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Migrant Labourer Shot **Dead In Pulwama**

LG Sinha, J&K Parties Condemn Killing



Observer News Service

Srinagar: A day after a police officer was shot at and injured in the Old City of Srinagar, terrorists on Monday shot dead a labourer from Uttar Pradesh in Pulwama district of South Kashmir.

Tumchi Nowpora of Pulwama district in South Kashmir when the labourer, Mukesh Kumar, was in the market to buy some vegetables, they said. Pertinently, this was the second terror attack More on P10

Kumar's Killing Won't Go Unpunished: LG

he Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday condemned the killing of migrant worker Mukesh Kumar by terrorists in Pulwama and vowed to punish his killers. Sinha condoled the tragic loss of life due to terrorist attack and said the killing of innocent civilian Mukesh Kumar, a resident of Uttar Pradesh, will not go unpunished. "I strongly More on P10

SHO MASROOR AHMAD IS BATTLING FOR LIFE AS I WRITE THIS TWEET. NO WORDS ARE **ENOUGH** to condemn such a cowardly attack.

When will the mindless vicious cycle of violence end? I pray he makes it. Cant even imagine how his family feels."

Infiltrator Killed Along LoC In **Kupwara**



Srinagar: Security forces have foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control in North Kashmir's Kupwara district by killing an infiltrator, officials said on Monday.

The infiltration bid in Jumagund area of the Keran sector was foiled on Sunday night. The infiltrator's body was recovered during a search in the area on Monday morning, they said. The search operation

was still underway, the officials added.(PTI)

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: The outgoing Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Monday asked policemen to exercise extreme caution and not take their lives for granted amidst the 'persistent threat'. The UT police chief said

preserving peace is far more challenging than reestab-lishing it and the J&K police are equipped and are always ready to handle any situation that comes their way. "We have to be very cau-

tious as threats are still around. We cannot take our

Police Station **Renamed After** Fallen DySP ammu and Kashmir Po-

lice on Monday renamed the Mattan Police Station in Anantnag as Himayun Muzammil Model Police Station in the memory of the DSP who laid down his life during an encounter with terrorists last month. The renovated and renamed police station was inaugurated by Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh in the presence of the slain police officer's father, retired IGP Ghulam Hassan Bhat. More on P10

Court Denies Bail To Accused In Gang Rape Case

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A court here has rejected bail application of one of the accused persons in the alleged gang rape of a 13-year-old girl in Bemina area of Srinagar last year. The accused, Irqan Ahmad of Budgam, had sought the bail on the grounds that his sister is getting mar-

ried and there is no one in his family who could fulfill all the necessary requirements with regard to the marriage ceremony.

The Public Prosecutor opposed the bail plea, saying that the accused has been charged under sections 363, 376- D, 109 IPC and 3, 4, 16, 17 POCSO Act which are heinous in nature.

The accused, he said, is involved in an offence of gang rape to minor girl of 13 years of age and that the victim in her statement has categorically stated that she has been

kidnapped by four accused persons and the Irqan was her friend. The Public Prosecutor said that by virtue of her statement before the More on P10



lives so lightly, so we have to

be very careful and I pray the

injured officer recover soon,"

DGP said while talking to the

media after launching 163 state-of-art vehicles for 43

police stations More on P10

Corruption Free J&K Is Our Mission: LG

'In Order To Eliminate Cancer Of Corruption, All Stakeholders Have An Important Role To Play'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that corruption free Jammu and Kashmir is vision as well as the mission of his administration, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Monday that an integrated and collective approach is needed to deal with corruption, which impedes the growth and undermines the moral fibre of the society.

"In order to eliminate the

Interacts With People During

DGP Urges Policemen To Exercise Extreme Caution

ammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday impressed upon the officers of his administration to follow the values of integrity and impartiality while resolving grievances of the citizens and in delivering services. Sinha made these remarks while interacting with people during his "LG'S Mulagaat" monthly "LG's Mulagaat"- Live Public Grievance Hearing programme, at the Civil More on P10

cancer of corruption, all the as the mission," Sinha said. stakeholders have an impor-

He made these remarks aftant role to play. Corruption ter reading out the Integrity Pledge and administering the

oath to officers. SSF Personnel and staff of Raj Bhavan, and Administrative Secretaries and More on P10

free J&K is our vision as well

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FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-202

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains in addition to normal regular trains as per schedule given below:-LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHE

Spl. Train No.	OF FESTIVAL SPECIA Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time		Frequency / Day	Period
03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	ekly	Thursday, Sunday	23.11.2023 to 10.12.2
03256	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	Bi-weekly	Friday, Monday	24.11.2023 to 11.12.2
02391	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Weekly	Saturday	25.11.2023 to 09.12.2
02392 03635	Anand Vihar Terminal Gaya Jn	23:30 14:15	Patna Jn Anand Vihar Terminal	17:20 05:00		Sunday Mon, Wed, Fri	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2 20.11.2023 to 08.12.2
03636	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:00	Gaya Jn	20:45	Tri-weekly	Tue, Thu, Sat	21.11.2023 to 09.12.2
05557	Jaynagar	06:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Weekly	Tuesday	21.11.2023 to 05.12.2
05558 04678	Anand Vihar Terminal Firozpur Cantt Jn	07:30 13:25	Jaynagar Patna Jn	06:30 17:00		Wednesday Wednesday	22.11.2023 to 06.12.2
04677	Patna Jn	18:45	Firozpur Cantt Jn	22:40	Weekly	Thursday	upto 29.11.2023 upto 30.11.2023
04012	New Delhi	19:20	Darbhanga Jn	16:45	rekty	Tue, Friday	07.11.2023 to 28.11.2
04011	Darbhanga Jn	18:00	New Delhi	16:40	i.	Wednesday Saturday	08.11.2023 to 29.11.2
04518 04517	Chandigarh	23:15 22:05	Gorakhpur	18:20 14:10	Weekly	Thursday	02.11.2023 to 30.11.2
04530	Gorakhpur Bhatinda Jn	20:55	Chandigarh Varanasi Jn	17:30	<u> </u>	Friday Sunday, Wednesday	03.11.2023 to 01.12.2 05.11.2023 to 29.11.2
04529	Varanasi Jn	20:40	Bhatinda Jn	19:10	Bi-weekly	Monday, Thursday	06.11.2023 to 30.11.2
04060	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday	07.11.2023 to 28.11.2
04059 04488	Jaynagar Apand Vibar Torminal	17:00 23:15	Anand Vihar Terminal Gorakhpur	19:55 14:00	-	Wednesday, Sat	08.11.2023 to 29.11.2 04.11.2023 to 25.11.2
04487	Anand Vihar Terminal Gorakhpur	17:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:40	Weekly	Saturday Sunday	05.11.2023 to 26.11.2
04010	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	Weekly	Tuesday	07.11.2023 to 28.11.2
04009	Jogbani	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:05	<u> </u>	Thursday	09.11.2023 to 30.11.2
01664	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:10	Saharsa Jn Anand Vihar Terminal	11:20	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
01663 03257	Saharsa Jn Danapur	14:30 07:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:55 00:30		Tuesday Sunday	upto 28.11.2023 26.11.2023 to 10.12.2
03258	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Danapur	20:45	Weekly	Monday	27.11.2023 to 11.12.2
05577	Saharsa Jn	19:10	Ambala Cant Jn	23:15	Weekly	Friday	24.11.2023 to 08.12.2
05578	Ambala Cant Jn	03:40	Saharsa Jn	09:45		Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2
05531 05532	Raxaul Jn Anand Vihar Terminal	22:25 20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal Raxaul Jn	18:00 14:30	Weekly	Sunday Monday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2 27.11.2023 to 11.12.2
05273	Muzaffarpur Jn	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	-	Wednesday, Saturday	22.11.2023 to 09.12.2
05274	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn	07:00	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday	23.11.2023 to 10.12.2
05005	Gorakhpur	14:40	Amritsar Jn	09:30	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
05006 04049	Amritsar Jn New Delhi	12:45 23:30	Gorakhpur Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	08:50 11:25		Saturday Monday, Saturday	upto 02.12.2023 upto 27.11.2023
04049	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:30	New Delhi	06:25	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Sunday	upto 28.11.2023
04080	New Delhi	19:20	Varanasi Jn	09:45	Tri-weekly	Mon, Thu, Sat	06.11.2023 to 30.11.2
04079	Varanasi Jn	18:35	New Delhi	09:00		Tue, Fri, Sun	07.11.2023 to 01.12.2
01654 01653	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Varanasi Jn	23:20 06:20	Varanasi Jn Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:55 11:20	Weekly	Sunday Tuesday	upto 26.11.2023 upto 28.11.2023
04646	Jammu Tawi	05:45	Barauni Jn	12:10	<u>Š</u>	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04645	Barauni Jn	15:15	Jammu Tawi	22:30	Weel	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04048	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:30	Katihar Jn.	15:00	e wise	Wed, Sat, Tue, Fri	08, 11, 14 & 17.11.20
04047 04052	Katihar Jn. Anand Vihar Terminal	18:00 22:45	Anand Vihar Terminal Saharsa Jn.	17:50 03:30	wise Date	Thu, Sun, Wed, Sat Wed, Sat, Tue, Fri	09, 12, 15 & 18.11.20 08, 11, 14 & 17.11.20
04052	Saharsa Jn.	07:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Date wi	Fri, Mon, Thu, Sun	10, 13, 16 & 19.11.2
04058	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:30	Jaynagar	07:00	wise	Thu, Sun, Wed, Sat	09, 12, 15 & 18.11.2
04057	Jaynagar	11:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:00	Date	Fri, Mon, Thu, Sun	10, 13, 16 & 19.11.20
04066 04065	Anand Vihar Terminal Patna Jn.	23:00 17:45	Patna Jn. Anand Vihar Terminal	16:00 10:35	Bi-weekly	Monday, Thursday Tuesday, Friday	06.11.2023 to 30.11.2 07.11.2023 to 01.12.2
04062	Delhi Jn.	08:05	Barauni Jn.	06:30		Sunday	05.11.2023 to 26.11.2
04061	Barauni Jn.	08:00	Delhi Jn.	05:50	Weekly	Monday	06.11.2023 to 27.11.2
01676	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Muzaffarpur Jn.	21:15	weekly	Monday, Thursday	06.11.2023 to 30.11.2
01675 01678	Muzaffarpur Jn. New Delhi	23:00 08:10	Anand Vihar Terminal Gaya Jn.	23:30 00:30	eekly Bi-v	Tuesday, Friday Monday, Friday	07.11.2023 to 01.12.2 06.11.2023 to 27.11.2
01677	Gaya Jn.	07:35	New Delhi	23:35	Bi-weel	Tuesday, Saturday	07.11.2023 to 28.11.2
02250	New Delhi	19:10	Patna Jn.	07:30	e wise	Fri, Mon, Wed, Fri	10, 13, 15 & 17.11.2
02249	Patna Jn.	09:00	New Delhi	21:00	/ Date	Sat, Tue, Thu, Sat	11, 14, 16 & 18.11.20
03575 03576	Asansol Jn. Anand Vihar Terminal	10:15 11:55	Anand Vihar Terminal Asansol Jn.	08:05	Weekly	Friday Saturday	upto 03.11.2023 upto 04.11.2023
04002	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:55	Patna Jn.	15:45	wise	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tue, Thu	
04001	Patna Jn.	18:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:20	Date	Sat, Sun, Tue, Wed, Fri	11, 12, 14, 15 & 17.11.
04022	New Delhi	15:30	Saharsa Jn.	16:30	e wise	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tue, Thu	
04021 04034	Saharsa Jn. Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan	19:00 22:05	New Delhi New Delhi	20:20 09:30	1 Trip	Sat, Sun, Tue, Wed, Fri Wednesday	11, 12, 14, 15 & 17.11.2 01.11.2023
05655	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:00	Guwahati	12:30	1 Trip	Wednesday	01.11.2023
05283	Muzaffarpur Jn.	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	Bi-weekly	Wed, Sat	11.11.2023 to 18.12.2
05284	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn.	07:00		Thursday, Sunday	12.11.2023 to 19.12.2
02252 02251	New Delhi Patna Jn.	07:25 07:30	Patna Jn. New Delhi	19:00 19:00	Date wise	Sat, Tue, Thu Sun, Wed, Fri	11, 14 & 16.11.2023 12, 15 & 17.11.2023
09097	Bandra Terminus	21:50	Jammu Tawi	08:35		Sunday	12.11.2023 to 26.11.2
09098	Jammu Tawi	23:20	Bandra Terminus	10:10	Weekly	Tuesday	14.11.2023 to 28.11.2
09523 09524	Okha Delhi Sarai Robilla	10:00	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	10:10	Weekly	Tuesday	31.10.2023 to 28.11.2
	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	13:20		13:50		Wednesday	01.11.2023 to 29.11.2
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09075 09076	Mumbai Central	11:00	Kathgodam Mumbai Central	14:30 20:55	Weekly	Wednesday	08.11.2023 to 29.11.2 09.11.2023 to 30.11.2
09076 07651	Kathgodam Jalna	17:30 23:35	Mumbai Central Chhapra	20:55 05:30		Thursday Wednesday	09.11.2023 to 30.11.2 upto 29.11.2023
07652	Chhapra	23:35	Pune	05:30	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
05063	Chhapra	16:15	Lokmanya Tilak	07:25	Weekly	Friday	upto 24.11.2023
05064	Lokmanya Tilak	12:45	Siwan Jn	03:15	<u> </u>	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
09417	Ahmedabad Jn	09:10	Patna Jn	21:05	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
09418	Patna Jn	23:45	Ahmedabad Jn	11:20	ekly We	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
05615	Udaipur City	14:20	Guwahati	23:30	Week	Wednesday	upto 01.11.2023
05537	Darbhanga Jn	13:15	Daurai	22:30		Saturday	upto 09.12.2023
05538	Daurai	23:45	Darbhanga Jn	06:50	Weekly	Sunday	upto 10.12.2023
09183	Mumbai Central	22:50	Banaras	10:30	Weekly	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
09184	Banaras	14:30	Mumbai Central	04:35		Friday	upto 01.12.2023
09525 09526	Okha Naharlagun	22:00 10:00	Naharlagun Okha	16:00 03:35	Weekly	Tuesday Saturday	upto 28.11.2023 upto 02.12.2023
09526	Hyderabad	21:05	Gorakhpur	03:35		Friday	upto 24.11.2023
02576	Gorakhpur	08:30	Hyderabad	16:20	Weekly	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
01053	Lokmanya Tilak	12:15	Banaras	16:05	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
01054	Banaras	20:30	Lokmanya Tilak	23:55		Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
01431	Pune	16:15 23:25	Gorakhpur	21:00	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
01432	Gorakhpur Gorakhpur	23:25 08:30	Pune Mahbubnagar	06:25 19:30	Weekly W	Saturday Saturday	upto 02.12.2023 upto 25.11.2023
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Subject : Grant Of Registration Of The Proposed Travel Unit Under The Name & Style "COLD **MOUNTAIN HOLIDAYS" Situated At Magam Budgam Kashmir**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas. I Aaliya Nabi D/O Late Ghulam Nabi Shah RIO Takiya Batapora Kunzer Kashmir intend to apply in the Department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style "COLD MOUNTAIN HOLIDAYS" Situated at Magam Budgam Kashmir under Trade Act 1978/2011-12.

Whereas. I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan card, Experience Certificate (Minitutun 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Depament, Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000) Site Plan, Afidavit, 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.

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/ Organizations etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism, TRC Srinagar, Kashmir (e-mail id: ddtreg123@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 15 days shall be entertained and the case shall be processed under rules. (M.No: 8899816126)

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I am applying for the change of ownership of our tour and travel agency kashmir ski tours, tour and travel from previous owner Mohd Ramzan Rather to new owner Sameera Hussain. Any body having any objection may file the same to assistant director Tourism Gulmarg, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained after that.

Previous Owner Mohmmad Ramzan Rather S/O Mohmmad Yosuf Rather New Owner Sameera Hussain D/O Syed Hussain Shah R/O Wata Magam

MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

In order to clear extra rush of passengers, Railways have decided to run the following Deepawali / Chhath Puja Festival Special Express Trains as per details given below:-

		l New Delhi - Patna Jn New De ande Bharat Express Special Tr		06 Trips				
Train N	o.: 02252	L STATIONS	Train No	.: 02251				
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.				
	07:25	New Delhi	19:00					
19:00	19:00 Patna Jn 0							
		2252 from New Delhi on 11, 14	4 & 16.11	.2023 &				

02251 from Patna Jn. on 12, 15 & 17.11.2023. STOPPAGE: Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya

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0907	5/09076 M Central S			tral - Kath xpress Si				08 Trips
Train N	lo.: 09075						Train No	.: 09076
ARR.	DEP.	•	3	TATION	3		ARR.	DEP.
	11:00		Mur	nbai Cen	tral		20:55	
14:30	14:30 Kathgodam							17:30
DATE C	ATE OF RUN: 09075 from Mumbai Central on Wednesday 08.							

15, 22 & 29.11.2023 & 09076 from Kathgodam on Thursday 09, 16, 23 & 30.11.2023.

STOPPAGE: Borivali, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Kota Gangapur City, Hindaun City, Bharatpur, Achhnera, Mathura, Hathras City, Kasganj, Badaun, Bareilly Jn., Bareilly City, Izzatnagar Jn., Baheri, Kichha, Lalkuan Jn. & Haldwani Stations.

ACCOMMODATION: 1st AC, AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

			erminus - Jammu ⊺ erfast Express Spe			06 Trips	
Train N	lo.: 09097		STATIONS	Train No	.: 09098		
ARR.	DEP.	•	STATIONS		ARR.	DEP.	
	21:50		Bandra Terminus		10:10		
08:35	08:35 Jammu Tawi 2						
		0007 6	om Bondra Tarmin		Sunday	10 10 0	

DATE OF RUN: 09097 from Bandra Terminus on Sunday 26.11.2023 & 09098 from Jammu Tawi on Tuesday 14, 21 & 28.11.2023. STOPPAGE: Borivali, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Kota, Sawaimadhopur, Gangapur City, Bharatpur, Mathura, Delhi Safdarjang, Ambala, Ludhiana, Jalandhar Cantt. & Pathankot Stations ACCOMMODATION: AC-3 Tier & AC Chaircan

09523/09524 Okha - Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Okha Superfast Express Special Train (Weekly)				10 Trips		
Train N	lo.: 09523		STATIONS	A	Train No	.: 09524
ARR.	DEP.	•	STATIONS	I	ARR.	DEP.
	10:00		Okha		13:50	
10:10			Delhi Sarai Rohilla			13:20

DATE OF RUN: 09523 from Okha on Tuesday 31.10.2023, 07, 14, 21 & 28.11.2023 & 09524 from Delhi Sarai Rohilla on Wednesday 01, 08 15. 22 & 29.11.2023.

STOPPAGE: Dwarka, Khambhaliya, Jamnagar, Hapa, Rajkot Jn. Surendranagar, Viramgam Jn., Mahesana Jn., Uniha, Siddhpur, Palanpur Jn., Abu Road, Falna, Marwar Jn., Beawar, Ajmer, Kishangarh, Jaipur Jn., Gandhinagar Jaipur, Dausa, Bandikui, Alwar & Rewari Stations. ACCOMMODATION: AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations enroute etc., passegers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.



From the office of the Advocate Arzoo Bhat In the case of:

Ishtiyaq Ahmad Rafiquee S/o Manzoor Ahmad Rafiquee R/o Rafiquee Manzil Bank Colony Sanatnagar

For any kind of information such as arrival/departure timings and stoppages enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website https://enguiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The name of my son in DOB certificate has been wrongly written as Mohamad Muteeb Dar while his correct name is Mohammad Mutaib Dar 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 Block Development Officer Rathoon within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Abdul Rashid Dar F/o Mohammad Mutaib Dar

R/o Rathsoon Beerwah

PUBLIC NOTICE

I am applying for the registration of my adventure tour operator under the name & style of Kashmir Ski Academy situated at Dhobiwan Kunzar. Anybody having any objection may file the same to Assisrant Director Toursim Gulmarg, within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained after that. Mohammad Saleem Hajam

PUBLIC NOTICE



ازعدالت فارست مجستريث سرينكر بااجلاس فيروزاحمدخان رجسٹرار بڑھس اینڈ ڈیتھس وفاحمه راتفرولد عبدالسلام راتفر بنام

الیں۔ایم۔سی سرینگر (سيول)

S/O Abdul Gaffar Haiam

R/O Bandi Payeen Baramulla

مائل اسائلہ رخواست بغرج اندراج تاريخ وفات نام:عبدالسلام راتفر ولدمحد سلطان راتفر تاريخوفات : 1995-27-27 عامله مندجة عنوان الصدريين سائل سائله في عدالت بذامين ايك درخواست بشمول حلفي لغرض ندارج تاريخ وفات عبدالسلام راتفر ولدخمه سلطان راتفر ساكندوان يوره برين نشاط یورخہ 1995-10-27 پیش کی ہے۔لہذاعوام الناس کوبذریعہاشتہار طلع کیاجاتا ہے کہ نسبت ر خواست کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے عذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندر دیں یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔بعد گز رنے معیاد کوئی عذر یا اعتر اض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت مذامیں 2023-11-07 کو مقرر ہے۔

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Public at large (NON-CAVEATOS)

In the Petition in terms of Section 48-A

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Sd/advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

The name of my daughter in bank account details has been wronlgy written as Zainab while her correct name is Zainab Urwa which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in offce of the Branch Manager J&K Pattan within a period of seven days from the date of publicatioin of ths notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Tanveer Ahad F/o Zainab Urwa **R/o Tapper Pattan**

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bmg From the office of the Advocate Baba Musharraf lie no jk.337/12 Before The Hon.Ble Court Of Principal Disst And Sessions Judge At Srinagar In the case of: I.Mst Haleema W/o Haji Bashir Ahmad matt 2. Parvaiz Bashir 3.Shabir Ahmad matt ساكىنەدارىنە پورەبرىن نشاط 4.Javeed Bashir 5.Israr Bashir 6.lmran Bashir. All sons of late haji Bashir Ahmad mat All residents of Hilalabad/Qamarabad Qamarwar Srinagar caveator V/s Public At LARGE (NON-CAVEATOS) In the Petition in terms of Section 48-A The Caveator has reason to believe that Non-Caveators my file any a suit writ Petition, Appeal, or any other type of proceeding before the Hob'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrpresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back /in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveator be given an opportunity of being heard by the كح يرالصدر Hon'ble court before passing any order. Sd/advocate ni

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2 Drug Peddlers Held With Contraband **Substance In Srinagar**

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Police on Monday claimed to have arrested two drug peddlers in Srinagar and recovered contraband substance from their possession.

A police team from the Ram Munshi Bagh police on a tip off intercepted a car bearing registration



number JKO1M-1294 near the Shivpora crossing and recovered 2.25 grams of Charas like substance from two people on board.

Those arrested have been identified as Reyaz Ahmad Sheikh son of Abdul Salam Sheikh of Androoni Kathi Darwaza and Mohammad Ashraf Sofi son of Ghulam Qadir Sofi of Nowhatta.

possession. "02 drug peddlers namely Reyaz Ahmad s/o Ab Salam Sheikh Sheikh R/o Kathi Darwaza and Mohd Ashraf Sofi s/o Gh Qader R/o Nowhatta arrested with 2 kg and 250 gm of Charas-like substance. FIR No. 156/2023 u/s 8/20, 29 NDPS Act registered in PS RM Bagh," Srinagar

Div Com Kashmir Administers Integrity Pledge To Officers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: To observe Vigilance Awareness Week, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri todav administered Integrity Pledge to the officers and officials to foster a culture of honesty and ethical practices in the office business.

The officers and officials of Div Com Office pledged to promote ethical business practices and foster a culture of honesty and integrity; commit to good governance based on transparency, accountability and fairness.

Further partici-



Dressed in a professional chef's uniform, a young man sells mouthwatering mutton barbeque next to the refurbished Clock Tower amidst evening bustle at Lal Chowk Square on Monday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

People Need Not To Visit Offices, All Services Available On Mobile: CS Chairs Mega Public Darbar For Srinagarites

Observer News Service

Srinagar: JUK Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday said that all services, schemes, and information are available on mobile which is just a click away, and that people need not to visit offices anymore.

Dr Kumar said that no Government official can show any incompetence in working on grievances filed online as the officers may have to pay fines for not responding to online application for services.

The Chief Secretary said this while presiding over a mega Public Darbar at Banquet Hall Srinagar and took stock of issues and demands of people of the District.

Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Divisional Commissioner. Kashmir: VC. LCMA; Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; Commissioner, SMC; Director School Education; Director Handicrafts; Director Health Services; HoDs of various departments, SSP Srinagar, SSP Traffic, Chief Engineers of R&B, PDD, PHE and other senior Officers of District Admin istration were present on the occasion.

Chairman District Development Council, Srinagar, Malik Aftab Ahmad, Vice Chairman, DDC Bilal Ahmad Bhat, other PRI representatives and various delegations were also part of the mega Public Outreach program.

The Public Darbar witnessed overwhelming response from the public during which people apprised the Chief Secretary about their developmental issues and demands by seeking his intervention in redressing the same.

The delegations expressed satisfaction over the outreach program and said the move would provide them an opportunity to voice their grievances and for the government to expedite the resolution through the appropriate channels.

Chief Secretary issued on spot directions to the concerned officers to look into all the issues projected by the delegations and the individuals and initiate action for early redressal of the same.

People mainly approached him with civic problems pertaining to some roads, intermittent water supply, better provision of health facilities in villages, and augmentation of infrastructure in public health institutions.

A delegation led by DDC Chairperson Khonmoh raised the issue of encroachment, better irrigation facilities, illegal mining, and industrial discharge in their locality.

A delegation of Wanihama raised the issue of intermittent water supply in their area. A delegation from Pantha-Chowk raised the issue of dewatering stations and said that low lying areas have to face problems during the rainy season due to the poor drainage system.

Similarly another delegation from Lasjan impressed upon the upgradation of school infrastructure, drainage network in their area. A delegation from Harwan raised the issue of upgradation of PHC and playground. Another delegation of youth clubs also met the Chief Secretary and raised their several issues. CS said that the government will ensure that every youth will get an opportunity and that they should pursue their aspirations sincerity and dedication.

The Chief Secretary also directed the concerned HoDs to popularize the initiatives and schemes of the government so that more and more people get benefitted.

Dr Mehta assured all individuals and delegations that the issues and genuine demands projected by them would be redressed on merit basis. He gave on-the-spot directions to the concerned for time-bound redress of public issues raised during the darbar.



This Day In History

- 1876 Great Backerganj Cyclone of 1876 ravages British India (Modern-day Bangladesh), over 200,000 killed
- 1914 Great Britain & France declare war on Turkey 1917 - World War I: Battle of Beersheba in southern
- Palestine "last successful cavalry charge in history" performed by the 4th Australian Light Horse
- 1922 Benito Mussolini (Il Duce) becomes premier of Italy
- 1924 World Savings Day was announced in Milan, Italy, by the Members of the Association at the 1st International Savings Bank Congress (World Society of Savings Banks).
- 1940 Battle of Britain, fought between the RAF and Luftwaffe over the En
- 1942 9th day of the Battle of El Alamein
- 1943 World War II: F4U Corsair accomplishes the first successful radar-guided interception.
- 1956 Britain and France join Israeli forces in Egypt and begin to bomb Egypt to reopen Suez Canal 1959 - USSR & Egypt sign contracts for building
- Aswan Dam 1960 - Cyclone hits coast of Gulf of Bengal; about 10,000 die
- 1968 US President Lyndon B. Johnson orders a halt to all bombing of North Vietnam
- 1980 Senegal routes troops to Gambia due to Libvan threat
- 1984 Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is assassinated by her bodyguards. Satwant Singh

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and the society at large.

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police said.

Close Aide of Mirwaiz, 'Magga Chacha' Is No More

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Monday expressed extreme sadness and grief at the passing away of Mohammad Maqbool shah, who had been a close associate of Mirwaiz and his late father for the last more than 65 years.

most sincerely and de-votedly served for the last six decades.

Mirwaiz said that late Mohammad Maqbool was a 'one man army'- agile and dependable, always ready

Known as "Magga Chacha" in political, social and journalistic circles, where he was well known through his association with the Mirwaiz, his death is being widely mourned, Mirwaiz Umer Farooq in a statement said.

He said the death of Magga Chacha has deeply grieved him and his family whom he to do any task assigned to him. "A resolute and spirited man, his devotion was unparalleled. He will be greatly missed. Appointed way back in 1960's as an Assistant to President Anjumam e Nusratul Islam and Anjuman Auqaf e Jamia Masjid late Mohammad Maqbool worked dedi-

catedly first with my late father, and after his death with Mirwaiz Umar till his death," the statement said.

The Jammu And Kashmir State **Board Of School Education**

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original Migration certificate of 12th session Annual Private 2013 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars Name : Junaid Ahmad Dar S/o: Mohammad Abdullah Dar Roll No: 32609403 Year & Session 2020-21- Annual Pvt Bi-Annual



Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Migration Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary bb **Board Of School Education** Sub Office Bandipora

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, Office Of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Bijbehara

e-NIT No. 90 OF 2023-24 No: PHEB: Dated:-28.10.2023 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Bijbehara invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/ of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Govern below mentioned works at various Water Supply schemes of PHE Division Bijbehara of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K. The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on overall percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOO.

Sr No	Particulars of the work Tender fee (in Rs)	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Bid Validity	Time of Completion
			Deposit		of work (days)
1	Construction of 0.25 lac gallons SR, Dug Well,	As per Annexure-I to	03% of the		As per ANNEXURE-I
	Operator guarter cum Chowkidar Quarter and L/F	this bid document-	estimated cost		to this bid document.
	of GI/ DI pipes for WSS Papyabal under NRDWP				

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Bijbehara. Critical Dates:

I	Publish Date	28.10.2023 09.00 AM
ü	Document Download/sale start Date	28.10.2023 09.00 AM
ш	Bid submission start date	28.10.2023 09.00 AM
IV	Bid submission end date	04.11.2023 04.00 PM
V	Date and time of Bid opening	06.11.2023 11.00 PM

Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in

The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.

The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Bijbehara. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.

The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Bijbehara.

The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover. relevant

The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non-responsive. 6.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website

www.jktenders.gov.in.

DIPK-11259/23 dated: 30-10-2023

Queries by email if any should be made at phebijbehara230@gmail.com

Executive Engineer JSD PHE Division Bijbehara

ANNEXURE-I

SCHEME WISE LIST OFWORKS

S.No		Estimated cost (in Lacs)	Earnest Money	Cost of tender document fee		Time for comple- tion days
1	Construction of 0.25 lac gallons SR, Dug Well, Operator quarter cum Chowkidar Quarter and L/F of GI/ DI pipes for WSS Papyabal under NRDWP		2,41,110	2000	AAY	30 days
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and Beant Singh at her home in New Delhi

- 1985 Last day in Test cricket for Zaheer Abbas 1989 - Turgat Ozal elected president of Turkey
- 1989 US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1990 Pakistan make 3-0 drubbing of NZ, Waqar Younis 29 series wkts
- 1991 Palestinians attend US mideast peace talks in Madrid
- 1992 Don Keller makes his 18,000th sky dive
- 1993 25 people killed during Ghana-Ivory Coast soccer match
- 1998 Iraq disarmament crisis begins: Iraq announces it would no longer cooperate with United Nations weapons inspectors.
- 1999 Roman Catholic Church and Lutheran Church leaders sign the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, ending a centuries-old doctrinal dispute over the nature of faith and salvation.
- 1999 EgyptAir Flight 990 traveling from New York City to Cairo crashes off the coast of Nantucket, Massachusetts, killing all 217 on-board.
- 2000 The last Multics (Multiplexed Information and Computing Service) machine was shut down.
- 2000 A chartered Antonov An-26 explodes after takeoff in Northern Angola killing 50
- 2000 A Singapore Airlines Boeing 747-400 operating as Flight 006 collides with construction equipment upon takeoff in Taipei, Taiwan killing 79 passengers and four crew members
- 2002 A federal grand jury in Houston, Texas formally indicted former Enron Corp. chief financial officer Andrew Fastow on 78 counts of wire fraud, money laundering, conspiracy and obstruction of justice related to the collapse of his ex-employer.
- 2003 A bankruptcy court approves MCI's reorganization plans, essentially clearing the telecommunications company to exit bankruptcy.
- 2003 Mahathir bin Mohamad resigns as Prime Minister of Malaysia and is replaced by Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, marking an end to Mahathir's 22 years in power.
- 2010 Belgium leaves the recession with 0.5% growth in the third quarter
- 2011 The world population reaches 7 billion inhabitants according to the United Nations
- 2015 Russian airliner crashes killing all 224 on board in Sinai Peninsula, Egypt - Russia's worst air disaster
- 2015 Breeders Cup Classic: American Pharoah ridden by Victor Espinoza
- 2016 Lebanon parliament elects Michel Aoun President after 2 1/2 years without a leader

NEWS

Death Sentence To 8 Indians In Qatar: EAM Jaishankar **Meets Family Members**



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday met the family members of eight Indian nationals who were handed down death sentence by a Qatari court. Jaishankar conveyed to the family members that the government will make all efforts to secure the release of the Indians.

The eight former Indian Navv personnel were on Thursday handed down death sentence by Qatar's Court of First Instance.

India described the ruling as "deeply" shocking and vowed to explore all legal options in the case.

"Met this morning with the

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NEW DELHI: The right to marry

is an incident of human liberty

and an integral facet of the con-

stitutionally guaranteed right

to life, and there can hardly be

any impediment from parents,

society or the State when two

consenting adults choose to marry, the Delhi High Court

The court's order came on

a petition by a couple seeking

police protection in the face

of threats from some family

members for getting married

Asking the police officials

concerned to provide adequate

protection to the couple, the

court said the petitioners

were well within their right to

marry each other and "do not require any social approval for

their personal decisions and

against their wishes.

has said.

choices".

Right To Marry Is An

Life: Delhi High Court

Integral Facet Of Right To

families of the 8 Indians detained in Qatar.Stressed that Government attaches the highest importance to the case. Fully share the concerns and pain of the families," Jaishankar said on X.

"Underlined that Government will continue to make all efforts to secure their release. Will coordinate closely with the families in that regard," he said.

The Indian nationals, who worked with private company Al Dahra, were arrested in August last year reportedly in an alleged case of espionage. Neither the Oatari authorities nor New Delhi made the charges against the Indian nationals public.

large or the State. There is noth-

ing left for anybody to interfere

in the lives of the parties here-

court that they got married

earlier this month according to

Muslim rites and ceremonies

but the family of the girl was

threatening them with dire

Court has recognised the right

of every individual to marry

a person of his or her choice

and Article 21 of The Constitu-

tion of India gives Protection of

Life and Personal Liberty to all

people, which includes the in-

herent right of every individual

to exercise personal choices,

The judge said the Supreme

The petitioners told the

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consequences.

marriage.

With Israeli Boots On The Ground, Gaza Reels **From Deadly Strikes**

Agencies

GAZA STRIP: After days of relentless bombardment from the air, the Israeli army has now intensified its ground campaign, as the Palestinian death toll climbed to over 8,000 amid UN warning that civil order was "starting to break down" in the besieged territory.

Despite calls for a humanitarian ceasefire and outrage across the Muslim world, Israel has intensified the war triggered by Hamas's raid more than three weeks ago.

The health ministry in Gaza says the unrelenting retaliatory Israeli bombardment has killed more than 8,000 people, mainly civilians and half of

them children. Meanwhile, Israel's army said it was currently in "stage

two" of their invasion. In a signal of its intent to encircle Gaza's main city on Sunday, Tel Aviv published pictures of battle tanks on the Palestinian enclave's western coast 48 hours after ordering expanded ground incursions across its eastern border. WHO expresses concern

As well as the Israeli military's pictures of tanks, some images online appeared to show Israeli soldiers wav-ing an Israeli flag deep inside

Gaza. On Sunday, the Israeli military said it had struck another 450 targets within the past 24



hours and that it was increasshelter dwindled. ing the presence of its ground ceasefire to end the "nightmare". forces in Gaza.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu steeled the nation for a "long and difficult war" ahead as the Red Cross voiced shock at the "intolerable" human suffering inside Gaza.

Defence Minister Yoav Gallant has said Israel was attacking "above the ground and below", alluding to Hamas's sprawling tunnel network. Israeli

dropped leaflets over Gaza City on Saturday, warning res-

suffering'

UN chief Antonio Guterres said the situation in Gaza was 'growing more desperate by the hour" as casualties increased and essential supplies of food, water, medicine and

The UN agency for Pales-tinian refugees, UNRWA, on Sunday, said "thousands of fighter jets again people" entered several of its warehouses and distribution centres in Gaza to get basic survival items like wheat flour

> Meanwhile, the head of the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Sunday that reports the Palestinian Red Crescent had received warnings from Israeli authorities to immediately evacuate the al-Quds hospital in the Gaza Strip were "deeply concerning".

He reiterated appeals for a

Mirjana Spoljaric, president

of the International Commit-

tee of the Red Cross, has also

voiced shock at the "intoler-

able level of human suffering"

in Gaza and urged all sides to

de-escalate. "This is a cata-

strophic failure that the world

must not tolerate."

Looking For Loved Ones Amidst Gaza Debris

Agencies

GAZA: Bombarded Gazans searched for loved ones and heard news of family members killed as communications gradually returned to the enclave on Sunday after a near total blackout as Israel's troops and armour pushed into the besieged enclave.

day night as Israeli forces waged ground operations in Gaza in what Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described as the second phase of the war aimed at "crushing Hamas". Shaban Ahmed, a public servant who works as an engineer and has five children, described the Israeli attacks as "doomsday". "This morning, Sunday, I discovered that my cousin has been killed in an air strike on their house on Friday," Ahmed, who stayed in Gaza City despite an Israeli warning to evacuate south, told Reuters. "We only knew today. Israel cut us off from the world in order to wipe us out, but we are hearing the sounds of explosions and we are proud the re-



sistance fighters have stopped tarian crisis squeezed Gaza. them at meters distance." Is-One woman looking for one of rael's chief military spokesperher sons stood over rubble in son has declined to say whether Gaza City and cried out: "I don't

Citizens Don't Have Right To Know Source Of Political Funds: Centre To Supreme Court

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Holding that the electoral bond scheme for political funding of parties contributes to clean money, Attorney General R Venkataramani has told the Supreme Court that citizens do not have the right to information under Article 19(1) (a) of the Constitution regarding the source of funds.

In a statement filed before the top court, Venkataramani said there can be no general right to know "anything and everything" without being subjected to reasonable restrictions. "The scheme in question ex-

tends the benefit of confidentiality to the contributor. It ensures and promotes clean money being contributed. It ensures abiding by tax obligations. Thus, it does not fall foul of any existing right," the AG told the Su-

preme Court. The top court law officer said the power of judicial review is not about scanning

state policies for the purposes of suggesting better or different prescriptions. "A constitutional court reviews state action only if it

impinges upon existing rights and not because State action has not provided for a possible right or an expectation howsoever desirable," he said. "That contribution to politi-

cal parties has democratic significance and a fit subject for political debate and demand of governance accountability free from influences does not mean

that the court will proceed to declare on such matters in the absence of a clear constitutionally offending law," Venkataramani said.

A five-judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court is scheduled to commence hearing from October 31 a batch of pleas challenging the validity of the electoral bond scheme for political funding of parties. The scheme, which was notified by the government on January 2, 2018, was pitched as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of efforts to bring in transparency in political funding.

According to the provisions of the scheme, electoral bonds may be purchased by any citizen of India or entity inlished in India. An individual can buy electoral bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals.

The bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud is scheduled to take up the batch of four pleas, including those filed by Congress leader Jaya Thakur and the CPI(M).

The other members of the bench are justices Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra. On January 20, 2020, the Supreme Court had refused to grant interim stay on the 2018 Electoral Bonds Scheme and sought responses of the Centre and the Election Commission to an interim application by the NGO seeking a stay on the scheme.

SC Directs UP Govt To Quickly Decide On Sanction To Prosecute Teacher Who Told **Students To Slap Muslim Classmate**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Uttar Pradesh government to immediately decide on granting sanction to prosecute a school teacher accused of instructing her students to slap a Muslim classmate for failing to complete his homework.

The top court was informed that section 295A of IPC, which deals with deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs has been

Oka and Pankaj Mithal, after perusing the affidavit filed by the Inspector General of Police of Meerut Range said in its order, "It is stated that the investigation has been completed and government sanction for prosecution under section 295A is awaited. We direct the government to immediately take decision on the request for grant of sanction.'

"When it comes to the future of the victim child and his welfare, the state cannot treat this litigation as adversarial," it said

especially in matters related to The fighting intensified on Fri-"The respondent nos.4 and 5, though family members of the petitioner no.2 (the girl), cannot be allowed to threaten the



idents that the northern area was now a "battlefield" and they should "evacuate immeand hygiene supplies. diately" 'Nightmare, intolerable

"The rig marry is cident of human liberty. The right to marry a person of one's choice is not only underscored in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights but is also an integral facet of Article 21 of The Constitution of India, which guarantees the right to life," said Justice Saurabh Banerjee in a recent order.

"When the parties herein are two consenting adults who have chosen to willingly agree to join hands by way of marriage, there can hardly be any impediment on the way, be it from the parents/ relatives or the Society at

ers, who do not require any social approval for their personal decisions and choices," the court said.

life and liberty of the petition-

"Thus, in the opinion of this Court, the petitioners herein are well and truly entitled for protection under Article 21 of The Constitution of India... Needless to say that the SHO and the Beat Constable concerned shall also take all possible steps to provide adequate assistance and protection, as and when needed, to the petitioners, in accordance with law," ordered the court.

Israel was behind the telecomknow where he is.' munications blackout but said In another part of Gaza, peoit would do what it needed to

and phones down.

protect its forces. Israeli air strikes have been pounding Gaza City since Oct 7, and according to Ahmed, the strikes on Friday from air, sea Others carried the injured. and the ground continued nonstop for hours.

The health ministry in Gaza said on Sunday a total of 8,005 people there had been killed since Oct. 7.

Palestinians were struggling to find loved ones in the bloody chaos as the growing humani-

invoked against Tripti Tyagi, the school teacher, along with second proviso of section 75 of ple looked for survivors after

the Juvenile Justice (care and Israeli air strikes in the Al-Nasir protection of children) Act, neighbourhood. People pulled a body from the rubble as smoke 2015 (JJ Act). The second proviso of secbillowed. A woman screamed.

tion 75 of the JJ Act pertains to Many people have been the offence of assault or abuse glued to rusty radios for news, upon a child, causing the minor which had become the only unnecessary mental or physical means to get information on suffering, by any person emthe heaviest Israeli air strikes ployed by or managing an organisation, which is entrusted ever on narrow Gaza, one of the most densely populated spots with the care and protection of in the world, with the internet the child.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by Tushar Gandhi, the great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, seeking a speedy investigation into the case.

Justice Oka referred to the assertions made in the affidavit of the victim's father that the child is "severely traumatised". "We are putting the state to

notice that we may consider appointing an expert agency for the purposes of counselling not only the victim but the other children, who were involved in the alleged incident," the bench said.

A bench of Justices Abhay S

Government of Jammu and Kashmir OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR, **COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, DISTRICT BARAMULLA.**

(Telephone/Fax: 01952-234514, Email ID: drcsbla777@gmail.com).

(Chairman District Selection Board).

Subject:	Selection List of Accounts Clerk cum Storekeeper, Clerk & Orderly in the Sopore Cooperative Marketing and Consumer
-	Society Ltd., Sopore and Tangmarg Transport Workers Cooperative Society Ltd., Tangmarg.
Reference:	Recommendations of the District Selection Committee.

NOTIFICATION NO 03- PRCS OF 2023-10-28 DATED 28-10-2023.

On the recommendations of the District Selection Committee, following candidates for the posts shown against each in the Sopore Cooperative Marketing and Consumer Society Ltd., Sopore and Tangmarg Transport Workers Cooperative Society Ltd., Tangmarg have been provisionally selected on the basis of performance in the interview coupled with the weight-age secured on pro rota basis.

S. No	Name of the Candidate	Address	Date of Birth	Name of the Society	Post	Pay Band
1	Moin Nisar Dar S/o Nisar Ahmad Dar	Mohalla Ishpeer Chankipora Sopore	02-08-1999	The Sopore Cooperative and Consumer Marketing Society Ltd., Sopore	Accounts clerk cum storekeeper	6500-200- 10500
2	Lateef ul Haq S/o Gh. Nabi Shah	Agri Kalan Pattan	04-01-1991	The Tangmarg Transport Workers Cooperative Society Ltd., Tangmarg	Accounts clerk cum storekeeper	6500-200- 10500
3	Aamir Maqbool S/o Mohammad Maqbool Naik	Hib Dangerpora	10-01-1991	The Sopore Cooperative and Consumer Marketing Society Ltd., Sopore	Clerk	6500-200- 10500
4	Numairika Am in D/o Mohammad Amin Khan	Taki Sultan Drangbal	30-12-2004	The Sopore Cooperative and Consumer Marketing Society Ltd., Sopore	Orderly	5500-175- 9000

The selected candidates shall report to the office of the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies District Baramulla/ Chairman District Selection Committee within a period of 21 days, from the date of issue of this Notification and whosoever fails to join within the stipulated time, shall forgo his right to appointment, which shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio without any further Notice.

The selected candidates shall be allowed to join only on the production of following certificates in original for subsequent verification from the concerned quarters:

- Academic/Qualification certificates. 1.
- Matriculation/Date of Birth Certificate 2.
- 3. Domicile Certificate from the concerned Authority.
- Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer. 4.

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Deputy Registra **Cooperative Societies** District Baramulla.

Office Of The Executive Engineer **Sub Transmission Division Ganderbal**

Email: -xen-stdgbl@nic.in, exengineer12@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No.: - STD/GBL/25 of 2023-24 Dated: 28-10-2023

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, KPDCL Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from OEM's, Authorized Dealers & Service providers, registered (C&D- Class) Civil Contractors registered with J&K Government, Central Public Works Department, Railways and other state/central governments for works "Renovation and Modernization of Various Receiving Stations in respect of STD Ganderbal" as detailed below:

Name of the Item	Adv./ Cost(Cost of e-Bid Document	EMD	Completion Period
 Renovation & Modernization of Receiving Station Ajar. 	5.32	6.12	500/=	12240/=	45 days
2. Renovation & Modernization of Receiving Station Lar.	0.80				

	Important Dates and Events							
	e-NIT No STD/GBL/25 of 2023-24 Dated: 28-10-2023							
	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in as per schedule given below:							
А	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	28-10-2023: 17:00 Hours						
В	Clarifications start date	29-10-2023: 16:00 Hours						
С	Clarifications end date	08/11/2023: 14:00 Hours						
D	e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-bidder fee, EMD and	29-10-2023: 16:00 Hours						
	other supporting documents in PDF/XLS).							
E	e-Bid submission (end) date & Time	13/11/2023: 14:00 Hours						
F	Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time	14/11/2023: 14:00 Hours						
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified						
	bidders	Bidders						
Н	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids	Office of The Executive Engineer STD Ganderbal						
L	Validity offer	180 days from the date of opening of price tender.						

The tender document can be downloaded from website iktenders.gov.in "Corrigendum, if any, would appear only on the iktenders.gov. in website. Sale of physical tender document is not applicable. No price shall be submitted offline in any form. Bidder can modify his bid before last date of submission of online bid. After the last date of submission of online bid, no claim of bidder shall be entertained.

No: STD/GBL/Ts/1125-30 DIPK-NB-3895/23 Date: 30-10-2023

-sd-Executive Engineer, STD Ganderbal

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All Is Not Well With **INDIA Alliance: Omar**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Amid a tussle between the Congress and Samajwadi Party over seat sharing for the Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls, National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Monday said the situation within the opposition INDIA alliance was not good.

"All is not well with INDIA

alliance. Some internal squabbles, which should not have been there, can be seen, especially in the four five states where elections are being held. We have seen how the Samajwadi Party and Congress are fighting each other.

Both are saying that they will contest all the seats in UP. This is not good for INDIA alliance. Maybe after these state elections, we will meet again and will try to work together," Abdullah told reporters in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

Asked about People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) constituents hitting out at each other, Abdullah said he has not uttered a word against anyone.

"I have not said anything. I have not targeted any of my friends, despite the fact that for the past several months we have been targeted. But this is also right that for the first time I have not tried to stop my colleague," he said.

In an apparent reference to PDP leaders' criticising the National

Intelligent Systems

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A two-day Interna-

tional Conference on Artificial

Intelligence, Machine Learning,

and Intelligent Systems (ICAI-MLIS) was today inaugurated

at Islamic University of Science

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advi-

sor to the Lieutenant Governor

was the Chief Guest of the in-

augural function. The confer-

ence is jointly organised by

IUST's Centre for Artificial Intel-

ligence, Centre for Innovation

and entrepreneurship (CIED),

and the Watson Crick Centre for

Molecular Medicine, in collabo-

and Technology (IUST).

Conference at a party event last week, Abdullah said there was plenty his party can talk about if it were about raking up the past. "We have plenty to talk about. They have been raking up issues for the past 30 years... we do not have to go that far, we just have to go back three or

four years," he added. Asked about BJP's claims that the situation in Kashmir was

normal, the former chief minister asked why elections were not being held in Jammu and Kashmir if the situation is normal. "If the situation is normal, why are elections not held? What is the excuse?

Only yesterday, a police officer was shot at in broad day light in Srinagar. Now, we heard that something has happened in Pulwama.

"In Rajouri, an area which we had cleared of militancy, every week or 10 days an incident or encounter takes place there. If this is normal situation, then be it," he said.

When asked about I-K elections, Abdullah said people are eagerly waiting for assembly elections.

"But there is no indication of these elections being held any time soon. Parliamentarv elections are a compulsion for them but whether they will hold these or not, perhaps only two persons in the country know this and they have not spoken to me about it," he

added

IUST Hosts Int'l Conference

On AI, Machine Learning;

Partition "Gravest Blunder" In Country's History: Singh

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Describing partition as the "gravest blunder" in the country's history, Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Monday said some decisions of the Congress and its rulers in the past are still costing India dearly. He said the now revoked Arti-

cle 370 of the Constitution kept Jammu and Kashmir underdeveloped for decades and also sowed the seeds of separatism.

The minister of state in the Prime Minister's Office said if only the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had allowed his Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to handle Jammu & Kashmir in the same manner as he was handling other princely states, the history of the Indian subcontinent would have been different and Pakistan-occupied Jammu-Kashmir (PoJK) would have been a part of India.

"One of the Nehruvian blunders was to declare unilateral ceasefire precisely when the Indian Army was about to retrieve back the areas of J&K captured by Pakistan which are now part of the PoJK." Singh said, addressing a function on 'Brigadier Rajinder Singh Memorial Public Lec-

ture' in Jammu. He said the "son of the soil" Brigadier Rajinder Singh single-handedly fought with the enemy forces and repelled the invaders up to north Kashmir's

Uri, but the unilateral ceasefire declaration by the then prime minister led to the partition of Jammu and Kashmir also.

"To oblige (National Conference founder) Sheikh Abdullah, the Congress government led by Nehru not only antagonised Maharaja Hari Singh (the last Dogra ruler), but also allowed sentiments of separatism to be nourished by the Sheikh.

"Maharaja Hari Singh was never at fault," Singh said and argued that the delay in accession happened on account of "dilly dallying by Nehru who wanted to impose Sheikh Abdullah on the Maharaja as well on the state.'

"Such decisions of the Congress party and its rulers are still costing India its land and resources," he said, adding the Indus Water Treaty like agreements with Pakistan were under-implemented leading to under utilisation of India's water resources.

He said the partition of India was the "gravest blunder" in



ambitious individuals who allowed themselves to be played in the hands of a divisive design of the British rulers."

The partition was vociferously opposed not only by Mahatma Gandhi, but also across the sections of masses including many Muslim intellectuals who constituted Progressive Writers' Association. In the aftermath, more than a million people lost their lives and manifold more were rendered homeless in a bloody exchange of populations between India and the newly carved out Pakistan," he said. Singh said the two-nation

theory given as an argument in support of the partition also proved to be misguided as evident from the separation of the then East Pakistan to form Bangladesh.

The minister said Nehru, despite opposition from Gandhi and others, tacitly allowed Mohammad Ali Jinnah's demand for partition to succeed.

Admin Committed To Bridge Decades-Long Developmental Gap: LG

Inaugurates 32 Development Projects Of ULBs In Kashmir

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday reiterated his administration's commitment to bridge the decadeslong developmental gap and improved create

and smart facilities for the citizens while encouraging healthy competition amongst the Urban Local Bodies. He made these

remarks while inaugurating 32 development projects of Urban Local Bodies worth more than Rs 21.84 crore in Kashmir Division, today. In his address, the LG congratulated the people and

the representatives of Urban Local Bodies on the occasion. He said the projects including Community Halls, Shopping Complexes, Development of Bus Terminals, Macademisation of Roads and Drainage inaugurated today will have a transformational impact on small towns.

"We strengthening are physical and social infrastructure for growing urbanisation. City means hope, progress and common welfare and to achieve these goals, concerted efforts are being made for rec-

and participatory administration," Sinha said. He said the realization of future development goals depends on the effective implementation of plans and policies to make cities and

reational facilities, modern

planning and city management

towns more vibrant and sustainable. "Smart city and town is not just a slogan but a way of life. The wellplanned infrastructure projects are be-

ing developed as a confluence of ease of living and economic progress for sustainable growth so that future generations can fully benefit from it," he said.

At the inaugural event, the LG reiterated the commitment of UT Administration to bridge the decades-long developmental gap and create improved and smart facilities for the citizens while encouraging healthy competition amongst the Urban Local Bodies.

Our aim is to develop a more equitable and self-reliant towns, which preserves ancient culture and heritage, supports disadvantaged sections of society and attracts private sector for investment with a focus on economy and ecology," he said.

Lal Singh Bats For Separate 'Jammu State'

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JAMMU: Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan Party Chairman Choudhary Lal Singh on Monday called for the creation of a separate state of Jammu, arguing there were stark differences in tra-

dition, language, and culture between Jammu and the Kashmir valley. "There should be a

separate Jammu state. Why can't you (Central government) give

us a separate state?" Singh said while addressing a rally in Samba district.

"Neither our language resembles theirs, nor our culture, nor do we dress alike. No water flows from Jammu into Kashmir or vice versa." he said

Singh, a former minister in an erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir government, paid tribute to the Do-

gras' contributions in the making of the stare, and said, "Dogras have not only shed their blood to establish this state but also safeguarded India's borders. Our forefathers valiantly fought to carve out this state, and our youth currently defend the territory from

Siachen to Rajasthan." He alleged that the Kashmir-based leaders were responsible for a six-decade-long denial of Jammu's rights and said

the leaders from the valley usurped the share of jobs that belonged to people of Jammu.

"Kashmir-based rulers have not only eroded Dogra culture but also usurped job opportunities. They have exploited Dogras for the past 60 years. They harbour resentment towards us. They overlooked Jammu's tourism potential and deprived the people of Jammu of their rightful entitlements," he said.

neering marvels accomplished by the nation are remarkable. He said that futuristic mindset holds the key to progress and prosperity of the country. He appreciated the growth of IUST in academics' research and innovation and assured full support from the government.

In his address, Prof. Shakil Ahmed Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST said that the twoday conference aims to facilitate exchange of ideas and explore the possibilities of harnessing cutting edge technologies of AI/ MI and Intelligent systems for the upliftment and progress of humankind. He also said that scientists also have to JAMMU: Panchayat members on Monday got together here and demanded local bodies polls before the expiry of their five-year

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term in January next year. All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC), a representative body of the panches and sarpanches, said any delay in holding the elections would be against the spirit of "democracy and constitution."

"If the J&K government and state election commission are unable to hold these vital elections on time, then the term of

existing PRIs and ULBs should

be extended till the elections

take place," AJKPC president Anil Sharma told reporters here.

He said a special convention of elected members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions, or PRIs, was held this morning and the participants unanimously resolved to oppose any delay in

elections for the Urban Local Bodies and panchayats. The term of municipal corporations and committees is ending in November while panchayats are scheduled to complete their term on Janu-

ary 9 next year. The elections to ULBs and panchayats are likely to be delayed as office of chief electoral officer has sought handing over the charge of elections

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

AJKPC Calls For Timely Elections To ULB, Panchayats In J&K

Commission.

number of electorates. Sharma said it is imperative that the Jammu and Kashmir administration and the elec-

not delayed. "Any delay in holding ULB and Panchayat polls would be unconstitutional in the light of 73rd and 74th amendments of the constitution of India. The people should not be deprived of their democratic right to choose their elected members," he said.

tion authority take appropriate steps so that elections are

of ULBs to the State Election The CEO has also sought fresh delimitation of wards to sort out discrepancies in the

ration with the Soft Computing Research Society (SCRS), and supported by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology, Government of India (DST GOI), J&K Science, Technology and Innovation Council (JKSTIC), and the Higher Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir.

In his address, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, said that while it is important to be future ready and future driven but in the use and application of technology it is equally important to be humanistic. He said that the Country is making great strides in technology which is globally recognized and frugal engibe mindful of the ethical concerns which are associated with such new and disruptive technologies. He said that it is important to translate research into actionable outcomes that have relevance to the societal problems.

He also said that the field of computational intelligence is pursued as a priority area of research at IUST.

Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean research and convenor of the conference highlighted the Artificial Intelligence-Machine Learning infrastructure at IUST. He expressed gratitude for the support and research grants from the Government.

Woman Commits Suicide In Reasi

SRINAGAR: A young woman allegedly committed suicide by consuming some poisonous substance at her house in Reasi district of Jammu province.

21-year-old (name withheld) consumed some poisonous substances at her home in Chassana area of the district following which her family members shifted her to hospital for treatment, reports said. However, the doctors at the hospital declared her dead.

Soon after the incident, a police team reached the hospital and carried out medico-legal formalities before handing the body to her family for last rites.

Meanwhile, police have started investigation in this regard.

Dual Psychiatry ACIPSNZ & MIDCIPS 2023 Conference Concludes

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The first, Mid Year Conference of Indian Psychiatric Society (MID-CIPS 2023) jointly organized by Departments of Psychiatry, SKIMS Srinagar, GMC Srinagar, and Jammu with the support of Indian Psychiatric Society North Zone and JK Psychiatric Society, concluded at SKICC here on Sunday.

The 3-day conference was inaugurated by Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta. Prof (Dr) Parvaiz A Koul, Director SKIMS& EOSG and Principal SKIMS Medical College Srinagar, Prof (Dr) Irfan Robbani were the guests of honour on the inauguration of the event.

The theme of the conference was 'TREATMENT AD-HERENCE IN PSYCHIATRY', which discusses long term treatments and its perception of getting dependent on these medications subse-



quently leading to non-com-

pliance and poor prognosis.

The organizing Chairperson

for the dual events were Dr.

Mohammad Magbool and

Organizing Secretary Dr. Ab-

In his inaugural address,

Chief Secretary emphasized

the need for being future

services in the remotest ar-

For the same, he stated,

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achievements of J&K Government being the leader in digital health of country.

With regard to Psychiatry, he emphasized the need to remove stigma and addressing another challenge in the form of drug addiction and strategies to tackle it to make the region drug free.

ready to provide healthcare The meeting was pre-sided by Dr Vinay Kumar President; Indian Psychiatric Society also shared his vision for Indian Psychiatric He also highlighted the Society.

president appreciated the contribution of organizing committee for holding the event in such a manner in testing times. Dr Arabinda Brahma, General Secretary IPS. Dr O P Singh, Dr Aleem Siddiqui, Dr N M Patil, CME Chairperson of IPS, Dr. Mamta Sood, Dr Naresh Nebinani and Dr Arshid Hussain also graced the inaugural ceremony as special invitees.

Dr Laxmikant Rathi, Vice

It is pertinent to mention that on 27th October, 48th Annual Conference of Indian Psychiatric Society North Zone was organized with the theme of Prevention of Self Harm- Multi disciplinary approach.

At the end of inaugural ceremony, organizing secretary, Prof. Abdul Majid. thanked Chief Guest, other guests, faculty, delegates and residents of departments of Psychiatry & support staff for making the event a successful one.

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER GOVERNMENT GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL REITANG -SRINAGAR

Subject: Engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAYAs under ECCE for the year 2023-24.

Reference: Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, J&K's Order No: 07 of CHIRAG-2023 Dated: 09.01.2023, issued under endorsement No: Edu/SPD/SmS//ECCE/Helpers/1861 -1905/2023-24 Dated: 06/06/2023.

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited on plain papers (with recent photograph) accompanied by following documents from female candidates only belonging to BPL category within (18-45) years of age as on 01/01/2023 hailing from particular area where the school is located which should reach to this office within (10) ten days from the date of publication in Newspaper for engagement / hiring of Helpers / AAYAs in the schools of Zone (name and location of schools shown below) on monthly honorarium of Rs 5000/= for the current academic year 2023-24 (terminable at the end of session).

1. DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED WITH APPLICATION:

- Domicile certificate
- **BPL** category certificate Fitness certificate,
- **Oualification certificate**
- c) d) 2. NAME OF SCHOOL:
- Location GHS REITENG Miskeen Bagh Khanyar (1)

3.0THER CONDITIONS:

- The deployment of Helper /AAYA shall be purely terminus and shall start from the date they are engaged / hired and shall conclude with the end of academic session. It can be extended subject to the performance and the approval of funds from the Ministry of Education, Government of India in the particular component. Affidavit from 1st Class Magistrate shall have to be produced by the candidate at the time of joining for not claiming for permanent absorption at any stage.
- All decisions of the funding agency (Samagra Shiksha, J&K under the aegis of School Education Department) shall be implemented in this regard 4. ELIGIBILITYCRITERIA OF HELPER / AAYA:
- Only female candidate can apply. The applicant must be domicile of the ward where approved school is located. ii) iii)
- Applicant must be belonging to BPL (Below Poverty Line) category
- The candidate must be physically/mentally fit to carry out her job.

5. QUALIFICATION / PREFERENCE:

- Minimum Qualification of a Helper / AAYA: 8th Class passed. In case there is no eligible candidate available in Ward, the candidate with lesser qualification shall be considered.
- Preference shall be given to candidates from BPL Category in below mentioned order of priority
- Widow
- Divorced ii) iii)
- Orphan
- Any candidate among poorest of the poor in the ward iv)
- Age:
- The age of a candidate must be between 18-45 years as on 1st of January 2023
- Rs. 5,000/- (Five thousand only) per month, which may vary as per the approval in the subsequent year in PAB of Samagra Shiksha
- 6. TOTAL NON-AVAILABILITY OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE:
- In case of total non-availability of the candidate, as mentioned under C & D sections above, the candidate from the Municipal Committee (concerned) will be considered / engaged

7. FINALIZATION OF SELELCTION PROCESS:

- In case of tie-up of the selection of candidates for Helper, the preference shall be given to the elder candidate (i.e. Candidate with more age shall be considered).
- The name of the selected AAYA / Helper shall be displayed on the Notice Board of the school/Municipal Ward/ZEO office 7 days before the commencement of the academic session

8. APPEAL:

If anybody feels aggrieved with selection of Helper / AAYA, an appeal shall be referred to the Chief Education Officer, Srinagar within period of 15 days from selection. 2nd Appeal, if any, may be filed before the Director, School Education, Kashm

9. PREMATURE TERMINATION:

In case of any misconduct, misbehaviour and poor performance while discharging duty by a Helper / AAYA, as noticed/reported, the concerned Head of Institution (HOI) shall have the right to terminate the services of Helper / AAYA in consultation with the Municipal Ward with due adherence to the prescribed procedures, as the case may be. The replacement shall be made within 7 days

10. JOB CHART OF HELPER / AAYA:

- The Helpers / AAYAs for pre-primary sections of Govt. Schools shall have to perform below mentioned suggestive tasks:
- Escorting the children at their arrival, departure, between activities (for example while moving to outdoor areas, play ground and toilet etc).
- b) c) Maintaining the hygiene of the children-Toileting, hand washing, cleanliness of children etc.
- Helping the teacher in preparing class for activities, like setting up material, making arrangements for day to day activities
- Assisting the children in taking food under the supervision of teacher, under PM POSHAN (MDM). d)

Any other assignment given by HOI for proper care of children

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Dated: 25-10-2023	DT: 30/10/2023	GHS Reitang

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Hypocrisy of right to self-defense

s the Israeli-Palestinian conflict takes center stage in global politics, the complex issue of the right to self-defense too has come to the fore. While international law recognizes the right of nations to protect themselves, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East has highlighted what many perceive as a glaring hypocrisy in the application of this right.

The United States, long considered a bastion of support for self-determination and human rights, has often been a vocal advocate for Israel's right to self-defense. However, the handling of this right in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has raised eyebrows and drawn criticism from various corners

Take, for instance, the stance of some prominent American progressive politicians. Figures like Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, known for championing marginalized and occupied communities globally, surprised many by expressing support for Israel's right to self-defense. While acknowledging this right, they called for "humanitarian pauses' and the immediate release of hostages. The careful choice of words, stopping short of demanding a ceasefire, has spurred debates and was seen as an insufficient response to the crisis.

Moreover, the unanimous adoption of a resolution by the US Senate condemning pro-Palestine student protesters as "in solidarity with Hamas" and anti-Semitic further underlined the West's approach to the conflict. It symbolized a near-unanimous support for Israel that transcended the liberal-conservative political spectrum.

This seemingly unified Western support for Israel's actions in the face of the October 7 Hamas attack has puzzled many observers. British Labour leader Keir Starmer, typically associated with progressive politics, lent unequivocal support to Israel, emphasizing its right to self-defense. The contrast between Starmer's stance and that of Jeremy Corbyn, who has been forthright in his support for Palestinians, illustrates the deep divisions even within the same political party.

Though West has traditionally supported Israel,

over the past two decades, the stance on Israel had modulated a bit over the past two decades. Factors like the growth of the Democratic Socialists of America, the influence of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, have contributed to this change. The result was a more critical approach to Israel's actions in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

As the Israeli ground invasion in Gaza continues and global atrocities mount, turning public opinion further against Tel Aviv, Western governments have not reconsidered their positions. It is true, the right to self-defense is a fundamental principle in international law, but its application in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has raised valid concerns about hypocrisy. The ongoing conflict has become a litmus test for the consistency and moral clarity of nations and leaders on the global stage.

OTHER OPINON

Need for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza

he intransigence by the political leadership in Is-rael has seemingly plunged the Gaza Strip into a humanitarian catastrophe. Although the oppression faced by the Palestinian people is by no means new, civil society in several countries across Europe. South Asia, North America, and West Asia rose in protest in one of the largest anti-war mobilisations witnessed in recent times following the bombing of the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City on 17 October. A lot of misinformation was spread in the wake of this hospital bombing, where scores of healthcare professionals and patients, including many children, lost their lives. The Israeli leadership claimed this bombing to be the doing of Hamas, despite media reports stating that several hospitals in Gaza had received warnings of evacuation from the Israeli military. On 19 October, the ancient Greek Orthodox Church, which is the oldest functioning church in Gaza, was also reportedly bombed by Israel, citing pretexts that it had become a Hamas control centre. This church in Gaza City was sheltering hundreds of displaced Palestinians, including many Palestinian Christians, who sought temporary refuge there after several residential blocks in Gaza City had already been flattened by Israeli air strikes. Palestinian authorities claim that more than 5,000 people have been killed in the Gaza Strip, including more than 2,000 children, and another 14,000 injured in this new round of hostilities. It is difficult to imagine the humanitarian costs already incurred by this ongoing offensive. Despite the calls for immediate ceasefire raised by international organisations, several nation states and multiple protest demonstrations around the world, particularly in West Asia and North Africa, Israel's military actions in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank have been nothing short of relentless. On top of that, Israel has drastically curtailed the provision of basic amenities like fuel, electricity, water, food, and other forms of aid in the Palestinian territories. Israel has termed this retaliatory action as a response to the horrific 7 October attacks reportedly carried out by Hamas. In this regard, the statement of António Guterres, the United Nations (UN) Secretary General, is noteworthy. Guterres was caught in considerable controversy over his statement that "it is important to also recognize [that] the attacks by Hamas did not happen in a vacuum." While the Israeli envoy to the UN has termed these remarks as "shocking" and as justificatory of Hamas's terrorism, Guterres also pointed out that "the grievances of the Palestinian people cannot justify the appalling attacks by Hamas. Much of the opposition to what Guterres termed the "collective punishment of the Palestinian people" is emerging from Israel itself, where the government led by Benjamin Netanyahu has become even more unpopular following the 7 October attacks, with many Israeli citizens blaming Netanyahu for the uptick in Hamas's militancy and the consequent loss of Israeli and Palestinian lives this month. Excerpted from EPW

Young Writers in Kashmir An Appraisal

he recent years have seen a sudden surge in the breed of young writers and surrounding them a phenomenon of self-publication. While many people describe this effect as a talent boom and the launching of Kashmiri youth into the orbit of writing and authorship, others have described the phenomenon as one of boomerang, repeatedly warning us of the caveats and clauses that need to be kept in mind while assessing these works. As somebody involved in writing both articles, research papers and books, I do well understand the "urge of writing" and the passion to share one's thoughts and understanding with the rest of the world. But the writer, young or old, needs to be attentive and careful of the fact that while he writes, he imposes on himself a certain responsibility, which he can't escape.

The ideas he is going to express and share with the world are going to impact the readers, no matter how lesser in number these readers are. Thus, one can't write anything, without any reason and rhyme, without any basis and sound foundations and then escape the responsibility that these erroneous writings engender. It thus becomes imperative for writers to thoroughly understand their subject matter and carry an in-depth analysis of the theme they intend to write about. But is it possible for a teenager of average mental abilities to understand Plato, Hegel, Heidegger and others, say for example if he intends to write about philosophy?

The fact remains that any attempt to write about philosophy without having an in-depth understanding of these representative authors and dozens others is futile. At the same time it can't be expected of a writer in his teenage years to understand these doyens, let alone absorbing and assimilating their ideas. This not only demeans whatever he will write in the face of this handicap but also makes his writing redundant and of vestigial nature.

What has been typically said of philosophy applies equally to the fields of human intellectual enterprise like religion, spirituality, science and any other discourse where seriousness and an encompassing understanding of the subject is prerogative and of primary importance. The problem is not with writing per se, but with the fact that when these books and articles come across an intellectually piercing gaze, not only are their errors revealed, but the reign of misunderstanding, appropriation and pseudo-knowledge they try to erect also falls on its own. What about those, who are not intellectually well-tamed and can't sift chaff from the grain who are easily impressed and driven away by the premature arguments of these books and when they encounter a solid counterargument, not only do they feel at loss, but they castle of their beliefs is also rattled apart. A student of Urdu writing about physics with the confidence of Einstein is surely going to boomerang and make the entire intellectual niche vulner-



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able to the reign of misosophy. This situation compels us to caution our voung and aspiring writers to take their time, fatten their knowledge purse, explore counter-arguments objectively and then arrive at conclusions that are valid to the best of their understanding and that is corroborated by a storehouse of their previous studies. This creates the environment of growth and evolution and the author duly learns from his previous mistakes as he ascends the never-ending spiral of intellect. This is opposed to the case where the writer battles the vacuum with his vacuous arguments and moves the sword of his intellect blindly in alleys of ignorance.

There are genres where, without underestimating the value of learning and observation, one can appreciate the upcoming writers and authors. In the past, we have seen young novelists, poets, storytellers embellishing our literary landscape across the linguistic divide. What distinguishes this genre - the genre of fiction from that of serious non-fictional writing -- is that here reader's beliefs and cherished ideas are not at stake. Here the truth value of the work of writing doesn't concern the reader, the power of arguments is not weighed nor does the possibility of counter narratives arise. But that shall not drive us into the belief that anybody with a keyboard under his/ her hand shall start writing. Fiction too has its rigorous and welldefined parameters to evaluate any work of art and thanks to these parameters, one can, as much as possible, discern the worth of one literary work from another. It is in ignoring these parameters like thematic, technique, craftsmanship, use of words and a dozen others that most of the works of fiction suffer the fate of oblivion and ignorance. Those works of literary merit which take care of these standards don't only survive the test of time but also carve for them an un-

destroyable niche.

What has been said above will be of no use if we don't add a few more words to it. The budding/ young/teenager writers must get their manuscripts at least cross checked by the experts of the subject they are writing about. This will eliminate their broad and rough errors at the very outset and the reader shall also feel that the book he is holding in his hands, coming from a young writer it may be, carries with it a weight of credibility. Books must be written with a prospect of shelf-life and an idea of creating an impact among its target readers. These goals can be met when the author rises above the banter of short term applause and unqualified appreciation - something which arrests the youth immediately and to which they fall easy prey to. To rise above the shortterm jubilation to long-term impact can be had only when the writer is fully aware of his responsibility and the reason behind putting his thoughts on pages. Indifference to these indispensable factors leads our books to the state of ignorance by readers – fate which is evident to us all. Foreword-ing is something which our young writers need to be careful about and they must try to get their book foreword-ed by man of letters, merits and credibility and it is evident that no man of credibility will foreword a book which is not worth it. Thus it sets a quality check at the very outset and also raises the reputation of the book. These are some of the preliminary observations made in context of the emerging writers in Kashmir, in absence of which we believe that the books and authors can't be remembered beyond their release dates.

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Is Hybrid the Future of Work? I am writing this as a response to a

nice write-up that appeared in KASH-MIR OBSERVER, dated March 18, 2022, "The Future of Work is Hybrid"

The COVID-19 pandemic has drastically altered the perception to the extent that companies globally are willing to extend the 'work from home' concept, and this 'new normal' has become the 'accepted normal' ever since the outbreak of Coronavirus. When employees work from home, companies benefit on costs in terms of rent, water, electricity and fuel allowances. Work stations worldwide are generally crowded. There may be a situation of an asymptomatic employee who could potentially infect the whole office, and hence it is better to err on the side of caution.

Though it is a real challenge to work remotely, it also gives an opportunity for one to acquire and hone many new skills like planning, forward-thinking, coordination in times of distress, and so on. In addition, it is natural that when you are working from home, you save a lot of commute time and get to spend it with your family.

But then there are issues that employees face in the 'work from home' model. The combination of work and personal, and collective health anxiety are contributing to a specific kind of burnout brought on by the pandemic. Uncertainty took hold of the entire work-force, leading to stress and worries to emerge. In fact, the emotional trauma from stress has been even higher among remote workers due to the challenges of balancing home life and office work in the same setting. However, there are ways to deal with burnout.

It could be like taking a few deep breaths or smelling a wonderful fragrance, since it is important for our brain to take small breaks from often monotonous tasks. Also talking to friends and relatives can be helpful

as they may give some insights into how you can reduce your stress during the pandemic days.

In the final analysis, a shift towards home working doesn't mean that an employee has to necessarily work from home always. Often splitting time between home and the workplace is, perhaps, the most productive and profitable solution irrespective of whether Covid will end or not.

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QATAR THE REGIONAL MEDIATOR

Azad Mirza

In a region besieged with internal squabbling's, tribal and regional superiority, false pride and mostly hollow pompous statements not followed by any ground action, Qatar has emerged as a powerful mediator.

This is not the first time that the tiny and wealthy Gulf nation has stepped in as a crisis mediator or a facilitator of talks between archenemies. In the past it has successfully worked on deals that relate to Yemen in 2007, Lebanon in 2008, and most recently in Afghanistan in 2021, besides those in Syria, Sudan, Chad, and Eritrea. It has also brokered talks between Russia and Ukraine, securing the return of several Ukrainian children.

The emirate has spent nearly two decades deploying its oil and gas wealth, the powerful Qatari-owned television channel Al Jazeera, and a significant portion of its increasingly skilled diplomatic corps, to make itself one of the world's most indispensable fixers.

A Qatari official speaking on condition of anonymity told AFP that mediation and conflict resolution is an essential part of Qatar's foreign policy, so sizeable number of personnel are actively engaged on this part of the diplomacy.

It has carved out an unusual niche as a key American ally – it hosts a major U.S. military base – with extensive Islamist connections, strong enough for Washington's bitter enemies to feel comfortable living in Doha not far from U.S. troops.

Qatar's rise as a mediator achieved global prominence a decade ago, when it allowed establishment of "political offices" for Hamas and the Taliban – embassy-like bases for senior figures of the organisations – to set up in Doha under U.S. auspices, to facilitate negotiations.

Qatar's role as a mediator and a close U.S. ally offers obvious strategic dividends for a small country surrounded by large, well-armed neighbours in a volatile region. It shares its only land border with Saudi Arabia, and it sits across the Gulf from Iran.

Qatar essentially bolstered its soft power image through the phenomenal reach of Al Jazeera, which also helped it counter negative coverage against the country in the western media about migrant labour, particularly during the run-up to the football World Cup last year, and other rights issues such as its treatment of women.

Allegedly, Doha serves as one of two main external bases for Hamas, the other is in Turkey. In this regard the Israeli government has helped too. Over the past five years it has allowed Qatar



US secretary of state Antony Blinken, left, and Qatar's prime minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani earlier this month $\textcircled{}{}^{\odot}$ FT montage/AFP/Getty Images

to fund Hamas in Gaza through transfers of cash – around \$30 million a month – and fuel. Israel has done so principally to avoid taking responsibility for the welfare of people living there, but also in the hope that by sustaining Hamas in Gaza it would widen the split between Gaza and the West Bank, undermine the Palestinian Authority (PA) and make the prospect of a unified Palestinian position impossible.

Commenting on Qatar's ties with Hamas, Bader Al Saif, a professor of history at Kuwait University told APR that Hamas has different ties with Qatar. Qatar has been a key interlocutor when it comes to presenting aid to Gaza's infrastructure in the past. Gaza has been decimated a few times by Israel in the past, and that required a lot of reconstruction. And the reconstruction has been largely veiled by various parties in the region in the Middle East, but by Qatar as well.

Al Saif presented another perspective of the Qatari foreign policy saying that as a small state, it requires a secure region for it to thrive. So it would like to see peace and prosperity become the mainstream in the region. That hasn't been the case, unfortunately, for the Middle East. In addition, Qatar has also been a victim of a Gulf rift in the past few years when Saudi Arabia, UAE and others blockaded it in the region. But through gritty tenaciousness it emerged as a winner in that situation too, proving the capabilities of its rulers.

In the current conflict, the Qataris claim their close ties with Hamas have enabled them to

help secure the release of an American mother and daughter from Chicago, who were visiting the Nahal Oz kibbutz less than two miles from Gaza when Hamas terrorists launched their attack, captured them and took them into captivity. The release of the two women prompted U.S. President Joe Biden to issue an official statement thanking the Qatari and Israeli governments "for their partnership" in securing the release of the two Americans

Apparently, signals from Qatar that it may be able to secure the release of more hostages has also been a key factor in Israel's decision to delay its ground invasion of Gaza as part of the newly-formed Israeli emergency government's aim to annihilate Hamas.

Qatar began to carve out its role as a credible mediator years ago, beginning in 2008, when it brought the Hezbollah and its western-backed opponents to the negotiating table, when Hezbollah took over key infrastructure installations in Lebanon, including the airport and major seaports. The talks resulted in the Doha Agreement, which prevented the crisis from escalating and plunging Lebanon into another civil war.

Qatar's working relationships with traditional U.S. adversaries such as Iran and Russia - or non-state groups like Hamas and the Taliban have made it an invaluable partner for the U.S. and other Western countries.

Analysts say the ability of Qatar to maintain good relations with both non-state armed groups and state actors such as Russia and Iran, while still being a strategic partner to the United States, will continue to enhance its importance on the global stage.

Lina Khatib, director of the SOAS Middle East Institute at SOAS University of London, in an article last week for Barron's opined that, Qatar is framing this achievement - and associated praise from the U.S. - as proof that it is correct in its strategy of keeping communication lines open with multiple opposing actors. Its role in the current conflict is giving its geopolitical ambitions a boost.

Though its geopolitical ambitions might be a bit debatable, but its approach has proved that a sane and doggedly pursued policy utilising diplomatic and mediation skills can certainly provide you a seat at the high table at the global level.

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How To Redesign Social Media Algorithms To Bridge Divides

Jo Adetunji

Social media platforms have been implicated in conflicts of all scales, from urban gun violence to the storming of the US Capitol building on January 6 and civil war in South Sudan. Scientifically, it is difficult to tell how much social media can be blamed for one-off incidents.

But in much the way that climate change increases the risk of extreme weather, evidence suggests that current algorithms (which mostly optimise for engagement) raise the political "temperature" by disproportionately surfacing inflammatory content. This may make people angrier, increasing the risk that social differences escalate to violence.

But what if we redesigned social media to bridge divides? "Bridging-based ranking" is an alternative kind of algorithm for ranking content in social media feeds that explicitly aims to build mutual understanding and trust across differing perspectives.

The core logic of bridging-based ranking has already been used on Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter), albeit not in the main feed. It is also used in Polis, an online platform for collecting public input, used by several governments to inform policymaking on polarised topics.

There are many open questions, but evidence from existing uses of bridging-based ranking suggests that changes to algorithms may reduce partisan animosity and improve the quality and inclusiveness of online interactions. People are increasingly looking for alternative algorithms. Regulators in the EU and new platforms such as Bluesky are giving users choice regarding which algorithm determines what they see, and recent large-scale experiments on Facebook have tested different options.

If we care about social cohesion, then during this period of "shopping around" we need to seriously consider alternatives such as bridging.

How it works

Current engagement-based algorithms make predictions about which posts are most likely to generate clicks, likes, shares or views – and use these predictions to rank the most engaging content at the top of your feed. This tends to amplify the most polarising voices, because divisive perspectives are very engaging.

Bridging-based ranking uses a different set of signals to determine which content gets ranked highly. One approach is to increase the rank of content that receives positive feedback from people who normally disagree. This creates an incentive for content producers to be mindful of how their content will land with "the other side".

Among the internal Facebook documents leaked by whistleblower Frances Haugen in 2021, there is evidence that Facebook tested this approach for ranking comments.

Comments with positive engagement from diverse audiences were found to be of higher quality, and "much less likely" to be reported for bullying, hate or inciting violence. A similar strategy is used in Community Notes, a crowd-sourced fact checking feature on X, to identify notes that are helpful to people on both sides of politics.

This pattern of "diverse positive feedback" is the most widely implemented approach to bridging. Others include lowering the ranking of content that promotes partisan violence, or using surveys to shape algorithms so that they increase the ranking of content according to how it makes users feel in the long term, rather than the short term.

Conflict is an important part of society, and in many cases, a key driver of political and social change. The goal of bridging is not to eliminate conflict or disagreement, but to promote constructive forms of conflict.

This is known as conflict transformation. Professional mediators, facilitators and "peacebuilders", who work with opposing groups, have a detailed understanding of how conflicts escalate. They also know how to structure communication between opposing groups in ways that build mutual understanding and trust.

Research on bridging-based ranking can draw on this, taking insights from conflict management in the physical world and translating them into digital systems.

For example, facilitating contact between people from rival groups in "opt in", nonthreatening settings can reduce prejudice, and we can design social platforms to create these conditions online. Why should big tech adopt this?

Firms such as Meta have built their fortune on the "attention economy" and content which promotes short-term engagement, and hence revenue.

We simply don't yet know the extent to which the goals of bridging and engagement are in tension. If you talk to people who work at social media platforms, they will tell you that when well-intended changes to the algorithm are tested, user engagement sometimes drops initially, but then slowly rebounds over time, ultimately ending up with more engagement.

The problem is, platforms normally get cold feet and cancel experiments before they can observe such long-term benefits. Evidence we do have from leaked Facebook papers suggests that incorporating bridging improves the user experience.

Bridging-based ranking might also have benefits beyond engagement. By reducing toxicity and content that violates community guidelines, it would likely reduce the need for costly content moderation.

Demonstrating a willingness to make their algorithms less divisive would also build goodwill among regulators, reducing the risk of reputational and legal damage. For example, Facebook has been heavily criticised for allegedly facilitating incitements to violence in Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Ethiopia.

It has subsequently faced lawsuits from victims and communities, who have sought up to £150 billion in damages.

Questions and challenges

Important questions around bridgingbased ranking remain, and we set out many of these in a recent paper published with the Knight First Amendment Institute, which publishes original scholarship and policy papers relating to the defence of freedoms of speech and the press in the digital age.

Which divides should be bridged? Are there unintended consequences – for example, amplifying mainstream views at the expense of minority viewpoints? How can decisions about the design of mass communication technologies be made democratically?

Bridging is not a panacea. There is only so much algorithmic changes can do to address societal conflict, which is a result of complex factors such as inequality. But by recognising that digital platforms are reshaping society, we have an obligation to guide that process in an ethical, humanistic direction that brings out the best in us.

It falls to both the tech companies that built these systems and an engaged public to create technologies designed for social cohesion. With care, wisdom and democratic oversight, we can foster online communities that reflect our better sides. But we have to make that choice.

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Humans Long Way From Building Conscious Machines, **Understanding Consciousness, Say Neuroscientists**

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We are a long way from building conscious machines, neuroscientists write in an opinion published in the journal Trends in Neurosciences.

When we, humans, are interacting with AI systems such as ChatGPT, we consciously perceive the text the language model generates. The question is whether the language model also perceives our text when we prompt it, neuroscientists from Estonia, Germany, and Australia write.

The authors argue that although the responses of these AI

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systems seem conscious, they are most likely not.

First, they say, the inputs to language models lack the embodied, embedded information content characteristic of our sensory contact with the world around us.

Second, the architectures of present-day AI algorithms are missing key features of the thalamocortical system (relating to or connecting the cortex and thalamus) that have been linked to conscious awareness in mammals, they write.

Finally, the evolutionary and developmental trajectories that led to the emergence of living conscious organisms arguably have

no parallels in artificial systems as envisioned today, they write.

They argue that the existence of living organisms depends on their actions and their survival is intricately linked to multi-level cellular, inter-cellular, and organismal processes culminating in agency and consciousness.

"What we know, and what this new paper points out, is that the mechanisms are likely way more complex than the mechanisms underlying current language models," the authors write, even as they contend that researchers do not have a consensus on how consciousness rises in our brains.

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LETTER OF APPRECIATION AND THANKING TO THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE, BEMINA SRINAGAR

We, the residents who live in the vicinity of AAAM Degree College, Bernina want to show our deep ation and thanks to the esteemed Principal Secretary, Director Colleges Higher Education Department and the Principal of the college for the felling of poplar trees in the College and promptly responding to our long pending request. The trees were proving to be a great health hazard to all of us. The cotton wood seeds of the poplar trees were severely furthering our respiratory ailments in the spring month. Many of the poplar trees were also hanging quite low towards the main road Bernina, and people feared for their safety especially during thunderstorms and during snow in winters. Furthermore, the felling of the poplar trees has augmented the beauty of the college and its vicinity, We believe that it will result in increasing the reputation of the college as it becomes more visible and accessible to the masses. We hope college administration makes proper utilization of the land cleared from the felling of these poplar trees, and transform the college into an eminent institution of excellence in Higher education studies. All of us are equally appreciative of the college administration for being a beacon of light and education to our children who save a lot of time with a higher education institution so close by their home. The regular awareness programs organize by the College on vital social issues are also benefiting the vicinity in eradication the social evils.

Thanking you sir

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

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Post
1	Khovripora Anantnag	Sanginis(Anganwadi worker)	03
		Sahayikas	14
		(Anganwadi Helper)	
Total		17	

Applications are invited in the Prescribed Pro forma in Annexure "A" from the eligible candidates for engagement as Sanginis (Anganwadi Worker) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper) on Honorarium basis for below mentioned posts of Anganwadi Centres. The important dates/details with regard to the posts are as under:

- a) Date of commencement for submission of application 02.11.2023
- b) Last date for submission of applications is 16.11.2023
 c) Annexure A- Prescribed Pro forma for Applying.
 d) Annexure B- Name of the Post, Location/Ward, Qualification and Criteria for selection.
- e) Annexure C- Affidavit.f) Annexure D- Documents Required.
- ANNEXURE 'A' Format of Application
- 1. Name of POSHAN Project
- 2. Name of Anganwadi Centre_
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- 5. Father's Name
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A. For (Anganwadi Workers) Sangnis

- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K. 2. Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible
- 3. The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Where ever, there is any dispute as to residence For any reason, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the
- concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered. 4) Minimum qualification for Sanginis (Anganwadi Worker) shall be 10+ 2 and maximum graduation. In case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of
- Mission Director, Mission POSHAN. 5) In case suitable candidate is not available for adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the ward can be considered subject to the approval of the MD,
- Poshan Abhiyan 6) Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be
- done purely on merit basis and not other criteria to be considered. 7) In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWW/AWH, then said
- candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.
- 8) In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.
- 9) Candidate with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered B. Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)
 - 1. The selection of Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located.
 - 2. Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
 - 3. The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
 - 4. Minimum qualification for Sahayikas(Anganwadi Helper) Sahayikas shall be matriculation.
 - 5. In case no matriculate candidate available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered.
 - 6. The committee shall select highly meritorious married applicant, of the ward as helper from amongst those who fulfil the qualification criteria, for rare and exceptional cases selection committee can proceed as per criteria mentioned in
 - HR Policy. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be
 - considered. C. In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWWs/AWHs, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points

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The Candidate should have secretarial experience of at least 8 years (shall be counted 2. from the date of receiving membership of ICSI) and fully acquainted with the company rules and laws having worked with any company or financial institution in the past.

The age of the applicant should be not more-than 60 years. Duration of contract:

The period of contract shall be initially for two years and shall be renewed/extended depending upon the performance of the selected firms/practicing Company Secretary. It can also be terminated by giving one month notice from either side. The arrangement shall not confer any right to the candidate to claim permanent absorption in the Corporation. The candidates who are willing to serve at the minimum remuneration shall be ;hired. In case the information/documents at any stage are not found within the eligibility criteria for the job applied, the Corporation reserves every right to reject the offer/candidature without specifying any reasons.

Managing Director

No: JKWDC/Estt/Advt/ C.S/2023/ Dated:30-10-2023 DIPK-NB-3899/23

10. Contact No
11. Date of Birth
12. Age as on 01.01.2023

Sr.No.	Examination passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Total Marks	Percentage
01						
02						

14. Do the candidate belong to Retiring Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)(YES/NO) 15. Document Attached

Signature of the candidate

Recent

Coloured

Photograph

ANNEXURE 'B'

Details of Vacant Posts Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) along with name and location of Anganwadi centre

Date:

		Panchayat/Muncipal		NAME OF	
S.No	NAME OF ANGANWADI	Committee	WARD NO.	POST	NO. OF
	CENTRE				POSTS
01	Halwan A			Sanginis	1
		Panzmullah	Ward No 07		
				(Anganwadi	
				Worker)	
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02	Manzigam-B	Nowgam B	Ward No 01	Sanginis	1
				(Anganwadi	
				Worker)	
				worker)	
03	Dangerpora -A	Hutmurrah	Ward No 04	Sanginis	1
				(Anganwadi	
				Worker)	

Details of Vacant Posts Sahahikas (Anganwadi Helper) along with name and location of Anganwadi Centre

Sr.	NAME OF ANGANWADI	Panchayat/Muncipal Committee	WARD NO.	NAME OF POST	NO. OF
No.	CENTRE				POSTS
01	Salia C	Salia A	06	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)	1
02	Hugam A	Hugam	05	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)	1
03	Hassan Noor A	Hassan Noor	03	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)	1
04	Harkarpora	Akura	05	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)	1
05	Siligam B	Siligam	04	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)	1
06	Mattan Khanwadi	MC Mattan	12	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)	1
07	Reinzpal	Frislan	05	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)	1
08	Nowpora	Panzmullah	06	Sahayikas	1
09	Srangsoo-A	Badigam	05	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)	1
10	Manznoo B	Bon Nambal B	07	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)	1

- 1) The candidate who is shortlisted for Document verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other document like Domicile Certificate, on or before the last date of submission of application form.
 - a) Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification
 - b) Date of Birth/Matriculate Certificate.
 - c) Domicile Certificate.
 - d) Unmarried Certificate (where required)
- 2) Candidates have to bring two passport size recent colour photographs and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be:
 - Aadhaar Card
- Voter ID card. ii)
- 3) The candidate, who is supposed to furnish various certificates issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final.

ANNEXURE C

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:

- 1. All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
- 2. Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Sanginis (Anganwadi worker) and Class 10th for Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent.
- 3. The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK (SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Anganwadi worker/ Anganwadi Helper

ANNEXURE 'D'

- 1. Date of Birth/Matriculate Certificate.
- 2. Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post.
- 3. Domicile Certificate issued by competent authority.
- 4. Unmarried Certificate issued by concerned Tehsildar (Where required).
- 5. Electoral (Panch/Municipal) Ward Certificate issued by competent authority.
- 6. Voter List (Panchayat/Municipal).
- 7. Voter ID.
- 8. Aadhar Card.
- 9. 2 Passport size Coloured Photographs.

No.:-CDPO/kvp/2023/ 959-69 DIFK-11265/23

Date: - 30 /10/2023

Child Development Project Officer Khovripora ,Anantnag

BUSINESS

Insurers To Provide Details Of Basic Features Of Policy To Customers From Jan 1

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Insurance companies will have to provide basic features of a policy like sum assured, what the policy covers as well as exclusions, and claim procedure, to policyholders in a prescribed format from January 1, for easy understanding of terms and conditions.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) has revised the existing customer information sheet so as to convey basic information about the policy purchased in a manner that is easily understood.

"The revised customer information sheet (CIS) shall be implemented with effect from January 1, 2024," the regulators said in a circular to all insurance companies.

Irdai said that it is important for a policyholder to understand the terms and conditions of the policy that has been purchased

"Since a policy document may be fraught with legalese, it is imperative to have a document that explains in simple words, the basic features with regards to the policy and provides necessary information," the circular said.

It also noted that several

INSURANCE POLICY complaints are still emanating as a result of asymmetry of information between insurer and

the policy holder, Irdai said, while providing rationale for introducing revised CIS.

As per the revised CIS, insurers will have to provide 'name of insurance product/policy'; 'policy number', 'type of insurance product/policy'; and 'sum insured'.

Policyholders will also be informed about policy coverage (like hospital expenses), exclusions (what the policy does not cover), waiting period, financial limits of coverage, claims procedure, and details about grievances/complaints redressal mechanism.

The circular further said that insurers, intermediaries, and agents will forward the CIC to all policyholders, and also obtain an acknowledgement regarding the same.

available in local language if the policyholder so desires.

Tata Motors To Get Over Rs 766 **Cr Compensation For Losses Incurred At Singur Plant**



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: In a major victory for Tatas, an arbitral tribunal has awarded Tata Motors a compensation of over Rs 766 crore for the losses incurred because of protests by Trinamool Congress that stalled its small car project at Singur in West Bengal.

The tribunal asked the West Rengal government to nav Tata Motors the compensation, along with interest, according to a stock exchange filing by the Mumbai-based auto major on Monday. The company stated that the arbitral tribunal has asked the West Bengal Industrial Development Corp (WBIDC) to pay the company Rs 766 crore compensation, in connection with losses incurred on its manufacturing site in Singur. Tata Motors had to shift its plant to produce small car Nano from Singur in West Bengal to Sanand in Gujarat in October 2008 due to a land row.

to recover from the respondent West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (WBIDC) a sum of Rs 765.78 crore with interest thereon 11 per cent per annum from September 1, 2016, till actual recovery thereof.

The compensation is in respect to the auto major's claim of compensation from WBIDC under various heads, including the loss of capital investment with regard to the automobile manufacturing facility at Singur. "This is to inform that the aforesaid pending Arbitral proceedings before a three-member Arbitral Tribunal has now been finally disposed of by a unanimous award dated October 30, 2023, in favour of Tata Motors," the auto major said. Tata Motors has also been

Oil Prices Could Reach 'Uncharted Waters' If Israel-Hamas War **Escalates: World Bank**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON: The World Bank reported Monday that oil prices could be pushed into "uncharted waters" if the violence between Israel and Hamas intensifies, which could result in increased food prices worldwide.

The World Bank's Commodity Markets Outlook found that while the effects on oil prices should be limited if the con-flict doesn't widen, the outlook "would darken quickly if the conflict were to escalate". The attack on Israel by the militant organisation Hamas and the ensuing Israel military operation against Hamas have raised fears of a wider Mideast conflict.

And the threat of escalation looms. Israeli tanks and infantry pushed into Gaza over the weekend as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced a "second stage" in the war. Hamas officials have called for more regional assistance from allies, including Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The World Bank report simulates three scenarios for the global oil supply in the event of a small, medium or large disruption.

Effects should be limited if the conflict doesn't widen in a "small disruption" scenario - as oil prices are expected to decline to an average of \$81 a barrel next year, the World

Bank estimates. But during a "medium disruption" – equivalent to the disruptions experienced during the Iraq war – the global oil supply would decline by 3 million to 5 million barrels



per day, driving oil prices up possibly by 35 per cent.

In a "large disruption" scenario — comparable to the Arab oil embargo of 1973 the global oil supply would shrink by 6 million to 8 million barrels per day and prices could go up by 56per cent to 75per cent, or \$140 to \$157 a barrel, according to the report.

Indermit Gill, the World Bank's chief economist, said Russia's invasion of Ukraine has already had disruptive effects on the global economy 'that persist to this day."

"If the conflict were to escalate, the global economy would face a dual energy shock for the first time in decades - not just from the war in Ukraine but also from the Middle East," Gill said.

Ayhan Kose, the World Bank's deputy chief economist, said higher oil prices will inevitably result in higher food prices.

"If a severe oil price shock materialises, it would push up food price inflation that has already been elevated in

Average Onion Price In Delhi Touches Rs 78 Per Kg; All-India Average Rate At Rs 50.35 Per Kg: Govt Data

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Onion prices remained at a high level in the national capital on Monday and was ruling at an average price of Rs 78 per kilogram in the retail market, according to government data.

However, the all-India average price of onion was at around Rs 50.35 per kg while the maximum rate was Rs 83 per kg and modal price was at Rs 60 per kg, as per the data compiled by the Department of Consumer Affairs. The mini-



insecurity, not only within the region but also across the world." Overall, oil prices have risen about 6per cent since the start of the conflict. And gold – a commodity that tends to rise in periods of conflict – has increased roughly 8per cent, according to the World Bank.

Some analysts are skeptical that the US would experience massive oil shortages, since US oil production is at an alltime high.

At a Bloomberg event on Thursday, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the Biden administration was monitoring the economic consequences of Israel's war against Hamas carefully.

"So far, we have not yet seen much that has global consequences," she said, but if the war spreads "of course there could be more meaningful consequences.'



J&K Bank Commences Observance Of Vigilance Awareness Week - 2023

Zero-tolerance for corruption in the Bank: MD & CEO

Observer News Service

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SRINAGAR: Every one of us is responsible for safeguarding this Bank and should, therefore, remain vigilant about the elements that can harm this institution besides defrauding its

customers or the staff. MD & CEO Baldev Prakash stated this after kick-starting the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW - 2023) across the Bank in presence of Executive Director Sudhir Gupta, Chief Vigilance Officer Ambrish Kumar Mishra, General Managers, DGMs and other senior officers of the Bank. He also administered the integrity pledge on the occasion, wherein the participants pledged to uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency and accountability while discharg-

ing their duties. Notably, the nation-wide vigilance awareness week is one of the main tools of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) for preventive vigilance with focus on building awareness and re-affirming the commit-ment of every citizen of the country to uphold integrity in public governance.

Emphasizing upon the importance of taking on corruption in line with the theme chosen by the CVC – Say No to Corruption: Commit to the Nation - MD & CEO said, "Through the preventive vigilance methods, the unscrupulous elements engaged in any kind of corruption need to be identified for which I request whistle-blowers to come forward and urge the management to encourage whistle-blowing at

every level of the hierarchy. Let us relay the message to every stakeholder that there is zerotolerance for corruption in the Bank.'

While asking for the support from management and staff for eradication of corruption and its attendant practices from the Bank, he assured the bona-fide employees that they don't need to worry about the work done in the interest of the Bank with due diligence and sincerity.

MD further sensitized the participants that the Turnaround Time (TAT) for task needs to be strictly complied with as its non-adherence leads to lack of transparency which also amounts to a sort of corruption.

Earlier, CVO dwelt upon the significance of vigilance awareness week - 2023, saying that the purpose of the observance of the week (30th October to 5th November) is to inculcate true spirit of participative vigilance among the staff in order to undertake effective preventive measures to minimise the scope for corruption in the organization.

He said that after adopting the CVC Guidelines in 2019, the Bank is making a steady progress on the vigilance front. "Besides administering integrity pledge to the staff at all across the Bank levels many programs have been planned for the week that include flashing of banners on importance of Anti-Corruption and Whistle blowing in offices and branches, essay competition, online quiz programs and work-shops on preventive vigilance awareness for the staff", he added.

5-Day Life Skills Training **Commences At SKUAST-K**

Observer News Service ation, discovering self-aware



Tatas, by then, had already put over Rs 1,000 crore in Singur.

In the regulatory filing, the auto major said a three-member Arbitral Tribunal has ruled that the company is entitled

held to be entitled to recover from the respondent (WBIDC) a sum of Rs 1 crore towards the cost of the proceedings, it added.

"With the making of the final arbitral award as mentioned above, the Arbitral proceedings have come to an end," it noted. In June 2010, Tata Motors inaugurated a new plant in Sanand to produce Nano, which it has ceased to sell now.

mum rate is Rs 17 per kg. Local vendors are selling onions at Rs 80 per kg while the key kitchen item is available at Rs 75 per kg on e-commerce portals Bigbasket and

Otipy. On Saturday, the Centre imposed a Minimum Export Price (MEP) of USD 800 per tonne on onion exports till December 31 to boost availability of the vegetable in the domestic market.

The USD 800 per tonne MEP translates into about Rs 67 per kg. The MEP is there for all varieties of onion except Bangalore Rose and Krishnapuram onions, and for cut, sliced or broken in powder forms. Besides, the Centre has an-

nounced that it would procure an additional 2 lakh tonnes of onion for the buffer, over and above the 5 lakh tonnes already procured.

An official statement issued on Saturday said that the step to impose MEP will help in maintaining sufficient availability of onion to domestic consumers at affordable prices as the quantity of stored Rabi 2023 onion is declining.

Onion from the buffer stock 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 tonnes 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 had said.

Last week, a senior ministry official had said that the delay in kharif onion sowing due to weather reasons resulted in less coverage and late arrival of the crop.

The fresh kharif onion should have started arriving by now but it has not..

SRINAGAR: Breaking away from

its usual practice of conducting

professional and subject-specific

training programs, Sher-e-Kash-

mir University of Agricultural Sci-

ences and Technology of Kashmir

for the first time has organised life

The five-day 'Life and Social

Skills' training programme is or-

ganised by the varsity's Director-

ate of Education and conducted by

the Heartfulness Institute, Hyder-

abad under the sponsorship of the

World Bank-ICAR funded National

Agricultural Higher Education

Project (NAHEP) for the institu-

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building the leadership and in-

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empower individuals by explor-

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The skill training is aimed at

skills training for its students.

improving decision-making, fostering interdependence, and promoting rejuvenation.

Life skills are an essential component of personal development, and this unique partnership between SKUAST-K and Heartfulness Institute Hyderabad aims to equip participants with the tools and knowledge necessary to thrive in today's fast-paced world.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, who was the chief guest at the inaugural session of the training, thanked the Heartfulness Institution for conducting the training.

He said the university has a social responsibility, besides its main mandate of agricultural research and education, to empower its students and build them as the nextgen global leaders, who will drive the future change for its own society as well as for the whole world.

Digital Jammu and Kashmir: A Beacon of Transparent Governance

Nargis Ara

Over the last four years, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) has witnessed a remarkable transformation in governance through the implementation of various digital initiatives. These initiatives aim to bring transparency, accountability, and efficiency to government services, ultimately benefiting the common masses. From streamlining land record management to providing a wide range of online services, J&K is emerging as a model of digital government in the country.

Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani: **Revolutionizing Land Record** Management

One of the flagship programs launched by the J&K government is "Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani," a digital initiative that revolutionizes land record management. This program allows citizens to access their land records online,

reducing the possibility of manipulation and improving the efficiency of revenue offices. This digital intervention empowers common people to check their land records on their mobile devices, eliminating the need for physically visiting revenue offices and expediting the process of obtaining revenue extracts.

E-Governance for All: A Digital Services Transformation

The government's prime objective is to make all services available online, minimizing the need for physical visits to government offices. I&K has made impressive progress in providing nearly 1040 services online, covering major services commonly availed by the people. Through the e-Unnat portal, citizens can easily register and apply for various services, receiving the service deliverable in the form of an output certificate/ report. The integration of the Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA)



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sures transparent, citizen-friendly, and efficient governance. Auto-Appeal System: An Innovative Game-Changer

J&K has taken a pioneering step by integrating the Auto-Appeal System feature into the e-Unnat portal. This system empowers citizens by providing them with a mechanism to escalate and appeal against any service-related delays or issues. By strictly adhering to the provisions of PSGA, the government aims to weed out inefficiency, red tape, and apathy in the service delivery mechanism. With the implementation of this robust system, J&K becomes the first Union Territory in the country to adopt such a transparent and accountable approach.

Digi Dost's Program: Mobilizing Digital Volunteers

The "Digi Dost" program launched by the government aims to create a network of digitally empowered young volunteers at the district, block, and panchayat levels. These volunteers serve as brand ambassadors for Digital J&K and Digital India, working towards increasing awareness and mobilization of digital services. This grassroots approach further enhances the reach and impact of digital initiatives, ensuring that even the remotest corners of J&K benefit from the technological advancements.

Jammu and Kashmir's digital journey has been nothing short of transformative. With initiatives like Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani and e-Unnat, the government has brought unprecedented transparency, efficiency, and convenience to the lives of its citizens. By empowering the common masses through digital services, J&K sets an inspiring example for other states and territories to follow. As the nation moves towards a more digital future, J&K stands tall as a shining beacon of transparent and accountable governance.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir **DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE** (G&P) DEPARTMENT KASHMIR Tel-0194-2474234 Fax -2482032

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Subject: - Extension No.01.

In view of no response, the last date for submission of bids invited vide this office e-Tender Notice No.26 of 2023 dated.03.10.2023 for Outsourcing of Entry Ticketing System of Lidder Park, Pahalgam is hereby extended as per the details given below: -

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	28.10.2023 from 11:30 AM to 11.11.2023 up to 02:00 PM		
2.	Bid submission Start Date	28.10.2023 from 11:45 AM		
3.	Bid submission End date	11.11.2023 up to 02:00 PM		
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	14.11.2023 at 02:00 PM		
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	DFK/GS-681/3500-02 cd:-28/10/2023 DIPK-112	Accounts Officer,		

DT: 30/11/2023

2020 Delhi Riots: Court **Sentences Convict To 7 Years** In Jail For Attempt To Murder

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi: Hearing a case regarding the 2020 Delhi riots, a court here sentenced a convict to seven years of rigorous imprisonment on Monday for the charge of attempt to murder, saying though it was not a "lighter crime", there were some mitigating factors that could not be overlooked.

The court also sentenced another convict to five years of rigorous imprisonment, taking note of his "specific role" in the crime.

The court observed that firing at police showed the duo's "readiness" to "challenge the State" and this attitude is "dangerous for the society".

Additional Sessions Judge Pulastya Pramachala was hearing a case against Imran alias Model and Imran, who were convicted of the charge of being members of an unlawful assembly that committed rioting and used criminal force against police officials by firing gunshots, thereby causing injuries to a constable, in Brijpuri here on February 25, 2020.

According to the prosecution, Model was carrying a pistol and fired upon the police while Imran "supported and instigated" him in the offence.

The judge said, "I find that though the crime committed in the case is not a lighter crime, but lack of education, influence of mob sentiments and young age of both the convicts cannot be overlooked."

'Therefore, the sentence against the convicts has to be decided taking a middle path. The specific role of each convict is also to be taken into consideration," he added.

The court sentenced Model and Imran to rigorous imprisonment for seven years and five years respectively under section 307 (attempt to murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The court also sentenced the duo to three years of rigorous imprisonment for voluntarily causing hurt to deter a public servant from discharging his duty and simple imprisonment for a year and six months respectively for the offences of rioting, armed with a deadly weapon and disobedience to an order duly promulgated by a public servant.

The sentences will run concurrently, the court clarified. Taking note of the evidence

before it, the court said the convicts participated in the riots of their own volition and it could not be said that they were under any duress or compulsion.

It said the duo damaged the properties of innocent people without any hesitation and carrying a pistol was not a big deal for them either. Also, firing at anyone without any personal provocation showed a criminal bent of mind, the court observed.

Northern Railway Celebrates Vigilance Awareness Week- 2023

General Manager Northern Railway, Shobhan Chaudhuri Administers Oath To Officers And Staff



Observer News Service

New Delhi: To increase public awareness about the menace of corruption and join hands together to make corruption free India, Northern Railway is celebrating the Vigilance Awareness Week from October 30 to November 5.

On the occasion of inauguration of the Vigilance

integrity pledge was administered by the General Manager Northern Railway, Shobhan Chaudhuri to all the staff and officers of Northern Railway Headquarters at Baroda House New Delhi today.

In this integrity pledge, all the staff and officers of Northern railway vowed to fight against corruption. Vigilance Awareness Week is celebrated every year as per the directions of Central Vigilance Commission.

This year it is to be celebrated from 30.10.2023 to 05.11.2023 with the theme "Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation "A large number of activities like quiz Debates, Seminar, Nukkad Natak and station visits have been planned during the ensuing week

'Might Is Right' Has No Place In Maritime Order: Rajnath's Veiled Dig At China

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maritime relations," he said.

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The approach of 'might is right' has no place in maritime order and fair rules of engagement are crucial for fostering collaboration and ensuring that no single country dominates others, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday in remarks seen as an oblique reference to China's aggressive muscle-flexing in the Indo-Pacific.

In an address at the Goa Maritime conclave, he said "narrow immediate" interests may tempt nations to flout or disregard the well-established international law, but doing so would lead to the breakdown of civilised maritime relations.

Singh emphasised that common maritime priorities need to be addressed cooperatively by avoiding "selfish interests" that make the region less secure and less prosperous, adding that "adherence to international laws and agreements must be our lodestar". The defence minister, delv-

of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982.

prosperity cannot be preserved ing into challenges in the Indian without all of us committing to Ocean region as well as in the cooperatively adhering to the Indo-Pacific, underlined the legitimate maritime rules of importance of respecting the engagement," Singh said. He further added: "Fair rules international maritime laws as enunciated in the United

of engagement are crucial for Nations Convention on the Law fostering collaboration and ensuring that no single country "A free, open and rule-based dominates others in a hegemaritime order is a priority for monic manner." all of us. 'Might is right' has no

three-day conclave The place in such a maritime order," that commenced on Sunday is being attended by representatives, including chiefs of navies and heads of maritime forces, from Comoros, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

There have been growing global concerns over China's sweeping claims of sovereignty over all of the South China Sea, a huge source of hydrocarbons. Several countries in the region, including Vietnam, the Philippines and Brunei, have counterclaims.

In his remarks, Singh also called for establishing multinational collaborative mitigation frameworks in the Indian Ocean region to effectively tackle common maritime challenges

such as climate change, piracy, terrorism, drug trafficking, illegal fishing and freedom of commerce in high seas. On climate change, Singh stat-

ed that the collaborative mitigation framework can involve the countries working together to reduce carbon emissions and transition to sustainable practices.

He pointed out that the world could overcome this problem if all countries accepted the responsibility to cut emissions by investing in a green economy and sharing technology and capital with needy countries.

Singh also referred to Unreported and 'Illegal, Unregulated' (IUU) fishing as a challenge related to resource over-exploitation.

Parts Of Delhi Record Air **Quality In 'Severe' Category**

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Air pollution levels entered the 'severe' zone in parts of Delhi on Monday while the overall air quality index (AQI) in the city stood in the 'very poor' category for the third consecutive day, according to weather-monitoring agencies.

The city's 24-hour average AQI was recorded at 347 at 4 pm, worsening from 325 on Sunday, 304 on Saturday and 261 (poor) on Friday, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

It was 256 on Thursday, 243 on Wednesday and 220 on Tuesday.

Rohini (406), Wazirpur (416), and Mundka (414) recorded their air quality in the 'severe' zone (AQI above 400).

The AQI was 272 in neighbouring Ghaziabad, 300 in Faridabad, 203 in Gurugram, 303 in Noida and 336 in Greater Noida.

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

The city's air quality deterio-rated to the 'very poor' category on Saturday due to slow wind speed at night and a dip in the temperatures.

The air quality is expected to remain 'very poor' for a few more days, according to the Centre's Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi.

The capital's air quality in October 2023 has been worse compared to the last two years and meteorologists attribute it to the lack of rainfall.

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai Sunday said that though the number of stubbleburning incidents in Punjab has reduced, vehicular emissions have emerged as a major contributor to the air pollution in the city.

He demanded that the Centre impose a strict ban on buses operating with poor-quality diesel in the National Capital Region (NCR) areas of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Starting November 1, only electric, CNG and BS VIcompliant diesel buses will be allowed to operate between Delhi and the cities and towns of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan falling within the NCR, according to

directions issued by the Centre's Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM).

In an effort to reduce pollution levels, the Centre announced in April 2020 that all vehicles sold in India must comply with the Bharat Stage VI (BS-VI) emission standards.

The Bharat Stage emission standards set legal limits on the amount of air pollutants such as carbon monoxide and particulate matter that vehicles in India can emit. These standards focus on improving emission control, fuel efficiency and engine design.

As vehicle manufacturers provide vehicles that meet these new norms, oil companies supply fuel that adheres to the BS-VI standards, known as the world's cleanest fuel.

Unfavourable meteorological conditions and a cocktail of emissions from firecrackers and paddy-straw burning, in addition to local sources of pollution, push the Delhi-NCR's air quality to hazardous levels during winter.

According to an analysis conducted by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), the capital experiences peak pollution from November 1 to November 15, when the number of stubble-burning incidents in Punjab and Haryana go up.

The Delhi government launched a 15-point action plan last month to mitigate air pollution during the winter season, with a strong emphasis on addressing dust pollution, vehicular emissions and open burning of garbage.

Special drives to check dust, vehicular and industrial pollution are already underway in the city.

In keeping with the prac-tice of the last three years, the Delhi government last month announced a comprehensive ban on the manufacture, storage, sale and use of firecrackers within the city.

A public awareness campaign -- "Patakhe Nahi Diye Jalao" -will soon be reintroduced to discourage bursting firecrackers.

The government has also prepared a mitigation plan for each of the 13 identified pollution hotspots -- Narela, Bawana, Mundka, Wazirpur, Rohini, R K Puram, Okhla, Jahangirpuri, Anand Vihar, Vivek Vihar, Punjabi Bagh, Mayapuri and Dwarka.

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Migrant Labourer

in the Valley in less than 24 hours. On Sunday, terrorists shot at and critically injured police inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani at Eidgaĥ ground in the city when he was playing cricket with local boys.

Kumar, who was engaged with the weaving industry, succumbed to injuries at the hospital, the officials said.

Talking to PTI video, another labourer from Uttar Pradesh, who was sharing a room with the deceased, said that they heard the gun shot but came to know about the killing only after they were asked to identify the deceased.

Several non-local labourers have been working in the Kashmir valley for long as carpenters, masons, plumbers, and in brick kilns as well as in the weaving industry.

The attacks on migrant workers have seen an increase. Monday's attack was the third such attack this year. A circus employee was killed by the terrorists in May this year in Anantnag district followed by gunning down and injuring three labourers from Bihar in Shopian district in July.

Security has been beefed up across Kashmir valley, especially in Srinagar and South Kashmir areas, following the two terror attacks, the officials said.

The security forces have intensified the checking of vehicles and pedestrians in several parts of Srinagar city and other towns, especially in the south Kashmir district of Pulwama, they said.

Mobile vehicle checkpoints have been established at all major intersections in Srinagar as well as at the city's exit points, they added.

Meanwhile, several political leaders have condemned the attack on the police officer and the labourer.

"SHO Masroor Ahmad is battling for life as I write this tweet. No words are enough to condemn such a cowardly attack. When will the mindless vicious cycle of violence end? I pray he makes it. Cant even imagine how his family feels," Iltija Mufti, media advisor to PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, posted on X.

National Conference Vice President and former chief minister Omar Abdullah condemned both incidents and guestioned the claims made by the Jammu and Kashmir administration about normalcy in the Union territory.

"The news from Pulwama is not good as we lost an innocent man to senseless killing. Yesterday's incident of shooting and critically injuring a police inspector was a sad incident. My prayers are with him for a speedy recovery.

'However, having said that, one needs to ask the administration about their claims of normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir. Everyday region) which was terrorism free, sees an encounter every now and then," he said.

People's Conference leader Sajad Lone, while condemning the attacks, said the scourge of violence is back.

"The scourge of violence is back again. Senseless brutal attack on a police officer yesterday and the killing of a labourer in Pulwama today is indicative of the desperation of these brutal thugs," Lone posted on X.

Apni Party leader Altaf Bukahri said in a post on X, "Deeply aggrieved by the killing of an innocent non-local in Pulwama district. The killing is absolutely senseless and won't serve any purpose to anyone. Hope the authorities nab the culprits very soon to make them pay for their act." (With PTI inputs)

Kumar's Killing

condemn the despicable and cowardly terrorist attack in Pulwama. Heartfelt condolences to the family of Mukesh Kumar. We are firmly resolved to eliminate the terrorist menace that continues to receive encouragement and reinforcement from across the border," he added.

Corruption Free

Deputy Commissioners through virtual mode at Civil Secretariat here on the occasion of the Vigilance Awareness Week.

The LG said that we need an integrated and collective approach to deal with corruption, which impedes growth and undermines the moral fibre of the society.

He also highlighted the steps taken to improve public service delivery in all the organizations and thereby, paving way towards good governance in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We must take this opportunity to renew our commitment to achieve the goals of promoting efficiency, accountability and probity in public life for a better future," he added.

The UT government is observing 'Vigilance Awareness Week' from October 30-November-5 with this year's theme being "Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation".

Interacts With

Secretariat here on Monday.

"Citizens expect quality and speedy services from administration and we must be prepared for seamless service delivery while maintaining the highest standard of transparency and accountability," he said.

"While resolving the grievances of citizens, follow the values of integrity, impartiality in dealing with each case and in delivering services," the LG directed the officials.

gives an opportunity to officers to strengthen the bond with the community.

Responding to the complaint of Guroo Muzamil, a resident of Kulgam regarding the issue of the unauthorized increase in school fees and annual charges by a private school, the LG directed the Principal Secretary School Education to take strict action against such schools and keep a check on the hike in school fees.

On the complaint of Sajad Ahmad Wani pertaining to availability of Ultrasound Scan facility during night hours at District Hospital Ganderbal, Sinha directed the Director Health Kashmir to constitute a monitoring team to ensure the healthcare facilities in the Hospitals are available to patients round the clock.

He also passed strict directions to the Health Department for rationalization of health manpower across the UT and to ensure that no unnecessary referrals are being made from District Hospitals.

"Effective measures should be made for improvement in key nutrition parameters," Sinha said.

Responding to the grievance of Jyoti Devi from Udhampur regarding grant of Inspection certificate for release of Subsidy amount against a loan under PMEGP, the LG directed the concerned department to ensure that such cases are resolved at the earliest.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu was directed to personally look into matter for appropriate redressal of the grievance of Gourav Sharma regarding functioning of Solar Lights in his village Kot Morha, Jammu.

On the sidelines of the programme, the LG directed the District Commissioners to prepare a comprehensive plan to increase literacy rate and monitoring of school dropout ratio in the districts.

He further called for replicating the best practices of Anantnag District Administration for monitoring the quality of grievance redressal. He directed the DCs, SSPs and other officers to become Ni-kshay Mitras and adopt a TB patient.

Reĥana Batul, Secretary, Public Grievances conducted the proceedings of the LG's Mulaqaat.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs, HoDs and other senior officers were present, in person and through virtual mode.

DGP Urges Policemen

Zewan area on the city outskirts.

Singh was referring to the police officer Masroor Ahmad who was shot and injured by terrorists at Eidgah area of Srinagar last evening.

"I am confident that our police officers, with their training, quantity and high morale, can handle any situation that comes their way. We are capable in every aspect," he added.

When asked that he is leaving the police force soon, the DGP replied "see I am not leaving the force but I am with the force and I will always be with the force. A policeman is always a policeman and I have been so for thirty seven years now, and I will always remain a policeman"

Regarding the officer, who was shot and injured by terrorists in the Eidgah area of the old city last evening, DGP said "he had gone out to have fun with the people, he was playing cricket in a ground with a team of officers when was shot. He is injured and is recovering. He is in the hospital"

Replying to a media query on ceasefire violation by Pakistan in the Arnia sector recently. Singh said the police are in process of confirming as to how and why violation took place on the LoC.

"I can't speculate about elections or no elections. They have always been disturbing peace here and want militancy to continue. But our brave J&K police force along with the support of other forces, including the army and to a very big extent with the support of the people have been able to diminish that kind of designs and ill intended actions by our adversary. Of course, people would be alert to take care of any regional challenges ahead of elections," he replied.

"See as of now I see it as an aberration. Our people are trying to find out the causes as to why it happened and they are still in process of confirming and verifying the facts and I will not be able to comment beyond this," DGP added.

He was, however, quick to add that ceasefire understanding has brought a lot of respite to the people living on both sides of the LoC.

"I think this kind of understanding must continue. We will find out as to why and how it happened. I'm sure the better understanding would prevail"

Regarding his recent visit to the Keran and Kupwara, Singh said the arrangements on the LoC and IB are both in place.

"When I visited Keran, our troops deployed there had a very high morale and they were covering every inch of our land. The day I went, we had an encounter in Machil wherein

something happens. Even Rajouri (in Jammu — He said the platform of 'LG's Mulagaat' also — under Operation Capacity Building (OCB) at five terrorists were killed. Most of the encounters this year took place on the LoC as they have tried to push more numbers of terrorists this side but people this side were very alert and prepared and fully aware of the designs of our adversary and they have been able to take care of the ill designs and neutralize most of them infiltrating from the IB and LoC both," he said.

Police Station

Addressing the gathering, Singh said the police had been trying to attach Himayun Muzammil's name with some part of Anantnag district ever since he laid down his life in the line of duty.

"He did not have a long service but he never shied away from his responsibility. I still remember the day when the encounter was going on, I was at the spot. We knew that our colleague was injured along with some Army officers. Despite our best efforts we could not effect a timely evacuation.

"We know that before breathing his last, he spoke to his father and his wife. We were hopeful that his life could have been saved if he had been evacuated in time, but sometimes the ground situation is such that what we want is not possible. Sometimes the decisions of life's journey are taken elsewhere," Singh said.

Himayun Muzammil was among the four security personnel who were killed in an encounter with terrorists in Kokernag area of the district on September 13. Two Army officers also laid their lives in the operation that lasted more than six days and ended with the killing of two terrorists. (PTI)

Court Denies

court, a prima facie case stands established against the accused as there is presumption under section 29 and 30 of the POCSO Act. Moreover, he said, if the accused is admitted to bail it would go against the interest of the society and there is also apprehension that the accused will jump over the bail.

"Perusal of the file reveals that the accused is involved in a heinous offence and has been charged for the commission of offences u/s 363, 376-D, 109 IPC and section 3/4 and 16/17 of POCSO Act which are non-bailable," Aarti Mohan, Presiding Officer Fast Track Court For POCSO Cases, Srinagar, said

"As such the accused is not entitled to concession of bail. The learned counsel for applicant has also failed to make out any exigency which would compel this court to grant interim bail to the accused person," the court added.

SPORTS

Pakistan Play Bangladesh In Must-Win Game



Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: All but out of semifinal race, Pakistan would be desperate to snap their four-match losing streak and add some semblance of respect to their floundering campaign when they take on an equally struggling Bangladesh in their do-or-die World Cup match here on Tuesday.

Pakistan have just four points in their kitty and they can add a maximum of six more to touch 10 by the end of league stage. Three teams are already above Pakistan and it would be a miracle of sorts if they make it to the knockout stage. The multiple favourable results

while the Trans-Tasman rivals are looking in good shape to grab the other two spots for the semi-finals. Pakistan will not have to just

win their remaining matches but they need to win with big margins to swell their net run rate (currently minus 0.205). A defeat against Bangladesh will certainly knock the 1992 champions out of the showpiece.

In such a scenario, it is expect-

are highly unlikely given the fact ed that Pakistan players will go that Australia have regained their all-out and give their all. At a time when their batters form and New Zealand have also

emerged as one of the toughest have failed to last the distance in sides to beat in this tournament. four of their six outings, it's Paki-As of today India and South Afstan's bowling attack that has rica look certain to make the cut shone through. On a seamer-friendly Eden

wicket that offered some extra bounce from short of the length during the first match on Saturday, the likes of Shaheen Shah Afridi, Haris Rauf and Mohammad Wasim will hope to hand Bangla-desh the early blows.

Bangladesh have just two points from six matches and they are currently at ninth spot in the 10-team league.

Pakistan Coach Blames WC Debacle On 'Foreign Indian Conditions'

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: Pakistan are hurt by their woeful World Cup show and their head coach Grant Bradburn on Monday blamed it on "foreign" Indian conditions and their lack of familiarity with the venues.

Four defeats on the trot have virtually dashed Pakistan's semifinal hopes. They have to win their remaining three matches by big margins and hope that other teams' results also favoured them to have any chance of making it to the last-four stage.

"We are in a position that we didn't want to be. We are determined at this stage of the tournament to be in control of our destiny but we're not. That hurts the group," said the Pakistani coach on the eve of their match against Bangladesh here on Tuesday.

"This tournament is on foreign conditions for us. None of our players have played here before. Every venue is a new one, including this one," he added. Bradburn said his side

have done their homework



meticulously. "We've done our homework meticulously on our opposition, on our venues that we're playing at, and we're prepared very, very well for each and every encounter.

"But the reality is that each and every venue is a new one for us and we don't feel disadvantaged at all in terms of the knowledge, the quality, the skill, the backing that we have for this team of cricketers," he said.

"We've shown some positive signs of that over the last six months. We're proud of some of the performances that we've put on. It's taking a little bit longer than we hoped, but we want to play a dynamic brand that matches the challenge of the conditions we're playing in."

Inzamam Resigns As PCB Chief Selector

The legendary Inzamamul Haq has resigned as chairman of the national selection committee after the Pakistan Cricket Board initiated an inquiry to probe if his association with a company that manages a number of the national team's players pertains to conflict of interest.

The PCB has formed a five-member committee to probe Inzamam's role in the company – Yazoo International -- where he shares the same agent who manages captain Babar Azam, pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi and wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan.

As a result, in the middle of the World Cup, Inzamam was forced to send his resignation to the PCB.

National School Games From Today At Bakshi Stadium



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 67th National School Games in Football and Volleyball are set to begin today, Tuesday, October 31, at Bakshi

this event in Srinagar. The department held a press briefing on Monday and outlined its goals for the smooth conduct of the National School Games. The competitions will

SRINAGAR PREMIER LEAGUE **Kashmir Avengers Beat Real Kashmir Reserves 3-1**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In the lone 2023 Srinagar Premier League game played on Monday at Bakshi Stadium, Kashmir Panthers FC defeated Real Kashmir FC (Reserves) 3-1.

The game got off to a quick start as Real Kashmir took the lead in the 7th minute through Afnan. However, the Avengers equalised through Saadat in the 31st minute. With the scores even at half time, both teams had everything to play for in the second half.

Kashmir Avengers took control of the second half after Wahid gave them the lead in the 62nd minute. Zahid put the game to bed in the 82nd minute to give Kashmir Panthers FC a 3-1 win over Real Kashmir (R). Wahid was named man of



closed," the league said in a statement. As per the statement, the

Srinagar Premier League will remain suspended till November 1. The new round of fixtures will be announced soon.

second on the table, taking 43 points from 17 matches. J&K Bank has won 14, lost twice and drawn once Ali Jana FC is third with 43 points from 20 matches. Syed Tajuddin FC is fourth, accumulating 41 points from 18 games. The only other undefeated team in the tournament, FC1, is 8th with 37 points from their 17 games, winning 10 and drawing 7.

J&K Beats Chhattisgarh, Enters **U-16 Cricket Final**



Observer News Service

The former Scotland

coach, who had served as

Pakistan's fielding coach

and then consultant, was

handed the reins by the

PCB on a two-year deal in

"Ideally, preparation for a tournament like this starts

four years ahead. We started

six months ago and changed

direction in the way that we

want to play the game of

cricket, especially the one-

May

day brand.

SRINAGAR: The Under-16 J&K cricket team secured a place in the finals of the 3rd Balramji Das Tandon Multi-Day Cricket Tournament for the first time after beating Chhattisgarh in Chandigarh on Sunday. Chhattisgarh batted first Chouhan 94 (133) was the top scorer for J&K, while Rahil made 47 (94). Zaid Mufti scored 36 runs and Manitvya chipped in with 26. Shubh Singhvi and Mohd Faiz Khan took 2 wickets each for Chhattisgarh.

J&K will now face Punjab in the finals. Punjab defeated Goa in the semi-final.

The final will be played on ctober 31 at DAV College

Stadium here.

The National School Games will witness competitions in Under-19 Football and Under-17 Volleyball. J&K LG Manoj Sinha will inaugurate the event with an opening ceremony at 10:30 AM.

The Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K is hosting November 4.

Run For Unity Today

The J&K Sports Council is set to hold "Run For Unity" today. The event will start 9:00 AM from Bakshi Stadium. LG Manoj Sinha will be the chief guest on the occasion.

With the 67th National School Games being held in Srinagar, the Premier Division announced that the matches will be put on a halt.

the match

"Due to the National School Games from November 1, all the grounds viz Bakshi Stadium, Synthetic Turf TRC and

The league also release the latest standings after Round 18. Downtown Heroes FC lead the table with 49 points from 17 games. The Heroes remain undefeated, winning 16 and

total of 205. Arvavart Singh 54 (109) top scored for Chhattisgarh. For J&K, Irfan Ashraf, Saksham and Manitvya picked up 2 wickets each.

and put up a first innings

In their reply, J&K made 264/7 in the allotted 90 overs to win the game via a first innings lead. Shourya

Sector 10, in Chandigarh.

The Under-16 J&K Cricket team is led by Sameer Khajuria as Head Coach, Zahoor Sofi as Manager, Muzaffar Mattoo as Coach. Amit Bargotra as Strength and Conditioning Coach and Dr. Amir Malik as Team Physio.



History Is Against Ten Hag As He Tries To Turn Man United's Season Around

The Associated Press

MANCHESTER: Erik ten Hag says Manchester United is on the way up. The Premier League table tells a different story.

It must be tough for the United manager to come up with fresh explanations for his team's ever-worsening form. But after Sunday's 3-0 loss to Manchester City the pressure is mounting on him to provide a solution and turn United's season around.

"It hurts a lot," he said. "Now you have to deal with it. Accept it, how it is, and, in 24 hours, you have to get up and go for the next game.'

That next game is against Newcastle in the League Cup on Wednesday. It is a repeat of last season's final, which United won as Ten Hag ended the club's six-year wait for a trophy and delivered silverware in his first year in charge.

Those were happier times for the Dutch coach, who enjoyed an impressive first season, which also included Champions League qualification and a second final - the FA Cup, which United lost against City.

Now Ten Hag, who was hired after leading Ajax to three Dutch league titles, faces a fight to stop United's campaign from unravelling after a miserable start.



The numbers do not make for good reading.

United has lost five of its 10 league games, which is the most defeats the club has suffered at this stage of a campaign since 1986.

In a season when Ten Hag was supposed to mount a title challenge, his team is already 11 points off the leader, Tottenham, and eight adrift of Champions League qualification.

Erling Haaland's two goals on Sunday, made it 11 in the league for the Norway striker this term, which is the same as the entire United team has managed so far.

Rasmus Hojlund, an \$82 million signing in the offseason, is yet to score in the league after

seven games. While United fans jeered as the Dane was substituted against City, those boos were in response to Ten Hag's decision to take him off, rather than any dissatisfaction with the striker.

That is just another problem for the manager, who is having to listen to jeers from his own fans with increasing regularity.

He says he understands their the job. The appointment of Ten Hag frustration and there is still the sense that he has their backing. But he is the latest manager to struggle under the weight of expectation at a club that has been in decline since Alex Ferguson retired in 2013.

Ten Hag is the fifth permanent appointment since then, following in the footsteps of David Moyes, Louis van Gaal, Jose Mourinho and Ole Gunnar Solskiaer

With the exception of Moyes, who was fired after just nine months in the job, all of those managers enjoyed positive spells that gave rise to hope they could restore United to its former glories. And each of them paid the price when things went wrong.

There has been no suggestion that Ten Hag's position is under threat and reports even claim prospective investor Jim Ratcliffe sees him as a key figure going forward.

Yet plans at United have a habit of changing quickly. Moyes was shown the door less than a year into a six-year contract.

Van Gaal had a season to run on his deal when replaced by Mourinho, who was fired 11 months after signing a twoand-a-half-year extension.

Solskjaer was given three more years in July 2021, but lasted just four more months in

was part of a long-term plan for United under the vision of football director John Murtough, who has attempted improve the club's recruitment strategy after billions of dollars have been spent on underperforming players.

That plan is being tested as results on the field continue to go in the wrong direction, despite hundreds of millions more being spent. And with Ratcliffe wanting to take charge of soccer operations if his bid for a minority stake in the club is successful, it is not known what route he will want to take or how that could impact Ten Hag and Murtough.

Uncertainty surrounding United's ownership has been just one of the unhelpful distractions Ten Hag has had to contend with since taking over last year, with issues surrounding Cristiano Ronaldo, Mason Greenwood and Jadon Sancho among other concerns.

It has been a harsh introduction to life at one of the most famous soccer clubs in the world, where drama never feels too far away.

Ten Hag, however, was hired for his ability as a coach. And that is what he will have to rely on if he is turn his and United's fortunes around.

OUTPOST

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Most young people exposed to vaping ads, despite restrictions on ads: Study

NEW DELHI: Despite advertising restrictions in place, at least 85 per cent of respondents of a survey in India, China, Australia and the UK reported being exposed to e-cigarette advertising, especially on social media and in or around vape shops and other retailers.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends banning all forms of e-cigarette advertising, promotion and sponsorship.

India has enacted the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarette Act (PECA) 2019, which prohibits the manufacture, sale and advertisements of e-cigarettes and similar devices

Four thousand people in the age group of 15-30 years participated in the survey conducted by the George Institute of Global Health.

The researchers contend that exposure to e-cigarette advertising can alter people's perceptions of the danger and risk involved and further pique their interest, leading to an increase in their propensity to use.

The survey assessed demographic characteristics, e-cigarette and tobacco use, the number of friends and family members who vape, and exposure to multiple forms of e-cigarette advertising.



shops (48 pc) and supermarkets, These included various modes of media exposure such as televicorner stores and petrol stations sion, print, radio, and social media. (42 pc)," it added.

and Instagram, respectively, com-

pared to 29 pc seeing e-cigarette

advertising when using other

parts of the Internet," the study

The research findings have been

"For 'in real life' contexts, expo-

published in the journal "Tobacco

sure was most common for vape

report said.

induced diseases

"In online contexts, exposure The report pointed out that despite advertising restrictions in was more common for most social media platforms compared place in all four countries, large to general Internet usage. For exmajorities of young people reported being exposed to e-cigarette ample, 50 pc of those from China and 39 pc of those from Australia, advertising. India and the UK reported seeing Simone Pettigrew, lead author e-cigarette advertising on Douyin

and Program Director of Health Promotion and Behaviour Change at The George Institute said "Digital forms of e-cigarette promotion are particularly difficult to monitor and control, and the vaping industry is exploiting this oppor-

tunity to target young people". Social media and advertising on or around vape shops and other retailers appear to be key expo-

sure locations.

Urgent attention is needed to address these forms of exposure given their apparent association with e-cigarette use, it said.

The results of the present study signal the critical importance of restricting e-cigarette advertising on the exterior of vape stores and other retailers, as this appears to be a primary mechanism via which e-cigarette marketers can reach young people, the report said.

As has been found for alcohol retailing, effective use of signage on and around stores can effectively bypass advertising restrictions to reach vulnerable population groups.

"Regulations need to be carefully constructed and vigilantly enforced to prevent this exposure,"

Exposure to e-cigarette advertising among respondents who had heard of e-cigarettes was assessed across multiple questions, asking them about seeing various ads or promotions, and four options were given as responses.

Descriptive analyses were conducted on those who had heard of e-cigarettes, and a logistic regression analysis was used to identify factors associated with e-cigarette use.

KASHMIR OBSERVER^m < 12

Door opens, lift doesn't arrive, man falls 4 floors to death in Jharkhand

The security guard at the

building, Praveen Kumar, said

that there were massive noises.

Everyone rushed to rescue him,

but Shailesh succumbed to his

The official further said that

injuries and died on the spot.

Agenceis

RANCHI: A man was found dead in Ranchi after he stepped into thin air through the door of an elevator duct and fell four levels into the basement as the platform hadn't arrived.

According to Superintendent of Police, Ranchi, "The deceased, identified as Shailesh Kumar died after he fell in the shaft of the lift." Giving information about

the incident, the SP said, "The deceased on Friday pushed the lift button on the fourth floor to reach the ground floor. After which, the lift door immediately slid open. Unaware of the fact that the platform of the lift hadn't arrived. Shailesh entered the elevator duct and fell four floors down to ground in the shaft."

the lift has been sealed since then. A formal complaint has been lodged at the local police station.

POLICE LINE DO NOT CROS

"We are investigating the matter, further details into the matter are awaited," said the official.



15 million people suffer stroke worldwide a year: WHO

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GUNTUR: Strokes are one of the leading causes of death and disability worldwide, yet they are widely misunderstood. A data of World Health Organisation reveals that annually, as many as 15 million people worldwide suffer stroke. Of these, five million die and another five million are left permanently disabled.

Few experts believe that making slight changes in daily habits and adopting a healthy lifestyle reduces the risk of brain stroke by 90 per cent.Every year, October 29 is celebrated as World Stroke Day to create awareness among the people about the serious effects of strokes as well as what measures can be taken to minimise the burden of this lifethreatening condition.

Emphasising over the need of awareness among the people about the timely detection and treatment of this life-threatening condition, Dr Vijaya, director of Ankineedu Stroke Centre of Lalitha Super Speciality Hospital, and Indian Stroke Association president stated that about 90 per cent of strokes are associated with ten risk factors, including hypertension, heart disease,

ng diabetes sedentary lifestyle, high cholesterol, obesity, stress, alcohol, and unhealthy diet. These conditions increase the chances of developing clogged arteries or blood clots that can lead to strokes. "Despite being one of the leading causes of death and disability worldwide, strokes remain wide-

ly misunderstood by people," she added. Many people think that a stroke is a condition related to the heart. However, it is a condition that affects the brain and its normal functioning too.

A stroke occurs when oxygenated blood that flows to certain parts of the brain is blocked, due to which the brain cells stops functioning, leading to many signs and symptoms like paralysis in some parts of the body, especially face, leg, and arm, and can cause disabilities like mental confusion, difficulty in speaking, headaches, difficulty in walking and many more

Dr Vijaya maintained that regular exercise has been proven to reduce the risk of stroke and adopting a balanced diet can make a significant difference in preventing strokes.Engaging in activities such as meditation, yoga, or regular leisure time pursuits can help alleviate stress levels and ultimately decrease the likelihood of experiencing a stroke. By incorporating these preventive measures into daily routine, the chances of suffering from debilitating stroke can be significantly decreased.

Lalitha Hosp sets up free screening cami

family ends up burning house in UP's Banda



BANDA (Uttar Pradesh): A family attempted to drive away a cobra from their home with smoke by burning cow dung and ended up setting their own house on fire, the police said.

The incident took place in Banda district on Sunday (October 29. 2023) when the family spot-

Rajkumar, who works as a labourer in Delhi, lived in the house with his wife and five children. The loss is estimated to be in lakhs, including the family's lifetime savings and possessions.

Upon getting information, the local police and fire brigade teams rushed to the scene and

To drive away snake,

A free stroke screening desk was set up at Lalitha Hospital, and pocket cards were issued to assess the risk of stroke in every individual. Along with this, CME was conducted on stroke management for PG tudents, physicians, and neurologists.

ted a cobra in their home.

To drive away the snake, the family started burning cow dung to create smoke but the fire spread, engulfing the entire house.

The family's cash, jewellery and several quintals of grain were reduced to ashes.

managed to control the fire. The Revenue Department was also informed and is currently assessing the extent of the damage.

A police official said, "The familv members are saying that they were trying to smoke out a snake. Further action is being taken in the matter."

