Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI), an

initiative of Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India, aims to create dedicated infrastructure in each district of the country to impart training and skill up-gradation of rural youth geared towards entrepreneurship development. RSETIs are managed by banks with active co-operation from the Government of India and State Governments.

These offer Skill Development programmes in various avenues. The programmes pertain to agriculture, product programmes (like dress, design, bakery), automobiles, radio/TV repairs other programmes related to skill development and general programmes of skill

J&K Cong Concerned Over 'Rising Militancy' In Rajouri-Poonch

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir unit of Congress on Tuesday expressed concern over the "rising militancy" in Rajouri and Poonch and demanded the setting up of security check posts and strengthening of Village Defence Guards (VDGs) in the twin border districts.

At least 26 terrorists and 11 security personnel were killed this year in a series of encounters along the Line of Control (LoC) and in other areas in the two districts, where seven civilians were also killed in targeted attacks by terrorists.

"We are concerned over the spike in militancy related incidents in the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch due to fresh infiltration of terrorists. The Lt Governor-led administration should step up vigil, deploy security forces and strengthen village defence mechanisms in all remote and vulnerable areas," Congress working president Raman Bhalla said.

Flanked by former minister Shabir Ahmad Khan and MLC Ravinder Sharma, Bhalla told reporters here that residents of Narla and Sajali area of Kalakote in Rajouri are frightened after the recent encounter.

Two terrorists and an army

jawan were killed and four security personnel injured in a gunbattle in Narla village on September 12.

The encounter also claimed the life of Kent, a six-year-old female labrador of the Army's dog unit.

"Timely information by local resident Prem Lal about the presence of two terrorists averted a Dhangri-style attack in Narla," he said, referring to the killing of seven civilians by terrorists in Rajouri village on January 1.

"Lal was in terrorists' captivity for over three hours and his phone and contact numbers were noted by them before he managed to escape. People fear retaliation by terrorists in the absence of an Army post and adequate number of VDG members," he said.

Bhalla said Congress has already sent a communication to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, urging him to strengthen the village defence mechanism in all remote and far flung areas of the twin border districts.

Sharma, who is also the chief spokesperson of the Pradesh Congress Committee, said he visited Kalakote villages a couple of days ago and witnessed fear and a sense of insecurity amongst the local population.

'A Great Step': Mehbooba Welcomes **Women's Reservation Bill**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday welcomed the Union cabinet's purported decision to approve the Women's Reservation Bill for discussion in parliament, calling it a great step.

"Having navigated the rough terrain of a predominantly male political landscape myself, I am happy to see that finally the Women Reservation bill will become a reality. Despite constituting half of the population, we are grossly underrepresented. It's a great step," Mufti wrote on X. Mufti said it was never too late to pass the bill in the Parliament as women face a lot of challenges in the maledominated political scene.

"It is a good step. Though quite late, but never too late.

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir ad-

ministration has launched a portal for

regular departmental action (RDA)

cases initiated against public servants

to streamline the procedure laid down

for conducting departmental proceed-

It would also help monitor progress

The portal provides a window for re-

ferral of cases from the Anti Corruption

Bureau (ACB) to the General Adminis-

tration Department (GAD) and their

further referral to the departments

"It also provides a window for up-

loading RDA cases initiated by the

departments on their own. The portal

shall work as a channel for communi-

cation with respect to RDA cases be-

tween the GAD and the departments,

as also between GAD and ACB," reads

a circular issued by Commissioner Sec-

of the case for enforcing adherence to

ings, a circular stated on Tuesday.

prescribed timelines.

concerned.

I, being a woman myself, have gone through a lot and you have to face a lot of challenges in a male-dominated political scene." she told PTI.

The former J&K chief minister said it was high time that women had a place on the decision table whether in state assembly or parliament.

"Looking at the challenges, the atrocities women are facing across the country, I think, this is high time that the bill had been brought in," she added.

Mufti concurred with former Congress president Sonia Gandhi's remark "bill is ours" pointing out that it was her husband, late former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, who had laid the foundation for an equitable proportion for women by giving them 33 per cent reservation in the panchayats.

retary, GAD, Sanjeev Verma.

He said pursuant to verifications,

joint surprise checks, FIRs, preliminary

inquiries conducted by investigating

agencies the ACB and the crime branch

of the state police - the recommenda-

tions for initiating RDA against public

of RDA and timelines for conducting

the same have been issued from time

to time. However, it has been noticed

that the guidelines as well as the time-

lines are not being followed by depart-

ments, resulting into protracted delay

"The delay in finalisation of depart-

mental proceedings leads to undue ad-

vantage or harassment to the charged

official and such delays on one hand

help the guilty official(s) in evading

penalty, while unwarranted delays

prolong the agony of the official(s),

against whom proceedings may not

sustain and is/are finally exonerated,"

in conclusion of the cases

Verma said

"Detailed guidelines for institution

servants are received in the GAD.

Portal For Regular Departmental Action

Cases Against Public Servants Launched

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrated In Kashmir

Idol Immersed In Jhelum For First Time Since 1989



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated in Kashmir on Tuesday with religious fervour and the idol of the deity was immersed in the Jhelum river here for the first time after the outbreak of militancy in the

The biggest celebration and puja were organised at the Ganpatyar temple in the Habba Kadal area of the city.

Special prayers including a 'hawan' were held at the temple to mark the birth of Lord Ganesh, Kashmiri pandit leader Sanjay Tickoo told PTI.

"Today Vinayaka Chaturthi was celebrated in Kashmir

the way it is observed in Maharashtra and other places of the country. On this day in this Siddhivinayak Mandir, we do a yagya which lasts for about 12-14 hours," Tickoo said.

Later in the evening, an eco-friendly idol of Lord Ganesha was immersed in the river Jhelum at Ganpatyar, which the local community said, was being done for the first time after the eruption of militancy in the valley in 1989.

A procession was taken out for the idol immersion.

"We are celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi with religious fervour. This year, we took out the jhanki (procession) after a very long time. This immersion is happening for the first time after turmoil," Nikhil Tickoo, a Kashmiri Pandit, said.

"We feel very happy that the new generations have got connected with our culture as they had not known about this before. A message is also sent across the country that such festivities happen in Kashmir as well," he added.

Kalpana Pandita, a woman of the same community, said the visarjan' (immersion) was being done after about 30

"We only held puja these years, but not the immersion. We are very happy that we could immerse the idol in the river," she said.

AC Approves Land For Research, Milk Processing Centers

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC), which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the transfer of land measuring 500 Kanal 11 Marla at Sallar Anantnag in favour of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology (SKUAST) Kashmir for establishment of Research Station and additional Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

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

The Research Station shall provide scientific technologies to improve productivity in agriculture farming and enhance the economic well-being of farmers. The establishment of the Research Station and additional Krishi Vigyan Kendra shall have a major impact for creating awareness about im-



In another significant development, approval has also been accorded for transfer of 47 Kanals 13 Marlas of land at Chadoora, Budgam in favor of Animal and Sheep Husbandry department for establishment of milk processing infrastructure.

the farmers.

The establishment of milk processing infrastructure shall bring multifaceted benefits that encompass economic develop-

ment, job creation, improved nutrition, food security, and the enhancement of agricultural practices. It will upgrade the dairy industry by promoting the overall well-being of communities and econon

The dairy industry on J&K holds immense potential for UTs economy, providing employment opportunities and contributing to the local population's wellbeing. With increasing demand for the dairy products and per capita availability of milk being lower than many milk potential states, the dairy sector is poised for significant growth in the UT in coming years.

Patient Admitted To Jammu Hospital Ends Life

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A 38-year-old patient suffering from severe anemia jumped to death from the fifth floor of the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital here, officials said on Tuesday. Makhan Lal, a resident of Bajalta, was admitted to the hospital on Saturday. He jumped out of the hospital building late Monday night, they said.

Preliminary investigation has suggested that Lal might have jumped from the balcony of the ward, police said. According to officials, his body hitting the ground with a loud sound attracted the attention of some people who rushed him to emergency where Lal succumbed within minutes.

Tal's body was handed over to his family after postmortem. Inquest proceedings have

Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT **OFFICE OF THE ZONAL EDUCATION OFFICER AISHMUQAM** zeoaqm@gmail.com

Subject:

Cancellation of Advertisement Notification regarding engagement of AAYA/Helper under ECCE in PS Malikgund.

This office advertisement Notification issued vide No. ZEO/A/ Reference: SmS/791-98/23 dated 19.07.2023

CANCELLATION OF ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the communication of the Directorate of SAMAGRA Shiksha J&K issued vide No. Edu/PD/SmS/ECCE/AAYAs/6506-31/2023-24 dated 14.09.2023 endorsed vide CEO Anantnag's No. CEO/A/SmS/50496-684/23 dated 15.09.2023, the advertisement Notification regarding engagement of AAYA/Helper in PS Malikgund (Clubbed with MS Badarun) of this Zone for the year 2023-24 vide above referred Advertisement Notification is hereby withdrawn in-abinitio.

However, the advertisement notification against other school viz., PS Dangerpora Yall advertised vide above referred advertisement notification shall remain intact.

No. ZEO/A/SmS/1218-22/23 Dated: 19/09/2023

DIPK-9093-23 DT: 19/09/2023

Sd/-Zonal Education Officer, **Aishmuqam**



LG Reviews Development Progress Of Ganderbal District

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the development progress of district Ganderbal.

The Lt Governor took stock of ongoing works and implementation of Central and UT Schemes in Ganderbal District.

Private players are key stakeholders in the economic growth of any region, the Lt Governor observed. He asked the district administration to facilitate the potential investors through the Industry Help Centre and provide assistance to the locals in setting up Cold storage facilities.

On the progress under various youth-oriented and employment generation schemes, the Lt Governor directed the officers to ensure that the youth of the district are engaged with the self-employment and livelihood generation schemes and programmes of the government.

A comprehensive District Employment Plan should be implemented, he said.

Tourism is an important sector for the economic growth of the local people. Every possibility should be explored to make Sonamarg accessible to tourists throughout the year, the Lt Governor said.

He said the effective implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Program and promotion of Cooperatives will prove to be a key factor in bringing prosperity in the lives of farming families.

The Lt Governor appraised the functioning and activities being conducted at the Atal Tinkering labs in the district and directed for extension of necessary support to students.

The Lt Governor directed the administration and health functionaries to chalk out an action plan and work on a mission mode for Tuberculosisfree Ganderbal.

He also issued directions for the successful implementation of Ayushman Bhav Campaign and PM Vishwakarma Scheme.

Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Sh Shyambir gave an overview of the development activities and progress registered under various schemes and programmes including Kisan Sampark Abhiyaan, ODOP Ganderbal (Willow wicker), District Industries Centre Ganderbal etc.

NC Not Against Women Reservation Bill: Omar

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) is not against the Women Reservation Bill and has no objection if it is implemented, party vice president Omar Abdullah said on Tuesday.

"When have we been against women reservation? We ourselves implemented it here in panchayats and other places. We are not against women reservation, 50 per cent of our population is our sisters, mothers, they should get a chance to become representatives of people. We have no objection to this," Abdullah told reporters in Budgam.

Asked if it would impact the prospects of the party in J-K, one-third reservation to women Abdullah said party has no dearth in the Lower House of Parlia-

"How will it impact? Do you Delhi legislative assembly.

think we have no women who will stand in the polls on the reserved seats? There is no dearth of female candidates in the NC anywhere. We have a women wing and they have left no stone unturned in their fight.

"We will have no impact because of any bill. We only suffer because the rulers here fear the polls. They have become uncrowned kings. They do not want to conduct the election. The danger is from them who are running away from elections," he said, in an apparent reference to the LG administration imposed by the Centre. The government on Tuesday

listed the women's reservation bill in the Lok Sabha to provide ment, state assemblies, and the



Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited

Extension of time

With reference to the tender notice No. jkb/zokc-1/Est/22 -Dt:-11-08-2023, issued by this office, regarding advertisement for premises for housing its SERVICE COUNTER at Ranger Stop, Saida Kadal, Srinagar, the last date for receipt of the tenders is extended up to 3rd of October 2023. The tender documents can be downloaded from the link www.jkbank.com. The parties who have already applied in response to the tender notice No. ikb/zokc-1/Est/22 -Dt:-11-08-2023 need not apply again. Other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

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No: SE/PRJ/TS/1479 Dated: 16.09.2023 **E-NIT CANCELLATION**

NOTICE As per Minutes of meeting vide No. CE/ P&P/JPDCL/TS/941-42Dated 13 -09-2023 the e-NIT No. SE/PRJ/10/2023-24 Dated: 11-05-2023, floated by this office vide No. SE/PRJ/TS/430 Dated: 11-05-2023, is hereby cancelled.

DIPK-NB-3277-23

Superintending Engineer Procurement JPDCL, Jammu.

DT: 19/09/2023

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Unprecedented Heatwave

ashmir is in the grip of an unprecedented heatwave this September, with dire consequences for its agriculture sector, particularly apple and paddy crops. On September 12, Srinagar recorded its second-highest maximum temperature ever recorded in September since 1891, reaching a scorching 34.2°C, just shy of the all-time high of 35.0°C set in 1934. Qazigund and Kokernag also experienced record-breaking temperatures, exacerbating an already challenging situation.

The soaring temperatures have led to premature ripening of crops, disrupting their development cycle and adversely affecting both their quality and quantity. The average September rainfall in Kashmir is 75mm, but the region has received only a mere 20mm of precipitation, leaving a significant 55mm deficiency.

Apple growers are particularly concerned, as the excessive heat has hindered color and size development in their crops, impacting the market value of their produce. The apple-growing region of Pulwama has been hit very hard.

While the heatwave persists, there is little immediate relief in sight. The Meteorological Department attributes the dry and hot weather to the El Niño phenomenon, causing temperatures to rise globally. The department does not anticipate significant rainfall until September 20, which could further exacerbate the crisis.

However, there is a silver lining for paddy farmers, as the weather conditions have been favorable for the crop's growth. Some parts of the region may start harvesting the crop in the next 10 days. Another positive dimension is that tourism in Kashmir remains relatively unaffected, with August and September seeing higher inflows compared to the previous year.

That said, it hardly detracts from the concern about the creeping climate change. Though global in scale, it affects every region of the world. And as the continuing erratic weather in Kashmir in recent years reveals, the region is increasingly feeling the impact. According to reports and some surveys, many natural streams in various parts of the Valley have run dry in recent years. And the reason for this is the steady depletion of the glaciers. This has not only reduced the discharge in the rivers and streams but also made many water bodies extinct, affecting the irrigation in the Valley. However, such disturbing changes aren't specific to Kashmir only. This is becoming a worldwide phenomenon. There is thus an urgent need for the world to come together and take remedial measures to pre-empt the catastrophe. But it may take decades before the world is able to sufficiently reign in the factors which are contributing to the disruption in the climate. As continuing heatwaves show, the world needs to quickly get its act together before it is too late.

Raising the game

sia Cup 2023, India Asia Cup win, Team India Asia Cup campaign, Rohit Sharma, R Ashwin back in squad series against Australia, World Cup squad, indian express newsThe seamers were fantastic, not just Mohammad Siraj but Jasprit Bumrah also showed he has retained the old bite despite a long injury layoff.

At the end of the victorious campaign at Asia Cup whose importance to this Indian team can't be understated, came a revealing soundbite from captain Rohit Sharma. He talked about the potential of R Ashwin playing in the series against Australia — someone who wasn't picked in the World Cup squad.

It shows that Rohit isn't getting carried away by success in the tear-drop-shaped island; he realises the imbalance in the squad and its possible pitfalls.

The Asia Cup must have provided breathing space to the management to do a rethink. It was an all-boxes-checked tournament. They had entered it with questions: Can the rejigged middle-order hold up? Can the top order handle pressure? Can the lower order justify the exclusion of Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal? In the event, the top held its nerve against Pakistan in the second game, the middle more than held up in the first match against Pakistan, the lower order, led by Axar Patel, almost pulled off a lost cause against Ban-

The seamers were fantastic, not just Mohammad Siraj but Jasprit Bumrah also showed he has retained the old bite despite a long injury layoff.

So if all is well, does this team really need Ashwin? Rohit's comment shows the team hasn't wandered into the realm of over-confidence. One look around the cricketing world would disabuse any team of notions of complacency.

Packed with genuine allrounders, Australia are marching on; armed with ambition and Bazball, England are rollicking; with Heinrich Klaasen and David Miller, South Africa are finding their way back to elite cricket; and despite the horrors in the final, Sri Lanka have shown how to cope with the absence of five frontline players to injury.

And no one will take Pakistan lightly despite their hiccups in this tournament. How India do now will depend on how thoroughly they plan for each game of the World Cup

The Indian Express

Third Party Monitoring for JJM in J&K

Stop destruction of Forest Land, Third Party Monitoring under JJM must look into environmental concerns. Govt must create awareness about this agency

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

w months back I had written a piece Sadak ya Paani: Lack of Admin Cooperation is Creating Civic Chaos". I had explained in detail how the blacktopped roads were being damaged to lay water pipes under the Jal Jeevan Mission in J&K. It is understood that while laying these pipelines , the roads have to be dug but there is no official timeframe or deadline to restore these roads again. I know many roads which were blacktopped last year were dug by cranes to lay large drinking water pipes by the contractors hired by Department of PHE Jal Shakti J&K Govt and till date these road surfaces have not been restored. There is no official deadline given regarding restoration of these roads nor are these works properly monitored by the requisite agencies called independent agencies also known as Third Party Inspection and Monitoring Agencies (TPIMA). Even if the third party monitoring is done that is not focussed on the environmental aspect especially the forest landscape

Third Party Monitoring in J&K

Last year in February Jal Shakti Department, Jammu appointed Delhi-based infrastructure consultancy company, Rudrab-hishek Enterprises Ltd (REPL) for inspection and quality monitoring of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) program in 10 districts of Jammu Division. The agreement was signed between Er. Manesh K. Bhat (Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Jammu) and Dr. Harish Sharma Executive Director -REPL. As per the media reports the Executive Director -REPL said that their agency will assist the Jal Shakti Department in effective supervision, quality monitoring and transparency in implementation of JJM in Jammu division.

We will review, inspect and monitor the construction works, quality tests to verify the adherence of quality control, safety measures, and streamline the quality control and payment process. We will also monitor the functioning of infrastructure during trail run.' said the Executive Director.

When it comes to monitoring of JJM projects in J&K, the PHE Jal Shakti has assigned this work to Water and Power Consultancy Services Limited-WAPCOS which is an Indian consultancy service provider under the ownership of the Government of India and administrative control of the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Even as the Govt appointed these third parties to monitor Jal Jeevan Mission -JJM works in Jammu & Kashmir, their presence is not felt on the ground nor are peop about them.

If people have concerns about the JJM projects they approach Govt agencies only or PHE Jal Shakti officials, the reason is they are not aware about Third Party Inspection and Monitoring Agencies (TPIMA).

Pertinently, the third party agency WAP-COS which is a government-owned consultancy services firm with about 60-70 employees in Kashmir was not paid the consultancy fees for many months by the Jal Shakti Department. This had caused serious concern and halted the work as well in many areas. This issue was

reported by local media last year in September. One fails to understand how can a third party inspection and monitoring agency -TPI-MA work independently or transparently if it relies on the same Govt agency for payment of consultancy fees. The TPIMA cannot work as a

Why third party Monitoring?

watchdog in such circumstances.

Considering the quantum of works and constraints, the Government of India has given permission for empanelling the third party inspection agencies for various centrally sponsored schemes. Under JJM this is done to support the village panchayat or local Village Water and Sanitation Committee-VWSC to ensure quality control in implementation of JJM. In order to empanel the agencies as third party inspection agencies, the State Project Management Unit, State Water and Sanitation Mission -SWSM, JJM called for the Expression of Interest (EoI) to show interest in providing

Empanelment of agencies is done based on the experience, human resource and financial capacity of the firm/agency/institution. Once the SWSM releases the empanelled list, the District Water and Sanitation Mission DWSM will select the third party agencies based on the empanelled list. How this has been done in Jammu & Kashmir isn't known? Was the District Water and Sanitation Mission -DWSM involved in the selection of third party inspection agencies at the district level people want

The validity of the agencies empanelled through this process in South Indian states



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like Tamil Nadu is 3 years and it can be extended depending on the requirement of services.I think this would be the same in other states and UTs as well.

The Third Party Monitoring and Inspection Agency -TPMIA is supposed to inspect the quality of the work executed by the agency, quality of the materials used in construction and quality of machinery installed in each

Scope of work for TPMIA

The Third Party Monitoring and Inspection Agency-TPMIA shall inspect the works combined with the village panchayat or Village Water and Sanitation Committee - VWSC and Rural Development Department. They have a mandate to carry out inspection of all engineering works relating to civil, mechanical and electrical components executed under in-village infrastructure covering the following aspects:

Sample checking, test report of the materials used for construction, quality control measures adopted at the time of construction in the field, safety measures adopted at the time of construction in the field, payment for labour by the executing agency/contractor/ vendor, quantity and quality of works executed as per the bill for payment claimed. The third party can carry out inspection of all engineering works relating to civil, mechanical and electri cal components.

Srinagar top ranking district

Srinagar District has been ranked as the top performing District under the national level survey called Jal Jeevan Survekshan (JJS-2023) among 114 Har Ghar Jal Certified districts across the country in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission(JJM) during October, 01, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Srinagar District has attained the top rank in implementation of JJM by obtaining highest score of 83.0 under set parameters and indicators of JJS-2023. This is indeed a great achievement for J&K but at the same time other districts have to make sure that the infrastructural damages caused due to laying of pipes on metalled roads should be restored within a given time frame. In addition to it the works undertaken in forest and environmentally fragile areas like wetlands, wildlife reserves must be taken up in presence of third party officials and subject matter experts.

No coordination between Govt & TPIMA

More than Rs 5000 crores (Rs 50 Billion)

have been allocated by Government of India to J&K under Jal Jeevan Mission this financial year. Large number of projects are being executed by PHE-Jal Shakti Department across the nook and corner of J&K, but during execution of the works large scale vandalization of roads and forest land is taking place. There is no coordination between different Govt agencies and third party inspection and monitoring agencies -TPIMA. Forest landscape is being destroyed openly and there is no one to guide the contractor. Even the third party agency of ficials, engineers of PHE Jal Shakti or Forest officials are not seen at the site in the remote forest areas where pipelines are laid in clear violation of Indian Forest Act and other environmental laws. The Forest Department is mute spectator and all the work is done by a JCB Crane operator? This is totally unacceptable. Recently in Yusmarg and Doodh Pathri forests of Budgam I found JCBs and cranes have plundered forest land to lay the drinking water pipelines. I didn't see the third party monitoring agency, officers of the forest department or local tourism development agency around these sites? The entire forest land has been kept at the disposal of the JCB crane operator and he does what he wants? This is how the system of governance is working?

At a time when massive work is being executed under the national flagship programme Jal Jeevan Mission -JJM, we see our roads being damaged in many areas to lay the drinking water pipelines and these roads not repaired within stipulated time. Let the Govt frame a time period for such repairs as roads damaged last year are still not blacktopped. This winter, people will have to suffer on account of this. Forest land is being plundered by JCBs and third party monitoring agencies never take notice of it? How can they do justice when they themselves rely on the Govt for payment of Consultancy Fees?

Moreover, there is also no awareness about the third party inspection and monitoring agency -TPIMA. How many people complain before them?

Let the Govt create awareness about TPI-MA and make sure third parties are not controlled by the Govt. Let them work independently and sincerely.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

Billions Left Behind on Path to Universal Health Coverage

Mohammad Hanief

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank have jointly published the 2023 Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Global Monitoring Report, revealing an alarming stagnation in the progress towards providing people everywhere with quality, affordable, and accessible healthcare.

Released ahead of the High-Level Meeting on UHC at the 78th United Nations General Assembly, a media report exposes a stark reality based on the latest available evidence – more than half of the world's population is still not covered by essential health services. Furthermore, 2 billion people face severe financial hardship when paying out-of-pocket for the services and products they needed

"The COVID-19 pandemic was a reminder that healthy societies and economies depend on healthy people," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General and added that the fact that so many people cannot benefit from affordable, quality, essential health services not only puts their own health at risk, it also puts the stability of communities, societies and economies at risk and urgently need stronger political will, more aggressive investments in health, and a decisive shift to transform health systems based on primary health care.

The 2023 report found that, over the past two decades, less than a third of countries have improved health service coverage and reduced catastrophic out-of-pocket health spending. Moreover, most countries for which data are available on both UHC dimensions (96 out of 138) are off-track in either service coverage, financial protection, or both.

"We know that achieving Universal Health Coverage is a critical step in helping people escape and stay out of poverty, yet there continues to be increased financial hardship, especially for the poorest and most vulnerable people," Mamta Murthi, Vice President for Human Development, World Bank has said and further says that, "This report paints a dire picture, but also offers evidence on ways to prioritize health



in government budgets and strengthen health systems for greater equity in both the delivery of essential quality health services and financial protection".

While health service coverage improved since the beginning of the century, progress has slowed since 2015, when the Sustainable Development Goals were adopted. Notably, there was no improvement from 2019 to 2021. While services for infectious diseases saw significant gains since 2000, there has been little to no improvement in service coverage for non-communicable diseases and reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health services in recent years. In 2021, about 4.5 billion people, more than half of the global population, were not fully covered by essential health services. And this estimate does not yet reflect the potential long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Catastrophic out-of-pocket health spending, defined as exceeding 10% of

a household budget, continues to rise. More than one billion people, about 14% of the global population, experienced such large out-of-pocket payments relative to their budgets. But even small expenditures in absolute terms can be devastating for low-income families; approximately 1.3 billion individuals were pushed or further pushed into poverty by such payments, including 300 million people who were already living in extreme poverty.

Out-of-pocket health payments can also cause individuals to forego essential care and force families to choose between paying for a visit to the doctor, buying food and water, or sending their children to school. Such trade-offs can spell the difference between the early treatment of a preventable disease and, at a later stage suffering severe illness or even death. Addressing this problem requires progressive health financing policies that exempt those with limited ability to pay

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for health services.

Achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030 is crucial for fulfilling the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and realizing the fundamental human right to health.

To reach the goal of UHC, substantial public sector investment and accelerated action by governments and development partners are essential. Key actions include a radical reorientation of health systems towards a primary health care approach, advancing equity in healthcare access and financial protection, and investing in robust health information systems.

These shifts are essential to counter the impact of COVID-19 on health systems and the health workforce globally, as well as the new challenges posed by macroeconomic, climate, demographic, and political trends that threaten hard-won health gains worldwide.

The 2023 UHC Global Monitoring Report

serves as a wake-up call to the global community, highlighting the urgent need to prioritize and invest in UHC to ensure that everyone gains access to quality, affordable, and accessible healthcare without suffering financial hardship.

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Dedicated to the well-being of all people and guided by science, the World Health Organization leads and champions global efforts to give everyone, everywhere an equal chance at a safe and healthy life. We are the UN agency for health that connects nations, partners and people on the front lines in 150+ locations – leading the world's response to health emergencies, preventing disease, addressing the root causes of health issues and expanding access to medicines and health care with a mission to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable.

The World Bank provides financing, global knowledge, and long-term commitment to help low- and middle-income countries end poverty, achieve sustainable growth, and invest in opportunity for all. We comprise the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the world's largest development bank, and the International Development Association (IDA), one of the largest sources of funding for the world's poorest countries.

One of the six WHO Regions, WHO South-East Asia is home to over a quarter of the world's population. Committed to building a better, healthier future for the nearly two billion people in the Region, WHO is working with the 11 Member States to address persisting and emerging epidemiological and demographic challenges.

With the Region prone to natural disasters, disease outbreaks and health risks of climate change, one of WHO's key priorities is to strengthen emergency risk management for sustainable development. Promoting universal health coverage – health for all – and building robust health systems are key priorities.

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G20 and West Asia

India's invitation to the UAE and Oman was a reflection of how much the Gulf matters to India, for both economic and strategic reasons

Sunaina Kumar

n its fifth anniversary, the G20 made a commitment to "listen carefully" to the rest of the world, considering the far-reaching impacts of its decisions as a forum that represents nearly 85 per cent of the global GDP and 75 per cent of global trade, whose membership is ultimately limited to 20. Inviting guest countries every year is a crucial way for the G20 to engage with the world.

India's guest list included Bangladesh, the UAE, Oman, Egypt, Mauritius, Nigeria, Singapore, the Netherlands and Spain. The list reflects a mix of considerations which encompass friendly ties and strategic importance to India at a time when the country is vigorously working on strengthening its international partnerships. The invited countries are also very much in line with India's commitment to make the G20 more inclusive and to amplify the voices of small or under-represented countries from the Global South.

That India invited two of its key partners from the Gulf Cooperation Council, the UAE and Oman to participate in the G20 is a reflection of how much the Gulf matters to India, for both economic and strategic reasons, and has been prioritised in India's G20 presidency. Oman, which is India's oldest strategic partner in the Gulf, was invited to the G20 for the first time. The UAE, an increasingly indispensable crucial strategic



partner for India, had been a guest country in previous G20 presidencies, it was invited by Indonesia in 2022 and by Saudi Arabia in 2020.

A key pillar of India's G20 agenda has been the demand for multilateral institutions to become more inclusive. The crisis in the multilateral system, precipitated by the fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic, the climate emergency and the Ukraine-Russia conflict, has underlined the need for a more inclusive and accountable international system. India's

demand for multilateral reform has been vociferously backed by the UAE. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the UAE, wrote in an editorial at the start of India's presidency: "This strategy is a natural extension of the UAE's foreign policy, which always seeks to support partners around the world and ensure that diverse perspectives are heard on the critical issues of our time."

The interlinked crises of our times and the shakeup in the global order

have led to countries pursuing strategic autonomy and multiple choices for partners. The recent expansion of BRICS, to include four West Asian nations, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iran and Egypt, is a reflection of a resurgent West Asia and its growing international clout.

The upheaval in geopolitics has thrown up challenges as well as opportunities. One such opportunity has been the partnership between India and UAE, which has exponentially grown in this time. The UAE is

India's third-largest trading partner after the United States and China, while India is the UAE's second-largest trading partner after China. To cement their ties, the two countries signed the first-ever bilateral free trade agreement last year. The relationship between India and the UAE spans defence, security, environment, education, health, commerce, investment, and is undergirded by strong cultural and people-to-people ties.

The two countries have demonstrated a commitment to promoting each other's global rise and work together in global fora. They are both a part of the quadrilateral forum the I2U2, which started last year with India, Israel, the UAE, and the United States as members, and the new UAE-France-India Trilateral Cooperation Initiative.

It is on the climate agenda that the two countries will be working in tandem this year. India, which has pressed on the importance of historical responsibility in climate action and championed the cause of developing economies during its G20 presidency, will hand over this agenda to the UAE, the host country for COP28. The two countries have released statements to affirm the importance of cooperating on the climate agenda through G20 and COP28. This year could well turn out to be a pivotal moment for the emergence of Asian global leadership on climate change.

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Songbird Species Help Scientists Discern Link Between Vocal Learning, Problem-Solving

Press Trust Of India

cientists have discerned a strong correlation between vocal learning and problem-solving in songbird species.

Some species of songbirds, with versatile abilities in whistling, calling, and singing developed all through their lives, rank among the most advanced avian vocal learners

According to a long-standing hypothesis, only the most intelligent animals are

capable of complex vocal learning, said Jean-Nicolas Audet, a research associate in the laboratory of Erich Jarvis at The Rockefeller University, US.

"If that is true, then complex vocal learners should also be better at cognitive tasks, but no one had ever demonstrated that before," said Audet.

Audet and colleagues spent three years catching hundreds of wild birds from 21 songbird species in mist nets at The Rockefeller University Field Research Center.

Upon ranking the vocal learning capabilities of their subjects, three frontrunners emerged: starlings, blue jays, and gray catbirds (relatives of mockingbirds).

These were also the only three capable of mimicking other species, which Audet calls the "the epitome of vocal learning".

The team then ran a battery of cognitive tests on 214 birds from 23 species, including two lab-raised bird species, tests that measured their problem-solving abilities, self-control and making associations and connections.

Starlings, bluejays, and catbirds were not only the most advanced vocal learners, but also the most adept at solving puzzles, and vice-versa - the better a bird was at working its way around obstacles to nab a treat, the more complex its vocal learning ability, the researchers fo

und using statistical analyses.

This suggested a strong correlation between vocal training and problem solving, they said in their study published in the iournal Science.

There was no association between the other cognitive tests and vocal learning

Advanced vocal learners and problem solvers were also found to have brains larger than their body sizes.

Overall, the findings suggest that vocal learning, problem solving, and brain size may have evolved in tandem, perhaps as a way of increasing biological fitness, the researchers said.

"Our findings help support a previously unproven notion: that the evolution of a complex behaviour like spoken language, which depends on vocal learning, is associated with co-evolution of other complex behaviours," said Jarvis, co-corresponding author on the study.

Government Of Jammu And Kashmir Office Of The Senior Superintendent Of **Police- District Pulwama**

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No. CRB/82-P/2023/8611

Date:19/09/2023

Sub Divisional Police officer,

Subject: Proclamation notice in respect of accused namely Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/O Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/O Kharbatpora Ratnipora Pulwama.

Apropos to the above cited subject, find enclosed herewith 03 Court orders dated along with Proclamation notices in original issued by the Hon'ble Court of Special Designated Court under NIA Act Pulwama, in respect of the accused person namely Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/O Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/O Kharbatpora Ratnipora Pulwama, involved in case FIR No.'s 1, 25/2022 U/S 18, 19, 20, 38, 39, 40, UAP Act. 7/27 A Act & 307 IPC of PS Litter, 2. 26/2022 U/S 16, 18, 20, 38, 39 UAP Act 7/27 A Act & 307 IPC of PS Litter & 3.100/2022 U/S 18, 20, 23, 38, 39 UAP Act 7/25 A Act of PS Litter for information and further necessary action. Action taken report be furnished to this office at an earliest.

Enel: (Court order along with proclamation notices)

Superintendent of Police, District Pulwama.

In_the Special Designated Court Under NIA Act. Pulwama

In the ease of:-

UT of J&K through P/S Litter.

Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Pulwama

(Case KIR No. 25/2022 U/Ss

18, 19, 20,38, 39, 40 UA (P) Act, 7/27 Arms Act, and 307 IPC of P/S Litter)

Coram: O.P.Thakur J.O..Codc:JK-00097

16.09.2023

The instant application has been moved by Ld. Additional Public Prosecutor of this court in terms of section 82 of Cr. P.C aimed at publication of proclamation requiring the accused namely Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama accused in sad criminal case to appear before this court for facing trial. It is averred in the application that owing to involvement of said accused in the criminal cases covered by Case FIR No. 25/2022 U/Ss 18, 19, 20, 38, 39, 40 UA (P) act 7/27 Arms Act, and 307 IPC of P/S Litter and in various other terrorist activities, he has been declared as designated terrorist by the Ministry of "Home Affairs Government of India by notifying the name of said terrorist in the fourth schedule of the unlawful activities (Prevention) Act through the medium of notification S.O 1876 (K) Dated:- 19lh of April 2022. It is also submitted in the application that said accused is avoiding his arrest and owing to the absconding of said accused general warrant of arrest issued by this court on 02.09.2023 also could not be executed.

Perused the application and the documents connected thereof. I have also perused the Charge Sheet of aforesaid criminal ease and also heard the Ld. Additional Public Prosecutor at length in the matter.

Having regard to gravity of offences in which above named accused is involved and peculiar facts and circumstances attending the matter, the prayer of Ld. Additional Public Prosecutor for publication of proclamation under rules with regard to above named accused appears to be genuine, accordingly, the application at hand is allowed. Let proclamation be issued against the accused namely Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama involved in Case FIR No. 25/2022 U/Ss 18, 19, 20, 38, 39, 40 UA (P) Act, 7/27 Arms Act and 307 IPC of P/S Litter in terms of section 82 Cr. P.C to appear before this court, byor before 04.11.2023. The investigating agency is directed to adhere to the following while publishing the proclamation in question.

a. The proclamation shall be publicly read in some conspicuous place which is ordinarily place of residence of the said accused.

b. The proclamation be affixed/pasted at some conspicuous part of the house of accused and at some conspicuous place of the village Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tchsil & District Pulwama.

c. Copy of the proclamation shall also be affixed/pasted at some conspicuous part in Distric' court complex Pulwama.

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16.09.2023 Special Designated Court, under NIA Act, Pulwama

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In the matter of:- Proclamation in terms of section 82 of Cr. P.C Svt 1989.

WHERKAS; it appears to the satisfaction of the court that one Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharhatpora Ratnipora Tchsil & District Pulwama is an accused in a Criminal Case which is covered by Case FIR No. 25/2022 U/Ss 18, 19, 20, 38, 40, UA(P) Act 7/27 I.A Act and 307 IPC P/S Litter

Whereas ; the said accused namely Arjjumand Gulzar Dar S/O Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora tehsil & District Pulwama has neither appeared before the designatting officer of the said case during the course of investigation nor before this court post submission of Charge Sheet in the above referre case till date even despite issuance of coercive process

WHEREAS; it has been brought to the notice of this court that owing to involvement of accused Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharhatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama in the above captioned Criminal Case and in other cases relating to involvement of said accused in terrorist activities, he has been declared as designated terrorist by the Ministry of Home Affairs Government of India by notifying the name of said accused in the fourth schedule of the unlawful activities (Prevention) Act through

the medium of notification S.O 1876 (K) Dated:- 19th of April 2022. WHERKAS; this court has all the reasons to believe that Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharhatpora Ratnipora Tchsil & District Pulwama, accused in the above captioned case against whom non-bailable warrant has earlier been issued by this court vide order

be executed. WHEREAS; in the analysis of this court it would be proper for taking trial of the aforesaid case to its logical conclusion to publish a written proclamation requiring said Ariumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharhatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama accused in above captioned case to appear before this court.

dated 02.09.2023 is absconded and is concealing himself so that such warrant can not

Now through the medium of this proclamation accused namely Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharhatpora Ratnipora Tchsil & District Pulwama is hereby directed to appear before this court situated in New District Court Complex Degree College Road Pulwama in connection with criminal Case which is covered by Case KIR No. 25/2022 U/Ss 18, 19, 20, 38, 39, 40 UA (P) Act, 7/27 Arms Act and 307 IPC of P/S Litter by or before 04.11.2023. Herein fail not

Issued this 16th day of September 2023 under my hand and seal of the court.

Special Designated Court, under NIA Act, Pulwama

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UT of J&K through P/S Litter.

Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Pulwama (Case FIR No. 100/2022 U/Ss 18, 20, 23, 38, 39, UA (P) Act, 7/25 Arms Act of P/S Litter) In the matter of:- Proclamation in terms of section 82 of Cr. P.C Svt 1989.

WHEREAS; it appears to the satisfaction of the court that one Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama is an accused in a Criminal Case which is covered by Case FIR No. 25/2022 U/Ss 18, 20, 23,38, 39, UA (P) Act. 7/25 Arms Act of P/S Liter.

WHEREAS; the said accused namely Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama has neither appeared before the Investigating officer of the said case during the course of investigation nor before this court post submission of Charge Sheet in the above referred case till date even despite issuance of coercive process.

WHEREAS; it has been brought to the notice of this court that owing to involvement of accused Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama in the above captioned Criminal Case and in other cases relating to involvement of said accused in terrorist activities, he has been declared as designated terrorist by the Ministry of Home Affairs Government of India by notifying the name of said accused in the fourth schedule of the unlawful activities (Prevention) Act through the medium of notification S.O 1876 (H) Dated:- 19th ol April 2022. WHEREAS; this court has all the reasons to believe that Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama, accused in the above captioned case against whom non-bailable warrant has earlier been issued by this court vide order dated 02.09.2023 is absconded and is concealing himself so that such warrant can not be executed.

WHEREAS; in the analysis of this court it would be proper for taking trial of the aforesaid case to its logical conclusion to publish a written proclamation requiring said Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama accused in above captioned case to appear before this court.:

Now through the medium of this proclamation accused namely Arjumand Gulzar Dar

S/o Gui2ar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama is hereby directed to appear before this court situated in New District Court Complex Degree College Road Pulwama in connection with criminal Case which is covered by Case KIR No. 25/2022 U/Ss 18, 20, 23, 38, 39, UA (P) Act, 7/25 Arms Act of P/S Litter by or before 04.11.2023. Herein fail not.

Issued this 16,h day of September 2023 under my hand and seal of the court.

Special Designated Court, under NIA Act, Pulwama

In The Special Designnated Court Under NIA Act, Pulwama

UT of J&K through P/S Ljitter. In the ease of:-

Arjumand Gulzar Dar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Dar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Pulwama (Case KIR No. 26/2022 U/Ss 16, 18, 20, 38, 39, UA (P) Act, 7/27 Arms Act, and 307 IPC

Coram: O.P.Thakur J.O.Codc:JK-00097

of P/S Litter)

16.09.2023

The instant application has been moved by Ld. Additional Public Prosecutor of this court in terms of section 82 of Cr. P.C aimed at publication of proclamation requiring the accused namely Arjumand Gulzar Oar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Oar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama accused in said criminal ease to appear before this court for facing trial. It is averred in the application that owing to involvement of said accused in the criminal case covered by Case ITR Mo. 26/2022 U/Ss 16, 18, 20, 38, 39, UA (P) Act, 7t®7 Arms Act, and 307 IPC of P/S Litter and in various other terrorist '^activities, he has been declared as designated terrorist by the Ministry of Ilorfie Affairs Government of India by notifying the name of said terrorist in the fourth schedule of the unlawful activities (Prevention) Act through the medium of notification S.O 1876 (H) Dated:-19th of April 2022. It is also submitted in the application that said accused is avoiding his arrest and owing to the absconding of said accused general warrant of arrest issued by this court on 02.09.2023 also could not be executed.

Perused the application and the. documents connected thereof. I have also perused the Charge Sheet of aforesaid criminal ease and also heard the Ld. Additional Public Prosecutor at length in the matter.

Having regard to gravity of offences in which above named accused is involved and peculiar facts and circumstances attending the matter, the prayer of Ld. Additional Public Prosecutor for publication of proclamation under rules with regard to above named accused appears to be genuine, accordingly, the application at hand is allowed. Let proclamation be issued against the accused namely Arjumand Gulzar Oar S/o Gulzar Ahmad Oar R/o Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama involved in Case FIR No. 26/2022 U/Ss 16, 18, 20, 38, 39, UA (P) Act, 7/27 Arms Act and 307 IPC of P/S Litter in terms of section 82 Cr. P.C to appear before this court, by or before 04.11.2023.

The investigating agency is directed to adhere to the following while publishing the proclamation in question.

a. The proclamation shall be publicly read in some conspicuous place which is ordinarily place of residence of the said accused.

b. The proclamation be affixed/pasted at some conspicuous part of the house of accused and at some conspicuous place of the village Kharbatpora Ratnipora Tehsil & District Pulwama.

c. Copy of the proclamation shall also be affixed/pasted at some conspicuous part in District court complex Pulwama.

d.. copy of the proclamation shall also be got published at least in two leading newspapers of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir in whi h at least one shall be vallev base The application is accordingly disposed of and shall form part of Charge Sheet (Chal-

Announced

16.09.2023

Special Designated Court, under NIA Act, Pulwama

In the Court of Special Judge Designated Court Under NIA Act) Pulwama.

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DIPK-9119/23 dated: 19-09-2023 Special Designated Court. under NIA Act, Pulwama

Staff Shortage At DGCA Delays Issuance Of Pilot Licences



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is taking at least a couple of months to issue licences to trained pilots as the regulator is grappling with the shortage of staff at key positions, according to sources.

After training, individuals need to obtain a Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) to be eligible to fly commercial flights.

Sources in the civil aviation ministry said that at present, a pilot has to wait for a couple of months to get his or her licence and the pendency time is likely to

go up in the coming months.
"The Directorate of Training and Licensing (DTL), under the Operations Department which deals with licensing, has a total of 129 sanctioned posts of assistant directors. Of those, 92 posts or almost 72 per cent of the total strength are lying vacant," one of the sources said.

Till July 2022, the DGCA had only 72 sanctioned posts of assistant directors. In August 2022, the ministry created 57 new posts and the sanctioned strength rose to 129 positions.

"However, DGCA has failed to initiate any process to fill the 57 newly created posts. As many as

35 old posts out of the 72 that fell vacant due to retirement or promotions of the employees are also lying vacant," the source said.

When contacted, DGCA Director General Vikram Dev Dutt did not offer any comment on the issues.

However, a senior official on the condition of anonymity said that the hiring process is tedious and time-consuming, and that is the reason for the delay in filling crucial posts.

As per the DGCA's own 'Standard of Service', after due process, a CPL has to be issued within three days.

Further, the source said the regulator published an advertisement through the Union Public Service Commission (PSC) for filling entry-level posts in airworthiness, legal and air safety areas. However, no advertisement for filling the posts in the operations cadre at the entry level for assistant directors that deal with the licensing process has been issued, the source added.

The sources at the ministry said that institutes which provide training for drone flying have to get a licence from the DGCA. Over a dozen such institutes have applied for licences but their applications are lying for approval for a considerable amount of time, they added.

Reliance Jio Announces Launch Of JioAirFiber In 8 Cities



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NEW DELHI: India's largest telecom company Reliance Jio on Tuesday announced the launch of JioAirFiber, its much-awaited 5G home broadband service. across eight metro cities.

The cities are Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and Pune. The new offering was announced by Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani at the company's 46th AGM last month.

The company said JioAirFiber will enable millions of homes with world-class digital entertainment, smart home services and broadband through its solutions across education, health,

surveillance and smart homes. "Jio, the world's largest private mobile data network, today announced the launch of JioAirFiber services, its integrated end-to-end solution for home entertainment, smart home services and high-speed broadband, across 8 metro cities," a Jio release said.

Jio's optical fibre infrastructure spans over 1.5 million kilometres across India, its extensive optical-fibre presence putting Jio in close proximity to over 200 million premises. Yet, providing physical last-mile connectivity is often time-consuming in most parts of the country. This leaves millions of potential customers without home broadband due to the complexities and delays involved in extending optical fibre to their premises.

According to the release, this is where JioAirFiber comes in, to accelerate connectivity in premises.

Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited Chairman Akash Ambani said, "Our extensive fiber-tothe-home service JioFiber, already serves over 10 million customers, with hundreds of thousands more getting connected each month. But, there are still millions of homes and small businesses to be connected at a rapid pace".

Tense Diplomatic Relations May Not Impact Trade, **Investment Ties Between India, Canada: Experts**

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NEW DELHI: The tense diplomatic relations between India and Canada are unlikely to impact trade and investments between the two countries as economic ties are driven by commercial considerations, according to experts. Both India and Canada trade in complementary products and do not compete on similar products.

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"Hence, the trade relationship will continue to grow and not be affected by dayto-day events," Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) Co-

Founder Ajay Srivastava said. Certain political developments have led to a pause in negotiations for a free trade agreement between the two countries.

On September 10, Prime Minister Narendra Modi conveyed to his Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau India's strong concerns about the continuing anti-India activities of extremist elements in Canada that were promoting secessionism, inciting violence against its diplomats and threatening the Indian community there.

India on Tuesday announced the expulsion of a Canadian diplomat hours after Canada asked an Indian official to leave that country, citing a "potential" Indian link to the killing of a Khalistani separatist leader in June.

Srivastava said these recent

events are unlikely to affect

the deep-rooted people-topeople connections, trade, and economic ties between the two nations.

Bilateral trade between India and Canada has grown significantly in recent years, reaching USD 8.16 billion in 2022-23

India's exports (USD 4.1 billion) to Canada include pharmaceuticals, gems and jewellery, textiles, and machinery, while Canada's exports to India (USD 4.06 billion) include pulses, timber, pulp and paper, and mining

On investments, he said that Canadian pension funds will continue investing in India on grounds of India's large market and good return on

money invested. Canadian pension funds, by the end of 2022, had invested over USD 45 billion in India, making it the fourth-largest

recipient of Canadian FDI in

The top sectors for Canadian pension fund investment in India include infrastructure, renewable energy, technology, and financial services.

Mumbai-based exporter and Chairman of Technocraft Industries Sharad Kumar Saraf said the present frosty relations between India and Canada are certainly a cause for concern.

the bilateral "However, trade is entirely driven by commercial considerations. Political turmoil is of a temporary nature and should not be a reason to affect trade relations," Saraf said.

He added that even with China, India has acrimonious relations but bilateral trade continues to remain healthy.

"In fact, bilateral trade is an effective tool to improve political relations. India must make special efforts to increase our bilateral trade with Canada," Saraf said.

Nawaz Sharif Criticizes Pakistan's Economic Dependency, **Cites India's Achievements**

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's selfexiled former prime minister Nawaz Sharif has said that his country is begging money from the world while India has reached the moon and hosted the G20 summit, blaming the country's former generals and judges for its economic woes.

Pakistan's economy has been in a free fall mode for the last many years, bringing untold pressure on the poor masses in the form of unchecked doubledigit inflation.

"Today Pakistan's prime minister goes country to country to beg for funds while India has reached the moon and is holding G20 meetings. Why Pakistan couldn't achieve the feats India did. Who is responsible for this here?" Sharif asked while addressing a party meeting in Lahore from London via video link on Monday evening. The 73-year-old

supreme leader of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party further said that India had followed the economic reforms initiated by his government in

"When Atal Bihari Vajpayee became the prime minister of India, it had only a billion dollars in kitty but now India's foreign exchange reserves have risen up to \$600 billion," he said and questioned where India has reached today and where Pakistan is left behind begging the world for some bucks.

In July, the IMF transferred USD 1.2 billion to cash-strapped Pakistan, part of the USD 3 billion bailout programme for nine months to support the government's efforts to stabilise the country's ailing economy.

Sharif has for the first time announced his return to the country on October 21 to lead the party's political campaign in the upcoming elections, ending his over four years of self-imposed exile in the UK. In November 2019, Sharif,

serving a seven-year jail term in AlAzizia Mills corruption case, was helped by the then army



chief Gen Bajwa to leave the country on medical grounds. The PML-N says it will secure a protective bail for him before his arrival to Lahore next month. His party has planned a historic welcome on his return.

Sharif lashed out at the military and judicial establishment of 2017 whom he termed responsible for sending him home from the office of the prime minister.

"The man (Nawaz) who rid the country of power load shedding was sent home by four judges, Sharif said in his emotional speech. He added that then-army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa and then Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief General Faiz Hamid were behind his ouster.

"(Former) chief justices Saqib Nisar and Asif Saeed Khosa were tools of [the former army chief and his spy chief]. Their crime is bigger than a murder offence. Giving them pardons will be an injustice to the nation. They don't deserve pardon," Sharif said, vowing to hold them accountable.

"These 'characters' who unleashed economic misery on the people of Pakistan will have to face accountability," he pledged.

Sharif also declared that his party will win in upcoming general elections.

Since some former aides to Sharif's PML-N have been appointed to the caretaker federal cabinet, and the party (PMLN) is not joining the demand to hold elections within 90 days after the dissolution of the assemblies, the Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari suspects the Sharifs of cosying up to the powerful military establishment.

FM Urges RRBs To Speed Up Digitisation **To Ensure Better Services In Rural Areas**

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NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday expressed concern over the slow progress of computerisation in Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and urged them to speed up the process to strengthen credit delivery

There is still a lot of work to do in digitising RRBs and after launching the 'Kisan Rin Portal' and Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS) manual here.

Cooperative banks are not equally endowed, and their financial health varies, she said, adding ramping up capacity in the sector is taking place under the Ministry of Cooperation headed by Home Minister Amit Shah.

The cooperative bank digitisation would happen with the necessary speed, she said. However, she said, "I am more concerned about RRBs, their digitisation and computerisation. Therefore, if they

didn't have it, extending phone bank facility...or internet banking facility...won't work out".

A lot of work is still pending, and the Department of Financial Services is sensitising them to achieve computerisation at a fast pace, Sitharaman said. Observing that rural India

kept the economy going during the severe COVID-19 lockdown, the minister said the farmer and agriculture sector is given high importance by the government.

Surprised by the huge difference between sanction and disbursement by cooperative banks, she asked the DFS to find out the reason for this. However, the difference be-

tween sanction and disbursement is low in the case of scheduled commercial banks. Speaking at the occasion, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said the various measures taken by the government have enhanced

farmers' income. The Budget allocation for the ministry has gone up multi-fold since 2013-14 as

the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi attaches great importance to the sector, he added.

On the short-term crop loan, Tomar said there is no dearth of funds for the sector, and the agriculture credit target for the current fiscal has been pegged at Rs 20 lakh crore with a focus on animal husbandry, dairy

Normally, farm loans attract an interest rate of 9 per cent However, the government has been providing interest subvention to make available shortterm crop loans at an affordable rate and help boost farm output.

The government is providing a 2 per cent interest subsidy to ensure farmers get short-term farm loans of up to Rs 3 lakh at an effective rate of 7 per cent per annum.

Speaking on the Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Sitharaman said banks should give all relevant data by December 31, 2023, for the 'Kisan Rin Portal', launched by her to help farmers avail subsidised loans under the KCC Yoiana

CBI Books Mandhana Industries In Rs 975 Crore Bank Fraud

NEW DELHI: The CBI has registered an FIR against Mumbaibased Mandhana Industries (now GB Global Ltd) for allegedly defrauding a consortium led by Bank of Baroda of Rs 975.08 crore, officials said Tuesday.

The CBI action follows a complaint from the bank which alleged that former Managing Director Purushottam Chhaganlal Mandhana, former Executive Director Manish Biharilal Mandhana, and a few others defrauded the consortium in a well-knit criminal conspiracy to funnel funds.

The 39-year-old company

Govt Says Working On Using AI To

controlled by the Mandhana cilities from the Bank of Baroda in 2008, but the account was declared a non-performing asset on December 31, 2016.

The banks ordered a forensic audit which exposed a number of irregularities including diversion of funds to settle inter-corporate debts, not using a Trust and Retention Account (TRA) to route Rs 420.39 crore during July 2016-September 30, 2017, and fictitious purchases.

The audit also indicated fraudulent transactions and dealings with related parties, showing circular trading and diversion of funds.

Autowings Toyota Launches Toyota RUMION In Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Autowings Toyota, Authorized dealer of Toyota Krilosker Motors Pvt Ltd Tuesday launched the Toyota RUMION at company headquarter's in Hyderpora Srinagar.

The launching was done by the chief guest Chander Mohan Bhat -Regional manager State Bank of India along with Umar Shamas (Advance Manager- State Bank India), Azhar Majid Mir (MD Auto wings Toyota pvt ltd) in presence of officals from other banks (J&K Bank , ICICI etc) and top management of Autowings Toyota pvt ltd and huge gathering of customer's and dignitaries.

Speaking on the launch Younis Bashir (CEO, Autowings Toyota) said "we are extremely delighted by the launch the All New Toyota Rumion - a new compact MPV boasting of unmatched space, excellent fuel efficiency, stylish and premium new family car. Already a front runner in Indian MPV segment, the launch of this sevenseater is expected to further boost Toyota's presence in the market.

At the heart of the All New Toyota Rumion lies the powerful K series 1.5-litre Petrol engine



with Power output of 75.8 kw @6000 rpm and Torque of 136.8 Nm @4400 rpm with Neo Drive (ISG) technology which promises to be responsive and bring joy to driving. The cutting-edge K-series engine is expected to offer an excellent fuel efficiency of 20.51 km/l for Petrol ,The All New Toyota Rumion will be available in six variants of S MT/AT, G MT, and V MT/AT offering a wide range of options for customers.

The new compact MPV offers a choice between a 5-speed manual transmission and a smooth 6-speed automatic transmission, providing a seamless driving experience for both manual and automatic enthusiasts. Whether you prefer the convenience of an automatic or the control of a manual, the All New Toyota Rumion ensures a pleasurable and effortless drive. All New Toyota Rumion also be-

holds Toyota's commitment to safety with a range of advanced safety features. The Heartect Platform provides a strong and rigid structure, ensuring maximum protection for occupants. Dual front and Front seatside airbags, ABS with EBD and Brake Assist, Engine immobilizer, ESP, Hill Holdassist, and ISO Fix Child

seat anchorages further enhance the safety quotient of the All New Toyota Rumion. This new introduction from Toyota, also features front seat belts with pretensioners and force limiters, seat belt reminder for all seats, and a high-speed alert system, guaranteeing peace of mind for the entire family.

The All New Toyota Rumion comes with an advanced infotainment system featuring a 17.78 cm Smart play Cast Touch screen audio with Arkamys Surround Sense for an immersive audio experience. It supports Android Auto and Apple CarPlay (wireless) for seamless smart phone integration. The infotainment system includes Bluetooth connectivity, steeringmounted audio and calling controls, and USB connectivity.

Equipped with Toyota i-Connect, it offers remote control of climate, lock/unlock, hazard lights, and headlights and many more. It is compatible with smart watches and Hey Siri voice assistant. The Toyota i-Connect also provides safety and security features like auto collision notification, tow alert, find my car, valet profile, vehicle health and malfunction indicator monitoring.

Reduce Pendency Of Consumer Cases Press Trust Of India As the scope of artificial in-

NEW DELHI: The Consumer Affairs Ministry on Tuesday said it is working on using artificial intelligence (AI) to reduce the pendency of cases in various consumer courts in the country.

The ministry also said the National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission (NCDRC) has successfully resolved 854 cases during August, the highest disposal rate in the current year.

This was possible due to proactive steps taken by the NCDRC, streamlined processes and advanced technology like E-daakhil, which helped resolve cases faster than ever before, it added.

"In furtherance of keeping the same momentum of disposal of cases, the Department has made filing of cases through E-daakhil in consumer commissions compulsory and soon going to launch the feature of VC (video conference) on E-daakhil," the ministry said in a statement.

telligence is increasing rapidly, the ministry is "also working on using the AI facilities in reducing the pendency of cases in the National, State and District Consumer Commissions," it added.



The case filed in the Consumer Commissions will be analysed through AI and will generate the summary of the case and many more actions will be done through AI in resolving the case, the statement said.

According to the ministry. NCDRC has significantly improved the disposal of consumer cases in the commis-

sion in 2023. NCDRC and the Department of Consumer Affairs successfully resolved 854 consumer cases in August, whereas the filing of cases during the same period was 455, making it the highest disposal rate of 188 per cent this year, it said.

This achievement underscores the NCDRC's unwavering commitment to safeguarding consumer rights and ensuring prompt redressal of grievances, the ministry said.

Even the regular monitoring of consumer cases by the ministry and holding various one-day regional workshops in Guwahati and Chandigarh helped expedite the process.

The ministry also conducted sector-specific brainstorming sessions on insurance and real estate to reduce the pendency in the consumer commissions.

State-specific meetings in various states like Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra and Kerala were also held, the statement added.

9 Separatist Outfits Supporting Terror Groups Based In Canada: Officials

Say India's Deportation Requests Ignored

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: At least nine separatist organisations supporting

terror groups have their bases in Canada and despite multiple deportation requests Ottawa has taken no action against those involved in heinous crimes including the killing of popular Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala, officials here said on Tuesday.

They said that pro-Khalistani outfits such as the World Sikh

Organization (WSO), Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) and Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) working at the behest of Pakistan have been allegedly operating freely form the Canadian soil.

They said allegations levelled against India by the Canadian authorities and politicians in relation to the murder of Canadian citizen Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Khalistani terrorist, are incorrect and based on unsubstantiated assumptions.

The issue of deportations of wanted terrorists and gangsters have been raised by Indian authorities at multiple diplomatic and security talks but the Canadian authorities remained non-committal and brazen in support of these terror elements, the officials said.

Multiple sets of dossier have been handed over to the Canadian side but India's deportation requests have gone unaddressed, they said, adding at least nine separatist organisations supporting terror groups have found their bases in Canada.

Eight individuals involved in terror activities and as many gangsters, who have been conspiring with Pakistan's ISI, have found a safe haven in Canada,

the officials said. They said that deportation requests for these people -- including Gurwant Singh who was involved in terrorist activities in

early 1990s -- have been pending with the Canadian authorities for years now. An Interpol Red Corner Notice is also pending against him. The officials said Indian authorities had requested for the deportation of Gurpreet Singh, who is also involved in terror cases, and provided his Canadian address but no action was taken.

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be 17 or 18. But do they have the maturity to judge what is or is not in the interest of the nation? Not only on social media, even on the Internet things should be removed, it corrupts the mind. Government should consider bringing in an age limit for the use of social media.'

The court had also imposed a cost of 50 lakh on X Corp. X Corp's counsel argued that MeiTY had not informed the users about blocking their tweets and accounts and even the company was forbidden from informing

The high court asked the government "You do not release the order. He is not permitted to reveal the order. How is he going to defend himself?'

The high court suggested that the government may have to tweak the rules a bit as it is at the government's discretion that X Corp is blocking the accounts of users and the company cannot be left high and dry.

However, the high court said that "When it comes to national security, everybody has to be on the same page." When the counsel for the company argued that it had informed which order of MeiTY it can comply with and which it could not, the bench said X Corp cannot be the judge.

The court said the X Corp "cannot be given the right to judge the content. If the content says 'Apple a day keeps the doctor away', you will interpret that as being against the doctor and the interest of the nation?'

The hearing of the case was adjourned to Wednesday when the high court will decide on the interim relief sought by X Corp. The hearing of the appeal will be heard after that, the court said.

Women's Quota

comes into force.

Before the bill was listed for introduction, Congress' parliamentary party chief Sonia Gandhi said this morning that the women's reservation bill "is ours".

Speaking in Rajya Sabha, Modi urged members to support the bill unanimously when it comes to the upper house.

While the BJP described the bill as historic and a result of the visionary leadership of Modi, parties including the Congress dubbed it as an election "jumla".

As we had pointed out earlier, Modi government has not yet conducted the 2021 Decadal Census making India the only country in G20 that has failed to carry out the Census," Congress general secretary in charge commu-

nication Jairam Ramesh said. He said according to the bill, the reservation will come into effect only after the publication of the next census and the subsequent delimitation exercise. "Will the census and delimitation be done before the 2024 elec-

Former law minister and Congress leader M Veerappa Moily said by bringing the bill "at the last minute", the government thinks it can get some political advantage.

"It has a social aspect, social justice to be given to 50 per cent of the population of the country, that kind of commitment is not demonstrated by the NDA and the BJP government," he said.

BSP supremo Mayawati said her party will support any bill that allows reservation for women in Parliament and other legislatures. even if its demand for a quota for the SC, ST and OBC within that quota is not met.

She said her party wanted women from the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes to get a separate quota in

AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi said the government should have also provided for reservation of Muslim and OBC.

AAP leader and Delhi minister Atishi questioned the provision of delimitation and census. "This means that women reservation won't be implemented ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls," she said.

In Lok Sabha, Home Minister Amit Shah rejected claim of Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury that the 2008 brought by the Manmohan Singh government was still live

after being passed by Rajya Sabha in 2010. Later, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said the bill had lapsed after the dissolution of the 15 Lok Sabha as after being passed by Rajya Sabha it had become the property of the lower house.

The government said women participate substantively in panchayats and at municipal bodies, but their representation in state assemblies, Parliament is still limited.

Women bring different perspectives and enrich quality of legislative debates and decision-making, it added.

Rights activists cautioned against any quota for women in Parliament and assemblies becoming a token exercise. They said there should be provisions to encourage those from non-political background contest polls rather than those picked by male members of politically affluent families.

In certain instances in panchayat elections where there exists a 33 per cent reservation for women, women's reserved seats are filled by the female family members of politically affluent sections of the community and largely play figurehead roles. This makes a quota for women in electoral bodies effectively moot, they felt.

The then prime minister Rajiv Gandhi

first introduced Constitution Amendment Bills for one-third reservation in panchayats and nagarpalikas in May 1989. It was passed by Lok Sabha but failed in Rajya Sabha in September 1989.

Later, Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao reintroduced Constitution Amendment Bills for one-third reservation for women in panchayats and nagarpalikas in April 1993. Both bills became law. There have been several efforts to introduce women's reservation bill in Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies since 1996. The last such attempt was made in 2010, when Rajya Sabha had passed a bill for women's reservation, but the same could not be passed in Lok Sabha.

Data shows that women MPs account for nearly 15 per cent of Lok Sabha strength while their representation is below 10 per cent in many state assemblies.

US Concerned

in Canada. It now threatens trade ties too, with talks on a proposed trade deal frozen last week

Each nation also expelled a diplomat in tatfor-tat moves, with Canada removing India's top intelligence officer, while New Delhi responded by giving a Canadian diplomat five days to leave.

LeT Commander

body has been recovered. The dead body of another terrorist is visible, but it has not been possible to retrieve it yet," the ADGP told re-

porters in Anantnag.

He said the gunfight, which began in the Gadole forest area of the south Kashmir district on Wednesday last week, is over, but the search operation will continue.

"There is a huge area that remains to be searched. There can be a lot of unexploded shells which will be recovered and destroyed. We appeal to the people not to go to the area,"

The ADGP said security forces had reports that two to three terrorists were there. "There is a possibility that the third dead body may be somewhere. It will be known after the search is complete," Kumar said.

LG, Forces Pay

in Anantnag. I bow to his exemplary courage and sacrifice," the LG wrote in a post on X. Singh's body was recovered from the Gadole forest area of the south Kashmir district on

The J-K LG led several officers, including the chief secretary, DGP and general officer commanding of the Army's Srinagar-based Chinar Corps, in paying their tributes to the fallen soldier at the Chinar Corps headquarters at the Badamibagh Cantonment here.

"Hon'ble LG of J&K and #ChinarCorps Cdr along with numerous other dignitaries have laid wreaths at BB Cantt today to pay homage to the Braveheart, Sepoy Pardeep Singh of 19RR Bn who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty while fighting with terrorists in Operation Garol, Anantnag," the Chinar Corps said on X.

"The mortal remains of the martyr would be laid to rest with full military honours at his hometown. In this hour of grief, the Indian Army stands in solidarity with the bereaved family and remains committed to its dignity, safety and well-being," the Army said.

Two bodies were found in the forest area on Monday. One of the deceased was identified as Singh who went missing on the first day of the encounter. The identity of the other deceased is being ascertained.

The operation started on Wednesday when Colonel Manpreet Singh, commanding officer, 19 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Ashish Dhonchak and Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police Humayun Bhat were killed by

Privileged To Have

mothers and sisters got justice as the law against 'triple talaq' was unitedly passed from

The PM also called for expanding the canvas to build a stronger India, and said all reforms and new laws going forward must have rising aspirations of the country as their priority.

Modi said a big picture cannot be painted on a small canvas and the idea of a grand India cannot be envisioned if the members do not think big.

"Is it possible to draw a big picture on a small canvas? No! In the same way, we cannot mark out the picture of 'Bhavya Bharat' if we have a small canvas of thinking," the prime minister said.

"We have a rich heritage! If this rich heritage is joined in by our dreams, our resolutions, and if our canvas of thinking expands, we will certainly be able to paint picture of 'Bhavya Bharat', we will certainly be able to fill colours in this picture, and offer this beautiful, colourful and grand picture of 'Maa Bharti' to our future generations," he said.

Modi urged the members to reaffirm the commitment to make India a developed nation by 2047 and described the move to the new Parliament building as a new beginning towards a new future.

In the new Parliament building, we are going to make new beginnings for a new future, Modi said at the function to celebrate the legacy of the old Parliament building.

He said since 1952, 41 heads of states from across the world have addressed our MPs in Central Hall and more than 4,000 laws have been passed by Parliament in the last seven

"Today, together in the new Parliament building, we are all going to inaugurate a new future," he said.

"Today, we are moving towards the new building here with the intention of reiterating the resolve of a developed India, being determined and working whole-heartedly to fulfil

I&FC Dept Rules

same can be counter-productive.

"They had carried-out a thorough study and found that the depth in the patch of the Jhelum is higher than other areas," Kumar said, adding "Mining in this area has being going on since decades"

While quoting the study, Kumar further said that the floods according to the scientists will travel faster to Srinagar if desliting is carried out on Sangam to Asham patch.

"Yes, we can go for resectioning of the river, wherever it is needed," he added.

Echoing similar views, another official from the I&FC department said that dredging was not the only solution and it can be sometimes

"The CWPRS further said that the dredging in this patch will not help flood mitigation," the official told Kashmir Observer, on the condition of anonymity.

It may be noted that following the devastating floods in 2014, the central government sanctioned a plan for the comprehensive flood management of the Jhelum River and its tributaries. The project was funded through the Prime Minister's Development Package, and divided into two phases.

The phase-I was completed by the end of 2020 after missing several deadlines. The government said that this phase - which mostly involved the dredging of the river to remove sediment - would enhance the discharge carrying capacity of the Jhelum from 31,800 cusecs to 41,000 cusecs.

The officials said Phase II of the plan would increase the carrying capacity of river Jhelum and its flood spill channel by 20,000 cusecs through dredging. At present, the carrying capacity of Jhelum is around 31,000 cusecs while that of the flood channel is around

Notably, the valley is experiencing dry weather and above normal temperatures for last eight weeks, adversely affecting horticulture and agriculture sector production, particularly apple crop

The ongoing dry weather has also led to a fall in the water level of other water bodies as well. The volume in the water bodies of the valley has dropped around 75% than normal, according to reports.

Release 2003

by petitioners, who claim to be the owners of various hotels/guest-houses in J&K and according to them their hotels are duly registered with the competent authority i.e., Directorate of Tourism, Government of Iammu and Kashmir, under the provisions of I&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act.

They submitted that the tourism constitutes backbone of the hotel industry of J&K in general and Valley of Kashmir in particular.

The hotel industry, they said, was exposed and subjected to fatal setback due to the eruption of "unprecedented state of turmoil in the Valley of Kashmir since 1990."

To combat the consequences of prolonged turmoil, they said, Government of India promulgated several schemes for revival of various infrastructural projects and with a view to achieve the object to create employment for revival of tourism in the Valley of Kashmir, a special package was sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism vide Notification bearing No. 13(18)/2003-MRD dated 08.09.2003. Through the medium of the notification, they said, various guidelines were laid down and the package was made effective from the date.

They submitted that the package for rehabilitation by way of soft loan of Rs.50,000 per room, for renovation and refurbishing 50% of the rooms of A, B, C and D category hotels (except Five Star Hotels) was prescribed. The policy and guidelines further provided that the Banks would provide loans to the hotels and Guest Houses and the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, would provide subsidy so that the hotel and guest-house owners get the loan at 4% interest, they said.

The guidelines further explicitly provide that the benefit would be available at the rate of Rs.50, 000 loan amount per room for upto 50% of the capacity of the hotels and guesthouses and the subsidy would be limited to difference between the principal loan released at 4%.

"On the careful analysis of the record and the stand taken by the parties, and in light of the law laid down by the Apex Courton the subject, it could safely be concluded that the respondents (authorities) are liable to settle down the issues regarding release of entire amount of interest subsidy in favour of the petitioners (hoteliers), which has resulted in financial liability of the petitioners, exposing them to recovery measure of the Banks," the court said, adding, "Admittedly, respondentshave not disputed the entitlement of the petitioners for the benefit as envisaged under the said scheme."

Accordingly, the court said directed the

authorities to release the entire amount of interest subsidy in favour of the petitioners through their respective Soft Loan Accounts maintained with their respective Banks, strictly in accordance with the terms of the Scheme, for revival of Hotel/Guest-Houses, issued vide notification dated 8th September 2003 by the Government of India, Department of Tourism, within a period of two months.

Groom Arrested

entire locality stunned. "Shaban is an extremely poor man who

sells fish to sustain his family. He had made all preparations for his daughter's wedding out of his hard earned money. However his son-in-law played truant in the nick of time, leaving the family shell shocked," Dar's neighbour Azad Ahmad told Kashmir Observer.

The agitated locals of Arizal claimed that Henna of the bride has yet not dried, while the (Wazwan) a multi cuisine meal prepared for guests, is still fresh.

"The Nikah between the groom, an aspiring lawyer and the bride had been solemnized four years ago. Now, the only formality left was the customary reception during which the groom would have taken her bride home,' locals claimed, demanding harshest punishment for the accused for ruining the life of a

young girl. They said Shaban Dar had managed to purchase some gold and wedding attire for her daughter. However, all his hopes were dashed when the groom played a last moment truant.

"Why did they make them wait for four long years if the groom's family or he himself was not interested in marrying a poor girl? Why did they make fun of a poor father and his innocent daughter," questioned locals.

However, the groom's family has pleaded innocence by claiming that Dar had gone to Anantnag University on the day of his wedding and had also forgotten to carry his cell

"Whatever happened was wrong. We understand the situation of the bride's family. We really feel sorry for them. However, my son had gone to Anantnag University on his wedding day and had not carried his cell phone. He returned home around 8pm only,"

Dar's mother said. **Vacancies In Govt**

filled within the next six months through a proper recruitment drive," he said, adding that "poor man's child also has a right to become

The LG said recently the daughter of a vegetable seller became a KAS officer. "She met me and stated that she had never

dreamed of seeing herself becoming an officer. I assured her that poor people's children have equal rights that of rich ones," he said.

The LG lashed out the regional parties stating that "some party's looted the State exche quer, built huge villas in foreign and left the common of J&K suffer.

"These people can't digest peace and continue to hatch conspiracies to provoke and misguide people on one or the other pretext," the LG said. He said in Ganderbal district 2800 Awas

were distributed among the people under Prime Minister Awas Yojna Scheme. "Let me clarify, not a single non J&K resident has been given Awas in Ganderbal district. But some people can't digest seeing poor man building their homes and hatch conspiracies to oppose the move," the LG said.

The LG said that gone are the days when schools and colleges would remain shut on Pakistan's call or on the call of "its stooges here." "J&K is on the path of peace and prosperity. People are living a peaceful life and enjoying night life as well," he said.

He said that last year, 1.88 crore tourists visited J&K. "Who benefitted from this? A local taxi driver, hotelier, rickshaw wala, shikara wala, cart seller and others. This year, till August. 1.52 crore tourists visited J&K and the number is set to cross 2.25 crore," the LG said, adding that some people can't digest huge tourist arrivals in J&K too and make statements just to mislead people.

The LG said that Ganderbal is on the path of huge development. "I am glad that Ganderbal is all set to make its place on the world tourist map soon. Sonmarg witnessed 3.5 lakh tourist arrivals which is huge," he said.

'J&K Witnessing

people," the LG said, while addressing a gathering at Qamaria Stadium in Ganderbal district on Tuesday.

"Prior to 2019, delay was a norm. Now, speedy completion of projects is the topmost priority of the administration. We have completed 1500 such projects across the UT which were pending for 5 to 20 years," he said.

During his visit, Sinha inaugurated and laid foundation stones for various development projects in Ganderbal district.

"J&K is witnessing a new revolution in infrastructure development. Several projects, pending for more than a decade have been completed and dedicated to the people today," he said.

The LG reiterated the commitment of his administration to remove developmental gaps of several decades to ensure ease of living for citizens.

'Ganderbal was neglected for too long after

it became a separate district. When the coun-

try was moving forward towards progress, the

developmental issues and give a special push through a large spectrum of economic activity and issues related to diverse areas are being addressed on priority. "We are also making dedicated efforts to

people here were deprived of basic facilities. The projects like the Bus Terminal Complex

at Beehama inaugurated today should have

The UT administration, Sinha said, has

taken several proactive measures to focus on

been completed a decade ago," he said.

tap the growth potential of Ganderbal in the tourism sector. Sonmarg is now on the global tourism map and the increased tourist influx has given a boost to the local economy," he

congratulated Administration Ganderbal and the public representatives for making remarkable progress in the diverse fields. He also commended the local Administration for its efforts in the employment sector and for reducing the malefemale literacy gap.

"Increased female literacy will be a force multiplier in pushing forward the socio-economic development of J&K UT. It is heartening to see progress in youth entrepreneurship and Self Help Groups," the LG said.

Dedicating the VIKALP- Venture Incubation and Knowledge Application Launchpad centre at Government Degree College to aspiring Youth of the District, the LG said the Centre will provide potential entrepreneurs a conducive environment for idea incubation, business development and innovation.

"I am also confident the beneficial impact of entrepreneurial activities on society will be manifold," he said, while calling upon the people of Ganderbal to not get misled by those elements who are trying to create disruption in the peace and development process.

"Today the development is not confined to a select few. Recruitments are being made only on merit and in a transparent manner. We are initiating the process of recruitment soon and the vacant posts will be filled in the coming six months," Sinha said.

The LG impressed on the district officials and public representatives to ensure the effective implementation of schemes like PM Vishwakarma and Ayushman Bhav. He called upon every section of the society,

especially the youth to actively participate in Gandhi Javanti celebration events. Sinha also felicitated the outstanding students and the citizens for their exemplary

also interacted with the locals present there and listened to their demands and issues. Earlier, the LG inaugurated various projects at Government Degree College Ganderbal including 12 classroom additional accommodation, Multipurpose Hall, Gym cum Health Centre and VIKALP- Venture Incubation and Knowledge Application Launchpad. He laid the foundation stone for a 50-bedded Hostel

contributions in their respective fields. He

for Girls at GDC Ganderbal and released a booklet on VIKALP Incubation Policy. The various projects inaugurated by the LG include - Bus Terminal Complex at Beehama, Ganderbal; Cafeteria MC Ganderbal; Sind View Point and Amrit Sarovar Beautification at Beehama. He also laid the beautification of

the area around Clock Tower Ganderbal. The projects of Jal Shakti Department worth Rs 13.50 crore inaugurated by LG were MGD WTP Ganderbal town; Water Supply Schemes for Ganderbal town (Phase II), Kurag Daragpora, Gogjigund Malikpora and Aug

Mammer. Dr Karan Singh,

upon the LG

The Mayor discussed with the Lt Governor various important matters pertaining to Jammu Municipal Corporation. **Man Eater**

it away and in the meantime a team of

weapons shot at the beast, resulting in its instant death. When contacted, a Wildlife Department official confirmed to a local news agency GNS about the killing of the leopard. "We were on

watch to track its movements ever after the

Wildlife Department laced with required

death of the minor boy took place yesterday", the official said. **Searches Underway**

district and the Gulpore, Ajote and Deriyan areas of Poonch district. Security personnel are also checking vehicles coming from bor-

der areas, they said. **MHA Picks Mukesh**

Singh took over as the Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, on August 14, 2019 and was promoted to the rank of Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) on January

In his order, Ministry of Home Affairs under secretary Sanjeev Kumar said the ADGP, Jammu was appointed as IG in ITBP on deputation basis.

Kumar requested the Jammu and Kashmir administration to relieve the officer immediately to enable him to take up his new assignments at the centre.

Woman Injured

Meanwhile, the locals have requested wildlife department to take necessary measures to capture the beast.

ICC Charges Eight For Corrupt Activities In Emirates T10 League

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: The International Cricket Council (ICC) has charged eight people including players, officials and a couple of Indian team owners, Parag Sanghvi and Krishan Kumar Chaudhary on different counts of corruption during the 2021 edition of Emirates T10 League.

The two Indians were coowners of the team Pune Devils and one of their players in that edition, former Bangladesh Test batter Nasir Hossain has also been charged for breach of league's anti-corruption code.

The third Indian, who is indulged in corrupt activities, is a little-known batting coach named Sunny Dhillon.

"The charges relate to the 2021 Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket League and attempts to corrupt matches in that tournament - these attempts were disrupted. The ICC was appointed by the ECB as the Designated Anti-Corruption Official (DACO) for the purposes of the ECB's Code for this tour-



nament and as such are issuing these charges on the ECB's behalf," ICC said in a statement.

Sanghvi has been charged under Articles 2.2.1 and 2.4.6 of the Anti-Corruption code.

He has been accused of "being party to an attempt to fix, contrive or influence improperly matches or aspects of matches in the Abu Dhabi T10 2021." He has also failed to "disclose to the DACO full details of any approaches or invitations received to engage in Corrupt Conduct under the Code."

Nasir, who played 19 Tests and 65 ODIs for Bangladesh was guilty of "Failing to disclose to the DACO receipt of a gift worth over USD 750."

The others who have been suspended, include batting coach Azhar Zaidi, UAE's domestic players Rizwan Javed and Saliya Saman and team manager Shadab Ahmed. Six of the charged, including three Indians have been provisionally suspended and all have 14 days from Tuesday to respond to the charges. Later in the evening, the organisers issued a press note expressing their disappointment and promising more vigilant attitude from the upcoming editions.

Miandad, Misbah Back Babar **Azam After Asia Cup Debacle**

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: Pakistan legends Javed Miandad and Misbah ul Haq on Tuesday defended Babar Azam, saying the captain should not be squarely blamed for the below-par performance in the just-concluded Asia Cup as cricket is a team game. Talking to the media here at a match of the 40's Global Cricket Event, Miandad and Misbah both advised the country's cricket authorities to not press the panic button.

'Ŵhy blame Babar Azam only when the rest of the team didn't perform as well in the Asia Cup matches against India and Sri Lanka," Miandad said.

Both the stalwarts, who have played World Cups in India, also advised the players to not let the thought of playing the mega-event in India affect them psychologically.

"Look our team is not as bad as it played in the Asia Cup. It has plenty of potential to do well in the World Cup. Only thing is how quickly our players cope and adjust to playing in Indian conditions before big



crowds and in a country where they will encounter some hostility," Miandad said.

The veteran batsman, who had three tenures as Pakistan coach, said the players need to learn from their performance in the Asia Cup and plan ahead for the World Cup.

"The sooner this suspense about the final squad is ended the better it is for us in the mega-event," Miandad said.

He said while other teams have announced their squads and looked settled, there was unnecessary panic in Pakistan cricket after just two defeats in the Asia Cup.

Misbah also said that Pakistan would only do well if everyone in the squad contributes collectively.

"Don't just expect Babar to perform every time. This is not possible. This team has been successful as a collective unit and they must remember that even in India," he said. He said Babar had now been the captain for three years and he would only get better in taking tactical and leadership decisions with time. "Now is not the time to talk about his captaincy. He is someone who can be relied upon in the World Cup as a captain and batsman."

Anantnag To Host YSS Provincial Cricket Tourney



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department Of Youth Services & Sports Anantnag will host the Provincial

Level Cricket Tournament for Boys of all age groups at different venues across the district. Ten district teams of the Kashmir division are participating in the tourney. The teams will report at Anantnag from September 20.

The department on Tuesday held a meeting presided over by the District Youth Services & Sports Officer Mr.Raja Yaqoob Ali along with Activity Incharge of the District Muhammad Abbas Dar and other senior officials.

Different committees, like Technical Committee, Boarding and lodging, Press and Publicity, Reception and other ommittees have been constituted to oversee the arrangements to put in place proper arrangements.

On Tuesday, members of the committee were briefed about the proceedings of the tournament and different convenors were briefed about their assignments.

DYSS Doru Holds Inter School Zonal Level Athlete Meet For U-14 & U-17 Girls

An Inter School Zonal Level Athletic Meet in disciplines of Running, Throwing and Jumping for Under-14 and Under-17 girls was organised by ZPEO Doru at HS Shankar-

A total 238 girl students participated in the competitions.

J&K Tourism Unveils 3rd J&K **Open Golf Tournament In Delhi**

Grand launch event features cricket legend Kapil Dev

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: The Department of J&K Tourism, headed by Secretary Tourism, Dr. Abid Rasheed Shah, announced the 3rd Edition of the J&K Open Golf Tournament, in partnership with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the official governing body of professional golf in India.

The grand launch event at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, was graced by the presence of cricketing legend and Vice President of PGTI, Kapil Dev.

Unveiling the upcoming PGTI tournament, Kapil Dev expressed his delight at J&K Tourism's collaboration with PGTI, highlighting how this partnership will provide additional playing opportunities for Indian profes sional golfers.

He emphasized the tournament's role in promoting tourism in Jammu and Kashmir and passionately encouraged the media to visit and witness the remarkable transformations taking place in the region. Kapil Dev underscored the need to bolster golf tourism in this stunning region, shedding light on the in-



credible opportunities it is one of the most eagerly offers to golf enthusiasts and travellers alike.

Participating in the press conference, Mr. Amarjeet Singh, Special Secretary to the Government Tourism Department, shed light on the burgeoning Golf Tourism sector, emphasizing its significance in the broader tourism landscape.

Manav Gupta tary of Jammu Tawi Golf Course, assured that the course is fully prepared to host this prestigious event for the second consecutive year, from October 4th to 7th, with a Pro Am event

on October 8th. Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO of PGTI, enthusiastically stated, "The third edition of the J&K Open, presented by J&K Tourism, anticipated tournaments of the 2023 PGTI Season.

The J&K Open promises to be an unforgettable gathering of top Indian golf professionals and international talents. The event will feature celebrated players such as Udayan Mane, Rashid Khan, defending champion Yuvraj Singh Sandhu, and forme champion Honey Baisoya, alongside more than 120 national and international participants.

The convergence of world-class golfing facilities, stunning natural beauty, and the endorsement of cricketing icon Kapil Dev has set the stage for an exciting future in golf tourism for Jammu and Kashmir.

Baramulla Wins Provincial Level U-17 Girls Handball C'ship

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: The week-long Inter-District Provincial-Level Handball Championship continued at Indoor Stadium here.

Tuesday marked the conclusion of the Under 17 Girls' competition, featuring an intense final match between District Baramulla and District Bandipora.

In a stunning display of skill and determination, District Baramulla emerged victorious once again, following their earlier triumph in the

Under 14 category. The final ceremony was graced by



guests, including Jatinder Singh, District Youth Services & Sports Officer of Baramulla, alongside the Manager of Sports Council Baramulla and the Zonal Physical Education Officers of the department.

The Under-19 Girls' competition will begin today at the same venue.

YSS Ganderbal Holds District Level Kabaddi Competition



Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Ganderbal on Tuesday organised a spectacular Inter Zonal District Level Kabaddi competition for boys at GCOPE Gadoora here.

The event saw the participation of 124 students from all four zones of

The competition unfolded with fervor and intensity shining a spotlight on the remarkable athletic prowess of these young participants.

The efforts of the meritorious teams were recognized by the senior officials of the department by felicitating them with the well-deserved trophies after the culmination of the activity.

Wounded Manchester United Are A Threat To Bayern, Warns Kane

Agencies

Harry Kane's first Champions League game for Bayern Munich will be against familiar opposition on Wednesday when Manchester United visit the Allianz Arena and the England striker has warned against reading too much into their poor form. While Kane has scored four goals already in the Bundesliga and Bayern are level on points with the leaders, United have lost three of their opening five games, including last weekend's 3-1 home reverse against Brighton and Hove

United manager Erik ten Hag is already under scrutiny and things could get a lot more uncomfortable for the Dutchman if they suffer defeat against the six-time European champions in one of the standout fixtures of the opening week. Kane, who played in five Champions League campaigns with Tottenham Hotspur before sign-



ing for Bayern in the close season, said underestimating United would be dangerous.

"Thev've been going through a tough spell recently but sometimes that can make a team dangerous because they want to respond." the 30-year-old Kane, who was reportedly a target for Manchester United, told reporters on Tuesday. "We're at home and want to control the game but we need to be careful of their threat. I don't think about form because every game can be different. There can be big response from teams going through a difficult spell.' Kane's England team mates

Marcus Rashford and Harry Maguire will both be in the squad, although Maguire has made only one substitute appearance for United this season. Kane believes the defender has been treated badly. "I think H has come under

some unnecessary scrutiny,' the striker said. "He has probably been scapegoated a bit. "He is a really good friend of mine, a great guy and a really hard working professional. He has been one of England's best defenders over recent times and in England's history."

Manchester City Favourites To Win Champions League: Ancelotti

Agencies

Deal Madrid never consider Tthemselves favourites to win the Champions League despite their rich history in the competition, manager Carlo Ancelotti said on Tuesday as he singled out holders Manchester City as the bookmakers' pick.

Madrid, who won a record-extending 14th European Cup in 2022 but lost to City in the semi-finals last season, open their Group C campaign at home to Union Berlin on Wednesday.

They will also face Serie A champions Napoli and Portuguese side Braga in the group stage.

City are favourites because they have a squad that saw them win it last season and they haven't changed much. However in the Champions League, like always, there are surprises at the end," Ancelotti told reporters ahead of facing Union at the Bernabeu.

"Real Madrid are a team that are going to fight until the end. We never think of ourselves as favourites, just as I think City don't. They won it last year, they can win the Champions League."



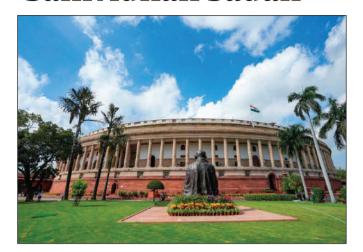
Real may be taking on Champions League debutants Union, but Ancelotti stressed they would not take the Germans lightly.

"They're a new team in the Champions League but the fact they're here means they've done very well. They're well organised defensively, they're solid and they

play with intensity...," he said. "The Champions League is a special competition for us. We're going to treat tomorrow's game as something special. We want to get off to a good start in the group stage and we're playing at home.'

The Italian added that Dani Carvajal would be rested for Wednesday's game, but said the right back would likely be available for their LaLiga clash at Atletico Madrid on Sunday.

Old Parliament Building Renamed 'Samvidhan Sadan'



Agenceis

The old Parliament building will now be known as 'Samvidhan Sadan', Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Tuesday as the functioning of Parliament shifted to its new building here.

The Speaker also announced that henceforth, terms such as 'House', 'Lobby', and 'Galleries' used in the proceedings of the Lok Sabha will refer to the new building, which is now the Parliament House of India.

"The building where we gathered in the morning will now be known as Samvidhan Sadan," he said

Earlier, at a function held

in the Central Hall of the old Parliament building, Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested that the building should be renamed "Samvidhan Sadan".

"We are shifting to the new Parliament building. It is an auspicious day, it is Ganesh Chaturthi," he said.

"My suggestion is that as we are going to the new building, the glory of this building should never decline. It should not be called just the old Parliament... It can be named Samvidhan Sadan," Modi said.

Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on Tuesday gathered at the historic Central Hall six of the old Parliament building for the function.

India Now Has 42 UNESCO World Heritage Sites After 2 More Added To List

Agenceis

New Delhi: The number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India has grown to 42 with the 'Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala' finding a place in the coveted list on Monday, the ASI said.

Santiniketan, the famed place in West Bengal where poet Rabindranath Tagore built Visva-Bharati over a century ago, earned the UNESCO tag on Sunday.

The beautiful 13th century temples of the Hoysala dynasty in Karnataka, have been inscribed on the World Heritage list of UNESCO, taking the total number of such sites in India to 42, the Archaeological Survey of India said after UNESCO announced its inclusion.

"This is an occasion for immense joy and celebration for the entire India," it said in a statement.

With this successful nomination, India has 42 world heritage properties overall, which includes 34 in the cultural category, seven in the natural category and one mixed property, the ASO said.

Presently, India has the sixth largest number of (UNESCO) sites in the world.



The countries that have 42 or more world heritage sites are Italy, Spain, Germany, China and France, the statement said.

"It is further added that India has added 12 new world heritage sites since 2014, and this is testimony to the prime minister's steadfast commitment to promoting Indian culture, heritage and the Indian way of life," it added.

The Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas has been nominated as a serial property comprising three temples in Karnataka, namely the Channakeshava temple in Belur, the Hoysaleshvara temple in Halebidu and the Keshava temple in Somanathapura, reflecting the creative brilliance of the 13th-century architects, the ASI said.

"These temples are a culmination of various temple building traditions prevalent in the northern, central and southern India such as the Nagara, Bhumija and Dravida styles," it added.

"Hence the inscription of these temples in the World Heritage List is a combined homage to the great temple-building tradition of India. The temples are richly experiential, with their exquisite architecture, sculptures and intricate carvings, reflecting the genius of the sculptors in translating religious beliefs, stories and abstract ideas into the medium of stone," the ASI said.

The practice of having sculptural panels narrating stories from the Hindu epics and Puranas along the walls of the temple deepening the religious experience of the circumambulation path, was first introduced by the Hoysalas, it said.

"The coming together of the creative genius, architectural eclecticism and symbolism into this outstanding sacred architecture makes these Hoysalas temples, a true work of art and their inscription is truly an honour for India and the entire world heritage community." the ASI said

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The ASI on Sunday termed the inscription of Santiniketan on the UNESCO World Heritage List a "momentous achievement".

In a post on X, the ASI said, "A momentous achievement for India as Santiniketan, West Bengal, has been officially inscribed on @ UNESCO's World Heritage List, becoming 41st World Heritage Property of India."

Elon Musk Says X Could Charge All Users 'Small Monthly Payment'



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The tech tycoon has made multiple changes since taking over the site for \$44 billion in October last year when it was known as Twitter.

He has fired thousands of employees, introduced a paid premium option, cut content moderation, and reinstated formerly banned accounts, including that of former US president Donald Trump.

He said in July the platform had lost roughly half its advertising revenue. Bots — accounts run by computer programmes rather than humans — are common on X, where they can be used to artificially amplify political messages or racial hatred.

During a talk with Musk on Monday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu raised the question of online anti-Semitism, and how X could "prevent the use of bots — armies of bots — to replicate and amplify it".

Musk replied that the company was "moving to having a small monthly payment for use of the X system."

"It's the only way I can think of to combat vast armies of bots," he said. "Because a bot costs a fraction of a penny — call it a tenth of a penny — but if somebody even has to pay a few dollars, some minor amount, the effective cost of bots is very high.

"And then you also have to get a new payment method every time you have a new bot."

The conversation, which was broadcast on X, came as the Tesla tycoon is mired in a row with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), a US-based Jewish organisation.

Musk has accused the ADL of making unfounded accusations of anti-Semitism that have scared away advertisers and hurt his company's revenue and has threatened to sue for billions of dollars.

Ronaldo Gets Warm Welcome On Arrival In Tehran

AL-NASSR Captain Cristiano Ronaldo Received A Warm Reception In Iran On Monday, In The First Visit Of A Saudi Team To Iran Since 2016 Ahead Of The Beginning Of The Group Stage Of The Asian Champions League

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Al-Nassr face Iranian side Persepolis in Group E on Tuesday, while Qatari side Al-Duhail play Istiklol Dushanbe of Tajikistan.

The streets were crowded with fans who raised welcome banners and pictures of Ronaldo upon the arrival of the Saudi Arabian team in Iran after the restoration of relations between the two countries.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) announced that matches between Saudi and Iranian teams would be held on a home-and-away basis after the agreement of the two local federations.



Supporters invaded the team's hotel, despite attempts by security personnel to prevent them.

The fans chanted Ronaldo's name, with children and women carrying pictures of the Portugal captain.

Al-Nassr posted several photos of Ronaldo receiving a luxurious hand-made Iranian carpet from Persepolis supporters.
"Mr Cristiano Ronaldo,

welcome to Iran. A token of appreciation, an original hand-woven piece of art made by Iranian artists to commemorate your presence in Iran, on behalf of Persepolis's fans," the fans wrote.

