

Good Old Days Back In J&K, Era Of Violence; Terrorism Over: LG

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Srinagar: The good old days have returned to Jammu and Kashmir and the era of violence and terrorism is over, the Union territory's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said here on Saturday stressing that it is now our collective responsibility to ensure peace and prosperity continue forever.

He was speaking at a Sadbhavana Conference on "Sufism and Kashmiriyat: An Example of Peace and Harmony" organised by the Indian Minority Foundation (IMF) here.

"Kashmir has been the land of Sufism and communal harmony where for centuries, the spirit of goodwill and brotherhood has flourished. Kashmir's heritage of co-existence is also centuries old, but in the last few decades, it had become plagued by terrorism. But, now Kashmir is changing," Sinha said.

It was for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 that the leaders of



all Muslim sects came together in large numbers on one platform. They appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to change the image of Jammu and Kashmir and open new avenues of development.

Religious leaders from various Muslim communities, including Sunni, Shia, Sufi, Dawoodi Bohra, Pasmada Muslims and

Gujjar-Bakkarwals, praised the prime minister for restoring peace and stability in the region plagued by militancy during the last three decades.

The conference was also attended by scholars, academicians, students, representatives of trade and tourism associations, traders, farmer unions and various NGOs.

Sinha said new avenues of development have opened up in the valley during the last four years. The socio-economic development of Jammu and Kashmir has gained momentum under the visionary leadership of PM Modi.

The Lt Governor said Kashmir has witnessed a sea change in recent years | [More on P10](#)

BORDER FLARE-UP

India Can't Lower Guard Against Pak: Jitendra Singh

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Jammu: There is a "sharp decline" in cross-border firing incidents at the Line of Control and the International Border but recent sporadic firing incidents prove that India can't lower its guard against Pakistan, Union minister Jitendra Singh said on Friday.

A BSF jawan and a woman were injured while several houses were damaged in cross-border shelling and firing by Pakistan Rangers, the first major ceasefire violation since 2021, in Jammu's Arnia on Thursday night.

According to the Border Security Force (BSF), the unprovoked firing by Pakistan continued till 3 am on Friday and was "befittingly responded".

Speaking to reporters in Samba, Singh said there is a "sharp decline" in cross-border firing incidents at the Line of Control (LoC) and the International Border (IB).

"But the sporadic firing incidents in the recent days and continuing infiltration bids across the LoC prove that we cannot lower the



guard against mischief from Pakistan and territories under its illegal occupation," he said in response to a question about Thursday's incident.

The minister of state for Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said violence in Jammu and Kashmir has also come down in the last nine years, especially in the four years since Article 370 was revoked in August 2019.

He said that India's attitude has changed since Prime Minister Narendra Modi took charge in 2014.

"First the surgical strikes by the Indian | [More on P10](#)

BSF Protests Truce Violation With Pak Rangers

The Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday lodged a strong protest with the Pakistan Rangers over the recent unprovoked firing and mortar shelling on forward posts and villages along the International Border here, officials said. The cross-border shelling by Pakistan Rangers, the first major ceasefire violation since 2021, started around 8 pm Thursday in the Arnia area of R S Pura sector and lasted around seven hours, leaving a BSF jawan and a woman injured.

"A wing commander-commandant level flag meeting was held between BSF and Pakistan Rangers at BOP (Border Outpost) Octroi. BSF delegation leader lodged a strong protest to Pakistan Rangers for unprovoked firing in Arnia area in the night intervening | [More on P10](#)

'Administration's Mission Upliftment Of Marginalised'

Sating that upliftment of the marginalized is the mission of his administration, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Saturday that today benefits of growth are not provided on the basis of caste or community but on the principle of inclusivity to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Sinha made these remarks while addressing an event titled 'Sadbhavana' organised by Indian Minorities Foundation

(IMF), here on Saturday. In his remarks, the LG lauded the crucial role of Indian Minorities Foundation in empowering minorities, promoting Sufism and fostering brotherhood, peace and harmony as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Prime Minister gave us a vision 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. The Government has only one religion-India first, one holy book- constitution and one ritual-well being of | [More on P10](#)

6 IN ADDITION TO THIS, RS 8 LAKH is provided in the form of ex-gratia by the Army Central Welfare Fund. State governments also provide an ex-gratia amount as per their provisions. This is in addition to the liberalised family pension and regular service benefits."

Zero Collateral Damage In J&K In Last 5 Yrs: DGP

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Lethpora: The graph of terror in Jammu and Kashmir has come down in the past five years and the union territory has witnessed zero collateral damage and no law-and-order incidents, police chief Dilbag Singh claimed here on Saturday.

Singh, who is retiring as Director General of Police on October 31, made these remarks at a function here where the second phase of Operational Capability Augmentation of Police Stations (OCAP) was launched.

Under the second phase, 22 police stations were provided with peace and stability teams consisting of 14 highly trained personnel, a vehicle with latest weaponry and gadgets, and a



drone unit.

"We are proud of the fact that in the last five years, there has been zero collateral damage during the course of actions. It is a matter of immense happiness. Law-and-order incidents have also come down to zero. By the grace of God, there has been zero civilian casualty | [More on P10](#)



LAL CHOWK'S CLOCK TOWER has emerged as a popular hangout for locals and tourists after its renovation under the Srinagar Smart City Project. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

2 Arrested For Damaging Mosque In Kathua

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Jammu: Two people were arrested for allegedly hurting religious sentiments by damaging glass windows of a mosque in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, police said on Saturday.

The arrest followed a written complaint lodged by the mosque's imam Abdul Latief at Lakhampur police station, a police spokesman said.

He said Latief lodged the complaint on Friday that some unknown people entered the mosque and broke its glass windows and threw a battery and inverter in the courtyard.

A case under the relevant sections of the IPC was registered and a special investigation team (SIT) | [More on P10](#)

Sonam Lotus, The Beloved Weatherman, Bids Farewell To Kashmir's Skies

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In an order that is certain to trigger a wave of sadness across the Kashmir Valley, the administration has transferred Sonam Lotus, the Director of Meteorological Department to take over as the head of Meteorological centre in Leh.

Lotus served the Valley for close to a decade and performed his job almost like a 'weather God', forecasting rains and sunshine to the point of their actual duration. It was almost like he made it happen and vanish. And in the process, he got a sort of decisive say in how Kashmiris planned their days and



family functions.

Over the years, his name became a part of the household chatter and even banter when weather was discussed. He became

someone whose daily weather bulletins you cited or wanted to be read to, before you convinced others or yourself about how the following day would go.

In time, the name Sonam Lotus took on a metaphorical meaning: it became a mark of authenticity. One could say if a prediction has to come true, it has to be "Lotus certified."

Lotus took over when technology had advanced and people were still fed with archaic weather reports by the local Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar. He ushered in a new era of meteorological forecasting, bringing modern tools | [More on P10](#)

Gaza Fallout In Kashmir Police Heightens Vigil On Social Media Platforms

Agencies

Srinagar: Following the Israel-Hamas conflict, the Jammu and Kashmir Police here in the Union Territory has ramped up its vigil on social media platforms to prevent any misuse.

Top authoritative sources were quoted by a local news agency KNS as saying that the police have initiated various measures to oversee online activities in the region, including the tracking of posts, comments, and messages that may incite violence or spread false information.



They have also urged the public to report any suspicious or harmful content they come across on social media.

However the Police have assured that their monitoring efforts will | [More on P10](#)

Power Crisis Hits Transformer Repairing Services In Kashmir

Agencies

Srinagar: The ongoing power crisis in Kashmir has had its cascading effect on the repair and maintenance of the transformers, an essential component for the power distribution system.

The valley is grappling with poor electricity supply, which has brought every sector to its toes.

With domestic consumers subjected to the major hours without electricity supply, commercial connections too rue the erratic supply of power.

This is happening despite the electricity department issuing its curtailment schedule for the winter season.



The transformer repairing firms said their losses have accumulated to more than 50 per cent this season due to the lack of proper electricity.

"The power supply is very poor which has | [More on P10](#)

SHORT TAKES

Soldier Arrested For Killing Wife

An Army jawan visiting home on leave was arrested for allegedly murdering his wife in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, police said. Sarabjeet Kour was found strangled to death at her residence in Kunde Chak Marheen Saturday morning, following which a case was registered at Rajbagh police station, a police official said. During the course of investigation, Kour's husband Bhopinder Singh was taken into custody and confessed to his involvement | [More on P10](#)

Missing Policeman Traced In Srinagar

A policeman, who had gone missing from his home in Duroo area of Sopore, was traced in Srinagar and brought back to his hometown, officials on Saturday said. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported Tahir Ahmed Dar had gone missing from his home two days ago. He said that the cop was traced to Srinagar last evening and was brought back to his hometown. "After legal formalities, he will be handed over to his family," he said. | [More on P10](#)

Minor Girl Drowns In Kishanganga

An 8-year old girl drowned to death in Kishanganga River in Neeru village of Gurez in north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Saturday afternoon, officials said. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the girl identified as Iqra Bano, daughter of Mohammad Jamal Mir of Neeru slipped into Kishanganga River near his village. He said that soon after a rescue operation was launched, however, by the time the girl was rescued she had died. "After completing | [More on P10](#)

LG Felicitates Ehsaas International

The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday felicitated Ehsaas International for its exceptional contributions in Jammu and Kashmir. For its exceptional societal contributions, Hakim Mohammad Ilyas, General Secretary Ehsaas International was honored and awarded by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at an event organized by the Indian Minorities Foundation at KICC here on Saturday. | [More on P10](#)

Police Arrests Bike Lifter In Sopore

Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested a notorious bike lifter and recovered stolen motorbikes from his possession in Sopore town of North Kashmir's Baramulla district. The arrest came in the backdrop of police station Sopore receiving a written complaint on October 4 from Firdous Ahmad Bhat of Chinkipora stating that some unknown person has stolen his bike, a police spokesperson said. In this regard, he said, a case FIR No. 250/2023 under relevant | [More on P10](#)

Teacher Suspended For Harassing Student

A teacher at a government school in north Kashmir's Baramulla district has been suspended following allegations of harassment made by a female student. According to an official order, a teacher (name withheld) stationed at Trikanjan-B Primary School in Boniyar zone has been suspended with immediate effect pending an inquiry. The order states, "Pending inquiry into the matter of a teacher (name withheld) RReT GPS Trikanjan-B zone Boniyar, the said | [More on P10](#)



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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER, BARAMULLA

Subject: Engagement of Aspirational Block -AB Fellow.

Advertisement Notification No..01.DDCB of 2023
 Dated : 25/10/2023

Applications are invited for engagement of Aspirational Block -AB Fellow, on contractual basis for a period of 01 year to work in Block Singapore of District Baramulla.

S.No.	Post	No. of Posts	Eligibility Criteria
1	Aspirational Blocks -AB Fellow	01	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Post-Graduation in any discipline from a recognized institution. Should possess data analysis and presentation skills. Should be conversant with use of social media. Should possess Project Management Skills. Experience of working/ Internship with a development organization. Self-drive with good communication skills. Knowing the local language of the respective Aspirational Block is a requirement for Aspirational Block Fellow. Well conversant with both English, Hindi, Urdu and local language as the work requires field level interaction. Preference will be given to the candidate who have completed their higher education in Development/ Rural Stream.

Age Limit: Minimum = 21 Years Maximum = 40 Years

Remuneration: The engagee Aspirational Block Fellow will get stipend @ Rs. 55,000/- per month.

How to Apply: Applicants should submit their applications in the prescribed format as per the notification by enclosing relevant attested copies of certificates in a closed envelop or any working day by registered post/ speed post/ courier on or before 4:00 PM dated 15/11/2023 to the address of Joint Director Planning Baramulla, Pin 193101.

The application forms completed in all respects can also be mailed at jdpbaramulla@gmail.com from 27/10/2023 to 15/11/2023.

Selection Process: The selection shall be based on:

- Weightage to Academic Merit in minimum eligible qualification (i.e Post-Graduation) on pro-rata basis : 80 Points
- Viva-Voce : 20 Points
- The short listed candidates (@ 1:5 ratio) will be called for viva-voce after the scrutiny of application forms.

Tenure of AB Fellows: The tenure of Aspirational Block Fellow will initially for a span of one year. The program allows for one-year extension of the fellowship, contingent upon the fellow's satisfactory performance and demonstration of contributions to the programme's objective.

Role of Responsibilities of Aspirational Blocks Fellow:

The Aspirational Blocks Fellows will be positioned as a critical link between the Block level Officials and NITI Aayog. Their primary responsibilities will include:

- Will assist the District and Block administration in implementation of Aspirational Block Programme.
- Collaborating with Block level Officials to design and execute development strategies aligned with ABP thematic areas.
- Conducting regular field visits to assess project implementation address challenges and collect ground-level insights to ensure that the interventions are response to people's needs and demands.
- Analyzing data and providing evidence-based recommendations to District Level Officials to optimize developmental initiatives.
- Organizing workshops, awareness campaigns, and skill building programs to empower the local community.
- Keeping States and NITI Aayog abreast with the issues, challenges and need for support.
- Help in the documentation of good governance practices.
- Use the ABP portal to assess the performance of the Block and communicate to all the Block level Officials.
- To attend all the training programmes conduct by NITI Aayog State Government or District.
- To send reports at regular intervals to the Deputy Commissioner / Joint Director Planning Office /Block Development officer/State Nodal officer/NITI Aayog regarding the performance of the Block.
- To work under the overall guidance of the Deputy Commissioner /Joint Director Planning /District level implementation and monitoring committee.

Conditions
 1. The selection of the post is purely based on merit.
 2. This recruitment is purely on contract basis. The applicants can't have any right to claim for continuance in the post and the selected candidates can be terminated from contract without giving any notice, even in the middle of the contract period.
 3. The Deputy Commissioner Baramulla reserves the right to cancel this notification, without any prior notice or intimation to the applicant, which can't be challenged in any court.
 4. The applicant shall provide all the requisite original documents at the time of certificates/documents verification in the selection process.
 5. The engaged person does not have the right to claim any TA, DA, or any other allowances, applicable to the Government Staff.
 6. The engaged person does not have any right to claim for regularization of their services.
 7. The decision of the Interview Board in selecting the Fellow will be final.
 8. The Deputy Commissioner Baramulla has the full authority to cancel the deployment of personnel on any ground, which is against the spirit of the Aspirational Block Program guidelines issued by the Government of India.
 9. No applications shall be entertained after the last date.
 10. The ABP Fellow engaged have to reside in the respective block area

Joint Director planning baramulla

No: DDCB/2023/7658-63
 DATED: 28-10-2023

APPLICATION FORM

Deployment of Aspiration Block Programme (ABP) Fellow on Contractual Basis

- Name of Applicant (IN BLOCK LETTERS)
- Father/ Guardian
- Gender (M/F/Other)
- Date of Birth (As per BOSE Certificate)
- Age as on 01/10/2023
- Nationality
- Permanent Address
- Present Address
- Contact No.
- Email Address
- Academic Qualification

Latest Passport Photograph duly attested by Gazetted Officer

Name of the Examination Passed	Subject/ Course	Board/ University	Year of Passing	%age of marks or CGPA or Grade
10th or Matriculation				
12th or Intermediate				
Graduation				
Post-Graduation				

Organization	Place of Posting	Designation	Experience	Achievements

Declaration
 I,.....an Applicant of Aspirational Block Fellow Son/ Daughter/ Wife of.....do hereby confirm that the information furnished above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of the notification.

- Date: _____ Signature of Applicant
- Certificates Enclosures in Xerox (Attested)
- Qualification certificates
 - DOB Certificate
 - Experience Certificate if any

DIPK-11155/23
 DATED: 28-10-2023

Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir.

Scholarship Name 1: Kotak Life Insurance Scholarship Program 2023-24

Application mode: Online applications only
 Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/KLISP1

Description: An initiative by Kotak Life Insurance Company Ltd. to provide financial assistance to students from Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra to help them pursue their undergraduate studies in commerce stream.

Eligibility: Open for students who are residents of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. Applicants must be enrolled in the first-year of B.Com. program at any of the specified colleges in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. The list of colleges is given below -

- A. Veeriya Memorial Sri Pushpam College (Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu)
- Nadar Mahajana Sangam S. Vellaichamy Nadar College (Madurai, Tamil Nadu)
- Edayathangudy G.S. Pillay Arts and Science College (Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu)
- Jai Hind Sindhu Education Trust's Manghanmal Udharan College of Commerce (Pune, Maharashtra)
- Gokhale Education Society's B.Y.K. (Sinnar) College of Commerce (Nashik, Maharashtra)
- LRD and SRP College for Women (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

Applicants must have scored 65% marks or more in Classes 10 and 12. Applicants must have passed Class 12 in the year 2022-2023.

Applicant's annual family income must be 3.6 lakhs or less. Prizes & Rewards: Up to 30,000 per year Last Date to Apply: 17-12-2023

Scholarship Name 2: L'Oréal BOOST 2023

Description: L'Oréal India invites applications from students in their final and pre-final years of diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

Eligibility: Must be studying in the final or pre-final years* of ITI diploma, vocational course, under-graduation, and post-graduation program* at any recognised college or university within India

Or must have been employed following their graduation or post graduation from a college or university that is not included on the NIRF List. Such candidates ought to have no more than 5 years** of work experience.

Must be within the age group of 18-30 years. The family income of the applicant must be less than INR 8 Lakh (from all sources)

*Final or second-last year of the course, depending on the duration of the course. Click on the short source URL for more details.

**If the applicant has worked before or during the course of their graduation or post-graduation, their work experience must not exceed 5 years.

Prizes & Rewards: Opportunity to participate in elaborate online upskilling webinars to be conducted by industry experts.

A three-month free-of-cost unlimited access to 34 courses on Coursera, a learning platform with more than 5,800 courses, professional

certificates, and degrees from universities and companies all around the world.

Exclusive one-to-one mentorship sessions from leading professionals at L'Oréal India. Click on the short source URL for more details

Last Date to Apply: 15-12-2023
 Application mode: Online applications only
 Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/LEAD2

Scholarship Name 3: DXC Progressing Minds Scholarship Program 2023-24

Description: DXC Progressing Minds Scholarship Program 2023-24 aims to support the educational/sports expenses of students who belong to marginalised groups.

Eligibility: Girls and transgender students pursuing graduation any year in STEM-related fields are eligible.

Female sportspersons aged between 13 to 25 years and who have represented the state/ country at the state/national/international level in the last 2/3 years can also apply.

For students pursuing graduation, they must have obtained a minimum of 60% marks in their previous class/semester.

Applicants' annual family income must be less than or equal to 4,00,000 (5,00,000 for sportspersons).

Prizes & Rewards: For Graduation in STEM - 50,000
 For Sportspersons - 1,25,000
 Last Date to Apply: 31-10-2023

Application mode: Online applications only
 Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/DXCS2

Subject-Grant of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name and style M/S "Al Affan Tour & Travels" Situated at Khidmat Complex The Bund Srinagar.

Public Notice

Whereas, I Mr/Ms Akhtar Rasool S/O D/O W/O Ghulam Rasool Dar R/O Shahi Mohalla Awanta Bhawan Srinagar, Kashmir intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for the Registration of my proposed Travel unit under the name and style "M/S AlAffan Tour & Travels" Situated at Khidmat Complex The Bund Srinagar, Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Registrar, Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card), Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency/ Adventure tour operator. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director: Tourism Registration (e-mail id-dtreg/123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

MediaLine

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my passport as Fatima Begum while my correct name is Fatima which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/ her objection in the office of the 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.
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 W/o Nisar Ahmad Bhat
 R/o Magam bmg

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 Mother's Name: Sundari Bano
 Date of Birth: 11-03-1975 inf
 Residence: Tral-i-Payeen, Tral (Pulwama)

GENERAL NOTICE

I have lost my gun license bearing No. LN15309A7A4FE18/S/161-G/ARMS/DMS/09 somewhere. If any body found please return back, otherwise I am applying for the duplicate of the same. In this regard if any body have any objection may convey to District Magistrate Srinagar within a period of seven days, after that no objection shall be entertained.
 Dev Singh S/o: Ram Prakash
 C/o: D/164 BN C/O 56 APO

Before The Hon'ble Court Of Munsif At Pampore.

In The Case of:
 Mst Saleema Bano
 D/o Ab Ahad Bhat W/o Assadullah Wani
 Resident of Khrew, Tehsil, Pampore. (Caveator/Applicant)

V/S
 Public at large. (Non-applicants)

In the matter of:
 Caveat application in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C on behalf of Caveator.

May it please your Honour:
 The application is most humbly submitted as under:-

1. That the Applicant/Caveator is the lawful owner and in possession of land measuring 14 Marla, falling under survey no. 2511-Min. Khata No.1477 and Khewat No.1373 Situated at Khrew, Pampore and on the said land the applicant intends to raise the construction of her residential house over which she has laid down the building material in order to construct the residential house.

2. That the applicant/caveator has an apprehension that some unknown persons will approach this Hon'ble court with a false and frivolous suit and will get an order in their favour in ex-Parte against the caveator, and in ease of such eventuality, no orders may kindly be passed in ex-Parte against the caveator without providing the caveator an opportunity to be heard.
 3. That before passing any kind of order/relief in favour of the non-applicants on any suit or application, the caveator be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard, otherwise the caveator shall have to face great irreparable loss, injury and inconvenience.
 4. That an affidavit duly sworn by the caveator is enclosed herewith.

Prayer:-
 In the premises it is therefore prayed that this hon'ble Court may be pleased to provide an opportunity to the caveator of being heard before passing/granting any kind of relief/order in favour of the non-applicants with regard to the above said subject matter, in the interests of justice and law.
 Caveator fko

8,000 Steps Daily May Help Cut Your Risk Of Premature Death

IANS

Want to reduce your risk of dying early? Taking 8,000 steps, equivalent to walking approximately 6.4 km a day, can help, according to the study that provides the first scientific proof for optimal number of steps to be taken daily.

The new study, published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, identifies for the first time the optimal number of steps at which most people obtain the greatest benefits, and also shows that the pace at which you walk provides additional benefits.

"Traditionally, many people thought that you had to reach about 10,000 steps a day to obtain health benefits - an idea that came out of Japan in the 1960s but had no basis in science," said lead author Francisco B. Ortega, Professor at the University of Granada's (UGR) Department of Physical Education and Sports in Spain.

"We've shown for the first time that the more steps you take, the better, and that there is no excessive number of steps that has been proven to be harmful to health," said Ortega, who also points out that reaching 7,000-9,000 steps a day is a sensible health goal for most people.

The researchers conducted a systematic literature review and meta-analysis of data from twelve international studies involving more than 1.10,000 participants.

The results of this study are in line with other recent studies, which show that health benefits are obtained at less than 10,000 steps.

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Nisar Ahmad Bhat
 S/o Mohad Asgar Bhat
 R/o Magam bmg

BSC Nursing Students Protest Inordinate Delay In BOPEE Counseling

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Students of BSC nursing staged a protest here against inordinate delay in counseling by BOPEE.

The students, holding placards in their hands, raised slogans against the administration, demanding justice.

While speaking to the media, the aggrieved students said that JK BOPEE is not conducting their second round of counseling. "We are uncertain why BOPEE is not conducting the counseling and why they don't allow access to private or government colleges."

"The BOPEE authorities compelled us to protest today, as the selection list that was released shows that some of us were select-

ed, while others didn't secure a spot in colleges in the first round of counseling," said one of the students.

He said the previous notification clearly mentioned that the CDP category seats have not been filled yet, and a second round is necessary.

When they visited the BOPEE office, they told us to request an extension from INC, and the INC stated that they cannot take any action until the paramedical council contacts them.

"We have nearly 1500 vacant seats, and we don't know where these seats are going, as we are feeling frustrated and don't understand what's happening, while we are requesting the authorities do something in this regard," the students added.



Peer Dastgeer Sahab (RA) shrine in Khanyar area of old city illuminated with colorful lights and bunting on the annual Urs of the 11th century Sufi Saint. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Joint Director Information Flags Off IEC Van On UT Celebration Day

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Joint Director Information, Kashmir Mohammad Aslam today flagged off Information, Education & Communication (IEC) Van to celebrate UT Foundation Day by creating awareness among the general public regarding the developmental progress and dynamic transformation of J&K during the last four years of Union Territory.

Deputy Director Information & PR, Bilal Ahmad Dar; Culture Officer, Burhan Hussain and other officers were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, JD stated that a team of officials will highlight progress of UT Administration in different areas which has

transformed the lives of people. Besides, he said, they will also create awareness about the major beneficiary schemes being implemented by different departments.

He said that with the flag-off of IEC Van, the Information Department intends to educate the general public about various achievements of the UT Administration since the inception of the Union Territory which saw a new dawn of development, peace and progress.

Joint Director Information added that the department has organized a series of programs to celebrate UT Foundation Day through cultural events in the city during which prominent artists presented bouquets of theme based performances of Badalta Jammu and Kashmir.

KU's Institute Of Technology Awarded '5G Use Case Lab'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a significant development for the advancement of telecommunications and technology in India, the Institute of Technology (IoT), Kashmir University (KU) has been awarded the prestigious '5G Use Case Lab.'

This was announced during the inaugural session of the Indian Mobile Congress 2023 (IMC-23) hosted by IoT's Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) at the varsity's Educational Multimedia Research Centre (EMRC) auditorium.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC-23) with the theme 'Global Digital Innovation' at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

The initiative aims to bolster India's standing as a developer, manufacturer and exporter of cutting-edge technologies, a statement said.

During the ceremony, the Prime Minister awarded 100 '5G Use Case Labs' to educational institutions across India, including the

Institute of Technology, Kashmir University. The value of each lab is set at one crore Indian rupees.

The '100 5G labs initiative' represents a significant step towards realizing the potential of 5G technology by encouraging the development of applications that address both India's unique requirements and global demands.

This visionary initiative will stimulate innovation across various sectors, such as education, agriculture, health, power, transportation and more, propelling India to the forefront of 5G Technology utilization. It is also a crucial stride towards establishing a 6G-ready academic and start-up ecosystem across India.

Dean Academic Affairs, KU, Prof Farooq A Masoodi; Dean Research, KU, Prof Irshad A Nawchoo; Dean College Development, KU, Prof Khurshid Ahmad Bhat; Director, IoT, KU, Prof Gohar Bashir Wakil (Virtual mode); Head, Department of Electronics, KU, Prof Tariq Ahmad Bhanday attended the inaugural function.

Moreover, faculty members from the Engineering and Science departments besides senior officers from BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) and the Department of Electronics, Government of India were also present.

Students from various departments, including Computer Science and Electronics, as well as students from the Kashmir University Model School also participated in the event.

Assistant Director General (ADG), Department of Telecommunication, Jammu, Chetan Sharma and Coordinator, CIIE, Dr Bilal Ahmad Malik coordinated the virtual inaugural session at EMMRC.

Prof Nilofer Khan Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir lauded the efforts of IOT for this recognition which marks a momentous achievement for Kashmir University, showcasing its commitment to innovation and technological advancement in the realm of 5G technologies. She congratulated the team of IOT at this recognition.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (open)
- Srinagar-Leh - (Open)



HIJRI CALENDAR
13 Rabi-ul-Sani
1445

PRAYERS	
FAJR	5:25
ZUHR	12:15
ASR	4:04
Magrib	5:45
ISHA	7:07

This Day In History

- 539 BC- King Cyrus "the Great" of Persia marches into Babylon, freeing Jewish captives and allowing them to return home
- 1268- Conradin, the last legitimate male heir of the German Hohenstaufen dynasty of Kings and Holy Roman Emperors, is executed with Frederick I, Margrave of Baden by Charles I of Sicily
- 1390- First trial for witchcraft in Paris
- 1467- Battle of Brusthem: Charles the Bold defeats Liege
- 1508- Gelderse troops occupies Kuinre
- 1552- Tsar Ivan IV returns to Moscow after conquering the Khanate of Kazan in the Siege of Kazan
- 1591- Giovanni A Facchinetti elected as Pope Innocentius IX
- 1618- English adventurer, writer and courtier Walter Raleigh is beheaded for allegedly conspiring against King James I of England
- 1665- Battle of Mbwila [Amboila]: Portuguese defeat forces of the Kingdom of Kongo and decapitate King Antonio I of Kongo / Nvita a Nkanga
- 1675- Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz makes the first use of the long s, ſ, for integral, helping discover integral and differential calculus
- 1709 England & Netherlands sign anti-French "Barriertraktat"
- 1794- French troops occupy Venlo (modern south east Netherlands)
- 1859 - Spain declares war on Morocco
- 1914 - Turkish warships storm Black Sea
- 1923 - Turkey declares independence (successor state to Ottoman Empire)
- 1923 - Mustafa Kemal officially confirms Turkey as a republic (Türkiye Cumhuriyeti), now commemorated annually as the Republic Day of Turkey
- 1945 - First ballpoint pen goes on sale, manufactured by Biro
- 1947 - Belgium, Luxembourg & Netherlands form Benelux Union
- 1947 Trial of art forger Han van Meegeren begins in Amsterdam
- 1948 - Israeli forces liberate Meron & Gush-Halev
- 1948 - Safsaf massacre, Israeli defence forces attack Palestinian village of Safsaf in the Galilee
- 1954 - Colonel Nasser disbands Muslim Brotherhood
- 1956 - International zone of Tangier returns to Morocco
- 1956 - Israeli paratroopers drop into Sinai to open Straits of Tiran
- 1964 - The United Republic of Tanganyika & Zanzibar renamed The United Republic of Tanzania
- 1966 - Lunar Orbiter 1 crashes on moon: 6.7°N 162°E
- 1966 - National Organization of Women founded
- 1997 - Iraq's Revolution Command Council announces that it will no longer allow US citizens and US aircraft to serve with UN arms inspection teams
- 1998 - Space Shuttle Discovery blasts off on STS-95 with 77-year old John Glenn on board, making him the oldest person to go into space.
- 2004 Arabic news network, Al Jazeera broadcasts an excerpt from a video of Osama bin Laden in which the militant leader first admits direct responsibility for the September 11, 2001 attacks and references the 2004 U.S. presidential election

From KO Archives

6 Of Family Hammered To Death

Observer News Service

JAMMU: In a gruesome massacre, six members of a Bihari family, including four children, were done to death. Police said unidentified 'miscreants' used hammers to kill the labourer's family in their shop-cum-residence at Chapper Morh village in Kathua district in Jammu division yesterday.

The couple with their four children, hailing from Raipur district of Madhya Pradesh, were living in the village for last couple of years, police said.

The crime was allegedly committed by a group of people having rivalry with the couple, police said, adding a blood stained hammer was recovered from the scene. Police has rounded up seven suspects and investigation were continuing.

(Kashmir Observer, October 29, 2000)

Office Of The Chief Education Officer Budgam

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Subject: - Final seniority list of Lib. Assistants for their promotion to next cadre.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, vide this office reference No. CEOB/NT/2023/24724-25 dated 16/10/2023, the tentative updated seniority lists of Lib. Assistants (District cadre Budgam), was kept available on the official website of this office (ceobudgam.in) / CEO Budgam Official WhatsApp group for inviting objections, if any, from the concerned.

Whereas, the Final seniority list of Lib. Assistants (District Cadre Budgam), as Annexure to this notification, is placed on the official website of this office (ceobudgam.in) / CEO Budgam Official Whatsapp group.

Therefore the objections / grievances if any be made known to this office alongwith documentary evidence within five days, from the date of publication of this notification. No claim whatsoever will be entertained after cut-off date and no farther publication will be made in this regard and the list shall be treated as final for the further course of action.

No: CEOB/NT/2023/ 2656878

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Chief Education officer Budgam

Annexure "A"

Sl. No.	Name of the Official	P.O.Posting	Qual.	D.O.B.	Date of 1st Appointment	Designat the time of 1st Appt	Promotion as Lib Assistant	Categ.	Residence	Remarks
1	Javed Ahmad Yattoo	HSS Hayatpora	10+2	22-Jan-67	5-Nov-88	Lib. Asstt	05-Nov-88	OM	Hayatpora	
2	Shakeela Akhtar	HS Chattergam	10th	1-Jan-66	20-Jun-96	Lib. Asstt	20-Jun-96	OM	BK Pora	
3	Arshida Akhtar	HS Gariend	10+2	9-Aug-73	29-Jun-96	Lib. Asstt	29-Jun-96	OM	Gariend	
4	Aijaz Hussain Dar	HS Shamasbad	10+2	1-Jan-71	4-Dec-97	Lib. Bearer	20-Feb-04	OM	Ichigam	
5	Mushtaq Iqbal	BHSS Waduan	10th	03-Feb-71	05-Jun-96	Lib Asstt	20-Feb-04	OM	Lal bazar Sgr	
6	Mohd Yousuf Lone	GHS BK Pora	10th	20-Nov-67	15-Sep-88	Lib Bearer	20-Feb-04	OM	BK Pora	
7	Syed Hamida Jan	HSS Hardpanzoo	10th	15-Jun-64	18-Aug-93	Lib. Bearer	20-Feb-04	OM	Kandoor	
8	Fahmeeda Akhtar	BHSS Budgam	10th	1-Nov-70	11-Oct-91	Lib. Asstt	27-Mar-04	OM	Narkara	
9	Umber Nighat	ZEO-B.K.Pora/ HSS Arigam	10+2	10-Jul-67	16-May-06	Lib. Asstt	16-May-06	OM	Chanapora	
10	Syed Nahida	HS Najan	B.Sc/M.Lis	4-May-94	10-Sep-18	Lib. Asstt	10-Sep-18	OM	Chewdara	
11	Sarima Akhtar	HS Dachan	B.Sc/B.Lis	25-Mar-95	10-Sep-18	Lib. Asstt	10-Sep-18	OM	Hardu Lattina	
12	Nighat Majeed	BHS Ompora	B.Sc/M.Lis	15-Jan-88	10-Sep-18	Lib. Asstt	10-Sep-18	OM	Hyderpora	
13	Touheeda Akhtar	GHSS Magam	BA/M.Lis	2-Mar-91	10-Sep-18	Lib. Asstt	10-Sep-18	OM	Kawoosa	
14	Syeda Shugufta Batool	GHSS Narbal	B.Sc/M.Lis	13-Nov-92	10-Sep-18	Lib. Asstt	10-Sep-18	OM	Magam	
15	Irshad Ahmad Ganie	HS Sail	BA/B.Lis	13-Oct-92	10-Sep-18	Lib. Asstt	10-Sep-18	OM	Hardu Lattina	
16	Tahir Hussain Mir	HS Paller	BA/M.Lis	21-Feb-93	10-Sep-18	Lib. Asstt	10-Sep-18	OM	Wahadatpora	
17	Shazia Majeed	HSS Zohuma against the post of Lib. Asstt.	BA/M.Lis	25-Jan-93	10-Sep-18	Lib. Asstt	10-Sep-18	RBA	Hafroo	
18	Sartaj Hussain	HS Kanidajan	BA/B.Lis	5-Feb-90	6-Dec-12	Orderly	20-Nov-18	RBA	Pakherpora	
19	Yasmeen Jan	HS Choon	B.Sc/M.Lib	3-Feb-85	27-Jul-19	Lib. Asstt	27-Jul-19	OM	Kurhama	
20	Muzafar Ahmad dar	HS Pethmakhama	B.Sc/C.Lis	7-Mar-92	25-Oct-12	Orderly	13-Jul-22	OM	Peth Kanihama	
21	Gulzar Ahmad Magray	BHS Nowpora	MA/B.Ed/C.Lis	21-Feb-90	25-Oct-12	Orderly	13-Jul-22	OM	Pakherpora	
22	Asiya Mushtaq	HSS Chadoora	MA/B.Ed/B.Lis	5-Apr-91	25-Oct-12	Orderly	13-Jul-22	OM	Nagam	
23	Tasweer Ahmad Shah	BHS Dreygam	MA/B.Ed/	3-Mar-88	18-Apr-17	Lib. Bearer	14-Jul-22	RBA	Khansahib	
24	Masrat Akhtar	GHSS Budgam	MA/B.Ed/C.Lis	9-Nov-92	25-Oct-12	Orderly	16-Jan-23	OM	Cherhar Magam	
25	M. Ishfaq Yousuf Ahmad Dar	GHS Badipora	B.A.B.Lis	8-Jan-89	25-Oct-12	Orderly	16-Jan-23	OM	Chadoora	



India Abstains From UN Vote Calling For Immediate Truce In Gaza

Press Trust of India

India has abstained in the UN General Assembly on a resolution that called for an immediate humanitarian truce in the Israel-Hamas conflict leading to a cessation of hostilities. It also called for unhindered humanitarian access in the Gaza strip.

Israel has launched a massive counter-offensive against Hamas after unprecedented attacks by the militant group on October 7 killed more than 1,400 people.

The 193 members of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), which met in a resumed 10th Emergency Special Session, voted on the draft resolution submitted by Jordan and co-sponsored by more than 40 nations including Bangladesh, Maldives, Pakistan, Russia and South Africa.

The resolution titled "Protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations" was overwhelmingly adopted with 120 nations voting in its favour, 14 against it and 45 abstaining. Besides India, countries that abstained included Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, Ukraine and the UK.

The Jordanian-drafted resolution did not make any mention of the militant group Hamas, with the US expressing outrage at the "omission".

Before the general assembly voted on the resolution, the 193-member body considered an amendment proposed by Canada and co-sponsored by the US to the text.

The amendment proposed by Canada asked for inserting a paragraph in the resolution that would state that the general assembly unequivocally rejects and condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas that took place in Israel starting on 7 October 2023 and the taking of hostages, demands the safety, well-being and humane treatment of the hostages in compliance with international law, and calls for their immediate and unconditional release.

India voted in favour of the amendment along with 87 other nations, while 55 member states voted against it and 23 abstained. The draft amendment could not be adopted, having failed to obtain a two-third majority of members present and voting.

Shocked, Ashamed That India Abstained From Voting For Ceasefire In Gaza: Priyanka Gandhi



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday expressed "shock" over New Delhi abstaining on a United Nations resolution on the Israel-Hamas conflict, saying that watching in silence thousands of men, women and children in Palestine being annihilated goes against everything India has stood for.

India on Friday abstained from voting in the UN General Assembly on a Jordanian-drafted resolution titled "Protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations" that called for an immediate humanitarian truce in the Israel-Hamas conflict and unhindered humanitarian access in the Gaza strip.

The 193-member General Assembly adopted the resolution that called for an immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities.

In a post on X, Priyanka Gandhi quoted Mahatma Gandhi's "an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind" to drive home her point.

"I am shocked and ashamed that our country has abstained from voting for a ceasefire in Gaza," Priyanka Gandhi said.

"Our country was founded on the principles of non-violence and truth, principles for which our freedom fighters laid down their lives, these principles form the basis of the constitution that defines our nationhood," she said. They represent the moral courage of India that guided its actions as a member of the international community, she added.

"To refuse to take a stand and watch in silence as every law of humanity is pulverised, food, water, medical supplies, communication and power is cut off to millions of people and thousands of men, women and children in Palestine are being annihilated goes against everything our country has stood for throughout its life as a nation," Priyanka Gandhi said.

India said terrorism is a "malignancy" and knows no borders, nationality or race and the world should not buy into any justification of terror acts, as it abstained on a resolution on the Israel-Hamas conflict.

Biden Wants Congress To Promote Gaza-Israel War As 'Economic Boom' For Weapon Makers: Report



Agencies

The government of US President Joe Biden is urging lawmakers from the country's two ruling political parties to promote financial support for Israel's campaign of genocide in the Gaza Strip "as a potential economic boom at home," according to several White House aides and lawmakers who spoke with Politico.

The political push, in particular, seeks to secure congressional approval for a \$106 billion emergency package mainly consisting of military aid and arms transfers to Israel, Ukraine, and Taiwan.

"This supplemental request invests over \$50 billion in the American defense industrial base — ensuring our military continues to be the most ready, capable, and best equipped fighting force the

world has ever seen — and expanding production lines, strengthening the American economy and creating new American jobs," the internal document reads, according to the DC-based outlet.

The White House talking points echo a speech made by Biden last week, in which he called the US military-industrial complex the "arsenal of democracy" and asserted that fueling multiple wars worldwide helps create thousands of jobs.

"You know, just as in World War II, today patriotic American workers are building the arsenal of democracy and serving the cause of freedom," the US president stressed. However, on Thursday, newly-elected US Speaker of the House Mike Johnson signaled that the aid package would only get congressional approval if officials "bifurcate" the proposals for

Israel and Ukraine.

Biden's intentions fly in the face of US public opinion, as two-thirds of US voters say they support an immediate ceasefire in Gaza to prevent more civilian deaths.

The poll, conducted by polling firm Data for Progress, shows that discontent over Israel's ethnic cleansing campaign in Gaza is growing across the US despite attempts by western media and the White House to whitewash the slew of war crimes committed by Tel Aviv since 7 October.

Nonetheless, Washington has continued to flood the Eastern Mediterranean with warships, jets, bombers, and troops in anticipation of a broader conflict with the Resistance Axis. The massive arms buildup comes as the Pentagon's yearly budget gets ever closer to surpassing \$1 trillion.

Israel 'Expanding' Troops In Gaza, Hamas To Counter With 'Full Force'

Agencies

Israeli forces have announced that they are "expanding" ground activities in northern Gaza as the besieged enclave faces the largest bombardment of Israeli attacks since the start of the war.

Hamas, which governs the Gaza Strip, has promised to meet attacks with "full force" in response to the ground operations overnight, with the Israeli army saying that its soldiers were still in the field on Saturday morning.

Israeli troops, backed by tanks, launched brief overnight incursions into Gaza on Wednesday and Thursday night, but this third and largest offensive marks an escalation of their ground manoeuvres. The bombing completely destroyed hundreds of buildings and houses overnight, the Gaza Civil Defence said.

"We attacked above the ground and underground, we attacked terror operatives of all ranks, everywhere," Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said in a video statement on Saturday. "The instructions for the forces are clear: the operation will continue until a new order."

The ground raids come amid heavy air bombardments and Israel knocking out communications in Gaza to create a near-blackout of informa-



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Amid a near-total communication blackout in an unprecedented move late at night on Friday, 27 October, Gaza's 2.2 million population was subjected to intense bombardment by Israel.

tion, largely cutting off the besieged population of 2.3 million from contact with the outside world.

United Nations officials, NGOs and media, including Al Jazeera, had difficulty reaching their teams on the ground.

On Saturday morning, Al Jazeera's Hani Mahmoud managed to report live from Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

He described what Palestinians lived through as "the most

difficult and bloodiest night since the beginning of this war".

Palestinian health authorities say that more than 7,703 Palestinians have been killed since October 7, when Israel began its aerial bombardment of the Strip. This, after Hamas launched an attack inside Israel that killed at least 1,405 people there.

Describing the events that took place overnight, Al Jazeera's Mahmoud said, "It all started when the Israeli military spokesperson distributed a map asserting that al-Shifa hospital is the headquarters of Hamas leadership ... Hamas then denied it has any rooms underneath the hospital. An hour later, Gaza experienced a complete blackout."

"At about 7pm local time, a major attack by sea and land took place, concentrated on the northern part of the Gaza Strip, around the vicinity of al-Shifa hospital," he said.



Israel-Hamas War: List Of Key Events, Day 22

Agencies

Gaza is being subjected to the largest bombardment of Israeli attacks since the start of the war, as Israel's military is "expanding" ground operations in the besieged territory.

Israeli warplanes bombed 150 underground targets in the northern Gaza Strip, including tunnels, underground combat spaces and additional underground infrastructure, Israel's army said on Saturday.

Hamas said its fighters were clashing with Israeli troops in Gaza's northeastern town of Beit Hanoun and in the central area of al-Bureij late on Friday.

Telecommunications services are down across Gaza. Palestinian telecom provider, Paltel, said the bombardment caused "complete disruption" of internet, cellular and landline services late on Friday. Some satellite phones continued to function.

The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for an immediate humanitarian truce in Gaza, despite US and Israeli opposition. There were 120 votes for; 14 against; and 45 abstentions.

In New York, hundreds of protesters calling for a ceasefire in Gaza forced Grand Central Station to close after they took over the concourse on Friday night as part of an "emergency sit-in" organised by anti-war group the Jewish Voice for Peace.

HUMAN IMPACT AND FIGHTING:

Gaza's health ministry said on Friday that Israeli strikes had killed 7,326 people, more than 3,000 of them children.

UN agencies say they are un-

able to contact staff in Gaza amid the near-total communications blackout and call for civilians to be protected. The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) said on Friday: "In the last 24 hours 14 additional UNRWA staff were killed, bringing the total to 53 staff killed."

Deborah Brown, the senior technology and human rights researcher at Human Rights Watch, said: "This information blackout risks providing cover for mass atrocities and contributing to impunity for human rights violations."

Amnesty International said the lack of communication in Gaza "means that it will be even more difficult to obtain critical information and evidence about human rights violations and war crimes being committed against Palestinian civilians in Gaza, and to hear directly from those experiencing the violations".

Save the Children says children will "bear the brunt" of Israel's intensified attacks on the Gaza Strip. "In the event of a full ground incursion, more than one million children's lives — nearly half of the 2.3 million population of Gaza — will be on the line."

Witnesses told an Al Jazeera reporter in the Gaza Strip that Israel has been bombing around the Indonesian Hospital and al-Shifa Hospital in the besieged territory. Hospitals in Gaza, including al-Shifa, have been sheltering thousands of civilians forced to flee their homes amid Israel's continued bombardment.

Cash-For-Query Row: Lok Sabha Panel Asks Mahua Moitra To Appear On Nov 2, Says No Further Extension Will Be Granted

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Lok Sabha Ethics Committee on Saturday asked Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra to appear before it on November 2 instead of October 31 in the cash-for-query case, but asserted no further extension would be granted.

Moitra had on Friday written to the Ethics Committee, which is probing the allegations against her, expressing her inability to appear before it on October 31, saying she will be available only after November 5.

In its response, the LS Lok Sabha Ethics Committee extended the date of appearance by three days, asking her to depose before it on November 2.

The committee, however, said it will not entertain any request for further extension.

The panel is probing BJP MP Nishikant Dubey's allegations that Moitra accepted bribes and



favours for asking questions in Lok Sabha at the behest of businessman Hiranandani. On Thursday, Dubey, and advocate Jai Anant Dehadrai gave "oral evidence" to the panel against the Trinamool Congress MP.

Moitra has said she should be given "a fair hearing and an adequate opportunity to defend myself against the false, malicious and defamatory accusations levelled against me by Shri Dubey and Shri Dehadrai".

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CORRIGENDUM

Ref: This office E-NIT No 49 of 10/2023 dated 20/10/2023

Due to technical error, the bid document uploaded earlier with eNIT 49 of this office, may be treated as null and void and the instant bid document appended with this corrigendum may be followed by the bidders while participating in bidding process. The earlier uploaded bidding document as such bears no relevance and instant bid document appended with this corrigendum may be followed and accepted and followed in letter and spirit. Some important dates are tabulated below.

S. No.	Particulars	Dates
1.	Pre bid meeting	30-10-2023
2.	Last date for online submission of bids	06-11-2023 : 4.00 Pm
3.	Date of online opening of tender	06-11-2023 : 6.00 Pm

No: PHE/Bla/CC/8132-8154

Date:-27-10-2023

DIPK-11165-23

DT: 28/10/2023

Sd/-

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti, (PHE) Department
Division Baramulla.

THE JAMMU & KASHMIR FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

(NORTH CIRCLE SOPORE)

AUCTION CALENDAR

The General Public & timber traders are hereby informed that Forest Development Corporation is going to conduct the table auction of un-sold timber stocks of Deodar/Kail/Fir Species on "as it is where it is basis and in whatsoever from it is" basis lying in different CTSD's of Baramulla, Zangli & Ganderbal Division of North Circle Sopore as per below given scheduler-

S.No	Name of Division	Volume put to auction (in efts)	Date	Day	Venue	Remarks
01	Baramulla	4340	01-11-2023	Wednesday	J&K Forest Development Corporation Circle Office Ashpeer Sopore	Reduction
02	Zangli	1350				
03	Ganderbal	10208				
Total		15898				

Note:- The Auction will start at 11.00 AM Sharp.

- To be eligible for participation in the auction every bidder/purchaser start bidding shall, Shall have to deposit a photo copy of PAN card before the start of bidding.
- The terms & conditions and rules governing the timber trade and its transportation issued by the Forest Department from time to time shall be binding on all the intending bidders/purchasers.
- The successful Bidders/purchasers shall have to deposit 100% bidding amount on spot in shape of cheque/cash failing which offered bid shall deemed to be cancelled and re-auction of same will be started at same time & venue .
- For further details refer to the General Auction Notice issued by General Manager (S&M) J&K FDCL vide his office NO.2501-21/GM/S&M/J/JKFDCL Dt.31-03-2022 which shall be available in the office of undersigned on any working day.

The log list with log-wise details are available in concerned Range Managers Sales & Divisional Offices.

No: 1533-47/GMN/FDCL/S

Dated:27-10-2023

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DT: 28/10/2023

M.A Wani

General Manager (North)

LG Administration Committed To Root Out Corruption: CS

Reviews Preparations Of 'Vigilance Awareness Week'

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Saturday took stock of the preparations for the upcoming 'Vigilance Awareness Week' to be celebrated nationally from October 31 in presence of Administrative Secretaries and Deputy Commissioners.

Outstation based officers participated through video conferencing. On the occasion Dr Mehta maintained that the initiatives taken during the past couple of years have ensured transparency and accountability in the system. He continued that the same has reinforced the trust of people in the governance.

He reiterated that the LG Administration is fully committed to provide corruption free governance system to its citizens and would leave no stone unturned in this pursuit. He recalled that during the current dispensation concerted efforts were made to transfer the power in the hands of common people from official corridors.

He recalled that the implementation of measures like BEAMS, e-tendering, mandatory Administrative Approval and Technical Sanction have resulted in establishing financial discipline which has resulted in phenomenal increase in the number of projects being completed here. He called it an eye opener that from merely 9,229 projects during 2018-19 to over 92,560 during 2022-23 with nearly same expenditure.

The Chief Secretary remarked that IT interventions have brought about immense

transparency where all details of projects and services are being put in public domain. Through RTI and Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA), citizens who seek their rights, have been empowered, as guaranteed under law. The accessibility of people to project their grievances before senior functionaries and their timely disposals have been greatly facilitated through IGRAMS and JKGRAMS portals.

The Chief Secretary asked the Incharge Secretaries to encourage the public to avail all the services right from their homes using digital platforms or DigiDost facility for removing the chances of corruption.

Dr. Mehta further advised the Deputy Commissioners to fully involve all representatives of Urban and Rural Local Bodies in this intensive campaign against corruption. He asked them to ensure that at the end of the week no complaint received till date should remain unattended and should be resolved upto the full satisfaction of the citizen complainant.

Earlier, Commissioner/Secretary, GAD, Sanjeev Verma gave an overview of the activities planned during this week from 30th October to 5th of November, 2023. He informed about the activities and guidelines issued by the Central Vigilance Commission regarding this week. He made out that all employees are going to take the integrity pledges during this week besides highlighting the importance of Public Interest Disclosure & Protection of Informer Resolution, 2004 (PIDPI).

Over 1000 Govt Schools To Have Sanitary Pad Vending, Incinerator Machines

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In order to break the taboos and myths associated with menstruation, Ministry of Education (MoE) has approved installation of sanitary pad vending and incinerator machines in more than 1000 government-run-schools of Jammu and Kashmir.

Under the centrally sponsored scheme Samagra Shiksha, officials have said that it will start installing and commissioning of 'Sanitary Pad Vending Machines and Incinerator Machines in 1025 designated schools of J&K approved during previous year under Samagra Shiksha.

In an official communique to Chief Education Officers (CEO) of Jammu and Kashmir, Samagra official has said, "At least 1025 government schools including 74 KGBVs and 951 High and Higher Secondary schools were approved by MoE for installation of Sanitary Pad Vending Machines and Incinerator Machines in designated

schools of J&K approved as spill over under Samagra Shiksha."

The concerned authorities will begin installation and commissioning of incinerator in coming days. As per study in India only 12 percent of women use Sanitary Napkins.

It is observed that 20 percent of girls did not use toilet in school during menstruation for fear of staining it, and many girls had no idea about menstruation when they started with their periods.

Of those who had some idea, only 16 percent received any information in school.

The concerned officials of Samagra Shiksha Jammu and Kashmir has accordingly request the CEOs to instruct the Head of the Institutions (Hols) of the designated schools to finalize a suitable position and location for mounting the equipment within school premises along with availability of 6Amp AC socket preferably with uninterrupted power supply. (KNO)



A GIRL CLICKS A PICTURE of her parents outside the ancient Shankaracharya temple with an aerial view of Srinagar, especially Dal Lake in the background. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

BORDER FLARE-UP

Injured Woman Relieved Her Kids Escaped Unhurt

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: I was feeding my children when a mortar shell exploded with a deafening sound. I was hit by splinters but luckily my children escaped unhurt," Rajni Devi narrated from her hospital bed the harrowing experience of Pakistani firing at Indian villages as she comforted her infant son.

Thirty-eight-year-old Devi and a BSF jawan were injured in the cross-border shelling by Pakistan Rangers that started around 8 pm Thursday in the Arnia area of R S Pura sector and lasted around seven hours. It was the first major ceasefire violation by Pakistan in Arnia in more than five years.

Devi, a resident of Kashipur, received splinter injuries in her right arm and is undergoing treatment at the Government Medical College Hospital in Jammu.

"I was feeding my children when a shell exploded with a deafening sound. I was hit by splinters but luckily my children escaped unhurt," Devi told PTI.



She said the children were frightened by the explosion.

"While my eight-year-old elder son was dropped at my brother's house, the younger one, aged one and half, is much more attached to me and not willing to leave. In fact, he has been having fever since the day of the incident," she said.

Her husband and mother-in-law are tending to her at the hospital and she hopes to return home soon as it is the harvesting season.

"We faced Pakistani shelling in our village after a gap of more than five years, causing fear among the local popula-

tion. I have minor children and I am very much concerned about their safety," she said.

Devi's mother-in-law Rani said Pakistan began the ceasefire violation with small arms firing and later started pounding the village with mortar shells. "Life for the border villagers has become miserable. We are farmers and have no other source of income. If we fail to harvest paddy this time around, we will face heavy losses," she said.

Chief Medical Officer Sony Singh said the condition of the woman and the BSF jawan was stable and they would be discharged soon.

Charge Sheet Filed Against Man Accused Of Fraud

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police Crime Branch on Saturday filed a charge sheet against a man for allegedly duping unemployed youths promising them government jobs and bank loans, an official said.

A 166-page charge sheet was filed against Vicky Dogra, a resident of Bishnah, in a case registered against him early this year, a spokesman of the Crime Branch said.

"The accused is a notorious habitual criminal who

is cheating innocent people, particularly the unemployed youth with false promises of arranging government jobs," the spokesman said.

Dogra was booked at the complaint of one Parma Nand of Hiranagar area of Kathua, who alleged that Dogra made to him a false promise that he would get him a loan of Rs 25 lakh under the Kisan Resource Centre Scheme and Rs 15 lakh under a scheme meant for NGOs.

He said that in case he fails to get these loans sanctioned then he would help him get a

government job against monetary considerations, police said.

Prima facie, it was established that the allegations against Dogra were true and case against him was filed, the spokesman said.

During investigation, it was found that Dogra lured and duped several other people making similar promises.

The authorities did not reveal how much money Dogra charged Parma Nand and his other victims for facilitating these loans that never came.



Chairperson DDC Ganderbal Call On LG

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Nuzhat Ishfaq, Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Ganderbal, accompanied by Ishfaq Jabbar, former Legislator called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan here on Saturday, an official spokesperson said.

Besides, he said, Saima Jan and Anayat Ullah Rather, Members District Development Council from BK Pora, Budgam

and Frisal, Kulgam also called on the LG and apprised him on the developmental issues of their respective constituencies.

"The Lt Governor assured the PRI representatives of appropriate redressal of the issues and demands put forth by them during the interactions," the spokesperson said.

Also, he said that Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India and former Member of Parliament, called on LG at Raj Bhawan today.

UT FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

Joint Director Information Flags Off IEC Van

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Joint Director Information, Kashmir Mohamad Aslam on Saturday flagged off Information, Education & Communication (IEC) Van to celebrate UT Foundation Day by creating awareness among the general public regarding the developmental progress and dynamic transformation of J&K during the last four years of Union Territory.

Deputy Director Information & PR, Bilal Ahmad Dar; Culture Officer, Burhan Hussain and other officers were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, JD stated that a team of officials will highlight progress of UT Administration in different areas which has transformed the

lives of people. Besides, he said, they will also create awareness about the major beneficiary schemes being implemented by different departments.

He said that with the flag-off of IEC Van, the Information Department intends to educate general public about various achievements of UT Administration since the inception of Union Territory which saw new dawn of development, peace and progress.

Joint Director Information added that the department has organised a series of programmes to celebrate UT Foundation Day through cultural events in the city during which prominent artists presented bouquet of theme based performances of Badalta Jammu and Kashmir.

ROZGAR MELA

Union MoS Distributes Appointment Letters To Youth At Jammu

Observer News Service

JAMMU: In a momentous event held at Gulshan Ground, here as part of Rozgar Mela held across country, Union Minister of State for Cooperation and Development of North Eastern Region, B.L. Verma, distributed more than 314 job appointment letters across various departments to youth of Jammu & Kashmir.

Member of Parliament (Lok Shaba), Jugal Kishore Sharma; Member of Parliament (Rajya Shaba), Gulam Ali Khatana; Chairman, District Development Council, Jammu, Bharat Bhushan; JMC Mayor, Rajinder Sharma and other senior officers of J&K Administration were also present on the occasion.

This ceremony, hosted at 37 locations across the country, represents a significant stride toward realizing the 'Viksit

Bharat' vision, fortifying youth empowerment. Notably, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi virtually addressed Rozgar Mela, enhancing employment prospects as 51,000 appointment letters were distributed during the event, which included 21% women, thus bolstering the concept of Women Empowerment.

"Till now, lakhs of youth have been given appointment letters for government jobs. Today, more than 50,000 youth have been given government jobs. There is some time in Diwali, but this occasion is no less than Diwali for the families of the receivers of 50,000 appointment letters", Prime Minister, Narendra Modi said.

While addressing the gathering, Verma said that today 314 young individuals in Jammu and Kashmir have received their appointment letters and I extend my warm wishes to their families.

DC Shopian Chairs Rogi Kalyan Samiti

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Hasseeb Saturday convened a meeting of Rogi Kalyan Samiti (RKS) meeting here at Mini Secretariat to review of District Healthcare in Shopian.

The meeting was apprised about the requirements of upgradation works and other basic amenities in DH Shopian.

The DC also took stock of the healthcare provisions and other basic facilities needed in District Hospital and directed for providing better facilities including diagnostics, sanitation and hygiene.

The meeting also discussed the various initiatives being taken to upgrade services including adequate registration counters to ease the OPD services, interior works etc.

DC gave instructions to the health functionaries for early purchase of all equipments necessary for DH to facilitate the patients coming to the hospital for treatment.

He also emphasized for setting up of extra registration counters to facilitate the patients to get their tickets with ease.

DDC, Chairperson, Shopian, Bilqees Jan and other concerned committee members were present.

J&K ABDM Begins Online Booking For OPD Tickets

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Giving a fillip to digital delivery of healthcare system, J&K Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), has started the process of issuance of online OPD tickets.

The OPD ticketing system shall enable the patient to book his OPD ticket online from their home.

The QR code of the healthcare facility shall be required to be scanned for generation of the token. The token shall be valid for 12 hours within which the citizen shall need to physically report to the hospital/healthcare facility. A citizen cannot apply for the token for more than once within 30 minutes of issuance of a token.

This people friendly initiative the citizens of J&K have felt a sigh of relief which shall ease hardships of waiting in long queues at the hospitals. The process shall be further extended towards issuance of digital doctor consultations. The QR code of all the healthcare institutions shall be available on the official website of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, J&K at abdmj.in.

The National Health Authority is working on integrating the UPI Payment Gateways within the ABDM Ecosystem to enable the citizens to pay the hospital fees/charges, wherever applicable online.

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission ecosystem shall subsequently integrate all the health records of the citizen in a vertical health repository which shall be governed through a consent manager. This will enable storage of health records of the citizens and sharing the same with the health provider through proper consent based mechanism. The health data shall not be stored with the government but in a federated

structure to be shared through various platforms including government and private healthcare institutions across the country.

The envisaged digital healthcare delivery model shall ensure a paperless, seamless, transparent and accountable healthcare system in the country through a network of verified healthcare facilities on the Health Facility Registry (HFR) of the ABDM and verified Healthcare Professionals under the Health Professionals Registry (HPR). Creation of a 14-digit unique health identity ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) shall be necessary to be created by the citizens in order to be a part of the ABDM ecosystem which will be the first step of the citizens towards a digital healthcare journey.

Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, while launching this facility, has reiterated that Ayushman Bharat digital health structure in J&K is anticipated to bring ease to patients and their attendants in smooth delivery of healthcare at the healthcare institutions across J&K.

Meanwhile, Additional Mission Director ABDM, J&K, Shafiqat Khan, stated that the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission has been implemented in 117 healthcare institutions across the state and shall shortly be covering 576 health institutions where the required HMIS software (E-Sahaj) shall be installed and operations for gathering electronic medical records shall be initiated right from the Primary Healthcare Center/Health and Wellness Centre, to the Tertiary Care Hospital levels. Besides, 100% of government health facilities have already been registered, 82% of the public healthcare professionals, including doctors and nurses, have also been registered and the process of registering private healthcare facilities is going on at a fast pace.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE NO: 10/EE of 2023-24

For and on behalf of the Srinagar Development Authority, the Executive Engineer, Srinagar Development Authority, invites tenders by e-tendering system on item rate basis from Registered PWD contractors of J&K UT for below mentioned works:-

S.No	Name of work	Amount of work.	CDR Amount	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion
01.	Providing allied items for Vertical Housing Colony "Shehjar Apartments" Stilt+7 at Bemina opposite Haj House (Block-M, N & I).	Rs.39.99 lacs	Rs.80000/- pledged to V.C SDA	(A&B)	Rs.2000/-	(15) days
02.	Supply and laying of sub-circuit/ service lines to Shehjar Apartments at Bemina Srinagar opposite Haj House (Block-M, N & I)	Rs.8.80 lacs	Rs. 17600/- Pledged to VC SDA	Electric	Rs.900/-	(15) days

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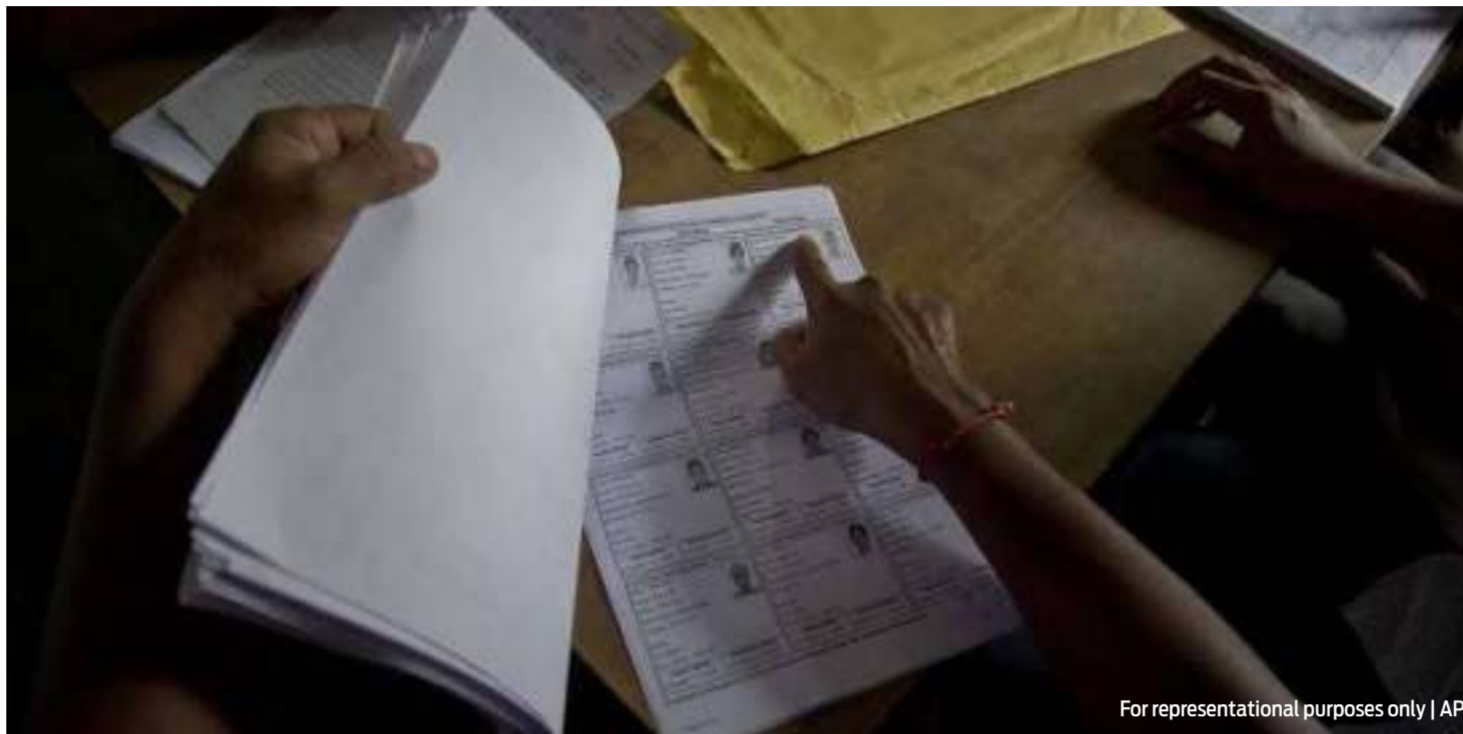
- Date of Publishing 25/10/2023.
- The Bidding document can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 10.00 PM on 25/10/2023 to 04/11/2023 upto 4.00PM.
 - The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 28/10/2023 to 04/11/2023 upto 4.00PM. The bids received will be opened at 12.00 Noon on 06/11/2023 on Line.
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Caste versus Religion



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RIYAZ WANI

“Much like a polarizing, religion-based politics, the pull of the caste politics can be irresistible. More so, in a society rife with a deep caste-based injustice and the consequent resentment and grievance

The first noticeable rise of the BJP's nationalist politics began in Indian politics towards the late eighties when the party under the leadership of Lal Krishan Advani went from two seats in the parliament in 1984 to 85 in 1989. That is when it first became a part of the national government as an alliance partner of the coalition government led by Congress dissident V P Singh. Advani's Rath Yatra in 1990 further enhanced the party's political profile. A year later, the BJP formed its first government in Uttar Pradesh which, however, was dismissed following the demolition of Babri Masjid the following year. The BJP continued its steady rise though. In 1996, Atal Bihari Vajpayee became the first BJP Prime Minister and completed the term, the first non-Congress PM to do so.

The BJP seemed to be on a roll. But its march was stymied by the parallel rise of caste politics, triggered by the Mandal Commission report implemented by the V P Singh government in 1990. Congress suffered the most by caste politics. The grand old party was almost wiped out of key states from northern and southern regions of India, where regional parties championing the cause of marginalized groups replaced it. The Mandal politics also proved an effective counter to the Ram Mandir politics of the BJP. The saffron party lost power in states including in Uttar Pradesh and was unable to build on its gains at the national level, while the regional caste parties thrived. That is before Narendra Modi took over the command of the party and turned things around in 2014. The party's continuing dominance since is being called the Mandir politics 2.0, with Mandir now largely symbolizing the extreme variant of the nationalist politics. And while the BJP has enjoyed an unprecedented popularity since, the Mandal parties have

lost their earlier appeal. The landslide victories of the BJP in two successive Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh testify to this.

But the demand for the caste census by the parties in the INDIA Alliance is bringing Mandal politics back to the foreground. And this time, Congress is at the forefront championing the cause of social justice. Billed as Mandal 2.0, the fresh round of caste politics has started with a bang with the RJD-JDU coalition releasing the state-level caste census. The survey found that over two-thirds of the state's population of over 130 million belonged to "backward" or marginalised communities. This has given a headstart to the Nitish Kumar-Tejasvi Yadav alliance in the run up to the next year's parliamentary election.

It would be interesting to see whether this politics will have any renewed resonance in Uttar Pradesh, the state where it essentially emerged in the nineties and reigned supreme until Yogi Adityanath's takeover in 2017. With the Bihar government setting the precedent by releasing the caste census, the UP is unlikely to remain unaffected. Much like a polarizing, religion-based politics, the pull of the caste politics can be irresistible. More so, in a society rife with a deep caste-based injustice and the consequent resentment and grievance. Also, as against the electoral appeal of the religion-based hate, much of which is manufactured from an unverifiable history, the caste discrimination is structural in nature and is responsible for the economic marginalization of a substantial proportion of India's population. This makes Mandal 2.0 a serious challenge to Mandir 2.0, as the former has an economic dimension that the latter doesn't.

Congress has framed the caste politics in a catchy slogan, 'jitni aabadi, utna haq' (share in the government as per one's popula-

tion). It is, in fact, a rehash of the BSP founder Kanshi Ram's famous slogan "Jiski jitni sankhya bhaari, uski utni hissedari." Top Congress leader Rahul Gandhi first raised the slogan early this year at a rally in Kolar during the Karnataka polls which Congress won with an overwhelming majority. Rahul suggested that reservation for SCs and STs should be proportionate to their population, and demanded removal of the Supreme Court-mandated 50% cap on quota. Since then, he has been consistently demanding a caste census, and has also extended the demand to an OBC quota within the women's reservation recently cleared by Parliament. But Congress' aggressive adoption of the caste politics is making the bonafide Mandal parties such as Samajwadi Party, RJD, JDU, etc uneasy, challenging the unity of the INDIA Alliance.

That said, it is widely believed that only Mandal 2.0 has the potential to break the grip of Mandir 2.0 which may have already accumulated some anti-incumbency over the nine year rule of the BJP. But it won't be easy considering prime minister Narendra Modi still seems to command a large pan-India following, clearly unencumbered by any anti-incumbency. And with the prime minister set to inaugurate Ram Mandir in January 2023, this will be the culmination and crowning glory of Mandir 2.0 politics. So, as parliamentary polls draw nearer by the day, it would be interesting to see the tussle between caste politics and Hindu majoritarianism unfold and its eventual outcome.

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Why Immunisation Is Essential Got India's Public Health System

Nikhil George

As India aims to carry forward its economic growth agenda and transform into a US\$5 billion economy, it is necessary that we focus on creating resilient health systems that are built upon improvements in preventive and curative care measures to help improve productivity.

With India, now the most populous nation in the world, the lower to middle-income country faces multiple infrastructural challenges pertaining to healthcare and the public health system is vulnerable to severe capacity shortages as it must tend to a high disease burden of communicable, non-communicable, and reproductive health-related diseases. It is therefore imperative that due focus be given to enhancing prevention, the first level of healthcare, through vaccination, raising awareness of its importance, and developing innovative financing mechanisms.

As the adage goes, prevention is better than cure. Ergo, vaccination is known to be one of the most successful and cost-effective public health interventions. Immunization through vaccination is counted as second only to the supply of safe drinking water as the most effective form of disease prevention. On an annual estimate, vaccinations save an estimated 6 million lives worldwide. Immunization helps in the prevention of infectious diseases, while also mitigating the severity and long-term side effects of chronic diseases, and helping communities achieve herd immunity. From a social perspective, vaccination can help improve overall life expectancy and development op-

portunities to reduce the disease burden which allows for a more equitable distribution of healthcare resources across the population.

Public Health vaccination programs have primarily been aimed at protecting children, the most vulnerable and affected by many Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPDs). However, empirical evidence suggests that VPDs from direct infection or from opportunistic infection due to comorbidities severely impact mortality, disability, and Quality-Adjusted Life Years (QALY) of adults. Therefore, it is imperative to develop a sustained strategy for immunization for an individual's life course.

India's Vaccine Preventable Disease Burden

Developing this life-course immunization strategy becomes difficult. Constraints include the scarcity of data on the incidence rate of VPDs in the country and the vaccination uptake in India. This suggests that adult vaccination coverage, even among the at-risk population, such as healthcare workers, the aging population, and the immunocompromised

segment is negligible. This can largely be attributed to the lack of awareness of vaccines and their role in preventing certain VPDs amongst the general population and healthcare providers. This highlights the need to improve awareness of adult vaccinations at an individual level, at the level of healthcare professionals, and the community at large, via the involvement of different stakeholders across the government and private health sectors.

Leveraging India's Vaccine Infrastructure

The success India has seen in its childhood immunization programs needs to be leveraged to ensure we, as a nation, achieve success in our life course immunization approach. The direct benefits of the childhood vaccination program can be seen through the reduction of infant and childhood mortality rates in India, which has drastically decreased in the last four decades, and needs to be replicated. This can be aided through our improved vaccine supply chain infrastructure that has been developing due to COVID and delivering over 2.2 bil-

lion vaccinations. India has enhanced its production capacities, trained frontline workers, deployed over 70,000 vaccination centres, and created an end-to-end digital platform, CoWIN, that can be repurposed for all vaccines. India now should broaden its Universal Immunization Program (UIP) to include other risk groups among its adult population.

The Way Forward

As India needs to allocate its resources in the most efficient manner, it is imperative that immunization, first and foremost, be recognized as an integral part of healthcare policy planning. This will help to raise awareness and establish clinical guidelines on the usage of vaccination as a preventive and disease management strategy.

Not all vaccines can be administered to the adult population, therefore the non-pediatric population needs to be divided into various risk cohorts, to ensure that the most vulnerable sections of the population are covered. This identification and segmentation of high-risk groups can be undertaken on the basis

of socio-economic and demographic profiles and epidemiological disease burden, i.e., ageing population or patients suffering from co-morbidities.

It will be necessary to develop novel financing mechanisms to cover the costs of vaccines. One suggested method could be through its inclusion in government-funded insurance programs such as Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) that can help prevent in-patient incidents and reduce the overall health burden. This can also be extended to private health insurance policies and group insurance covers to support healthy aging and a healthy workforce.

Finally, India can scale up its healthcare delivery infrastructures for adult vaccines throughout the country through the conversion of established anti-rabies clinics and yellow fever immunization clinics to cover overall immunization.

Reducing India's healthcare burden through inoculation can aid in our health and economic agendas. As with other policy decisions, this will have its own challenges that can only be solved over time. However, with the introduction of a Life course Immunization approach, India can work towards bringing about a reduction in its overall healthcare burden.

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ISRAEL PALESTINE CONFLICT

'I Feel Helpless': How To Deal With Guilt, Anxiety From Graphic Gaza Images

Tamara Abueish

As Israel continues to launch hundreds of airstrikes on the Gaza Strip, scenes depicting the scale of destruction and casualties are being shared online by Gazans on the ground, such as journalists Motaz Azaiza and Yara Eid, in hopes of igniting an international outcry.

The raids have been relentless, with at least 6,500 Palestinians killed as of Wednesday, leaving the world in shock and grief.

Videos showing toddlers in shock after being rescued from beneath the rubble of their destroyed buildings and parents sobbing over the bloodied bodies of their dead children have been circulating widely.

From her home in London, Noha el-Chaarani has found herself crying at least three times a day at the harrowing pictures coming out of Gaza.

Unable to pry herself away from social media platforms, the young Palestinian woman is one of many around the world who have been receiving minute-by-minute updates on the humanitarian crisis unfolding in the besieged enclave from miles away.

"I think we have all fallen into some sort of spiral of depression where you want to help, but you can't help. It (makes me feel) that humanity is going to fail and it's already failed the Palestinians," el-Chaarani told Al Arabiya English.

'Compassion fatigue' and 'secondhand trauma'

While these platforms play a crucial role in keeping people informed, psychologists have warned that people exposed to "secondhand trauma" through repeated exposure to graphic images may experience what is known as "compassion fatigue."

Compassion fatigue is a type of secondary trauma in which a person can indirectly be traumatized by repeated exposure to the trauma of others, Dr. Nayla Daou, Clinical Psychologist and Founder of ClearMinds Center Dubai, told Al Arabiya English.

Repeated exposure can lead individuals to experience emotional and physical exhaustion, which can be identified as "empathic distress" – when we care deeply about others and become distressed from witnessing them going through traumatic experiences.

Speaking to Al Arabiya English, Egyptian national Zeina Saleh said she finds herself scrolling on her phones for hours trying to stay updated on the news.

"I try my best not to get consumed by the news, but it is so hard. It's so draining. Every night I find myself just looking at the news and feeling horrible and helpless," she said.

"Those feelings are not abnormal," according to Daou.

"As humans, we – some more than others – can have an innate ability to empathize with others and grieve for them," the clinical psychologist said.

"It is very normal for people who aren't directly affected by the violence to be feeling helpless and anxious. Witnessing the violence, even through a screen, can lead to heightened levels of anxiety and distress."

According to Dr. Fabian Saarloos, Clinical Psychologist at German Neuroscience Center, compassion fatigue heightens the fight-or-flight system in our bodies, leaving a person feeling as if they are on high alert.

He explained that this response results in the release of adrenaline and cortisol, as well as heightened breathing and heart rates.

During this state, our brain believes it is in an unsafe situation and needs to respond accordingly – by releasing emotions relevant to survival, such as anxiety, anger, or sadness.

And while those watching the tragic events unfold in Gaza through a screen may not be directly affected, the brain responds to that secondhand trauma.

Guilt and dissociation

Several people have reported an intense feeling of guilt and dissociation as the violence in Gaza esca-



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lates.

Guilt results from feeling like we are not adequately responding to a certain situation, Dr. Saarloos explained.

As people across the world watch the events unfold in Gaza, they may feel distraught about their inability to provide aid to the victims directly.

Despite the discomfort of guilt, it can serve as a powerful catalyst for action, pushing individuals to contribute positively to their communities and the world, the clinical psychologist said.

For some, their difficulties and struggles may also seem futile compared to the suffering they are witnessing on the news, Daou said.

She explained that many can feel guilty about having their basic needs of safety, shelter, and food when they see people losing their homes, their lives, and their family members.

Saleh said she is experiencing just that. "As someone who has severe anxiety, I'm struggling with my day-to-day activities. I feel like all my problems and my life is just not important right now. It is nothing compared to what is actually happening out there. I feel like my problems are so little," Saleh said. "I can't imagine how people in Gaza are feeling if I'm feeling all of this."

Addressing feelings and emotions

Addressing those feelings can be done in two ways, Daou explained.

People must first accept and feel their emotions regarding the situation, which can be done by talking

to a therapist or people within your community.

"As a clinical psychologist, I facilitate the expression of their grief and sadness over what they are witnessing. I also acknowledge and validate all their emotions, as these emotions are normal and human," she said.

By feeling and sharing their emotions and, in turn, having those emotions validated, people can look for feasible ways to help, such as by spreading awareness or donating.

"In this way, people go from empathic distress to empathic concern," she said.

Secondly, it is essential for people experiencing guilt to recognize that their lives are equally as important as everyone else's.

"Even though they have a more safe and comfortable life, their life is equally important and is intertwined with the lives of others in their circles," Daou said.

For Reem Kerwash, that feeling of guilt has been pushing her to watch the disturbing footage circulating despite finding some scenes difficult to look at.

"I feel a need to force myself to watch the heart-breaking videos circulating. (I tell myself) 'don't look away, you are watching it but they are living it.' I feel guilt and despair," the Egyptian national told Al Arabiya English.

According to Saarloos, feeling guilty when watching others suffer and being unable to help is part of being a human. Individuals do not have to force themselves to watch graphic videos if they find them too disturbing.

However, they must still address the underlying

feelings of guilt. Otherwise, it will continue to fester, he explained.

"It is OK not wanting to watch disturbing images. However, the underlying issue is still relevant and needs to be responded to," he said.

"It is not only the image of a father carrying his dead child's remains in a bag that hurts us, but also more so the loss of innocent lives and seeing people suffer without being directly able to assist or provide comfort."

He added, "We humans are united not only by sharing the same emotional capacity, but more so by sharing the same human values, and it is exactly those that are shaken to our core when witnessing, or even just mentally thinking about trauma!"

Coping strategies

Both psychologists offered valuable coping strategies in response to the emotional toll of witnessing traumatic events.

Debriefing and reflection are essential and can be done by providing a safe space to discuss emotions and thoughts with others.

Also, staying connected with others is crucial.

"Debriefing and reflection is important, not on the traumatic situation per se, but rather on what it does to us, how it makes us feel and think, so that this can be comforted, supported, and potentially resolved; as we are stronger together than individually," Saarloos said.

He added that self-care strategies such as physical activity, maintaining physical health, engaging in hobbies, and exploring spirituality can strengthen one's self and improve emotional self-regulation.

Limiting our exposure to graphic images and videos is also essential, Daou added.

According to her, we feel guilty for skipping a video because we feel a responsibility as humans to acknowledge the suffering of others and recognize that their pain matters.

However, a self-preserving part of us has noticed that our nervous system is overwhelmed and cannot handle any more distressing input.

"I cannot stress enough that it is very important to be attuned to our bodies and respect when we are getting distressed or overwhelmed by what we see. When we feel this way, taking a break from the news is essential," the founder of ClearMinds Center said.

"Put your devices down, take deep breaths, do things that help you calm down and feel balanced. People can choose certain parts of their day to catch up on the news and avoid constant exposure," she added.

Some other coping strategies shared by Daou are:

- Limit exposure to distressing videos. Try not to have constant exposure to the videos. You can also read the news to stay informed, which is likely less distressing than videos.
- Pay attention to your body cues of distress (heart racing, face flushing, changes in breathing, etc.)
- When you are feeling overwhelmed, engage in activities that are calming and grounding for you that help re-create a sense of balance.
- Stay connected socially and talk about your feelings that arise from the events.
- Set realistic expectations that you alone cannot change the situation. Focus on things you can impact in your life, your community.
- Be aware of resources in your community, such as counseling services or support groups. For example, ClearMinds is running a free support group for anyone who is struggling to cope with the distressing events.
- Maintain your daily activities and routine that can help keep you grounded and help you cope with your distressing emotions.

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Long Covid Most Prevalent Among Those Bedridden For At Least 7 Days While Infected: Study

Press Trust Of India

People bedridden for at least seven days during COVID-19 infection showed severe physical symptoms of the disease, persisting for up to two years after diagnosis, new research in The Lancet Regional Health-Europe journal has found.

These people showed 37 per cent higher chronic symptoms associated with long Covid such as shortness of breath, chest pain, dizziness, headaches and fatigue than those not diagnosed with the disease, a team including researchers from Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, found.

The increase in prevalence of symptoms was noted regardless of gender, age groups, existence of depressive, anxiety or COVID-19 related distress symptoms, or pre-existing comorbidity. The rise was higher among individuals without depressive or anxiety symptoms, the researchers said.

A higher prevalence was also observed among individuals hospitalised for COVID-19 from 2 months to 22 months following diagnosis, they said.

The study comprised 64,880 adults from Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Iceland with self-reported physical symptoms between April, 2020 and August, 2022. Of these, over 22,000 (34.5 per cent) were diagnosed



with COVID-19 during the period, with nearly 10 per cent of them being bedridden for at least seven days.

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines long Covid as a condition whereby symptoms continue to prevail or develop 3 months after the initial SARS-CoV-2 infection,

sometimes lasting for at least 2 months with no other explanation.

Studies show that around 10-20 per cent of people infected by COVID-19 may go on to develop symptoms that can be diagnosed as long Covid, the WHO said in a factsheet issued in December, 2022.

"Long Covid has grown into a major public health problem since a large proportion of the global population has been infected," said Emily Joyce, a doctoral student at the Institute of Environmental Medicine, Karolinska Institutet, and one of the study's first authors.

"Our results show the long-term health consequences of the pandemic and highlight the importance of monitoring physical symptoms for

up to two years after diagnosis, especially in people who experienced severe COVID-19," said Joyce.

In this study, the majority of the participants were fully or partially vaccinated, and the results were largely the same in analyses of exclusively vaccinated individuals, the researchers said.

They also said that the participants not bedridden during their infection presented with a similar prevalence to people who had not been diagnosed with COVID-19.

"We'll continue to assess the long-term health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in this project," said corresponding author Qing Shen, affiliated researcher at Karolinska Institutet.

Office Of The Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Pattan

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

NIT No:12/RnB/ Pattan of 2023-24/E-TENDERING DATED:27-10-2023

E-tenders (In single cover system) from qualified contractors registered with the J&K UT Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments are invited for Snow Clearance (Stage-wise) on a **Percentage Rate basis** for a contract period of one year that may be extended to three years depending on the performance of the successful bidder.

S. No	Stage Name	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Snow Clearance Stage-1	200/-	5000/-	3054 Snow	ALL Classes
2	Snow Clearance Stage-2	200/-	5000/-	3054 Snow	ALL Classes
3	Snow Clearance Stage-3	200/-	5000/-	3054 Snow	ALL Classes
4	Snow Clearance Stage-4	200/-	5000/-	3054 Snow	ALL Classes
5	Snow Clearance Stage-5	200/-	5000/-	3054 Snow	ALL Classes
6	Snow Clearance Stage-6	200/-	5000/-	3054 Snow	ALL Classes
7	Snow Clearance Stage-7	200/-	5000/-	3054 Snow	ALL Classes
8	Snow Clearance Stage-8	200/-	5000/-	3054 Snow	ALL Classes
9	Snow Clearance Stage-9	200/-	5000/-	3054 Snow	ALL Classes

1 The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, (if any), 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:-

S. No	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	27-10-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	28-10-2023 10:00 AM
3	Bid submission Start Date	28-10-2023 10:00 AM
4	Bid Submission End Date	03-11-2023 upto 4:00
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	04-11-2023 11:00 AM Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan

The Department shall be at liberty to add or delete a road or a stretch thereof from the listed stage contract scope.

2 Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3 All bidders are required to submit bid security or earnest money for an amount of Rs.5000/= at the time of tendering in the form of CDRs, FDRs, or BGs pledged to the authority responsible for receiving bids, in this case Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan in strict accordance with the Government's circular and other instructions as required, the successful bidder will be required to provide performance security in the amount of Rs.10,000/= at the time of contract award. Following the fixing of the contract in favour of the successful bidder, the unsuccessful bidders will receive the earnest money/bid security. The successful bidder's performance security will be released only after completed successfully performance of the Contract.

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

5 The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of technical bids.

6 The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-
a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within three days from the date of intimation.

c. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 15 days.

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

- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate' (DSC) as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature.
- No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Table 1.
- All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All documents pertaining to the bid must be in English):
- All bidders must submit copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number and e-mail address.
- A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor Registration Act, duly renewed (2022-23).
- Treasury Challan/Earnest money
- Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card
- Valid Latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B& GSTR-1 of last quarter or latest month, whichever is applicable, i.e. (July-Sept. 2023 or Spetember-2023).
- Illustration: Latest quarter July-September 2023-24 for those who file GSTR-3B& GSTR-1 quarterly and preceding month i.e., September 2023-24 for those who file GSTR-3B monthly.
- The bidder must make sure to upload scanned copies of all required documents, including the tender documents fee, along with the technical bid. No document(s) that haven't been uploaded will be accepted in hard copy form. However, the bidders will be required to provide original documents in support of the soft copies upon request in the event of any clarification.

Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option
iii. All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.

7 Bidders should be fully cognizant that, in the event that documents uploaded or submitted are discovered to be fraudulent or factually incorrect, the contract would

be cancelled, and the Contractor/bidder would be barred from further participation in this Division or Department for a period of three years, in addition to the forfeiture of the performance security deposited for the relevant work.

- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case, they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- The bidder should, at his own expense and risk, visit the worksite and its surroundings before submitting a bid in order to ascertain any limitations and thresholds. Any consequential claims on this count will not be considered.
- The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to waive minor irregularities. The DEPARTMENT also reserves the right to waive a mandatory requirement provided that:
 - the requirement is not mandated by law;
 - all of the otherwise responsive proposals failed to meet the mandatory requirement; or
 - in the sole discretion of the DEPARTMENT, the failure to comply with the mandatory requirement does not materially affect the procurement or the Department's interests associated with the procurement.
- In response to the evaluation of bid proposals, the evaluation committee may ask one, some, or all of the bidders to clarify specific aspects of their proposals. A request for clarification may be made to address minor ambiguities, irregularities, informalities, or typing errors. With the exception of apparent clerical errors, deficiencies or material omissions cannot be fixed by clarifications, and proposals cannot be revised or modified. The bidder might be required to make an oral presentation about its bid proposal to the Department. Bidders are not permitted to attend the oral presentations of their competitors. Action by the Department in this regard should not be construed to imply acceptance or rejection of a bid proposal.

Annexure (A) of Nit No:12/RnB/ Pattan of 2023-24 DATED:27-10-2023

S.No	Name of Road	Total Length (km)	MED clearance	stage clearance mileage	Remarks
STAGE 01					
1	BaliharaniMirgund Bund Road & MirgundNarbal Bund Road (Jail Road)	3.5	0	3.5	
2	Baliharani Internal Road	1.9	0	1.9	
3	Chenbal/Baliharani Road	1.1	0	1.1	
4	Chenbal Internal Road & Bund Road	2.3	0	2.3	
5	Gund Ibrahim To Mundyari	1.5	0	1.5	
6	Hartrath Internal Roads Including Block Internal To Rambail	5	0	5	
7	Jeel Bridge To Baliharani (Bund Road)	3	0	3	
8	K P Sari	3	0	3	
9	MirgundChenbal Internal Road	3.1	0	3.1	
10	Mirgund Internal	6.6	0	6.6	
11	Singhpura Internal Road (Khan Mohalla, Malik Mohalla, Baliharani Bund Road & Tehsil Office)	2.5	0	2.5	
12	Gundibrahim Internal Road	1.5	0	1.5	
13	Habaktangooarampora with allied links	5	0	5	
14	Maitpora inner links	3	0	3	
15	Gundikahwaja Qasim To Kripalgrah Via Habaktangoo And Armpora	5	0	5	
	Total	48.00	0	48	
STAGE 02					
1	Batacheck, KpPayeen A+B, Janwanpora Road	3.5	0	3.5	
2	Buran Zangam Internal Road	2	0	2	
3	Check Sari To Sonium	1	0	1	
4	Iqbal Colony Pattan	1	0	1	
5	Maitpora Internal Road Singpora	1	0	1	
6	Palhalan Internal Road Including Saderal Internal, Mustafa Colony, Palhalan Check Jamal Mir, Yariyang, Yateem Khana/ Sdrf Internal & Police Station Internal	14.5	0	14.5	
7	Rasraypora Pattan Road	1.75	0	1.75	
8	Pattan Internal Road Incl. Ili	5.15	0	5.15	
9	NTR armporagagerporanarbal road via nowpora	5	0	29.9	
10	Gagerpora To arampora via rakhawoosa	5	0	5	
11	Alamdar colony Malikbagh	0.75	0	0.75	
12	Alamdar colony opposite SDM office pattan	0.5	0	0.50	
	Total Length	41.15	0	41.15	
STAGE 03					
1	DindooralDangpora Internal Road	2.5	0	2.5	
2	Karlarsari Internal Road At Nihalpora	2.5	0	2.5	
3	NihalporaDervashbagh, NillahPakipora Via Nillah	6	3	3	
4	Nihalpora Internal Road	3	0	3	
5	SerucalDangpora	2	0	2	
6	Serwarpora Internal Road	3.5	0	3.5	
7	SerwarporaSoniium Road	2	0	2	
8	Warpora Pattan Internal Road Including Chinari Colony, Goitwa Internal Road	4	0	4	
9	TrikobabalGundibrahim inner links	2.00	0	2.00	
	Total	27.50	3	24.50	
STAGE 04					
1	Booch Puchnag Road Including Internal Road	4.5	3	1.5	
2	Internal Road At Takiya Tapper	6	0	6	
3	Internal Road At Tapper Bala	3.5	0	3.5	
4	Little Birds Internal Road	1.5	0	1.5	
5	PalporaPakipora Road Including Nillah	3.5	0	3.5	
6	Pamposh Colony Tapper	1.6	0	1.6	
7	Takiya Tapper To Check Tapper, GmsHamrey Internal	1.9	0	1.9	
8	Wanigam Bala Internal Road	1.75	0	1.75	
9	Wanigam Internal Road	1.5	0	1.5	
10	WanigamPayeen Internal Road	2	0	2	
11	wanigam bypass road	1.5	0	1.5	
12	Check tapper	2	0	2	
13	Pattan poshwani with allied inner links	2	0	2	
	Total	33.25	3	30.25	
STAGE 05					
1	BohirwaniDardpora Internal Road	3	0	3	
2	ChandraseerBohirwani With Allied Internal Road	3.5	0	3.5	
3	Chandraseer Internal Road	2	0	2	
4	Chinari Colony Tilgam Internal	1.5	0	1.5	
5	Ganai Mohalla Tilgam Internal	1.5	0	1.5	
6	Kharagam Internal Road	1	0	1	
7	TilgamChopani Mohalla Internal Road	1	0	1	
8	Tilgam Internal Road	1.75	0	1.75	
9	hurbudporahurbuchek road	2	0	2	
10	Dargam link road	1	0	1	
11	putharshillbugh internal road	1.5	0	1.5	
12	hurbudpora internal road	0.9	0	0.9	
	Total	20.65	0	20.65	

STAGE 06					
S.No	Name of Road	Total Length(Km)	Med Clearance	stage clearance mileage	Remarks
Stage No 6(Pattan Block)					
1	Sultanpora Main road	1	0	1	
2	Dar Mohalla sultanpora	1	0	1	
3	Marazi Mohalla sultanpora	0.5	0	0.5	
4	Mal Pora Sultanpora	0.5	0	0.5	
5	Khar, Puj Mohalla	1	0	1	
6	Wussan Maidan to Astan Mohalla	1.5	0	1.5	
7	Markipora main road	0.85	0	0.85	
8	Graveyard, Masjid, Rather mohalla Road Markipora Pattan	0.85	0	0.85	
9	TenghporaPumshed Road Patan	1.5	0	1.5	
10	Magraypora road Pattan	1.2	0	1.2	
11	GoshbhughSohkhal road	1	0	1	
12	Kokkar-Mugdam Mohalla, Rather Mohalla Goshbhugh	1.5	0	1.5	
13	Waza Mohalla to shirbugh Road Pattan	1	0	1	
14	Parray, Chan Mohalla Goshbhugh Pattan	1	0	1	
15	Tangpora School/panchayat Raod	0.7	0	0.7	
16	Pandit Mohalla, Sheikh Mohalla Auglar Pattan	1	0	1	
17	Yarbal, school link Auglar Pattan	0.5	0	0.5	
18	Taper Payeen To Goshbhugh Road	5	0	5	
19	Hospital, wani Mohalla Hamray	1.5	0	1.5	
20	TCP Yadipora to palhalan road	1.75	0	1.75	
21	Road to Graveyard, school road yadiporapattan	1.5	0	1.5	
22	chanderhama school loop road	1	0	1	
23	Ganie, Jamia road Chanderhama	1	0	1	
24	Towheed colony, school road.khimbyarpattan	1.5	0	1.5	
25	jamia masjid mohallawassan	1	0	1	
26	Gohal tenghpora road	1.5	0		
27	hajammohalla, pujmohalla, high school, parraymohallaindergampattan	0.5	0		
28	Total	32.85	0	32.85	

Stage No 7					
S.No	Name of Road	Total Length(Km)	Med Clearance	stage clearance mileage	Remarks
1	MirgundShadipora road	4	0	4	
2	Check Razak Khan to Rambailgarh Road	1	0	1	
3	School Link CRK	1.5	0	1.5	
4	Posh colony Link at CRK	0.3	0	0.3	
5	Rambailgarh main link, Waza Mohalla	2.5	0	2.5	
6	Check razak khan to Vidailiya school link	2	0	2	
7	YakmanporaAsthambal road	1.5	0	1.5	
8	Mugdam, Wani Mohalla Yakmanpora	1	0	1	
9	Yakmanpora Noor Bagh road	0.5	0	0.5	
10	YakmanporaKanisathoo road.	2.65	0	2.65	
12	Yakmanpora main road	1	0	1	
13	Devar imam bada and connecting roads	3	0	3	
14	Devar lahoopora road	1	0	1	
15	Khanpeth imam bada road	2	0	2	
16	Khanpeth Yousuf abad road	1.5	0	1.5	
17	DusliporaHarinara Road	2	0	2	
18	baghatmohalla,duslipora imam bada road	1.75	0	1.75	
19	Main road to Imambada and connecting roads of harinara Pattan	1.3	0	1.3	
20	Paliza Road Harinara Pattan	0.5	0	0.5	
21	RakhDuslipora Road	2	0	2	
22	khanpora ,Mirpora , Sheikhpora Mohalla panzinara	2	0	2	
23	Malikpora, Ganie Mohalla, Putpora Mohalla panzinara	2.25	0	2.25	
24	Jamia Masjid, Waza, Hajam Mohalla panzinara	1	0	1	
25	Khammohalla CRK, Dar Mohalla CRK	1	0	1	
	Total	39.25	0	39.25	

Stage No 8					
S.No	Name of Road	Total Length(Km)	Med Clearance	stage clearance mileage	Remarks
1	Halepora To Bun Wahigund Road	7	0	7	
2	Lunthipora, Khanzpora Links Khar				

Horticulture Deptt Extends Support To 50 Women Orchardists Of Kargil



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The commitment to empower and uplift women in the horticultural sector was reaffirmed as the Directorate of Horticulture, Kashmir, extended additional support to around 50 women farmers and orchardists visiting from Kargil, Ladakh.

This commitment was made during their enlightening exposure visit to the Directorate, organized under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) scheme by the Department of Horticulture, Union Territory of Ladakh. Director G.R. Mir, in an effort to bolster the knowledge and capabilities of the visiting women orchardists, assured to arrange further visits to various horticultural centers.

These visits will include a tour of the Centre of Excellence in Zawoora, Srinagar, and the Industrial Growth Center (IGC) in Lassipora, Pulwama.

Additionally, the women orchardists will have the opportunity to visit private orchards, allowing them to witness best practices and innovative techniques employed by successful orchard owners.

This proactive measure by the Directorate of Horticulture, Kashmir, underscores the importance of practical learning and hands-on experiences in the growth of the horticultural industry.

Such visits will provide the women orchardists with exposure to cutting-edge horticultural technologies, advanced cultivation methods, and a comprehensive understanding of the horticultural value chain.

The willingness of the Directorate to facilitate these visits further exemplifies the dedication to the welfare of women farmers and orchardists and the desire to foster an environment of continuous learning and improvement within the horticultural community.

SIDBI, IUST Partner to Launch 'Skill To Enterprise Model (STEM)' Course



Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) is proud to announce its partnership with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to jointly introduce the Swavalamban Skill to Enterprise Model (STEM)-Year Diploma Course. This initiative is designed to provide valuable support to aspiring entrepreneurs in Jammu and Kashmir and neighbouring states. The STEM Diploma Course aims to assist these individuals in transforming their business proposals into profitable ventures.

Professor Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, the Vice-Chancellor of IUST, expressed his sincere gratitude to SIDBI for their invaluable support. He emphasized that IUST's core mission of empowering youth and nurturing their innovative potential will be significantly enhanced through this collaboration with SIDBI. He further explained that, upon completing the STEM course, young entrepreneurs will be encouraged and incentivized through IUST's capital support. Their proposals will be rigorously evaluated for commercial viability, and they will receive mentorship

throughout their entrepreneurial journey. The support plan includes capacity building, the nurturing of innovative ideas, soft loans and the development of effective marketing strategies through a structured support system. The STEM program is focused on identifying and mentoring young individuals with entrepreneurial aspirations, with the ultimate goal of establishing at least twenty enterprises to promote sustainable livelihoods in the country.

It is noteworthy that CIED-IUST, operating as a section 8 company, is currently providing guidance to 23 incubatees. These individuals have received seed capital funding of up to five lakhs, with the objective of launching their start-up businesses and creating gainful employment opportunities for young people. IUST's outstanding performance has been recognized, as evidenced by its 3.5-star rating last year from the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Moreover, it recently received a grant of 5 Crores under the Seed Capital Scheme from DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, aimed at strengthening the startup ecosystem in the country, with a particular focus on Jammu and Kashmir.

Govt Boosted Employment In Traditional As Well As Emerging Sectors: PM Modi

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Saturday that his government has boosted employment opportunities in traditional as well as emerging sectors like renewable energy, defence exports and automation.

Distributing appointment letters at a virtual event to nearly 51,000 people recruited in different government departments as part of 'Rozgar Mela', he said the exercise underscores his government's commitment to the youth in the country.

The government is not only providing employment but also maintaining a transparent recruitment process and efforts have been made to restructure and streamline the examination procedure, Mr. Modi stressed.

The prime minister noted that lakhs of youngsters have been given appointment letters so far in the 'Rozgar Mela' being organised since October last year by his government and the states ruled by the BJP and its allies.

"Today, India is equipping its youths with skills and education to harness emerging opportunities."

India preparing skilled professionals for the world: Modi "India's trajectory and the pace of its progress are generating new employment prospects across all sectors," he said.



The prime minister said the time taken for recruitment by the Staff Selection Commission has been reduced to almost half.

Exams are now being conducted in 13 different regional languages apart from Hindi and English to help the language barrier for those affected, he said.

He also spoke about the recent recognition by UN bodies to several Indian places as tourism and heritage sites.

Need to skill our workforce in use of advanced technologies and processes: PM Modi

The prime minister said a boost in tourism is adding to employment sources and a similar trend is being seen in sports as the sector is growing, with Indian athletes performing better than before.

The government is strengthening traditional sectors providing employment opportunities and is also promoting new sectors such as renewable

energy, space, automation and defence exports, he said and highlighted the growth in the drone sector.

The Khadi sector has seen a resurgence and his government has restored its lost glory, he said.

It has registered a business of more than ₹1.25 lakh crore compared to a mere ₹30,000 crore ten years ago, he said, adding that this has created many jobs in the khadi and village industry sector, especially benefitting women.

Initiatives to open more medical colleges IITs, IIMs and IIITs have led to a boost in skilling and education that are equipping the youths to take full advantage of new opportunities, Mr. Modi said.

"Today, you all are becoming important allies in our journey of nation-building," he told the recruits and also urged them to promote 'vocal for local' in the ongoing festival season.

BSNL Plans To Launch 4G Service In Dec; Pan-India Roll-Out By June Next Year

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- State-owned telecom firm BSNL is planning to launch 4G service in December at a small scale and then roll it out across the country by June next year, Chairman and Managing Director P.K. Purwar said on Saturday.

Speaking to PTI at the India Mobile Congress, Purwar said that the company plans to upgrade 4G service to 5G after June.

"BSNL 4G service is ready for launch in Punjab in December. We have already done the hardening required for a network with 200 sites. We are in the process of installing 3,000 sites in Punjab," Purwar said.

He said that BSNL will gradually increase network deployment to 6,000 and



then to 9,000, 12,000 and 15,000 sites per month. "Our target is to complete 4G roll-out by June 2024. Post June 2024, we will be moving to 5G services," Purwar said.

IT company TCS and government-owned ITI have

bagged orders worth about ₹19,000 crore from BSNL for deploying 4G network which is upgradable to 5G.

Purwar said that the BSNL has enough spectrum to deploy 5G services, once 4G roll-out is completed.

Govt Imposes USD 800/Tonne Minimum Export Price On Onion

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government on Saturday imposed a minimum export price (MEP) of USD 800 per tonne on onion exports till December 31 this year with a view to increase availability of the vegetable in the domestic market and contain prices. The decision will come into effect from October 29.

Besides, the government has also announced the procurement of additional 2 lakh tonnes of onion for the buffer, over and above the 5 lakh tonnes already procured.

The MEP is there for all varieties of onion except Bangalore Rose and Krishnapuram onions; and for cut, sliced, or broken in powder forms.

"Exports of onions is free. MEP of USD 800 FOB (free on board) per tonne is imposed till December 31, 2023," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade said in a notification.

An official statement said that the step will help in maintaining sufficient availability of onion to domestic consumers at affordable prices as the quantity of stored Rabi 2023 onion is declining. The USD 800 per tonne MEP translates into about Rs 67 per kg.

Onion from the buffer has been disposed continuously since the second week of August in major consumption centres all over the country, and also supplied to retail consumers at Rs 25



per kg through mobile vans operated by NCCF and NAFED.

"Till date about 1.70 lakh metric tonne of onion has been disposed from the buffer. The continuous procurement and disposal of onion from the buffer are undertaken to moderate the prices for consumers while ensuring remunerative prices to the onion farmers," the statement said.

The DGFT notification added that certain onion consignments will be allowed to be exported without MEP and that included consignments that have been handed over to the Customs before this notification and is registered in their system.

Onion consignment that has entered the Customs station for exportation before this notification and is registered in the electronic systems of the concerned custodian of the Customs station with verifiable evidence of date and time stamping of these commodities having entered the customs station prior to the issuance of this notification is also permitted to be exported.

India, UK Trade Ministers Review Progress Of Talks On Proposed FTA

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India and the UK on Saturday reviewed the progress of negotiations of the proposed free trade agreement (FTA), talks for which have reached the final stage.

The progress was reviewed by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade Kemi Badenoch in Osaka, Japan.

Both ministers are in Japan for the Group of Seven (G7) trade ministers meeting in Osaka.

Discussed the progress of India-UK free trade agreement negotiations with UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade Kemi Badenoch, Goyal said on social media platform X.

Negotiations between senior officials of India and the UK are on to bridge differences on issues such as rules of origin and services sector, with an aim to conclude the talks for the proposed FTA at the earliest.

India and Britain launched the talks for a trade agreement in January 2022, with an aim to conclude them by Diwali last year (October 24, 2022), but the deadline was missed due

to political developments in the UK.

There are 26 chapters in the agreement, which include goods, services, investments and intellectual property rights. An investment treaty is also being negotiated as a separate agreement between India and the UK.

These investment treaties help in promoting and protecting investments in each other's country. The main point of contention in this pact is the mechanism for settlement of disputes.

The Indian industry is demanding greater access for its skilled professionals from sectors like IT, and healthcare in the UK market, besides market access for several goods at nil customs duty.

On the other hand, the UK is seeking a significant cut in import duties on goods such as scotch whiskey, automobiles, lamb meat, chocolates and certain confectionary items. Britain is also looking for more opportunities for UK services in Indian markets in segments like telecommunications, legal and financial services (banking and insurance).

TRANSFORMING RURAL LANDSCAPES

How Tourist Villages Are Sparking Tourism, Jobs & Homestay's

Firdos Ali

In the heart of the picturesque state of Jammu & Kashmir, a transformative initiative is unfolding, promising to breathe new life into the region, empower its youth, and captivate the hearts of travelers. As we journey through the success stories of Panchari, Anderwali Sangerwani, and the lens of visiting photographers, we'll uncover the profound impact of the Tourist Village Development Programme and its potential to rejuvenate rural landscapes.

Vijay, a proud resident of Panchari. His story speaks volumes about the transformative power of this program. Once unemployed, Vijay now enjoys a sustainable income, all thanks to the opportunities created by tourism in his village. For him, and many like him, the Tourist Village Development Programme has been a lifeline, offering newfound hope and prosperity.

Mohammad Usman, from Sangrali Pulwama, shares his experiences. The influx of tourists into his village has not only boosted the local economy but has also infused a renewed



sense of optimism among its inhabitants. These voices echo a common refrain - that tourism can serve as a catalyst for positive change in rural areas.

The photographers from Pune who chose Anderwali Sangerwani as the backdrop for their pre-wedding shoot. Their decision is a testament to the newfound charm of this hidden gem, tucked away in Pulwama district. Anderwali Sangerwani's natural splendor has, quite literally, become a magnet for travelers seeking beauty and serenity.

Panchari, with its distinction as the first tourist village in the region to offer homestay facilities, has also carved a unique

place in the hearts of travelers. This pioneering initiative hasn't just attracted tourists; it has breathed fresh life into the local economy. The village now hums with activity, with direct and indirect employment opportunities aplenty.

These stories of Vijay, Mohammad Usman, and the Pune-based photographers exemplify the transformative power of the Tourist Village Development Programme. It's a vital part of Mission Youth's initiatives in Jammu & Kashmir, and it's proving to be a game-changer. Panchari and Anderwali Sangerwani shine as beacons of hope, illustrating how strategic investments in rural tourism can

reinvigorate economies, create jobs, and empower both youth and communities.

During the bustling summer peak season, Panchari warmly welcomed 10 to 15 enthusiastic tourists who chose to experience its beauty while residing in charming homestays. These visitors not only reveled in the natural splendor but also had the delightful opportunity to engage with the local community, generously sharing their enriching experiences.

The dedicated hosts at Sham Homestay Panchari, Karan Homestay Panchari and Vijay Homestay Panchari ensured that every aspect of the tourists' daily needs and comforts were thoughtfully provided for. These hosts opened their doors and hearts to travelers, offering a glimpse into the warm hospitality and unique cultural experiences that Panchari has to offer.

The homestays in Panchari have played a pivotal role in enhancing the overall tourist experience, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the local way of life. From traditional cuisine to cultural exchanges, the hosts have gone above and

beyond to ensure that every guest feels like a part of the Panchari community.

These homestays have not only added to the economic vibrancy of Panchari but have also become integral to the success of the Tourist Village Development Programme. They are a testament to the harmonious blend of tradition and modernity, creating memorable moments for travelers and contributing to the sustainable growth of rural tourism in Jammu & Kashmir.

As we celebrate the success of Panchari and its thriving homestay culture, we witness yet another facet of how tourism is transforming rural landscapes, sparking economic growth, and fostering connections between communities and visitors alike.

As we delve into these narratives, we catch a glimpse of the promising future of rural tourism in the region. It has the potential not only to transform lives but also to paint the landscape of Jammu & Kashmir with a brighter and more prosperous brushstroke. And with each new village that embraces this initiative, that promising future becomes even more tangible.

JKEDI Organises Awareness Program On 'Innovation To Startups'



Observer News Service

DODA: Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today organized an awareness programme on "Innovation to Startups" aimed at nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit among the students of Government Degree College Doda. The orientation program was held under the overall supervision of Director, JKEDI, Ajaz Ahmed Bhat.

The programme was part of the campaign launched by the Institute to cultivate a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among the youth of J&K as it is important to empower the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs, equipping them with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in life.

Vishal Ray, In Charge, Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Business Modelling, JKEDI explained the need for exploring the ideas related to innovation and technology. He urged the participating students to express their innovative ideas so that the institute is able to help them to turn those ideas into profitable business ventures. More than 150 students attended the programme held at Government Degree College, Doda.

Imtiyaz Ahmad Mantoo, District Nodal Officer, Doda, JKEDI explained the importance of becoming an entrepreneur for social and economic development of the nation. He also gave information to the students regarding various self employment schemes of UT administration for the persons who want to become entrepreneur.

NASA-ISRO radar satellite to offer detailed insights into forests and wetlands

Bengaluru: The 'NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar' (NISAR), an earth observation satellite, will help researchers explore how changes in Earth's forest and wetland ecosystems are affecting the global carbon cycle and influencing climate change.

The satellite is an outcome of a collaboration between the American space agency NASA and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Once it launches in early 2024, the NISAR radar satellite mission will offer detailed insights into two types of ecosystems: forests and wetlands vital to naturally regulating the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere that are driving global climate change, NASA's

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) has said.

When in orbit, NISAR's sophisticated radar systems will scan nearly all of Earth's land and ice surfaces twice every 12 days, it said. "The data it collects will help researchers understand two key functions of both ecosystem types: the capture and the release of carbon."

Noting that forests hold carbon in the wood of their trees; wetlands store it in their layers of organic soil, JPL said disruption of either system, whether gradual or sudden, can accelerate the release of carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere.

Tracking these land-cover changes on a global scale will

help researchers study the impacts on the carbon cycle the processes by which carbon moves between the atmosphere, land, ocean, and living things, it said.

"The radar technology on NISAR will allow us to get a sweeping perspective of the planet in space and time," NISAR project scientist at NASA's JPL in Southern California -- Paul Rosen said.

"It can give us a really reliable view of exactly how Earth's land and ice are changing," he said.

NISAR is an equal collaboration between NASA and ISRO and, for the first time, the two agencies have cooperated on hardware development for an Earth-observing mission.

JPL, which is managed for NASA by the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena, leads the US component of the project and is providing the mission's L-band SAR.

NASA is also providing the radar reflector antenna, the deployable boom, a high-rate communication subsystem for science data, GPS receivers, a solid-state recorder, and payload data subsystem.

ISRO's U R Rao Satellite Centre in Bengaluru, which is leading the ISRO component of the mission, is providing the spacecraft bus, the S-band SAR electronics, the launch vehicle, and associated launch services and satellite mission operations.

Arni University Empanels for J&K Scholarship, Extends Special Provisions for Defense Families

Arni University, based in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, is making significant strides in supporting students from defense families and driving social change. The university has been included in the Jammu and Kashmir Scholarship Scheme, offering admission to students recommended by the Indian Army's Northern Command Headquarters.

Chancellor Mr. Vivek Singh expressed the institution's commitment to social causes and its recognition of the defense forces' contributions. The university plans to provide special admission provisions initially through the J&K Scholarship Scheme and subsequently to students from defense families in Himachal Pradesh, North East States, Punjab, Haryana, and



Rajasthan.

Arni University has also formed partnerships with various organizations in Himachal Pradesh to enhance higher education, promote entrepreneurship, and emphasize soft skills development. Their vision of "Skill Comprehensive Higher Education" underscores the

importance of preparing students for both employment and entrepreneurship.

With a diverse range of courses, including emerging fields like artificial intelligence and data science, Arni University has become a magnet for students from Northern India, experiencing a significant increase in enrollment from 200 to 2000 in the current academic session. The institution's growth has made it an integral part of Himachal Pradesh's higher education landscape, empowering students to excel academically and prepare for successful careers.

Now, Arni University is extending its support to students from defense families, making education more accessible to a broader audience.

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Good Old Days

resulting in an unprecedented level of transformation in the region.

"Jammu and Kashmir is a holy land where different religions and cultures have flourished. But unfortunately, in the last three decades, this land has been plagued by violence and terrorism, in which our neighbouring country played an important role.

"It (Pakistan) tried unsuccessfully to disturb the peace and tranquillity in the valley. However, with the contribution of the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir, major changes are now being seen in Kashmir," Sinha said.

He said no region can develop and prosper without peace.

"Our prime minister has developed and transformed the Kashmir Valley with his tireless efforts. The time of strikes, which affected schools, colleges and businesses, is now over. Stone pelting has become a thing of the past now.

"Every citizen here is enjoying his life as per his own wish. The good old days have returned in Kashmir and the era of violence and terrorism is over," he said.

However, Sinha added, "it is now our collective responsibility to ensure that this era of peace and prosperity continues forever and every citizen of Kashmir should contribute to the development of the country during the Amrit Kaal."

Referring to the attempts to disturb peace, Sinha said there are many elements that may try to divide the people "but we must remain determined for peace and humanity".

"We live in a country where there is no division on the basis of religion, caste or anything else. Everyone is equal here. India is a family of 140 crore Indians and we must ensure that peace prevails in this family," he said.

Jammu and Kashmir is touching new heights and writing new development stories, he said.

"PM Modi has given us the vision of a developed India by 2047 and we are moving very fast towards this goal. Jammu and Kashmir is also contributing a lot in this vision and I am sure that in future the contribution of Jammu and Kashmir will be more than other states and union territories," Sinha said.

The Lt Governor said the present government has ensured that the benefits of its welfare schemes and policies reach every corner of the country.

"After 2014, the government has ensured that everyone benefits from the schemes and policies and citizens are not deprived of the benefits of any scheme. There is no place for discrimination in our governance system.

"Under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, 33 per cent of the funds have been allocated to farmers from the Muslim community while 36 per cent of the total beneficiaries under the PM Mudra Yojana are from the Muslim community," he added.

The percentage of minority communities in Central government jobs was less than 5 per cent before 2014, but it has now increased to more than 10 per cent. Instead of appeasement politics, the present government has ensured that there is socio-economic uplift of minority communities, he said.

Maulana Abdul Rashid Dawoodi, a prominent cleric of Kashmir and head of 'Tehreek-e-Sautul Auliya' (a religious organisation), said humanity comes before everything.

"Prophet Muhammad said the best among you are those who do good to others. This is a message of humanity and love for others. Sufism is also an ideology of peaceful co-existence and compassion," he said.

Dawoodi said Sufism has always nurtured the ideology of peace where everyone is equal.

Thanking IMF Convenor Satnam Singh Sandhu for organising such a conference to highlight the teachings of Sufism, he said Kashmir has been the valley of saints and the land has nurtured Sufism for centuries.

Sandhu, who is also the Chancellor of Chandigarh University, said, "We will contribute to the development of Jammu and Kashmir by providing opportunities in the field of education to the youth of the valley."

"We will announce a scholarship scheme for women students of Kashmir so that they can fulfil their dreams without any difficulty. We have built very good relations with Kashmir and we will maintain it in the future also," he said.

'Administration's Mission

all. It defines our ancient civilization, respect to all religious beliefs and practices and our determination of inclusive growth," he said. He expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for ending the policy of appeasement and ensuring the empowerment of all irrespective of

religion, caste and community.

"For many decades, several opportunists betrayed the minorities in the name of religion and used them only as vote banks," Sinha said.

Today, following the mantra of Prime Minister's Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas, the all-round development of minorities at an unprecedented speed and scale is a source of inspiration for the whole world," he added.

The LG urged the people to encourage social equality and discourage vote bank politics and need to focus on development, to fulfill their aspirations and prepare a better future for the young generation.

He reiterated the commitment of the UT Government towards equitable and inclusive development and ensuring that no section of society is left behind.

"Upliftment of marginalised is the mission of J&K Administration. Today, benefits of growth are not provided on the basis of caste or community but on the principle of inclusivity," he said.

"Equal opportunity to all, especially the deprived section is our aim so that they are empowered and contribute in the journey of Viksit Bharat," he added.

Sinha called upon every section of the society to identify and isolate the divisive elements who are posing threat to peace and harmony.

"Building a healthy community is possible only when every household is strong and prosperous. And this can become a reality, when the people start boycotting the elements that incite public sentiments and create divisions in the society and harm our social fabric," he said.

"National integration and peace is an important prerequisite for development and progress of the society. It is our collective responsibility to promote the spirit of unity in diversity," he added.

Sufi Scholars and Religious leaders from different parts of the country also spoke on the occasion and shared their views on the collective role of every community in building a progressive society and realizing the vision of Developed India.

Satnam Singh Sandhu, President Indian Minorities Foundation, announced scholarships for students from Kashmir.

On the occasion, the LG felicitated the Sufi Scholars and Religious leaders including Syed Kalbe Rushaid Rizvi, Haji Syed Salman Chisty, Abdul Rehman Khadim and the representatives of NGOs- We the Helping Hand Foundation, South Asia Centre for Peace and People Empowerment and Kashmir Speaks.

Representatives of Sufi Islamic Board, NGOs, prominent citizens and a large number of people were also present.

India Can't

Army were conducted in September 2016 and later the Balakote airstrikes were conducted by the IAF in February 2019," Singh said.

It has sent a clear signal that terrorist attacks sponsored from across the border will be sternly dealt with, he said.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Shaheed Gate in memory of Colonel Narayan Singh in Samba, Singh said the Modi government has taken several decisions for the welfare of families of soldiers who lose their lives in the line of duty.

"Unlike previous governments, the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is sensitive and concerned about the welfare of the armed forces," he said.

No other government has introduced so many welfare measures to take care of the families of martyrs, he added.

Listing some of the welfare measures, Singh said the Union government gives an ex-gratia of Rs 25 to 45 lakh to the families of martyred soldiers.

"In addition to this, Rs 8 lakh is provided in the form of ex-gratia by the Army Central Welfare Fund. State governments also provide an ex-gratia amount as per their provisions. This is in addition to the liberalised family pension and regular service benefits," he said.

In the case of the death of an Agniveer in the line of duty, the next of kin will receive over Rs 1 crore, he said.

BSF Protests Truce

October 26-27," the BSF said in a statement here Saturday evening.

The statement said the meeting ended in a cordial atmosphere to maintain peace and tranquillity along the International Border.

Earlier, officials said the hour-long meeting was attended by seven members each of the BSF and the Pakistan Rangers.

This was the second flag meeting between the two sides in 10 days after two BSF personnel were injured when their post in Arnia came

under fire from across the border on October 17.

The incident in this sector was the first violation of the February 25, 2021 renewed ceasefire along Jammu and Kashmir borders between India and Pakistan.

Besides the two ceasefire violations, a group of people escorted by Pakistan Rangers also came close to the International Border on October 21 following which BSF troops fired a couple of warning shots to drive them away.

The back-to-back ceasefire violations by Pakistan without any provocation have caused panic among the border residents who had to flee their homes amid intense shelling on Thursday night. The BSF has retaliated to the Pakistani shelling in a befitting manner.

Meanwhile, Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, along with Inspector General of Police (IGP) of Jammu Zone Anand Jain, on Saturday visited border villages hit by Pakistani shelling and assessed losses caused to property.

Accompanied by a team of police and civil officers, including Jammu Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya and Senior Superintendent of Police Vinod Kumar, the divisional commissioner and the IGP interacted with affected families at Bhulla Chak and Treva and assessed the losses caused by the shelling.

The divisional commissioner instructed the deputy commissioner to provide relief to the victims after a thorough assessment of the losses, an official spokesman said.

He said the visiting officers interacted with Panchayat Raj Institution members and border residents and enquired about the developmental requirements and other issues faced by the border people.

The people highlighted several issues including requirement of additional bunkers, early completion of ongoing development works, construction of bridges and check on encroachment of water bodies and other related issues, the spokesman said.

After a patient hearing, he said, the divisional commissioner instructed the deputy commissioner to personally follow up on the issues raised by the border people and resolve them in a time-bound manner.

The divisional commissioner assured the local residents that the government was committed to provide every possible support to them, the spokesman said. (PTI)

Zero Collateral

in police action in the last five years. We are very proud of it," Singh claimed.

He said Jammu and Kashmir is coming out of the dark era of terrorism. "The graph of terrorism has come down and has flattened. We want to see it come down to zero," he added. To achieve zero terror, Singh said, a new plan was devised and OCAP of police stations was undertaken.

"Under this, 43 such police stations were identified where terror incidents were taking place more in comparison to other stations. "In the first phase, 21 were covered on August 2. I am happy that today that for the rest 22 police stations, peace and stability teams are being deployed," he said.

Providing a report card on terror, the DGP said this year so far, 30 terror crime incidents took place in Jammu and Kashmir. "If we talk about these 21 stations selected in the first phase of OCAPs, out of them, 17 were totally terror free, 100 per cent terror free. There were only four police stations where four terror incidents took place -- three in Srinagar and one in Pulwama.

"These four incidents took place in January - February only and so in the last eight months since, they have also been 100 per cent terror free. So, all 21 have been terror free for the last eight months," he said. Similarly, in the 22 police stations selected under the second phase, so far, there have been only three incidents which have all taken place in Anantnag districts, Singh said. "Rest, all 12 districts (where OCAPs has been implemented) are terror free.

For the last 12 months, out of these, 19 stations have remained terror free. In total, 36 stations remained terror free and only seven police stations witnessed seven incidents," he added.

Singh said OCAP is a mission for the police. "These teams will be a strong arm of the SHO and will increase the power of the police station," he said. Referring to the situation, Singh said the enemy is eyeing the increasing peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Five terrorists tried to come from Machil Sector, they were neutralised. Before that, in Baramulla, gunfight took place. Many encounters took place at the borders with infiltrating groups.

"There was a serious violation of the ceasefire understanding in Arnia sector. The reasons are being looked into, but, doubting the intentions of the adversary is justified in this situation and it is imperative that we are alert and take action for the safety and security of the people," he said.

During the function, demonstrations were given by the commandoes on anti-militancy operations, including mobile vehicle naka, vehicle intervention, blind weapons assembly, and unarmed combat.

2 Arrested For Damaging

was constituted under the supervision of Kathua SSP Shivdeep Singh Jamwal, the spokesman further said.

He said the team led by Deputy Superintendent of Police Subash Chander successfully arrested both the persons involved in the incident with the help of technical surveillance.

Further investigation is underway, the spokesman said, assuring that strict action will be taken against miscreants who try to disturb communal harmony and peace in the district.

Sonam Lotus

and techniques to provide accurate and timely weather information to the people of Kashmir.

His departure marks the end of an era where the name 'Sonam Lotus' became synonymous with dependable weather predictions.

On Saturday, as the government issued his transfer order, the Meteorological Department forecast mainly dry and clear weather in Jammu and Kashmir till November 3.

"The weather will remain mainly dry and clear in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh till November 4," an official of the Department said.

On the day of his transfer, Lotus has left us with sunshine in winter.

Police Heightens

be in line with established legal frameworks and respect the rights and privacy of individuals.

"Our focus is on monitoring accounts with questionable credentials and swiftly responding to potential threats in order to maintain stability in the region. The conflict in the Middle East has led to concerns about the possible spillover of violence into other regions. In response to these concerns, the police have been meticulously monitoring social media channels, where various actors have been known to disseminate propaganda and engage in activities that could incite violence," a top police official said, adding that doubtful credentials of some accounts have raised suspicions, prompting police to keep a watchful eye.

Meanwhile sources within the intelligence agencies have reported that the strict surveillance of potentially incriminating material spread through social media has played a crucial role in thwarting alleged plots aimed at disturbing the peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

The region has been steadily progressing towards peace, and these efforts are intended to ensure that it continues on this path.

"Recently strict surveillance on incriminating material spread through social media has successfully thwarted a Pakistani plot to revive trouble in Jammu and Kashmir, which has constantly been marching towards peace," a source aware of the information, said.

The officers have been working closely to investigate any potential threats and take preventive action when necessary. "Their aim is to identify and neutralize individuals or groups attempting to disrupt peace in the region,"

These developments underscore the evolving nature of security measures in an era where information can be spread rapidly through social media. The authorities are determined to ensure that these platforms are not exploited to undermine the hard-earned peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

While the situation remains dynamic, the continuous monitoring and rapid response to potential threats on social media are key components of the efforts to maintain peace and stability in the region.

The authorities emphasized their commitment to ensuring that social media is used responsibly and does not contribute to the spread of misinformation or incitement of violence.

The top police officers have stressed the importance of responsible social media usage. "Social media can be a powerful tool for communication, but it can also be misused to disrupt peace and create panic. We are closely monitoring all social networking sites in the Kashmir Valley to prevent any such misuse," said a top official.

In a rapidly changing world, the Jammu and Kashmir Police are adapting to ensure the safety and security of the region. (KNS)

Power Crisis Hits

affected our repairing work. Our work entirely depends on electricity without which we can't do anything. For the last two months, our losses have gone up to 50 percent," said Jalaluddin Wani, president of Kashmir Transformer Repair Association.

The association is functioning under Small Scale Industrial Units (SSIUs), a private body working in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Industries and Commerce Department.

As per Wani, currently 25 units of transformer repairing units are functioning in the valley. These units as per Wani use generators as an alternative source to the electricity, which escalates their cost of repairing the damaged transformers.

Against 50 transformers a day, Wani said these 25 units manage to repair only 20 transformers a day due to the lack of electricity.

"The smooth supply of electricity helps us to repair maximum transformers. Right now we can repair only 20 transformers a day which is very low compared to the number of repairs we used to have during this season," he said.

Meanwhile Federation Chamber of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) said that transformer repairing units were among the most hit industries due to the lack of electricity this season.

"A number of industries have been hit due to the erratic power supply. We have transformer repairers, cold storages and other industries we are at the suffering end of currently. The government should do something to ensure proper power supply to the industries so that production doesn't come down," said President FCIK Shahid Kamli.

As per the industrialists, the ongoing power crisis within the valley has brought down production by more than 60 per cent in the industrial sector.

President Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries (KCCI) Javid Ahmad Tenga said they are getting SoS calls from various industrialists about the impact of the poor electricity supply.

"Handicraft artisans and dealers have been constantly telling us about the suffering of the sector due to the current power crisis. The tourism sector has also started facing problems now. There is a massive drop in production by industries currently," he said--(KNO)

Soldier Arrested

in the murder, the official said, adding Singh is a serving Army personnel and was visiting home on leave.

He said the motive behind the murder was not known immediately.

The body of the woman was handed over to her kin for the last rites after completion of legal formalities, the official said.

Minor Girl Drowns

medico-legal formalities the body was handed over to the family for last rites," he said.

LG Felicitates

Established in 2015, Ehsaas International, a non-governmental organisation is working for the welfare and benefit of the people, specifically for the marginalized and deprived sections of the society.

Police Arrests Bike

sections of law was registered at Police Station Sopore.

On the directions of SSP Sopore, the spokesperson said, investigation of the case was initiated and some suspects were zeroed in.

Among the suspects, he said, Babar Bashir Palla confessed his involvement in the commission of crime.

"Subsequently, he was arrested and on his disclosure, 13 stolen Bikes were recovered from his possession. Further investigation of the case

is going on," the spokesperson added.

Teacher Suspended

teacher will be deemed suspended with immediate effect. During this period, the teacher will be attached to the CEO office, Baramulla."

The suspension stems from a complaint filed by the victim (name withheld) against the teacher, alleging inappropriate behaviour during school activities.

This incident follows a similar case in September when a teacher at Higher Secondary School (HSS) Shutloo in Rafiab, Baramulla, was suspended for allegedly sending lewd messages to a student.

ODI WC: Unstoppable India Face Deflated England

Press Trust of India

LUCKNOW: India and England have played with contrasting approaches in the World Cup so far, producing contrasting results. And that is unlikely to change here on Sunday.

India are on course to top the league stage while England are looking to survive in the tournament they won four years ago.

The Rohit Sharma-led side has hardly put a foot wrong, having chased successfully for five games in a row.

England set the benchmark in white-ball cricket with their aggressive style of play, resulting in global triumphs in both the shorter formats.

However, the boom or bust approach has clearly not worked in Indian conditions and the defending champions find themselves on the brink of an embarrassing exit.

Will Ashwin get a game

Compared to England, India have very little to worry about though they will be missing the all-round services of Hardik Pandya for at least the next couple of games.



In the usual scenario, R Ashwin would have replaced Shardul Thakur on a pitch that is likely to assist the spinners. However, Hardik's absence forces the team management to play only five bowlers.

Jasprit Bumrah, Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja walk into the combination for Sunday's game.

To accommodate Ashwin as the third spinner, India will have to choose between Mo-

hammad Siraj and Mohammed Shami, who asserted his world class credentials with five wickets in Dharamsala. Picking between the two proven performers will be a tough call.

Will England change their batting approach

England possess plenty of firepower in the batting department and they would be hoping to string together a worthy performance after a

string of abject failures.

Jos Buttler, Jonny Bairstow, Ben Stokes, Liam Livingstone, Harry Brook are all formidable names in world cricket but have found the going tough.

Going hammer and tongs from ball one is the need of the hour in the shortest format but the demands of the ODI format are different. England batters must gauge the conditions better and accordingly alter their way of playing.

Australia Defeat New Zealand By 5 Runs In A World Cup Thriller



Press Trust of India

DHARAMSALA: Australia overcame New Zealand by five runs in a thrilling game to continue their winning run in the World Cup here on Saturday. Batting first, Australia amassed 388 and then stopped the Kiwis at 383 for nine in 50 overs. This is the highest cumulative score by two teams in a World Cup game -- 771, surpassing 754 set during game between South Africa and Sri Lanka in the ongoing competition.

Five-time champions Australia are back on track for a last-four spot having won four matches on the trot after an unimpressive start which saw them lose their first two games.

Travis Head smashed 109 off 67 balls in his first World Cup game and added 175 runs for the opening wicket with David Warner (81 off 65 balls).

Glenn Maxwell (41), Jos Inglis (38) and Pat Cummins, who blasted 37 off only 14 balls, upped the ante towards the end.

Glenn Phillips did an admirable job with the ball, ending with figures of 3/37 as his colleagues were taken to the cleaners. With the bat, centurion Rachin Ravindra top-scored for New Zealand with a counterattacking 116 off 89 balls.

Brief scores: Australia: 388 all out in 49.2 overs (Travis Head 109, David Warner 81; Glenn Phillips 3/37) New Zealand: 383/9 in 50 overs (Rachin Ravindra 116, Jimmy Neesham 58, Josh Hazlewood 2/70).



Indian Para Athletes Bag 111 Medals At Asian Para Games

Press Trust of India

HANGZHOU: Indian para athletes created history on Saturday as they ended their Hangzhou Asian Para Games campaign with an unprecedented 111 medals, the biggest haul for the country in any major international multi-sport event.

With 29 gold, 31 silver and 51 bronze in their kitty, the Indian para athletes won four medals more than the record tally of 107 won by the able-bodied athletes in the Hangzhou Asian Games held from September 23 to October 8.

India ended at fifth place in the medal tally, a remarkable achievement in itself, below China (521 medals: 214 gold, 167 silver, 140 bronze), Iran (131: 44, 46, 41), Japan (150: 42, 49, 59) and Korea (103: 30,

33, 40).

The first Para Asian Games was held in 2010 in Guangzhou, China, where India had finished 15th with 14 medals, including one gold. Four years later, India had finished ninth.

The only earlier instance of India crossing the 100-medal mark in a major international multi-sport event (Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games) was the 101 medals the country won during the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games.

On Thursday, India had gone past the earlier highest Asian Para Games tally of 72 medals (15 gold, 24 silver, 33 bronze) achieved in the 2018 edition.

India won 39 more medals than the 2018 edition with athletics contributing 55 (18 gold, 17 silver, 20) out of 111.

Real Kashmir Shines In I-League Opener, Beats Rajasthan United 2-0 At TRC



Press Trust of India

SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir FC kick started their campaign on a winning note in the I-League 2023-24 opener, defeating Rajasthan United FC by two goals at a jam-packed TRC ground here.

The victory of the Real Kashmir FC holds special significance for Jammu and Kashmir, as most of the players in the squad are home-grown talent. Six of them found their place in the starting 11.

Both the teams failed to score any goal in the first half but the Real Kashmir FC maintained their relentless pressure on the visiting

team and managed two goals in the second half -- first by Wayne Vaz followed by Shaher Shaheen.

Since Saturday morning, passion was high as locals came out in large numbers to support Real Kashmir FC, and their 2-0 win was an opportunity to celebrate.

Some foreigners had also come to watch the match. Real Kashmir FC will play their second match on November 4 against TRAU at the same venue.

The J&K Football Association congratulated Real Kashmir FC for their splendid victory and said "this is a moment of immense pride for us, as it reflects the re-

markable talent that our region nurtures and the growing football prowess in J&K."

Lauding the role of Real Kashmir FC owner Sandeep Chatoor, the association said his relentless dedication to the promotion of football in the region, uplifting standards and exceptional work in raising interest among the youth have been truly commendable.

"This is a moment of immense pride for us, as it reflects the remarkable talent that our region nurtures and the growing football prowess in J&K," the association said.



Rayees Wins Pencak Silat Bronze At National Games

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K's Rayees Ahmad has won the Bronze medal in Pencak Silat at the 37th National Games being held in Goa.

Rayees won the Bronze medal in Tunggal category. Other Pencak Silat athletes from J&K have also brought laurels to the region. Shahid Muzaffar won the Silver medal while Salik Farooq also stormed into the final by defeating his competitor from Goa.

The J&K team has won several Silver medals in the games so far.

Congratulating the J&K team, Sarmad Hafeez Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services and Sports extend his warmest congratulations for their splendid performance, and exemplary show thus far in both the individual and team events.

Terming the medallists as an inspiration to aspiring athletes and a source of pride, Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull congratulated the medallists on their exceptional performances. Gull said that each triumph of our athletes is a testament to hard work, talent, and unwavering spirit.



Bellingham Scores Twice In Real Madrid's 2-1 Victory At Barcelona

The Associated Press

BARCELONA: Jude Bellingham won't forget his first "clasico" match as the England midfielder scored two goals including a stoppage-time winner to lead Real Madrid to a 2-1 comeback victory at Barcelona in the Spanish league on Saturday.

They were Bellingham's 12th and 13th goals in 13 games in all competitions since he joined Madrid this summer, including a Spanish league-leading 10 goals in 11 rounds.

Barcelona went ahead in the sixth minute through former Manchester City midfielder Ilkay Gundogan's first goal for his new club. The hosts also hit the woodwork twice before Bellingham equalized.

Bellingham was kept in check by Barcelona's Gavi Paéz until he found space well outside the box to unleash a strike in the 68th that swerved past Marc-Andre ter Stegen and hit the corner of the net.



Bellingham then tapped in the stoppage-time winner when a deflected ball fell to him in front of the net.

Madrid remained top, level on points with second-place Girona. Barcelona is in third place at four points back.

Brentford Beats Chelsea 2-0 For 3rd Straight Win At Stamford Bridge

The Associated Press

LONDON: Even after spending \$1 billion on players, Chelsea still cannot get a point off Brentford at Stamford Bridge.

It's now three straight Premier League wins for Brentford in away matches against Chelsea after a 2-0 victory on Saturday, secured by second-half goals from Ethan Pinnock and Bryan Mbeumo.

Pinnock headed in a cross from Mbeumo in the 58th minute for a goal that was against the general run of a play.

Mbeumo added the second in the fifth minute of stoppage time, tapping into an empty net at the end of a fast break with Chelsea goalkeeper Robert Sanchez having gone up for a corner and unable to get back in time.

Chelsea also lost to its London rival last season (2-0) and the season before (4-1), which was the first year Brentford played in the Premier League.

Despite its unprecedented



and wild spending spree over the last three transfer windows, Chelsea is in the bottom half of the standings and is now behind Brentford, whose signings are mostly cut-price and based

purely on statistics.

Two of Chelsea's two biggest signings over the past two years -- Enzo Fernandez and Mykhailo Mudryk -- missed out Saturday because of last-minute injuries.

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