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Time Is Muscle: Understanding The Alarming Surge In Heart Attacks Among Kashmir's Young Population

Hirra Azmat

Srinagar: "Dil se re", a timeless Bollywood song, reminded us that our heart is more than just a vital organ—it's where all our deepest feelings reside. But remember, even tiny hiccups in this heart's rhythm can have a big impact on our lives. Amidst that is a heart attack! A significant shift is seen in the demographics of heart attack patients in Kashmir with an increasing number of young individuals getting affected.

Health experts in conversation with Kashmir Observer believe that this alarming trend in the valley is seen owing to post-Covid complications, increasing substance abuse and sedentary lifestyle.

As per the clinical observations of the doctors, one in every five patients suffering



from heart attack in Kashmir is and blood which may result in below the age of 45.

Covid-19 & Heart Attacks

Heart Attack or myocardial infarction (MI) is a fatal disease where the artery carrying blood and oxygen to the heart cannot function properly because it gets blocked. Therefore, the heart muscles do not receive enough oxygen permanent heart damage. The experts revealed that most often, the patients present with typical symptoms such as chest pain radiating to the arm and profuse sweating (diaphoresis). Some patients, however, exhibit atypical symptoms.

"In many cases, the patients seek advice of local medical practitioners who misinterpret the symptoms >> More On P10

Widespread Rains Predicted From Oct 14

Agencies

Srinagar- Weatherman on Wednesday forecast widespread intermittent light to moderate rain and snowfall over higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir from October 14-18.

Quoting a meteorological department official, news agency GNS reported that mainly clear weather was expected in the next 24 hours and on October 13, "partly cloudy becoming cloudy" towards evening was expected. "There is a possibility of rain/snow >> More On P10

President Unveils Skywalk, Bhawan At Vaishno Devi

Katra: President Droupadi Murmu paid obeisance at the Vaishno Devi shrine on Thursday and inaugurated a skywalk and the remodelled Parvati Bhavan at the shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district, officials said.

The President, who is on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir, was accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on the visit to the shrine. The CEO of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) Anshul Garg briefed Murmu about the projects.

The 200-metre skywalk will make the journey of pilgrims smooth as it will separate the path taken by them to the Bhawan and while returning after visiting the

shrine, officials said. Completed at a cost of over Rs 9.89 crore, the facility, 20 feet above the track level, will help overcome the problem of a multidirectional flow of pilgrims and a chaotic condition between Manokamna Bhawan and Gate No-3, the scene of stampede on new year's day in 2022 in which 12 people lost their lives and 16 were injured.

The skywalk was planned to decongest the flow of pilgrims and help in better crowd management at Bhawan during the

peak periods, the officials said. Parvati Bhawan has been fully remodelled at a cost of around Rs 15 crore and is a freeof-cost facility for the pilgrims. It has been linked with the skywalk to ensure that pilgrims proceed directly to the shrine after depositing their luggage.

It has facilities of 1,500 lockers that cater to 10,000 to 15,000 pilgrims every day, officials added.

With Eye On LS Polls, BJP Warming Up To Kashmir Clerics

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: After facing drubbing in the recently held Kargil hill council polls, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leadership have started reaching out to the people, especially the religious figures in Jammu and Kashmir, ahead of the Lok Sabha elections to be held next year.

The latest example of this outreach programme came to light during party's J&K president, Ravinder Raina visit to influential south Kashmir cleric Maulana Abdul Rashid Dawoodi on Wednesday. The BJP leader was warmly received by people present at Dawoodi residence with garlands.

Notably, Maulana Dawoodi along with Maulana Mushtaq Veeri were released last month after spending a year behind bars under the Public Safety Act (PSA). Dawoodi, who leads the

'Tehreek e Sowtul Auliya' organization headquartered in



BJP leader Ravinder Raina hugs Maulana Abdul Rashid Dawoodi at the latter's residence in South Kashmir on Wednesday.

Anantnag, holds a considerable influence in South Kashmir. Maulana Veeri is a prominent religious leader associated with Jamiat-e-Ahl e Hadith.

"There was no meeting between us. Hundreds of people from different walks of life came to see me after I was released from jail, he (Raina) was one among them," Dawoodi told Kashmir Observer. The BJP leader, he said, visited him in a personal capac-

ity and had nothing to do with politics. Raina's warm up to the Valley clerics comes close on the heels of her party col-

league and Jammu and Kashmir

Waqf Board Chairperson Dr

Darakhshan Andrabi's meeting

with Veeri last month. Andrabi also gifted a Kashmiri shawl to Veeri days after he was released by the government.

Raina was on his two-day visit to the Valley during which he met many public representatives and common people. He also visited Anantnag to express condolence over the demise of Dr Qazi Nisar's wife.

According to sources, Raina traveled by train from Banihal to Baramulla to gauge the mood of the people and listen to their grievances.

BJP spokesperson, Altaf Thakur told Kashmir Observer that the saffron party is all set to launch an outreach campaign across Jammu and Kashmir.

The BJP, he said, is starting its "outreach and mass contact program" from October 20 in the Union Territory in view of the possible parliamentary elections.

"We are now in the mood for parliamentary elections and we will start >> More On P10

Jama'at **Leader Talat Majid Joins Apni Party**

n another blow to separatists in the Kashmir Valley, a prominent leader of banned Jama'at-e-Islami along with his supporters joined the April Party at its headquarters here Thursday and said this was one of the realistic approaches being adopted by them while hoping that many more will come through. The Jama'at-e-Islami (Jel) leader, Talat Majid, who hails from the Pulwama district of South Kashmir and was a Rukn-e-Jama'at (member of Jama'at) before it was banned, made it clear that his decision was not influenced by any pressure to be a part of a mainstream political party. "I am not under any pressure to join the mainstream... I have been advocating this change since 2014. I wanted to bring this change from the platform of >> More On P10

Terrorism In J&K At Its Lowest Level: DGP

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir has achieved a significant milestone in the fight against terrorism this year so far as the Union territory witnessed the lowest number of terror incidents and civilian deaths in over three decades, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said on Thursday.

The security situation has drastically improved in Jammu and Kashmir. Earlier, the best year in terms of security situation was 2013. There was lowest level (of militancy) in 2013," Singh told reporters here.

However, subsequent years saw an increase in militant activities, with intent to incite emotions to revive the dying militancy, he said.

"Pakistan tried to revive the militancy and it succeeded in it. They lured more people into terrorism. The militancy related incidents and number of terrorists increased. It was peak of militancy in 2017," Singh said.

However, the >> More On P10

...DBU Debacle

Kashmiri Students To Be Relocated To Affiliated Colleges

INC Recommends Cancellation Of DBU Registration For Cheating, Fraud

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: The Indian Nursing Council (INC) has approved relocation of the affected Kashmiri students to the institutions affiliated with Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS) after taking serious note of the alleged admissions fraud and subsequent assault on female students at Desh Bhagat University (DBU) in Punjab last month.

Following allegations of misconduct and the unwarranted enrollment of Kashmiri students in an unapproved institution, INC, an independent national regulating body for nursing education in India, has also petitioned the Punjab



government to revoke the BDU's registration.

Official sources informed Kashmir Observer that nursing students from DBU Amloh district in Punjab will be relocated to the colleges affiliated with BFUHS in Punjab. BFUHS has over 200 affiliated colleges with available vacancies.

Sources said the INC decision to relocate affected Kashmiri students comes nearly a month after dozens of students including females, who were protesting against their unauthorized transfer to an unapproved college, located within DBU campus were roughed-up by the varsity staff.

Taking cognizance of the issue, the Punjab government filed a criminal case against DBU administrators including its Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor for → More On P10

India's Unemployment Rate At Its Lowest In 6 Yrs: PM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said India's expanding economy is creating new possibilities for the youth and the unemployment rate in the country is at its lowest level in the last six years.

In a video message to Deekshant Kaushal Samaroh of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, the prime minister noted that new possibilities are being created for the youth as India's economy

is expanding.

He said that employment creation in India has reached a new height and the unemployment rate in India is at its lowest level in 6 years according to a recent survey.

Noting that unemployment is decreasing rapidly in both rural and urban areas of India, the prime minister emphasised that the benefits of development are reaching both villages and cities equally, and

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as a result, new opportunities are increasing equally in both villages and cities.

He also pointed out the unprecedented increase in the participation of women in India's workforce and credited the impact of the schemes and campaigns that have been launched in India in the past years regarding women

empowerment. He pointed out the neglect towards skill development in the previous governments and said, "Our government understood the importance of skill and created a separate ministry for it and allocated a

separate budget." Highlighting the importance of skilling, upskilling and re-skilling, the prime minister noted the rapidly changing demands and nature of jobs and emphasized upgrading the skills accordingly.

Therefore, the prime minister said, it is very important for industry, research and skill development institutions to be in tune with >> More On P10

Regularizing 84 **Casual Workers HC Upholds**

KU Decision

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Thursday held that there was no illegality on part of the Kashmir University in referring the matter regarding regularization of 84 casual and contractual employees again to the Chancellor for his

consideration. Allowing a varsity's appeal against its single bench order, a division bench of Chief N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi however expressed hope that the Chancellor would endorse the decision of the University for regularization of the 84 casual/ contract/consolidated pay employees and the Administration would render financial assistance for the same.

...we are of the view that that there is no illegality in referring the matter again to the Chancellor for his consideration as sought >> More On P10

Youth Held Over Minor's Alleged Rape

n a shocking incident, a youth has been arrested in north Kashmir's Bandipora district on charges of allegedly raping a

The accused, whose name has been withheld, was apprehended by the police in connection with the heinous crime. A senior police official told a local news agency Kashmir Scroll that the accused youth is currently in police custody and is being held behind bars. The official stated >> More On P10

Army Defuses 175 Landmines In Leh

he Army conducted a demining operation in three areas of Leh district and destroyed 175 mines, officials said on Thursday. This has been done on the demand of locals living along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh. "On behalf of Phobrang, Yourgo, and Lukung villagers, we thank the Fire and Fury Corps for their swift action in fencing and clearing the area by successfully destroying over 175 mines", Deputy Commissioner, Leh, >> More On P10

Mobile Phones Ring At Siachen Glacier

harat Sanchar Nigam Lim-ited (BSNL) in collaboration with Siachen Warriors has established the first-ever BTS (Base Transceiver Station) at the forward post of the highest battlefield aimed to extend mobile communication. Siachen glacier is located in Ladakh Union Territory. It is known as one of the world's highest battlefields. Soldiers there are deployed at more than 15,000 feet. As per details, BSNL in collaboration with Siachen >> More On P10

Biker Mows Down Lolab Woman

woman died on Thursday after being hit by an unknown biker in Lolab Valley of North Kashmir's Kupwara district, official sources said. Rafiga Begum, wife of Ghulam Nabi Dar, of Chandigam Lolab was hit by the biker near Apex Model School Gundmacher, reports said. The woman was evacuated in injured condition to SDH Sogam from where she was referred to GMC Handwara. She later succumbed to her injuries Meanwhile, police >> More On P10

Vande Bharat Sleeper Trains Soon

he railways is planning to launch Vande Bharat Sleeper Coach and Vande Bharat Metros soon, Railway **Board Secretary Milind Deouskar** said on Thursday. "We are planning Vande Bharat

Sleepers and Vande Bharat Metro trains, all of this to meet the throughput, speed, and convenience related expectations," Deouskar said addressing the rail conference organised by the CII. BEML chairman >> More On P10

IAF Evacuates 461 Tourists From Sikkim

ndian Air Force (IAF) helicopters on Thursday evacuated 461 tourists from flash flood-hit towns in North Sikkim, a senior official said. IAF helicopters carried out six sorties from Lachen, Lachung and surrounding areas and evacuated 264 tourists and 23 locals from there, he said, adding they landed at Pakyong airport. Another 99 people, including 85 tourists, 12 locals and two army jawans, were airlifted from North Sikkim to Libing helipad near the state capital. >> More On P10



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2nd Floor SCO 33-34-35 Sector -17 A. Chandigarh

Case No. OA/1550/2022 Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub rule (2A) of rule 5 of the

Exh. No. 17180

JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED

VS M/S JAY KAY CAR CENTRE

(1) M/S Jay kay Car Centre D/W/S/O: Prop Mr Fayaz Ahmad Wani R/o: OPP Lake City Plaza Karan Nagar Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir (2) Mr Fayaz Ahmad Wani S/o: Ghulam Mohammad Wani R/o: 380 Hamza Colony Kenihama Chadoora SUMMONS

WHEREAS, 0A/1550/2022 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 17/05/2023.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 2338229.64/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed ns under:

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted; (ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; (iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which

security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary irse of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security

interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 17/10/2023 at 10:30A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 19/05/2023.

Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

cdpoicdsrohama@gmail.com Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office Of The Child Development Project Officer Poshan Project Rohama

RE-ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

This office has Re-Advertise the below mentioned post Due to poor response. The Applications on prescribed proforma (Annexure-I) are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch wards/Municipal Wards shown against the below mentioned Panchayat Halqa/Municipal Ward, for the engagement of **Sahayikas (AWHs)**"preferably married "for the Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Rohama on "Honorarium basis". The applications along with required documents shall be deposited in the Office of the undersigned i.e Child Development Project Officer within three days from the publication of this Readvertisement notice. against proper receipt.

6.110	NAME OF THE	NAME OF	NAME OF	VACANCY OF SAHAY	/IKAS (ANGANWADI HELPERS)
S.NO	DISTRICT	THE PANCHAYAT/MUNICIPALITY		NO. OF PANCH WARD/ MC WARD	NAME OF AWC
1	Baramulla	Rohama	Panzla	4	Shal Mohala

Criteria for Selection of Sahayikas (Aanganwadi Helpers) shall remain as envisaged in the Govt. Order No: 103 JK (SWD) OF 2023 Dated 28.4.2023 i.e.

- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be considered for the post.
- The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K. The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where Anganwadi Centre is
- located. Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be Matriculation.
- The committee shall select the most destitute/needy married women of the Panch
- ward/MC Ward as helper from amongst those who fulfill the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate can also be considered. In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be
- Self-attested copies of documents to be attached with the application form: -
 - ♦ Panch Ward /MC Ward Certificate/Electoral Card/Present /continuous, Ward residence certificate issued by BDO/Executive Officer.
 - Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.
 - Date of Birth Certificate.
 - Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10th.
 - Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer. Married/Un married Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.
 - Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/-.
 - Affidavit from first class magistrate stating following facts.
 - > All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law
 - \succ The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Sahayika (AWH)

Note: Prescribed Application Proforma can also be had from the undersigned office "Free of Cost".

DIPK-10320/23 dated: 12-10-2023

Child Dev. Project Officer POSHAN Project Rohama

No:-CDPO/POSHAN/Roh/2023/1902-07

Dated: -12 /10/2023 (ANNEXURE-I)

S.NO: APPLICATION FORM FOR ENGAGEMENT OF SAHAYIKA (ANGANWADI HELPER)

- 1. Name of the District: Baramulla
- 2. Name of the ICDS Project: 3. Name of the Anganwadi Centre for which engagement sought.
- 4. Panch Ward/MC Ward... Panchavat Halga. 5. Name of the Candidate (In Block Letters)
- 6. Fathers Name (In Block Letters) . 7. Marital Status: - Married /Un Married
- 8. Husbands Name (if married) 9. Place of Permanent Residence
- a. Mohalla..
- b. Panch Ward Constituency.
 - c. Name of the Panchavat Halga.
 - d. House No.... .. (As per latest Panchayat Ward Electoral)
- e. Block:.. 10. Address for Correspondence.

11. Date of Birth.

2	. Age as o	n 01-01-20	23							
13	 Academi 	c Qualificat	ion					 		
	S.No		mination assed	Board/	School	Year of passing	Mar Ob	 Max. Marks	%a	ıge
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	2									
4	Do cand	idate helon	a to family	of retired A	WH (Yes	/No)				

15. Documents attached.

- Panch Ward Certificate/ Present /continuous, Ward residence certificate issued by BDO duly
- countersigned by ACR/SDM.
- Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned. Date of Birth Certificate.

 Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10th.
- If candidate belong to family of retired AWH then copy of the e-ration card/any other proof
- Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer
- Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/-

Signature of Candidate

Photograph of the

applicant duly

attested by

Gazetted Officer

UNDERTAKING ..D/o,W/o

..R/o. do hereby certify that the contents of the application given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge. In case any of the above contents is found incorrect, the selection committee shall have the right to reject my application and similarly revoke my engagement order

DIPK-10320/23 dated: 12-10-2023

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GENERATION **DIVISION POWER HOUSE GANDERBAL**

Email: xeneganderbal@gmail.com Tel / fax - 01942-416234

e-NIT No. GDG/04 of 2023-24 Dated: 12/10/2023 E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of Managing Director JKPDC, online e-bids in double cover system are invited (Cover-I-Techno-Commercial Bid and Cover-II-Price Bid) from authorised firms/ contractors/Self Help Groups registered with J&K government or any organization owned by PSUs/ State Government/ Central Government having sufficient related experience for

S.	Scope Of Work	Quantity	Cost Of	Estimated	EMD @	Time
No			Tender	cost	2%	Completion
			Document	(Rs)	(Rs)	
1.	SITC of DC Motor system for lubrication of various bearings of Unit I & II at power house Ganderbal	As per scope	Rs 500/-	2.90 lacs	5800/-	Within 30 days from date of LOA

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the Departmental website jktenders.gov.in or www.jkspdc.nic.in as per schedule of dates given below.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-10-2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding document	16-10-2023 to 31-10-2023
3.	Bid submission Start Date	16-10-2023 1400 hrs
4.	Bid submission End Date	31-10-2023 up to 1600 hrs
5.	Deadline for receiving Hard Copies of e-NIT uploaded document.	31-10-2023 up to 1600 hrs
6.	Date and time of opening of Bid (online)	01-11-2023 or any other convenient date.
7.	Venue for submitting the hard cop of EMD & Cost of tender (proof)	Office of the Executive Engineer, Generation Division, Ganderbal, Kashmir.

Position of AAA Accorded **Technical Sanction** Sanctioned **Position of Funds** Available

- 1. The entire process of bidding shall be online. The bidding document consisting of BOQ (Bill of Quantities), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the government website jktenders.gov.in or www.jkspdc.nic.in. The bidder has to submit the bids (complete in all respects) online on the said website. The subsequent opening as well as comparison of bids (on the opening date/time) shall be online on the said website.
- 2. The following documents are to be uploaded along with the bid; otherwise the bid shall be liable for rejection:
 - i) Details of Contractor along with working phone no. and e-mail id on the letter head of contractor.
 - ii) Cost of Tender Document in the shape of Bank slip/demand draft in favour of the Chief Pay & Accounts Officer Kangan with the detail as: Account No. 0071010200005002 IFSC code: JAKA0KANGAN

Bank: J&K bank Ltd Kangan

- iii) Earnest Money Deposit in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Chief Pay & Accounts Officer Kangan.
- iv) Copy of Valid Registration Certificate.
- v) Copy of valid GST Registration Certificate.
- vi) Copy of PAN Card. vii) Experience / Work Orders and Completion Certificates copies.
- viii) Income tax Certificate for last three years.
- ix) Information regarding the current litigation (if any) in which the
- bidder is involved; parties concerned and disputed amount on registerd affidavit/stamp paper of Rs 10/-.
- 3. The bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-bid document as stated above through Bank slip/Demand Draft pledged to the Chief Pay Accounts Officer Kangan payable at Kangan with the detail as:

Account No. 0071010200005002 IFSC code: JAKA0KANGAN

Bank: J&K bank Ltd Kangan

The Bank slip/Demand Draft must be uploaded along with the e-Bids but the original Bank slip/demand draft should reach the office of Executive Engineer, Generation Division, Ganderbal up to the cutoff date.

- 4. All the e-bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD @ Rs. 5800/- in the form of CDR/FDR/BG only, pledged to the Chief Pay Accounts Officer Kangan payable at Kangan. Hard Copies of original instrument of EMD and cost of tender document shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, Generation Division, Ganderbal up to the cutoff date.
- 5. The earnest money shall be forfeited if:
 - a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - b. Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
- c. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract. 6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the date of
- opening of price bids. 7. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened on same website in the Office of
- Superintending Engineer Generation Circle-II Bemina Srinagar Kashmir. 8. No price bid will be accepted in physical form.
- 9. The bidders are advised to visit the site for assessment and go through the contents of the SBD before quoting the rates.
- 10. Modification in scope of work and extension of period of download of tender specification, closing opening date if required will be notified through corrigendum.

DIPK-NB-3666/23 dated: 12-10-2023

Sd/

Executive Engineer Generation Division Ganderbal

No:-GDG/T/116-25

NAME CHANGE

Sapna Chauhan to Sapna. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained Sachin Chauhan (Army no 10391262X)

R/O 56 APO Addl. vill. Gujjarpur Post Kandhla Teh. Kairana distt Shimli State UP pin 247775

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE **ADVOCATE M.A PEERZADA**

In the case of: Annayat Husain Sheikh S/o: Late Mohammad Abdullah Sheikh R/o: Saidakadal Srinagar

(CAVEATOR)

VERSUS Public at Large IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat petition

order (s) against the caveator.

(NON-CAVETORS)

That the caveator has reason to believe that the non-caveators may likely approach this Hon'ble Court with unclean hands and may choose to file any suit, application or any other legal proceedings against the caveator and may secure interim order(s) by misrepresenting the facts which will cause irreparable loss to the caveator. It is impressed in that event the caveator may be given prior opportunity of being heard before passing any

M.A. Peerzada

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I want to change the name of my electricity connection bearing consumer ID 020201000031 presently in the name of R.K Engineer sales Pvt Ltd to Rubina bano W/o Gulzar Ahmad khan R/o hyderpora Srinager .If anybody has any objection he/she may contact PDD office concerned within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I want to change the name of my electricity connection bearing consumer ID 020210000028 Ghulam Ahmad Bhat S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat R/o kurso Rajbagh to Rubina Bano W/o Gulzar Ahmad khan R/o hyderpora Srinagar .If anybody has any objection he/she may contact PDD office concerned within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I want to change the name of my electricity connection bearing consumer ID 0202010000025 presently in the name of Ascot aviation training college to Shahzada Bashir W/o Bashir Ahmad kashkari R/o Hakeem Bagh Rawalpora . If anybody has any objection he/ she may contact PDD office concerned within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I want to change the name of my electricity connection bearing consumer ID 0202010000024 presently in the name of M/s sarfiva boys hostel Change to Shanaaz W/o Imtiyaz Ahmad sofi R/o Bilal coluny zaukra Hazratbal

.If anybody has any objection he/she may contact PDD office concerned within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter. nj

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I want to change the name of my electricity connection bearing consumer ID 0202010003376 presently in the name of Ghulam Ahmad Bhat S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat R/o kursoo Raibagh to Ruksana Sammer W/o Sammer Ahmad R/o Hakeem bagh Rawalpora sanat Nagar Srinagar

.If anybody has any objection he/she may contact PDD office concerned within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

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Elderly Man Dies In Road Accident In Qamarwari

Observer News Service

Srinagar: An elderly man died in a road accident in Qamarwari area of Srinagar here this evening. Sources said that an elderly man identified as Muhammad Ashraf Kuchhey, a resident of Nawab Bazar Srinagar was critically injured after a motorcycle he was riding skidded off the road near Shah Cinema Qamarwari this evening.

They said the injured was immediately rushed to the SMHS Hospital for treatment, however doctors declared him brought dead.

RTO Enforcement Team Cracks Whip On **Unregistered Cab Services**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The enforcement team of Regional Transport Office (RTO) Kashmir on Thursday seized three vehicles of an unregistered cab service company, operating in Srinagar. The drivers were also arrested, officials said.

The vehicles were seized during a surprise operation launched on the directions of RTO Kashmir.

While speaking to the media, the enforcement team, led by Dr. Farhana Asgar, the Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO), Srinagar, said the sting operation was carried out based on a complaint regarding fraudulent cab services being operated in Srinagar under the name 'Jugnoo Cab Services.'

Expedite Infrastructure Development, Beautification Of City: Div Com Tells Officers

Directs Installation Of Colorful Lights Around Dal Lake, Budshah, Abdullah Bridges

Observer News Service

Srinagar: To expedite development of infrastructure and beautification of City, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today convened a meeting here to review the progress of various Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) Projects and directly linked departments.

Deputy Commissioner Commissioner SMC/CEO SSCL; VC LCMA; SSP. Traffic Police, Srinagar; CE, R&B; officers of PDD, PHE, I & FC, Sports department were present in the meeting.

At the outset, the Div Com emphasized on the operation of all the IMTS cameras installed at 63 junctions at the earliest for the regulation of traffic flow and maintaining of strong vigil to detect the mischief or damage of public property.

The meeting was informed that about 1100 cameras at 49 junctions out of 63

junctions are functional. Regarding ongoing rec-



tification work at MA Road and other pending work, the meeting was informed that 95 percent work has been completed and the remaining part shall be completed in coming days.

The Div Com impressed to expedite the work on the Road as too much time was consumed to give final finishing touch to Road.

He reiterated once again on the concerned officers to complete the works in Nehru Park besides he also instructed for increasing the turning radius of the left junction at Sangarmal.

Similarly, Div Com directed for development of the parking area at Hat-Trick Chowk and completion of Toilet Blocks here. Moreover, a detailed discussion was held regarding traffic management at Jahangir Chowk which witnesses frequent traffic congestion during morning and evening hours.

Also, he directed the painting of Foreshore Road sides, maintenance of footpaths and establishment of Cycle Yard.

The Div Com called for making Dal Lake, Abdullah Bridge and Budshah Bridge vibrant during night through illumination and colorful lights. He directed for keeping Lake clean and starting the different Sports activities to attract visitors and promote tourism.

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1432 Housing Units Completed Under PMAY In Srinagar, Over 1630 Under Construction

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As many as 1432 Housing Units under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) have been completed in the Srinagar District till date, while more than 1630 houses are under different phases of construction including 364 at Plinth level. 365 at lentil level and 729 houses being Roof topped.

This was informed during a meeting of the Officers of line Departments held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Conference Hall

of the DC Office Complex. Besides, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Shabir Ahmad, the meeting was attended by Joint Commissioner SMC, DGM, Housing Board, Chief Planning Officer, Tehsildar Recovery, all City Tehsildars and other Officers of Housing Board and other concerned Departments.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a Tehsil wise appraisal about the implementation of PMAY-Urban scheme in the District. With regard to the target achieved under Beneficiary Led Individual House Construction (BLC) and Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme under PMAY-U, the DC was apprised that as of today, as many as 1432 Housing Units have been completed so far in the District



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e-Auction

The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited Impaired Assets Portfolio Management Department **Zonal Office Anantnag**

Bakshiabad, Anantnag-192101 email: amid.zoksou@jkbmail.com

E-AUCTION/SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-AUCTION/ SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO THE BANK UNDER SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST (SARFAESI) ACT 2002 AND SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Munandguffan (hereinafter referred to as the Bank/ Secured Creditor), the Possession of which has been taken by one of the Authorised Officers of the Bank/ Secured Creditor in exercise of powers conferred under Securitization & Reconstruc ion of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (the Act) and Securi / Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the Rules), will be sold on "As is where is, As is wha i, Whatever there is and Without recourse", as per the particulars given hereunder.

(i) Mr.Mohammad Azad Bhat S/O Ghulam Muhammad Bhat R/O

Government of India **Department of Telecommmunications** O/o the Controller of Communication Accounts, J&K Telecom Circle,

Website :- www.ccajk.gov.in Email:- ccajk@nic.in, Tel.No: 0191-2477298, Fax. No. 0191-2475858 No. 9-24/CCA/JK/2023-24/Pen Ada. Attention DoT/BSNL Pensioners

NATIONWIDE PENSION ADALAT NOTIFICATION

HUDCO Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu (J&K)-180012

A Nationwide Pension Adalat will be organized by O/o Controller of Communication redressal of pensioners' grievances of DoT/BSNL Jammu & Kashmir Circle within the framework Charges Due as accounts, J&K Telecom Circle, Jammu-180012 on 23rd October 2023 for prompt & quick of extant pension policy/guidelines as per the schedule given below.

Aggrieved pensioners of DOT/BSNL are requested to submit their grievances/complaints, if any mentioning therein details of their grievances/complaints, PPO No., Contact No. on email ccajk@nic.in & cao.penjk@nic.in / Landline number 0191-2479283/ Toll Free No 18001807306.

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	Sd/- Accounts Officer (Pension)							

O/o CCA, J&K Circle Jammu-180012

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Office Of The Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE. Mechanical Rural Division. Sgr.

GIST of Short term e-Tender. Short Term E-N.I.T. No:- PHE/MRD/TS/ 98 of 10/2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Short term e-tenders are invited in two cover system from approved and eligible Contractors having GST registration/registered with J&K Govt., Railways and other State/Central Government Organizations for the following work:-

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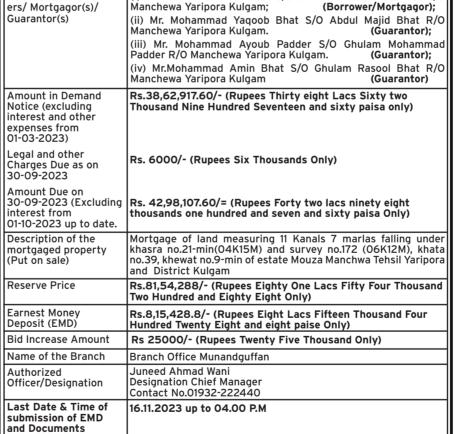
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work in shape of CDR/FDR before allotment is issued in his favour.

No: -PHE/MRD/TS/3260-64 DIPK-10326/23 DT: - 12-10-2023

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar.



Account Number The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- "https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net") of our auction agency M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction tiger) The interested bidders shall submit their offer through website https://sarfaesi.auctionti ger.net(the user ID and password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with "https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net") through their login ID and Password. The EMD 10% of RESERVE PRICE shall be payable through NEFT/RTGS/DD (EMD remittance details given above) on or before 04:00 PM on 16.11.2023. Please note that Cheques shall not be accepted as EMD amount. The Prospective Bidder(S) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form and Bid Terms and Conditions form etc at Jammu and Kashmir bank Ltd Branch office Munandguffan on or before 04.00 P.M 16.11.2023. For any Clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or

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submission of bids etc kindly contact Jammu and Kashmir bank Ltd Branch office Munandauffan or the Authorised Officer.

The Authorized Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer and the Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. For detailed terms and conditions of the Auction/sale please visit https://www.jkbank.com

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STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (6) READ WITH RULE 9 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 The borrower(s)/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) are hereby notified to pay the outstanding sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the

date of e-auction and get the property redeemed, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and costs. Date: 10-10-2023 Place: ANANTNAG

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This Day In History

- 1213 Battle at Steppes-Bishop Pierrepont & Louis II beat Henry I of Brabant
- 1501 Maximilian of Austria & Louis XII sign Treaty
- 1760 Russian and Austrian army evacuates Berlin
- 1943 Italy declares war on former Axis partner
- 1944 US 1st army begins battle of Aachen, first German city captured during WWII
- 1960 Opponents of Fidel Castro executed in Cuba
- 1964 Voskhod 1 crew returns 1966 - 173 US aircraft bomb North Vietnam
- 1969 1st time 7 people in space
- 1972 Aeroflot Il-62 crashes in large pond outside Moscow, 176 die
 - 1973 Jordan enters Yom Kippur war
- 1976 A Bolivian Boeing 707 cargo jet crashes in Santa Cruz, Bolivia killing 100 (97, mostly children, killed on the ground).
- 1976 -First electron micrograph of an Ebola viral particle obtained by Dr. F.A. Murphy, working at the
- 1981 - Vice President Hosni Mubarak elected President of Egypt
- 1983 Ameritech Mobile Communications (now Cingular) launched the first US cellular network in Chicago, Illinois.

From KO Archives

RSS Launches JK Trifurcation Campaign

Observer News Service

RINAGAR- The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has formally launched its campaign for the trifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir coming out in the open, for the first time, in support of the division of the only Muslim majority state. Advocating Reorganisation of the state by what it perceives as isolation of the Muslim majority valley from rest of the state, the organisation (visualizes the move as a step towards early solution of the Kashmir problem).

According to a report earned by The Times of India today, the RSS has planned "mass action programme' and has floated an umbrella organisation - the Jammu and Kashmir Nationalist Front (JKNF) - and was 'subtly' promoting groups to organist mass agitations to get the state divided into Hindu Jammu, Muslim valley and Budhist Ladakh The Front held its first dharna in Jammu interestingly on Gandhi Jayanti.

In fact, according to the report, the RSS plan would not stop at the mere 'trifurcation' of the state It favours further division of the Muslim dominated valley by carving out a separate homeland for the migrant Kashmiri Pandits. The movement envisages mobilisation of public opinion in the Muslims majority districts of Poonch, Rajoujri and Doda, besides the Gujjar community against what it describes as 'Kashmiri hegemony'.

Quoting M G Vaidya, an RSS spokesman in New Delhi, the report said, Trifurcation doesn't mean surrender to the Two-Nation theory. The reorganisation is basically an administrative measure." The Sangh Parivar believes that Kashmiri extremism can be dealt with only by separating the valley from rest of the state and focussing on the insurgency operations in the Muslim majority valley, the report said.

While the RBS-backid JKNF was gaining ground, the report said, the BJP had, curiously, kept itself away so far. The recent dharna in Jammu was joined by even the mainstream parties like the Janata Dal (U) and Bhin Singh's Panther's party. Explaining the reasons, the co-convenor of the JKNP, Yesh Bhasin, a former RSS Parcharak and state BJP leader, told the newspaper, "The BJP is not openly supporting us since they are bound by the NDA's policies.

(Kashmir Observer, October 13,2000)

Egypt Refuses Opening Border For Palestinian Exodus



Agencies

airo is has refused western requests to allow for the mass exit of Palestinians fleeing from Israeli airstrikes into its Sinai Peninsula, Egyptian sources told Reuters on 11 October.

The North African nation, which has been actively watching over the ongoing war between Gaza resistance factions and Israel and was historically the mediator of multiple ceasefires, refuses to set up safe passage corridors of travel for Palestinians being massacred by Israeli jets, with officials cit-ing "the right of Palestinians to hold on to their cause and their

The idea was floated around during talks held between Egypt, the US, Qatar, and Turkey of Egypt opening up the border. When asked about opening the border to displaced Palestinians, Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry raised concerns about the potential struggles that may arise.

"Egypt was keen to open the Rafah crossing to provide humanitarian aid, food, and medicine," Shoukry said. "But instability and the expansion of

the conflict leads to more hardship and more refugees to safe areas, including Europe."

Ongoing efforts to send humanitarian aid to Gaza by Cairo are still underway.

In a joint effort between Egypt and the nations above, the source told Reuters that a discussion was taking place to send aid through the Rafah border crossing under the conditions of a geographically limited ceasefire.

Cairo has repeated warnings throughout the week against increasing attacks on Gaza as it could lead to a mass exodus of

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said that the escalating situation was "highly dangerous" but that he wouldn't be willing to settle it at the expense of others.

Israeli army commander Richard Hecht suggested to the Palestinian people in Gaza during a TV interview that "Rafah crossing is still open. Anyone who can get out, I would advise them to get out." to which he later fell back on.

The Israeli air force would later bomb the Gaza side of the Rafah Border crossing.

Palestinian Mourners Killed By Israeli Settlers During **West Bank Funeral**



Agencies

At least two Palestinians mourners were killed and one was left critically wounded Israeli settlers who opened fire on a funeral procession, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. The victims were identified as Ibrahim Wadi and his son Ahmad.

Eyewitnesses said the father and son were murdered by an armed settler militia during the funeral of four Palestinians who were killed by settlers and Israeli soldiers in the village of Qusra, near the northern city of

Nablus, on Wednesday. The settlers also opened fire on the ambulance that was sent to pick up the bodies. Earlier, they attacked the homes of Palestinian citizens in the village of Al-Sawiya, south of Nablus. Israeli settler attacks have sig-

nificantly flared in the occupied West Bank since the launch of Operation Al-Aqsa Flood by the resistance in Gaza on Saturday.

The Israeli army has also enforced a complete closure of the West Bank since 7 October, as cities have been completely cut off from each other with checkpoints and road blockades established across the occupied territories.

Hours before the deadly shooting on Thursday, the Israeli army launched a mass arrest campaign in Hebron, Bethlehem, Jenin, Tulkarem, Nablus, Jericho, Ramallah, Qalqilya, and Jerusalem, rounding up at least 55 Palestinians, including previously released prisoners.

Over 200 Palestinians have been arrested in the West Bank by Israel since the start of the war with Gaza. At least 25 have been killed during the same period of time.

No Electricity, Water Or Fuel **To Gaza Until Hostages Returned: Israel**



Press Trust of India

Palestinians lined up outside bakeries and grocery stores in Gaza on Thursday after spending the night surrounded by the ruins of pulverised neighbourhoods dark-ened by a near-total power outage. Israel launched new airstrikes and said it was preparing for a possible ground invasion.

International aid groups warned that the death toll in Gaza could mount after Israel stopped all deliveries of food, water, fuel and electricity and the tiny enclave's crossing

with Egypt closed.

The war which was ignited by a bloody and wide-ranging assault on Israel by Hamas militants has already claimed at least 2,600 lives on both

Lt. Col. Richard Hecht, an Israeli military spokesman, told reporters on Thursday that forces are preparing for a ground maneuver" should

political leaders order one. A ground offensive in Gaza, whose 2.3 million residents are densely packed into a sliver of land only 40 kilometers (25 miles) long, would likely bring even higher casualties on both sides in brutal houseto-house fighting.

As Israel pounds Gaza, Hamas fighters have fired thousands of rockets into Israel since their weekend assault. Militants in the territory are also holding an estimated 150 people taken hostage from Israel.

Palestinians fleeing airstrikes could be seen running through the streets, carrying their belongings and looking for a safe place. Tens of thousands have crowded into UNrun schools while others are staying with relatives or even strangers who let them in.

Lines formed outside bakeries and grocery stores during the few hours they dared open, as people tried to stock on food before shelves are emptied.

On Wednesday, Gaza's only power station ran out of fuel and shut down, leaving only lights powered by scattered private generators.

A senior official with the the International Committee of the Red Cross warned that the lack of electricity could cripple hospitals.

As Gaza loses power, hospitals lose power, putting newborns in incubators and elderly patients on oxygen at risk. Kidney dialysis stops, and X-rays can't be taken, said Fabrizio Carboni, ICRC's regional director. Without electricity, hospitals risk turning into morgues.

Israeli Energy Minister Israel Katz said nothing would be allowed into Gaza until the captives were released. "Not a single electricity switch will be flipped on, not a single faucet will be turned on, and not a single fuel truck will enter until the Israeli hostages are returned home," he tweeted.

Israel Attacks Syria, Cripples Damascus, Aleppo Airports

Trans Asia News

DAMASCUS: Israeli war planes on Thursday bombed the international airports of the capital Damascus and the northern city of Aleppo putting them out of service a day before the Iranian Foreign Minister was scheduled to visit the Syrian capital.

Ît is the first Israeli airstrikes on Syria since the Palestinian fighters carried out a surprise weekend onslaught on southern Israel that killed over 1,000 people. Israel has retaliated with intensive airstrikes on the besieged Gaza strip. Nearly two thousand people, including hundreds of children have died in the relentless bombardment from ground, sea and air, according to media reports.

A Syrian military official told SANA, "This aggression is a desperate attempt by the criminal Israeli enemy to divert attention from the crimes it is committing in Gaza, and the great losses it is suffering at the hands of the Palestinian resistance.

from a brutal war unleashed by the Islamist militants, is the only Arab country officially in the state of war with the Jewish state.

Syria, which is just emerging

The airstrikes came a day before Iran's foreign minister was scheduled to visit Syria to meet

officials over the volatile situation in the region.

They also came as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited Israel, and hours after Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, in a telephone call with his Syrian counterpart Bashar al-Assad, called on Arab and Islamic countries to cooperate in confronting Israel.

During more than a decade of civil war in Syria, Israel has launched hundreds of air strikes on its northern neighbour, primarily targeting Iranbacked forces and Lebanese Hezbollah fighters as well as

Syrian army positions.
Citing local media outfit
Sham FM, reports said that Syrian air defense systems have been deployed in response to the attack on the airports. The strikes came amid reports of an imminent ground invasion by Israel into Gaza in response to spectacular Palestinian strikes inside Israel over the weekend.

All flights in and out of Syria are currently canceled. Notably, both Aleppo and Damascus airports are controlled by the government of Syria. Open-source intelligence monitor OSINTdefender has shared that a Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) has been released by Syria for Damascus Airport, stating that both of its runways are presently closed due to 'work in

RSS Chief Says 'Bharat' Has Been A Secular Nation For 5,000 Years

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday said 'Bharat' has been a secular nation for 5,000 years and called upon people to remain united and present the best example of human behaviour before the

Addressing an event organ-

ised to launch a book, 'Prithvi Sookta - An Ode To Mother Earth', authored by senior RSS function ary Ranga Hari, Mr Bhagwat appealed to people to have devotion, love and dedication for their

motherland, saying, "We consider motherland as an essential component of our national unity." "Our 5,000-year-old culture is secular... In all 'tatva gyan' (knowledge of elements), this is the conclusion. The whole world is one family, this is our feeling. This is not a theory... know it, realise and then behave accordingly," the RSS chief said.

There is so much diversity in the country. Don't fight with each other. Make your country capable of teaching the world that we are one," he said, adding this is the sole purpose of India's existence.

Mr Bhagwat said seers created 'Bharat' for the welfare of the world. They created a society which passed on their knowledge to the last person in the country, he said.

"They were not 'sanyasis' only. They lived the lives of wanderers with their families. All these

'ghumantoos' mads) are still there whom the British had declared as criminal ribes... They are often seen showcasing their culture in the society, some share ayurvedic knowledge," he said.

"Our people went across the world taking the knowledge, from Mexico to Siberia," he added.

Hence, it is no surprise that India turned the G20, which is mainly a forum to deliberate on economic issues, into one that thinks about humanity, Mr Bhagwat said, adding, "By giving it the feeling of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', we made it a forum that thinks about humans." Addressing the event, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan said unity is India's biggest ideal.

India Dubs Hamas Strikes On Israel As Terror Attacks, Reaffirms Position Of Sovereign Palestine

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday described the strikes by Hamas on Israeli cities as "terror attacks" but at the same time reaffirmed its longstanding position, advocating negotiations towards establishing a "sovereign, independent and viable" state of Palestine living side-by-side at peace with Israel. In first detailed comments

on the Israel-Hamas conflict. External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at a media briefing that there was a universal obligation to observe international humanitarian law as also a global responsibility to fight the menace of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Bagchi was responding to questions about the plight of Palestinians in Gaza in view of Israel's counter-attacks following Hamas's surprise strikes and US President Joe Biden's message to Tel Aviv to "operate by the rules of war".

The spokesperson also said India's focus has been to bring back from Israel the Indians who wish to return in view of



estine, he said it has been always consistent.

"Our policy in this regard has been long-standing and consistent. India has always advocated the resumption of direct negotiations towards establishing a sovereign, independent and viable State of Palestine living within secure and recognized borders, side by side at peace with Israel. That position remains the same," Bagchi said, reiterating New Delhi's position favouring a two-state solution

to the Palestine issue. The multi-pronged attacks against Israel by Hamas militants from Gaza since Saturday and the subsequent Israeli retaliation have left around

concerns.

Israel has launched a massive counter-offensive in Gaza to avenge the attacks by Hamas. The sudden escalation in hostilities between Israel and Palestine has triggered global

Leading powers like Germany, the US, France and the UK emphasised the importance of preventing the situation from further escalation.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu that the people of India stand firmly with his country in this difficult hour, expressing strong and unequivocal condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Sweden Convicts Man Over 2020 Qur'an Burning, A First

Agencies

STOCKHOLM: A Swedish court on Thursday convicted a man of inciting ethnic hatred with a 2020 Qur'an burning, the first time the country's court system has tried the charge for desecrating Islam's holy book.

The conviction comes after a wave of Qur'an burnings earlier this year that stoked international outrage and made Sweden a "prioritized target," prompting the country's intelligence agency to heighten its terror alert level.

government The Swedish condemned the desecrations but repeatedly upheld the country's extensive freedom of expression laws.

The Linkoping district court in central Sweden found the 27-year-old man guilty of "agitation against an ethnic group," saying his action had "targetted Muslims and not Islam as a religion," and "can hardly be said to have encouraged an objec-



tive and responsible debate." In September 2020, the man

had recorded a video clip outside the Linkoping cathedral showing a Qur'an and bacon being burned on a barbecue, with a pejorative remark about the Prophet Muhammad written on a sign under the barbecue.

The man published the video on social media platforms Twitter, now known as X, and YouTube, and placed the burnt Qur'an and bacon outside the Linkoping mosque.

The song "Remove Kebab" was used in the video, a song popular among far-right groups and which calls for the religious cleansing of Muslims.

The court said "the music is strongly associated with the attack in Christchurch," New Zealand, in 2019 in which an Australian white supremacist killed 51 people at two mosques.

The man had denied any wrongdoing, arguing that his action was a criticism of Islam as a religion.

But the court rejected that

"The court finds that the chosen music to a film with such content can not be interpreted any other way than as a threat against Muslims with an allusion to their faith," the court wrote in a statement.

"The film's content and the form of its publication are such that it is clear that the defendant's primary purpose could not have been other than to express threats and contempt," it said.

Delhi High Court Commutes Batla House Convict's Death Penalty To Life Term

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Thursday commuted the death penalty awarded to Ariz Khan following his conviction in the sensational 2008 Batla House encounter in which decorated Delhi Police Inspector Mohan Chand Sharma died to life

A bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Amit Sharma upheld a trial court order convicting Khan of the murder of the police official but refused to confirm the capital punishment.

A detailed copy of the court's order is awaited.

The bench had reserved its judgement on the issue in August after the lawyers for the convict and the state concluded their submissions.

Mohan Chand Sharma, an officer of the Delhi Police's Special Cell, was killed in the encounter between the police and the terrorists in south Delhi's

Jamia Nagar on September 19, 2008. Two terrorists were also killed in the encounter that happened days after five synchronised bomb explosions in the national capital killed 39 people and wounded 159.

Mr Sharma raided the place while looking for the terrorists behind the blasts. The trial court convicted Khan on March 8, 2021, saying it was duly

proved that he and his associates killed the policeman and fired at him. It said his offence fell under the "rarest of the rare category", warranting the maximum sentence and that he be "hanged by the neck" till death.

On March 15, 2021, it sentenced Khan to death and imposed a fine of ₹11 lakh on him, making it clear that ₹10 lakh should im-

Sharma's family. Subsequently, the High Court received a reference for confirmation of the death sentence.

mediately be released to Mohan Chand

When a trial court sentences a convict to death, its judgement is examined by the High Court which needs to confirm the penalty before the execution.

Robbers Posing As Traffic Cops Check Delhi Man's Car, Loot ₹50 Lakh

NEW DELHI: Two men posing as traffic police in Delhi's Indraprastha area robbed an employee of a pan masala company of ₹50 lakh, police said.

The employee was returning after collecting a payment from the Kucha Ghasiram area in Chandni Chowk area when the incident took place, police said.

The private firm employee was intercepted near the Salim Garh flyover on the Outer Ring Road by two men on a motorcycle dressed as traffic policemen and carrying wireless sets.

The pair dressed as traffic policemen on the pretext of checking the vehicle took a bag with ₹50 lakh kept in the boot of the car and the bag was taken away by two other persons who arrived at the spot on another motorcycle.

A case under sections 419/382/34 of IPC has been filed and further investigation is underway, said police.

The officials further informed that besides the police team, a special wing team was also roped in. From the investigation conducted so far, it seems that the accused persons impersonated themselves as traffic personnel, said police. AGENCIES

Evacuee Property Dept Frees Land Worth Rs 30 Cr In Jammu

Observer News Service

JAMMU: In compliance with the directives of the Custodian General of J&K, Mr. Rajinder Singh Tara (JKAS), the Evacuee Property Department in Jammu has initiated an eviction drive to reclaim EP Land from illegal occupants, encroachers and land grabbers.

For this purpose, an eviction team was formed under the close supervision of Custodian Jammu, Ravinder Sharma (JKAS) and was led by Deputy Custodian (HQ) Jammu, Aijaz Ahmed. The team included various field inspectors from District Jammu and other officials from the EP Department.

The team received assistance from revenue authorities, including the Naib Tehsildar, Girdawar and Patwari of the relevant revenue halga. These

authorities had previously identified and demarcated the EP Land, situated at Narwal Pain in Jammu, measuring 15 kanals and 02 marlas under khasra no 64. This land, according to prevailing market rates, is valued at over 30 crore rupees. The SHO Satwari provided the necessary police force to ensure the security of the eviction drive, which was executed smoothly and successfully. The EP land was successfully reclaimed and signboards were installed around the area to inform the general public.

The department also takes this opportunity to inform the public that encroachments on EP Land will be dealt with firmly and all necessary legal steps will be taken to counter the actions of illegal occupants, encroachers and trespassers concerning EP Land.

Special Cell For Violence Affected Women Unveiled At Shopian

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police in Shopian on the directions of Police Headquarters J&K, in collaboration with the National Commission for Women New Delhi and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai established a special cell for women affected with violence at DPO

The cell was jointly inaugurated by SSP Shopian, Tanushree along with National Commission for Women New Delhi and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai, a police spokesman said.

While speaking on the occasion, SSP Shopian said that the functioning of the Women Cell aims to provide a safe passage and space to women for reporting their grievances and seeking assistance besides, ensuring a more gender-sensitive approach to law enforcement agencies.

SSP Shopian further said that this initiative will provide a safe passage to women for

immediate response in case of family violence or atrocities against women, police assistance in registering complaints, counselling and referral for seeking other services like medical, psychiatric, edu-cational and legal aid through concerned authority besides, many more services for the care and protection of women viz, rebuilding, self-respect and dignity of women.

DySP Headquarters Shopian is functioning as the Nodal of-ficer of the special cell besides, two professional social workers Aamir Rasool and Heena Gulzar deputed by National Commission for Women for providing legal aid, counselling and other assistance to the women affected by violence are also a part of the cell.

It is to be mentioned here that for any assistance regarding the special cell for violence-affected women functioning at DPO Shopian, individuals can contact on mobile

DC Bandipora Reviews Winter Preparedness

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed Thursday chaired a meeting to review winter preparedness of departments in the district.

The DC on the occasion took stock of departmentwise initiatives and works to be undertaken by the District Administration for winter

He directed the concerned officers to make necessary arrangements well in advance and asked for framing and executing department-wise action plans for the preparedness.

Dr. Owais directed all the departments to ensure that a robust mechanism is put in place to minimize disruptions of essential services to the general public during winter season.

During the meeting, the DC directed the PDD to set specific timelines for replacement of transformers in far-flung/ remote areas of the district, including Gurez and Tulail besides keeping buffer stock of transformers during the winter months.

The officers from PDD informed that a buffer stock of

46 transformers stands available in the division besides cranes for lifting off the defective transformers. It was further given out that generators in Gurez and Tulail will ensure power supply in the areas.

While reviewing the preparedness of the MED and Beacon, the DC laid emphasis on ensuring uninterrupted road connectivity. He also directed the concerned officers for deployment of Snow clearing machinery and equipment for snow clearance on essential, main and internal roads

as and when required. The officers of the Mechanical Engineering Department apprised the chair that additional Snow clearance machines have been provided to Bandipora for quick and robust clearance of roads during winter.

Dr. Owais directed all the concerned to ensure availability of essentials including medicines, fuel, ration and other essential items including LPG.

He also directed the concerned departments for setting up of Control Rooms to redress the winter related complaints of the public on fast track basis and to ensure a prompt response system.



A MAN EXTRACTS LOTUS STEM, popularly known as Nadroo, from the waters of Manasbal Lake in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Thursday. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Pakistan Epicentre Of Narco-Terrorism: DGP

Press Trust Of India

IAMMU: Police have busted a major inter-state drug racket, leading to the arrest of eight people and seizure of nearly Rs 5 crore in cash and illegal substances, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said on Thursday.

Addressing a press conference here on the operation 'Sanjeevani' initiated on September 30 with the aim of combating the drug menace, Singh also said Pakistan is the epicentre of narco-terrorism and that J-K is the collection point while Punjab is the receiving point.

"Eight smugglers including four from J&K and four from Punjab have been arrested so far. The investigation is going on. We are likely to involve other investigation agencies in the operation," Singh said.

He said that Pakistan is using drones as a modus operandi to ferry narcotics material in J-K, particularly in Jammu region's Rajouri district and areas along International Border but smuggling is taking place physically in Kupwara and other areas.

Under the operation 'Sanjeevani', Ramban police intercepted a significant consignment of a substance

At SKUAST-K

Shalimar campus.

US Agriculture Scientist

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Prof KG Raghothama, a distinguished ag-

riculture scientist and renowned landscape architect

from Purdue University, USA, today delivered a talk on

molecular mechanisms of plant nutrition with special

reference to phosphorus at Sher-e-Kashmir University

of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir

The lecture was attended by more than 40 scien-

tists and students. It was followed by an interaction session wherein Prof Raghothama gave valuable sug-

gestions to students regarding the identification of

After the lecture, Prof Raghothama attended a

meeting with the heads and scientists of divisions of

Biotechnology, Fruit Sciences, Vegetable Sciences and

Floriculture in the office chamber of Dean Faculty of

Horticulture, Prof Shabir Ahmad Wani, to discuss vari-

ous areas of mutual collaboration including faculty

and student mobility, joint research programmes. It

was decided that various divisions will develop a joint

proposal for exploring the possibility of active collabo-

ration between SKUAST-K and Purdue University in

Dr Sajad Majeed Zargar, assistant professor of Plant

Biotechnology at SKUAST-K has organised the lecture.

Prof Wani thanked Prof Raghothama for his willing-

ness to extend cooperation for the improvement of

the horticulture sector in J&K. The international lec-

ture series was coordinated by Dr Parvaze Ahmad Sofi,

researchable areas in plant nutrition.

the area of horticultural sciences.

Coordinator, International Programmes.

Delivers Special Talk



resembling cocaine, with an 300 crore, he said.

"The seizure occurred from two Punjab-based peddlers who were transporting the illicit cargo in an Innova car bearing a fake registration plate in Ramban. A case was registered," he said.

Following the initial seizure, a special investigation team was formed to trace both backward and forward linkages, Singh said.

In a meticulous process, technical intelligence was gathered and a truck carrying a portion of the consignment was apprehended, he said, adding that the truck driver, responsible for delivering the contraband, was arrested.

During interrogation, the driver revealed crucial information that resulted in the arrest of another peddler from Kupwara, the DGP said adding this chain of detentions eventually led to the recovery of an additional four kilos 198 grams of a cocaine-like substance and Rs 43.17 lakh in cash.

Simultaneously, efforts were underway to trace the forward linkage of the cartel, he said. A collaborative effort with IB team, Jammu, and assistance from the Punjab Police culminated in the apprehension of a major drug magnate, Manjeet Singh, hailing from Ludhiana, Punjab, he said.

The subsequent search revealed an astonishing array of fraudulent documents, sophisticated equipment, and an extensive cache of assets, including a revolver of German make, he said.

CS Bats For Month **Long Cleanliness Drive In Govt Offices**

Directs For Reducing The Pendency Of Files To 99% Till Month End

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday urged the Divisional and District administrations to carryout a month long cleanliness drive in all the government offices and schools of the UT.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce; Secretary, Tourism and Culture, both the Divisional Commissioners and all Deputy Commissioners of the UT.

While taking review of the Swachhta Mission here in J&K, Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers that since our villages have been declared as ODF+ Model category, it is imperative to make all our offices junk-free besides enhancing their ambience and sprucing up their surroundings.

The Chief Secretary maintained that nearly 50000 office premises including government school buildings should be properly cleaned to make them clean and aesthetic.

The Chief Secretary also took note of the timely disposal of files in government offices. He observed that from the overall disposal of nearly 96% files, the number should reach 99% by month end. He called for having no pendencies beyond scheduled time durations meant for each service. He impressed upon all the officers to monitor the pending files on daily basis so that those habitual of creating undue delays are identified.

While taking review of winter preparedness the Chief Secretary urged the Divisional Administration to ensure quality power supply, ration and timely snow clearance during winters. He directed for replacement of damaged transformers in a period of 8 hours in urban areas and 24 hours in rural areas. He asked for increasing the vigil through enforcement teams to curb illegal usage He made out that the sched-

uled 8-hour cut in non-metered areas should be ensured besides taking measures for uninterrupted power supply to all the smart metered habitations where AT&C losses are as per norms. He asked for running an IEC campaign in local and social media to make people aware about the benefits of timely deposition of their electricity bills. He told that people should be made aware that borrowing Rs 31000 Cr to pay for purchasing electricity s taking toll on other peoplecentric measures. He made out that the UT people are intelli-

The Chief Secretary also enjoined upon the concerned district administrations to take all the measures for ensuring vibrant winters here. He asked them that the roads to all the tourist places should be cleared of snow in a timely manner so that these remain open to public all the time. He also advised them to provide these places the power supply and other amenities without any undue disruptions in the winter months. Later on the Chief Secretary

gent enough to understand and cooperate with the administra-

tion in its efforts.

also reviewed the preparations for upcoming Navratri festival. He directed the administration to take all the measures for smooth conduct of this festival. He told them to provide the uninterrupted water, power supply to all the areas where this festival is celebrated by people. He called for taking cleanliness drives and other measures in the areas where people assemble for the festivities for all the days of this festival.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER KULGAM

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Subject: Grant of monthly financial assistance in favour of the Old aged, Widow/Divorcee, disabled (Divyangjans)& Transgender Persons.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public of district Kulgam is here informed that Govt of UT J&K through Social welfare department intends to saturate all pensionary schemes by providing monthly financial assistance amounting to Rs 1000/= to all eligible Old Aged Persons, Widows/Divorcees, Physically Challenged (Divyangjans) and Transgender persons. In this regard all eligible persons who have not yet applied for monthly financial assistance are hereby requested to apply for same under relevant scheme on Jansugam Portal viz; jansugam.jk.gov.in through nearest Common Service Centre (CSC) / Khidmat Centres in order to obtain benefits of financial assistance under ISSS/NSAP.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

OLD AGE PENSION DOMICILE CERTIFICATE. AGE CERTIFICATE FROM BMO/ MEDICAL BOARD OR DOB ISSUED BY LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED/BDO. RATION CARD E-TICKET -AAY & PHH. AFFIDAVIT ATTESTED BY JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE/EX-ECUTIVE MAGISTRATE IST CLASS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT IN RECIEPT OF ANY PENSION/ FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.

AADHAR CARD

AADHAR SEEDING CERTIFICATE FROM BANK.

WIDOW PENSION DOMICILE CERTIFICATE.

DEATH CERTIFICATE OF HUSBAND IN CASE OF WIDOW LEGAL EVIDENCE OF DIVORCE IN CASE OF DIVORCEE ALONG WITH AFFIDAVIT FROM THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS TO THE EFFECT THAT SHE IS NOT IN RECIEPT OF ANY MAINTE-NANCE ALLOWANCE.

NON-MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE FROM ANY GAZETTED OFFICER. AGE CERTIFICATE FROM BMO/ MEDICAL BOARD OR DOB ISSUED BY LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED/BDO

RATION CARD E-TICKET -AAY & PHH.

AFFIDAVIT ATTESTED BY JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE/EXECUTIVE MAG-ISTRATE IST CLASS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT IN RECIEPT OF ANY PENSION/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.

BANK PASSBOOK OF ACCOUNT LINKED WITH AADHAR.

AADHAR CARD

AADHAR SEEDING CERTIFICATE FROM BANK

DISABILITY PENSION DOMICILE CERTIFICATE.

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ONLINE DISABILITY CERTIFICATE (40% OR ABOVE) FROM DISTRICT MEDICAL BOARD ALONG WITH UNIQUE DIABILITY (UDID) CARD. RATION CARD E-TICKET -NPHH, AAY & PHH.

AFFIDAVIT ATTESTED BY JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE/EX-**ECUTIVE MAGISTRATE IST CLASS TO THE EFFECT THAT** THE APPLICANT IS NOT IN RECIEPT OF ANY PENSION/ FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE. BANK PASSBOOK OF ACCOUNT LINKED WITH AADHAR.

AADHAR CARD AADHAR SEEDING CERTIFICATE FROM BANK.

TRANSGENDER PENSION DOMICILE CERTIFICATE.

TRANSGENDER CERTIFICATE FROM DISTRICT MAGISTRATE.

RATION CARD E-TICKET -NPHH, AAY & PHH. AFFIDAVIT ATTESTED BY JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE/EXECUTIVE

MAGISTRATE IST CLASS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT IN RECIEPT OF ANY PENSION/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.

BANK PASSBOOK OF ACCOUNT LINKED WITH AADHAR.

AADHAR CARD

AADHAR SEEDING CERTIFICATE FROM BANK.

Convocation Day Held At ITI Shopian

165 Pass Out Students In 10 Trades Provided Completion Certificates

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: The 2nd Convocation Day was celebrated at Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Shopian today which brought together students, parents, faculty, and esteemed guests to celebrate the accomplishments of our talented Technicians.

The Convocation Day event featured a series of highlights, including a welcome address by Superintendent

ITI Shopian, who congratulated the pass out trainees and encouraged them to pursue their dreams with determination and enthusiasm.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Raja Waheed and Muzaffar Ahmad, DDC Members, Shopian whose insightful address inspired Technicians as they embarked on their profes-

sional journeys. On the occasion, diplomas and certificates were distrib-

students who acquired skills in ten trades at ITI Shopian. Each student was recognized for dedication, hard work, and achievements during

their time at the institute. The program also included heartwarming success stories and testimonials from some of the pass outs, highlighting the transformative impact of their training at ITI Shopian. These stories served

as a source of inspiration to

uted among 165 pass out their peers and underlined the institute's commitment to empowering individuals with the skills and knowledge necessary for success in their chosen careers.

performances, showcasing the diverse talents of students, added a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere to the event. These performances underscored the importance of nurturing not only technical skills but also creativity and self-expression.

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Dated:12/10/2023

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Glacier Retreat Crisis

xperts have sounded the alarm on the rapid retreat of glaciers in Kashmir. Over the past six decades, Jammu and Kashmir have witnessed a staggering 25% reduction in glacier size, a trend exacerbated by the looming threat of climate change. If left unchecked, 48% of these vital glaciers could vanish by the end of the century.

Jammu and Kashmir boasts approximately 18,000 glaciers, including large ones like the Siachen glacier, spanning an impressive 65 kilometers in length and towering 500 to 600 meters in thickness. These glaciers are an invaluable resource, serving as a lifeline for the region, providing water for agriculture. However, with temperatures on the rise due to climate change, these glaciers are melting at an accelerated pace.

One of the most pressing concerns is the shift in the timing of water availability. Historically, the Valley has relied on the gradual release of water from melting glaciers during the crucial months of June and July, coinciding with the agricultural season when water demand is at its peak. However, changing climate patterns have disrupted this cycle, leading to a surplus of water in March, April, and May when it is not required.

Kashmiri Earth scientist and glaciology expert, Shakeel Ahmad Romshoo's research at the University of Kashmir reveals a disconcerting reality. Over the last half-century, the region has already lost 25% of its glacier mass. An additional 68% is anticipated to vanish by the century's end due to climate change.

The crisis is not an isolated phenomenon. It has dire implications for the ecosystem and the people who depend on it. The melting glaciers disrupt the traditional water supply cycle, severely affecting agriculture.

Rising temperatures in the Himalayas are also leading to a shift in tree lines, enabling vegetation growth in previously uninhabitable areas. The melting glaciers provide the necessary space for this transformation, creating a more hospitable environment for vegetation to flourish.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the nomadic communities, are already witnessing the distressing consequences of glacier ice melt. Once snow-covered grazing areas have dwindled, and glacier-covered landscapes of yesteryears have given way to visible streams due to continuous snowmelt.

Experts like Ramshoo are emphasizing the urgency of implementing storage projects to ensure water availability during critical periods. These initiatives are vital to mitigating the devastating effects of glacier loss on agriculture, one of the Valley's mainstays. Such projects are important to address our water needs as there is little that we can do locally to reverse climate change which is driven by global factors.

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Spring Cleaning

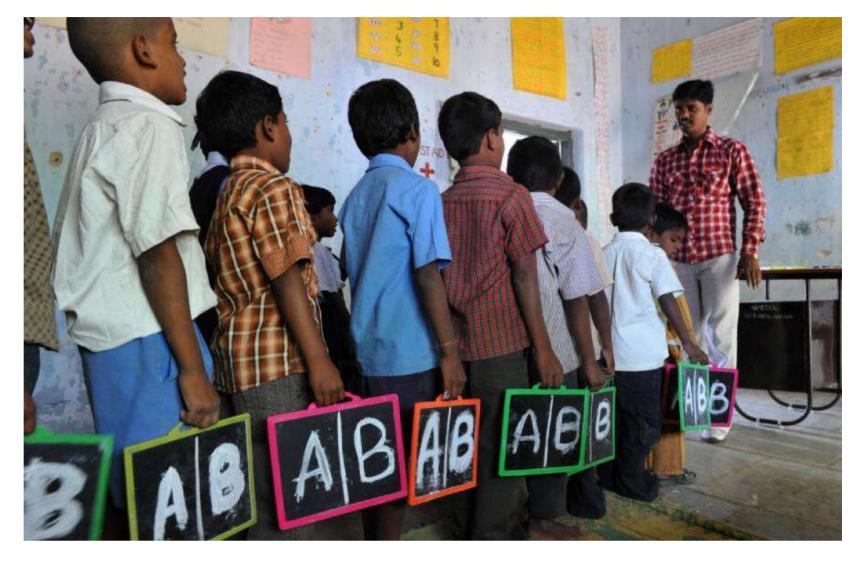
he Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council last Saturday lifted the haze on about a dozen tax treatment ambiguities, some of which have lingered since the indirect tax regime's launch in July 2017, such as the tax on corporate and personal guarantees for bank loans. It slashed the GST on molasses from 28% to 5%, with a view to lower cattle feed costs and ease up cash flows for sugar mills so they may pay farmers' dues faster. Rate tweaks and spring-cleaning clarifications apart, one of the significant outcomes was the decision not to exercise the Council's power to tax extra neutral alcohol (ENA) used for alcoholic liquor. With alcohol for human consumption still outside the GST net, the indirect tax levy on ENA or high strength potable alcohol — a key ingredient — could not be set off against State levies on the final product. Industry had been seeking for clarity on this vexed issue for years, with courts taking varying positions.

It is heartening that the Council, that met just twice in 2022, has met four times this year, and thrice in just four months, even if a few agenda items pertained to fixing anomalies in recent decisions. With the age norms for the president and members of the long-awaited GST Appellate Tribunals now harmonised with other tribunals — a clearly avoidable oversight — one hopes they will become operational soon. For consumers and producers, however, the biggest matter of concern should be the Council's resolve to meet at a future date exclusively to discuss what Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman termed 'perspective planning' on the GST Compensation Cess and what kind of surcharge it could be replaced with. Originally packaged as a time-bound levy on top of a 'Good and Simple Tax' to compensate States for revenue losses for the first five years of GST, the COVID-19 pandemic's hit on tax collections had triggered an extension of the Cess levied on so-called demerit goods such as aerated drinks, tobacco products and automobiles, till March 2026. Discouraging some sin goods may be desirable. However, ringing in a new cess must not be done in isolation, but as a part of the broader rationalisation of GST's complex multiple-rate structure. That rationalisation exercise, initiated two years ago, unfortunately remains off the table despite robust revenue inflows in recent times. Frequent tweaks of irritants aside, the GST regime needs a holistic reform plan, including a road map to bring in excluded items such as electricity, petroleum and alcohol.

The Hindu

Language Matters

A good command over English can be an asset for students in their journey. We can also work towards incorporating languages like French or Spanish in our school curricula



Anshu Saluja

In a country ridden with poverty, inequality and unemployment/ underemployment, young people are often forced to explore the option of migrating to foreign shores to access education and livelihood opportunities. These realities have to be accommodated in the academic framework. A good command over English can be an asset for students in their journey

he National Education Policy 2020 asserted the importance of imparting primary education to children in their "home language"/"mother tongue". This is a remarkable idea. It can make it easier for young students to learn and retain knowledge in their formative years. The question is this: in a diverse country such as ours, where language is implicated in the empowerment of certain groups and marginalising others, can we achieve a level playing field for all?

Many locally-spoken languages and dialects do not have their own scripts. The resources to conserve and disseminate these are gravely inadequate. For into teach in these languages. Even if we manage to surmount these odds, will it be possible to change wider attitudes? Will speakers of dominant regional languages be ready to engage as equals with speakers of those languages that have historically been described as remote or have tribal origins? A child of the Gond or Korku tribe residing in Madhya Pradesh or Chhattisgarh may find it difficult to secure an education in his/her mother tongue. He/she will, in all probability, be compelled to study in Hindi.

But which version and style of Hindi will be taught to her is another fraught issue. Language is never uniform. There are differences in the ways in which Malayalam is spoken across Kerala; the Marathi spoken in coastal

Maharashtra differs from the one that is popular in Vidarbha; the Hindi that is spoken across Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, and within different regions of these states, varies significantly in tone, style and diction. Complicating matters further, Hindi has been embroiled in at least two additional, often disturbing, strands of politics: the first concerns repeated manoeuvres to instal it as the dominant national language. The second is about strategic attempts to distance the twin siblings — Urdu and Hindi — as languages of two distinct collectives.

We need to realise that the insistence on the use of home language/mother tongue as the medium for imparting education will not automatically create linguistic parity. It will only end up reinforcing the dominance of an already dominant local/regional language. So why not break away from this mould and devise an alternative formula? Why not consider the option of offering quality education in English to all students?

The knowledge of English offers a promise of greater economic returns and the consolidation of cultural capital. It has, admittedly, been used to cement pre-existing caste and class privileges. But learning English is an aspiration as well as the key to the door of new economic opportunities. It thus seems prudent to promote and disseminate the knowledge of English. Yet, English teaching and learning are in an abysmal

state. Both teachers and students are often found wanting in the basic skills of reading and comprehension in English. Policymakers and educators must address the shortfall and direct their attention towards improving the state of English teaching and learning.

In a country ridden with poverty, inequality and unemployment/underemployment, young people are often forced to explore the option of migrating to foreign shores to access education and livelihood opportunities. These realities have to be accommodated in the academic framework. A good command over English can be an asset for students in their journey. We can also work towards incorporating languages like French or Spanish in our school curricula. These are spoken widely in several parts of the world. If the teaching of at least one or two of such globally marketable languages comes to be included in the curriculum, students would gain immensely from such a step. These reforms will certainly require calibrated channelling of resources and concerted investment in effort, energy, time and money. But the price is worth it in order to brighten the future of students.

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The Women's Lens on Economics

In a world where economic history has long been chronicled through a male lens, this year's Nobel Prize winner for Economics Claudia Goldin has effectively broken that trend to become only the third woman since 1969 to win the prestigious award for her decades of work, studying the gender pay

gap. No wonder, she has efficiently turned the spotlight on women's economic roles and challenges. Her findings reveal the complexities of wage disparities, emphasizing issues that women face after childbirth. Ms. Goldin's research doesn't just attribute the gender pay gap to employer discrimination, and instead, her in-

sights advocate for the establishment of a robust support system for working women. Her findings suggest strengthening child care facilities, improving parental leave policies, offering flexibility and bolstering policies for women at the workplace, as in the absence of such support women are bound to keep earning less

than men after they become parents. Ms. Goldin's Nobel recognition isn't merely an honour for her achievement, but it serves as a beacon for women in economics and academia as a whole.

Ranganathan Sivakumar

Mindful Fridays

From Turmoil to Tranquility The problem of unhealthy attachment, power of detachment, and the psychological significance of ayat "Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon

Wasim Kakroo

ttachment is a fundamental as-Apect of human psychology, influencing the way we connect with others, ideas, material possessions, and even our past and future. However, the quality of our attachment can significantly impact our emotional well-being. Unhealthy attachment often leads to obsession and, in turn, emotional dysregulation. In contrast, healthy detachment from various aspects of life can promote better mental health. This article explores the intricate interplay between attachment, detachment, and emotional regulation, shedding light on the psychological significance of the phrase "Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon" as a coping mechanism for dealing with loss.

Attachment and Obsession: A **Destructive Connection**

Obsession often blurs the line between love and possession, causing suffering not only to the obsessed but also to the object of their fixation. Unhealthy attachments can suffocate the very things we hold dear. Friends may distance themselves, lovers may feel trapped, and passions may wither under the weight of obsession.

The destructive nature of this connection becomes evident when it hinders personal growth and wellbeing. Instead of nurturing a sense of self and fostering independence, unhealthy attachment fosters codependence. It's a cycle that perpetuates feelings of inadequacy and a relentless need for validation from the object of obsession.

Breaking free from this destructive connection is a challenging but essential task. Recognizing that attachment should not be synonymous with control is a crucial first step. Therapy, self-reflection, and seeking support from friends and family can all aid in the healing process. Learning to love without suffocating, appreciate without grasping, and trust without demanding control can help transform an unhealthy attachment into a healthier one.

Detachment: A Healthy Alternative

Detachment is the conscious act of letting go, to some extent, of our attachments. Healthy detachment involves maintaining a balanced perspective on relationships, material possessions, and future plans. While it may seem counterintuitive, detachment can lead to better mental health and emotional regulation.



Detachment **Possessions:**

Material from

In our consumer-driven society, material possessions often become the focal point of our lives. Healthy detachment involves recognizing that possessions don't define our worth. Letting go of the importance placed on material goods can alleviate the stress and anxiety related to their acquisition, maintenance, and the fear of losing them. It enables a shift towards valuing experiences and relationships over possessions, promoting mental

Detachment from People:

Balancing emotional connection with independence is vital for nurturing healthy relationships. Healthy detachment allows individuals to maintain their unique identities while still fostering deep emotional bonds. It prevents the suffocation that can come from excessive emotional reliance on others and promotes personal growth within the context of the relationship.

Detachment from the Past:

Carrying the weight of past regrets, traumas, and unresolved issues can be detrimental to mental health. Detaching from the past involves forgiveness, acceptance, and letting go. It liberates the mind from emotional burdens, leading to better emotional regulation and improved mental well-being.

Detachment from the Future:

Constantly worrying about the unknown future can lead to anxiety and emotional instability. Detachment from the future is achieved through mindfulness and being present in the moment. It helps individuals relinquish their need for excessive control over what lies ahead and promotes a sense of calm and contentment in the

The Significance of "Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon" in Handling Unhealthy Attachments and Healthy **Detachments:**

"Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon" is a profound Islamic phrase that translates to "Verily, to Allah we belong, and verily, to Him we shall return." This simple yet powerful statement holds great significance in helping individuals navigate the complex terrain of attachments and detachments in their lives. In the following lines, we explore the multifaceted role of this ayat in facilitating both the release of unhealthy attachments and the cultivation of healthy detachments.

Understanding Unhealthy **Attachments:**

Unhealthy attachments can manifest in various ways, such as excessive materialism, an obsession with worldly possessions, or an over-dependence on relationships for one's sense of selfworth. These attachments can lead to suffering, anxiety, and a skewed perspective on life. The ayat, "Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon," serves as a reminder of our ultimate destination, which is not the material or the temporary but the divine. By recognizing that everything belongs to Allah, we are encouraged to let go of these harmful attachment

Embracing Impermanence:

One of the core teachings of this ayat is the acknowledgment of life's impermanence. The material possessions, relationships, and worldly achievements we often cling to are fleeting. By internalizing the concept of returning to Allah, individuals can develop a healthier perspective on their attachments. They come to understand that nothing in this world is eternal, leading to a more balanced and resilient approach to life.

Dealing with Grief and Loss:

Grief and loss are part of the human experience. When we lose something or someone dear to us, the ayat "Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon" can provide solace and guidance. It encourages individuals to find comfort in the belief that everything ultimately belongs to Allah, and our journey leads us back to Him. This understanding can help in the healing process and reduce the burden of attachment-related suffering.

Developing Healthy Detachments:

While the ayat guides us in releasing unhealthy attachments, it also plays a significant role in cultivating healthy detachments. Healthy detachment does not mean disconnecting from life but rather maintaining a sense of self that is not overly influenced by external factors. "Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon" promotes this by emphasizing that our primary connection is with the divine, which encourages a sense of inner strength and

Reducing Stress and Anxiety:

In a world filled with stress and anxiety, people often find themselves overwhelmed by their attachments to societal expectations, material gains, or the opinions of others. By repeating the ayat and internalizing its message, individuals can experience a sense of relief and tranquility, as they detach from the excessive pressures and expectations of the world.

Seeking Contentment:

Healthy detachment allows for a deeper sense of contentment and gratitude. By recognizing the transitory nature of worldly possessions and desires, individuals can redirect their focus toward the spiritual and the meaningful aspects of life. "Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon" is a reminder to find contentment in the divine con nection rather than fleeting worldly

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Why ChatGPT Talks The Talk But Doesn't Walk The Walk

Matthias Ramaekers

7ou have probably noticed that artificial intelligence (AI) research is a booming business. Recent advances in large language models (LLMs), like the one powering ChatGPT, surprised the world.

Their capacity for humanlike language and problem-solving abilities led many to imagine potential applications or risks to society-including Geoffrey Hinton, the "godfather of AI."

Others pointed out that LLMs have comparatively limited capacity for activities that humans perform with little effort, such as humor [1], causal and counterfactual reasoning [2], and logic [3]. So, to what extent do these models truly mimic human, or indeed general, intelligence?

Answering that question requires a definition of intelligence, but there is a lot of debate about how to define intelligence, whether human or artificial intelligence [4-5]. Leaving these debates to the side, I'll focus on a characteristic of intelligent systems that my colleagues in

the Learning and Implicit Processes Lab are interested in: the ability to learn, that is, to change behavior as a function of past experiences [6].

Humans and many other organisms are capable of learning [7]. Many learning psychologists like myself would be out of a job if they were not. LLMs like that under the hood of ChatGPT also learn from experiences using various learning algorithms.

How do we compare these systems? We can differentiate them in terms of the speed and efficiency with which they learn and the flexibility and creativity by which they apply learned knowledge. We now see significant differences between humans, other animals, and artificial systems.

In terms of speed, humans have a clear advantage over state-of-theart AI. In short, LLMs are trained on massive amounts of data, from which they essentially learn to predict which (parts of) words are most likely to follow previous (parts of) words, followed by a second round of training to finetune their responses to human-produced

prompts and questions.

This learning history is sufficient to produce remarkably humanlike responses. Still, LLMs typically require about four to five orders of magnitude, or roughly 50,000 times more training instances than the average human child, to produce that behavior [8]. ChatGPT's training is a rather brute-force approach to learning to produce intelligent linguistic behavior. It allows it to pick up on the underlying regularities of human language, but it differs significantly from how humans acquire language.

Humans are not only faster but also more flexible learners. Children quickly acquire the ability to reason about novel problems flexibly and to adapt to new situations after only a few exposures or mere instruction.

This feat remains a challenge for state-of-the-art AI. LLMs have much-improved generalization capacity, but it is hard to systematically assess because their training encompasses virtually everything humans have ever written. When probed on novel problems or instances of familiar problems, you can see the limits of its abilities, suggesting its responses reflect something more similar to memorizing problem solutions than thorough understanding.

Current LLMs are not an ideal model for learning psychologists investigating how humans learn. What, then, makes humans so unique?

In our lab, we take the perspective of relational frame theory (RFT) [9], which proposes that human cognition, and thus intelligence, is founded on our ability for relational responding-responding to one event in terms of its relationship to another.

As we grow up in a verbal, social community, we learn to relate objects and events in our environment in many ways (A is the same as B, A is more than B, A is less than B, A is part of B, A comes after B, A is here and B is there, A is to B as C is to D, and so on). We also learn to respond to those relations appropriately (e.g., if box A has one chocolate, and box B has more than box A, which do you choose?). Over time, the relations can be abstracted away from the irrelevant physical properties of

the related objects, and we can start applying them to objects arbitrarily or symbolically (e.g., responding to the word "dog" in the same way you

would to an actual dog).
This ability to "act as if" things are related provides the foundation for fast, flexible, and generative learning and, ultimately, what we consider to be intelligent behavior (see [10] for more examples). It is no coincidence that many of the subtests that make up modern intelligence tests (e.g., Raven's Progressive Matrices and other fluid reasoning tests, verbal reasoning, visuospatial reasoning, etc.) assess behavior that is relational and that there is preliminary evidence suggesting relational training can help increase children's intelligence [11]

Of course, many in AI acknowledge the importance of relational reasoning and have attempted to incorporate relational mechanisms into their models. So far, however, none seem to have reached the "symbolic level" still uniquely occupied by humans. Suppose AI research wants to mirror the processes underpinning human abilities

and not just produce humanlike output as it does now.

In that case, it will require a different approach focused on efficient, context-sensitive learning. In my search in the LIP lab, we try to do this by developing computational models inspired by the core ideas of RFT, which, if the theory is correct, should provide a better (i.e., faster and more flexible) model of human learning.

Returning to the question of ChatGPT's intelligence, it is important to note that it was developed with a specific purpose: to interact with humans through a computer interface and produce coherent answers to whatever prompt it gets. With that goal in mind, its performance is remarkable.

It was not designed to be generally intelligent (i.e., capable of flexibly adapting to novel situations or problems), and it isn't. Still, it gives us the illusion of intelligence because it mimics intelligent human language.

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CORRIGENDUM-I

Subject: - Extensionof Critical Datesof e-NITS No. 20/1, 20/2& 20/3 of 2023-24 Dated: - 05-10-2023.

Reference: - Tender IDs: -2023_PWDJK_229773_4 2023_PWDJK_229773_5 2023_PWDJK_229773_6

Due to inadequate response in reference to above cited e-NITs, the Critical Dates are extended as under

S.No	Description	Re- Scheduled date
1	Date of Downloading	05-10-2023 (06:15 PM) to 17-10-2023 (06:00 PM)
2	Date of uploading	05-10-2023 (06:15 PM) to 17-10-2023 (06:55 PM)
3	Due date of opening of	18-10-2023 (01:00 PM)

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No: - MDB /TS/614-16 DIPK-10322/23 Dated: - 12-10-2023

Survey Reveals 90% Indians Prefer To Watch Movies On Big Screen

Press Trust Of India

ig screen cinema magic is still thriving in India, says a new survey by ticketing platform Book-MyShow, which spoke to moviegoers in 650 towns and cities across the country to understand their preferred entertainment mode.

The report, titled The CineFiles', was launched ahead of the National Cinema Day on Friday, when tickets will be priced at Rs 99 across theatres.

It revealed that 98 per cent of Indians believe "cinematic magic can only be brought alive on the big screen with a third of them attributing it to certain directors, themes, VFX amongst others".

"In fact, 90 per cent respondents' usual go-to option for out-of-home experiences is catching the latest movie release in the theatre amongst other leisure activities such as shopping, live gigs, adventure outings and more, further reiterating that the big screen theatre experience continues to be a mainstay in the cultural fabric of India," the report said.

The survey, which spoke to 5,000 people across different cities, said that 63 per cent of the respondents think about watching a film in a theatre at least once

They comprised a mix of 41 per cent



GenZ (people born in the late 1990s and early 2000s) along with 59 per cent millennial (those born between 1980 and

1995) and GenX (people born between 1965 and 1980) audiences, the survey said. In fact, 35 per cent in the GenZ generation prefer to watch the first day first show of a movie, the report added.

"The enduring love for movies over the years remains unshaken. First day, first shows continue as a sacred tradition for many fans, inspiring cheers, whistles

and endless applause at the sight of beloved stars on the big screen. The resounding response to 'The CineFiles' survey at BookMyShow reaffirms the enduring allure of the big screen movie experience in India," Ashish Saksena, COO - Cinemas, BookMyShow, said in a statement.

"The film industry's tenacity and adaptability shine through its continual evolution. As an enabler to this world of movies on the big screen, it brings us immense joy to engage with and cater to both a burgeoning younger audience and devoted fans across generations, united in their love for this timeless form of entertainment," he added.

According to the survey, 74 per cent of the respondents liked to keep an eye out for movies that resonate with them and plan ahead at least 3 days in advance, while 26 per cent prefer to catch a movie spontaneously.

It also revealed that the key determinants for the consumers remain the storyline, the cast and director, reviews and ratings and the trailer's impact on them.

'43 per cent Mumbaikars choose storyline as the most critical trigger for them to catch a movie in a theatre, significantly higher than other cities. 38 per cent Delhiites rank reviews and ratings highest to determine and decide the film to watch on the big screen.

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ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE No: 02 of 2023 Dated:12/10/2023

Subject: Advertisement for Recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Devsar Reference: 1. Government Order No 222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30.11.2022

2. Government Order No.103-JK (SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023 3. SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/31261-67 dated:03-10-2023 4. DPO/POSHAN/KUL/2023/1242-47 Dated:05-10-2023

Approval has been accorded, vide letter No: 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28.04.2023 for filling up of various vacancies of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Devsar as per the details given below:

No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Post
1.	Poshan Devsar	Anganwadi Workers (Sanginis)	02
2.	Posnan Devsar	Anganwadi Helpers (Sahayikas)	09
	Total		11
۷.	Total	Anganwadi Helpers (Sahayikas)	

Applications are invited in the Prescribed Performa in Annexure "A" from the eligible candidates for engagement as Anganwadi Worker and Anganwadi Helper on Honorarium basis for aforementioned posts of Anganwadi Centres. The important dates/details with regard to the posts are as under:

- Date of commencement for submission of application forms 13.10.2023.
- Last date for submission of applications is 27.10 .2023. Application form Annexure-A
- Annexure B- Name of the Post, Location/Ward , Qualification and Criteria for selection

 and Criteria for selectio

Child Development Project Officer, Poshan Project Devsar

ANNEXURE 'B'

Detail of Vacant Posts along with name and location of AWC.

> Anganwadi Workers

S N o	PANCHAYAT/ MUNCIPAL WARD	NAME OF ANGANWADI CENTRE	WARD NAME/NO.	NAME OF POST	NO. OF POSTS
1	CHIYAN ADIGAM	MAL MOHALLA ADIGAM	WARD NO 08	SANGINI (Anganwadi Worker)	01
2	MUNCIPAL WARD 08 (MC DEVSAR)	`GANIE MOHALLA	WARD NO 08	SANGINI (Anganwadi Worker)	01

Anganwadi Helpers

Sr. No.	Panchayat/ Muncipal Ward			NAME OF POST	NO. OF POSTS
1	BOZGAM	KHAR MOHALLA AGROO	WARD NO.07	SAHAYIKA (Anganwadi Helper)	01
2	NOWPORA	MALIPORA MUKDAMPORA			01
3	HABLISH	MUKHDAM MOHALLA HABLISH	WARD NO.03	SAHAYIKA (Anganwadi Helper)	01
4	SOPAT	MUKHDAM MOHALLA SOPAT	WARD NO.05	SAHAYIKA (Anganwadi Helper)	01
5	CHIYAN ADIGAM	MAL MOHALLA ADIGAM	WARD NO.08	SAHAYIKA (Anganwadi Helper)	01
6	CHIYAN ADIGAM	MUSKHUD JANGIWAH MOHALLA	WARD NO.11	SAHAYIKA (Anganwadi Helper)	01
7	BOZGAM	DANKARD BOZGAM	WARD NO.01	SAHAYIKA (Anganwadi Helper)	01
8	WARD NO 08 (MC DEVSAR)	GANIE MOHALLA	WARD NO.08	SAHAYIKA (Anganwadi Helper)	01
9	SADURA	GUNDJAFFER	WARD NO.06	SAHAYIKA (Anganwadi Helper)	01
ANNE	XURE "A"			S.No	

Format of Application

1. Name of POSHAN Project

applicant duly attested by

11. Date of Birth 12. Age as on 01.01.2023

13. Academic Qualification:

13. Academic Qualification:

Sr. No.	Examination Passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Total Marks	Percentage
1.						
2.						
3.						

14. Do the candidate belong to Retiring AWW/AWH (YES/NO)

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Signature of Candidate

Signature of Candidate

Eligibility:

For Anganwadi Workers
The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K. Women candidates in the age

shall be eligible The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Where ever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, then a residence proof certifying of the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR

Minimum qualification for **Anganwadi Worker** shall be 10+2 and maximum Graduation. In case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director,

- 5. In case suitable candidate is not available for adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the ward can be considered subject to the approval of the MD, Mission
- Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and no other criteria to be considered
- In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred. Candidate with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered

B. Anganwadi Helpers

- The selection of Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
- The Califordia Brown and Helper shall be matriculation.
 In case no matriculate candidate available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered.
- The committee shall select the most destitute/needy married woman of the ward as helper from amongst those who fulfil the qualification criteria. In case no
- married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be considered.

 In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWWs/AWHs,

the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.

Document Verification

1) The candidate who is shortlisted for Document verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other document like Domicile Certificate, on or before the last date of submission of application form.

a) Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification

b) Date of Birth/Matriculate Certificate.

c) Domicile Certificate.

d) Unmarried Certificate (where required) 2) Candidates have to bring two passport size recent colour photographs and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be: Aadhaar Card.

Voter ID card.

3) The candidate, who is supposed to furnish various certificates issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final.

ANNEXURE C

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:

- 1. All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
- Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Anganwadi worker and Class X for Anganwadi Helper and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the
- 3. The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Anganwadi worker/ Anganwadi Helper.

No:-CDPO/Poshan/Dev/Estt/Advt./2023-24/271-288 Date: 12/10/2023

DIPK-10278/23 dated: 12-10-2023

Sd/= **Child Development Project Officer** Poshan Project Devsar

Mukesh Ambani Reclaims Top Position On India's 100 Richest List By Forbes, Adani At Second Place

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Mukesh Ambani has reclaimed the top position on the 2023 Forbes list of India's 100 Richest with a net worth of USD 92 billion.

The fortune of infrastructure magnate Gautam Adani, who rose meteorically to overtake Ambani as India's richest person for the first time last year, has slipped to the second position.

Adani's net worth, which includes that of his family, fell by a whopping USD 82 billion to USD 68 billion, after a report by US short-seller Hindenburg Research in January sent his group's shares tumbling.

"Shortly after spinning off and listing Jio Financial Services, which has an asset management joint venture with Black-Rock, Ambani cemented his succession plan by appointing his three children to Reliance's board as non-executive directors in August," Forbes said.

Meanwhile, the collective wealth of India's 100 Richest was flat at USD 799 billion this year.

Software tycoon Shiv Nadar climbed two spots to return to the third place with a fortune of USD 29.3 billion, as shares of HCL Technologies jumped 42 per cent in the past year amid a tech rebound.

Matriarch Savitri Jindal, of



the OP Jindal Group, a power and steel conglomerate, was ranked fourth with USD 24 billion net worth, up 46 per cent.

Rounding out the top five was Radhakishan Damani of Avenue Supermarts, whose fortune declined to USD 23 billion from USD 27.6 billion previously.

As per the list, Shamsheer Vayalil, the medical doctorturned-entrepreneur from Kerala, was ranked 57th with a net worth of USD 3.7 billion.

Shamsheer's net worth has grown 68 per cent this year, from USD 2.2 billion in 2022, making him the richest doctor in India. Comparative data indicates Shamsheer is also the fastest-growing non-resident Indian on the list.

"India is riding high and is considered a hot spot by global investors. That buoyancy has made the elite club of India's 100 Richest even more exclusive this year, with the minimum net worth to make the cutoff rising to a record USD 2.3 billion," said Naazneen Karmali, Asia Wealth Editor and India Editor of Forbes Asia.

Inflation Dips To 3-Month Low Of 5%; Factory Output Jumps To 14-Month High

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- In double delight for the economy, retail inflation rates moderated to a three-month low of 5 per cent in September while factory output soared to a 14-month high of 10.4 per cent, official data showed on Thursday.

Annual retail inflation, called CPI or consumer price index, rose 5.02 per cent in September from 6.83 per cent in the previous month on the back of softer vegetable prices, according to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

CPI inflation, which still remains above the 4 per cent target set by the central bank, was lower than the latest figure in June this year when it came at 4.81 per cent.

While the sequential moderation was broad-based, the food and beverages, and fuel and light segments witnessed a sizable decline.

Core inflation (CPI excluding food and beverages, fuel and light and petrol and diesel for vehicles) dipped to 4.7 per cent, the lowest since February 2020.

Food inflation, which accounts for nearly half of the overall consumer price basket, subsided to 6.56 per cent in September from 9.94 per cent a month back.

Given the lower acreage and the expected decline in domestic pulses production, prices of pulses are on the rise while cereal inflation contin-



ues to be in double digits.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had, earlier this month, kept its key lending rate unchanged for a fourth consecutive policy meeting, and emphatically reiterated that it was targeting to bring inflation down to 4 per cent.

Factory output, measured as the index of industrial production or IIP for August 2023 came in at a 14-month high of 10.4 per cent, with three of the six used-based categories witnessing a double-digit expansion in the month.

The IIP growth compares to a 6 per cent rise in July and a contraction of 0.7 per cent in August 2022.

The previous high was recorded at 12.6 per cent growth in June 2022.

The growth in the manufacturing sector came in at a 14-month high of 9.3 per cent, while the mining sector possibly benefitted from the

rainfall deficiency that led to double-digit output growth of 12.3 per cent.

Typically, the electricity sector witnessed a decline in generation during the monsoon months, but given the irregular rainfall, the power demand was particularly high from the residential and agricultural segments in August. Electricity generation was up 15.3 per cent.

The stocking requirements during the festive season may have given a boost to consumer goods production - while consumer non-durables ramped up to 9.5 per cent, consumer durables grew by 3.5 per cent.

Cumulatively, IIP has grown by a healthy 6.1 per cent year-on-year in the first five months of the fiscal, which reflects a significant pickup in industrial activity. The festive season is expected to provide an optical boost to the growth of certain categories within the IIP between September and November.

Director JKEDI Reviews Progress Of Startup Registrations, Recovery & Repayment Status

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The Director, Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Ajaz Ahmad Bhat on Thursday chaired a meeting to review number of startups registered, success of recovery efforts and the overall status of repayment under various schemes at the Institute's Sempora campus

Speaking at the meeting, the Director said that Startups play a pivotal role in providing opportunities for the youth of the UT. By encouraging more startup registrations, JKEDI aims to empower the younger generation, enabling them to realize their entrepreneurial dreams, he added.

He however was quick to add that it is also important to maintain a robust recovery and repayment system. This ensures that startups not only receive initial support but also contribute to the sustainability of the programs, thereby creating a cycle of growth and self-sufficiency.

The meeting was attended by Executive Director, JKEDI, In Charge Recovery, Regional Coordinators, In charge CIIBM, In Charge CSF and all the district nodal officers of JKEDI.

Director JKEDI directed all officials to increase their efforts to boost startup registrations, with the aim of providing the youth of Jammu and Kashmir the greatest possible opportunity to turn their dream projects into reality. Additionally, he underscored the importance of taking extra measures to reinforce the recovery and repayment system.

The Director further discussed the geographical distribution of startups and emphasized the need to ensure that entrepreneurial opportunities are accessible across the districts within the UT. The Institute provides mentorship, training, and access to resources. The comprehensive support mechanism of the Institute is designed to ensure the success of startups in the long run.

Earlier, In-Charge, recovery and repayments, JKEDI provided a detailed review of recovery statistics, showcasing the progress made by entrepreneurs in repaying loans and dues. Some districts were identified as lagging behind in startup registrations.

The Director directed these districts to accelerate their efforts in this regard, ensuring equitable access to opportunities across the UT. Those districts that were found to be trailing in their recovery efforts were also directed to expedite the process, enabling a more balanced and sustainable ecosystem for starture.

Agri Deptt Endeavouring For Area Expansion Under Saffron Crop: Director



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Thursday visited Saffron areas of Pampore and took stock of the crop scenario amid recent wet spell.

During the visit, the Director inspected different fields and took feedback from the concerned Saffron growers regarding the positive impact of recent rainfall on the saffron crop.

While having an exchange of thoughts with the farmers, the Director underlined the efforts by the department for strengthening of irrigation facilities in the Saffron areas of Pampore. He said the recent spell of rain is a blessing from spelling that for the saffron group.

almighty for the saffron crop.
The Director said that the department has already ensured that the functional bore wells in the area are put to the service of Saffron farmers but the wet spell has complemented the overall efforts by the department in this direction.

He said that the department is working for area expansion under saffron crop and different stakeholders including farmers, Kisan advisory board are on board in this endeavour. He said that the department has identified 350 saffron farmers (nurseries) for saffron corn multiplication so that the seed could be provided to more and more farmers and the crop could be introduced in newer

Director Agriculture assured the saffron farmers of all the possible technical support. He directed the concerned officers to work in close coordination with farmers and guide them during all the pre and post harvesting operations.

Earlier, the Director participated in some agriculture activities including sowing operations in the fields of some farmers.

Later, the Director visited a honey processing plant at Tral (Pulwama) and discussed different operational proceedings with the concerned unit holder.

'PM Vishwakarma Scheme Aims To Uplift Local Entrepreneurs'

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: In its endeavour to uplift traditional entrepreneurs, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar Thursday exhorted upon all the concerned departments to work in a coordinated and proactive manner for socio-economic empowerment of traditional artisans and craftspeople in Baramulla district.

The DC passed these directions during a meeting held to discuss the action plan for implementation of PM Vishwakarma scheme in Baramulla.

Dr Sehrish discussing action plan threadbare called for imparting financial and skill training to the local traditional artisans and craftspeople in the district adding that the scheme officers a variety of benefits to the artisans including toolkit incentive of Rs.15000, Rs 500 per day during training, credit facilities to the beneficiaries up to 1 lakh (first tranche) and 2 Lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate

The DC also emphasized for registering and recognition of artisans of Baramulla so as to facilitate them with various incentives as envisaged under the scheme.

Furthermore, a special focus was laid on skill upgradation for which line departments were directed to work proactively for the socio-economic development of the local traditional artisans and craftspeople.

Joint Director Planning Baramulla, M.Yousuf Rather; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Shabir Ahmad Hakak; Lead District Manager Baramulla besides other functionaries of concerned departments were present in the meeting.

Meanwhile, In a significant step towards uplifting the lives of traditional craftspeople through PM Vishwakarma Scheme, a crucial meeting was convened by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr.Basharat Qayoom.

The meeting was briefed by DM CSC about the strategic aspects of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme. He said this initiative is set to empower and provide invaluable support to the artisans, commonly known as Vishwakarmas, who form a vital part of the informal or unorganized sector of the economy.

During the meeting, the DC led discussions on various facets of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, emphasizing the comprehensive framework for its successful execution.

The key areas covered include the 18 trades covered under the scheme, with a particular focus on the Guru-Shishya model, highlighting the Guru-Shishya mentorship dynamic as a cornerstone for fostering traditional craftsmanship.

Dr.Basharat stressed the significance of enrolling beneficiaries and Sarpanches, who play a pivotal role in the verification of beneficiaries. He emphasized the need for the widespread implementation of the scheme in all the wards of Municipalities and all panchavats across the district

The DC further underscored the importance of conducting sensitization and awareness camps to ensure that every eligible artisan reaps the benefits of this transformative scheme.

During the meeting, DM CSC provided an update, high-lighting the enrollment of 40 Sarpanches and a total number of 450 beneficiaries.

The DC in a firm directive to the concerned parties, urged them to swiftly enroll all elected representatives of Panchayats and Municipalities within the next three days. This proactive approach aims to ensure the scheme's widespread reach and expedite the delivery of its benefits to eligible artisans.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHE MECHANICAL RURAL DIVISION, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR.

CORRIGENDUM

For E-NIT No. PHE/MRD/TS/ 63 of 08/2023 DT: - 23-08-2023 issued vide this office No:-PHE/MRD/TS/2237-41 DT: - 23-08-2023 and published vide No: 2023_PHE_227332_1 is hereby cancelled.

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Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Rural Division, Srinagar.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION AWANTIPORA

CANCELLATION of NIT

Due to Administrative reasons, the NIT issued vide this office E-NIT No:37/EEA/RNB/Of 2023-24/1532-42 Dated:10/10/2023 for the work namely "Construction R-Wall to the road leading to Gallander along side Grid station at Pampore near Govt. Higher Sec. School Pampore (Phase-Ist), is hereby cancelled.

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DLC Approves 1907 Cases Under HADP

At Anantnag
Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: In a significant move towards the development of agriculture in the region, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, SF. Hamid Thursday chaired a District Level Committee on Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP)

at VC Hall of the DC office, here. At the outset, Chief agriculture Officer Ananatnag briefed the participants about the HADP and delivered Power-Point Presentation covering the 20 projects of HADP pertaining to the Agriculture Department.

The DC exhorted that implementation of HADP is expected to transform the farm economy of Anantnag from subsistence to self-reliance and create equitable opportunities for livelihood, employment and market economy.



MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE PAHALGAM. OUOTATION

Sealed quotations affixed with Rs.06/- revenue stamps are invited from the registered dealers, suppliers, event managers/firms/individuals/interested parties for the supply of following items for Amrit Kalash Yatra per day for the event.

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01	Shawal to facilitate families of Martyrs	10 No.
02	Videography/ photography for the event (Drone)	01 No.
03	Mitti Kalash with paint	15 No.

- 1- The tenders should reach to this office on or before 15/10/2023 up to 2.00 pm and will be opened on the same day or any other subsequent day covenant to tender opening authority in presence of the parties/tenderers who wish to remain present.
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The First Lot Of Indians Wishing To Return From Israel To Fly Out On Thursday, No Fares Charged

Jerusalem: The first charter flight to facilitate the return of Indian citizens stranded in Israel will leave Thursday evening from the Ben Gurion airport, sources said, amid the country's raging war with the Palestinian militant group Hamas.

About 230 Indians living in Israel will be leaving for India on a "first come first serve" basis on the 9 PM (local time) flight on Thursday, informed sources told PTI.

This flight has been arranged to facilitate the return of those who were unable to do so because Air India had immediately suspended its flight on the day fighting began on October 7, and its commercial operation remains suspended till now.

Those who are returning will not be paying any fare and the government is bearing the cost of their return.

There was a long queue of Indians, including students, at the airport to board the special flight being operated under 'Operation Ajay' from Tel Aviv.

'We are thankful to India...Most of the students were a little bit panicked. Suddenly we saw some notification and the links for every Indian citizen through the embassy of India which boosted our morale. We felt like the embassy of India is connected with us which was a kind of relief to us. And then we got all the arrangements," says Shubham Kumar, a student in Israel.

Israel has vowed an unprecedented offensive against the Islamic militant group Hamas ruling Gaza after its fighters broke through the border fence and stormed into the country's south through air, land and sea on October 7.

On the sixth day, the Israeli military said more than 1,300 people, including 222 soldiers, were killed in Israel, a staggering toll unseen since the 1973 war with Egypt and Syria that lasted weeks. In Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, at least 1,417 people, including women and children, have been killed, according to authorities there.

The Indian embassy had emailed the first lot of registered Indian citizens for the special flight, the mission

"Messages to other registered people will follow for subsequent flights", it said. The embassy's tweet followed a message on the same social media platform by Minister of External Affairs, S

the launch of 'Operation Ajay'. "Launching #OperationAjay to facilitate the return from Israel of our citizens

Jaishankar, on Wednesday announcing

who wish to return. Special charter flights and other arrangements are being put in place", Jaishankar wrote.

"Fully committed to the safety and well-being of our nationals abroad", the external affairs minister stressed.

Ben Gurion International Airport is the main international airport of Israel. It is situated on the northern outskirts of the city of Lod. While Israel's retaliatory offensive on Gaza continued unabated, there has been a total lull in

rocket attacks coming from Gaza. No rockets have been fired on Israel between 10 PM on Wednesday and 9 AM on Thursday, with some analysts saying that Hamas is holding its stockpile for "an eventual ground incursion" In efforts to reassure Indian nationals living in Israel, the embassy on Wednesday said that it is monitoring the situation closely and called upon its citizens to remain calm, vigilant and follow security advisories.

This is to assure you that the embassy is working constantly for your safety and welfare. All of us are going through very difficult times but please do remain calm and vigilant and follow the local security guidelines", India's Ambassador to Israel, Sanjeev Singla, said on Wednesday in a recorded message on the X social media platform.

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Time Is Muscle

and prescribe medication for conditions like bloating, gas, or acid reflux. What ultimately happens is a weakening of the heart, leading to heart failure. These individuals typically succumb within six months. In severe cases, they may pass away within a matter of days or few hours," Dr Showkat Hussain, Consultant Cardiologist, Government Medical College, Anantnag told Kashmir Observer.

Consider the case of tall and sturdy 33-yearold gym trainer, Asif Ahmad (name-changed) from Banihal. He was in great shape and frequently posted his workout routines, diet, and sweat-inducing weightlifting sessions on his Instagram stories.

On a typical day, exercising at his gym, he felt a stab of chest pain and dismissed it as acid reflux. Next day, when the pain came with greater intensity, he was rushed to district hospital Banihal. From there, Asif was referred to SMHS Hospital, Srinagar.

"The patient had a history of Covid-19. An angiography done on the patient revealed a blockage in the left anterior descending artery (The left anterior descending artery branches off the left coronary artery and supplies blood to the front of the left side of the heart). Subsequently, we treated him with a stent. He is doing fine now," the doctor treating him said.

Dr Hussain said that Covid-19 was a systemic disease that affected various parts of the body and doctors are witnessing its aftermath with an increased incidence of heart attacks in young patients.

Elaborating the connection between a heart attack and Covid-19, Dr Hussain said Myocarditis or heart inflammation directly affects the muscle tissues of the heart. Coronavirus also causes inflammation of the veins and blood vessels and affects the inner surfaces of veins and arteries. It also harms the lining of the blood vessels. "All of these together restrict the flow of blood to the heart which eventually is a reason for heart failure,"

The doctor explained that the steep rise in people dying unexpectedly of heart attacks is alarming. Although, there isn't enough published data to prove whether this is a Covidinduced phenomenon. But the heart attacks in young patients have definitely increased post-Covid. "Additionally, the sedentary lifestyle, over-consumption of junk food,rampant smoking especially among young individuals contribute to these risk factors," he said.

According to the National Health Family Survey 5, "26.6" percent of men in the age group of 15-49 smoke cigarettes in Jammu & shmir, "Similarly, 3.9 percent males smoke bidis while 2.4 smoke hookah," the survey

Drug Abuse & Heart Attacks

The experts emphasized that in addition to smoking cigarettes, increasing substance abuse among youngsters is also a big contributing factor to heart attacks. A recent investigation report by Indian express revealed that last year, one patient walked into the valley's largest de-addiction centre at SMHS Hospital Srinagar every 12 minutes. Police records show that the seizure of heroin — the most consumed drug in Kashmir — has more than doubled in 2022 compared to 2019.

Case in point is that of 29-year-old patient from North Kashmirwho was wheeled into the emergency ward of Government Super-speciality hospital, Srinagarlast month, clutching his chest, sweating profusely and barely conscious.

He was brought to the emergency with complaints of chest pain, cold sweating and severe generalized weakness. He had no family history of valvular or congenital heart disease. On further examination, however, it came out to be a fall out of drug overdose. The doctors tried valiantly but couldn't resuscitate him, as he met an untimely end.

Associate Professor and Drug-Deaddiction Specialist, IMHANS, Kashmir Dr Junaid Nabi told Kashmir Observer that the most commonly used substances which can trigger heart attacks are opioids, inhalants, codeine etc. Current research studies in Kashmir state that Heroin is now the most common opioid among individuals while as injection route remains the commonest one. With increased usage of heroin in Kashmir, there has been a corresponding increase in overdose-related

"Drug overdose is a major cause of premature death and morbidity among heroin abusers. During a heroin overdose, there are many factors at play that contribute to ending the life of the user. As such, sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is one of these factors," Dr Junaid said. He noted that "Injectables" are usually

responsible for cardiovascular deaths. Dr Hussain said narcotic drugs like heroin can cause "Vasospasm". Vasospasm refers to the sudden contraction of the muscular walls of an artery. "It causes the artery to narrow, reducing the amount of blood that can flow

through it. Experts believe that the psycho-social stressors in our region like unemployment also contributes to factors leading to heart attacks in young population. "With no good support system, and mounting financial

distress, the young individuals often take to smoking and drugs as an escape. The overuse of social media is also one major factor. The continuous engagement on various online platforms is making the youngsters over-

ambitious which eventually worsens the

heart-health." Diet Changes & Timely Intervention

There is no one particular definition of a healthy diet, according to the experts. In order to have a healthy heart, it is advisable to reduce consumption of junk and processed foods, adopt an active lifestyle, include a brisk walk of at least 30 minute every day, include more fruits, leafy vegetables in your diet, less salt and sugar intake and avoid food with high carbohydrates and saturated fats.

"Most importantly, the young patients who have experienced heart attacks require longterm follow-up as compared to the old patients, especially if they have received interventions such as stent placement," Dr Hussain

He stressed that if the treatment in heart attack-like situations is not given on time, the chances of morbidity is more. "For example, if you wait for a long time, the pain can end, however, the heart muscle gets dead. And person a becomes disabled for a lifetime"

Early detection and immediate treatment are the key in heart attacks. "As the saying goes "Time Is Muscle," which means the longer you wait to get someone in for treatment the more damage that can occur to the heart muscle and the less likely are the chances for recovery. Therefore, the golden hour should not be lost. In that timeframe, the heart muscle can be salvaged," the cardiologist concluded.

Widespread Rains

over higher reaches towards night at scattered places of J&K."

He said widespread intermittent light to moderate rain and snowfall over higher reaches was likely with over 75% chances from October 14-18.

There was "significant drop in temperature expected across these days.

The weatherman department has also urged farmers to postpone harvesting of crops from October 14-18.

He said there may be temporary disruption of transportation especially at vulnerable places like Zojila, Mughal Road, Sinthantop, Sadnatop etc.

With Eye

preparing for it," Thakur said, adding that the outreach program will also be started in

"From block level to district level, we will meet everyone," he said, adding that the party will focus more on the South Kashmir constituency in the up-coming parliamentary

elections. Another BIP leader from Jammu said that the "star" leaders of the saffron party will be joining the party unit for the election

campaign. Pertinently, J&K Waqf Board had invited eminent scholar Maulana Ghulam Rasool Hami on the launch of Board's new logo on September 7. Both Maulana Hami and Dr Darakhshan Andrabi jointly unveiled the logo at Waqf's Srinagar office in presence of Ulema and officials.

In the same month, a group of religious scholars hailing from Baramulla held a meeting with Dr. Andrabi. The purpose of their meeting was to deliberate on matters concerning the well-being of the populace and the advancement of Sufi traditions.

"There is nothing wrong in meeting prominent religious leaders and it's not always about politics," Andrabi told Kashmir Observer.

She said that the BJP welcomes all people in the party irrespective of caste, creed, religion and race.

"Let me tell you nobody is anti-national nowadays. Everyone wants to work for the wellbeing of the society," she added.

Jama'at Leader

Jama'at-e-Islami. Since I did not get a chance there, I decided to look for other options," Majid told reporters after joining one of the youngest political parties in Jammu and

While welcoming Majid and his supporters into the party fold, Apni Party founder Altaf Bukhari said anyone who denounces terrorism and drugs, believes in the Indian constitution and the development of Jammu and Kashmir was welcome to join the party.

"We will continue our efforts till every person in Jammu and Kashmir joins the Apni Party," he said.

In September this year, former separatist Syed Muzaffar Rizvi, who was the general secretary of Itihadul Muslimeen had joined

the Apni Party. Bukhari, a businessman-turned-politician, had announced Rizvi's appointment as the Apni Party's vice-president for the Kashmir

Jama'at-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir was an important constituent of the separatist conglomerate Hurriyat Conference till 2003. The organisation, which claimed itself to be a socio-religious group, was believed to be the ideological fountainhead of banned terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen. The party was banned in 2019 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Majid said terrorism never benefited Kashmiris.

"I have been saying since 2014 that we should adopt a realistic approach. I have always talked about the geopolitical situation that resulted in the death of 1.5 lakh youths and 1.1 lakh youths addicted to drugs. We have to think about the future of the youth.

"It will be my agenda... I will try to save the youth. It is my wish that no one should die in the name of armed struggle. It is the ordinary Kashmiri who dies, irrespective of which side fires the bullet," he said.

Majid said that no one has thought about the ordinary people.

"The rhetoric would be that this movement needs blood. Ask the leaders whose blood does it need? Does it need the blood of a poor man's son or should we give that blood? We should be realistic enough to know that the gun is not in favour of Kashmiris," he added.

Terrorism In J&K

J-K police chief expressed satisfaction at the current trajectory.

"We brought it down. The graph depicting militant activity now lies below both the level of 2013 and the zenith of 2017," he added.

In a remarkable statistical shift, the number of terror-related cases plummeted from 113 in 2013 to a mere 42 in 2023 so far, he said.

In 2022, a historical low of 26 law and order incidents was recorded in J-K, and this year (till date), there have been only three such incidents, none of which was linked to terrorism. Singh added.

"These numbers, taken collectively, paint a picture of remarkable normalcy. In 2012, the region reported the fewest civilian casualties at 25, and in 2023, this number further declined to a mere 12," he said.

The security apparatus has proven effective in safeguarding lives, he said.

The DGP said that the police force has also demonstrated commendable resilience. "In 2022, 15 officers made the ultimate sacrifice, while this year, only one officer was martyred," he said, adding the year 2012 registered the lowest number of police fatalities

"Additionally, in 2018, 210 young individuals were swayed towards militancy. In 2023, however, the figure is a mere 10, with six of

He said that the comprehensive efforts to bolster security have yielded remarkable results in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Recent incidents in Rajouri and Poonch prompted a reevaluation of the security grid, leading to successful counter-terrorism operations. Despite sporadic incursions from Pakistan-based terrorists, the area is now home to only a handful of militants. Stringent security operations remain underway," he

added. The DGP said the strides made in 2023 reflect a significant turning point in the longstanding battle against militancy in the

The resolute efforts of the security forces stand as a beacon of hope for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, as they look towards a future marked by peace and stability," he

Kashmiri Students

jeopardizing the future of Kashmiri students. Besides filing a criminal case against the administrators of DBU for cheating innocent students, the Punjab government also directed them to pay rupees 10 lakh as compensation to each affected student.

It is important to mention that the majority of students who were clandestinely enrolled in Sardar Lal Singh College were from

Sources said the Punjab CM has assigned the job of relocating students to the authorized colleges to Deputy Commissioner (DC) Fatehgarh Sahib, Parneet Shergill and that the process will not be based on merit, following allegations of malpractices and unauthorized admissions by

A senior official at DC Office Fatehgarh Sahib said that a list of suitable colleges will be shared with DC concerned within a week's time and that all nursing students as per the instructions from INC and the Punjab government will be relocated to the BFUHS affiliated colleges.

India's Unemployment

the present times. Noting the improved focus on skills, the prime minister informed that about 5,000 new ITIs (Industrial Training Institutes) have been set up in the country in the last 9 years adding more than 4 lakh new ITI seats.

He also mentioned that institutes are being upgraded as model ITIs with the objective of providing efficient and high-quality training along with best practices.

Modi underlined that India is investing

more in the skills of its youth than ever before and gave the example of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana which has strengthened the youth at the ground level.

Under this scheme, the prime minister informed that about 1.5 crore youths have been trained so far. He further added that new skill centres are also being established near industrial clusters which will enable the industry to share its requirements with skill development institutes, thereby developing the necessary skill sets among the youth for better employment opportunities.

The prime minister stressed making India the biggest centre of skilled manpower in the world in order to provide smart and skilled

manpower solutions.

Highlighting the recent figures released by the International Monetary Fund, the prime minister informed that India will remain the fastest-growing major economy in the com-

ing years. He also recalled his resolve to take India among the top three economies of the world and said that IMF is also confident of India becoming the top three economies of the world in the next 3-4 years. Modi underlined that it would create new opportunities for employment and self-employment in the country.

"Today, the whole world is of the belief that this century is going to be India's century," the prime minister said as he credited the young population of India for this.

The prime minister observed that when the elderly population is increasing in many countries of the world, India is getting younger with each passing day.
"India has this huge advantage," he stressed

as he noted the world is looking towards India for its skilled youth. The prime minister suggested not to waste

any opportunity being created and assured that the government is ready to support the Modi highlighted the importance of the power of the youth in utilizing the strengths

of any country such as its natural or mineral resources, or its long coastlines and said that the country develops more with stronger youth power thereby doing justice to the nation's resources. Today, the prime minister emphasized

that a similar thinking is empowering India's youth, which is making unprecedented improvements in the entire ecosystem. "In this, the country's approach is two-

pronged," the prime minister said. He explained that India is preparing its youth to take advantage of new opportunities through skilling and education as he highlighted the new National Education Policy which has been established after almost 4

The prime minister also underlined that the government is establishing a large number of new medical colleges and skill development institutes like IITs. IIMs or ITIs, and mentioned the crores of vouth who have been trained un-

der the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana. On the other hand, he stated that traditional sectors which provide jobs are being strengthened while new sectors that promote employment and entrepreneurship are also being promoted.

The prime minister also mentioned India making new records in goods exports, mobile exports, electronic exports, services exports, defence exports and manufacturing, and at the same time creating a large number of new opportunities for youth in many sectors such as space, startups, drones, animation, electric vehicles, semiconductors, etc.

Modi informed that India's proposal regarding global skill mapping has been recently accepted at the G20 Summit, which will help in creating better opportunities for youth in the

coming times. India's unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above was recorded at a six-year low of 3.2 per cent during July 2022-June 2023, as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey Annual Report 2022-2023 released by the National Sample Survey Office this week.

Joblessness or unemployment rate is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force. Considering the importance of the avail-

ability of labour force data at more frequent time intervals, the NSSO launched the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) in April 2017.

HC Upholds KU Decision

to be done by the University authorities," the court said, adding, "However, we hope and trust that in view of the earlier exercises undertaken as many as three times for regularization, the Chancellor would endorse the decision of the University for regularization of the 84 casual/contract/consolidated pay employees and the Administration would render financial assistance for the same.'

If the Chancellor endorses the decision of the University, the court said, these employees would be entitled to be regularised as directed by the Single Judge.

The authorities of the University of Kashmir had challenged the Single Bench's direction primarily on the ground such a direction cannot be carried out without the approval of the Administration, being the ultimate custodian of the finance of the Union Territory because of which the matter was proposed to be referred again to the Chancellor, who is none other than the Lt. Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. It submitted that the University was de-

pendent upon the financial support from the State (UT) and hence, unless the varsity has the approval of the Administration, the proposed regularization of the casual/contract/consolidated pay employees cannot be implemented.

Youth Held Over

that a case has been registered, with further investigation underway.

This distressing incident marks the second such occurrence in Bandipora district within a week. Previously, a lecturer in the same district was charged under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act for reportedly tearing a student's hijab during

a class session. (KS) **Army Defuses 175**

Santosh Sukhadeve wrote on X.

He said this decisive step has positively addressed the safety concerns of villagers, strengthening the strong civil-military bond in Ladakh.

"I want to thank the Indian Army for destroying these mines planted in 1962. It used to cause losses to us," the sarpanch of

Phobrang said. **Mobile Phones Ring**

Warriors has established the first-ever BTS at forward posts on 06 October aimed at mobile communication. Earlier today Ladakh based Fire and Fury Corps posted on X formerly known as Twitter that "Siachen Warriors in collaboration with BSNL established first ever BSNL BTS at forward posts of the highest battlefield on 06 October to extend mobile communication for the soldiers deployed at more

than 15,500 feet."—(KNO) **Biker Mows Down**

have registered a case in this regard and further investigations taken up, official told a

local news agency GNS. **Vande Bharat**

and managing director Shantanu Roy said that "if all goes well, we will come out with a world class unmatched travel experience with the first prototype (of Vande Bharat

sleeper train) within this financial year itself". The BEML is a partner to developing the first sleeper Vande Bharat Train with the Integral Coach Factory, Chennai, and the Railway Board.

"Vande Bharat has been a game-changer for Indian commuter rail, and all of it started with Train 18," Roy said. Earlier this month, Railway Minister

Ashwini Vaishnaw had shared images of the

'Concept train-Vande Bharat (sleeper version)' on social media. Each Vande Bharat Express sleeper train will be designed to achieve speeds of 160 km per hour and have 16 coaches with an

approximate capacity to accommodate 887

passengers. Roy estimated that the total opportunity size for the rail and metro segment that includes Vande Bharat trains and Metro tenders of Mumbai, Chennai and Patna could be upwards of Rs 2 lakh crore in the next seven

years. The Indian Railways has issued a production plan of 102 Vande Bharat rakes (35 in 2022-2023 and 67 in 2023-2024) as per the railways design within its production units (the Integral Coach Factory, the Rail Coach

Factory and the Modern Coach Factory). A total 75 Vande Bharat rakes are planned as chair car version and remaining planned as

sleeper version. The Indian Railways has also planned to manufacture 400 Vande Bharat trains (sleeper version) of three different technologies for which tenders have been floated to select technology partners for manufacturing with-

in Indian Railways Production Units. IAF Evacuates

IAF helicopters evacuated another 75 people, including 17 tourists, 55 locals and three labourers, to Ringhim helipad in Mangan.

Over the last four days, a total of 3,871 people, including tourists, have been evacuated by air and foot from North Sikkim towns. Around 3,000 tourists, including foreign-

ers, had gotten stranded in North Sikkim for

nearly a week after a cloudburst over Lhonak glacial lake on October 3 led to a massive flash flood in Teesta river, causing devastation downstream in four districts of Sikkim. Apart from the evacuation efforts, the IAF

helicopters had also transported supplies to army, ITBP and civilians in remote areas. Meanwhile, the death toll in Sikkim due to

the flash flood stood at 37, including 10 army jawans, while 78 people remained missing, according to the State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA).

A total of 3,709 people have been displaced by the flood and sheltered at 21 relief camps.

Williamson Boost For New **Zealand Against Bangladesh**

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: Fortified by the return of inspirational captain and premier batter Kane Williamson, a high-flying New Zealand will believe that they can ward off a spin-heavy Bangladesh to consolidate their position on top of the table during their World Cup

match here on Friday. The Kiwis (NRR: +1.958) have four points now, same as India (NRR: +1.5) and Pakistan (NRR: +0.92) but a better Net Run Rate has kept them ahead, and a win here will free them from the chasing pack for the time being.

In that context, the arrival of Williamson, who has sufficiently recovered from a post ACL injury surgery, benefits them on two

Williamson is a shrewd captain who knows the ebb and flow of ODIs, and he is an excellent batter against spin, a quality that he might have to conjure against a capable Bangladesh unit on a slow Chepauk pitch.

Williamson had missed the Kiwis' matches against England and Netherlands as Tom Latham had stood in as New Zealand captain in those games.

'For me, it's been quite a journey (since my injury). Excited to be back in the World Cup squad. I am looking forward to it," said Willamson on Thursday during



his pre-match press meet.

But the Black Caps will continue to miss the services of senior pacer Tim Southee, who is still recovering from a procedure on his fractured thumb that he suffered during the recent ODI series against England.

"Tim's progressing well, but he won't be playing tomorrow's game," said Williamson

However, Williamson's come-

back will pose the Kiwis with a selection dilemma as well.

Rachin Ravindra, who batted at No. 3 in the absence of Williamson, has notched up a hundred and fifty in two World Cup outings, and the Kiwis management will have to think hard as to who to be benched to accommodate the returning 33-year-old.

Despite a walloping at the hands of England in their last match, this could be Bangladesh's secret point of joy going against the Kiwis.

Their spin trio of skipper Shakib Al Hasan, Mahedi Hasan and Mehidy Hasan Miraz has taken 11 wickets among them from two matches.

The Tigers will pin their hopes on those three to weave their magic on New Zealand to notch up a crucial victory.

Match starts at: 2 PM IST.



South Africa Thrash Australia By 134 Runs

Press Trust of India

LUCKNOW: South Africa reaffirmed their status as serious contenders as their pacers fired in tandem after Ouinton de Kock's blazing century, paving the way for a dominant 134-run win over Australia in the World Cup here on Thursday.

If de Kock showed his class with a masterful 109 off 106 balls to take the Proteas to 311/7, the fast bowlers were at their ruthless best, bundling Australia for 177 in 40.5 overs for their second consecutive win.

The South Africans entered this game after a comopener against Sri Lanka.

Australia, on the other hand, bowled without a plan, looked equally clueless with the bat -- losing wick-ets in clumps -- and were sloppy on the field, drop-ping as many as five catches.

The loss will severely dent their confidence. They were also outplayed by India in their opener and sit second last in the 10-team table.

De Kock, who will retire from the format after the World Cup, oozed confidence while scoring his second consecutive century with the help of eight boundaries and five maxi-

prehensive victory in their mums while Aiden Markram smashed 56 off 44 to help the team post the highest ODI total in Lucknow.

The South African quicks were relentless with the new ball and bowled with accuracy to essentially finish off the match before the 18th over of the Australian innings, with Pat Cummins' side tottering at 70/6.

Lungi Ngidi (1/18) set the tone with some incisive bowling. Marco Jansen (2/54) backed Nigidi and reaped the benefit as he removed Mitchell Marsh (7) without much trouble. Kagiso Rabada (3/33) joined the party with the vital strikes.



J&K FOOTBALL TEAM POSE for a photograph on the beaches of Goa. J&K take on Kerala in Santosh Trophy today, Friday, October 12. The game kicks off at 9:00 AM

District Level Basketball Trials Begin In Lar Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: The Department of bal on Thursday started the process of selection of Basketball players for the upcoming Inter District Provincial Level Basketball competi-

The department is providing a great opportunity to the young players to showcase their talent and represent their district.

In this context, the trials are being conducted at the picturesque ground of BHSS Lar.

On the opening day, selection trials were conducted for boys in which a large number of student players from all four zones of the



district participated.

The selected student players will compete in the upcoming Inter District Provincial Level competition which will be conducted very soon.

The selection trials for girls will be held in the upcoming days.

Srinagar Wushu **Championship Concludes**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The two-day District Srinagar Wushu Championship came to an end on Thursday at Sher-i-Kash-mir Indoor Sports Complex here. The championship showcasing the remarkable skills and talent of young athletes in the region witnessed tremendous response from various schools and clubs with as many as 500-plus participants featuring in the event.

The event was organised by the District Wushu Association Srinagar in collaboration with J&K Sports Council. The athletes from 20 different schools and clubs gathered to compete in various Wushu categories with participants displaying exceptional discipline, strength and agility.

Divisional Sports Officer, Kashmir, Muzaffar Hussain Wani, was chief guest on the occasion. He was flanked by Hilal Ahamad and Muhammad Iqbal along with Kamal Kishore international Wushu player, Aijaz Hassan, Rameez Ahmad Dar,



Umer, Atul and Irfan Ahmad Wani, the organising secretary of the event.

The Indoor Wushu Academy was declared the overall winner of the event, followed by Al-Noor Model School Safakadal as runner up, while Arise International Academy Chek-i-Mujgund and Crescent Higher Secondary School Natipora bagged 2nd runner-up jointly.

ation J&K, Mohammad Maqsood Rather presented a vote of thanks. Speaking on the occasion, he extended gratitude to the Secretary I&K Sports

The Joint Secretary of Wushu Associ-

Council, Nuzhat Gull, and thanked Kuldeep Handoo, National Chief Coach for unconditional support and guidance.

Field Archery Camp Concludes At R.P. School



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A week-long Field Archery Coaching Camp concluded on Thursday at R. P. School Malla Bagh here. Girls from 3rd to 8th standard of the school participated in the camp. The closing cum prize distribution ceremony was attended by its Chairman Shabir Ahmad, Principal Shabir Hussain Mir and General Secretary of the Field Archery Association

Principal R. P. School distributed trophies among winners of the coaching camp and thanked the association for organising such camps especially for girl students. All the participants who participated in the said coaching camp were awarded with Appreciation Medal and Certificate, Vice President of Field Archery Association said while presenting vote of thanks.

The coaching camp was organised by Field Archery Association of Jammu and Kashmir Association of India and in collaboration with R. P. School Lawaypora Srinagar.

Novelty Win 5-0 In Srinagar Premier League

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two Round 17 matches of the 2023 Srinagar Premier League were played on Thursday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

In the first game, FC1 took on Kashmir Panthers FC. FC1 was

minute, which captain Asrar Rehbar calmly slotted home. Hammad added FC1's second goal in the 50th minute. With FC1 looking set to take all three points, Kashmir Panthers decided to go all-in. The team was rewarded when Arpan found the net

in the 89th minute. Umer then made it 2-2 in the 93rd minute of extra time, to give Kashmir Panthers FC a thrilling draw. Umer was awarded player of the match.

In the second game, Novelty FC locked horns with Jhelum FC. Novelty took an early lead after Flinto

scored the opener in 3rd minute. Sahil made it 2-0 in the 5th minute. Flinto scored his second in the 44th minute as Novelty FC entered half time 3-0 up. Yasir made it 4-0 in the 61st minute, before Owais rounded out the score to give Novelty FC a 5-0 win against Jhelum FC.

ODI CRICKET WORLD CUP – India v Pakistan

Gill Starts Practising In Nets

Agencies

AHMEDABAD: In good news for cricket fans, batter Shubman Gill has started practising in nets ahead of India's World Cup match against arch-rivals Pakistan at Ahmedabad on Saturday. Shubman Gill arrived in Ahmedabad on Wednesday. Sources said he practiced for an hour on Thursday. The young right-handed batsman's participation in the up-coming high-voltage ODI World Cup match against Pakistan on Saturday still remains uncertain.

The Indian opener was in Chennai where he was being treated for dengue, and could not take part in India's first two matches of the tournament against Australia and Afghanistan. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had confirmed that talented opener Shubman Gill will stay in Chennai and will not travel with the squad for the Men in Blue's ODI World Cup clash against Afghanistan.

In 20 ODIs this year, Gill has scored 1,230 runs at an average of 72.35 and a strike rate of just above 105. He has scored five centuries and five fifties this year, with the best of 208. In India's previous match against Afghanistan, the Men in Blue clinched an 8-wicket win against Hashmatullah Shahidi's Afghanistan side. Set a target of 273 after pacer Jasprit Bumrah's heroic 4/39, India won the match after the top order consisting of skipper Rohit Sharma (131*), Ishan Kishan (47) and Virat Kohli (55*) and fired Men in Blue towards a with more than 14 overs left. (ANI)

Rain Might Play Spoilsport

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: Rain might play spoilsport during the cricket match between India and Pakistan here on October 14 and the Navratri festival with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicting light showers in the

city and north Gujarat for that period. The much-awaited World Cup contest between India and Pakistan will be held at the Narendra Modi Stadium in the city's Motera area on Saturday, while the nine-day-long Navratri festival begins on October 15.

According to the latest weather update shared by the IMD, light rains may occur at "isolated places" in north Gujarat districts,

and Ahmedabad on October 14 and 15.

'While the weather is expected to remain dry during the next five days in Gujarat, light showers may occur at isolated places in Ahmedabad district on October 14.

"The atmosphere will remain cloudy. The next day, light rains may occur in Ahmedabad and other northern districts, such as Banaskantha, Sabarkantha and Arvalli," said Manorama Mohanty, director of Meteorological Centre in Ahmedabad.

She added that light rains are also expected in Banaskantha and Sabarkantha districts on October 16, adding that the possibility of light rains at a few places in Ahmedabad cannot be ruled out for that day also.

Pakistan Receive Traditional Welcome In Ahmedabad



Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: The famed Indian hospitality was at its best once again here on Thursday as the Pakistan squad received a grand welcome at the team hotel following an in-flight celebra-tion, ahead of their marquee World Cup game against arch rivals India.

Upon their arrival at the hotel here, Pakistan players received a warm welcome with a shower of flower petals and balloons, traditional scarves, the sound of dhols combined with a dance performance. It followed a cake cutting ceremony which was organised by the cabin crew of the carrier that flew them into Ahmedabad from Hyderabad.

Delighted at the reception its players received, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) posted a video on X, capturing the moments.

"Touchdown Ahmedabad. Capturing the journey, featuring a surprise in-flight celebration," the PCB captioned

Tight security has been put in place for the high-profile match to be played on Saturday.

The city had been turned into a for-tress and it will be secured by more than 11,000 members of the Gujarat police, National Security Guard (NSG), Rapid Action Force (RAF) and home guards.

<u>Outpost</u>

India Ranks 111th On Global Hunger Index 2023; Govt Calls It Flawed Measure That Doesn't Reflect True Position



New Delhi: The government has rejected the 2023 Global Hunger Index in which India ranked 111th, calling it a flawed measure of "hunger" that does not reflect the country's true position.

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The Women and Child Development Ministry said the index suffers from "serious methodological issues and shows a malafide intent".

India ranked 111th out of 125 countries in the Global Hunger Index-2023, released on Thursday, with the country reporting the highest child wasting rate at 18.7 per cent.

The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is a tool for comprehensively measuring and tracking hunger at global, regional, and national levels.

Rejecting India's ranking at the index, the Women and Child Development Ministry said the Global Hunger Index continues to be a flawed measure of "hunger" and does not reflect India's true position.

"The index is an erroneous measure of hunger and suffers from serious methodological issues. Three out of the four indicators used for calculation of the index are related to the health of children and cannot be representative of the entire population. The fourth and most important indicator 'Proportion of Undernourished (PoU)

population' is based on an opinion poll conducted on a very small sample size of 3,000," it said.

The ministry said that since April 2023, the measurement data of children under five years uploaded on the Poshan Tracker has consistently increased - from 6.34 crore in April 2023 to 7.24 crore in September 2023.

"The percentage of child wasting, as seen on the Poshan Tracker, has been consistently below 7.2 per cent, month-onmonth, as compared to the value of 18.7 per cent used for child wasting in the Global Hunger Index 2023," the ministry said in a statement.

According to the index, the rate of undernourishment in India stood at 16.6 per cent and under-five mortality at 3.1 per cent.

The ministry further said two other indicators, namely stunting and wasting, are outcomes of complex interactions of various other factors like sanitation, genetics, environment and utilisation of food intake apart from hunger which is taken as the causative/outcome factor for stunting and wasting in the

Also, there is hardly any evidence that the fourth indicator—child mortality—is an outcome of hunger, it said.

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India's Cyber Agency Issues High Severity Warning For Google Chrome

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New Delhi: CERT-In has issued a high-severity rated warning cautioning against "multiple vulnerabilities" in popular web browser Google Chrome, which could allow a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code and cause denial of service condition on targeted system.

In a vulnerability note issued on Wednesday, the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) said a remote attacker could exploit certain vulnerabilities by sending a specially crafted request on the targeted system, and advised users to "apply appropriate updates as mentioned by the vendor".

Giving technical details,



it said the software affected are "Google Chrome versions prior to 118.0.5993.70/.71 for Windows" and "Google Chrome versions prior to 118.0.5993.70 for Mac and Linux".

"Multiple vulnerabilities have been reported in Google Chrome which could allow a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code and cause denial of Services (DoS) condition on the targeted system," CERT-In said on its website, which lists and updates users with vulnerability notes and advisories.

CERT-In is the national nodal agency for responding to computer security incidents as and when they strike.

How Dust From Thar Desert Significantly Impacts Glaciers In Tibet



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New Delhi: Glaciers on the Tibetan Plateau are greatly affected by dust from the Thar Desert in India due to the influence of terrain and westerly winds, according to a study.

Dust deposited on a glacier's surface can reduce the albedo - fraction of light that is reflected by a surface - of the ice and increase absorption of solar radiation, which has a significant impact on glacier melting and global climate change.

Accurately identifying the source of glacial dust on the Tibetan Plateau is critical for comprehending dynamics of glacial environment and reconstructing regional atmospheric

environment, the researchers said.

The study, published in the journal Environmental Science and Pollution Research, determined dust sources for the three glaciers on the Tibetan Plateau and analysed the transport mechanism of the primary dust sources.

The researchers from the Chinese Academy of Sciences used two tracer methods to ascertain the origins of glacial dust and deduced that the dust primarily originated from the Tibetan Plateau surface soils, Thar Desert, Qaidam Basin and Taklimakan Desert, both in China,

before the monsoon season.

The Taklimakan Desert and
Thar Desert were identified as

the most prominent dust sources, they said.

Central and southern glaciers on the Tibetan Plateau were greatly affected by dust from the Thar Desert and Taklimakan Desert due to the influence of terrain and westerly winds, the researchers said.

The Thar desert dust, lifted by updrafts from northwest India, was subsequently transported by westerlies, exerting a significant influence on the southern glaciers of the Tibetan Plateau, they said.

"Our study provides a valuable reference for future efforts to analyze glacier element characteristics and reconstruct climate," said Li Yuefang, corresponding author of this study.

CIA Publicly Acknowledges 1953 Coup It Backed In Iran Was Undemocratic As It Revisits 'Argo' Rescue



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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates: While revealing new details about one of the most famed CIA operations of all times — the spiriting out of six American diplomats who escaped the 1979 US Embassy seizure in Iran — the intelligence agency for the first time has acknowledged something else as well.

The CIA now officially describes the 1953 coup it backed in Iran that overthrew its prime minister and cemented the rule of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi as undemocratic.

Other American officials have made similar remarks in the past, but the CIA's acknowledgment in a podcast about the agency's history comes as much of its official history of the coup remains classified 70 years after the putsch. That complicates the public's understanding of an event that still resonates, as tensions remain high between Tehran and Washington over the Islamic Republic's rapidly advancing nuclear program, its aiding of militia groups across the Mideast and as it cracks down on dissent.

The "CIA's leadership is committed to being as open with the public as possible," the agency said in a statement responding to questions from The Associated Press. "The agency's podcast is part of that effort — and we knew that if we wanted to tell this incredible story, it was important to be transparent about the historical context surrounding these events, and CIA's role in it."

In response to questions from the AP, Iran's mission to the United Nations described the 1953 coup as marking "the inception of relentless American meddling in Iran's internal affairs" and dismissed the US acknowledgments.

"The US admission never translated into compensatory action or a genuine commitment to refrain from future interference, nor did it change its subversive policy towards the

Islamic Republic of Iran," the mission said in a statement.

The CIA's podcast, called "The Langley Files" as its head-quarters is based in Langley, Virginia, focused two recent episodes on the story of the six American diplomats' escape. While hiding at the home of the Canadian ambassador to Iran, a two-man CIA team entered Tehran and helped them fly out of the country while pretending to be members of a crew scouting for a made-up science fiction film.

The caper, retold in the 2012 Academy Award-winning film "Argo" directed by and starring Ben Affleck, offered a dramatized version of the operation, with Affleck playing the late CIA officer Antonio "Tony" Mendez. The podcast for the first time identified the second CIA officer who accompanied Mendez, naming him as agency linguist and exfiltration specialist Ed Johnson. He previously only had been known publicly by the pseudonym "Julio."

"Working with the six — these are rookies," Johnson recounts in an interview aired by the podcast. "They were people who were not trained to lie to authorities. They weren't trained to be clandestine, elusive."

But in the podcast, another brief exchange focuses on the 1953 coup.

In it, CIA spokesman and podcast host Walter Trosin cites the claims of agency historians that the majority of the CIA's clandestine activities in its history "bolstered" popularly elected governments.

"We should acknowledge, though, that this is, therefore, a really significant exception to that rule," Trosin says of the 1953 coup.

CIA historian Brent Geary, appearing on the podcast, agrees. "This is one of the exceptions to that," Geary says.

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Seven decades later, the 1953 coup remains as hotly debated as ever by Iran, its theocratic government, historians and others

