



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

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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 Protection department Jammu & Kashmir on Thursday at Mirgund and Hokersar Wetland Conservation Reserves.

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 Hassibah 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.

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

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

Regional Director National Board for Workers



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 Shah-e-Khaas of the District under Karkhandar Scheme of Handicraft and Handloom Department.

Speaking on the occasion Deputy Commissioner congratulated the Karkhandar Unit Holder, Rafiq Ahmad Sofi of Rathampora, 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

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 emphasized 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 the 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

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.

Govt recovers 71 kanals of Prime land from illegal possessions

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

encroachment drive in Batpora, Shalimar and Syedpora Bala villages and retrieved 14 kanals and 5 marlas of State/ Kahcharie 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, Aai-lya Tabasum.

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

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, Ishfaq Ahmad Khan retrieved 08 kanals of State land under survey no. 1266 Minworth Rs 40.74 crore from the illegal occupants.

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

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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, Overijssel
1944 - Canadians free Austria
1948 - The 1948 Ashgabat earthquake kills 100,000 in the Turkmen Soviet Socialist Republic
1948 - Paleontologist Mary Leakey finds the first partial fossil skull of Proconsul africanus, an ancestor of apes and humans on Rusinga Island, Kenya
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 world
1959 - Soviet Luna 3, 1st successful photographic spacecraft, impacts Moon
1986 - Russian nuclear sub K291 sinks in Atlantic Ocean
1987 - Military coup leader Maj-Gen Sitiveni Rabuka declares Fiji a republic
1990 - US 67th manned space mission STS 41 (Discovery II) 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 it
2000 - President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milošević 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

From KO Archives

70-Yr-Old Sets Himself Ablaze

Observer News Service Srinagar- Overcome by his daughter's defiance, a 70-year-old 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 dwelling. Fire tenders rushed from Dangi-wacha 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 Saphora 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)

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice Tender Notice No. 246, 247 & 248-2023-24-ADEN-1-ASR Dated : 04. 10. 2023 Sr.DEN-IHIFZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.irps.gov.in with closing date 26.10.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Table with columns: Tender Type, Tendering Section, Bidding System, Date of Uploading Tenders, Bid Starting Date, Bid Closing Date/Time. Includes details for three tenders regarding roof replacement, toilet/bathroom repair, and renovation of rest house.

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Kashmir's Electoral Limbo

The 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 OPINION

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

KO Web Desk

The 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

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Ashish Goel

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The 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 skill-based 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 a sin tax.

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 tobacco 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 lower-income groups that are subject to the same rate of tax as high-income 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-billion-dollar 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

I 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

Mindful Fridays

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING IN CHILDREN: Following the Prophet Muhammad's Path of Connection Over Correction

Wasim Kakroo

In the intricate web of parenting, the balance between 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.

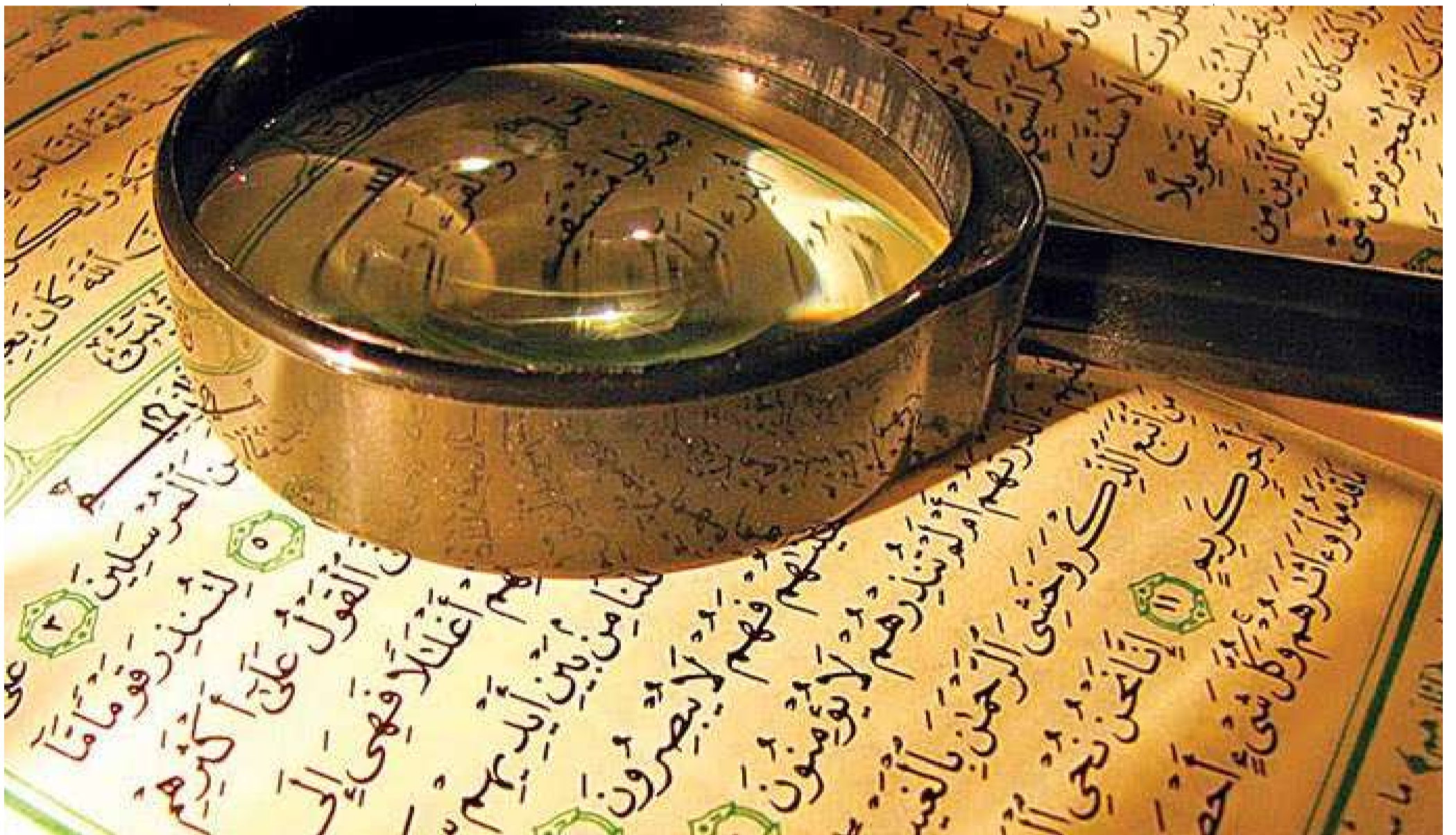
2. Emotional Regulation

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



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

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 parent-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 desires.

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

mentioned that the Prophet used to pat the heads of children and make them feel loved and valued.

2. Respecting Their Feelings:

In Sahih Bukhari, there is a hadith narrated by Abu Huraira 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:

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named Anas ibn Malik reported that the Prophet said: "Make things easy and do not make them difficult, cheer the people up by conveying glad tidings to them and do not re-pulse (them)." Anas also men-

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

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 correction:

1. Active Listening

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 improve.

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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fostering healthy connections with children.

Practical Strategies for Prioritizing Connection

Now that we understand the importance of connection in

AAP Workers Hold Against Arrest Of MP Sanjay Singh

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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. BJP leadership is acting out of fear of defeat in the 2024 election," Pargotra told reporters here.

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

Singh 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
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 undertakings.

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

Agencies
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 long 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 places.

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 everyone to quit smoking.



AMID A SHORTAGE OF CLEAN drinking water, a boy fills his cart with several plastic containers 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 Wular 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 ALLI 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 festivals 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 international award-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 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 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 get 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 contestants' 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, dedication and spirit of our brave soldiers to protect the integrity and sovereignty of the nation is unparalleled," the Lt Governor said.

"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 the region.

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

The DGP, he said, directed for 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 spokesperson said, the DGP at Kulgam encounter.

"The DGP said that Jawans and officers working in Jammu and Kashmir have been displaying indomitable courage while fighting different challenges which he said has strengthened peace in the UT," 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 to demolish the ecosystem.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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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.
- 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.
- The department reserves the right to reject the Expression of Interest of any supplier without assigning any reason thereof.
- At least 10 animals of the prescribed characteristics shall comprise a basic sheep unit. In case of selection of more than one supplier, each supplier is bound to supply basic sheep unit.
- 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

DISTRICT SHEEP Husbandry Officer
Srinagar
(MEMBER SECRETARY)
DISTRICT LEVEL PURCHASE COMMITTEE

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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.

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost	Cost of T/Doc.	Earnest money CDR/FDR	Time of Completion (days)	Class of Contractor	Major Head of account	Project Authority
1	Construction of lane/stair steps from Main road to H/O Mohd Ashraf Wani	Rs.1.48 Lacs	Rs.200/-	Rs.2960/-	10 days	DEE	MTMD Saving	MC Khan-sahib
2	Construction of Lane from Main road to H/O Fayaz Ahmad Shah via Masjid Abu Baker Khansahib	Rs.1.00 Lacs	Rs.200/-	Rs.2000/-	10 days	DEE	MTMD Saving	MC Khan-sahib
3	Construction of Drain/Lane from Main road to Masjid Usman	Rs.1.00 Lacs	Rs.200/-	Rs.2000/-	10 days	DEE	IDMT	MC Khan-sahib
4	Construction drain from H/O Mohd Altaf Shah to H/O Nazir Ahmad Shah (Khansahib)	Rs.1.50 Lacs	Rs.200/-	Rs.3000/-	15 days	DEE	UDS Sector.	MC Khan-sahib

Position of AAA = Accorded
Position of TS = Accorded
Project Authority:
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:-

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/MD/NT/ 8514-34
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Lukewarm Response To WC Opener, Stadium Half Empty

Press Trust of India

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 them.

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 ex-

pected 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 story.

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.

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

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 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 victory on the global stage."

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.

Guru Hargobind Hockey Tournery 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 Gulam 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 GMT):

**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 (1400)

* 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

won one of their four Premier League meetings with Fulham (D1 L2).

* Fulham and Sheffield United 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 Burnley.

* 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 1989-90.

* 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 Brentford (L1).

Everton v Bournemouth (1400)

* 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 season.

Crystal Palace v Nottingham Forest (1630)

* Crystal Palace have never won a Premier League game against Nottingham Forest (D3 L3).

* 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.

Wolverhampton Wanderers v Aston Villa (1300)

* Only Manchester City (71) have claimed more points in the Premier League in 2023 than Aston Villa's 58.

* Villa manager Unai Emery is winless in all five meetings against Wolverhampton (D3 L2).

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

Arsenal v Manchester City (1530)

* 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 2015.

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