



हरियाणा आज देश के उन अग्रणी राज्यों में है, जहां घर-घर पाइप से पानी की सुविधा से जुड़ चुका है। इसी तरह, बेटी बचाओ, बेटी पढ़ाओ में भी हरियाणा के लोगों ने बेहतरीन काम किया है। फिटनेस और खेल ये विषय तो हरियाणा की रगों में हैं, हरियाणा की मिट्टी में है, यहां के संस्कारों में हैं और तभी तो यहां के युवा खेल के मैदान में तिरंगे की शान बढ़ा रहे हैं।
- नरेन्द्र मोदी



हमने 9 वर्ष पूर्व अंत्योदय की भावना से जो संकल्प किये, आज उनके सफल परिणाम देखने को मिल रहे हैं। 'हरियाणा एक-हरियाणवी एक' और सुशासन के मूल-मंत्र को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रदेश के समान विकास को प्राथमिकता दी है और इन्हीं मूल-मंत्रों के आधार पर हम प्रदेश के चहुँमुखी विकास के लिए सदैव कटिबद्ध हैं।
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Study Shows Correlation Between Pregnancy Weight Gain And Heart Disease

Press Trust Of India

Pregnant women gaining more weight than that recommended are at a greater risk of death from heart disease or diabetes later in life, according to a study published in The Lancet journal.

The increased mortality risk was found for all weight groups studied, including those defined as underweight, normal or overweight prior to their pregnancies, the researchers said, having analysed more than 45,000 US women's data 50 years, including their body mass index (BMI) and weight fluctuations during pregnancy.

No heightened risk was, however, found in women who were obese prior to pregnancy, the team of researchers, led by those from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, said.

"We showed that gaining weight during

pregnancy within the current guidelines may protect against possible negative impacts much later in life, and this builds upon evidence of the short-term benefits for both maternal health and the health of the baby," said the study's lead author, Stefanie Hinkle, an assistant professor of Epidemiology and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the university.

Hinkle was apparently referring to the guidelines regarding weight gain during pregnancy outlined by the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the US, which recommend a weight gain of not more than 12.5-18 kg in "underweight" women and 5-10 kg in "obese" women.

The "Underweight" and "obese" classifications are according to BMI standards. The CDC recommendations differ if a woman is pregnant with twins.

These days, almost half of those who are pregnant gain more weight than recommended, the researchers said in the study.



They examined data from the Collaborative Perinatal Project, which catalogued data from a racially diverse cohort of people in the US who gave birth in the 1950s or 1960s, and linked their records to mortality data that ran

through 2016, approximately 50 years later.

The researchers analysed their BMI and weight gain data and compared them to modern recommendations. Those numbers were then linked first to deaths due to any cause, then to deaths caused by cardiovascular- or diabetes-related issues.

By 2016, approximately 39 per cent of the people in the cohort had died and the death rate varied in correlation with pre-pregnancy BMI - those with the lowest BMI died at a lower rate than those with the highest BMI, the researchers found.

They further found that for women "underweight" before pregnancy, the risk of death related to heart disease climbed by 84 per cent when they gained more than the recommended weight.

Among those having a "normal" BMI, death due to any reason rose by nine per cent and heart disease-related death risk climbed by 20 per cent, when their weight gain was

more than that recommended, the researchers said.

Those "overweight" had a 12 per cent higher risk of death and a 12 per cent increase in the risk of diabetes-related death, if they gained excess weight during pregnancy, they said.

However, the researchers found no correlation between high weight gain during pregnancy and subsequent deaths among those "obese" before pregnancy.

Hinkle said while their study wasn't designed to look into that specific point, it's possible this group's already-elevated death rate could have had a bearing on this finding.

The team also said while it is known that weight gain during pregnancy "did not happen in a vacuum," as health care access, nutrition, and stress significantly influenced it, they now had a better picture of the long-term risks associated with unhealthy weight gains and hope to find more that will help address the issue.

Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir
Office Of The Zonal Education Officer Ganderbal
OBJECTION

This office has advertised the posts for engagement of Helpers/AAYAs in 85 schools of Zone Ganderbal vide this office No. ZEO/Gbl/SmS/AAYAs/632 dated: 8/8/2023 and extended the date of submission of application form upto 31/08/2023 vide No. ZEO/Gbl/SmS/AAYAs/636 dated: 22/8/2023. A Total of 187 application with requisite documents were received against the 59 school mentioned in Annexure A. Application forms were scrutinized panchayat/village wise and proper guidelines and norms were followed by this office as laid down in the communication letter of State Project Director SAMAGRA SHIKSHA UT Jammu and Kashmir Order No. 07 of CHIRAJ-2023, Dated: 09/01/2023.

Provisional Selection has been framed in consultation with RPIs of concerned panchayats and is published for inviting objections from general public and applicants who applied for the post. Before finalizing the list and engagement orders are distributed, objections are inviting and a period of seven days (07) are giving form the date of publications to attend the office of Chief Education officer Ganderbal along with documentary Proof. Objection after due date will not be entertained and selection process will be completed without any further delay.

Annexure A

S. NO.	Name of School	Name of Applicant	Parentage/w/o	Residence	D.O.B	Qualification	Category	Ration Card
1	MS Hakim GUND	Sony Jan	Mohd Sultan Wani	Hakim GUND	10-04-1994	10+2	Orphan	AAY
2	PS Chan Mohalla Gutlibagh	Ishrat Farooq	Farooq Ahmad Mir	Gutlibagh	02-03-2000	10+2	Orphan	PHH
3	PS Laway Mohalla	Asmat Gulzar	Late Gulzar Ahmad Malla	Shallabugh	04-11-1997	8th	Orphan	PHH
4	PS Gujjer PATI Shahpora Payeen	Mansooro Bano	Javaid Ahmad Bhat	Shahpora	17-02-1986	9th	Poor	PHH
5	PS PATI DEVPORA	Tasleema Akhter	Basharat Ahmad Shah	PATI Devpora	10-10-1982	9th	Poor	PHH
6	GPS Harren	Ishrat	Mohd Maqbool Lone	Tehlipora Harren	02-10-1997	10th	Poor	PHH
7	BPS Chundina	Shameema Akhter	Gh.Qadir Bhat	Chundina	01-04-1983	9th	Divorced	PHH
8	GPS Duderhama	Roohi	Shahid Ahmad Saed	Duderhama Ward B	03-07-1985	8th	Poor	PHH
9	BMS Darend	Shagufta Bano	Late Gh.Mohd Rather	Darend	06-05-1994	8th	Orphan	PHH
10	GMS Ganderbal	Fehmeeda Bano	Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat	Wanipora Saloora	02-03-1981	9th	Poor	AAY
11	MS Chapper GUND	Rohee Karim	Ab.Karim Waza	Chapper GUND	07-03-1986	9th	Divorced	PHH
12	PS Asthan Mohalla Bakura	Rafia Yousof Mir	Late Mohd Yousof Mir	Bakura	20-02-1995	8th	Poor	PHH
13	PS Takiya Buss-erough	Iqra Rashid	Late Ab.Rashid Lone	Khalimulla	11-03-2000	10+2	Orphan	AAY
14	PS Panbal	Zarifa Bano	Imtiyaz Ahmad Ganie	Ghat -I-Paribal	01-05-1985	8th	Poor	PHH
15	PS Mirpora Daggpora	Ulfat Bashir	Late Bashir Ahmad Kundoo	Mipora	01-02-2001	10th	Orphan	AAY
16	BMS Urpash	Zahida Bano	Ab.Khalig Dar	Urpash	02-06-1985	8th	Poor	PHH
17	PS Tabeelpora	Shabnum Rashid	Ab.Rashid BHAT	Kuiler	20-10-2000	10+2	Orphan	PHH
18	BMS Serch Chowdhary Bagh	Bisma Zubair	Lt Zubair Ahmad Khan Banuya	Serch CHOWDHARY bagh	06-04-2002	8th	Orphan	AAY
19	MPS Darend	Bisma JAN	Gh.Mohd DAR	Darend	15-07-1998	8th	Poor	PHH
20	PS Dadinowbugh	Fareeda BANO	Shabir Ahmad Khanday	Dadinowbugh	01-03-1982	9th	Poor	PHH
21	PS Khun Tulbagh	Rafia Parveen	Zahoor Ahmad Bhat	Harran	05-05-2000	8th	Poor	PHH
22	PS Check-I Fatehpura	Rubeena	Mukhtar Ahmad Sofi	Duderhama-8	01-06-1986	8th	Poor	PHH
23	BMS Beehama	Salima Khan	Late Riyaz Ahmad Dar	Beehama	21-12-1983	10+2	widow	PHH
24	GMS Chanhar	Fareeda Akhter	Sajid khan	Wayiloo BALA	08-07-1988	10TH	Poor	PHH
25	PS Doodhkant	Iftiza Fayaz	Fayaz Ahmad wani	Doodhkant	23-08-2001	10+2	Poor	PHH
26	GMS Gutlibagh	Dilshada Akhter	Mohd Yousof Khan	Wayiloo BALA	17-05-1986	9th	Poor	PHH
27	MPS Hydermaidan	Shair Bano	Nasrullah khan	Wayiloo Nader-bagh	24-12-1999	BA	Poor	PHH
28	PS Takiya Khalimulla	Iqra Hassan	Late Gh.Hassan MIR	Takiya Khalimulla	15-02-2005	10TH	Orphan	PHH
29	PS Beeh Sahib	Ruqiyia Nica	Gh.Nabi Bhat	BuderKund	06-11-1990	10+2	Poor	PHH
30	GMS CHUNDINA	Gulshan Rehman	Ab.Rehman Hajam	Chundina	10-12-1990	10+2	Divorced	PHH
31	MS HM Bagh	Rafit Ara	Firdous Ahmad Tantary	HM Bagh	08-05-1979	9TH	Poor	PHH
32	MS Shalijang	Fareeda BANO	Binyamin Khan	Urpash	01-01-1986	9th	widow	PHH
33	PS Patipora Saloora	Khusboo Ahmad	Late Sofi Gh.AHMAD	Saloora	10-10-1997	BA B.Ed	Poor	PHH
34	MS Wayil	Aabiroo farooq	Farooq Ahmad HAJAM	Wayil	24-02-2004	10+2	Poor	AAY
35	MS Bobsipora	Rafee Jan	Late Gh.Nabi Bhat	Bobsipora	15-11-1993	8th	Poor	PHH
36	PS Kambaypora	Nusrat Akhter	Gh AHMAD MAGRAY	Hathbura	12-08-1991	MA B.ED	Poor	PHH
37	MS Gadoora	Zareena Bano	Hilal Ahmad Parray	Gadoora	08-10-1985	9th	Poor	PHH
38	GMS NUNNER	Mehmooda Akhter	Gh.Ahmad Rather	Nunner	04-05-1985	M. SC B. Ed	Divorced	PHH
39	BMS Rangil	Samreen Rehman	Late Ab.Rehman parray	Rangil	21-08-1992	BA	Orphan	PHH
40	BMS Baba Darya DIN	Yasmeena Bano	Habib Ullah Hajam	Baba Daryadin	06-02-2004	10th	Poor	AAY
41	PS Sheik Mohalla Daggpora	Shakeela	Firdous Ahmad Shah	Daggpora	20-03-1988	BA	Poor	PHH
42	BMS Mirpora Gutlibagh	Shakeela Bano	Late Fayaz Ahmad Mir	Gutlibagh	04-01-1980	9th	widow	AAY
43	PS Tehlipora	Rafia Jan	Late Gh.Ahmad Malla	Tehlipora Harren	15-03-1996	BA	Orphan	PHH
44	PS Sheikhpura	Rubeena Akhter	Gulzar Ahmad Beigh	Gund Momin	04-11-1987	9th	Poor	PHH
45	PS Banjer BASTI Bguttibagh	Neelofar Nayeem	Mohd Rahil Khan	Guttibagh	04-02-1998	10+2	Poor	PHH
46	PS Dar Mohalla Baba Daryadin	Kulsuma Akhter	Gh Nabi Parray	Baba Daryadin	10-10-1984	9th	Poor	PHH
47	PS Sam Mohalla Shallabugh	Shabreena Yousof	Mohd Yousof Khanday	Shallabugh	28-11-2001	10th	Poor	PHH
48	PS Hathbura	Rubeena Majeed	Late Ab MAJEEED Malla	Hathbura	08-08-1992	BA	Poor	AAY
49	PS TIKIBAGH	Mubeena Akhter	Gh.Hassan Shah	Nunner	28-03-1992	8th	Divorced	PHH
50	BMS Busserbugh	Muzzamil Rahim	Late Ab.Rahim Bhat	Busserbugh	15-01-2002	10th	Orphan	PHH
51	GMS Baba Wayil	Sabeena Syed	Mohd Syed Shah	Baba Wayil	02-11-1986	8th	Divorced	AAY
52	PS Sheikhooni	Gulshana Bano	Farooq Ahmad Mir	Sheik Booni	16-02-1978	8th	Poor	PHH
53	MPS PethKundal	Rehana Akhter	Farooq Ahmad Mir	Peth Kundal	05-09-1989	10+2	Poor	PHH
54	MPS Draribal	Dilshada Bano	Late Gh Rasool Wani	Draribal	15-12-1993	8th	Orphan	PHH
55	MS Dignibal	Dilshada Akhter	Late Ab.Wahab Hajam	Dignibal	10-01-1997	8th	Poor	AAY
56	MS Hadoora	Nayeema	Ab.Salam khanday	Hadoora	05-03-1988	9th	Poor	PHH
57	MPS Wanihama Bala	Nayeema JAN	Gh.Mohd Kambay	Wanihama Bla	07-10-1990	9th	Poor	PHH
58	GPS Nagbal	Raheela Amin	Mohd Amin Bhat	Nagbal	21-03-2000	BA	Poor	PHH
59	MS Bakura	Urfee Rashid	Late Ab.RASHID Najar	Bakura	15-03-2002	10+2	Orphan	AAY

DIPK-10961/23
 dated: 25-10-2023
 Zonal Education Officer Ganderbal.

Govt of Jammu And Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer Construction Division Kashmir, J&K Sports Council, Srinagar
 Tender Notice: E-NIT No: 58 of 2023-24
 D A T E D: 16.10.2023

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible bidders registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work:-

S. No	Name of work	Adv cost (Rs. in lacs)	Class of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of Tender documents	Administrative Approval No.& date	Time of Completion
1	Development of Training Cum Toddler Swimming Pool at Gindun Rajbagh Srinagar	243.99	AAY Class	Rs. 487,980/-	Rs. 5800/-	Sports Council Order No: 588 of 2023 dt: 20.07.2023	365 days

Position of Fund = Capex 2023-24
 Position of TS = Accorded

1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria, specification, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

Critical Dates Table	
1. Date of issue of Tender Notice.	16.10.2023
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents	16.10.2023 from 3.00 PM to 25.10.2023 upto 4.00PM.
3. Bid Submission Start Date.	18.10.2023 from 10.00 AM
4. Bid submission End Date.	25.10.2023 upto 04.00 PM
5. Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)	27.10.2023 at 10.00 AM in the office of Ex. Engineer, Const. Division Kashmir, J&K Sports Council at Administrative Block, Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar. (or any convenient date)

3. The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into the bank account by the bidder for which the following information can be used by the bidder. (No Demand Draft shall be entertained).

1) Name of Bank	= J&K Bank Ltd.
2) Account Title	= Executive Engineer, Construction Div. Kmc, JKSC
3) Account No	= CDG-0365010200000842
4) Branch	= Lal Mandi
5) IFSC Code	= JAKA05BARD

The bidders must upload the scanned copy of bank payment acknowledgment slip.

4. Hard Copy shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as Lowest Bidder (L1) after opening of Financial Bids.

Sd/-
 Ex. Engineer, CDK
 J&K Sports Council
 Srinagar

DIPK-NB-3821/23
 dated: 25-10-2023

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MANAGING BODY

The list is as follows:-

S.NO.	NAME, PARENTAGE AND ADDRESS	Qualification	Occupation	Designation
01	Khalida Ali W/O Manzoor Ahmad R/O Mehmoodeabad Buchpora, Srinagar	B.A.	Business	Chairman
02	Mohammad Sultan Badoo S/O Amir Uddin Badoo R/O Shah Faisal Colony, Buchpora	M.A. Economics	Retired Lecturer	Vice Chairman
03	Javeed Ahmad wani S/O Abdul Jabbar R/O Mehmoodeabad Buchpora, Srinagar	B.Sc., B.Ed, MTM	Principal of the school	Member
04	Manzoor Ahmad Khan S/O Haji Mohammad Maqbool Khan R/O Buchpora, Srinagar	Graduate	Business	Member
05	Ali Mohammad dar S/O Haji Gh Mohiuddin dar R/O Buchpora	Graduate	Business	Member
06	Mrs. Haleema D/O Ab. Salam Mir R/O Buchpora, Sgr	B.A.	Member	Member/Teacher
07	Anjum Qadir D/O Gh Qadir Zargar S/O Shah Faisal Colony, Buchpora	B.Sc.	Teacher of the school	Member/Teacher
08	Bashir Ahmad Mir S/O Gh Mohammad Mir R/O Buchpora, Srinagar	B.Sc.	Parent	Parent/Member
09	Mr Ab. Rashid Baba S/O Ghulam Nabi Baba R/O Buchpora, Srinagar	LLB	Advocate	Member
10	Ab. Majeed Shah S/O Abdul Ahad Shah R/O Buchpora, Sgr	Middle Pass	Member	Parent/Member

If anybody is having any objection he/she can approach personally DSEK Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after that no obligation shall be entertained.

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Public Notice

I have changed my name on Passport bearing Number L5704716 from (Previous Name) Shaheen Bashir to New Name Shaheen Bashir Munshi. In future I will be known as Shaheen Bashir Munshi. In this regard I have applied for new Passport if anybody having any objection he/she may contact regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Shaheen Bashir Munsh
 S/o Bashir Ahmad Munshi
 R/o Bulbul Bagh Barzulla Srinagar nj

Public Notice

I have lost my Provisional Cum Character Certificate bearing regd no: N16340260039. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Govt Boys Higher Secondary Institute Magam within a period of 2 (two) Days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Shahid Bashir
 S/o Bashir Ahmad Ganaie
 R/o Batapora Kanihama bmg

Public Notice

My name has been wrongly written in my Matriculation Certificate as Neelofar Lateef D/o Mohammad Lateef Lone while my correct name and parentage is Neelofar Lateef D/o Lateef Ahmad Lone which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the J&K Board of School Education Kashmir within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Neelofar Lateef
 D/o Lateef Ahmad Lone
 R/o Logri Pora Sopore Baramulla, iko

DEMISE

With profound and grief and deep anguish, we announce demise of Mst Misra Begam W/O Late Abdul Rahman Wani R/O Bota Shah Mohalla Umar Colony A Near Salfia Masjid Lal Bazar, Srinagar who passed on 24th October, 2023 after a brief illness. May Almighty Allah grant Jannat-ul-Firdous to the departed soul. The mourning will be observed for 3 days only.

BEREAVED
 Jan Mohammad Wani (Son)
 Manzoor Ahmad Wani (Son-in-Law)
 Shabir Ahmad Wani (Son)
 Jan Mohammad Khan (Son-in-Law)
 Mobile No. 6006718573 inf

The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education
 New Campus Bemina Srinagar
 Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-
 Roll No: 174384
 Class SSE (Secondary School Examination) Year & Session 1986- Oct-Nov
 Registration: 25946-NS-IX-85
 Name : Sanjay Bharti
 Father's Name: Dwarka Nath
 Mother's Name : Shakti Koul
 Date of Birth:- 01-03-1971
 Residence:- Set No: 104-B Government Quarters Tulsibagh Phase-II Sgr

According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 47321 be treated as "CANCELLED")
 No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)/KD/23
 Dated 25-10-2023
 Assistant Secretary
 Certificates, KD. inf

Security Top Brass In Huddle Over West Asia Flareup



Observer News Service

Srinagar: As fears of a wider war in the West Asia grow, the top officials of security agencies on Wednesday held a meeting here to coordinate and strategise security in Jammu and Kashmir. The security review meeting was held at the headquarters of army's 15 Corps here and chaired by R R Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir & Lieutenant

General Upendra Dwivedi, Army Commander, Northern Command. Director General of police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh also attended the high-level meeting. "Numerous aspects related to the prevailing security situation in the Union Territory were discussed. DGP J&K, Chinar Corps Cdr and other senior officials from military, state administration and security agencies attended the meeting," Srinagar based defence **More on PIO**

Rahul Interviews Satyapal Malik Ex-Guv Suggests Statehood, Polls In J&K

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Restoration of statehood and holding elections in Jammu and Kashmir have been suggested by former governor of the erstwhile state Satyapal Malik during an

interaction with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. In the 28-minute-long interview conducted by Gandhi, Malik, known for his controversial remarks in the past, warned that insurgency is returning to Jammu and **More on PIO**

Providing Social Security To Vulnerable Sections Our Top Priority: LG

- Says Over 44,000 Elderly, Widows And Divorcees Covered In Srinagar Under Integrated Social Security Scheme
- 'Senior Citizen Homes Established In 13 Districts, Remaining Districts To Be Covered This Year'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that the top priority of his administration is to provide social security to vulnerable sections, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Wednesday that over 44,000 elderly, widows and divorcees have been covered in Srinagar under Integrated Social Security Scheme and if required the benefits will be enhanced further.

Sinha made these remarks while inaugurating 'Pensioners Sammelan' here on Wednesday during which



he also interacted with the pension beneficiaries. In his address, the LG expressed gratitude to all the senior citizens, who attended the programme. He said that

elders' blessings are always priceless. J&K Administration will ensure they live a happy and healthy life.

"It is our ancient tradition, civilizational duty and 'Sanskar' to care for the elderly, provide them with social security and extend all support to vulnerable sections. It is the top priority of the J&K Administration to provide universal coverage and ensure beneficiaries are treated with respect," he added.

The LG lauded district administration Srinagar for achieving 100% saturation under the **More on PIO**

Higher Reaches To Get Fresh Snow This Weekend: MeT Agencies

Srinagar: With no forecast of any major wet spell, the higher reaches of Jammu & Kashmir is likely to experience light snowfall on Saturday while the weather would remain mostly cloudy for the next eight days.

According to the forecast details shared by a local Meteorological department (MeT) here, the weather would remain mainly clear to partly cloudy till October 28.

On October 29, there is a possibility of light rain and snowfall over isolated higher reaches.

The MeT department further predicted partly cloudy weather conditions on October 30 and 31st while on November 01-02, partly to generally cloudy weather conditions are expected in J&K. There is no **More on PIO**

Sanctioning Authority Not Supposed To Act As 'Post Office': HC

Rejects Forester's Plea Seeking Quashing Of FIR Filed In 2007 On Graft Charges

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has held that the authority to sanction prosecution against an employee is not supposed to act as a "post office".

"It is expected to apply its mind on the allegations levelled against the delinquent employee and is not bound by the findings of the Investigating Officer," a bench of Justice Rajnesh Oswal said while rejecting a plea by a then Forester—Farooq Ahmad Lone, seeking quashing



of the FIR No.42/2007 of Police Station, Vigilance Organization, Kashmir and the Government Order No.22-GAD(Vig.) of 2014 dated 08.08.2014, whereby the sanction to prosecute him and other official was granted by

the authorities.

"The (sanctioning authority) has mentioned in detail the levelled against the petitioner (Lone) and other accused and then only the sanction order has been issued to prosecute the petitioner & other co-accused, after due application of mind" the court said while rejecting contentions by Lone.

According to the government, the case (FIR No.42/2007) under section 5(1)(d), 5(2) of PC Act r/w 120-B, 467, 471 of **More on PIO**

Israel-Gaza Conflict

India Trashes Pak's Kashmir Reference At UN

Press Trust Of India

United Nations: India has said it will treat a reference by Pakistan to Kashmir during a Security Council meeting on the Israel-Gaza situation with the contempt it deserves and will not dignify it with a response.

The remarks by India's Deputy Permanent Representative at the UN, Ambassador R Ravindra, came on Tuesday after Pakistan's UN envoy Munir Akram made reference to Kashmir at the

Security Council meeting on the situation in the Middle East.

"Before I end, there was a remark of habitual nature by one delegation referring to Union Territories that are integral and inalienable parts of my country," Ravindra said.

"I would treat these remarks with contempt they deserve and not dignify them with a response in the interest of time," Ravindra said.

Earlier, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken told the Security Council **More on PIO**



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Israel To Refuse Visas To UN Officials After Guterres Speech On Gaza War



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Israel will refuse visas to United Nations officials, its ambassador to the UN has said, as the country's spat with the international organisation deepens.

Gilad Erdan made the statement on Wednesday, according to Israeli media, as the fallout from the UN chief's speech at the Security Council the previous day continues.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres indirectly criticised Israel for ordering the evacuation of civilians from the north to the south of the Gaza Strip. He also said Hamas's attack on Israel on October 7 did not happen "in a vacuum" as the Palestinians have been "subjected to 56 years of suffocating occupation".

Many countries welcomed Guterres's "very balanced approach", reported Al Jazeera's Gabriel Elizondo from New York. However, Israel was "furious" and its officials called on the UN chief to resign.

Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen, who was at the debate, "was so upset", said Elizondo, "that he cancelled a meeting with the secretary-general that

was supposed to happen Tuesday afternoon".

"It is really unusual to see this sort of reaction against the secretary-general," Elizondo added.

"Due to his [Guterres's] remarks, we will refuse to issue visas to UN representatives," Erdan told Army Radio. "We have already refused a visa for Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Martin Griffiths. The time has come to teach them a lesson."

Erdan said on X, formerly Twitter, that the UN chief has "expressed an understanding for terrorism and murder" with this speech.

Later, Guterres posted an extract from his speech on X in an apparent bid to show he has criticised both Hamas and Israel for the crisis in Gaza.

"The grievances of the Palestinian people cannot justify the horrific attacks by Hamas. Those horrendous attacks cannot justify the collective punishment of the Palestinian people," he wrote.

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has condemned Israel's call for the UN secretary-general to resign, describing it as an "unprovoked attack".

With Middle East Crisis, Russia And China Hope To Turn Tables On US

Agencies

WASHINGTON: Since Russia invaded Ukraine, the United States has sought to isolate Moscow and pressure China to keep its distance. With war in the Middle East, Russia and China are seeking to turn the tables.

The United States has cast Russia as the disruptor of the international order at the Security Council, with President Joe Biden promising the world body that Washington would use its veto only sparingly.

But the United States went ahead and vetoed a draft resolution last week it deemed insufficiently supportive of its ally.

In comments likely aimed at consumption in the Islamic world, Russia has accused the United States of escalating the conflict through military reinforcements, while China has lashed out at the US veto and Israel's actions.

The Chinese and Russian reprimands ring hollow for US officials, who doubt the rival powers will engage in painstaking diplomacy along the lines of Secretary of State Antony Blinken's recent trip to the region.

But the United States has historically stood out as a lonely voice in its close embrace of Israel, even if for now European allies are largely joining Biden in backing Israel.

Biden on taking office had aimed to shift from the complexities of the Middle East, seeing China as the greatest long-term challenge to the United States.



"This is not a region where the US has wanted to have a heavy footprint and be actively engaged. At the same time, this president in particular is deeply committed to Israel," said Leslie Vinjamuri, director of the US and Americas program at Chatham House.

China "is quite willing to see the US pulled sideways in its strategic focus into a region that it hasn't wanted to be absorbed by, but now is willingly," she said.

SHIFT OF FOCUS FOR RUSSIA
Hamas militants stormed into Israel on October 7, killing at least 1,400 people, mostly civilians, including inside homes and at a music festival, and taking more than 220 hostages, according to Israeli officials.

More than 5,700 Palestinians, also mostly civilians, have been killed across the Gaza Strip in retaliatory Israeli bombardments, the territory's Hamas-run health ministry said.

The Hamas assault came 50 years after a sneak attack by Egypt and Syria on Israel

on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. The two events have drawn parallels but among differences -- Russia was then a major player that backed the Arab states.

Russia returned in force in 2015 to Syria to back Bashar al-Assad, although Russian President Vladimir Putin has also maintained ties with Israel.

"Nobody is expecting Russia to produce any results here -- any kind of ceasefire or any role in trying to negotiate the release of hostages," said Eugene Rumer, director of the Russia and Eurasia program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"Since 2022, it has all been about Ukraine, so when this tragedy occurred, it was a gift for Putin because suddenly the attention is diverted away," Rumer said.

Biden has tried to link Putin and Hamas, charging in an Oval Office address last week that both were "tyrants" seeking to "completely annihilate a neighboring democracy."



Hezbollah, Hamas, Islamic Jihad Chiefs Discuss Route To 'Victory' On Israel

Agencies

The head of Lebanon's Hezbollah armed group has met top Palestinian armed group leaders from Hamas and the Islamic Jihad, discussing what their alliance must do to achieve an "all-out victory" over Israel, according to a statement by Hezbollah.

The statement said Wednesday's meeting involved Hezbollah's Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, Hamas deputy chief Saleh al-Arouri and Islamic Jihad chief Ziad al-Nakhala, without mentioning the location.

"The leaders tackled latest developments since the start of Operation Al-Aqsa Flood and the events that followed on all fronts, including the confrontations across the border between Lebanon and the occupied Palestine," Lebanese state media Al-Manar quoted the statement as saying, referring to the October 7 attack on Israel by Hamas fighters that killed at least 1,400 people in Israel and prompted a retaliation that in turn killed more than 5,700 people in Gaza.

"Sayyed Nasrallah assessed with Nakhale and al-Arouri the international and regional stances as well as steps to be taken by the Axis of Resistance in this critical phase in order to

achieve an all-out victory and to stop the brutal attack on the oppressed people of Gaza and the West Bank," the statement added.

Since the October 7 attack, Hezbollah has had near-daily exchanges of fire with Israeli forces along the Israeli-Lebanese border.

The Lebanese group announced on Wednesday that two more of its fighters had been killed, increasing the death toll in its ranks to 40 fighters since the start of the conflict.

On Tuesday, the health ministry said that 704 Palestinians, including 305 children, were killed as Israel ramps up its aggression against the enclave.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said Tuesday's death toll was the highest figure reported in a single day since the conflict began.

In the occupied West Bank, at least 100 people have also been killed in clashes with the Israeli military, the Palestinian health ministry said.

Amid fears that the conflict could spill over across the Middle East, Israel's military said its jets also hit Syrian army infrastructure in response to rockets launched from the neighbouring country.

NCERT Committee Recommends Replacing 'India' With 'Bharat' In School Textbooks; No Decision Yet, Says Council

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: "India" should be replaced with "Bharat" in the school textbooks for all classes, a high-level committee for social sciences, constituted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to revise the school curriculum, has recommended.

According to committee chairperson C I Isaac, the panel has suggested replacing the name "India" with "Bharat" in the textbooks, introducing "classical history", instead of "ancient history", in the curriculum and including the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in the syllabus for all subjects.

NCERT Chairman Dinesh Saklani, however, said no decision has been taken yet on the panel's recommendations.

The council later said on X: "NCERT states that since the development of new syllabus and textbooks is in the process and for that purpose various Curricular Area Groups of domain experts are being notified by the NCERT. So, it is too premature to comment."

"The committee has unanimously recommended that the name 'Bharat' should be used in the textbooks for students across classes. We have also recommended introducing classical history instead of ancient history in the textbooks," Isaac told PTI.

"Bharat is an age-old name. The name Bharat has been used

in ancient texts, such as Vishnu Purana, which is 7,000 years old," the Padma Shree awardee said.

The name "Bharat" first appeared officially when the government sent out G20 invites in the name of "President of Bharat", instead of "President of India".

Later, the nameplate of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the summit in New Delhi also read "Bharat", instead of India.

Isaac said the coming committee has also recommended highlighting "Hindu victories" in various battles in the textbooks.

"Our failures are presently mentioned in the textbooks. But our victories over the Mughals and sultans are not," said Isaac, who is also a member of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).

"The British had divided Indian history into three phases—ancient, medieval and modern—showing India in darkness, unaware of scientific knowledge and progress. Therefore, we have suggested that the classical period of Indian history be taught in schools, along with the medieval and modern periods," he added.

The NCERT is revising the curriculum of the school textbooks in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The council recently constituted a 19-member National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC) to finalise the curriculum, textbooks and learning material for these classes.

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Explained: What Delayed Israel's Ground Invasion Of Gaza

Agencies

JERUSALEM: Israel has not launched a ground invasion of Gaza, despite announcing its imminence, a delay media reports and experts attribute to international pressure, political-military divisions and concerns over hostages.

Eighteen days after the deadliest attack ever launched into Israel by the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas that rules Gaza, the Israeli military is relentlessly pounding the territory.

But apart from some relatively minor incursions, the much-vaunted land offensive has not been unleashed.

"There's a crisis of confidence between (Israeli Prime Minister) Benjamin Netanyahu and the IDF (army)," noted editorial writer Nahum Barnea in the daily Yedioth Ahronoth.

"The government is having difficulties taking decisions that everyone agrees on about the top issues," he wrote.

According to government and military sources cited by Barnea, "Netanyahu is angry at the generals and blames them for what happened" during what Israelis are calling "the October 7 fiasco".

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worst-ever attack in Israel's history, which has prompted a ferocious Israeli bombardment of Gaza which Hamas officials say has killed 5,791 people.

Unanimity has brought together the left and right wings of mainstream Israeli politics.

"Disputes over these operations are creating tensions, especially between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant," wrote columnist Amos Harel in Tuesday's left-leaning Haaretz daily.

State radio noted "dissent between the premier and senior ranks in the military", with mutual accusations of failing to prevent the bloody attack by Hamas militants.

"Mutual trust" - Commentators say the fact that official statements often mention convergence of views at the highest level means the opposite, revealing the artificial nature of a united front.

"The prime minister, the defence minister and the IDF chief of staff are working in close and full cooperation,

around the clock, to lead the State of Israel to a decisive victory over Hamas," said a communique on Tuesday from the Government Press Office.

"There is total and mutual trust between the prime minister, the defence minister and the IDF chief of staff; the unity of the goal is clear."

Patrick Bettane, an intelligence specialist at Israel's International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) think tank, confirmed "disagreement about a ground offensive".

"But the fact that there are hostages being held in the Gaza Strip complicates everything," he said.

"Israel is waiting to see how this problem can be resolved before it acts."

Relatives of those seized and taken to Gaza have staged daily demonstrations outside Gallant's home in Tel Aviv.

Akiva Eldar, an expert on Israeli politics, asserted that "after the emotions aroused by this terrible massacre, Bibi (Netanyahu) and the generals are starting to think differently".

Man Gets Postal Job After 28-Year Wait Following Supreme Court Order

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Twenty-eight years after a man applied for a job in the postal department, the Supreme Court has ordered his appointment noting that there was an error in holding him ineligible for the post. Ankur Gupta had applied for the post of postal assistant in 1995.

After being selected for pre-induction training, he was later excluded from the merit list on the ground that he completed intermediate education from the "vocational stream".

Gupta along with other unsuccessful candidates moved the Central Administrative Tribunal

which ruled in their favour in 1999. The postal department challenged the tribunal's order and approached the Allahabad High Court in 2000. The high court dismissed the petition in 2017 and upheld the CAT's order.

A review was filed in the high court which was also dismissed in 2021, following which the department approached the Supreme Court.

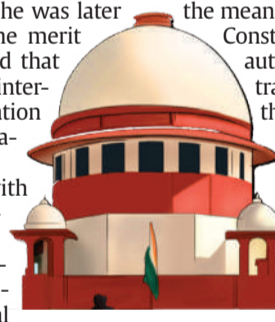
In the top court, a bench of justices Bela M Trivedi and Dipankar Datta said a candidate cannot claim a vested right to appointment, once he is included in the merit list, he has a limited right of being accorded a fair treatment. "However, if the candidature is not rejected at

the threshold and the candidate is allowed to participate in the selection process and ultimately his name figures in the merit list though such candidate has no indefeasible right to claim appointment, he does have a limited right of being accorded fair and non-discriminatory treatment," the bench said.

The Supreme Court said the employer, if it is a State within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution, would have no authority to act in an arbitrary manner and throw the candidate out without rhyme or reason.

"The employer-State being bound by Article 14 of the Constitution, the law places an obligation, nay duty, on such an employer to provide some justification by way of reason," it said.

The bench said if the department had declared Gupta as ineligible based on the appreciation of the educational qualification at the threshold, the situation would have entirely been different. "However, it was not at the threshold that the third respondent was considered ineligible." "As the factual narrative would reveal, the appellant had considered the third respondent eligible, allowed him to take part in the various tests in connection with the selection process, interviewed him, placed his name quite high in the merit list, and thereafter sent him for 15 days' pre-induction training starting from 15th March, 1996," it said.



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FINAL NOTICE
Dated: 25-10-2023

Subject: Execution or Soil Conservation Works by way of Fencing, afforestation, & BUC work at Sulnarge Sangreshi/Budnar Khimber Srinagar-final notice thereof.

Whereas you offered the lowest bid for the work of Fencing, Afforestation, BUC at Sulnarge Sangreshi/Budnar Khimber Srinagar as per the comparative statement down loaded from the web site JK tenders.

Whereas after issuance of letter of intent by this division in your favour vide No: DSCO/Sgr-Gbl/841 dated: 31.07.2023 to start the work but you failed to start the work till date despite of repeated reminders served by this office vide letter No: DSCO/Sgr-Gbl/1026-28 dated: 31-08-2023, DSCO/Sgr-Gbl/1065-67 dated: 08-09-2023 and DSCO/Sgr-Gbl/1086-88 dated: 12-09-2023.

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Whereas Chairman TOC vide No: JDSC/Kmr/CAMPA/2441 dated: 19-09-2023 has passed direction for re-tendering the work again.

Accordingly this division is giving you last chance to start the work within three days and complete it without further loss of time failing which action as warranted under rules shall be taken against you.

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Cleanliness Drive Held At JD Information Office On UT Foundation Day

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In connection with Swachhata Pakhwada and Swachhata Hi Sewa campaign for ensuring UT Foundation Day Celebrations, a mega cleanliness drive was today conducted at Joint Directorate of Information Kashmir.

On the occasion, all the officers and officials of the department actively participated in the cleanliness drive. They with great enthusiasm cleaned every nook and cranny of the office premises and collected the plastic & other solid waste material which was later disposed-off in a proper manner.

The Joint Director Information Kashmir, Mohammad Aslam emphasized the importance of 'Swachhata' and encouraged the staff members in religiously maintaining the 'Swachhata' at their workplaces and surroundings.

He further said that the Information Department has always been on the forefront to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental sustainability. "The Department has always accorded highest priority to the crucial issue of cleanliness and hygiene," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, the officers emphasized that this drive aims at improving overall cleanliness of Government offices and enhancing public experience of the common public with Government offices.

Among others, Deputy Director Information & PR, Bilal Mukhtar; Assistant Director/ FPO, M Aslam Khan; Cultural Officer Kashmir, Burhan Hussain and other staff members participated in the cleanliness drive.

Meanwhile, similar cleanliness drives were also conducted across all District Information Centers in Kashmir division.



Man doing aerobic workout, using air walker at a park in Srinagar on a foggy Wednesday morning. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

DC Srinagar Inaugurates TIFFS Second Edition In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today inaugurated the "International Film Festival of Srinagar" (TIFFS) here at Tagore Hall.

The "International Film Festival of Srinagar" (TIFFS) organized by RIFK Entertainment in association with Vomedh, a cultural organization, will continue at Tagore Hall on October 26 in which over 200 films from 37 countries have been shortlisted, culminating in a selection of 17 outstanding films including Feature Films, Short films and Documentaries for two-day screening.

Addressing the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner congratulated the organizers for holding "International Film Festival of Srinagar" and also qualifying entries in the festival. He hoped that such initiatives provide a platform to local youth to learn the film concepts and art of acting, direction, production thereby tempting them to showcase their cinematic talent at national and international levels.

Recalling the deep rooted connections of Bollywood with Kashmir, the DC said Bollywood, Kashmir and Cinema have a very strong relation made by nature and cannot be separated. He said Kashmir has remained a produc-

tion house for Bollywood and people of the valley are largely associated with the films.

The DC also underlined the significance of Film Policy launched by the J&K Government to create a vibrant film ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir. He said by adopting Film Policy 2021 grants of permissions for the production houses for film making in J&K has been made incentivized, simple and hassle free through a single-window mechanism.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner also released the brochure titled "The International Film Festival" of Srinagar (TIFFS).

The inaugural ceremony of 2nd edition of "The International Film Festival" of Srinagar (TIFFS) began with the festive appearance with both artists and the general people particularly in presence of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, while Bollywood Producer Director, B Subhash, Festival Director TIFFS, Rohit Bhat, Advisor Vomedh, Sanjay Saraf, Bharat Bushan Bhat and galaxy of Art and Cinema loving people.

During the event, a special tribute was paid to the legendary Bollywood actor Dev Anand on his 100th birth anniversary.

Natural Bond Between Cinema And Kashmir Unbreakable

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Muhammad Aijaz Asad on Wednesday said the natural Bonding between Cinema and Kashmir is unbreakable.

"The natural bond between Cinema and Kashmir continues to grow stronger," DC Srinagar said during the inauguration of the International Film Festival in the district.

DC further said the unique bond, untouched by human hands, stands as a testament to the enduring beauty of this region.

"The connection of Cinema and Kashmir has been deeply intertwined, and it is a connection formed by nature, not by any human being. This bond cannot be broken," said Asad.

Army Organizes Capacity-Building Visit Of 60 KU Students, Faculty Members

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Head Quarter 31 Sub Area of Chinar Corps Wednesday organized a capacity-building visit of 60 students and faculty members of Kashmir University at Badami Bagh Cantonment, here.

An Army officer in a statement said the visit was planned keeping in mind the outreach program of the Indian Army where the students got a chance to interact with the senior officers of the Armed Forces and get an insight into the way of life in the Army

and various prospects for joining the Indian Army.

He said the students were exposed to the rich ethos of the Indian Army during the visit.

The event was also attended by Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, Kashmir University. She was welcomed by Major Gen PBS Lamba, General Officer Commanding, HQ 31 Sub Area.

"The students were elated by the visit to BB Cantt and appreciated the Army's efforts and requested the authorities to plan for more such activities in future," the officer said.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
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This Day In History

- 740 - An earthquake strikes Constantinople, causing damage to city walls and buildings
- 1366 - Comet 55P/1366 UI (Tempel-Tuttle) approaches 0.0229 AU of Earth
- 1524 - Spanish troops give Milan to France
- 1905 - Union of Sweden & Norway ends
- 1917 - World War I: Brazil declared in state of war with Central Powers.
- 1918 - Germany's supreme commander General Eric Ludendorff resigns, protesting the terms to which the German Government has agreed in negotiating an armistice
- 1922 - Italian government resigns under pressure from fascists & Benito Mussolini
- 1942 - Battle of Santa Cruz: Japanese naval offensive against US forces near Solomon Islands
- 1950 - Mother Teresa founds Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India
- 1955 - British troops occupy Saudi Arabian oil field at Boeraimi
- 1962 - Nikita Khrushchev sends note to JFK offering to withdraw his missiles from Cuba if US closed its bases in Turkey; offer is rejected
- 1962 - US performs atmospheric nuclear test at Johnston Island
- 1967 - Shah of Iran crowns himself after 26 years on Peacock Throne
- 1968 - Soviet Union launches spacecraft Soyuz 3
- 1971 - UN votes to replace Taiwan with China
- 1973 - Israeli forces reach Suez, trapping Egyptian army
- 1973 - President Nixon releases first White House tapes on Watergate scandal
- 1975 - Anwar Sadat becomes the 1st Egyptian president to officially visit the United States
- 1975 - China performs nuclear test at Lop Nor, PRC
- 1976 - Trinidad & Tobago becomes a republic
- 1977 - 5th & final test of space shuttle Enterprise
- 1977 - Last natural case of smallpox discovered in Merca district, Somalia. Considered the anniversary of the eradication of smallpox, the most spectacular success of vaccination
- 1978 - Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat named joint winners of 1978 Nobel Peace Prize
- 1978 - Independent Counsel Act is signed into law.
- 1979 - Park Chung-hee, President of South Korea is assassinated by CIA head Kim Jae-kyu. Choi Kyu-ha becomes the acting President; Kim is executed the following May.

From KO Archives

J&K Team For Tibet To Find Truth Of 'Shahtoosh Threat'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah today said the Centre would be approached to seek China's permission for facilitating the visit of a team to Tibet to find if continuing Shahtoosh trade threatens antelope.

Speaking at a function held in observance of the mil-lennium's first wildlife week here this afternoon, the chief minister said the team will comprise wildlife officials and representatives of Shahtoosh traders whose trip would be sponsored by the government. "If the team feels threat to antelope as genuine, the Shahtoosh traders will have nothing to do with it", he said, adding that with this the controversy over the issue would end once for all.

The chief minister said that as a result of measures taken to preserve wildlife, their population is on increase in the state. He stressed for creating awareness among the people especially students about the need for protecting wildlife and said that two zoos would be set up at Manda in Jammu and Dachigam in Srinagar for people to see nature's fauna. He asked for preparing comprehensive plans for conservation of various sanctuaries like Hokersar, Hygam and Mirgund.

Abdullah called for evolving a mechanism and adopting an integrated programme for making use of dead wood as fuel by those living near forest while stringent measures would be taken for preserving the green trees. Steps have to be taken for bridging the gap between energy-need and energy source. This has become imperative in view of growing pressure of forest resource since other sources of energy like electricity and LPG have become costlier and scarce. He made a fervent appeal to the people for making judicious use of electricity, generation of which is affected during winter due to lesser water flow.

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Children's Digital Isolation

The excessive use of smartphones is not only contributing to a surge in neurological disorders among children in Kashmir but is also significantly impacting their ability to speak and communicate effectively, say the health experts in their interview to this paper. At GB Pant Hospital, Kashmir's major healthcare facility, doctors say they are seeing four to five children who exhibit speech delays attributed to their excessive screen time. This growing problem reflects a broader problem within society. Smartphones have become endemic to our lives and children are not insulated from this.

One of the root causes of this crisis is the inability of parents to engage in meaningful conversations with their children. Hectic work schedules and other commitments often leave parents with little time to interact with their kids. Instead, they resort to the temporary pacifier that smartphones seem to offer. For many, the lure of using smartphones to occupy and entertain children proves tempting. However, it is important to acknowledge the consequences. By providing their children with expensive phones, parents inadvertently alienate them, as their focus becomes fixated on the digital screens. The consequences are dire, as children's social-emotional development and parent-child interactions suffer due to excessive mobile use, as our story adequately highlights.

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated this issue as people were confined to their homes, increasingly glued to their mobile devices. With parents consumed by their screens, children's opportunities for face-to-face interaction dwindled, pushing them further into the digital world. This led to a rise in various health problems, including obesity, sleep issues, and mental health disorders like depression and anxiety.

A 2022 study conducted by the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine at Government Medical College (GMC) also highlighted this grim reality. The research found that 94.1 percent of parents believed their children's mental health was suffering due to prolonged screen use. The study also revealed a link between childhood obesity rates and screen time, inactivity, sedentary lifestyles, and insufficient physical activity.

It is thus imperative that parents reconsider the impact of excessive smartphone use on their children. The solution lies in re-establishing real-world connections and nurturing the fundamental parent-child relationship. It is true that the problem is not confined to Kashmir alone, it is a worldwide worry. In Kashmir, as in many parts of the world, the parents should be made to realize the crucial role that genuine human interactions play in a child's development. The onus is on parents to recognize the detrimental effects of excessive mobile phone use and take steps to keep their children away from it, more so, in the early years of their life.

OTHER OPINION

Minnows No More

World Cups often become a platform for sporting coups. Afghanistan precisely did that, stunning fancied rivals England at Delhi and Pakistan in Chennai. Even if losses were suffered against Bangladesh, India and New Zealand, Hashmatullah Shahidi's men have shown that they are no push-overs and will compete at all costs. Afghanistan's cricketing roots can be traced to the refugee camps at Peshawar in neighbouring Pakistan. In the past when the Cold War and the Great Game staged by the Western and Eastern Blocs with Kabul as its pivot bequeathed instability within the rugged Afghan countryside, cricket was a welcome distraction for children as any piece of ramshackle wood and a taped-ball within a camp was adequate to indulge in the sport. Things got worse with the rise of the Taliban and the loss of individual liberties but Afghanistan's cricketers remain the dispensers of hope. In Rashid Khan, the country has a world-class player. Aggressive openers and a muscular middle order have learnt to blend patience with intrinsic aggression and bowlers refuse to be overawed. All this has kept Afghanistan in good stead. The manner in which England was bundled out or Pakistan's total was pursued reveals a unit that has turned the corner and would obviously bristle at the mention of the word 'minnows'.

The Netherlands too mounted the odd upset by nailing South Africa. The two countries with a colonial Dutch connect have cultural, economic and sporting threads linking them and current Netherlands player Roelof van der Merwe has previously turned out for South Africa. The Netherlands may have lost its other games but there is no mistaking its talent. This is a World Cup for which the West Indies failed to qualify. The benchmarks are high and for the Netherlands to scale them, qualify and now compete, it is indeed a tremendous achievement. As the tournament veered towards its mid-point, host India revealed a rich vein of form, winning five games and is close to sealing the semifinal berth. Skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli are the batting bulwarks while Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Shami played their parts. New Zealand, barring that one loss to India, has been consistent while South Africa and Australia are jostling in the top-half. The wins by Afghanistan and the Netherlands have opened up the points table and small margins will define big shifts in the coming weeks. That defending champion England has slid to the bottom remains a shocker while the Asian component of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are searching for a toehold. And for now, India holds the aces.

The Hindu

Cairo Peace Summit: A Failed Attempt?

Asad Mirza

The Cairo Peace Summit, hosted by Egypt and held in the New Administrative Capital, east of the Egyptian capital Cairo, was chaired by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi.

It was attended by virtually every Arab nation and the U.N. Secretary-General Guterres, who calling for action "to end this terrible nightmare", listed three immediate goals: unhindered humanitarian assistance to besieged civilians in the Gaza Strip, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages kidnapped from Israel, and committed efforts to curb violence to prevent the conflict from escalating.

The conflict could only be solved with a two-state solution, one for Israelis and one for the Palestinians, he said. As foreseen, Israel was not represented at the summit, as it wants to portray itself as the victim not the aggressor.

If we take a close look at the speeches delivered at the summit, we'll realise that though they reflected growing anger in the region, even among those with close ties to Israel who have often worked as mediators, the sad reality was that the summit was only a talk shop with no concrete action decided upon.

On 20th October, Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant laid out a three-stage plan in which airstrikes and "manoeuvring" - a presumed reference to a ground attack - would aim to root out Hamas before a period of lower intensity mop-up operations. Then, "a new 'security regime' would be created in Gaza along with the removal of Israel's responsibility for life in the Gaza Strip," Gallant said.

No one reacted to this statement, but most Arab leaders chose to show their hollowness and contradictory views, when they talked about the safety of Palestinians but shied away from taking or charting a cohesive strategy to counter Israel's war mongering actions.

On the other hand the European leaders who seem to be supporting Israel's right to self-defence, strangely forget about the Palestinian's right to survival, right to self-defence and right to their motherland and ensuring the prevalence of the rule of law, of which every western nation is so enamoured of.

So far, European officials have largely played down Israel's attacks on Gaza's civilians, instead stating that Israel has a right to defend itself and asking that Israel allow humanitarian aid into the besieged enclave.

This contradictory stance adopted by European leaders giving Israel the right to defend, though contrasts with the various Arab voices but in reality these Arab voices have also been only rhetorical with no confirmed or planned action against Israel. One reason for this could be that they don't want the conflict to conflagrate into a wider regional conflict.

Further, the speeches also showed that Summit's host Egypt was specifically concerned about a massive influx of Palestinians crossing into its territory, something that it fears would, among other things, severely undermine hopes for a Palestinian state. Egypt worries that a mass exodus would risk bringing militants into Sinai, from where they might launch attacks on Israel, endangering its peace treaty with Israel.

On the same footing, King Abdullah II of Jordan, whose country maintains diplomatic links with Israel, voiced "unequivocal rejection" of the forced displacement of Palestinians. "This is a war crime according to international law, and a red line for all of us," he said, but shied away from making any substantial statement supporting the Palestinian cause.

Arab countries also fear, and on that count they are not wrong, a repeat of the mass exodus of Palestinians from what is now Israel before and during the 1948 War surrounding its cre-



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he made on social media accusing Israel of committing "war crimes" and breaching international law.

Paddy Cosgrave, a co-founder of the European tech conference Web Summit which brings together thousands of leading tech startups and firms in Lisbon, Portugal, resigned after receiving backlash from sponsors and attendees. He said his personal views had become a "distraction from the event" and apologised for "any hurt" he had caused.

Apparently, his follow-up posts were not enough to win over a list of key event sponsors including tech heavyweights Meta, Google, and Stripe, who announced they would boycott the event.

In addition, in a letter released on Friday last week, dozens of Hollywood actors and actresses, including Cate Blanchett and Susan Sarandon, urged U.S. President Joe Biden to call for a ceasefire in Gaza.

This comes in the background of many business executives pledging to blacklist Harvard students who belong to groups that signed a letter blaming Israel for the latest outbreak of violence, while several journalists have been suspended or fired due to posts that are critical of Israel or express pro-Palestinian views.

Rights advocates say much of the corporate response has minimised the suffering in Gaza and created an atmosphere of fear for workers who want to express support for Palestinians. At the same time Jewish groups have criticised tepid responses or slow reactions to the Hamas attack on 7th October.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations, the largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organisation in the country, denounced the backlash against the students and statements from U.S. corporate leaders that "lack any meaningful display of sympathy toward Palestinian civilians".

All these developments if viewed impartially, proves that in today's world, so-called developed and free nations still believe in spilling blood rather than resolving their conflicts through mediation or adopting a conciliatory approach, and this completely exhibits the hollowness and contradictory nature of their policies and political system, and it doesn't augurs well for the future.

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Prioritising Limited Screen Time for Children's Well-being

I am writing to address an urgent concern that affects the well-being and development of our younger generation - the excessive screen time that children are exposed to in today's digital age. It is essential that we recognize the potential risks associated with unrestricted screen time and take proactive steps to ensure a healthier balance between technology use and real-world experiences. In recent years, the proliferation of screens in our lives has been remarkable, providing us with unprecedented

access to information and entertainment. However, the impacts on children are increasingly worrying. Extended screen time has been linked to various issues, such as disrupted sleep patterns, sedentary lifestyles, and even negative effects on mental health. The potential consequences are not to be taken lightly, as they can have far-reaching implications for the physical, cognitive, and emotional development of our youth. To address this concern, parents, educators, and policymakers must work together to establish guidelines and

boundaries for children's screen time. Encouraging outdoor activities, physical play, and face-to-face interactions should be prioritized to promote healthy growth and social skills. Moreover, educational initiatives that teach children about responsible technology use can help them develop the necessary skills to navigate the digital world safely and thoughtfully. As a society, we must recognize that screens are a tool, not a substitute for genuine human interactions and experiences. By setting limits on screen time and of-

fering alternative activities, we can empower children to lead more balanced lives and develop essential life skills that extend beyond the virtual realm. In conclusion, it is crucial that we address the issue of excessive screen time among children. By fostering a culture of balanced technology use, we can ensure a brighter future for our youth, one that promotes their holistic development and well-being.

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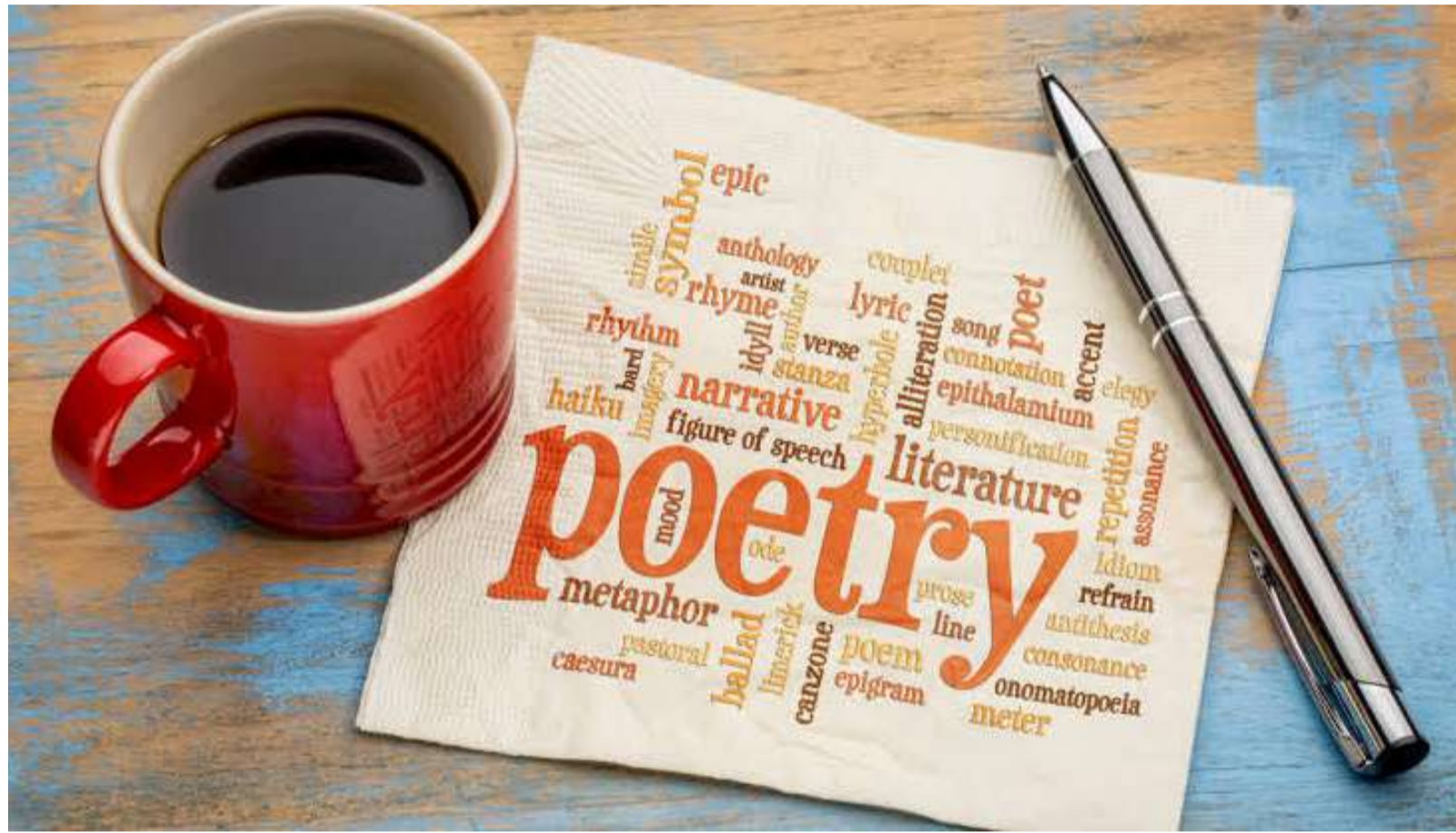
How Poetry Can Save Our World

MUGEES UL KAISAR

The contemporary overarching paradigm that we breathe in today is what some thinkers have referred to as “metaphysics of violence”. It has roots in post-Aristotelian Western philosophy where (organic/holistic/dynamic) Reality is broken down into static fragments/“things” to be arrested by categorical thought in order for the humans to dominate & exploit “nature”. This metaphysics – which sees reality as pulverised static entities/things – in tandem with modern humanism led to metaphysics of violence i.e. human being perceives reality as arrestable resources to “catch”/prey for the sake of human domination. This has manifested in modern scientific exploitation of nature resulting in catastrophic environmental crisis.

Modern humanism perceives humans to be ontologically disjointed from nature rather than being grounded in it and sustained by it. In Heidegger's terms, technology is not mere “technique” but rather a proper ontology (worldview, to use a popular word) under which Reality is revealed through the category/lens of “resources”. Everything is reduced down to a mere resource/“use”. Human beings cannot live without some ontological posture under which Reality reveals or unconceals itself through one category or the other. A tree, for example, reveals/unconceals itself to a scientific laboratory through a particular category i.e. resources, chemicals, atoms, etc whereas the same tree reveals itself totally differently within the ontology of a poet – constituting realities such as wonder, mystery, beauty, life, etc.

The popularized version of objective scientific reductionism which is often posited at such an occasion, although may be problematized by Philosophy of Science and Sociology of Science, nevertheless becomes irrelevant if we take the scientific reductionism to its logical end conclusion. If someone says that colours, sounds, perceptions, emotions or experience in general is nothing but chemical reactions then one may proceed and ask as to what these chemicals are; if we say that the chemicals are nothing but atoms and molecules reacting with each other, we may consistently continue our reductionism and ask further as to what these molecules and atoms are? The expected reply would be that the atoms are nothing but sub-atomic particles which in turn are waves of possibilities. We may continue our reductionism and ask further as to what these waves are? If we say that they are manifestations of physical fields or energy, the question doesn't stop there as per the logic of reductionism. One may continue further and ask as to what these fields are or what this energy is in its essence? Finally, at



THIS IS WHAT CAPITALISM THEN FEEDS UPON. AN OLD PEN OF SCHOOL DAYS BELONGING TO ONESELF OR ONE'S GRANDPARENT, FOR EXAMPLE, OR AN OLD CUP OR AN OLD PHOTOGRAPH OR AN OLD GARMENT IS NOT A MERE OBJECT. There is always a “remainder” beyond use. This poetic interface with the world in which we all participate every now and then when we look at an old cup or a pen or a photograph

the end, one inevitably arrives at the dead end of mystery anyway. Science, particularly contemporary physics, therefore, arrives at “mystery” which the poet fundamentally registers at the very beginning in his very first step.

Moreover, reductionism is yet another feature of the same metaphysical posture that we have pointed out above i.e. reducing complex qualitative systems/wholes down to quantitative simplicities such that “control” becomes easy. Capitalism also finds itself at home within this contemporary dominant paradigm because it too is obsessed with “numbers” such that manipulating/controlling customers becomes easy in order to churn out more & more profit.

Coming back to our main sub-

ject matter, Reality reveals itself through multiple categories. In our times, the dominant category is “resource”. To paraphrase Iain Mcgilchrist's words, the contemporary scientific worldview is dominated by left (brain) hemisphere perspective wherein “detail” is of primary importance to get hold of specifics while as larger background context is largely missed or ignored which is the job of the right hemisphere. Poetry can help us redeem the mystery and larger/wider complexity of the world at hand. This richer lens which unconceals/reveals reality in a more organic/natural way (instead of forcefully channelizing reality through the filter of “resource”) can redeem both us & our world.

The contemporary paradigm of

“resource” gives rise to “instrumentalist” mentality which gradually creeps into our own personal lives and the larger cultural milieu as potentially argued by the Frankfurt school. Everything becomes an “instrument” of use. Human relations begin to be eaten away by instrumentalism. Every affair becomes transactional. This is what capitalism then feeds upon. An old pen of school days belonging to oneself or one's grandparent, for example, or an old cup or an old photograph or an old garment is not a mere object. There is always a “remainder” beyond use. This poetic interface with the world in which we all participate every now and then when we look at an old cup or a pen or a photograph i.e. when we come out of instrumentalist ontology and register deeper mystery of the magic of experience/existence per se, we instantly drop the attitude of exploitation of nature.

Objects of experience become existential ruptures to “sublime”/Transcendent which escapes reductive language. Scientific reductions of experience into objects/matter/atoms/things do not take anything away from the sublime/mystery. Materialist reductionism is anyway a scientifically false paradigm because phenomenal reality is nothing but a “process” & the abstract (mathematical) universals and “intelligibles” are beyond physical reductionism. There are no material “things” out there in the universe as understood by classical physics but dynamic processes which are in relationship to each other. Their essence/origin/source

(what we may call Godhead or zaat) ultimately remains a mystery to individualistic dualistic Cartesian cogito.

Art/poetry always has this remainder which escapes “exploitative” thought. The aim of “thought” is to essentialize/capture/define/arrest/locate in order to create a certain controllable “use”. Art has no instrumental use. Art is, instrumentally, useless. Art attends to the mystery/sublime aspect of anything and everything which is its real essence. Let us look at few insights from Heidegger on art to substantiate our point.

Heidegger once referred to Von Gogh's painting of an old pair of tattered shoes of a peasant woman to make his point on art. Please note that there has been a heated discussion on this painting amongst Heidegger, Meyer Schapiro & Derrida which is beyond the scope of this article. We will primarily be focussing on Heidegger's take here. For better comprehension, readers might consider looking at the painting by searching it online before reading the article further.

The first feature of art is that it de-contextualizes a “thing” such that its absolutely unique irreducible “Being” is revealed without the mediation of any instrumentality. Within normal perception, for example, any pair of shoes is not even registered. We use shoes to walk and that's it. This mundane unreflective attitude towards the world wherein things are reduced down to mere instruments to be used – inevitably creates a dehumanized posture towards

the world. By plucking out a pair of shoes from its mundane overarching/overshadowing context, Van Gogh is able to show the deep meaning of otherwise unsubstantial pair of shoes. The painting of an old pair of tattered shoes tells a whole story of its own. It is brought to life on its own. The painting lays bare the day to day suffering of an old lady; the immediacy and concreteness of daily struggle. Heidegger writes in The Origin of the Work of Art, “From the dark opening of the worn inside of the shoes the toilsome tread of the worker stares forth. In the stiffly rugged heaviness of the shoes there is the accumulated tenacity of her slow trudge through the far-spreading and ever-uniform furrows of the field swept by a raw wind”.

Art brings out the pure irreducible “thingliness” (Being) of a thing which otherwise we fail to see in “things” from an instrumentalist mentality. By de-contextualising things from their contexts where things are “concealed”/overshadowed, art unconceals the Being/“thingliness” of things. Art is a ground which is open to the rupture of Being such that unconcealment happens. Being “happens” in art. Art, therefore, is a rupture of Being. It, therefore, presents the actual nature of reality in itself wherein Being/existence ruptures (or comes) into being from behind/mystery/void. This is the important alternative vision of Reality as an “event” (that happens) as opposed to a “present at hand” static things/material to be captured by static categorical thought.

Art, therefore, teaches us to remain open to Reality/revelation which happens. This is why “thinking”, for (later) Heidegger, means waiting for reality to reveal itself rather than calculating its arrest through prior manipulations. This poetic attitude can de-fang our technology-based-culture which cannot now be materially reversed by turning back the wheel. It is the “poetic” attitude – which does not reduce Being to “things”/resources – that can save us. One recalls here, Heidegger's student, Gadamer's pertinent message to the world by which we conclude, “I would say that it will remain a task for humanity to see the limitations of the great legacy of our scientific culture. Because otherwise, we will surely kill ourselves one day ... we cannot eliminate the risks which lie in misuse. And yet, I believe that we have to run the risk that the power that has been placed in the hand of mankind will become increasingly strong, increasingly great, and therefore, increasingly dangerous for self-destruction. This is a monumental task if humanity is to be able to survive; and this will only be possible if we overcome this one-sidedness of the will to dominate and mastery of doing by cultivating other powers, such as that involving suffering & compassion, or to speak with a poet, if we learn to honor again the human soul's ability to dream”.

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome And Gut Health: What You Need To Know

Goitseone Thamae

Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) affects around 8% to 13% of women during their reproductive years. Symptoms include irregular menstrual cycles, acne, excessive facial hair growth, voice changes, ovarian cysts and challenges in conception. It can also increase your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

Despite its prevalence, a significant number – up to 70% – of PCOS cases worldwide go undiagnosed. This is in part because there isn't one specific test for diagnosis.

The cause of PCOS remains unclear – it's a complex condition influenced by both genes and environmental factors. But what we do know is that it can take a huge emotional toll on women, particularly in relation to body image and fertility.

In recent years, scientists have started looking at PCOS and the gut microbiome of sufferers to see if there's a link.

These studies have found that the gut microbiome in women with PCOS is different from those without the condition.

Women tend to have more diverse gut microbiomes, compared to men. But females with PCOS have fewer types of bacteria in their stool and that mix of bacteria is different compared to women without PCOS.

Lower diversity of gut bacteria is linked to higher testosterone levels and excess hair growth. It's also connected to problems like abnormal cholesterol levels and being overweight – as well as insulin resistance, which is when cells in your muscles, fat and liver don't respond well to insulin and can't easily take up glucose from your blood. All of which are seen with PCOS.

GUT HEALTH AND PCOS

Many things can affect the types of microbes living in our gut – what we eat, sex hormones, our sleep quality, where we live and our weight. But while the gut microbiome



was once viewed primarily as a digestion aid, it's now acknowledged as an intricate player in our overall health. Research has found that

women with PCOS are more likely to have unhealthy dietary habits compared to women without PCOS. Women with PCOS are also more likely

to be overweight or obese.

One recent theory as to the role that gut microbiome plays with PCOS is that an unhealthy diet can upset the balance of bacteria in our gut. This is known as gut dysbiosis. The theory suggests that this imbalance might make the lining of the gut permeable allowing harmful substances from certain bacteria to leak into the bloodstream – also known as leaky gut.

This, in turn, can trigger the immune system and mess with how insulin works, leading to high insulin levels, more male hormones being made in the ovaries and problems with how the ovaries make eggs.

New research has found that there seems to be a link between PCOS and some of the chemicals made when good bacteria in the gut digest fibre from food. These chemicals influence the metabolic and hormonal aspects of PCOS and when their production is increased through fibre intake, it seems to improve PCOS symptoms.

A 2021 study also discovered that specific types of bile acids – which play a role in fat digestion – are present in larger amounts in people with PCOS. In those with PCOS, two types of bile acids are much higher. One of those acids, deoxycholic acid, is linked to how the body stores fat and insulin levels before and after meals and is also affected by testosterone.

So it may be that altered bile acid in people with PCOS negatively affects the gut bacteria. And that these changes weaken the gut walls, contributing to a leaky gut – which then worsens PCOS-related symptoms. But it's also important to note that the relationship between bile acids, insulin and hormones like testosterone is complex and can vary from person to person.

GUT HELP

Probiotics, which introduce beneficial microorganisms to the gut, have been shown to be helpful in restoring microbial equilibrium. A 2019 publica-

tion found that when women with PCOS took a specific probiotic called bifidobacterium lactis V9, it led to an improvement in gut health.

A study that's currently underway is looking at whether probiotics or metformin (a diabetic medication used in the treatment of PCOS) can lower the levels of a hormone called free testosterone, which is often high in PCOS. The researchers are also checking other things related to PCOS, like metabolism as well as looking at gut bacteria to see if that changes too.

Other things that have been shown to be good for gut health more broadly are eating healthily, getting enough good quality sleep, limiting or avoiding alcohol and exercise. Indeed recent research shows that a keto diet – which involves eating low carb high-fat foods – may also help to reduce testosterone levels in women with PCOS.

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Transforming Dreams into Success: The Rise of Startups in Jammu and Kashmir

Firdos Ahmad

In the serene landscapes of Jammu and Kashmir, a silent revolution is taking place, one that is empowering the youth and transforming job seekers into employers. Over the past two years, startups in the region have become the catalyst for change, thanks to the government's support in incubation and seed funding for innovative ideas. This newfound support system is nurturing a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation, providing new opportunities for the young minds of the Union Territory.

Building an Ecosystem for Innovation

A thriving ecosystem for innovation and startups is being meticulously crafted in Jammu and Kashmir. The government's vision of self-reliance is driving the creation of Industry Innovation clusters, paving the way for a new generation of entrepreneurs who are eager to create jobs for others. These efforts are not going unnoticed, as India is now ranked third globally in terms of innovation and startups, only trailing behind the US and China.

Jammu and Kashmir is emerging as a startup hub within India, and the synergy between the industry and academic institutions is fostering a culture of innovation. Budding innovators and researchers are receiving institutionalized support to turn their ideas into reality.

Exploring Opportunities Across Sectors

The government's commitment to exploring startup potential spans across various sectors, from agriculture and dairy to transport, handicrafts, food, and more. This inclusive approach ensures that no sector is left untouched, creating a diverse and vibrant startup landscape.

The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) has played a pivotal role in nurturing this startup ecosystem. By fostering an entrepreneurial culture and sup-

porting innovation, JKEDI is empowering young entrepreneurs to dream big and challenge traditional norms.

From Graduates to Startup Founders

In 'Naya Jammu and Kashmir,' recent graduates from top institutions no longer feel compelled to settle for jobs at established companies or pursue further education abroad. Today, even individuals with minimal support can chase their entrepreneurial dreams if they possess technical skills and a compelling idea.

The Jammu and Kashmir Startup policy offers a comprehensive package of benefits, including office space, monthly allowances, research assistance, energy support, tax incentives for international patents,



infrastructure backing, access to global markets, financing options, and academic guidance.

Success Stories

In a remarkably short span of time, startups like 'FastBeetle' have become household names in Jammu and Kashmir. With 70,000 users across the region, FastBeetle has revolutionized parcel delivery using motorbikes. The founders, Sheikh Samiullah and Abid Rashid, are now among the most successful entrepreneurs in Kashmir, even providing last-mile delivery for Amazon and serving Walmart-owned Flipkart. 'Downtown Cafe,' founded by brothers Suhail and Nadeem, has become a beloved spot for locals and tourists alike. Located in Srinagar's old city, this cafe offers a taste of Indian culture and tradition, setting it apart from the western-style cafes that dominate the scene.

Another standout is 'Gatoes,' led by Jibril Gulzar, which delivers food and groceries to homes across Kashmir. 'Gatoes' turned over a

million dollars in its first seven months of operation and onboarded over 1450 merchant partners, making it by far the largest startup out of Jammu and Kashmir.

The lavender cultivation has changed the lives of many farmers, and it is heartening to note that Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, in the 99th Edition of Mann Ki Baat, appreciated the efforts of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) in supporting farmers in the cultivation of Lavender in Baderwah, Doda district, J&K under CSIR-Aroma Mission. He said, "Farmers had been engaged in traditional maize cultivation for decades, but some farmers thought of doing something different. They turned to floriculture, that is, the cultivation of flowers. Today, around two and a half thousand farmers are cultivating Lavender here. They have also been hand-held through the Aroma Mission of the Central Government. This new cultivation has greatly increased the income of the farmers."

Duggar Haat :

In March 2021, the Umeed scheme, a collaboration between JKRLM and District Administration Reasi, ignited a culinary revolution in Pouni Block of Reasi. Self Help Group (SHG) women turned their kitchen skills into a thriving enterprise called "Dogra Haat." With support, they honed their culinary talents, learned business basics, and mastered social media promotion. Their menu boasts 20 varieties of authentic Dogra recipes, including Makki ki Roti, Saag, and Lassi. This venture, led by women like Kailash Kumari and Neelam Kumari, is more than a business; it's a women's empowerment movement. Dogra Haat's success, with a turnover of Rs 7 lakh in two years, has made these women financially independent, earning them trust and admiration from tourists and locals alike.

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ANSWER KEY NOTICE

Subject: Written Examination for the Post of Field Inspector, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, held on 22-10-2023 - Provisional Answer Key regarding.

The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted the Written Examination for the post of Field Inspector, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, UT Cadre, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 03 of 2021, under Item No. 560, on 22nd October, 2023.

The Provisional Answer Key of the question paper (Series A, B, C, D) for the above said examination is provided at Annexure "A" to this notice for the information of the candidates.

Any candidate having objection(s) to the answer key, may submit his/her objection(s)/representation(s) in respect of such question(s) on prescribed format/proforma annexed herewith as Annexure "B" along with the documentary proof/evidence substantiating the claim (hard copies only) and a fee of Rs. 200/- (in the form of demand draft) per question (refundable in case of genuine/correct representation/objection) in favour of the Accounts Officer, J&K Services Selection Board.

In case, the objection is found correct, the Answer Key will be revised accordingly in respect of all candidates. No candidate will be informed about the acceptance/non-acceptance of his/her objection individually.

The objections/representations can be submitted in offline mode only, in the office of J&K Services Selection Board, CPO Chowk, Panjtirthi, Jammu/ J&K Services Selection Board, Zamzam Building, Rambagh, Srinagar on three working days starting from 25-10-2023, during office hours only. The Board shall not entertain any such representations/objections after the expiry of the stipulated period or any other mode.

Reyaz Ahmad Malik (JKAS)
Controller of Examinations
J&K Services Selection Board

No.: JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/83/2023-03 (7309450)
Dated: 22.10.2023

ANNEXURE - A

Provisional Answer Key of the Written Examination for the post of Field Inspector conducted on 22-10-2023.

Text Booklet Question No.	Series A	Series B	Series C	Series D
Q1	A	D	D	B
Q2	C	B	D	C
Q3	B	A	B	A
Q4	C	D	A	A
Q5	A	B	C	B
Q6	B	B	B	B
Q7	A	A	B	B
Q8	B	B	B	B
Q9	A	A	C	B
Q10	C	A	B	D
Q11	C	D	C	A
Q12	B	B	C	B
Q13	D	D	A	B
Q14	B	A	D	C
Q15	A	C	A	D
Q16	B	C	A	B
Q17	B	A	B	A
Q18	A	C	D	A
Q19	D	D	B	D
Q20	C	D	C	B
Q21	D	C	C	A
Q22	A	C	D	B
Q23	D	B	A	B
Q24	A	B	D	D
Q25	D	B	C	A
Q26	B	A	B	B
Q27	D	A	B	B
Q28	A	B	A	B
Q29	A	D	B	B
Q30	B	B	D	C
Q31	D	D	B	A
Q32	B	D	C	C
Q33	A	B	A	B
Q34	D	A	A	C
Q35	B	C	B	A
Q36	B	B	B	B
Q37	A	B	B	A
Q38	B	B	B	B
Q39	A	C	B	A
Q40	A	B	D	C
Q41	D	C	A	C
Q42	B	C	B	B
Q43	D	A	B	D
Q44	A	D	C	B
Q45	C	A	D	A
Q46	C	A	B	B
Q47	A	B	A	B
Q48	C	D	A	A
Q49	D	B	D	D
Q50	D	C	B	C
Q51	C	C	A	D
Q52	C	D	B	A
Q53	B	A	B	D
Q54	B	D	D	A
Q55	B	C	A	D
Q56	A	B	B	B
Q57	A	B	B	D
Q58	B	A	B	A
Q59	D	B	B	A
Q60	B	D	C	B
Q61	D	B	A	D
Q62	D	C	C	B
Q63	B	A	B	A

Q64	A	A	C	D
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Q66	B	B	B	B
Q67	B	B	A	A
Q68	B	B	B	B
Q69	C	B	A	A
Q70	B	D	C	A
Q71	C	A	C	D
Q72	C	B	B	B
Q73	A	B	D	D
Q74	D	C	B	A
Q75	A	D	A	C
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Q81	C	A	D	C
Q82	D	B	A	C
Q83	A	B	D	B
Q84	D	D	A	B
Q85	C	A	D	B
Q86	B	B	B	A
Q87	B	B	D	A
Q88	A	B	A	B
Q89	B	B	A	D
Q90	D	C	B	B
Q91	B	A	D	D
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Q94	A	C	D	A
Q95	B	A	B	C
Q96	B	B	B	B
Q97	B	A	A	B
Q98	B	B	B	B
Q99	B	A	A	C
Q100	D	C	A	B
Q101	A	C	D	C
Q102	B	B	B	C
Q103	B	D	D	A
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Q109	D	D	D	B
Q110	B	C	D	C
Q111	A	D	C	C
Q112	B	A	C	D
Q113	B	D	B	A
Q114	D	A	B	D
Q115	A	D	B	C
Q116	B	B	A	B
Q117	B	D	A	B
Q118	B	A	B	A
Q119	B	A	D	B
Q120	C	B	B	D

ANNEXURE - B

Representation regarding objection(s) to Answer key pertaining to Written Examination held on 22-10-2023.

(NOTE: USE SEPARATE FORMS FOR SEPARATE QUESTIONS)

Name of the Applicant : _____
 Exam Name : _____
 Advertisement No(s). : _____
 Application No(s). : _____
 Roll No. : _____
 Date of Exam : _____
 Exam Centre Division (Jammu/Kashmir) : _____
 Correspondence Address : _____
 Contact / Mobile No. : _____
 Demand Draft No. date : _____
 Candidates Account No. (16 digit) & IFSC Code : _____

Question No. & Series	Details of the Objection	Resource Material (copy to be enclosed)	Remarks

Correct Answer/Option as per candidate:

Date of Application: -10-2023

Signature of the Candidate

Note: Application for each question/answer shall be made on separate page in the given format, otherwise the first question entered in the format shall only be considered.

Reyaz Ahmad Malik (JKAS)
Controller of Examinations
J&K Services Selection Board

No.: JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/83/2023-03 (7309450)
DIPK-10969/23 Dated: 25.10.2023

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

SRINAGAR / NAAC ACCREDITED GRADE A+

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the research project entitled "A study on problems and prospects of women farmers in sericulture industry of Jammu & Kashmir", sanctioned by National Commission for Women, Government of India, New Delhi. The positions are co-terminus with the project. Details of eligibility for these positions are as under:

Positions	Research Officer/Research Assistant (1) for the period of 11 months Field Investigators (03) for a period of 3 months
Essential Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Research Officer/Research Assistant: Postgraduate in any Social Science discipline with minimum 55% marks and NET/SLET/M.Phil/Ph.D. For Field Investigator: Postgraduate in Social Work with minimum 55% marks.
Desirable Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate should have a strong understanding of quantitative as well as qualitative Research, data analysis, compilation, and report writing. Experience and ability to conduct interviews to gather primary data through fieldwork, to transcribe interviews, and to prepare descriptive field notes. Preference shall be given to experienced candidates
Remuneration	Research Assistant (Rs. 16,363/month) Field Investigator: (Rs. 300/ Questionnaire)

How to Apply:

- Interested candidates are required to submit their application along with their CV and relevant documents in the office of the department of Social Work University of Kashmir, Or
- Applicant can mail their applications along with their CV and relevant documents to sarafrazbhat04@gmail.com by or before the 28th of October 2023. The scanned copy of the application duly signed by him/her, along with relevant documents should be in PDF format.

Dated: 19th Oct 2023
NOTE:

- The engagement will be as per the guidelines of NCW.
- No TA/DA will be paid for appearing in the interview.
- Only shortlisted candidates from the initial screening will be called for interview.
- Interview date will be intimated by "E-mail/Telephonically" to shortlisted candidates.
- The extension of the project staff shall be subjected to their performance.

DIPK-NB-3829/23
dated: 25-10-2023

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Project Director

BRO Achieves Breakthrough Of Kandi Tunnel On Jammu-Poonch Highway



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Border Roads Organisation on Wednesday achieved a breakthrough of the 260-metre Kandi tunnel along the Jammu-Poonch national highway, a defence spokesperson said.

The tunnel work, which commenced in March, has seen remarkable progress despite facing adverse weather conditions, including heavy rainfall and landslides along the entire road stretch, the spokesperson said.

He said the first of the four tunnels has achieved its breakthrough, a significant milestone in the ongoing project 'Sampark' on the Akhnoor-Poonch highway (NH 144A), which came ahead of the schedule, demonstrating the exceptional expertise and determination of the BRO.

The spokesperson said the crucial project has been divided into eight packages, and the BRO is making remarkable

progress in enhancing the horizontal and vertical profile of the road.

Chief Engineer Project Sampark, Brigadier Tejpal Singh was present to witness this momentous occasion.

"Package 1 is expected to be completed by June next year. Once completed, this tunnel will reduce the length of the road by 2.5 kilometres, improving connectivity and facilitating more efficient travel between Akhnoor and Poonch," the spokesperson said.

Additionally, he said this tunnel will play a vital role in enhancing strategic connectivity for the armed forces, enabling smoother and more expedient movement from Jammu to Poonch.

"The BRO is committed to the timely and successful execution of all projects undertaken, and this achievement is a testament to its dedication to improving transportation infrastructure and serving the nation," the spokesperson said.

Bhatnagar Reviews Winter Preparedness In High-Level Meet

Directs For Timely Deployment Of Machinery, Manpower At Critical Locations, Emergency Public Services, Hospitals



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Wednesday said that the J&K Administration has significantly enhanced its machinery and other related equipments which will ensure substantial improvement in addressing snow clearance and other critical winter-related challenges than the previous years.

The Advisor made these comments while chairing a high level meeting to review the winter preparedness of Public Works (R&B) department, NHAI, BEACON, Project SAM-PARK and other sister agencies at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B) department, Shailendra Kumar, Commissioner SMC, Athar Amir; Chief Engineers of R&B Jammu/Kashmir, Chief Engineer, Mechanical and Hospital Engineering department, Chief Engineer PMGSY Jammu/Kashmir, Chief Engineer Project SAM-PARK, Chief Engineer Beacon, RO NHAI, Jammu/Kashmir, Executive Director, NHIDCL and other concerned officers both in person and through video conferencing. Addressing the officers, Advisor

Bhatnagar remarked that maintaining critical infrastructure, road networks, and mechanical systems is of paramount importance during winters and this department has a crucial role in ensuring the well-being and convenience of citizens during this season.

The Advisor further said that J&K government has significantly enhanced its machinery and other related equipments than previous years and therefore it should be ensured that the machinery is available at the designated places for their timely deployment during ensuing winters.

Laying special emphasis on ensuring uninterrupted road connectivity during winters, Advisor Bhatnagar directed the officers to deploy the snow clearing machinery and equipments in critical habitations as well as in hospitals well in advance so as to avoid any exigency due to uneven snowfall.

The Advisor also stressed upon the officers of road agencies to work in coordination and synergy with each other so that the better services are provided to general public. He also enjoined upon the officers to procure the necessary machinery by the end of October for timely deployment.

Alok Kumar Chairs Grievances Redressal Camp At Shopian

Asks Officers For Expeditious Disposal Of Local Issues

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: Principal Secretary Education, Alok Kumar on Wednesday chaired a mega public grievances redressal camp here to take stock of issues and concerns of people of the district. During the day-long camp, hundreds of people participated and flagged off their issues before the visiting officer seeking an early redressal of the same.

Delegations including DDC Council, MC Councillors, Fruit Growers, Traders, Tribal leaders and activists, civil society members, SHG members and other groups besides PRI members projected development issues and demands of their respective areas.

These delegations raised various issues which inter alia included improving pre and post harvest management strategies in horticulture, agriculture and allied sectors, providing compensation to crop losses due to

hailstorms, ensuring crop insurance, tourism promotion of spots, construction of circular road around Shopian town and flood protection bund around Fruit Mandi Shopian.

Delegations from across the district belonging to all tehsils, also asked for extending coverage of RTC bus services in major routes of the district, strengthening SHGs, enhanced water and power supply, establishment of Degree College at Hermain and mobile testing lab for pesticide testing. Besides, other issues pertained to health, school education, RDD, R&B, FCS&CA, banks, higher education and Sports Council.

Principal Secretary assured prompt response from the administration in resolving the issues projected by the participants during the camp. He also assured that demands, grievances needing resolution at higher levels shall be taken up with the concerned for appropriate action.

Jammu Gets A 'Smart Look' As Murals, Paintings Adorn City Walls

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu is receiving a major makeover through eye-catching murals, 3D artworks, and various paintings adorning the building walls and other structures as part of the 'Smart City' project.

With the completion of dozens of artworks on the flyovers and walls at 16 different places under the Jammu Smart City Limited (JSL) project, the city now wears a "smart look", Amarjeet Singh, a senior artist leading the beautification project, told PTI.

"Initially we started with 3D wall murals and now have started 2D paintings. Now, we are working on the Akhnoor flyover and its pillars. The paintings here are modern and illustrative and would connect to the youth of the region," said Singh, a senior faculty at the Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), Jammu University.

Of the 68 pillars marked in the project scope, 58 have been painted, he added.

"The flyover facelift also has a commercial aspect to it. Advertising boards and hoardings



will also be placed," he said.

Scores of artists from various places are engaged in giving the city a major facelift by creating 3D pictures, murals and paintings on flyovers, bridges, roundabouts, and building walls in the city.

Artist Sachin Dev, who has come here from Delhi for the project, told PTI, "The beautification work is being carried out in a year-long tender of the Jammu smart city project. We are covering most of the regions of Jammu. It will take one month to complete the project."

Dev said that for the past few months, dozens of artists, fine arts students and assis-

ants have focused on bringing life to myriad themes on the walls and flyovers at 16 places in the city.

Besides animals, birds, nature, landscapes, and pictures, the artworks also focus on spirituality and religion with paintings depicting Hindu deities, yogic poses, meditation, nationalism, and the region's heritage, another artist Vijay said.

These wall paintings not only add to the beauty of Jammu but also create a lasting impression on the thousands of people, mostly pilgrims and tourists who pass through the city to reach the cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi, he added.

Police Organise 'Unity Run' To Pay Tributes To Martyrs In Kishtwar

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir police on Wednesday organised a 'unity run' in Kishtwar district to honour martyrs and promote unity and patriotism among the community members.

"This event not only celebrated the martyrs' dedication and sacrifice but also fostered unity and patriotism within the community. Similar events were also held at the police station levels," a police

spokesperson said.

The event led by Kishtwar SSP Khalil Poswal, witnessed enthusiastic participation from people across the district and beyond, bringing people from diverse backgrounds together in the spirit of patriotism, the spokesperson added.

Poswal extended gratitude to all participants and volunteers, saying their unwavering support and dedication were instrumental in making this event memorable and impactful. The run began from the icon-

ic Kuleed Chowk in Kishtwar and participants embarked on a scenic route that showcased the natural beauty of the area, the spokesperson said.

"This event served as a testament to the unwavering commitment of Kishtwar Police to instill a sense of unity and patriotism in the community," the spokesperson added.

It provided a platform for people to come together and reflect on the sacrifices made by our valiant soldiers, he added.

Police Inspector Killed In Misfire

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A police officer died after his service rifle went off inside a security installation here on Wednesday, officials said.

Inspector Gurdeep Singh (48) of 7th battalion of Jammu and Kashmir armed police received a bullet from his own service rifle inside the battalion headquarters at Channi Himmat in the outskirts of the city, the officials said.

Singh was rushed to Government Medical College hospital, where he succumbed to injuries, they said.

The officials said police have started inquest proceedings to ascertain the exact cause of the officer's death - whether the rifle went off accidentally or deliberately. The body was shifted to the hospital mortuary for post-mortem, they said, adding that his family was informed.

Man Held For Killing Lover's Husband

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Police on Wednesday claimed to have solved a murder case of a 42-year-old man whose body with throat slit was recovered in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district two days ago. Bikram Kumar, a resident of Basantgarh, was arrested, a police spokesperson said, adding the accused turned out to be the lover of victim Purn Chand's wife.

He said the body of Chand, a resident of Balota Uperla village, was recovered from nearby Lakhera Nallah on Monday after which a case of murder was registered.

Kumar confessed to the crime and revealed that he had a relationship with the deceased's wife, the spokesperson said, adding the accused had a scuffle with him on October 22 at his residence. The spokesperson further said that the weapon used in the crime was also recovered.

JDI-K Expresses Condolences With Farooq Ahmad Andrabi

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Joint Director Information, Kashmir Division, Mohammad Aslam on Wednesday condoled the demise of Mother of Farooq Ahmad Andrabi, Editor in Chief, Indian Times who passed away on Sunday.

In this regard, a condolence meeting was held in the office chamber of Joint Director Information Kashmir at Exchange Road, Kothibagh.

Expressing solidarity, Mr. Mohammad Aslam extended his deepest condolences to Andrabi on the demise of his mother. He prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

Besides the Officers & officials of the divisional office also offered condolence to the bereaved family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

NHM Releases Ranking Of Public Health Facilities

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: National Health Mission, Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday released ranking of Public Health facilities on Hospital Management Information System (JK e-Sahaj) for the month of September 2023.

In the category of Associated Hospitals of Government Medical Colleges, the first rank has been clinched by GMC Rajouri, followed by Jammu Psychiatric Disease Hospital, Chest Disease Hospital, Jammu, Government Lal Ded Hospital, Srinagar and Government Dental



College, Jammu. Besides, the bottom five in this category included SMHS, Srinagar, GMC Handwara, Government Dental College, Srinagar, GMC Udhampur, Bone and Joint Hospital, Srinagar.

In the category of District Hospitals, Government Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, secured first place followed by DH Kishtwar, DH Ganderbal, ASYM DH Budgam and DH Shopian. The bottom five in this category included MCCH Anantnag, DH Ramban, DH Poonch, DH Bandipora and DH Pulwama.

In the category of Commu-

nity Health Centres (CHCs), the first rank has been bagged by CHC Bijbehara followed by CHC Rajpora, Pulwama CHC Zainpora, Shopian, CHC Shangus, Anantnag and CHC Ghagwal, Samba. The bottom five in this category included CHC Taryath, Government Hospital Sarwal, CHC DH Pora, CHC Chattergam, and CHC Kralpora.

JK e-Sahaj (Electronic System for Automation of Hospital Administration J&K) initiative was formally launched on 4th November 2022 as part of Jashne-e-Sehat, by the Lieutenant Governor, J&K, for different types of facilities i.e. Tertiary

care, District Hospitals, Community Health Centres. JK e-Sahaj has been integrated with Rapid Assessment System (RAS), 104 Centralised Health Helpline for outbound calling and RCH portal of MoHFW, Government of India.

The ranking has been done on the basis of registration, conversion of EMR (Electronic Medical Record), registration of IPD patients and Patient feedback uploaded on the portal of JK e-Sahaj for the month of September 2023, on real time basis. The detailed list of facilities has been shared on NHM website.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information to the general public that I intend to correct the following particular in my passport bearing No. L5700604 wherein the name and parentage were inadvertently written as Mohamad Aslam Haroon S/o Mohamad Haroon instead of Mohammad Aslam Haroon S/o Late Ali Mohammad Haroon and mother's name also written as Noorie instead of Noora, and spouse name Hadiya instead of Jozia R/o H. NO 303 Sector B Usmanabad Bemina, Srinagar Jammu and Kashmir, India PIN: 190018 as per my Aadhar Card. In this regard if anybody have any objection he/she may file the same with Passport Officer Srinagar within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained afterwards.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION GUREZ
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
SINGLE COVER SYSTEM

E-NIT No. 77/2023-24/EE/R&B/Grz/6396-6403/E-tendering/Dated:-21-10-2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Tendered Cost including GST (Rs in lacs.)			Cost of Tender Documents (In Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs in Lacs) CDR/FDR/ BG	Time of completion	Class of contractor	AA-Status	TS-Status
		Base Cost Including GST	Maintenance Cost Including GST (for road component)	Total cost work including GST						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13
1	Construction of Burnai Link Road Taking off from BRO Road at RD-0 along Bank of Kishan Ganga River at Tulail (Length-1.00 Kms)	222.132	22.213	244.345	5500	4.8869	3 years	AA7 Class	Order No:- CE(R&B) K / AA/20 of 2022-23 Dated:- 09-06-2022	Order No:- CE(R&B) K / TS/531 of 2023-24 Dated:- 05-08-2023

Major Head of Account = 5054 NABARD RIDF XXVII
Position of TS = Sanctioned
Position of AAA = Accorded
Project Authority = PW(R&B) Department

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21-10-2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	25-10-2023 from 10.00 AM
3.	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	31-10-2023 from 11.00 AM.
4.	Bid submission Start Date	25-10-2023 from 10.00 AM.
5.	Bid Submission End Date	06-11-2023 up to 4.00 PM.
6.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) (Tech. Bids)	07-11-2023 11:00 A.M in the office of Superintending Engineer PW(R&B) Circle Bandipora

Note: The Bidders shall mention the name of the advertised work/ reference to NIT & S. No. on the EMD / Bid security (CDR/FDR/BG) while submitting the bidding documents, in order to avoid using the same multiple times for multiple works.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Gurez Major Head 0059-Rev:Misc [Tender Inviting Authority] and Bid security in favour of Superintending Engineer PW(R&B) Circle Bandipora (Tender receiving Authority)
- The Date of Treasury Challan / CDR / FDR / BG should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date.
- In Addition to Earnest Money Deposit (Bid Security), the 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR / FDR / BG within 07 Days before fixation of Contract.
- The EMD (Bid Security)/earnest money of 2% of the advertised cost of successful bidder shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security)
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document which has not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy however in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

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

- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Gurez and Bid security in favour of Superintending Engineer PW(R&B) Circle Bandipora must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), CDR/FDR/BG (earnest money / Performance security) and relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
- Bidders should quote in percentage below/ the percentage above or at par at the bottom of the BOQ Percentage Template for the Work.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- Price Escalation and Taxes: Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- For the NABARD project, the NABARD guidelines shall be strictly followed.
- Instructions to Bidder (ITB)
- All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-
- Copies of original documents defining constitution / legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address.
- Treasury Challan & Bid Security /EMD (CDR/FDR/BG)
- Valid GSTIN No. & PAN No.
- Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of the latest quarter/ latest Month to the issue of NIT

Illustrations:-

- For the NIT issued in the month of October 2023 the bidder has to upload the latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of the latest quarter i.e. July-September 2023/ latest month i.e. September 2023.
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- Defect Liability Period:** The DLP shall be calculated from date of certified completion of work and the period shall be 03 Years. However for bridge component DLP shall be of 03 years.
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- The maintenance cost 10% has been kept for maintenance of road the DLP of 5 year is over" Routine Maintenance of road including pavement, road side cross drainages including surface drains to the required standard to keep the entire road surface and structures in defect free condition after the DLP is over and DLP begins from the date of completion
- Performance Security shall be released only after the successful completion of Defect Liability Period.
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- 50% of the normal deposit shall be released only after successful completion of 2nd year duly certified by the Concerned Executive Engineer and the balance 50% after successful completion of 3rd year duly certified by the Concerned Executive Engineer.
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- The EMD (Bid Security) shall be released only after receipt of 5% Performance Security)
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Law Commission meets Kovind panel on simultaneous polls; give detailed presentation

New Delhi: The Law Commission is learnt to have suggested a roadmap that includes changes required in the Constitution for holding simultaneous elections before a high-level committee headed by former president Ram Nath Kovind.

While the law ministry had asked the law panel to study the feasibility on holding Lok Sabha and assembly polls together, the Kovind panel on 'one nation, one election' has been mandated to examine the possibility of holding Lok Sabha, assembly and panchayat and municipality polls together.

Sources said the report of the law panel on simultaneous polls is not yet finalised.

They said "some more things are required to be done", indicating that the law panel will be invited again by the high-level committee.

According to an official statement, the high-level committee "noted" the resignation of Adhir Ranjan Choudhury, leader of the single largest party in the Lok Sabha, from the membership of the committee.

The day the panel was constituted, Choudhury had declined to be a part of it.

"I have no hesitation whatsoever in declining to serve on the committee whose terms of reference have been prepared in a manner to guarantee its conclusions. It is, I am afraid, a total eyewash," he had said in his letter to Home Minister Amit Shah, a member of the panel.

According to the statement, the Law Commission made a presentation during the

meeting elaborating their suggestions and viewpoints on the issue of simultaneous elections in the country.

The panel had invited the Law Commission to seek its views on how simultaneous polls can be held in the country.

The committee, which had in its first meeting recently decided to seek views of political parties, has now written to them to elicit their views on holding sustainable simultaneous polls in the country. In a communication to the parties, it has sought an interaction with them on a "mutually agreed date", sources said citing the letter.

They said parties have also been given an option to send their views in writing in the next three months.

The statement said letters have been sent to six National parties, 33 State parties and seven registered unrecognised parties inviting their suggestions on One Nation One Election.

The Law Commission is working on a formula to synchronise all assembly polls by extending or reducing the tenure so that these elections can be held along with the Lok Sabha polls 2029 onwards.

The law panel is devising a mechanism to ensure a common electoral roll for Lok Sabha, assemblies and local bodies to reduce cost and use of manpower for undertaking an almost identical exercise which is carried out now by the Election Commission and various state election commissions.

"Will Contest Polls": Madhya Pradesh Bureaucrat Who Quit After Leave Denied

Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh): A former Deputy Collector Nisha Bangre, whose resignation was accepted recently, has said that she will definitely contest the forthcoming state assembly elections.

The state government accepted the resignation of Ms Bangre, who was posted as Dy Collector in Chhatrapur district, on Monday (October 23).

She resigned from her post on June 22 this year citing that she did not get permission to attend the inauguration of her newly constructed house from the state government.

After the state government accepted her resignation, Ms Bangre on Wednesday told ANI, "I will definitely contest the election. I want to be a part of democracy - becoming an MLA is a part of it. I will definitely file my nomination."

When questioned about political motive behind her resignation from the civil service Ms Bangre said she has already specified her reasons to leaving.

"I had already explained in detail that at the time of my resignation that I was not granted permission to participate in the inauguration of my house. After that when I found out in these two-three months, I came to know that all this is happening due to political action. I always want a good system to be maintained in this country. The systems are made



by the officers and our public representatives," she said.

The former officer further added, "After being an officer, I saw that if the political intent is good then officers can also do good work. So, I decided that now I will become an MLA and we will fight against what has happened to me so that such injustice does not happen to anyone else. So all this has happened gradually and today I am ready to contest the elections."

Meanwhile, when asked about whether she had spoken with any party for a ticket, Ms Bangre said that Congress was standing with her during her struggle and they had assured her that they would wait for her resignation. Therefore, she would meet state Congress chief Kamal Nath and ask him about his stand.

"When my struggle was going on, Congress spoke about

standing with me. When I was arrested, Congress leaders were with me. They had assured me that they would wait for my resignation. So, I would like to meet Kamal Nath today and ask him about his stand as now my resignation has been accepted, today I am free to fight for the people's right," she said. When questioned about the possibility of not being given a ticket Ms Bangre said she would continue to work in public service.

"I will work for the public. If the public says to contest as an independent or to contest with some other party, then I have no problem. As the public says, I will follow their order," she added.

Madhya Pradesh will undergo assembly polls on November 17 and the counting will take place on December 3. Through the polls, the state will elect legislators from 230 Assembly constituencies.

Man gets one-year imprisonment for theft from govt agency in Ladakh

Kargil: A local court in Ladakh's Kargil district on Wednesday sentenced a man to one-year imprisonment for theft from a government-run agency, officials said.

The court of Judicial Magistrate Sankoo presided over by Shafiq Mushtaq Lone found Ghulam Ali, a resident of Goma village, guilty of criminal trespass and stealing of batteries installed at the headquarters of Kargil Renewable Energy Development Authority (KREDA) in 2019, an official said.

The convict was sentenced to undergo imprisonment for one year under Section 457 (lurking house-trespass or house-breaking by night to commit offence punishable with imprisonment) of the Indian Penal Code and another term of one year under Section 380 (theft in dwelling house), the official added.

However, the court said the sentence of imprisonment would run concurrently, the official said, adding that the court also imposed a fine of Rs 20,000 on Ali.

7 held for raising pro-Pakistan slogans during 'jagran' in UP's Basti

Basti (UP): Six people, including two women, have been arrested for allegedly raising pro-Pakistan slogans during a 'jagran', a programme dedicated to Goddess Durga, at a village in this district, police said on Wednesday.

A 15-year-old girl has also been detained in the incident which took place on Monday in Chauri village under the Parsurampur police station area, they said.

According to a complaint lodged by village head Ashish, the 'jagran' was being held on Monday evening when the girl came on the stage where idols of gods and goddesses were kept and started raising anti-India slogans.

"At around 11 pm, under a planned way, the girl (daughter of Suggan Ali) climbed the stage, threw a black cloth towards the idols, and started chanting slogans 'Islam zindabad', 'Pakistan zindabad' and 'Hindustan murdabad'. Her sister Sahiba and three brothers supported her. Her father Suggan Ali, mother Sahabuddin Nisha, along with Mohd Shami and Mohd Zakir Ali, also supported her," Ashish alleged in his complaint.

He further said that this act

hurt the sentiments of the people who had gathered for the 'jagran' event. "When they were asked not to indulge in such acts, they threatened the Hindu community of dire consequences and also of riot," the village head said.

Based on the complaint, police registered a case on Tuesday against the girl, her sister Sahiba (18), three brothers including Arman (19), parents Suggan Ali (48) and Sahabuddin Nisha (42), and Mohd Shami (55) and Mohd Zakir Ali (50) under sections 153B (imputation, assertions prejudicial to national-integration) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC, Basti Additional Superintendent of Police Deependra Nath Chaudhary said.

Police have detained the girl, while her two minor brothers aged 10 and 8 years were let off, he said, adding her parents, one sister, one brother and two others have been arrested.

Chaudhary said that the CCTV footage of the programme is being examined, and a police team has been formed to probe the incident.

He added that a PAC unit has been deployed in the village.

'Petrol bomb' hurled outside TN Raj Bhavan's main gate, police rule out security lapse

Chennai: A Molotov cocktail, called 'petrol bomb' in local parlance, was lobbed by a man in front of the Raj Bhavan's main gate here on Wednesday, an incident which drew the opposition's ire over the handling of law and order by the ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu.

Opposition AIADMK and BJP slammed the government over the incident that happened outside the official residence of the State Governor.

There was no damage, injuries to anyone and there was no security lapse, a senior police official said, adding the man who threw the petrol bomb was immediately overpowered. He was identified as 'Karukka' Vinoth, a man with many pending cases against him.

On Sardar Patel Road, on the opposite side of the Raj Bhavan, the man tried to throw a bottle by around 3 PM and it was immediately noticed by policemen on duty near the main gate, Prem Anand Sinha.

Additional Commissioner of Police (South), told reporters here.



While alert police personnel were apprehending him, the man hurled the bottle which landed in front of the barricade placed before the main gate of the Raj Bhavan and there was no damage and no one was injured. "There was no fire...there was some flame only on the wick, the bottle fell down and broke. He was caught and he had some more bottles and these were seized,"

'Karukka' Vinoth, aged 42, faces 14 criminal cases and he was out on bail recently. He is a resident of Teynampet here, a City Police release said.

Vinoth was the accused in two similar incidents, including the one targeting the BJP office here over a year ago.

Within the past one week, he was freed from jail after he secured bail. Before the incident on Wednesday, he consumed

liquor and he is being questioned on his motive, Sinha said.

"Only one petrol bomb was used; it did not create any impact the way the accused expected," he said and ruled out any security lapse.

A case has been registered and the accused was remanded in custody.

Asked if he had any idea about the Governor's 'movement' outside of the Raj Bhavan and

whether he had come prepared anticipating any such thing, the official said 'it does not appear to be so.'

Opposition parties strongly condemned the incident and criticised the government over 'deterioration' of law and order.

Leader of Opposition and AIADMK chief, Edappadi K Palaniswami said a scenario of 'insecurity' prevailed for the Raj Bhavan itself, meant to be a high-security campus. Expressing shock, he said the incident illustrated 'deterioration' of law and order in Tamil Nadu.

Former chief minister O Panneerselvam also blamed the alleged deterioration of law and order. VK Sasikala, confidante of late chief minister J Jayalalitha said the incident was tantamount to intimidating the Governor.

BJP state president K Annamalai said on X: "Incidentally, it is the same person who attacked @BJP4TamilNadu headquarters in Chennai in Feb 2022, is held responsible for the attack on Raj Bhavan today," he added.

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spokesperson said. He said that the situation in the Middle East was deliberated and various contingency scenarios dwelled on.

"The nuances of security in the region in relation to the onset of the winter season also came up for discussion," the spokesperson added.

Ex-Guv Suggests

Kashmir and that attacks are being witnessed in areas like Rajouri and higher reaches of the valley. The video was shared by Gandhi on his social media channel.

"My opinion about Jammu and Kashmir is that you cannot keep it calm with the help of security forces and I suggest winning the hearts of the people of that place and after that you can do anything. The people over there are amiable," Malik said.

He said that abrogation of Article 370 had not hurt the people as much as depriving them of statehood had.

"Now I only wish that the statehood should be restored and elections are held. After all this was the assurance made by (Union Home Minister) Amit Shah on the floor of the house," Malik said.

Gandhi added here that during his Bharat Jodo Yatra he found people in Jammu more hurt by the fact that the state had been "demoted" to a union territory.

Malik further said he had asked many a time to the Centre about restoration of statehood but the response often given was that when everything is going fine, what is the need?

When asked by Gandhi about his views on the Pulwama attack of 2019, Malik said, "I have never said that those in power at that time were responsible for the attack but they used the attack for their political gains."

As many as 40 CRPF personnel were killed when a terrorist rammed his explosive laden car into their bus near Pulwama on the national highway between Jammu and Srinagar

on February 14, 2019.

"I was asked not to comment on this at that time because I advocated that some heads should roll after the incident," Malik recalled. Asked by Gandhi as to how so much explosives could come, he said, "It came from Pakistan" but was never detected.

Gandhi also spoke about the representation from Other Backward Class, Dalit or tribal community in the media fraternity to which Malik said there has to be a quota in the media industry.

Asked about his experience in the Northeast as the governor of Meghalaya, especially in the backdrop of the ethnic conflict in Manipur, Malik said, "In Manipur, it is a total failure of the government. The CM is not doing anything and he is not being removed also."

Gandhi claimed that during his visit to Manipur, he had found that the state had been divided into two parts.

To a question by the Congress leader whether the country stands divided by two ideologies today -- RSS and Gandhivadi, Malik said India will survive only when the country moves ahead with the ideology of liberal Hinduism.

"Gandhiji had also said this. No one understood this country better than Gandhi ji," he said.

"Without liberal Hinduism, the country will not survive but will disintegrate. Everyone has to live peacefully with unity," he added.

Providing Social Security

Integrated Social Security Scheme and disbursement of pension up to the month of September among the beneficiaries.

The administration, he said, is committed to reaching out to all those who are needy and Integrated Social Security Scheme is a demand-driven scheme without any restriction.

"More than 44,000 elderly, widows and divorcees have been covered in Srinagar and if required the benefits will be enhanced further," Sinha said.

He impressed on the District Officials across the UT to replicate the best practices of the Srinagar district administration and make necessary technological interventions for speedy saturation of the Social Security Schemes.

"The effective social security net to the last man in the queue will strengthen the society and improve the living conditions of urban poor and destitute," he said.

At Pensioners Sammelan, the LG assured all necessary support and assistance from the administration to the widow and divorcee pensioners and persons with disabilities in their self-employment ventures.

He also highlighted the efforts of his administration in extending universal health insurance coverage and ensuring greater security and quality life to all.

"Jammu Kashmir is the only region in the country where eligible age for widow pension is 18 years. The administration has notified the rules of Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act and also established a helpline for their proper care," he said.

"Today, Panchayats in Jammu Kashmir have Senior Citizen Clubs. Apart from this, Senior Citizen Homes have been established in 13 districts and the remaining districts will be covered this year," he added.

The LG handed over the sanction letters and medical aids to the beneficiaries and also enquired about the seamless access to the benefits under various other social welfare schemes.

Beneficiaries shared their views on the simplified process for extension of benefits under Social Security Schemes.

Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Athar Amir Khan, Commissioner SMC; Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, senior officers and beneficiaries were present.

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England Play Sri Lanka In Crucial ODI World Cup Game



Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: England will get a chance, perhaps a final one, to drag their shipwreck of a World Cup campaign, marked by batting and bowling downtime, to less stormy shores when they face fellow strugglers Sri Lanka here on Thursday.

The defending champions have two points from four matches, similar to their opponents, and are ninth on the table. A win here will not push them too far ahead on the

chart, but it may give them that tiny bit of motivation against teams like India and Australia ahead. But a defeat against Lanka will take away even the benevolence of mathematics, which is currently scaffolding their hopes.

To avoid being in the proximity of an early exit, England need improvement through the order, and in particular their batters need to fire. For that, they will not get a more favourable venue than the M Chinnaswamy Stadium with

its short boundaries and pitch aiding runs.

The last match here between Australia and Pakistan produced a combined 672 runs, and the England batters would desperately want to repeat their effort against Bangladesh on October 10 when they mustered 364 for 9 at Dharamsala.

It has been their bane during this tournament as none of their batters, barring Dawid Malan and Joe Root to a lesser extent, have been able to find

their range, a defeat against Afghanistan and the mauling by South Africa still play out like the reels of a bad dream.

There was so much riding on the likes of captain Jos Buttler, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Moeen Ali, Chris Woakes and Liam Livingstone but none of them have delivered.

Among them the malfunctioning of their all-rounders might have been the most disappointing as they were central to England's bull run in white ball cricket.

Australia Drub The Dutch After Maxwell Mayhem

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Glenn Maxwell smashed the fastest hundred in the history of the 50-overs World Cup as Australia thrashed the Netherlands by 309 runs in what was their third successive win of the tournament on Wednesday.

Eighteen days after South Africa's Aiden Markram smashed a 49-ball hundred at the same Arun Jaitley Stadium against Sri Lanka, Maxwell took nine balls fewer to bring up his century.

The all-rounder produced a blistering 106 off 44 balls and opener David Warner made 104 as Australia racked up 399-8 after electing to bat. The five-time champions then returned to bundle out their opponents for 90 in 21 overs, subjecting the Dutch to the biggest defeat in the tournament's history.

Earlier with Travis Head continuing his recovery from a fractured hand, Mitchell Marsh retained his place as Warner's opening partner but did not last long. The Netherlands began with spin from both ends and Warner smashed Aryan Dutt for four fours in a row to signal his intention early.

The feisty left-hander raced



to a 91-ball hundred, his second successive ton in the tournament, and took off his helmet and leapt in his trademark celebration. Logan van Beek (4-74) removed Warner soon after but Steve Smith (71) and Marnus Labuschagne (62) helped themselves to easy half-centuries.

The Dutch bowlers briefly stemmed the run flow but the ground had been laid for Maxwell to explode with the bat. The all-rounder toyed with the Dutch attack smacking nine fours and eight sixes in his clattering innings.

He was particularly harsh on de Leede, who bled 115 runs in his 10 overs - the most by a bowler in a men's ODI. It included 28 runs in de Leede's final over alone. With Maxwell playing some outrageous shots on either side of the wicket, Australia plundered 131 runs in the final 10 overs.

It left the Netherlands with a mountain to climb and they faltered early in their chase losing both the openers inside six overs. Adam Zampa then ran through their lower order to claim three for eight runs to hasten their collapse.

Shubman Gill 6 Points Behind Babar Azam In Race For No. 1 ODI Batter



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Young Indian opener Shubman Gill closed the gap with Pakistan skipper Babar Azam by just six points as the No 1 ODI batter in the ICC rankings that was released on Wednesday.

The 24-year-old, who became the fastest batter to reach 2000 ODI runs in their World Cup match against New Zealand on Sunday, has improved to 823 ratings points.

Babar on the other hand has dropped to a total of 829 rating point despite having amassed 157 runs from five innings so far at the World Cup, with his most recent effort a fighting 74 in a losing side against Afghanistan in Chennai.

Having missed India's first two World Cup because of dengue, Gill has 95 runs from just three matches

which includes a standout innings of 53 in their seven-wicket win over Bangladesh in Pune.

Star batter Virat Kohli, who is the second leading run-getter in the World Cup with 354 runs after five matches, has improved three spots to be on joint fifth spot with Aussie left-handed opener David Warner (up two spots).

Fresh from hitting three centuries from five matches, South African wicketkeeper-batter Quinton de Kock finds himself within striking distance in third place.

South Africa teammate Heinrich Klaasen has improved seven places to be in fourth spot with a new career-high rating.

Mohammed Siraj jumps to No 2 spot

India quick Mohammed Siraj, who has picked up six wickets from five appearances at the World Cup, jumped one place to close in on Australia seamer Josh Hazlewood as the No 1 ODI bowler.

South Africa's left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj rose two places to third and a new career-high rating following his seven wickets at the tournament thus far.

Afghanistan veteran Mohammad Nabi (up four places to sixth) and Australia tweeker Adam Zampa (up four places to seventh) also made ground inside the top-10.

Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan remained out in front of the ODI rankings for all-rounders, with South Africa beanpole Marco Jansen the biggest mover with the in-form No.7 jumping 23 places on this list to share 11th place alongside Scotland's Michael Leask.

Srinagar Wins Provincial Level Badminton Tournaments

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Srinagar's young badminton talent shined brightly in the Inter District Provincial Level Badminton Tournament for girls in the Under-14 and 17 age category.

The tournament, held at the Indoor Stadium Khawaja Bagh, Baramulla, witnessed Srinagar's exceptional performance, securing



equally enthralling as Srinagar once again took the spotlight, triumphing over Pulwama in a highly competitive match. Srinagar's players showcased their brilliance, clinching the Under-17 title in the Inter District Provincial Level Badminton Competition.

Jatinder Singh, District Youth Services & Sports Officer, Baramulla, and Zonal Physical Education Officers were present on the

ing victories in both categories.

In a thrilling showdown, the Under-14 final featured an intense match between Srinagar and Pulwama. Srinagar's players displayed remarkable skills, emerging as the champions in the category.

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ve of finals. Trophies and certificates were awarded to both the winning and runner-up teams, acknowledging their exceptional achievements.

The excitement will continue on Thursday with the Under-19 girls' competition scheduled to take place at the same venue.

Srinagar Premier League: J&K Police Beat Kashmir Panthers 1-0

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A lone Round 18 game of the 2023 Srinagar Premier League was played on Wednesday at Bakshi Stadium here.

The matchup saw J&K Police XI take on Kashmir Panthers FC. It was a cagey contest as both teams failed to break the opposing defences. At half time, the scores read 0-0. The second half seemed to be going the same way, until Salman scored the winning goal in the 87th minute to give J&K Police a 1-0 win on the day.

Two games had been scheduled for Wednesday. However, Jhelum FC received a walkover after their opponents, LoneStar Kashmir FC, did not show up to the field of play. LoneStar Kashmir have withdrawn from the Premier Di-



vision in protest, alleging JKFA indifference over certain in-game refereeing calls.

J&K Wins Two Medals In National School Games

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K has earned two medals in the ongoing 37th National School Games being held in Goa.

The J&K Rhythm Gymnastics team bagged silver in the games. Meanwhile, J&K's Netball team won bronze. The Jammu & Kash-



mir Sports Council congratulated the two teams for their brilliant performances.

J&K is set to host Football and Volleyball competitions of the National School Games this year. The Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K is overseeing the arrangements for the games.

England's Maguire, Kane & Bellingham Shine In Champions League

The Associated Press

ROME: On a night of tributes for the late Bobby Charlton, Harry Maguire kept Manchester United in contention and fellow England standouts Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham each scored in the Champions League.

A second-half header from Maguire and then a penalty saved by Andre Onana in stoppage time secured a 1-0 win for United over FC Copenhagen to earn the English club its first points following consecutive losses.

Kane produced the crucial goal to help Bayern Munich earn its 16th straight win in the group stage with a 3-1 victory over Galatasaray, and Bellingham scored with a long-range shot for Real Madrid's second in a 2-1 win at Braga on Tuesday.

Charlton, the former England and Manchester United star, died Saturday at age 86. In United's first home match since his death, a lone piper

playing the tune to the United anthem "We'll Never Die" provided a moving soundtrack inside Old Trafford.

The piper led out United manager Erik ten Hag, Charlton's former teammate Alex Stepney, and United youth-team captain Dan Gore onto the field ahead of United's match against FC Copenhagen. They laid a wreath in the center circle before a minute of silence was observed.

Another rendition of "There's only one Bobby Charlton" then swirled around the stadium to applause as fans paid their respects to one of England's World Cup winners from 1966 who is widely considered United's greatest player.

GROUP A
Bayern leads Group A with a perfect nine points at the halfway stage and hasn't dropped a point in group play since 2020.

Galatasaray is next with four points, United has three and Copenhagen has one.

Kane made little impact



until late in the second half for Bayern's second goal. The England captain first tried a flashy backheel off Jamal Musiala's low cross but the ball hit defender Sacha Boey. It then bounced favorably for Kane to score with his second effort in the 73rd.

Musiala then scored Bayern's

third.

Kingsley Coman had scored early for Bayern but the German team was under pressure from Galatasaray for much of the game.

In Manchester, Maguire had been criticized for his recent performances and he celebrated his goal emphatically and

then formed a heart with his fingers.

GROUP B
Goals from Gabriel Martinelli and Gabriel Jesus earned Arsenal a 2-1 win at Europa League champion Sevilla.

Martinelli has now scored in his first start for Arsenal in the

Champions League, the Europa League (vs. Standard Liege), Premier League (vs. West Ham) and League Cup (vs. Nottingham Forest).

Lens and PSV Eindhoven drew 1-1 with Johan Bakayoko and Elye Wahi trading goals.

Arsenal leads the group with six points, followed by Lens (5), Sevilla (2) and PSV (2).

GROUP C
Bellingham scored his 11th goal in 12 matches since joining Madrid to help the 14-time European champion strengthen its lead in Group C.

Madrid has a full nine points. Napoli is next with six points after a 1-0 win at Union Berlin; Braga has three points and Berlin has none.

Rodrygo also scored for Madrid, which is trying to make it to the knockout rounds for the 28th consecutive time.

Giacomo Raspadori filled in for the injured Victor Osimhen at center forward and scored in Napoli's victory.

Strong work from Khvi-

cha Kvaratskhelia meant that Raspadori needed only one touch to redirect a pass from the Georgia dribbling wizard.

GROUP D
Brais Mendez scored again as Real Sociedad defeated Benfica 1-0 in Lisbon to hand last season's quarterfinalist a third straight defeat.

Surprise starter Alexis Sanchez set Inter Milan on its way to a 2-1 victory over Salzburg to boost the Nerazzurri's chances of reaching the knockout stages.

Sanchez scored in the 19th minute for the veteran forward's first goal since returning to the club in the offseason. Oscar Gloukh briefly leveled for Salzburg but Hakan Calhanoglu scored what proved to be the winner from the penalty spot in the 64th minute.

Real Sociedad and Inter each have seven points to top the group. Salzburg is next with three points and Benfica has none.

"Graduate Wife Cannot Be Compelled To Work": High Court Awards Maintenance

Agenceis

New Delhi: Merely because the wife is a graduate, she cannot be compelled to work and it cannot be presumed that she is intentionally not working to claim maintenance from her estranged husband, the Delhi High Court has said.

The court's observation came while dealing with a plea by a man seeking a reduction in interim maintenance payable to his wife from 25,000 per month to 15,000 per month on the ground that she has a B.Sc degree.

A bench headed by Justice Suresh Kumar Kait observed that there was no denial that the wife was a graduate, but she was never gainfully employed and there



was no reason to interfere with the interim maintenance set by the family court.

"No inference can be drawn that merely because the wife is

interim maintenance from the husband," said the bench, also comprising Justice Neena Bansal Krishna, in a recent order. The court also refused to enhance the maintenance amount on the wife's plea, saying no ground was made out by her and the family court had reasonably considered her and their son's expenditure.

The court, however, set aside the penalty of 1,000 per day on the delayed payment of interim maintenance by the husband and directed that interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum be paid to the wife for the delayed payment of interim maintenance.

It also set aside the penalty of 550 per day imposed on delay in payment of litigation costs.

Man Gets Postal Job After 28-Year Wait Following Supreme Court Order

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New Delhi: Twenty-eight years after a man applied for a job in the postal department, the Supreme Court has ordered his appointment noting that there was an error in holding him ineligible for the post. Ankur Gupta had applied for the post of postal assistant in 1995. After being selected for pre-induction training, he was later excluded from the merit list on the ground that he completed intermediate education from the "vocational stream".

Gupta along with other unsuccessful candidates moved the Central Administrative Tribunal which ruled in their favour in 1999. The postal department challenged the tribunal's order and approached the Allahabad High Court in 2000. The high court dismissed the petition in 2017 and upheld the CAT's order. A review was filed in the high court which was also dismissed in 2021, following which the department approached the Supreme Court.

In the top court, a bench of



justices Bela M Trivedi and Dipankar Datta said a candidate cannot claim a vested right to appointment, once he is included in the merit list, he has a limited right of being accorded a fair treatment. "However, if the candidature is not rejected at the threshold and the candidate is allowed to participate in the selection process and ultimately his name figures in the merit list though such candidate has no indefeasible right to claim appointment, he does have a limited right of being accorded fair and non-discriminatory treatment," the bench said.

Judge Apologises To Colleague After Snapping At Her In Gujarat High Court



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Ahmedabad: Two days after a viral video showed a senior judge of the Gujarat High Court snapping at his colleague on the bench in an open court following disagreement over a matter, the former began the court session on Wednesday by apologising to her over the episode.

Justice Biren Vaishnav said he was sorry for what happened in the court on Monday.

The court was closed on Tuesday on account of Dussehra.

Justice Vaishnav, the senior judge on the bench had a heated exchange of words with puisne judge Justice Mauna Bhatt on October 23. The incident took place while Justice

Vaishnav was passing an order in a matter and Justice Bhatt did not agree with it.

"What happened on Monday shouldn't have happened. I was wrong. I am sorry for that, and we begin a new session," Justice Vaishnav said as soon as the session began, in the presence of Justice Mauna Bhatt who is part of the division bench.

While the video of the Monday session of the division bench of Justices Vaishnav and Bhatt was pulled down from the official YouTube page of the Gujarat High Court, a purported video of the incident circulating on social media showed Justice Bhatt murmuring something to Justice Vaishnav when he was passing the order.

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