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Student Injured In Terror Attack Succumbs



Observer News Service

Srinagar: A student, who was injured by terrorists in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Wednesday, succumbed to his injuries at the SK institute of medical sciences (SKIMS) here on Thursday.

16-year-old Sahil Bashir Dar of Watrigam village, succumbed to his injuries on Thursday evening at SKIMS, where he was battling with life after being attacked by terrorists on Wednesday night, officials said.

A class 10th student, Dar had received a bullet in his neck in the terror attack.

'#Terrorists fired upon one person namely Sahil Bashir Dar son of Bashir Ah Dar resident of Wanihama in #Anantnag district. The injured person is being shifted to hospital for treatment. Area cordoned → More On P6

J&K New Success Story In Country Today: LG

Inaugurates Development Projects Worth Over Rs 26 Crore In Kupwara

Observer News Service

Kupwara: Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir is the new success story in the country today, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that the overall economic growth is demonstrat-ing resilience and strength and scripting considerable achievement in every sector, bringing improvement in the lives of the people to build a strong Union Territory.

Sinha made these remarks while addressing a public function at Boys Higher Secondary School here on Thursday after inaugurating multiple development projects worth more than Rs 26 crore. He shared the phenomenal developmental journey of Kupwara district over the last three years.

He said the border district has embarked on a significant capacity building in infrastructure sector and the projects inaugurated today are the



Terror Incidents, Civilian Fatalities Decline in J&K: Shah Says Ruthless Approach Needed To Destroy Terror Ecosystem

ome Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a new dawn of development and peace over the past nine years under the BJP-led government, leading to a 70 per cent decline in terror-related incidents as compared to the previous 10 years. Shah also said there has been an 81 per cent

decline in civilian deaths and 48 per cent fall in fatalities among security personnel during these nine years. Inaugurating a two-day anti-terror conference organised by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the home minister talked about the significant reduction in incidents of violence in the militancy-hit >> More On P6

commitment to provide better quality of life to the people of Kupwara. "Jammu Kashmir is the

new success story in the country today. Our overall economic growth is demonstrating resilience and strength and scripting considerable achievement in every sector, bringing improvement in the lives of the people to build a strong Union Territory," Sinha said.

"After decades of ne-glect, Kupwara and many other districts are now connected to mainstream of development and witnessing growth of a vibrant and inclusive economy. Various initiatives and a holistic approach in implementation are fulfilling the needs of deprived section of society," he added.

In the current FY, the LG said, the J&K administration is targeting to complete 3241 works to >> More On P6

Ready To Counter Drone Threat: IAF

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Indian Air Force has put all measures in place to counter the threat of drones from across the Indo-Pak border in Jammu, a senior IAF official said, adding that it is prepared for all eventualities.

The official added that most operations undertaken by IAF in the region have been successful.

"See we are prepared for any eventuality and all measures are in place," Air Officer Commanding (AoC) Jammu, Air Commodore S S Rawat told reporters here to a question on drone threats.

On being asked about the success rate of IAF's surveillance operations, Rawat said most of the operations are successful. The IAF is deployed for such operations in coordination with the Army, Rawat added.

On the flash floods in Sikkim floods, the AoC said security forces and the administration are doing their best. "Whatever is possible is being done. We have sympathies with them," he said.

Another official added that the IAF personnel → More On P6

SSP Among 10 JKP Men To Be Probed For Graft

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Union Territory administration has ordered a probe against 10 Jammu and Kashmir policemen, including an Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) rank-officer in terms of Section 17-A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

The Home Department of Jammu and Kashmir government in its official communiqué to the Director General of Police (DGP) accorded sanction in terms of Section 17-A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 r/w sections 409, 468, 467, 471, 120-B, IPC (PV No.06/2023) EOW, Crime Branch, Srinagar, to initiate an inquiry against 10

According to the communiqué issued by Monish Kumar, JKAS, under secretary to the government, the 10 police officers are SSP Zubair Ahmad Khan, ASP Farhat Jeelani, Retd.



Dy. SP Mushtaq Ahmad, SI Nissar Ahmad, HC Abdul Rashid, HC Fareed Ahmad, Sg.Ct. Bilal Ahmad, Sg.Ct. Najam-ul-Gani, Ct. Syed Tasweer and Ct. Tawseef

According to media reports, the officers are suspected of embezzling petrol and diesel intended for use in police vehicles, leading to significant losses for the department. » More On P6

2.50 Lakh Backdoor Recruitments **Made In Past: CS Mehta**

'No Such System Prevalent In J&K Now, Not A Single Backdoor Appointment Made In Last Few Years'

Agencies

Kupwara: Stating that the Union Territory administration is committed to transparency, the Chief Secretary of J&K Thursday said that over 2.50 Lakh backdoor recruitments were done in the past and nothing such is prevalent now. He was also quick to add that youth need to aim big and not look at daily wage jobs. Chief Secretary Arun Kumar

Mehta was accompanying LG I&K Manoj Sinha alongside other top administrative officials including ADGP Kashmir

Addressing the gathering, Mehta said that between 2021-22 a total of 30,000 employment opportunities were generated and people of Jammu and Kashmir were recruited. "Record



number of engagements have been done. No backdoor entry has indeed been made so far. Nothing much will surface as it used to happen in the past. We aim to provide equal opportunity to each common and poor individual of J&K."

"More than 2.50 lakh people were recruited in the past through backdoor channels. What type of system is this? No one should rely on backdoor channel entry this has come to an end now. Those who deserve jobs and those who don't should look for alternative work to earn a

livelihood," the CS said. He suggested **→ More On P6**

President To Attend KU's 20th Convocation

Agencies

Srinagar: President of India, Droupadi Murmu, is set to visit the Kashmir University on October 11, where she will serve as the chief guest for the institution's 20th annual Convocation.

The event will witness President Murmu conferring degrees to over 53,000 candidates from various academic disciplines. As per the schedule, President Murmu will also deliver the Convocation address to the assembly of graduates and dignitaries at the Convocation Complex of the University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar.

The grand event is scheduled to mark the culmination of the academic journey for students courses from 2021 to mid-2023. As per the official figures a staggering 53,523 candidates will be conferred their degrees during this momentous occasion.

Among these recipients, 46,812



will be awarded undergraduate degrees, 5,509 will receive postgraduate degrees, while 572 will be conferred with doctoral degrees (Ph.D.), and an additional 10 candidates will earn Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) degrees. On the occasion, around 320 students, comprising 210 girls and 110 boys, will be honoured with gold and silver medals, along with cash prizes.

The gold medals will be distributed to 283 students, including 189 girls >> More On P6

Healing Power of Kashmiri Society Stands Out Amid Increase in Cancer Cases

azia (name changed) was only 21 years old when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Now in her late 20s, she has come a long way from the "extremely challenging situation" in the beginning after she was diagnosed with the disease. It is mostly because of her personal bravery, her parents, her siblings and her caring husband. The latter choose to marry her even after knowing about her medical condition, but provided her full support despite his not so good economic status.

I particularly want to mention my husband who has been a great emotional support. He makes it easier for me to deal with my health issues," Razia, who lives in a north Kashmir village, told Kashmir Observer. Her discharge certificate from the hospital mentions that she had "ca in right breast followed by

axillary clearance on right side. "When I was diagnosed with cancer, I had not even thought of living for a few more years, forget about thinking of getting married. But, by Allah's grace, I did not only survive, but my husband also proved me wrong when he chose to be my lifepartner despite the fact that my breast had been operated upon thrice. Ever since, he has been my strength," she said. "I remember those initial

days after our wedding when he used to repeat every so often that we have to leave our worries behind us, move ahead with hope and bank on Allah's blessings to overcome our sufferings," Razia said while finding it hard to control her emotions. "My husband is a poor man, but his compassion knows



no bounds," she said and added that her relatives have also been very supportive to her."My parents sold off livestock and other valuable things for my treatment which has taken lakhs of rupees so far," she said.

Razia is now a cancer survivor

old daughter as well. But, the health risk for her is far from over as has been the case with cancer survivors. She has to go for regular check-ups and has to be careful that she doesn't take her medical condition lightly.

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HE USED to repeat every so often that we have to leave our worries behind us, move ahead with hope and bank on Allah's blessings to overcome our sufferings."

"The doctors have told me to be very careful. But, thanks to my husband and my relatives, I have never missed any appointment with the doctors so far," Razia said.

One can't go through the travails of cancer treatment all alone, she said adding that a cancer patient has to have people around to provide emotional support. "It gave me a lot of encouragement having my loved ones with me all the time," Razia said.

"She is an amazing fighter. And I found her husband a great support to her," said Dr. Shiekh Zahoor Ahmad, a Professor and Oncologist at Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), one of the senior doctors who has seenRazia during the treatment process. Kashmir Observer spoke with two more breast cancer patients who also highlighted the importance of human element to a cancer patient's treatment process.

One of the patients from central Kashmir said that she did not only get emotional support from her relatives and friends, but her family was also offered financial support by some of them. Cancer >> More On P6

MHA Bans Shabir Shah's JKDFP **Under UAPA**

Observer News Service

New Delhi: In a significant move, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has imposed a ban on the Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (JKDFP), a political outfit led by separatist leader Shabir Ahmad Shah.

The ban has been executed under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and is grounded in allegations of anti-India and pro-Pakistan activities associated with the party, which are perceived as a direct threat to India's national security, an official spokesperson said.

He said that this decisive action by the MHA underscores the government's commitment to safeguarding >> More On P6

Anand Jain Posted As IGP Jammu

he Jammu and Kashmir government has posted Anand Jain, IPS as the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu Zone, relieving Mukesh Singh, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) to enable him to take up new assignment with the Government of India. According to an order issued by the Home department of J&K government, in compliance of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India's order issued >> More On P6

Imran Khan Turns 71 In Jail

akistan's former prime minister and cricket legend Imran Khan turned 71 on Thursday while incarcerated in a high-security jail in Rawalpindi in a case related to the violation of the country's secret laws. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party observed the day by having small gatherings in different cities across the country. In one of its posts on X, PTI shared a picture of a group of supporters celebrating the >> More On P6

LG Interacts With PRIs, Public Reps

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ieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacted with members of Panchayati Raj Institutions and public representatives during his visit to Kupwara on Thursday. Several delegations led by Irfan Sultan Panditpori, Chairman, District Development Council Kupwara; heads of Municipal Council and Block Development Councils projected various development issues of their respective areas, an official spokesperson said. Sinha, he said. >> More On P6

Patwari Nabbed With Bribe Money

he anti-corruption bureau (ACB) on Thursday arrested a revenue official in Central Kashmir's Budgam district for accepting a bribe for making an entry into the revenue records. The ACB received a written complaint alleging that Ashiq Hussain, Patwari, Halqa Sharifabad, Budgam was demanding Rs 10000 as bribe for online entry in the Revenue records i.e Jamabandi in respect of the land of the complainant, a bureau spokesperson >> More On P6

Bear Captured In Anantnag

black bear was caught on Thursday by the officials of wildlife department in Anantnag district of South Kashmir. The beast was captured in a field in Nowpora village of Dooru after the locals informed the wildlife department officials about it, reports said. The officials of the forest department and the villagers also helped in trapping the bear. According to reports, the bear was later transported to a nearby forest area to be set free. >> More On Pe

Footballer Electrocuted To Death

footballer from North Kashmir's Baramulla district died of electrocution on Thursday. Imtiyaz Ahmad Rather, a 30-year-old resident of Rangwar area in Baramulla, came into contact with a live wire while carrying out repair work at his home. Rather was immediately rushed to the Baramulla district hospital where doctors declared him dead, sources said. Meanwhile, the village plunged into mourning after news of the footballer's >> More On P6

n a tragic incident, a well-known



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Office Of The Zonal Education Officer Jhulla

SUBJECT: Engagement/ Hiring of Helpers/ AAYAs under support at Pre-Primary (ECCE) for the Year 2023-24 regarding and Date of Extension and Norms to be followed by Order No. 150-CHIRAG OF 2023 Dated 21-09-2023 REFERENCE: Project Director Samagra Shiksha, J&K's No:Edu/PD/SmS/ECCE/Helpers/1861-1905/2023-24 Dated 06/06/2023 duly endorsed by Chief Education Officer Baramulla Vide No: CEO/Bla/SmS/120883-900Dated 06-07-2023.

NOTICE ******

Whereas this office issued and published advertisement notice for engagement of AAYA/ Helper as per above referred order and this

office Notice No:ZEO/J/SmS/352 Dated 19-08-2023 and last date for submission of forms along with all documents was fixed on 31-08-2023 and this office received total number of 165 forms.

Whereas, the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha Vide Order No: 150-CHIRAG OF 2023 Dated 21-09-2023 bearing Dispatch No:Edu/PD/SmS/Estt/6806-31/2023-24 Dated 21-09-2023 duly endorsed by Chief Education Officer Baramulla vide No: CEO/Bla/SmS/136462-520 Dated 22-09-2023 issued clarification of order 07 of 2023 Dated 09-01-2023 wherein it is stated in the 5th Para of the said Order that, {it is hereby clarified that the sub-clause iv) of Clause C Qualification/ Preference "Poorest of the poor" as mentioned in the Order No:07 OF CHIRAG of 2023 dated 09-01-2023, is hereby withdrawn. Further, in case no selection is made out of sub clause i) and ii) of Clause C of the said order, the female belonging to BPL category and older in age, but with in the prescribed Age limit, be considered for selection. The Other terms and conditions of order remains same.}

Further those candidates who have submitted application forms for engagement of the AAYA/ Helper are directed to report office along with fresh form within the stipulated time..(Copy Enclosed)

Further the date is also extended for fresh submission of forms from 06-10-2023 to 15-10-2023 4pm.

No: ZEO/J/2023/445 Date: 05/10/2023

Zonal Education Officer Jhulla

Application Form for Engagement/Hiring of HELPERS/AAYA for Academic Session 2023-24 in Education Zone Jhulla.

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Signature of the Applica

The self-attested documents to be enclosed with Application Form:

D.O.B School Certificate,

8th Class Passed Marks Certificate,

Domicile Certificate.

BPL or Below Ration Card duly authenticated by TSO Concerned and the applicant is falling in the BPL or below and the applicant is registered in the said Ration Card.

Municipality Ward Certificate in Case of applicant falls in Urban Area to be issued by Executive Officer Concerned.

Un-Married Certificate from Concerned Sarpanch for unmarried applicants. (if any) Death Certificate of Husband of Widow Applicant (If any). 8.

Divorce Certificate from concerned issuing authority from the applicant (if any) Physical Fitness certificate from BMO Concerned.

Note: (The form and documents needs to be submitted by fresh applicants only, those who have already submitted forms along with documents needs to update form only)

S. No	UDISE Code	School_Name	Category	Boys	Girls	Total Pre Primary
1	01021000103	MS NADIAN	MS	8	17	25
2	01021000107					29
3	01021000202			9	6	15
4	01021000203 PS MORAN		MS PS	4	3	7
5	01021000203	PS MANNU	PS	10	4	14
6	01021000200	PS BIRJALLA	PS	8	8	16
7	01021000401	PS ALAPHANDA	PS	7	3	10
8	01021000403	PS BATAR	PS	8	4	12
9	01021000404	PS MIR MOHALLA BAGH	PS	3	3	6
10	01021000403	PS BANDI Kamalkote	PS	13	9	22
			PS		3	9
11	01021000604	PS HILLY BANDI	MS	12	13	25
12	01021000605	MS GUJJAR PATTI				
13	01021000606	MS SARIE BANDI	MS	8	11	19
14	01021000607	PS JABA	PS	1	5	6
15	01021000702	MS DHANI MAR	MS	1	8	9
16	01021000802	GPS DHANI BAGHRATOO	PS	10	15	25
17	01021001002	GPS PARANPILLAN	PS	6	2	8
18	01021001003	GPS PARANPILLAN NAR	PS	4	11	15
19	01021001004	MS NAI BASTI	MS	4	9	13
20	01021001006	PS GOLICHATTAR	PS	4	4	8
21	01021001007	PS DAWAR PATTI	PS	6	6	12
22	01021001102	MS UPPER DACHI	MS	17	9	26
23	01021001104	PS BAGRATOO	PS	5	5	10
24	01021001201	PS UPPER GOHALLAN	PS	9	3	12
25	01021001203	PS SANGNA	PS	7	8	15
26	01021001207	PS DACCAN	PS	10	12	22
27	01021001208	PS BANDI Gohallan	PS	7	3	10
28	01021001402	BMS JABLA	MS	11	7	18
29	01021001403	MS BATANGI	MS	15	11	26
30	01021001404	BPS THALIAN SSA	PS	5	7	12
31	01021001407	SSA PS HARDIAN	PS	6	7	13
32	01021001501	MS SUKHDAR	MS	10	6	16
33	01021001602	PS NOWABAD	PS	4	2	6
34	01021001701	BPS SALAMABAD	PS	14	0	14
35	01021001801	BMS KALGIE	MS	9	2	11
36	01021001802	GPS JHULLA	PS	5	7	12
37	01021001803	BPS HUNDI KALGIE	PS	14	5	19
38	01021001804	PS PASHAWARI	PS	8	10	18
39	01021001904	PS BANI	PS	6	3	9
40	01021001906	BPS SHUNGREE	PS	7	14	21
41	01021001907	BPS PATTIAN	PS	9	7	16
42	01021002002	PS RUNDA	PS	1	11	12
43	01021002005	PS AJGER NAWA	PS	3	4	7
44	01021002102	PS MARDAN	PS	5	2	7
45	01021002103	PS HAWAPORA	PS	3	5	8
46	01021002104	PS TAKIYA	PS	5	0	5
47	01021002202	GMS GOWALTA	MS	6	7	13
48	01021002203	GPS DHARIAN	PS	3	8	11
49	01021002204	PS MOHRI	PS	2	3	5
50	01021002204	PS DONAWALI	PS	6	5	11
51	01021002200	MS UROOSA	MS	0	5	5
52	01021002301	PS LARAN	PS	5	2	7

No: ZEO/J/2023/445 DIPK-9879/23 Dated: 05/10/2023

Zonal Education Officer

JAMMU & KASHMIR GOVERNMENT Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Awantipora

TENDER DOCUMENT Providing Electrification facility to Sub-Centre Building at Lurgam Tral.

AAA No: 112/DDCP of 2021 Dt. 27.08.2021

NIT No:-30/EEA/RNB/Of 2023-24/1205-15 Dated:04-10-2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

S.No.	Name of Work	Est. cost in	Earnest money	Cost of T/Doc.	Time of comple-	Time & Date of	Class of Contractor	M.H. of account
		lacs	(In Rupees)	(In Rupees)	tion	Opening of Bid		
1	Providing Electri-	6.59 lacs	2% advertised	300/-	15 working Days	. 0	OEM/Distribu-	PRI Grants Distt.
	fication facility to		cost			14/10/2023	tors/Firms fulfil	Capex Budget
	Sub-Centre Building at						eligibility criteria	2021-22
	Lurgam Tral							

AAA= 112/DDCP of 2021 Dt. 27.08.2021 Position of funds = Available

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04-10-2023
2.	Bid downloading Start Date	04-10-2023 from 10:00 A.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	04-10-2023 from 10:00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	13-10-2023 upto 0 4:00 P.M
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	14-10-2023 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Div.Awantipora
6.	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	Within three (O3) days of receipt of LOA. (The First lowest successful bidder has to provide
		5% of allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and EMD of 2%
		shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance security.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Awantipora (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division, Awantipora (tender receiving authority).

The bids must be accompanied with Earnest Money @ 2% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR and The EMD of 2% of successful bidder shall be released after receipt of 5%performance security

The successful /Ist Lowest bidder has to submit Performance security @5% of allotted cost. This is as per Circular issued by Finance Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/ Srinagar vide No.FD- Codes/233/2021-02-27dated:- 10-02-2022

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below: The cost of tenders should be collected by introducing E-Challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary treasury challan /receipt

The bidder has must uploaded the work experience of similar nature of Job The bidders are advised to upload below mentioned documents. Any short fall of these documents the tender shall not be accounted in responsive sheet

1. Scanned copy of valid registration with latest renewal certificate.

2.Scanned copy of Treasury Challan 3.Scanned copy of PAN Card/GSTIN No.

4 Scanned copy of Latest GST clearance certificate FORM GST-3B

5.Scanned copy of valid contact No/E-Mail ID

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive biddersshall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Srinagar. (Tender receiving authority).

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-

a. Any bidder/tenderer withdraw his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

 $Failure\ of\ Successful\ bidder\ to\ furnish\ the\ required\ performance\ security\ within\ the\ specified\ time\ limit.$

Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov

8.1. into acquaint bid submission process To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital

certificate from any approved Vendor. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

6.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically / by registered post / through courier before the date specified in Para-1. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of E Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Srinagar.

Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ

aded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains. Price escalation and Taxes:-The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include

price escalation Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents

No. 30/EEA/RNB/Of 2023-24/1205-15 Dated: 05-10-2023 DIPK-9866/23

Technical officer Executive Engineer. (R&B) Division Awantipora

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mother's name in the school records of my Daughter Kulthum Wani has been wrongly written as Asima while the actual Mother's name is Asima Nabi which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Blue nson Girls School. Within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Asima Nabi rmko

Mother of Kulthum Wani

PUBLIC NOTICE My name has been wrongly written in my J&K Bank Account Details as Shabnam Banu while my correct name as per Aadhaar is Shabnam Fatima which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Branch Manager J&K Bank Singhpora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be

Shabnam Fatima D/o Gh Mohd Hajam

R/o Habiq Tango Tehsil Singhpora

BMG

From The Principal

District Judge, Srinagar

Present: Mr. Jawad Ahmad

Notice to public at Large

Mubina W/o Lt. Farooq Ah Nalband 2. Basit Nalband S/o Farooq Ah Nalband Roni Nalband (Minor) D/o Farooq Ah Nalband Amaan Nalband (Minor) S/o Farooq Ah Nalband 3&4 THROUGH THEIR MOTHER Mubina

All residents of Babapora Barthana Srinagar Public At Large

In the matter of Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

Where the petitioners(s) FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITON BE-FORE THIS COURT OF ISSUANCE OF SUCCESSION certificate in favour of Petitioner(s) in respect of Rs 93882 as debits and securities in name of Deceased Namely: Late Farooq Ah Nalband W/o Ghulam Ahmad Nalband R/o Babapora Barthana Srinagar who died on 01-07-23. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 19-10-2023 Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the drom of this proclamation that at any anyone has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/she / they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 19-10-2023. Failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the same

In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday the matter shall be taken on the next working day.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on

Jawad Ahmad Principal District Judge, Srinagar



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Online Request for Proposal (e-RFP)

Supply, Installation, Implementation & Post-implementation Support of Cloud Based End To End Data Analytics,

RFP Notice along with Complete RFP document outlining the minimum requirements can be downloaded from and BIDs can be submitted on the Banks' e-Tendering Portal https://jkbank.abcprocure.com w.e.f. October 05, 2023, 16.00 Hrs. Tender Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website www.jkbank.com. Last date for submission of Bids is October 27, 2023, 17.00 Hrs.

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ازعدالت سب جج ميونيل مجسٹريٺ سرينگر بااجلاس مهرين مشتاق رجيٹرار برخفس اينڈ ڈيخف Gulshan بنام ایس_ایم_سی سرینگر (سیول بائل اسائلہ رخواست بغرج اندراج تاريخ بيدائش Gulshan / پيدائش: 1980-24-24 معامله مندج عنوان الصدر ميں سائل سائلہ نے عدالت مذاميں ايک درخواست بشمول حلفی بغرض Gulshan D/o Ghulam Nabi Phamda ہ پیت Faqir Guri Harwan Sgr مورخه 2023-99-30 پیش کی ہے۔لہذاعوام الناس کو زریداشتہار مطلع کیاجا تاہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذریااعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے عذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندروس یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے معیاد کوئی عذریا عتراض قابلِ قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت ہذامیں 💎 2023-10-12 کو مقرر ہے۔ ىب جج ميۇپىل مجسٹريٹ nj

'Cleanliness drive' & 'Talk' on importance of Wildlife held at Hokersar Wetland

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 05: In consonance with ongoing 'Wildlife Week-2023' and "'Swachhhta Hi Seva' campaign, a 'Cleanliness drive' and a 'Talk' on importance of Wildlife was organized by the Wetlands Division of Wildlife department Protection Jammu & Kashmir on Thursday at Mirgund and Hokersar Wetland Conservation Reserves.

The main aim of the drive was to spread the swachhta message to the general public and raise awareness among students/stakeholders about cleanliness of the Hokersar and Pampore Wetlands

Regional Director National Board for Workers Education. Ministry of Labour and Employment, Punkaj Rastogi; Rahi Riyaz chairman ASAN foundation UT JK; Celestial Buds HS Narbal, GMS Checki Kawoosa, Babul Reyan Public School Shalteng, Govt. High School Zainakote, Govt. High School Gund Hassibaht and field staff of Lakes Range and FPF personnel participated.

Before starting-off the event, Regional Director National Board for Workers Education briefed the students/participants about cleanliness of the wetlands.

During the drive, solid wastes were removed from different spots on the periphery of Hokersar and Mirgund Wetlands and accordingly disposed-off.

Govt recovers 71 kanals of Prime land from illegal possessions

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR OCTOBER 05:- The District Administration Srinagar on Thursday undertook maanti-encroachment operations across the District to retrieve Government Land from the illegal occupants and reclaimed over 71 kanals of prime State/ Kahcharie land worth crores from the land grabbers.

The Anti-encroachment operation was launched in all 7 Tehsils of the District including, Eidgah, North Srinagar, Panthachowk, Khanyar, South Srinagar, Central Shalteng and Chanapora Tehsil.

The special antiencroachment Squads constituted by District Administration Srinagar by respective conducted Tehsildars massive anti-encroachment drives while taking assistance of Police and other Departments.

A team of Revenue and Police Officers/Officials headed by Tehsildar North, Kaiser Mehmood launched a massive anti-

encroachment drive in Batpora, Shalimar and Syedpora Bala villages and retrieved 14 kanals and 5 marlas of State/ Kacharie land from the land grabbers under survey no. 1604, 1605, 76 min and 37 min.

Similarly, in a major anti-encroachment drive launched at In Khanyar Tehsil 35 kanals and 9 marlas of State land was also retrieved in Brane villages under survey no. 4929/399/2744 under the supervision of Tehsildar Khanyar, Aailya Tabasum

In Lasjan village under the supervision of Tehsildar Pantha Chowk, Rakib Ahmad as many as 5 kanals and 5 marlas of land was retrieved under survey no 27/1 and 142 min at Zawoora and Lasjan areas of the Tehsil.

Likewise, in Zoonimar village in Eidgah Tehsil, a Revenue Team headed by Tehsildar, Ahamd Khan Ishfaq retrieved 08 kanals of State land under survey no. 1266 Minworth Rs 40.74 crore from the illegal occupants.

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Govt To Establish District Export Hub To Boost The Export Of Goods From Srinagar

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SRINAGAR OCTOBER 05:- Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Thursday inaugurated a Centre of Silk Carpet here at Eidgah in Shahr-e Khaas of the District under Karkhandaar Scheme of Handicraft and Handloom Department.

Speaking on the occasion Deputy Commissioner congratulated the Karkhandar Unit Holder, Rafiq Ahmad Sofi of Rathpora, Eidgah of the District and emphasized on the hard work that goes in every single knot of carpet weaving. He appreciated the new technology in the form of iron looms and GI tagging mechanism that confers legal protection to the products, prevents unauthorized use of a GI tag products and helps consumers to get quality products of desired traits besides assures the authenticity of the products.

While appreciating the contribution of Artisans and their magical hard work in revival, preservation and promotion of Traditional Art and crafts, the DC assured the Artisans that all support required by the local Artisans

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will be provided by the Government in order to boost their manufacturing and exports with impetus on supporting the industry from the production stage to the exporting stage. He emphasized on the role of the Handicraft sector in generating employment in Kashmir Division and supporting the economy and making the women as well as men community self-independent.

DC also emphasised on incorporating IT interventions in the handicraft craft sector to encourage younger generations to carry forward the rich heritage of world famous crafts and industries associated with Carpet weaving and other Handloom/Handicraft products thereby generating employment avenues.

Highlighting the objectives of Karkhandar Scheme, the DC said Karkhandar scheme has been launched with an aim to upscale the learning techniques of craftsmen and to improve their wage earnings and create linkages with producer organizations i.e Kharkhandar to inculcate entrepreneurship qualities in them. He said Karkhandar Scheme has been also envisaged to promote sustainable

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livelihoods as the artisans can gain direct access to customized production, new design development, technology related modifications and above all can have the pulse of market demands.

The DC further said under One District One Product(ODOP) initiative Silk carpet has been chosen with a vision to revive the languishing Art for overall socio-economic upliftment of the associated Artisans. He also mentioned that the District Export Hub is also being made functional soon to invite foreign buyers.

He said the District Export Hub" under the ODOP initiative is being established soon at Kashmir Haat with an aim to boost the Export of Goods from Srinagar District with adequate market linkage to the Industry, provide guidance regarding exports, consultancy, IT solutions, data management etc under one umbrella, besides strengthen support at embassy level to facilitate exporters and importers.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the various units of the Silk Carpet Centre set up under the Karkhandar scheme and held a detailed interaction with the Artisans.

> Er. Ishtiaq Ahmad Shah, **Executive Engineer,**

Left River Works Division,

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This Day In History

- 1762 British troops occupy Manila, Philippines
- 1783 Benjamin Hanks patents self-winding clock 1861 - Revolt of Russian student shuts down
- university of Petersburg 1863 - Battle at Baxter Springs, Kansas
- 1889 Thomas Edison shows his 1st motion picture
- 1939 Adolf Hitler denies he intends to go to war against France and Britain
- 1943 Battle at Vella Lavella, Solomon Island
- 1944 Allied aircraft accidentally bomb Fishing,
 - 1944 Canadians free Austria
- 1948 The 1948 Ashgabat earthquake kills 100,000 in the Turkmen Soviet Socialist Republic
- 1948 Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey finds the first partial fossil skull of Proconsul africanus, an ancestor of apes and humans on Rusinga Island,
- 1956 Scientist Albert Sabin announces that his oral polio vaccine is ready for testing; it would soon supplant Jonas Salk's vaccine in many parts of the
- 1959 Soviet Luna 3, 1st successful photographic spacecraft, impacts Moon
- 1986 Russian nuclear sub K291 sinks in Atlantic
- 1987 Military coup leader Maj-Gen Sitiveni Rabuka declares Fiji a republic
- 1990 US 67th manned space mission STS 41 (Discovery 11) launches into orbit
- 1990 Solar Polar Orbiter 'Ulysses' launched
- 1995 51 Pegasi discovered as the first major star, apart from the Sun, to have a planet orbiting around
- 2000 President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Miloševi resigns
- 2010 Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger launch Instagram
- 2015 Nobel prize for Physics awarded to Takaaki Kajita (Japan) and Arthur McDonald (Canada) for
- work on neutrinos 2017 - British writer Kazuo Ishiguro is awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature
- 2018 Khabib Nurmagomedov of Dagestan beats Irishman Conor McGregor by 4th round submission in UFC lightweight title fight in Las Vegas; instantly
- marred by ugly post-fight brawling incident; belt withheld pending investigation 2019 - 99 Iraqis have died and 4,000 injured in
- protests over 5 days against living conditions, unemployment and corruption according to human rights group



70-Yr-Old Sets Himself Ablaze

Observer News Service

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Executive Engineer,

Mechanical & Hospitals Division, Srinagar

rinagar- Overcome by his daughter's defiance, a 70-yrold set himself and his house ablaze in Sopore village today. Muhammad Aabid Malla later succumbed to burn injuries

Reports said that Sabir's daughter had opposed the match he had arranged for her. Unable to bear this rebel-lion, Sabir drenched himself and his two story home with petrol, climbed atop the building and set himself alight. The village Sopar Naghama some 7 kilometres from Handwara watched aghast as flames engulfed the man and his dwell¬ing. Fire tenders rushed from Dangiwacha prevented the blaze from spreading to the ground floor. Sabir who had sustained extensive burns passed away soon after.

Meanwhile there were reports of two youth and women trying to put an end to their lives in different parts of the Valley. Tired of his life Shiraz Ahmad Lone of Sahpora Pattan attempted suicide but was rushed to the hospital, where he is reported to be in a serious condition.

Saleema w/o Muhammad Shaban Bhat of Baran Pattan was rushed to hospital after she consumed some poisonous substance in a bid to put an end to her life. Doctors saved her life.

(Kashmir Observer, October 06, 2000)

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Subject: - 1. Relocation of air handling unit from waiting hall of modular theatre and repairs/ servicing of AHU at Govt LallaDed Hospital Srinagar.

II. Dismantling and refitting of Air Conditioning units in Administrative Block at Govt. Dental College& Hospital, Srinagar III. Repairs/upgradation of nitrous oxide manifold at Govt LallaDed Hospital Srinagar.

IV. Repairs/ replacement of spares of 36 kW and 18 kW PTSS(pressure type high speed steam sterilizer) of CSSD section of Govt LD Hospital Srinagar

V. Servicing and repairs of chiller units for modular operation theatre along with allied works at Govt LD Hospital Srinagar VI. Repairs/ Replacement / Fitting & Testing of Compressor (CPC40) of Medical Air at Govt. L.D Hospital Srinagar. VII. Repairs/ Replacement of Main Oxygen Pipeline at Govt CD Hospital Srinagar

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Kashmir's Electoral Limbo

he opposition parties in Jammu and Kashmir have decided to hold a peaceful protest on October 10 to demand restoration of constitutional rights. This follows a meeting in Jammu on October 3 which was chaired by National Conference president Farooq Abdullah. After a two-hour deliberation, the parties expressed deep concern over what they called "suspension of constitution" in the union territory.

One of the most pressing issues raised by the parties was the delay in conducting elections in J&K despite the finalization of the delimitation process and the voter list. The parties pointed out the inconsistency in government claims that "everything is fine" in the region while elections remained on hold.

While Assembly elections have not been on cards for some time now, the administration has also reversed its decision to hold the promised Urban Local Bodies and Panchayat elections. This has been a source of some unease in the union territory and the opposition parties are tapping into it.

Earlier in March, a delegation of political leaders led by National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah met the Election Commission of India, seeking early elections in the Union Territory. The delegation requested the ECI to hold elections as soon as possible now that the delimitation process had been completed. The political leaders also submitted a memorandum to the ECI, in which they called for the restoration of the democratic process in the UT. But there has been no election-related move from the Election Commission to hold the polls in the UT. And this is happening at a time when, for once, there is a palpable desire for elections in the region.

Even as the country braces for 2024 general elections, there are no signs that the Assembly elections will be held in Jammu and Kashmir. And with every passing month, the hope that the polls will be held in the union territory before the national elections is fading fast. This, despite the fact, that the entire political class in the UT, including the BJP, want the elections to be held in the near future.

J&K has not had an elected government since June 2018 when Governor's rule was imposed after the PDP-led coalition government lost its majority following the withdrawal of support by the BJP. Subsequently, on August 5, 2019, New Delhi abrogated Article 370 that granted J&K special status under India's constitution. Since then the Lieutenant Governor has taken over from the Governor. Going forward, one can only hope that elections are held, if not this year or early next year, then at least simultaneously with the 2024 general elections.

OTHER OPINON

Jon Fosse's Nobel Prize Win: A Testament to Literary Mastery

KO Web Desk

he conferral of the Nobel Prize in Literature upon Jon Fosse in 2023 serves as an unequivocal recognition of his profound contribution to the world of contemporary literature. Fosse's ascendancy to this esteemed accolade underscores his exceptional ability to encapsulate the quintessence of the human condition within the written word.

Jon Fosse's literary odyssey is distinguished by an unceasing exploration of the human psyche and the intricacies of interpersonal relationships. His oeuvre is characterized by an austere and poetic prose style that delves intricately into the labyrinthine complexities of his characters' inner worlds. Noteworthy is his capacity to distill profound emotions and existential inquiries into succinct narratives, a facet that has become the hallmark of his literary craftsmanship.

One of Fosse's most celebrated works is the "Septology," a series of novels that explores the lives of two people in a remote coastal village. Through the lens of these characters, he delves into themes of love, isolation, and the passage of time. Fosse's writing has the power to transport readers to the rugged landscapes of Norway and into the innermost recesses of the human soul.

Furthermore, Fosse's contributions extend beyond the realm of the written word. His plays have been performed on stages around the world, captivating audiences with their raw emotional intensity and thought-provoking narratives. His works have not only left an indelible mark on the literary world but also on the theater.

The Nobel Prize in Literature is not just an acknowledgment of Jon Fosse's remarkable body of work; it is a recognition of his ability to tap into the universal human experience. His characters grapple with the fundamental questions of existence, and readers and viewers alike find solace and resonance in his words and stories.

Fosse's win also shines a light on the richness of Norwegian literature. While literature from larger nations often takes center stage, Fosse's Nobel Prize reminds us of the depth and quality of Norwegian literary tradition. It encourages us to explore the works of other talented Norwegian authors who may not yet have received the global recognition they deserve.

In a world where the cacophony of daily life often drowns out the subtleties of human emotions, Jon Fosse's writing serves as a quiet yet powerful reminder of our shared humanity. His Nobel Prize win is a celebration not only of his own extraordinary talent but also of the enduring relevance of literature in our lives. It encourages us to continue seeking solace, wisdom, and connection in the pages of books, and to value and celebrate the voices that illuminate our collective human experience.

Sinful Tax

A sin tax comes across as an easy & popular solution: it affects only a minuscule size of the population who are addicted to online gaming & would rarely invite a voter backlash



Ashish Goel

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For the government, a sin tax comes across as an easy and popular solution: it affects only a minuscule size of the population who are addicted to online gaming and would rarely invite a voter backlash. But taxation is not necessarily an optimal solution

he Goods and Services Tax Council's decision to impose a 28% sin tax on digital gaming on the full face value has received widespread criticism. The criticisms are mainly premised on the ground that skillbased digital gaming cannot be equated for tax purposes with chance-based gambling. While there may be force in that argument, especially in view of a recent decision by the Karnataka High Court in All India Gaming Federation vs The State of Karnataka, these criticisms somewhat overlook the deeper problems with levying

Often referred to as a Pigouvian tax, named after a leading British economist, Arthur C. Pigou, a sin tax has traditionally been justified as furthering the government's legitimate interest in discouraging socially objectionable human behaviour or practices that produce negative spillover costs on third parties while simultaneously raising tax revenues. Arguably, the government has a duty to protect the mental health of individuals, especially adolescents, exposed to certain kinds of digital gaming and increase social welfare. However, this is not as straightforward a justification as it seems.

Firstly, past experience on levy and collection of sin tax on alcoholic beverages and to-bacco products reveals that the sin and its after-effects may not reduce drastically as a result of the tax. This is because addictive human behaviour and

practices are demand inelastic—the offtake is insensitive to price fluctuations triggered by an increase in the tax rate. The purpose of a sin tax could then be self-defeating: the government's success at deterring sinners would inevitably imply a failure in raising tax revenues and vice-versa.

Secondly, unlike tobacco products or alcoholic beverages, it is difficult to clearly identify the negative externalities produced by online gaming addiction. The negative externalities caused by a specific individual at a given point in time cannot be clearly measured. In the absence of an objective assessment of relevant factors, such a tax would end up creating a tax burden on all online gamers equally without making any rational distinction between those who act responsibly and those who do not. Unlike income tax that conforms to the ability to pay principle, a sin tax is regressive in nature because it imposes a disproportionate burden on lowerincome groups that are subject to the same rate of tax as highincome groups. This flies in the face of long-standing principles of horizontal and vertical equity in taxation.

Thirdly, a sin tax may become a devious tool to collect additional revenue on the pretext of correcting socially objectionable human behaviour or practices. Worse, the acquired long-term revenue interests of the government may often come into conflict with the underlying purpose of the tax, which is to stop the sin and

its negative spillover costs. The tax, then, loses its character as a public health or a good governance measure.

Finally, there is ample research to suggest that a sin tax often leads to negative, unintended consequences. The digital gaming industry is expected to become a 10-billiondollar industry in the next five years. The tax could overburden an otherwise booming online gaming industry and could lead to the loss of thousands of jobs. Furthermore, the tax could spur the growth of black-market transactions for the targeted sin as people would devise means to evade the tax. Over the last decade, the government lost thousands of crores in tax revenues to illicit goods in the tobacco and alcohol industries.

For the government, a sin tax comes across as an easy and popular solution: it affects only a minuscule size of the population who are addicted to online gaming and would rarely invite a voter backlash. But taxation is not necessarily an optimal solution. The government should instead devise innovative alternatives outside taxation to discourage the negative social effects of online gaming addiction.

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Concerns Over Increasing Power Outages in Kashmir

write to express my deep concern about the alarming trend of power outages in the beautiful region of Kashmir. The frequent disruptions in electricity supply have not only inconvenienced the residents but have also had severe consequences on their daily lives and the local economy. With the onset of winter approaching, these issues are likely to worsen, necessitating immediate attention from the authorities.

Kashmir, has been grappling with an escalating issue of power shortages. The prolonged and frequent power cuts have disrupted daily routines, hampering education, healthcare, and the livelihoods

of the local population. Students in the region face significant challenges in continuing their education due to power outages that affect online learning and study conditions.

As winter approaches, the already challenging task of studying in cold and dark environments will become even more daunting for them. Healthcare facilities are also adversely affected as hospitals and clinics struggle to provide essential services, especially during emergencies. The harsh winter conditions can lead to an increase in health issues, and the lack of reliable power supply only exacerbates the situation.

The economic impact cannot

be ignored either. Industries, businesses, and tourism, which are vital for the region's growth, are suffering due to unreliable power supply. As winter tourism is a significant source of income for the region, the looming power crisis threatens to disrupt this sector, leading to further economic hardships.

It is imperative for the government and relevant authorities to address this issue urgently, especially considering the approaching winter season. Investments in infrastructure and the development of a reliable and sustainable power grid are crucial to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

Additionally, promoting renewable energy sources can contribute to a more stable and resilient energy infrastructure in the long term. Moreover, transparency and accountability in the distribution of electricity should be ensured to prevent any mismanagement or corruption that might exacerbate the problem. The people of Kashmir deserve access to basic amenities like electricity without disruption. I urge the authorities to take immediate action to rectify this issue, particularly in light of the impending winter, and improve the quality of life for the residents of Kashmir.

Saqib Dar



EMOTIONAL WELLBEING IN CHILDREN:

Following the Prophet Muhammad's Path of Connection Over Correction

Wasim Kakroo

n the intricate web of parenting, the balance be-Ltween correction and connection plays a pivotal role in shaping the emotional wellbeing of children. While correction is undeniably important for guiding children towards responsible behavior, it is the nurturing power of connection that often takes precedence in fostering emotional resilience, self-esteem, and a strong sense of security in children. In this article, we will explore the profound significance of connection in nurturing the emotional wellbeing of children and why it should be considered more important than correction.

Power of connection:

Connection is the emotional bridge that links parents or caregivers with children. It transcends mere communication; it is about making children feel understood, valued, and loved. Connection and **Emotional Wellbeing**

1. Building Trust and Security

Building trust and security is a fundamental aspect of nurturing a child's emotional wellbeing. When children experience a deep and meaningful connection with their parents or caregivers, it sets the stage for them to feel safe and secure in their surroundings. This emotional safety becomes the sturdy foundation upon which children construct their self-esteem and develop the confidence to explore the world around them.

When parents prioritize connection over correction, they create an environment where children feel genuinely valued and heard. In such an atmosphere, children grow to have unwavering trust in their caregivers, knowing that their feelings and needs hold significance. This trust is not only essential for their immediate emotional comfort but also for their long-term development.

Conversely, an excessive focus on correction can have the adverse effect of eroding trust and security. It can make children feel as though they are under constant scrutiny, leading to a sense of being judged or criticized. This can be detrimental to their self-esteem, as they may start to doubt their worth and the reliability of the relationships around them.

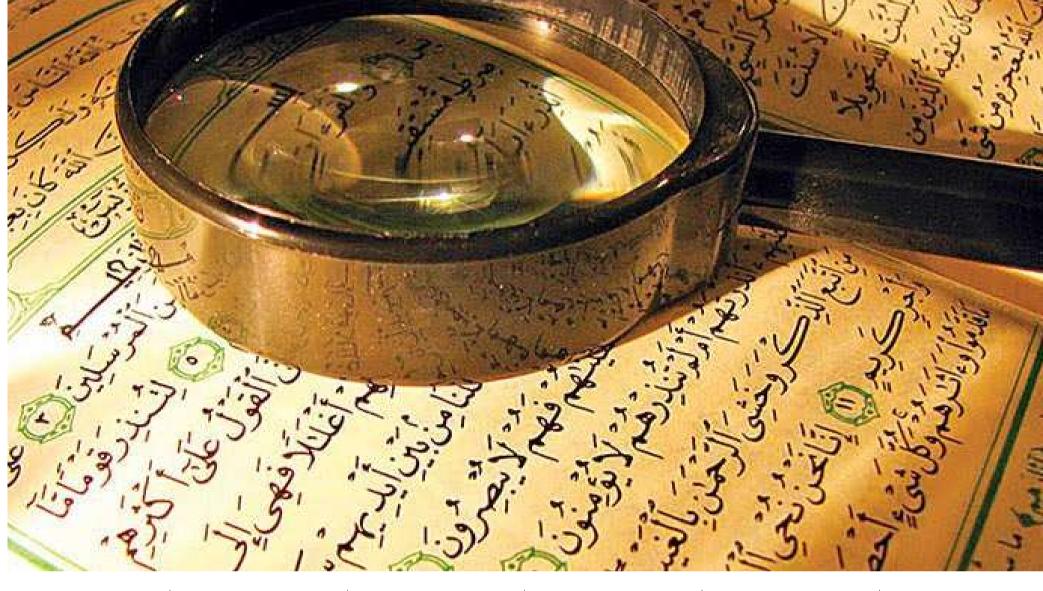
2. Emotional Regulation

Emotional regulation is a critical aspect of a child's emotional development, and connection plays an indispensable role in this process. When children share a deep emotional connection with their parents or caregivers, they acquire the essential skills to navigate and express their feelings in a healthy and constructive manner. This connection forms a secure foundation upon which children can build their emotional intelligence.

Parents who are emotionally attuned to their children are better equipped to help them identify and manage their emotions effectively. By being sensitive to their child's emotional state, parents can provide guidance on how to express feelings and cope with challenging situations. This emotional attunement creates a supportive environment in which children feel safe to explore their emotions without fear of judgment.

3. Self-Esteem and Resilience

Self-esteem and resilience are two fundamental aspects of a child's emotional development, and they are deeply intertwined with the quality





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of the connection they share with their parents or caregivers. When children experience a nurturing connection, it becomes a wellspring for their self-esteem. They feel not only loved but also valued for who they are, not just for their accomplishments. This affirmation becomes the cornerstone of a positive self-image.

In such an environment, children learn that they are not defined by their mistakes, but rather by their inherent worth as human beings. They understand that their parents' love is unwavering, even when they stumble or falter. This knowledge empowers them to embrace challenges with confidence, knowing that failure does not diminish their worth.

On the contrary, when correction is prioritized over connection, children may start to equate their worth with their behavior. They may feel that love and approval are conditional upon their performance and adherence to rules. This mindset can lead to a constant fear of not measuring up, resulting in feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem.

However, a strong connection acts as a buffer against the potentially detrimental effects of mistakes and failures. It reassures children that even when they make errors, they are still cherished and supported. This assurance enables them to bounce back from setbacks with resilience. They view failures as opportunities for growth rather than as threats to their self-worth.

4. Effective Communication

Effective communication is the lifeblood of healthy par-ent-child relationships. When a strong connection exists between parents and children, it forms the bedrock for open and meaningful conversations. Children who feel connected to their caregivers are not only more willing to share their thoughts and feelings but also more likely to do so honestly and without fear of judgment. This level of trust and vulnerability in communication fosters a deeper understanding of the child's evolving needs, concerns, and

In stark contrast, when correction becomes the sole focus, it can lead to one-sided communication characterized by parental commands and directives. In such scenarios, parents may miss crucial cues about their child's emotional state, experiences, or concerns. This can sow seeds of frustration and resentment in children as they feel unheard and misunderstood. Over time, this one-sided communication can significantly hinder a child's emotional development, impairing their ability to express themselves and cope with life's challenges

effectively. In essence, the quality of communication within a parent-child relationship is intrinsically tied to the strength of the connection. A strong connection nurtures open dialogue, emotional understanding, and a harmonious environment for children to grow emotionally and thrive.

Prophet Muhammad's (peace be upon him) as an example to understand principle of connection over

correction: Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) exemplified the principle of connection over correction, especially when dealing with children. His approach was rooted in compassion, empathy, and understanding. Here are some examples from Sahih Ahadith (authentic sayings and actions of the Prophet) that illustrate his way of nurturing strong connections with children:

1. Kindness to Children:

The Prophet Muhammad often displayed kindness and gentleness towards children. In Sahih Bukhari and Sahih Muslim, there is a well-known hadith where a companion tioned that the Prophet used to pat the heads of children and make them feel loved and

2. Respecting Their Feelings:

valued.

In Sahih Bukhari, there is a hadith narrated by Abu Hurai ra that illustrates the Prophet's respect for children's feelings. He said, "The Prophet kissed Al-Hasan bin Ali while Al-Aqra' bin Habis at-Taimi was sitting beside him. Al-Aqra said, 'I have ten children, and I have never kissed anyone of them.' The Prophet cast a look at him and said, 'Whoever is not merciful to others will not be treated mercifully."

3. Patience in Teaching:

In Sahih Bukhari and Sahih Muslim, it is reported that the Prophet Muhammad was patient and understanding when children made mistakes or did something wrong. He recognized that children are in the process of learning and growing. Anas ibn Malik said, "I served the Prophet for ten years, and he never said to me, 'Uf' (a minor harsh word denoting impatience) and never blamed me by saying, 'Why did you do so or why didn't you do so?"

4. Engaging Children in Play:

another occasion, he allowed children to ride on his back during prayer.

5. Encouraging Education:

The Prophet emphasized the importance of education and knowledge, even for children. In Sahih Bukhari, he said, "Acquisition of knowledge is binding on all Muslims.' This encouragement to seek knowledge extended to children, emphasizing their intellectual development.

6. Teaching by Example:

Perhaps one of the most powerful ways in which the Prophet taught children was through his own actions and behavior. Children observed his character, honesty, and kindness, and they naturally emulated these qualities.

These Sahih Ahadith highlight Prophet Muhammad's exemplary approach to connection over correction when dealing with children. His emphasis on kindness, patience, and respect laid the foundation for strong emotional bonds and a nurturing environment in which children could thrive and develop both spiritually and emotionally. His teachings continue to serve as a timeless guide for parents and caregivers in nurturing the emotional wellbeing of children, let's explore some practical strategies for parents and caregivers to prioritize connection over correc-

Actively listen to your child's thoughts and feelings without judgment. Create a safe space for them to express themselves, even if their emotions are challenging.

2. Empathy and Validation

Show empathy and validate your child's emotions, even if you don't agree with their perspective. Let them know that their feelings are valid and that you understand how they are feeling.

3. Quality Time

Spend quality time with your child regularly. Engage in activities they enjoy, and make an effort to be fully present during these moments.

4. Use Positive Reinforcement

Reinforce positive behaviors with praise and encouragement. Highlight your child's strengths and efforts rather than solely focusing on their mistakes.

5. Maintain Boundaries with **Compassion**

While correction is sometimes necessary, approach it with compassion and understanding. Explain why a certain behavior is unacceptable and offer guidance on how to

6. Model Emotional Intelligence

Demonstrate healthy emotional regulation and problem-solving skills in your own life. Children often learn by observing their caregivers.

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The Prophet would engage in playful activities with children. In Sahih Bukhari and Sahih Muslim, there is a narration where the Prophet raced with Aisha, his wife, in a friendly competition. On fostering healthy connections

Practical Strategies for Prioritizing Connection

Now that we understand the importance of connection in

J&K Bank Commissions ATM In Rajouri, CRM In Pulwama

Srinagar- Continuing with its mission to extend convenient banking facilities to people at their nearest possible destinations, J&K Bank commissioned an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) at Dharat in Nowshera, Rajouri and a Cash Recycler Machine (CRM) at Lethpora in Pulwama.

In Jammu, Former MLC Vibod Gupta inaugurated the ATM today in presence of Bank's Zonal Head (Rajouri) Satish Kumar, DDC member Sangeeta Sharma, BDC Chairman Neena Sharma, President Beopar Mandal Bharat Bushan Gupta, Vice-chairman Municipal Committee Vishal Gupta and Sarpanches amid valuable customers, local residents and other officials of the

Commending the role of J&K bank in providing latest banking facilities to the people Vibod Gupta thanked the Bank for



providing hi-tech banking facility to the general public of the area. He appreciated the role of the Bank in promoting different financial schemes tailored to meet economic and social security needs of the people.

Speaking on the occasion, Zonal Head said, "While deepening our digital footprint here, the machine will cater to the needs of people thereby saving their valuable time and energy. With this commissioning, the total number of ATMs in Zone Rajouri has reached to eighty-four."

In Kashmir, the Bank's Zonal Head (Pulwama) Tariq Ali inaugurated the CRM amid a gathering of valuable customers, senior citizens and prominent locals besides other bank officials.

Reiterating the bank's commitment to provide accessible and convenient banking facilities to the people across its area

of operations, Zonal Head said, "Since cash recycler machine allows both depositing and dispensing of cash, the installation of CRM will facilitate the customers and people at large besides helping in reducing footfall at the adjacent branch of the Bank."

The participants present on both the occasions appreciated the bank for extending basic banking services conveniently to the people.

Govt Notifies Amendments To Decriminalise Cable TV law

New Delhi: In a bid to boost investor confidence, the government on Thursday notified amendments to the Cable Television Networks Rules that provide the operational mechanism for implementation of the decriminalised provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act.

Section 16 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 dealt with the punishment for contraventions under any of its provisions. This section had provision for imprisonment, which might extend up to two years in case of the first instance and five years for every subsequent offence.

The imprisonment provisions have been now replaced with a monetary penalty and other non-monetary measures like advisory, warning and censure, an official statement said.

These measures will be enforced through the "designated officer" defined in the rules notified on Thursday. Moreover, Section 16 now introduces an appeal mechanism against the order made by the designated officer.

The punishments specified under Section 16 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 were decriminalized through the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provision) Act, 2023, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said.

The amendments are expected to encourage compliance with the Act without resorting to harsh punishments and sensitivity to minor or unintended contraventions, the statement said.

The inclusion of advisory, censure, and warnings in the range of penalties suggests the focus is on educating and encouraging compliance rather than solely punishing contraventions, it added.

The amended provision allows for the use of a range of penalties, which provides flexibility in addressing different types of contraventions. It allows for a more proportional response to the nature, specificity and severity of the contravention, the statement said.

The amendment in the rules defines a "designated officer" for imposing penalties and also streamlines the enforcement process by making it simple in addition to unburdening the criminal justice system.

It addresses subsequent contraventions and in addition to the provision for higher penalties, includes the provisions for suspension or cancellation of registration. This promotes consistency and discourages habitual or repeated contraventions.

The inclusion of an appeal mechanism provides individuals or entities the opportunity to challenge penalties or decisions. This ensures a fair and transparent process and safeguards against potential abuse of power.

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Student Injured

off. Further details shall follow," Kashmir Zone Police had written on X on Wednesday.

J&K New Success

ensure future growth and progress of all areas, he added.

Highlighting the efforts of the government to accelerate the pace of development in the district, the LG said the 20 major infrastructural projects worth more than Rs 3144 Cr are under execution in Kupwara, which will be the key to future growth, bring prosperity to the population in rural and urban areas and expand the base of local market and promote entrepreneurship.

"In the last Financial Year, 2444 development works were completed, and the first ever grid connectivity for Keran and Machil in 73 years was provided during 2021-22 enabling 19 Panchayats close to LoC to chart new pathways of progress and prosperity to secure their future as well as that of future generations," he added.

Sinha reiterated the resolve of the UT Administration to tap the huge tourism potential of Kupwara.

"We have given a big boost to tourism sector to transform socioeconomic condition of the people of this beautiful region and to provide expanded opportunities to youth," he said.

The LG called upon PRI representatives to motivate farmers and connect them with PM Fasal Bima Yojana and other agriculture-related schemes. He further stressed on Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) in the district to facilitate the creation of Farmer Producer Organizations.

"It should be the collective endeavour to ensure that at least 6000 youth are engaged with self-employment ventures this year and start their entrepreneurial journey," he said.

Responding to the demands projected by the PRI representatives, Sinha assured that every possible step will be taken to strengthen the mobile connectivity and augment sports facilities in the district.

He further called upon the citizens to discharge their responsibility towards the government by paying for the services.

"Capable people should pay their power bills then only the government can waive off the bills of the poor," he added.

Irfan Sultan Panditpori, Chairman, District Development Council Kupwara and other PRI and ULB representatives expressed their gratitude to the LG -led UT Administration for addressing the development needs of the people of Kupwara. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary reiterated the commitment of the administration to tap the potential of

the district across the sectors. The projects worth Rs 26.84 crores inaugurated by the LG include construction of NTPHC at Nowgam, Langate; construction/ upgradation of Dhani Tadd upto Prada Pandov road at Tangdar; upgradation of 5-km road from Pandithpora Langate via Al Maqsood Colony Hajan; construction of 08 roomed building at **HSS Warnow Lolab and Water Supply** Schemes at Machil, Athrota and Tangdar.

Ready To Counter

are trained for such rescue and relief operations. AoC is empowered to

conduct any such operation, he said. Fourteen bodies have been found so far while 102 people, including 22 Army personnel, remained missing after a cloudburst over Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim triggered a flash flood in the Teesta river basin.

Terror Incidents,

Union Territory during the nine years from June 2014 to August 2023 compared to the 10 years from June 2004 to May 2014.

Terror-related incidents fell from 7,217 during June 2004-May 2014 to 2,197 between June 2014 and August 2023, marking a 70 per cent decline, the home minister said.

He said 2,829 civilian deaths were reported from June 2004 to May 2014. Civilian deaths witnessed an 81 per cent decline from June 2014 to August 2023 with only 336 people losing their lives.

Similarly, fatalities among security forces have witnessed a decline of 48 per cent with 1,060 personnel losing their lives in terror attacks from June 2004 to May 2014 and 555 from June 2014 to August 2023, the home minister said.

Ruthless Approach Needed Amit Shah said anti-terror agencies will have to adopt such ruthless approach that no new terrorist group is formed in the country.

The home minister said tough decisions taken by the Narendra Modi government have yielded very good results in handling challenges posed by cryptocurrencies, hawala, terrorfunding, organised crime syndicates and narco-terror links.

Still a lot more is to be done, he said inaugurating the two-day antiterror conference organised by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

"All anti-terror agencies will have to adopt such a ruthless approach that new terrorist organisations cannot be formed," he said.

Shah said there is a need to not only combat terrorism but also dismantle its entire ecosystem, and for this "we must work with the spirit of the whole of government and Team

2.50 Lakh Backdoor

that youth need to think big rather

than relying on daily wage jobs. He said that the water supply will reach every remote place by the end of this year. "People need to keep a check while work is going on since no such scheme will come early years. By the end of the year, the aim is to achieve 100 % work done in this

The CS said that J&K has borrowed power of 31.000 crore rupees. "Even after giving a 50 per cent subsidy, we are not able to get even 20 percent of the charges from consumers. They don't pay monthly payments."

He said that 24-hour power supply can be a reality in the entire J&K only if people cooperate. "If 100% payment is done by all, we will get 24-hour power supply across the region. People need to be responsible and make 24 supply a reality for that people need to pay their bills timely," the CS said.

On the education sector, the CS said that students need to at least qualify 12th standard in this era of education. "If there are problems or some challenges all of them can be mitigated. We need to make sure that our youth is well educated.'

About the health sector, he said that people need to make golden cards. "It is very beneficial for everyone. Till now about 7% of cards are pending individually." Referring to the importance of

sports, he said that grounds have been made in each panchayat across J&K. "Everyone needs to take part in the sports activities." On Nasha Mukt Bharat, he said

that it is being ensured and everyone should stay away from such practices. Referring to the achievement of J&K, the CS said that our region has been able to record 100 per cent

digitization. 'We are now number one across the country. There is no need to visit offices anymore. All services, schemes, and information are available on mobile which is just a click away. About 900 services are available now online. No government official can show any incompetence in working on grievances filed online. We have so far made about 1,000 officers pay fines for not responding to online queries," he said.

With online services, he said, now the government has come to the people and is available on the phone.

Regarding tourism, he said that places like Bungus, Keran, and Teethwal will be taken to the next level in tourism activities.

He also advised the district administration to work toward an unemployment-free Kupwara. "Administration in Kupwara will work towards unemployment free Kupwara. Youth and women empowerment shall be their priority."

President To Attend

and 94 boys, while sponsored gold medals will be awarded to 21 students, featuring 13 girls and two boys. Moreover, sponsored silver medals will be presented to four candidates including two boys and girls each while the sponsored cash prizes will be granted to 12 students including six boys and six girls.

Preparations for the Convocation are in full swing, with the full dress rehearsal scheduled for October 7, 2023, at 2:00 PM at the Convocation Complex of the University. As per the University notification, all the registered candidates are expected to participate in the rehearsal after collecting their Special Identity Cards and robes from dedicated desks established for this purpose in the new administration block. "These desks will be operational from 10:00 AM onwards on October 7," it reads. The University notification states that specific details regarding transportation, seating arrangements, and other logistical matters for the Convocation will be communicated separately by the respective committees involved in organizing the event. "Students and attendees are advised to regularly check the University's official website at www.kashmiruniversity.net for further updates," the

notification reads. The University of Kashmir has already postponed the exams slated for October 6 and 10 of this year. "October 6 exams were postponed in view of the Friday following while the October 10 exams have been postponed keeping in view the security reasons as the President is visiting the campus next day," an official said—(KNO)

Healing Power

patients and their families bear significant financial burden in different categories which include direct payments for medical care and indirect costs such as lost livelihoods and travelling expenses. These treatment-related costs and other associated costs burden the patients and their families for years after diagnosis. "Thanks to the support from our relatives, we didn't feel the financial burden to that extent," the patient's father told Kashmir Observer.

The government supported health insurance scheme is availed by people ever since the central government announced the scheme a few years back. This reduces their burden to anextent, but some families who have no option than to treat their patients in private hospitals outside the valley are unable to bear the costs unless supported by a relatives and

In June this year a cancer patient's family from south Kashmir's Pulwama district received 10 million rupees within 24 hours from public following a crowd funding appeal. This was after the family had exhausted all resources at home and made the appeal for donations.The

patient however couldn't survive and lost her battle to cancer early this month. Interestingly, there was a moral outrage from social media users against a tweet suggesting that the sum which was collected for the family should now be made available to some other patient.

Most of the social media users suggested that if someone else is in a similar need, funds could be again collected through crowd funding and that "there is no need to disturb the bereaved family."
A 2021 study titled "Experiences

of social support among Kashmiri women with breast cancer", which was published in a Taylor & Francis journal and focused on social support, has concluded that breast cancer patients get a lot of social support within the Kashmiri society.

"The study revealed that participants received overwhelming support (emotional, financial, practi-cal, moral, and informational) from significant others (parents, siblings, husbands, children, extended family), important others (relatives, friends, neighbours, colleagues, peers), healthcare providers (doctors, nurses, paramedics, physician's assistants), and religion and spirituality (religious beliefs and practices, spiritual healers, shrines) throughout their journey with breast cancer and reported varying positive outcomes as a result of the support received,"

the study says. Moreover, the study adds, "social support provided them with strength, and encouragement and instilled a feeling of ontimism that helped them to deal with their

Nazia (name changed), a breast cancer patient, whose medical record says "ca in right breast", was overwhelmed by the emotional support of the people related to her and associated with her and her family.

"Having the support of your close relatives might not be the cure for cancer, but it helps a great deal to cope with the disease when you chat with other humans. I must have been visited by dozens of families which are related to us and are friends with us. Just imagine the number of stories all these people would have shared with me," said Nazia who was diagnosed with cancer three years back and has undergone treatment. "And then the relatives and friends often make phone calls asking about how it is going and discuss other things as well. I find it soothing when I am in a mood to talk," she said

There has been a sharp increase in breast cancer cases in Kashmir. The number of cancer patients registered at (SKIMS) has witnessed over 100 percent increase in 2022 as compared to 2010, revealed the data accessed by Kashmir Observer

The SKIMS data further revealed that the total number of breast cancer cases registered at SKIMS in 2010 was 167 which went to 358 in 2022, reflecting a sharp increase in such cases. According to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), which is part of the World Health Organization's Global Breast Cancer Initiative, the global breast cancer burden by 2040 will increase to more than 3 million new cases per year (an increase of 40%) and more than 1 million deaths per year (an increase of 50 percent).

IARC further says that breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer type, accounting for 1 in 8 cancer diagnoses worldwide and that breast cancer incidence rates are highest in countries that have undergone economic transition, but transitioning countries carry a dispropor-

tionate share of breast cancer deaths. Despite Kashmir's exemplary social structure characterized by compassion, cancer leaves significant impact on patients and families. For example, stigma associated with cancer in Kashmiri culture.

According to a study, Lived experiences of women suffering from breast cancer in Kashmir: a phenomenological study, published by Oxford University Press in June 2021, women suffering from breast cancer do not only have to bear the disease and the direct worries associated with it, but have to also bear other burdens such as financial constraints, negative attitudes and stigma.

One of the themes that emerged during the research study explained the lived experiences of women with breast cancer which included challenges encountered- altered body image, embarrassment, perceived worries, financial constraints, dealing with negative attitudes and stigma. The other important theme according to the study was coping strategies - reliance on religion and spirituality, social support, living as usual, optimistic attitude and will to recover, and venting out.

"The findings revealed that breast cancer diagnosis influences women significantly as they acknowledge that it was the most traumatic experience of their life; however, with time, they started to accept the reality and made use of various methods to cope up with their illness," the study says.

Post Script: There is not a clear explanation why cancer is rising among younger people, but experts say there are several possible reasons behind the trend, including rising obesity rates and lifestyle factors such as sleeping poorly and being sedentary. Environmental factors, including exposure to pollutants and carcinogenic chemicals, also probably play a role.

MHA Bans Shabir

the integrity and security of the nation.

"The ban on JKDFP serves as a measure to curb activities deemed detrimental to India's sovereignty and to maintain peace and stability in the Jammu and Kashmir region" he said.

Shabir Ahmad Shah, the prominent leader of JKDFP, has been known for his separatist stance and alleged involvement in activities that have been at odds with the national interests of India. The imposition of the ban on the

party, the spokesperson said, is intended to prevent the propagation of ideologies and actions that could potentially disrupt the harmony and security of the region. He said this development follows a

series of measures undertaken by the government to address security concerns in the region, with a focus on curbing elements that pose a threat to national unity and stability "The ban on JKDFP underscores

the government's unwavering commitment to addressing challenges in Jammu and Kashmir and promoting peace and development in the region" the spokesperson added.

Anand Jain Posted

under endorsement F.No.140/03/2022-UTS.I 19.09.2023, Mukesh Singh, IPS (AGMUT: 1996), Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, is relieved from the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, to enable him to take up new assignment with the Government of India.

"Consequent to the above, Anand Jain, IPS (AGMUT:1999), Director, Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K, is transferred and posted as Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, with immediate effect. The officer shall also hold the charge of the post of Director, Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K, till further orders," reads an

order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, IAS, Financial Commissioner, Additional Chief Secretary.

Imran Khan

former premier's birthday at Lahore's Liberty Chowk.

"Birthday wish for Chairman Imran Khan at Liberty Chowk, Lahore!," it wrote.

hashtag #HappyBirthdayImranKhan was also trending on X. Google joined the celebration with a special doodle on the occasion,

while the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) also wished the cricketerturned-politician by sharing stats of his achievements in cricket. "3,807 runs and 362 wickets in 88 Tests; 3,709 runs and 182 wickets in 175 ODIs; 1992 @cricketworldcup

PCB Hall of Fame...Happy birthday to Imran Khan!," the PCB tweeted. Khan was born on October 5, 1952, in Lahore where he studied and played cricket before joining the national team earning a cult-like fol-

winning captain; Member of the

lowing across the cricketing world. His father was Ikramullah Khan Niazi and his mother was Shaukat Khanam. He belongs to the Niazi tribe of Pashtuns. The tribe lives in the Mianwali district of Punjab. Khan graduated from the UK's Oxford

University.
In 1994, he laid the foundation stone of Shaukat Khanum Hospital for cancer treatment in the name of his mother. He has built two hospitals in Lahore and Peshawar and a third is under construction in Kara

Khan became prime minister on August 18, 2018, and served until he was ousted on April 9, 2022. He was arrested on August 5 this year in the Toshakhana corruption case and was later granted bail. However. he was again arrested in the cipher case and kept in Adiala jail in Rawalpindi, where he turned 71.

His party has claimed that Khan is facing more than 150 cases across the country since he was ousted last year and that efforts are being made to keep him in jail to prevent him from contesting elections in January next year.

LG Interacts With

assured the members of the delegations of appropriate redressal of the issues and demands projected by them during the interaction. He reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to fulfill the aspirations and developmental needs of the people of the Union Territory.

Patwari Nabbed

The complainant, he said, approached the anti-graft body with a written complaint for taking legal action against the accused public servant under relevant provisions of law.

"On receipt of the complaint, Case FIR No. 21/2023 U/S 7 PC Act 1988 was registered in police Station ACB Srinagar and investigation was taken up," the spokesperson said.

During the course of investigation, he said, a team was constituted that laid a successful trap and caught the accused public servant red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs 10000 from the complainant.

"He was arrested on the spot after completing all formalities. Further investigation into the case is going

on," he added. **Bear Captured**

Meanwhile, the wildlife department has advised people to stay away from the forests and fields to avoid any encounters with wild animals.

Footballer Electrocuted

death spread in the area.

AAP Workers Hold Against Arrest Of MP Sanjay Singh

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: AAP workers on Thursday staged a protest in Jammu city against the arrest of Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh in connection with the excise policy case

Led by Rajesh Pargotra, Provincial Vice President Jammu, several workers of the party gathered here and raised slogans against the BJP and demanded Singh's release.

The party has alleged that the Enforcement Directorate arrested Singh because he raised issues related to the Ad-

ani Group in Parliament. "The protest is against the arrest of our MP Sanjay Singh. BJP has not acted in any of the cases against their leaders. BIP leadership is acting out of fear of defeat in the 2024 election," Pargotra told re-

porters here. The AAP workers staged a similar protest in Delhi and Chandigarh, where they faced a water cannon and tear gas shells from police.

was arrested on Wednesday in connection with alleged corruption in the 2021-22 Delhi Excise policy case.

Rs 3.25L Provided To Families Of Road Accident Victims At Rajouri

Observer News Service

RAJOURI: In a compassionate initiative, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal provided Rs 3.25 Lakh to the Next of Kin (NoK) of road accident victims in the District. Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Pawan Kumar was also present on the occasion.

The Deputy Commissioner presented cheques amounting to Rs 3.25 lakhs to the aggrieved families of four unfortunate road accident victims. This humanitarian aid was ex-

tended under the aegis of the Jammu and Kashmir Road Accident Victim Fund.

The primary aim of this fund is to extend immediate relief to the dependents, kith and kin, and legal heirs of individuals who have tragically lost their lives or sustained injuries in road accidents. This assistance encompasses a wide spectrum, encompassing road accidents involving both passenger and private vehicles, including those owned by government corporations and public sector

Over 70% People In J&K Are Passive **Smokers: Advisor Bhatnagar**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Addressing the pressing issue of smoking and tobacco consumption in Jammu and Kashmir, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, R R Bhatnagar on Thursday emphasised the significant challenges posed by this problem, revealing that approximately 70 percent of the population in the Union Territory are passive

Speaking at a media workshop in Srinagar, Bhatnagar highlighted the alarming statistics. He pointed out that the incidence of smoking in J&K is alarmingly high, with passive smoking affecting 70 percent of households and 60 percent of offices.

Bhatnagar stressed that tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable deaths and called for unified efforts to eradicate this menace. He emphasised the importance of educating young people about the adverse effects of tobacco consumption, including its potential link to alcoholism, cannabis use, and other drugrelated issues. "We must act urgently on a war footing basis; it is critical for the well-being of our citizens and the future of

our region," he added. Bhupinder Kumar, Administrative Secretary of the Health and Medical Education (H&ME) department, echoed Advisor Bhatnagar's concerns, saying that tobacco consumption,

both through smoking and non-smoking methods, remains a significant challenge in J&K.

He said smoking is a major risk factor for chronic diseases such as cancer and cardiovascular diseases in the region. He stressed on the need to reach out to end-users and educate them about the harmful effects of tobacco to achieve success in prevention efforts.

Acknowledging the battle against this menace, Secretary H&ME pointed out the visible progress in curbing tobacco consumption in public places due to efforts under the COTPA (Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act) regulations. However, he emphasised that smoking continues to pose a considerable challenge, making J&K one of the regions with the highest number of smokers in the country

Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHSK), Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, also shared insights on the progress made in recent years. He noted a positive change on the ground, with a declining trend in incidents of smoking in public

Dr Mushtaq revealed that fines amounting to around 1.5 lakh rupees were imposed on violators caught smoking in public areas this year. He underscored the dangers of passive smoking, especially for children and elderly parents, urging evervone to quit smoking.



containing tap water in Khag area of Budgam district on Thursday. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Mega Talent Hunt Koshur Funkar Begins At Asia's Largest Fresh Water Wular Lake

Nazir Ganaie

BANDIPORA: With an aim to promote local talent in Kashmir region, Koshur Funkar, a mega talent hunt begins at Asia's largest fresh water Wullar lake, generating immense response from stakeholders and local populace.

Koshur Funkar was conceived with the purpose of the upliftment of the young talent of Kashmir in the space of music by bringing them to the forefront and creating an opportunity for them to be recognized.

An initiative of Kashmiri local, Padmashree Awardee, Faisal Ali Dar, Koshur Funkar is one of its kind Talent Hunt Music Festival being held on Wular Lake Vantage Park, in Bandipora District, J&K. It is being held under the aegis of the ALI SPORTS ACADEMY (ASA), founded by Padmashree Faisal Ali Dar himself, which has successfully contributed to developing a sports culture in the valley of Kashmir and has created champions from the youth of Kashmir. He has worked extremely hard to bring the youth of Kashmir to National and International stages of various competitions where they have won medals for our country. ASA, along with Showcase Events and The Eagle, is now working towards promoting the musically talented YOUTH of Kashmir and bringing them into the mainstream of Indian talent and alongside promoting Kashmiri folk and traditional music.

The talent hunt music festival was held on Wular Lake which is South Asia's largest natural freshwater lake on October 5th, 2023. This will be an annual

event for at least 5 seasons. Koshur Funkar has been curated, designed, and executed by Nanni Singh of ShowCase Events, New Delhi and Angelina Fernandes of The Eagle. They have both been working in the field of music for over 15 years and are curators of music festi-



vals and shows. Colonel Sandeep Bhatnagar (Retd), an Army Veteran, has taken it upon himself to make this a success for the youth of Kashmir.

For Nanni, it's her passion to work towards conserving folk music and to promote it amongst the youth, the torch bearers of our intangible cultural heritage. Thus, she came up with the concept of Koshur Funkar for Kashmir. Angelina has been closely working with multilingual national and internationalaward-winning artists and her curiosity for Kashmiri talent brought her on to be passionately involved with Koshur Funkar. Colonel Sandeep Bhatnagar, an army veteran, had been based out of Kashmir for many years and Wular and around was his main base. His heart beats for the people there and he took this upon himself to help promote Bandipora through Koshur Funkar.

The concept of this event started with a vision to to promote the talented youth of Kashmir in the field of music and promote Kashmiri folk music and folk artists. The organisers said that the event would bolster Wular Lake as a tourist destination. They said that the Season 1 has the support of the Folk Legends and Folk artistes of Kashmir namely Gulzar Ganaie, Noor Mohammad, Shazia Bashir and Tanvir Ali. The selected 5 talented young singers competed on the main stage and the winner will got an opportunity to perform with one of the artists on the main stage.

Prasenjit Basu, Head Marketing, Voltas Beko said "At Voltas Beko, we are delighted to be associated with Koshur Funkar, as we jointly celebrate the rich culture of Kashmir, nurturing its youthful talent and preserving the soulful melodies and traditional musical instruments that define the region's cultural heritage. Together, we strive to be the 'Partner of Everyday Happiness' for the people of Kashmir, spreading joy through the universal language of music."

Folk legends and artistes of Kashmir Noor Mohammad, Shazia Bashir, Tanvir Ali and Nasir Ali Khan stepped in to support and motivate the young talent by performing at the event.

The highly honoured jury comprised of folk legends Gulzar Ganie, Noor Mohammad.

The evening opened with the welcoming performance by the local band from Ali's Sports Academy, followed by a welcome of the guests and dignitaries and the music loving audience. The first performance was by Tanvir Ali, followed by the first round of the contestants' performance. Up second was Shazia Bashir, followed by the second round of the contestant's performance. While the judges were adding their scores, Noor Mohammad took the stage and enthralled the guests with his outstanding Kashmiri folk performance. The winner got an opportunity to sing with Noor Mohammad. The event was anchored by Nasir Ali Khan.



LG Pays Homage To Bravehearts Of Army

Observer News Service

KUPWARA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid homage to the bravehearts of the Army and laid wreath at Vajr War Memorial, HQ 28 Infantry Division Kupwara.

He also visited the Vajr Gatha Museum and Exhibition Centre. "The courage, valour, dedi-

cation and spirit of our brave soldiers to protect the integrity and sovereignty of the nation is unparalleled," the Lt Governor

"Vajr Gatha Museum and Exhibition Centre is a living testament of sacrifice, devotion and zeal of the Jawans of our army. The presence of our valiant

jawans, officers on the border inspires the people to work with dedication to build Viksit Bharat," the Lt Governor added.

Later, Major General Girish Kalia, GOC, Vajr Division briefed the Lt Governor on the preparedness of the Army in securing the areas under the Division and also discussed the overall security environment in

Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary Revenue; Ms Ayushi Sudan, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara and senior officers of Army were present.

Monitor Terror Support System To Demolish Ecosystem: DGP

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Thursday directed security forces to utilize technical as well as human resources in tracking and elimination of the remaining terrorists, besides monitoring terror support systems to demolish the ecosystem.

During his visit to the High Ground area of Anantnag district on Thursday, a police spokesperson said, Singh also the very outset appreciated the swift and clean operation of tracking down and eliminating the terrorists.

Singh, he said, also reiterated this commitment to provide a better and secure environment to the people of Jammu and Kashmir who have seen the worst times of Pakistan sponsored disturbance and destruction during over the last three decades.

He also presented rewards to the personnel who were part of



cautioned the forces and people of I&K about the conspiracy of Pakistan which has been making continuous attempts to disturb peace and tranquility of Jammu and Kashmir.

taking the war on drugs to the next level as Pakistan is now using drugs to generate funds for terror activities and to harm our young generation.

"Jammu and Kashmir Police in tandem with other security forces are working with great commitment and resolve to demolish the remnants of terrorism in the UT," the DGP said.

He was interacting with the joint party of Police, army and CAPFs that were part of yesterday's encounter in Kulgam district in which two terrorists were killed.

During interaction, the

Kulgam encounter. "The DGP said that Jawans and officers working in Jammu and Kashmir have been displaying indomitable courage while fighting different The DGP, he said, directed for challenges which he said has strengthened peace in the UI

the spokesperson said. "He said that he is proud for the dedication and commitment exhibited by one and all in maintaining peace and order in the UT and added that we have to respond to each and every evil design of terrorists dictated from across the border more strongly," he added.

Stressing for utilizing the technical as well as human resources in tracking and elimination of the remaining terrorists, the DGP, he said, directed for monitoring and keeping vigilance on terror support systems spokesperson said, the DGP at to demolish the ecosystem.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SHEEP **HUSBANDRY OFFICER**

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(TECHNICAL SECTION)

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Subject:- Expression of Interest for supply of livestock (Sheep).

This office is going to establish Sheep Units under the scheme Integrated Sheep Development Scheme (ISDS) for the eligible beneficiaries during current financial year 2023-24. As such, Expression of Interest is preferably invited from progressive sheep farmers of Srinagar in particular and valley in general for supply of Sheep (both male & female) on below mentioned terms & conditions:-

- The animals should be free from any disease & deformity.
- The animals should be of breedable age of 1.5 to 3 years. 2.
- 3. The rates quoted (per Kg) shall be on live weight basis only including breeding value & transport charges.
- The animals should have Merino breed inheritance without any pigmented wool.
- 5. The department reserves the right to reject the Expression of Interest of any supplier without assigning any reason thereof.
- than one supplier, each supplier is bound to supply basic sheep unit.

At least 10 animals of the prescribed characteristics shall comprise a basic sheep unit. In case of selection of more

The interested suppliers should submit the Expression of Interest in the office of the undersigned by 20-10-2023 till 04:00 pm.

No: DSHO/SGR/TECH/2023-24/2453-59

Dated: 05-10-2023 DIPK-9833-23 DT: 05/10/2023

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DISTRICT LEVEL PURCHASE COMMITTEE

DISTRICT SHEEP Husbandry Officer Srinagar (MEMBER SECRETARY) Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT

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FRESH TENDER NOTICE -I

E-tendering NIT No:- 108-MDB of 2023-24/8514-34 DATED:-04-09-2023 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors

registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works.									
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Position of TS = Accorded Position of funds:- = Available/Committed, The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders. gov.in as per schedule of date given below:

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1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04-09-2023							
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	04-09-2023							
3.	Bid submission Start Date	04-09-2023							
4.	Bid Submission End Date	12-09-2023 upto 4.00 P.M							
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids	13-09-2023 at 11.00A.M in the office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Budgam							
	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	Within 7days of receipt of LOI. (The bidder as to provide 5% of allotted Cost as Performance							

Security within 7days after opening of Financial Bid) in shape of CDR/FDR/BG No: EE/MDB/NIT/ 8514-34 DATED:-04- 09-2023 **Executive Engineer** DIPK-9865-23 (R&B) Division Budgam,

DT: 05/10/2023

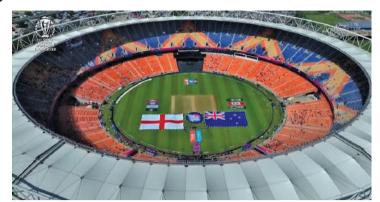
Lukewarm Response To WC Opener, Stadium Half Empty

AHMEDABAD: There will be two World Cups being held simultaneously in India.

The first one on days when Indian team plays and it will be even difficult to get hold of a ticket. Virat Kohli made it clear in his Instagram post that no one should ask him for tickets. The stands will be jam-packed and you will feel ODI cricket is alive and kicking.

The other one is more stark in contrast like the opening game between current champions England and runners-up New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium, which saw the presence of barely 10,000 people at the start. By the time, the sun stopped beating down hard, it increased to around 15 to 17,000.

And then, the number of spectators increased to about 47,000, which is apparently the biggest turnout for an opening World Cup match. The capacity at this stadium is a world record 1.32 lakh, which is a far cry from most venues in England and New Zealand that can accommodate 30,000 to



35,000 people at the most.

The two teams, which played the greatest World Cup match during that epic final at the Lord's in 2019, perhaps wouldn't have visualised empty stands staring at

An official from the Gujarat Cricket Association had told PTI in days leading up to the tournament-opener that they expect about 50,000-60,000 fans — from the city and nearby areas in the state to watch the non-India matches - but it remains to be seen if the viewers were at all excited by the prospect of watching last edition's finalists.

There were also reports of 30,000-40,000 women from the city being given free tickets to watch the game but that did not seem to be the case for the large part of the first innings of the game as empty stands told the

However, the scene would be entirely different a week from now when the biggest game of the group stage takes place here between arch-rivals India and Pakistan on October 14.

Conway, Ravindra Spur NZ To 9-wicket Win Over England

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: Powered by unbeaten hundreds from Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra, New Zealand outclassed defending champions England by nine wickets in the World Cup opener here on Thursday.

England made 282 for 9 as they struggled monumentally, except Joe Root, against New Zealand bowlers, and the Kiwis overhauled the target in just 36.2 overs. Conway (152) and Ravindra (123) were the architects of their awesome chase on a pitch that looked considerably eased up compared to the England innings. Earlier, Root waged a lone battle for England with a 86-ball 77.

Brief scores: England: 282 for 9 in 50 overs (Joe Root 77, Jos Buttler 43, Jonny Bairstow 33; Matt Henry 3/46, Mitchell Santner 2/37, Glenn Phillips 2/17) lost to New Zealand: 283 for 1 in 36.2 overs (Devon Conway 152 not out, Rachin Ravindra 123 not out) by 9 wickets.

Pakistan Seek To Allay Major Concerns In World Cup Opener



Press Trust of India

HYDERABAD: Pakistan would be desperate to plug the gaping holes and hope their star players regain form when they open their World Cup campaign against a free spirited Netherlands here on Friday.

Following a pre-mature Asia Cup exit and defeats in the two warm-up games, Pakistan definitely need to raise their game to go deep in the ODI showpiece. The problems begin from the top with the opening combination not looking the most threatening in the competition.

Imam-Ul-Haq averages an impressive 50 in ODIs but on flatter decks in India, he need to better his strike rate of 82 by a few notches. Imam is expected to start against Netherlands but the team will

need to choose between the destructive but out-of-form Fakhar Zaman and Abdullah Shafique who doesn't have the experience of world events.

The big positive for the unpredictable team is that its number three and four, skipper Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan, are in sublime touch. Iftikhar Ahmed too has been getting the runs but it remains to be seen if Salman Agha also gets accommodated in the middle-order.

If the warm-ups are an indication, the game on Friday is expected to be another high-scoring affair with bowlers having no margin for error. Getting used to the varied conditions in India will be another challenge for Babar and his players, who don't get to play in the IPL like the players of other teams. Match starts at 2:00PM IST.

After ODI WC, Kashmiri Willow **Bat Makers Hope For Wider Reach**



Agencies

SRINAGAR: With the Kashmiri willow cricket bat all set to feature in the 2023 ODI World Cup, manufacturers hope for the wider adoption of the cricket bats in international cricket.

After marking its presence in two T20 World Cups, Kashmiri cricket bats will debut in the ODI World Cup, which is currently being played in India.

Ås many as 18 cricketers from three international teams including Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are going to use the Kashmir willow cricket bats in upcoming

As such the manufactures believe that the ongoing World Cup will bring more fame to the industry, thereby motivating other cricketers to choose Kashmir over English willow.

"This is just the beginning. In coming years, you will see more cricketers preferring to play with Kashmir willow cricket bats. We are making them (cricket bats) at par with English willow. Last World Cup, Kashmir willow cricket bat hit the longest sixer of the T20 world cup," said Fawzul Kabir, spokesperson victory on the global stage." of the Kashmir Cricket Bat

Manufacturers Association. Kabir said the cricket bats of Kashmir have witnessed a progress in the last three years after the Omani cricket team choose to bat with Kashmiri willow.

"Kashmiri willow was confined to the domestic market earlier. Now, in this world cup players of three international teams will use our cricket bats. We want to show the world that our cricket bats are at par with English willow," he said.

Shabir Ahmad, another

cricket bat manufacturers, expressed his excitement for the upcoming World Cup. "We are thrilled to see more teams showing interest in using Kashmir willow bats. It's a testament to the quality and performance of our bats. We believe that this World Cup will mark our third consecutive

Pertinently ahead of the world cup, demand for the Kashmiri willow cricket bats has increased by 10 times. The demand, as per the manufacturers, for Kashmiri willow cricket bats is emerging from the entire India.

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

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

J&K 2nd Runner-Up In Junior National Thang-Ta C'ship



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Thursday was the chief guest at the medal felicitation ceremony of the 29th Junior National Thang-Ta Championship 2023 at Multipurpose Indoor Hall, Polo Ground, here.

This prestigious championship was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Thang-Ta Association under the auspices of the Thang-Ta Federation of India, with sponsorship from the J&K Sports Council.

Addressing the gathering, Advisor Bhatnagar said that it is

remarkable to witness that more than 550 participants are part of this unique championship coming from all parts of our country.

The Advisor praised the efforts of the Sports Council in hosting this remarkable event. recognizing its potential for future excellence. He also congratulated the organizing committee of the J&K Thang-Ta Association for the successful completion of the championship.

During the felicitation ceremony, Haryana was declared overall team champion with Manipur as the 1st runner-up and Jammu and Kashmir as 2nd of the championship.

J&K Beats Daman & Diu 11-0 In Sub **Junior Nationals**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K team competing at the Sub Junior Boys' National Football Championship 2023-24, defeated Daman and Diu 11-0 on Thursday at RDT Sports Village Ground 2 in Ananthpuram, Karnataka.

Sakib Showkat (9', 14', 28' 32', 59'), Misbha Ul Haq (34', 41'). Saaib Ibni Bilal (6', 27'). Malik Usman Mahmood (30') and Mohsin Hussain Dar (15') were the goal scorers for J&K. Interestingly, J&K were

already 10-0 up in the 41st minute. The J&K team is coached by Khalid Qayoom.

Guru Hargobind Hockey Tourney Held In Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Hockey Academy J&K have organised the Guru Hargobind Hockey Tournament 2023 at Polo Ground here. Twenty hockey teams participated in the tourney

Jagjit Club Uplina beat Badal Club 6-3 in a tough contest on Thursday.

Former national player and captain of the J&K hockey team, Raja Ghulam Nabi Wani presided over the tournament as the chief guest.

Addressing the players, he



said that that it is a great pleasure that this tournament has been organised in the name of the 6th Guru of Sikhs Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji, who is the founder of Miri Piri conceptual principles of the Sikhs. Congratulating the winners, Wani appreciated the children and said they are all performing very well at the school

level and the same way, they

are supposed to continue at inter-college level. He said that in future and they will all get to see the competition at the Polo Ground at the international level too.

Bullet Point Previews Of This Week's Premier League Matches

Reuters

LONDON: Match-by-match facts and statistics ahead of the next round of Premier League fixtures from Oct. 7-8 (all times

Saturday, Oct. 7 Luton Town v Tottenham **Hotspur (1130)**

The teams last met in a 0-0 draw in a League Division One game in 1992. Tottenham Hotspur have 33 wins in this fixture overall (D25 L22).

Luton Town last defeated Spurs in 1987, winning 2-0 in a top-flight clash. * Spurs are unbeaten in the Premier League this season (W5 D2).

Fulham v Sheffield United

* Sheffield United are bottom of the league standings with one point from seven games. They have lost their last

three league games. Sheffield United have League meetings with Fulham (D1 L2). Fulham and Sheffield Unit-

ed are tied for fewest shots taken this season with 66. They are also tied with Bournemouth for fewest goals (5).

Burnley v Chelsea (1400)

Chelsea have won seven of their past nine Premier League games against Burnley (D2).

* Chelsea have won their last five Premier League games at

Chelsea can win three straight games in all competitions for the first time since March if they beat Burnley.

Manchester United v Brentford (1400)

Manchester United have lost four out of their seven league games this season -making this their worst start to a top-flight campaign since

Brentford have dropped



eight points from winning positions in the Premier League this season, the joint-most

with Bournemouth. Manchester United have won three of their four Premier League meetings with Brent-

Everton v Bournemouth

* Everton top the Premier League charts for most big chances missed this season.

Bournemouth are one of only two teams, along with Sheffield United, who have not won a Premier League game this season (D3 L4).

Everton have lost all four of their home league games this

Crystal Palace v Nottingham

Forest (1630) * Crystal Palace have never won a Premier League game against Nottingham Forest (D3

Palace last beat Forest in a second-tier Championship clash in 2011.

Palace have kept three

clean sheets this season, the joint-most along with five other clubs.

Sunday, Oct. 8 Brighton & Hove Albion v Liverpool (1300)

Brighton have won two of their 12 Premier League games against Liverpool (D3 L7). Brighton have scored the most Premier League goals this season with 19.

Liverpool will be without Curtis Jones and Diogo Jota after the pair were shown red cards in a 2-1 league defeat by Spurs.

West Ham United v Newcastle United (1300)

Newcastle United won this fixture 5-1 last season. Newcastle have won 23 of

their 50 Premier League games against West Ham (D13 L14). Newcastle are unbeaten in their last four league trips to West Ham, winning three

times and drawing once.

than Aston Villa's 58. Villa manager Unai Emery is winless in all five meetings against Wolverhampton (D3

Wolverhampton Wanderers v Aston Villa (1300)

have claimed more points in

the Premier League in 2023

Only Manchester City (71)

Villa have lost five of their last six away games against Wolves in all competitions.

Arsenal v Manchester City

City have beaten Arsenal in all of their last 12 Premier League games.

City are unbeaten in their last 15 Premier League games against Arsenal (W13 D2) since a 2-1 away defeat in December

Arsenal are unbeaten in the Premier League this season (W5 D2). (Compiled by Aadi Nair in Bengaluru Editing by Christian Radnedge)