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11 New Cold Storage Facilities To Help Farmers Preserve Fruit, Boost Revenue

Govt To Come Up With 11 CA Facilities At Cost Of Rs. 512 Crore

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: J&K administration is in the process of establishing eleven additional cold storage facilities in Kashmir Valley, with a projected total capacity increase of 5-6 lakh metric tonnes. An official told Kashmir Observer that these cold storage facilities coming up at the cost of Rs. 512 crore will be built over the next five years. Their purpose, he said, is to support local farmers and preserve fruits, enabling them to achieve higher profits in the market.

The budget, according to the official, has been allotted to boost agricultural and allied sectors including sheep, horticulture, animal and floriculture and sericulture sectors.

"A special budget has been allotted for the construction of



 $controlled-atmospheric\,(CA)\,storage\,in\,the\,valley,\\"Manzoor\,Ahmed$ Mir, Deputy Director, Horticulture

(Planning & Marketing) told Kashmir Observer. The CA storage system guarantees the ideal levels of oxygen, carbon dioxide, nitrogen, as well as humidity and temperature, to extend the shelf life of perishable items significantly.

Utilizing frozen storage ca-pabilities, a wide range of food products can be preserved for extended durations, often spanning several years.

Currently, the valley has the capacity of storing over 2.5 lakh metric tonnes of apples in the CA stores.

Earlier, the government said that the UT has recorded an eight-fold increase in CA storage since 2015-16.

The CA storage capacity has been raised from 25,000 MT in 2015-16 to 2 lakh MT in 2021-22.

The UT has over 40 cold storage facilities; besides the Industrial Growth Centre (IGC) in Lassipora industrial area Pulwama district housing an impressive count of 23 Controlled Atmosphere (CA) storage units. More on P6

Highlands Receive Snow, Rainfall In Plains



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The higher reaches of Kashmir, including the prominent hill stations of Gulmarg, Sonamarg and Gurez received fresh snowfall on Thursday, while rains lashed plains, bringing down day temperature in the Valley.

According to reports, the ski resort of Gulmarg, including Appharwat peaks, Sonamarg tourist resort received fresh snowfall on Thursday, much to the excitement of the locals and the tourists. Snowfall was also reported from Gurez Valley along the Line of Control (LoC). The snowfall at Razdan Top prompted the district administration to suspend traffic on the Bandipora-Gurez road.

Meanwhile, the plains of the Valley, including capital city Srinagar received light to moderate rainfall dipping day temperature.

Director Meteorological department (MeT) Srinagar, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that generally cloudy weather with possibility of light rain and snow over isolated higher reaches is expected.

However, he said that the weather conditions will improve from Friday as there is no significant weather ac-

tivity till November 10. Director MeT said that mainly dry weather is expected from November 03-November 06while fairly to generally cloudy with light snow over isolated higher reaches are expected from November More on P6

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Self Defence Event Goes Wrong, 13 Students Faint

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Over a dozen students of a government school in Iammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district had to be hospitalised after they fell unconscious during a self-defence event on Thursday, officials said One of the students sprayed pepper spray during the self-defence event due to which 13 female students fell unconscious, they said.

Officials said the students were immediately shifted to a hospital for treatment.

A self-defence event was conducted for students at Government Girls Higher Secondary School in the Handwara area of the north Kashmir district during the day.

Speaking to reporters, Deputy Superintendent of Associate Hospital GMC Handwara, Dr Aijaz Ahmad, said 13 students were brought to the hospital. After treatment, their condition is stable, he said.

He said the students had a reaction to the spray, and that there was no need to worry.

Kashmir Attracted Rs 1200 Crore Investments In Six Months

Agencies

Srinagar: Kashmir is fast attracting investments in various sectors after the introduction of New Industrial Policy, as investments worth over Rs1200 crore have been realised by the Departments of Industries and Commerce till September 30 this year.

Documents suggest that Kashmir has been a focal point for investments this year as investments worth Rs 1285.6105 crore have been realised by the government this financial year. These investments generated jobs for 15131 persons. Jammu on the other hand

received investments worth

Rs 466.49 crores. Documents suggested that Rs290.792 crores investment has been realised for setting up of 50 units, which have also commenced production. As many as 1107 youth got employment in these 50 units.

It said Rs 40.7885crore investment has been realised by



the department for 13 units which have undergone substantial expansion. These 13 units as per the documents provided jobs to 149 persons.

An investment of Rs 203.28crores has been realised by the government from 28 units, which are ready for production and have been invested on ground, documents revealed. 566 youth got jobs by working in these 28 units. Documents said that Rs

694.62 investment has been realised by the administration from 32 units in Kashmir, which have initiated groundwork. A total of 2780 persons got jobs in these 32 units.

It said Rs20.96 crores investment made in five hotels where investments were made on ground and are in operation "but registration in I&C department is pending for want of documents". As many as 87 persons got jobs with

these investments in the hospitality sector.

Documents said an investment of Rs 1,752.1 crores have been collectively realised in Jammu and Kashmir this year till September 30, which is the highest-ever figure.

Last year, Jammu and Kashmir realized investments worth Rs 2153.45 crores during the financial year 2022-23, which was highest in the last decade.

As per the documents, the government till now received 6231 investment proposals with investments of Rs 87,923 crores and potential employment of 3,92,162.

Official sources reveal that investment has been coming from within the country as well as from outside India.

'The investments are coming in various sectors including health, education, horticulture, agriculture and tourism. Post-2019, the investment proposals have been regularly coming and the government has More on P6

PMGSY Works

Centre Tells J&K To Submit ATRs On NOM Inspections

Agencies

Srinagar: The Government of India has asked the Union Territory administration to submit Action Taken Reports (ATRs) of the inspections carried out by the National Quality Monitors (NQMs) under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

Official documents reveal that the central government raised the issue during the meeting of the empowered committee held on September 5, 2023 to consider the proposals submitted by the UT administration for approval under the PMGSY.

According to minutes of the meeting, 34 ATRs of National Quality Monitors (NQMs) are pending with the UT.

"34 ATRs of NQM inspections

are pending from the UT. The UT was requested to send ATRs to the National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA),"

reads the record note.

Under the PMGSY, independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs) are engaged by the NRIDA for random inspection of roads and bridge works to monitor quality and also to provide guidance to the field functionaries.

veals that officials of J&K government were asked to send the reply on the complaints pending since 2021.

The record note further re-

"The UT agreed to send the inputs after consultation with NRIDA," the document states. The officials of I&K were also

directed to dispose of pending complaints at the earliest. "12 complaints are pend-

ing at UT level for disposal. UT was requested to dispose of the complaints at the earliest," reads minutes of the meeting—(KNO)

Kupwara Students 'Distressed' As Teachers Posted In Srinagar, Budgam

Srinagar: In a sorry state of affairs, over 40 teachers from North Kashmir's Kupwara district have managed to get posted in the twin districts of Srinagar and Budgam, leaving thousands of students in distress.

According to the data provided by the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Kupwara, over 33 Rehbar-e-Taleem (ReT) and RReT teachers from Kupwara are currently attached to Srinagar and Budgam districts, besides eight general line teachers.

This information has been provided by CEO Kupwara in response to an Right to Information Application (RTI) filed by activist Shahid-ul- Islam Wani.

The RTI reply further reveals that the teachers refuse to join their original place of posting despite expiry of their deployment validity.

Wani told Kashmir Observer that the students of the frontier district face a lot of problems as The ReTs were appointed through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) scheme—a government of India's flagship programme for achievement of Universalization of Elementary Education (UEE) in a time bound manner, as mandated by 86th amendment to the



Constitution of India making free and compulsory Education to the Children of 6-14 years age group, a Fundamental Right.

The programme seeks to open new schools in those habitations which do not have schooling facilities and strengthen existing school infrastructure through provision of additional class rooms, toilets, drinking water, maintenance grant and school improvement grants.

Existing schools with inadequate teacher strength are provided with additional teachers, while the capacity of existing teachers is being strengthened by extensive training, grants for developing teaching-learning materials and strengthening of the academic support structure at a cluster, block and district level.

Wani, however, told Kashmir Observer that when the teachers who were meant to serve in their own localities were dispatched to other districts for their own benefits, the students from the remote area will have to suffer.

"This attachment of ReT/RReT teachers undermines the very essence of this scheme. I would like to ask why Srinagar and Budgam districts were chosen for this attachment, and whose relatives are these 33 and 8 teachers?" said Shakir Parray, a student-activist from Kupwara.

He further said that "who will be responsible More on P6

Dangerous To Hold Accused Guilty On 'Weak, Shaky' Evidence: HC

Acquits Rape-Convict submitted that while writing Sentenced To Undergo 20-Years Jail In **Shopian Last Year**

M Ahmad

Srinagar: Observing that it would be highly "dangerous and hazardous" to hold an accused guilty on basis of "weak, shaky and unacceptable evidence", the High court of J&K and Ladakh on Thursday acquitted a person convicted on the charges of rape and sentenced to 20 years in jail by a trial court in Shopian last year in a case regis-

tered in 2015. In October last year, Principal Sessions Shopian had held Mohammad Maqbool Ganai guilty for commission of offences in FIR (No. 179/2015) of Police Station Shopian under Sections 376(2) (f)/342/506 RPC and sentenced him to rigorous imprisonment of 20 years and fine of Rs Ten Lac under Section 376(f) RPC, and one year and 2 years imprisonments under Sections 342 & 506 RPC respectively. In his appeal, Ganie

judgment the trial court did not translate the complete version of prosecution witnesses and only adopted "pick and choose" method in appreciating the prosecution evidence with "conceived notion to punish the appellant (Ganie)".

"Glaring contradictions and inconsistencies have emerged in the depositions of prosecutrix and other prosecution Medical witnesses....

evidence of PW-16 Dr. Waseem Rasool has totally exonerated the appellant from commission of act of rape," a division bench of Justice Atul Sreedharanand Justice Mohan Lal said.

On merits, the court said it find that the prosecution case has been found wanting, "as no cogent, conclusive and creditworthy evidence has been led by the prosecution to prove the guilt of appellant/convict."

"On proper assessment, evaluation and estimation of the evidence adduced by the prosecution, we find that the evidence appears to be weak, fragile, lacking in credibility, does not More on P6

Two Al-Badr Associates Arrested

olice on Thursday claimed to have arrested two terrorist associates of Al-Badr from Shalteng area of the city outskirts. Yawar Rashid and Basit Nabi, both residents of Bandipora were arrested by a joint team of cops from police stations of Parimpora and Mujgund at a checkpoint established along the Shalteng Bridge on Wednesday night, a police spokesperson said Thursday. During the search, he said, incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including 1 Pistol, two Pistol magazines, More on P6

Man Arrested After 10-Year Hunt

man who had been evading arrest for the last 10 years in a criminal case was caught by police in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Thursday, officials said.

Shabir Ahmed Malik, a resident of Bun Astan area in Kishtwar, was wanted in connection with a case registered in 2013 under Section 436 of the Ranbir Penal Code for his alleged involvement in use of explosive material to destroy a house besides assault and causing hurt, they said.

Missing Woman Found Dead

woman, who was missing for the last two days, was found dead on Thursday at Saderkot (SK) Payeen area of North Kashmir's Bandipora district. 26-year-old Waheed Bano was found dead on Thursday evening near Wular Gate in her native SK Payeen village of the district, reports said. A police team arrived at the spot and took the body in custody after receiving information from the locals. After completion of medicolegal formalities, reports said, the body was handed over More on P6

House Attached For Sheltering Terrorists

olice on Thursday attached a residential house in Awantipora area south Kashmir's Pulwama district for allegedly harbouring terrorists. An official said that the house of Azad Ahmad Teli of Beighpora Awantipora was attached under FIR No 58/2020 for providing voluntary harbouring to terrorists. He said that the property has been attached on the orders of NIA Court Pulwama under section 33 UAPA Act. The official said that dreaded terrorist More on P6

Driver Dead As Trucks Falls Into Gorge

driver from South Kashmir was killed when his truck plunged into a gorge along the Srinagar-Jammu highway in Ramban district of the Union Territory, reports said Thursday. The driver Mohammad Irfan Dar of Kulgam lost his life when his truck (JK03E-8003) rolled down a gorge near Kela Morh in the mountainous Ramban district. Meanwhile, police have registered a case and started further investigations in this regard.

14 Fresh Covid **Cases In India**

ndia on Thursday recorded 14 fresh COVID-19 infections while the number of active cases came down marginally to 247 from 252 the day before, according to Union health ministry data. The country's COVID-19 tally stands at 4.50 crore (4,50,01,343) and the death toll at 5,33,294, the data showed. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease has increased to 4,44,67,802. The national recovery rate was recorded at 98.81 per cent, according to the More on P6

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I Livakat Ali Jan. S/O: Ghulam Mohammad Jan, Resident of Village: Goom Ahmadpora. Tehsil: Pattan, Block: Sherrabad (Khore), District: Baramula, Union Territory: Jammu and Kashmir is applying Birth Certificates daughter and son whom details are below:

1. Marziya Zehra . having D.O.B: 11/08/2017.

2. Jan Mohammad . having D.O.B: 01/02/2020.

Note: If any person have valid objection in regards of issuance of these Certificates, So please contact the issuing Authorities (BDO Sherrabad Khore) within legal time period from date of publication.

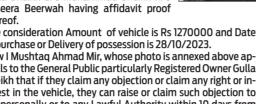
یه خبر نهایت ہی دکھ کیساتھ دی جاتی ہے کہ تسہیل احمد شاہ وشوکت احمد شاہ اولادان غلام نبی شاه سائحنه آرمپوره نواکدل کی والده محترمہ اس دنیائے فائی سے رحلت کر گئیں۔الڈ تعالی مرحومہ کو جنت الفردوس عطا فرمائے اورلوا تقین کو یہ صدمہ عظیم بر داشت کرنے کی ہمت عطا فرمائے(آمین) مرحومہ نہایت ہی نیک بيرت، ملنمار اور صوم و صلواة كي پابند میر تھیں۔مرحومہ کے انتقال پرانتظامیہ مینی زیارت شریفِ باباداوود مشکواتی نے گہرے رخ وغم کااظہار کرتے ہوئےکہا کہ انتظامیہ مصیبت کی اس گڑی میں سوگواران کے ساتھ گھڑی موجومہ کی اجتماعی فائتحہ ٹوانی جمعتہ المبارک مورخہ 3 نومبر 2023 کو دن کے ڈھائی بجے ان کے آبائی مقبرہ واقع زورہ متصل مقبرہِ احد زرگرانجام دیائے گا۔

سوگواران:۔

اهلوعيال دوست واحباب

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Mushtaq Ahmad S/o Mohammad Qausim Mir R/o Labertal, Budgam have purchased the vehicle namely Tipper bearing Registration No. JK04B 2383 Chasis No. MAT 17058 and Engine No. 697115205, white in color from Mosin Ali Bhat S/o Mohammad Baqir Bhat R/o Bemina Khomeni Chowk who claims to have purchased the vehicle supra from Registered Owner Mr. Gulla Sheikh S/o Mohammad Sheikh R/o Daseera Beerwah having affidavit proof



The consideration Amount of vehicle is Rs 1270000 and Date of purchase or Delivery of possession is 28/10/2023. Now I Mushtaq Ahmad Mir, whose photo is annexed above ap-

peals to the General Public particularly Registered Owner Gulla Sheikh that if they claim any objection or claim any right or interest in the vehicle, they can raise or claim such objection to me personally or to any Lawful Authority within 10 days from the date of Publication of this Notice.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Jammu And Kashmir Services Selection Board

CPO Chowk, Panjthirthi, Jammu/Zamzam Complex Rambagh, Srinagar (www.jkssb.nic.in)

Subject: Final Selection List of the candidates for the post of Works Supervisor, Public Works (R&B) Department, advertised vide Notification No. 05 of 2020 dated 24.12.2020, under Item No. 134.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Public Works (R&B) Department, vide Indent No. PW(R&B) NG/124/2019 dated 30.09.2020, followed by Indent No. PW(R&B) NG/124/2019 dated 17.12.2020, forwarded the requisition for making direct recruitment to the following 76 posts of Work Supervisor, as per the details indicated against each:

Department		Cadre of the post	ОМ	RBA	SC	ST	EWS	ALC/ IB	PSP	OSC	Total	Requisite Qualification
Public Works (R&B) De- partment	Works Supervi- sor	Divisional Cadre, Kashmir	38	08	08	07	07	03	03	02		Matric pass or its equivalent from any recognized Board or university and ITI certificate in Building construction or Carpentry Trade.

Whereas, the J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB), advertised these 76 posts of Works Supervisor, vide Notification No.05 of 2020 dated 24.12.2020, under Item No.134, for seeking applications from the eligible candidates; and

Whereas, in terms of the notified selection criteria, the selection for these posts of Work Supervisor was required to be made on the basis of Written Examination and, accordingly, the JKSSB, conducted Computer Based Test for selection of candidates to the aforementioned posts w.e.f. 08.11.2021 to 12.11.2021 and on the basis of performance of the candidates in the aforesaid Computer Based Test, the result/score sheet of the candidates was published vide Notification No. SSB/CoE/CBT/2022/390-396 dated 15.01.2022:: and

Whereas, afterthe publication of Result/Score Sheet, the candidates falling under the consideration zone were called for Document Verification (DV) vide No.SSB/COE/CBT/2022/857-66 dated 02.02.2022 & Supplementary Document Verification No. SSB/COE/CBT/2022/3950-55 dated 19.04.2022; and

Whereas, the Selection Committee, constituted vide Order No.221-SSB of 2022 dated 01.07.2022, prepared the Provisional List for these posts in accordance with merit obtained by candidates and having regard to the rules governing the posts; and Whereas, in its interim Order dated 13.04.2022, in WP (C) No. 271/2022 titled "Parvaiz Ahmad Rather & Others Vs Union Territory of J&K&Others", the Hon'ble High Court, JKL has directed as under:

"In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, in the ends of Justice, the interim order dated 22.02.2022 is modified and it is provided that as the selection process for all 490 posts has been concluded, the respondents may proceed to declare the result also but keeping five posts vacant/reserved of the Works Supervisor for the petitioners till the decision of the writ petition." Whereas, the Provisional Selection List for the aforementioned posts was notified vide No. SSB/Secy/Sel/WS-

2023/299-304 dated 23.02.2022, and the candidates were advised to represent with grievances, if any. Five posts, among these 76 advertised posts, were required to be kept reserved as per the relevant category of the petitioners i.e. two in Open Merit at Sr. No. 35 and 36, two in RBA at Sr. No. 07 and 08 and one in OSC at Sr. No. 02; and Whereas, one of the required eligibility conditions for these posts of Works Supervisor, Public Works (R&B) De \cdot

partment is ITI Certificate in Building Construction or Carpentry Trade. Amongst the candidates figuring in the Selection, some candidates have acquired/obtained required Certificate Course in Building Construction/Carpentry from various Private Institutions located at different places in and outside J&K; and Whereas, in response to the Provisional List notified for these posts, the Board received various representations,

which have been examined for necessary action under rules by the re-constituted Selection Committee which was constituted vide Office Order No. 101-SSB of 2023 dated 18.05.2023. Majority of the representations pertained to the candidates who have obtained their Certificates in the relevant trade from Royal Polytechnic College, Srinagar; and Whereas, the Board, accordingly, took up the matter with the Board of Technical Education with regard to the

validity of the trade certificate in respect of the candidates who have obtained it from Royal Polytechnic College, Srinagar, which vide its letter No. BOTE/ITI/Veri/2023/2444 dated 01.08.2023, has conveyed as under:

uthat the said college was not registered by the erstwhile Technical Education Department, presently Skill Development nor J&K BOTE. to conduct the examination of the ITI Courses. The JKBOTE is verifying only those certificates of the candidates who have appeared in the examination conducted by the JKBOTE, all the Certificates issued by the Royal Polytechnic College, Srinagar, have been issued at

With regard the Certificates issued in favour of the candidates listed in the communication are not genuine, as these candidates have not appeared in the examinations conducted by the JKBOTE."

Whereas, all such and similarly situated candidates, who were figuring in the Provisional Selection List, have not been considered for Final Selection on account of the above and 'ITI certificate in Building construction or Carpentry Trade', being one of the requisite qualification for these posts; and

Whereas, in terms of the extant rules/guidelines, among these, three posts have been earmarked to the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) under Horizontal Reservation, while no ESM candidate was available in the consideration zone; and

Whereas, after factoring in all the above aspects, the Final Selection List for the above mentioned 76 posts of Works Supervisor, as prepared by the concerned Selection Committee, was placed before the Board in its 241st meeting held on 16.10.2023, which, after due deliberations, approved its notification.

Now therefore, after taking into consideration all the aforementioned factors and having regard to the merit secured by the candidates and the rules governing the subject, the Final Selection List of the candidates for the post of Works Supervisor, Public Works (R&B) Department, advertised vide Notification No. 05 of 2020 dated 24.12.2020, under Item No. 134, is hereby notified as per Annexure-Ato this notification.Out of the advertised posts, five (05) vacancies have been kept unfilled/reserved in compliance to the interim directions of the Hon'ble High Court, JKL, Srinagar, in WP (C) No. 271/2022 titled "Parvaiz Ahmad Rather & Others Vs Union Territory of J&K&Others", as per the following details:

No. of Posts kept reserved	Category
02	Open Merit
02	Resident of Backward Area
01	Other Social Caste

It is further notified that:

The above Final Selection List shall be subject to outcome of WP (C) No. 271/2022 titled "Parvaiz Ahmad Rather & Others Vs Union Territory & Others", and other writ petition(s)/application(s), if any, pending adjudication before any competent court of law. The List shall also be subject to the outcome of such enquiry, involving any candidate(s), as figuring in this List.

Formal recommendations to the concerned indenting departments shall be forwarded separately.

(iv) The candidates, whose recommendations are kept withheld shall furnish the requisite documents within a period of one month from the date of this Notification. By Order.

(Sachin Jamwal) JKAS,

No. JKSSB-Scry/5/2023-01(E-7240477) DIPK-11450/23

Secretary, J&K Services Selection Board.

From Office of The Advocate Faroog H. Wani

Lie. No.1246/11 Mobile No. 9797723629 Chamber No. 2, New Block District Court Complex Moominabad Srinagar

In the case of

In the matter:

1. Lai Mohammad Dar S/o Abdullah Dar 2. Kifayatl Hussain Dar S/o Lai Mohammad Dar 3. Mohammad Rafiq Dar S/o Lai Mohammad . Dar 4. Imran Hussain Dar S/o Lai Mohammad Dar All Residents of Khushi Pora, HMT, Srinagar.

Public at Large

(Non Caveator)

Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of CPC The Caveators have reason to believe/ apprehension that non-caveators may file Suitor any type of proceedings before the Hon'ble court or any other subordinate Courts, Tribunal on the ground of Distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief, order in exparte resulting in irreparable loss and inconvenience to the Caveators, it would be proper that Caveators are given an opportunity of being heard by this Hon'ble court before passing any order.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My mother's name in school records has been wrongly written as Manzoora Begum while her correct name is Muneera Begum 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 Govt Middle School Panjora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Umer Hameed S/o Abdul Hameed Ganaie Mother's Name: Muneera Begum Class: 8th, Roll No: 8072060

HAJI BARKAT ALI **KASHOO** To day is 3rd November 2023 which marks your 2nd death anniversary and I hope you are fine wherever you are. This day will always sting but your memory will always be with me. You are the first person I want to tell when something happens in my life But losing you was something I could not cope prayer is the best weapon.I am praying for you daddy,may you shine in heaven as you used to do here.I miss you so much every moment. -Your beloved daughter -Your beloved daughter You are remembered every moment in our lives for being the guiding light.You live in our soul mind and hearts. Your presence we miss, your memories we treasure loving you always, forgetting you never. From Zaffar Hussain, Rahila Ali, Zoya Zaffar & Mehreen Zaffar

Notice

The candidate name in this notice is claiming to have lost his/her Inter University Migration Certificate issued to him/her on University of Kashmir for continuing studies. He/She has further stated that He/She has not utilized the same anywhere for further studies.

Name: MUKHTAR HUSSAIN, Parentage: GHULAM MEHDI, R/O: PANI KHAR, District: Kargil, Inter University Migration Certificate No. 64436 Date: 27-12-2018. Now the candidate has applied for Revival of his/her Registration to this university. Before the same is processed and authorized in his/her favour, anybody having any objection in this regard/ any knowledge above its utilization by the candidate anywhere may please file the same before the office of the undersigned (Registration section) $\,$ within 7 days from the issue of this notice. Besides the above referred Inter MediaLine University Migration Certificate be treated as cancelled.

From the Office of Advocate Shah Abdul Manan & Associates.

Chamber No. 4 District court Budgam

In the case of: Farooq Ahmad Shah S/O Ghulam Ahmad Shah R/O Shahpora, Wathoora, Budgam

Caveators

Public at large

Non-caveators

In the matter of: Caveat Petition under section 148-A of CPC The caveators have apprehension that anyone from public at large may file any suit/appeal/application/ any proceedings with respect to their property/land/house situated at village Kenihama (colony) tehsil Baghat-i- Kannipora, Budgam falling under khasra no. 3255/42, against the Caveators before the Hon`ble Court of Principal District Judge Budgam, Munsiff Court Chadora, Sub Judge Court Chadoora as such the Caveators are going to lodge/file a Caveat petition before the Hon`ble Court of Principal District Judge At Budgam, Munsiff Court At Chadoora and Sub Judge Court, At Chadoora.

Shah Abdul Manan & Associates Advocates J&K High Court

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

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class-10th) under Roll No:. 121004090 Session: Regular Year 2023 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent/Board against my father's name as Mushtaq Ahnad Bhat Instead of Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat



Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bernina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.

Name: Sabreena Mushtag F/N: Mushtag Ahmad Bhat M/N Haneefa Beigum DOB 04-08-2008 Residence: Badran Teh Magam

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Office Of The Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-Iv

PAMPORE, KASHMIR – 192121 Email: Xentimu4@gmail.com

NIT No: TLMD-IV/e-NIT/10 of 2023-2024 TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-BIDS

For and on behalf of Governor of J&K UT, e- tender valid for the year 2023-24, are hereby invited in two bid system as per below mentioned scope of work from approved, reputed, Govt. approved Electrical Contractors / having an adequate work force of at least 15 No's comprising of experienced Skilled, Semi-skilled and un-skilled labors (05No each), having sufficient experience in carrying out similar nature of jobs .:-

S No.	Name of work	Cost of Tender Document	Est. Cost	Earnest Mon- ev Deposit	Class of contract			
01.	220/132/33kV Grid Station Zainakote, 450MVA, 220/132kV Grid Station Pampore and 100MVA, 132/33kV Grid Station Nowbugh Chadoora Under the jurisdiction of TLMD-IV	documents may be depos- ited in treasury against the MH 0801 power & same should be	Rs. 14.11 Lacs.		Govt. approved Electrical Contrac- tors			

01. The bidding documents consisting of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.iktenders.gov.ir

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01. 02. 03.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	01-11-2023				
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	02-11-2023 10AM to 22-11-2023 upto 2pm				
03.	Bid submission start date	02-11-2023 from 02PM				
04.	Clarifications start date.	03-11-2023 10:00AM				
05.	Clarifications end date.	06-10-2023 02:00PM				
06. 07.	Bid submission end date	22-11-2023 upto 2pm				
07.	Deadline for receiving the hard copy, &CDR/EMD)	After opening the financial bid only, the lowest bidder (L1) is required				
		to submit/furnish the hard copies of bid along with EMD/Tender fee.				
08.	Date & time of opening of Bids (online)	23-11-2023 upto 2pm				

Bids must be accompanied with CDR and cost of tender documents in favour of "Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore" (tender inviting authority) pledged to Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore for the works mentioned in the E-NIT (tender receiving authority). The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed bidders

automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened on same website in the office of the Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore for the works mentioned in the E-NIT (tender receiving authority) The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. The earnest money shall

Any bidder/Tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or made modification in the terms and

conditions of the bid

Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 05 days after fixation of contract.

The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes in vogue in the State up to completion of / unless otherwise Specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contract on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery. No

Rates to be quoted shall be inclusive of loading, unloading and carriage of material/T&P, etc and all Taxes in vogue in the state.

escalation is payable in respect of the instant contract.

Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV

No: TLMD-IV/2019-20 DIPK-NB-3983/23 Dated: 02-11-2023

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Ambulance: Kashmer EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

PRAYERS

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SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259

ANANTNAG: 01932-228243

BARAMULLA: 0194-102029

BIJBHERA: 01932-228243

PAMPORE: 01933-294132

QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)

PATTAN: 01954-293507

Mughal Road - (open)

Srinagar-Leh-(Open)

CAPD: 18001807011

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES: 2479488,2452222,2452155

SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081

Market Checking Intensified In Srinagar Ahead of Diwali

Observer News Service

Srinagar: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, the team of Food Safety Department Srinagar ahead of Diwali, conducted special drives in various markets of Srinagar City on the eve of to check the hygiene practices adopted and quality of food items by the Food Business Establishments.

The market checking drive was conducted under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Food Safety (Designated Officer under FSSA Srinagar), Yameen ul Nabi in various City markets and inspected

various food business units including sweets shops, Khoya sellers and dairy products.

During the market checking, the Food Safety teams took samples of various food items being sold in the market and also asked Food Business Operators to maintain hygiene, provide safe and quality food items to consumers.

Speaking in this regard, the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar has asked the Food Safety Department and other Market Checking teams to continue the drive in City markets to ensure that all essential commodities are sold at Government approved rates as per the Food Safety Standards and Quality.

ACB Organizes Day-Long Vigilance Awareness Program

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Anti corruption Bureau (ACB) in collaboration with Sri Pratap College today organized a day long Vigilance Awareness Program in the college auditorium on the theme "Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation".

In his inaugural address, Principal of the college, Prof (Dr.) Ghulam Jeelani Qurashi while welcoming all the dignitaries from ACB, laid emphasis on taking initiatives on building nation on the lines of transparency and corruption free management at various levels of the society.



Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Technology & Development, Ground Floor, Air India Building Residency Road, Srinagar 190001

On-line Request for Proposal (e-RFP) Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Video Wall Display System

RFP Notice along with Complete RFP document outlining the minimum requirements can be downloaded from and BIDs can be submitted on the Banks' e-Tendering Porta https://jkbank.abcprocure.com w.e.f. November 03, 2023 16.00 Hrs. Tender Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website www.jkbank.com. Last date for submission of Bids is November 24, 2023, 17.00 Hrs.

e- RFP Ref No. JKB/CHQ/T&D/Video-Wall-Display/2023-863 Dated: 01-11-2023

Registered office: Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India CIN: L65110JK1938SGC000048; T:+91 (0)194 2481 930-35; F:+91 (0)194 248 1928;

DIPK-NB-3982/23 dated: 02-11-2023



People running helter-skelter for protection from rains as breif showers lashed parts of Srinagar on Thursday afternoon. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Pedestrian Bridges In Srinagar's Habba Kadal To Be A Reality Soon

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The long-awaited transformation of the historic Habba Kadal area of Srinagar is about to become a reality, with officials indicating that the ambitious project is slated for completion in the coming months.

Locals are excited as new pedestrian bridges are set to grace the heart of downtown, which will enhance connectivity and infuse a touch of modernity into this cherished historical area.

An official said the work on the project is under progress. "Officials overseeing the project are working tirelessly to ensure that it reaches its completion within the set timeframe," he said.

Residents of Habba Kadal expressed contentment over the development, saving they are eagerly anticipating the rejuvenation of their area.

"This is a momentous occasion for us. The long-overdue revitalization of Habba Kadal, coupled with the introduction of modern pedestrian bridges, is set to enhance the

beauty of downtown," said Asif Ahmad, a local shop owner.

Zubair, another resident, highlighted the significance of the project. "This exciting endeavor encompasses the renovation of existing infrastructure, the creation of new spaces, and the preservation of historical landmarks deeply woven into the cultural fabric of Srinagar," he said, adding the introduction of state-of-the-art pedestrian bridges and the meticulous preservation of the area's heritage mark a positive turning point in the history of Habba Kadal.

Eidgah Residents Demand Repair Of Dilapidated Road

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The residents of Noor Shah Colony in Saidpora area in Eidgah, Srinagar have voiced serious concern over the dilapidated road and urged the authorities to repair the same before the onset of winter.

The situation in Noor Shah Colony has escalated in recent months, with increasing frustration due to the lack of attention from authorities," said the locals.

They complained that the poor-

Our daily lives have been severely affected by the dilapidated road conditions, as it's not only inconvenient but also dangerous, especially during inclement weather

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19224 Jammu Tawi-Ahmedabad Jn. Express

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04611/04612 Amritsar-Pathankot-Amritsar Special

14633/14634 Amritsar-Pathankot-Amritsar Express

ly-maintained roads have become a serious cause of concern for the residents who rely on these routes for their daily commuting and transportation of goods.

"Our daily lives have been severely affected by the dilapidated road conditions, as it's not only inconvenient but also dangerous, especially during inclement weather," said Haris, a local resident said, urging the administration to repair the road on fasts track before the winter and snowfall

Date(s) of Cancellation

(from originating station)

07.11.2023

07,11,2023

Date (from the

Upto 06.11.2023

03.11.2023 to

07.11.2023

04.11.2023

Originating Station)

This Day In History

- 644 Umar ibn al-Khattab, second Muslim caliph, is killed by a Persian slave in Medina
- 1493 Christopher Columbus discovers island of
- 1861 Battle of Port Royal, fought in Port Royal Sound, South Carolina begins, Union victory (US
- 1862 Battle until the 5th November between gunboats at Bayou Teche, a waterway in Louisiana
- 1863 Battle of Grand Coteau in Southwestern Louisiana in the American Civil War
- 1928 Turkey switches from Arabic to Roman
- 1931 First commercially produced synthetic rubber manufactured
- 1936 President Franklin D. Roosevelt wins a second term in office, defeating Republican candidate Alf Landon in the most lopsided election in American history in terms of electoral vote
- 1944 Pro-German government of Hungary flees 1946 - Emperor Hirohito proclaims a new Japanese
- 1952 Egypt protests German retribution payments to Israel
- 1954 Nobel for physics awarded to Max Born & Walter Bothe
 - 1955 First virus crystallized (announced) 1957 - USSR launches Sputnik 2 with a dog (Laika),
- 1st animal in orbit
- 1958 USSR performs nuclear test 1961 - UN General Assembly unanimously elects U
- Thant as acting 1967 - Vietnam War: The Battle of Dak To begins, becoming one of the bloodiest battles of the war
- 1970 US President Richard Nixon promises gradual
- troop removal of Vietnam 1970 - Marxist Salvador Allende inaugurated as
- President of Chile 1978 - USSR & Vietnam sign peace & friendship
- treaty 1984 - 3.000 die in 3 day anti-Sikh riot in India
- 1984 Body of assassinated Indian Prime Minister

From KO Archives

DTH TV Okayed

Agencies

EW DELHI: The Union cabinet today gave its nod for al-lowing direct-tohome (DTH) television services, which would revolutionize broadcasting in the country. The decision came three days after an eight-member Group of Ministers (GoM) headed by Home Minister L K Advani prepared a unanimous, report favouring DTH, official sources said.

The KU-band DTH service offers greater and direct connectiv-ity to the viewer providing over 100 channels through a small dish antenna doing away with intermediaries like cable op¬erators. It has enormous penetration power to cover far flung and remote areas.

Promising enhanced picture quality, it also has the scope for interactive TV services like movie on demand and possibil-ity of introducing value-added services like internet access, e-mail, home-shopping, banking and tele-education.

The GoM was formed nearly two years ago to go into the controversial DTH issue and place its recommendations to the Union Cabinet when Pramod Mahajan was the Information and Broadcasting Minister.

Besides Advani, others in the group are Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha, Defence Minister George Fernandes, Information and Broadcasting Minister Sushma Swaraj, Information Technology Minister Mahajan, Communications Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister Vasundra

Raje and Law Minister Arun Jaitley (Kashmir Observer, November 03, 2000)

Office Of The Block Medical Officer Sopore, J&K

Office: Sub District Hospital Sopore. Pin: 193201 Telephone: 01954220800; e-mail: bmosopore111@gmail.com

E-Tender Notice For Supply Of Medicines And Consumables Items for SDH Sopore.

E-Tender reference No: 02-SDH SPR of 2023, Dated: 03-11-2023

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory Term E-Tenders are invited for and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory through Block Medical Officer SDH Sopore for supply of Medicines And Consumables Items, as per the Annexure "A" to this tender notice from manufacturers/firms/companies/authorized dealers for Sub District Hospital Sopore on urgent basis. The tender document can be downloaded from the website www.jktenders. gov.in w.e.f. 03-11-2023 to 14-11-2023.

The tender details and schedules as per following

Item Description	Tender Fee	EMD
Supply of Medicines And Consumables Items to Sub District Hospital Sopore Baramulla	Rs.1000	20,000/-

Date & Time of release of bid	03-11-2023(10:00AM)
Last date for entertaining any clarification/representation	14-11-2023(10:00AM)
Online bid submission start date	03-11-2023(10:00AM)
Last date for submission of online bids	14-11-2023(10:00AM)
Opening of Technical bids	15-11-2023(11:30AM)
Opening of Technical bios	13-11-2023(11:30AM)

- Any query to clear can be done through email id on bamsopore@gmail.com.
- The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders received or cancel the whole tendering process without assigning any reason thereof.
- The items which shall be available with JKMSCL shall not be procured through this ten-

der.

DIPK-11474/23 dated: 02-11-2023

Sd/-**Block Medical Officer** Sub District Hospital Sopore

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Eco-Friendly Mobility

he launch of 100 electric buses by the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, marks a big move towards transforming the transportation in the valley. This initiative will contribute to eco-friendly mobility and also to a cleaner and more sustainable future.

Srinagar in recent years has long grappled with the dual challenges of rising car ownership and worsening traffic congestion. The proliferation of cars and inadequate public transport infrastructure has given rise to gridlocks on its narrow roads. The data on car ownership in Jammu and Kashmir issued last year, found that Jammu and Kashmir is one of the regions in India with a substantially higher ownership of cars. Others are Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, including the union territory of Ladakh and a few other North Eastern states. While surprising, the data offers valuable insights into the complex relationship between prosperity, transportation, and environmental concerns. The rise in car ownership in the region has contributed to the growing problem of traffic congestion and air pollution.

What is more, according to a 2016 study, Srinagar was declared the 10th most-polluted city in the world by the World Health Organization. Similarly, a 2018 study titled "Winter Burst of Pristine Kashmir Valley Air" jointly conducted by a team of scientists from the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology and the University of Kashmir, showed that pollution in Srinagar hits dangerous levels during winter months as the air carries five times more tiny particulate matter 2.5 than the permissible limit.

So the introduction of electric buses represents a step towards cleaner and more sustainable mobility. The Srinagar Electric Bus Project not only aims to address traffic congestion but also aligns with the broader goal of carbon neutrality. The buses, equipped with features like universal access, onboard vehicle tracking systems, and CCTV cameras, are not only environmentally friendly but also technologically advanced. They provide a dedicated mobile app for passengers to book tickets, fostering convenience and enhancing the overall commuting experience. But the biggest benefit is for the environment. By prioritizing ecofriendly mobility solutions, the region can alleviate the burden of traffic congestion and safeguard its environment. By replacing traditional, fossil fuel-powered buses with electric counterparts, this initiative will significantly reduce harmful emissions, such as carbon dioxide and particulate matter, which have been a growing concern for the city and the wider valley.

But for these buses to ply smoothly across the city, it is important that not only the road length is increased but that the roads are also widened. It is obvious that the city's road length is not commensurate with the exponential growth in traffic volume.

OTHER OPINON

Digital Addiction

Mohammad Hanief

Thile a smartphone, tablet, or computer can be a hugely productive tool, compulsive use of these devices can interfere with work, school, and relationships. When you spend more time on social media or playing games than you do interacting with real people, or you can't stop yourself from repeatedly checking texts, emails, or apps—even when it has negative consequences in your life—it may be time to reassess your technology use.

Smartphone addiction, sometimes colloquially known as "nomophobia" (fear of being without a mobile phone), is often fueled by an internet overuse problem or internet addiction disorder. After all, it's rarely the phone or tablet itself that creates the compulsion, but rather the games, apps, and online worlds it connects us to.

Addiction to social networking, dating apps, texting, and messaging can extend to the point where virtual, online friends become more important than real-life relationships. We've all seen the couples sitting together in a restaurant ignoring each other and engaging with their smartphones instead. While the internet can be a great place to meet new people, reconnect with old friends, or even start romantic relationships, online relationships are not a healthy substitute for real-life interactions. Online friendships can be appealing as they tend to exist in a bubble, not subject to the same demands or stresses as messy, real-world relationships. Compulsive use of dating apps can change your focus to short-term hookups instead of developing long-term relationships.

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Compulsive web surfing, watching videos, playing games, or checking news feeds can lead to lower productivity at work or school and isolate you for hours at a time. Compulsive use of the internet and smartphone apps can cause you to neglect other aspects of your life, from real-world re-

lationships to hobbies and social pursuits.

Online compulsions, such as gaming, gambling, stock trading, online shopping, or bidding on auction sites like eBay can often lead to financial and job-related problems. While gambling addiction has been a well-documented problem for years, the availability of internet gambling has made gambling far more accessible. Compulsive stock trading or online shopping can be just as financially and socially damaging. eBay addicts may wake up at strange hours in order to be online for the last remaining minutes of an auction. You may purchase things you don't need and can't afford just to experience the excitement of placing the winning bid.

Behind The Global Economic Uncertainty

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Businesses, governments, and investors were already navigating a foggy global landscape before the tragic events unfolding in the Middle East. But the horrible conflict between Hamas and Israel, which has already led to enormous suffering and claimed the lives of thousands of civilians, including so many children, has introduced a new layer of uncertainty for the global economy, the subject of this commentary. Even in the highly unlikely event that the geopolitical situation improves rapidly in the region and beyond, a deep sense of uncertainty will remain, driven by five economic and financial factors.

First, the global economy's major growth engines are currently under strain. With Europe teetering on the brink of recession and China stalling, the US economy has emerged as the main driver of global growth. This became particularly evident in the third quarter of 2023, with the US's growth estimates impressing once again. But even America's growth outlook is uncertain. Over the past 15 months, the consensus of analysts about the US economy's direction has oscillated wildly between four scenarios: soft landing, hard landing, crash landing, and no landing. Although the prevailing view now is that the US is headed for a soft landing, forecasts may well shift toward a hard one over the coming weeks.

When the growth narrative of the world's largest economy, with its mature institutions and diversified productive base, can change so easily, it is no wonder that uncertainty in the rest of the world is even more pronounced. Instead of resembling a normal bell-shaped distribution of potential outcomes with a single peak and slender tails, the global outlook looks like a multimodal distribution with fat tails on either end, suggesting a higher likelihood of extreme events.

On the positive side, as Gordon Brown, Michael Spence, Reid Lidow, and I argue in our new book Permacrisis, advances in generative artificial intelligence, life sciences, and clean energy have the potential to enhance productivity and boost potential GDP growth significantly. On the other end of the distribution, there is the risk that a set of vicious cycles will

aggravate cascading effects.

Second, the journey toward this uncertain future is fraught with peril. The most immediate risk is the recent spike in global borrowing costs as markets adapt to the likelihood that the US Federal Reserve and other major central banks, having hiked interest rates aggressively—albeit belatedly—to counter inflation trends they initially misdiagnosed, will maintain elevated rates for an extended period.

Third, the persistence of this interest-rate outlook increases the risk

of recessions and financial-market turbulence. We saw early signs of this in March when balance-sheet mismanagement and slippages in bank supervision led to the failure of some regional US banks.

Fourth, the global economy and key financial markets like the one for benchmark US government bonds now lack key top-down anchors such as growth momentum, confidence in policymaking signals, and stabilising financial flows.

As economic-policy tools become more subordinate to political and geopolitical considerations,

losses. Without these economic, policy, and technical anchors, the global economy and capital markets resemble boats in a rough and unpredictable sea. That brings us to the fifth driver of global uncertainty: the inadequate response to long-term crises like climate change and widening economic inequality. The longer we wait to tackle these problems, the greater the eventual costs will be. Our insufficient actions today ensure that we will face more complicated economic and political obstacles down the line.



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the already weak outlook for global growth may well deteriorate. Monetary policy faces a credibility threat and genuine structural uncertainties about the equilibrium level of interest rates and the delayed effects of a remarkably concentrated rate-hiking cycle. Moreover, shrinking central-bank balance sheets and the absence of an effective policy framework compound the challenge of determining the right inflation targets in a world economy characterised by an insufficiently flexible supply side.

Amid growing deficits and rising interest payments, there is also the question of who will absorb the significant surge in government debt issuance. For more than a decade, the Fed has been the most reliable buyer of US government bonds, owing to its seemingly limitless money-printing capabilities and minimal price sensitivity. But, having been forced by inflation and other excesses to shift from quantitative easing to quantitative tightening, the Fed is now a reliable net seller. International buyers also appear more cautious, partly owing to geopolitical tensions. Moreover, many domestic institutional investors, such as pension funds and insurance companies, have already accumulated significant bond holdings, incurring substantial mark-to-market

As we write in Permacrisis, today's world has been shaped by three ongoing failures: the repeated inability to achieve consistent and inclusive growth that also respects our planet; recurrent domestic-policy errors; and the constant lack of effective global policy coordination at a time when shared challenges demand collective action. Together, these failures have had profound economic, financial, institutional, sociopolitical, and geopolitical ramifications.

That is the bad news. The good news is that we have the capacity to solve these problems and turn today's vicious cycles into virtuous ones. But to implement the major shifts required to achieve this goal, we need visionary political leadership at the national level and increased global awareness of our shared challenges. Absent such leadership, we risk leaving our children and grandchildren a world plagued by economic and financial instability, domestic political unrest, and geopolitical turmoil.

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Work Life Imbalance

Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy's recent suggestion for "70-hours-work-a-week" among Indian youngsters will no doubt boost productivity, but it will certainly affect the balance of work-life approach, which is equally important. Unsurprisingly Mr. Murthy's comments have evoked a nation-wide controversy, with many have

criticised his idea. In fact, a Bengaluru-based Cardiologist wrote in his X (formerly Twitter) account saying, "such an inhumane working hours can create a whole generation with a host of heart-related comorbidities." The Cardiologist's comment gains prominence, as WHO says that India accounts for at least one-fifth of the 17.9 million cardiovascular disease-

related deaths globally, especially in the younger generation. Currently, India's labour codes mandate that workers put in 8-hours of work a day, capping the weekly work hours at 48. Despite this, global data shows that India ranks fifth in the world among countries with long working hours. Research has revealed that productivity falls sharply after 50 hours per

week, and drops off a cliff after 55 hours. Rather than extended working hours, a streamlined approach with set working hours will work for large enterprises that have plentiful resources.

Ranganathan Sivakumar



Pain, Suffering, And The Choice We Make

Wasim Kakroo

ain and suffering are two terms often used interchangeably, but they represent distinct concepts. Pain is a natural part of the human experience, while suffering, on the other hand, is a response to pain that is shaped by our thoughts, attitudes, and beliefs. Understanding the difference between the two is crucial for leading a more fulfilling life. In this article, I will discuss about the nature of pain and suffering, and how various psychological factors contribute to the experience of suffering.

THE NATURE OF PAIN

Pain is an elemental facet of the human condition, an inescapable and universal experience that traverses the boundaries of culture, age, and social status. It encompasses both physical and emotional dimensions, both of which are integral to our existence.

Physical pain manifests in various forms, be it the sharp agony of a sudden injury, the persistent discomfort of illness, or the unforeseen jolt of an accident. It is a language spoken by the human body, conveying vital messages that demand attention. Physical pain serves as a fundamental safeguard, a warning system designed to protect us. Without it, we would inadvertently subject ourselves to grave harm, unable to perceive the dangers that lurk in our environment.

Emotional pain, in contrast, emanates from the intricacies of our inner world. It arises in response to events like loss, rejection, or disappointment. Emotional pain acts as a profound teacher, guiding us through the intricate landscapes of our emotions and relationships. It facilitates growth, fosters resilience, and teaches us empathy and understanding. It enables us to connect with others on a deep, empathetic level, as shared emotional pain is a powerful bond that transcends words.

THE 'WHY ME?' SYNDROME

The "why me?" mentality

is a deeply human response to pain and adversity. When faced with suffering, it's natural to question why we are the ones who must endure such challenges. This internal inquiry often emerges from a place of frustration, confusion, or even despair. We seek to find meaning in our pain and to understand why it has befallen us. However, dwelling on "why me" can have detrimental consequences.

This mentality frequently leads to a sense of victimization. By fixating on the idea that we are singled out for suffering, we unintentionally paint ourselves as helpless recipients of life's injustices. This victimization can foster self-pity, powerlessness, and a defeatist attitude, making it difficult to overcome the pain and move forward.

It is essential to recognize

THE TRAP OF COMPLAINING AND

Complaining and blaming are two common reactions to pain. While venting and assigning blame can provide momentary relief, they often lead to a cycle of suffering. Complaining about pain can reinforce negative emotions and keep us focused on our suffering. Blaming others or external circumstances can lead to feelings of powerlessness, as we place the respon-

that pain doesn't discriminate; it touches everyone's life in one form or another, regardless of their background or circumstances. This realization is a powerful step towards acceptance. Instead of dwelling on the question "why me," we can adopt a more constructive perspective by acknowledging pain as an intrinsic part of the human experience. By doing so, we open the door to growth and resilience. We can learn valuable lessons from pain, develop strength and empathy, and ultimately transform pain into an opportunity for personal evolution. Embracing this mindset allows us to transcend the victim role and take control of our responses to life's challenges, ultimately reducing the suffering they may bring.

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THE VICTIM MENTALITY

The victim mentality, a pervasive psychological pattern, significantly contributes to prolonged suffering in individuals facing pain or adversity. It is marked by a belief that external circumstances have complete control over one's life, leaving them helpless and at the mercy of forces beyond their influence. While real victimization does exist, adopting this mindset in response to life's challenges exacerbates suffering. Rather than taking proactive steps to improve their situation, those with a victim mentality tend to dwell in self-pity, reinforcing their sense of helplessness.

Overcoming the victim mentality is a crucial step towards reducing suffering in the face of pain. It involves shifting from a passive, victimized stance to an empowered one. This transformation enables individuals to recognize their agency in effecting change, make choices, and take action to address their challenges. By breaking free from the victim mentality, people can emerge from adversity with resilience and an increased capacity to navigate life's inevitable difficulties.

PERFECTIONISM: THE PURSUIT OF

AN ELUSIVE IDEAL Perfectionism is a doubleedged sword that can significantly intensify suffering. Individuals who strive for perfection in every aspect of their lives often set unrealistic, unattainable standards for themselves. When reality inevitably falls short of these lofty expectations, they experience profound disappointment, leading to intense suffering. The perfectionist mindset equates any deviation from their ideal as a personal failure, which can erode self-esteem and mental well-being.

Embracing imperfection is a crucial antidote to this selfimposed suffering. Recognizing that no one, including themselves, is flawless allows individuals to free themselves from the relentless pursuit of an unattainable standard. By accepting their imperfections and understanding that for growth, perfectionists can alleviate the emotional burden of constant self-criticism. Embracing imperfection not only leads to greater selfcompassion but also allows individuals to approach life's

challenges with a more balanced and healthier perspective, ultimately reducing the suffering associated with the unattainable pursuit of per-

THE FIXED MINDSET

Carol Dweck, a renowned psychologist, introduced the concept of a fixed mindset versus a growth mindset. Those with a fixed mindset tend to believe that their abilities and traits are innate and unchangeable. When faced with pain, they may interpret it as a reflection of their inherent limitations, leading to suffering. On the other hand, those with a growth mindset see challenges as opportunities for learning and growth. They understand that they can develop and improve over time. Shifting from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset can greatly reduce the suffering caused by the belief that pain is an insurmountable obstacle.

SUFFERING IS OPTIONAL: CHOOSING A DIFFERENT PATH

The difference between pain and suffering is fundamentally rooted in our mindset and how we choose to respond to life's challenges. Pain is inevitable; it is a natural and necessary part of the human experience. Suffering, on the other hand, is optional. It is a product of our thoughts, attitudes, and beliefs.

To minimize suffering in the face of pain, we must adopt a more constructive and resilient mindset. This involves accepting that pain is a part of life, reframing our thoughts from "why me?" to "what can I learn from this?" and letting go of the victim mentality. Avoiding excessive complaining and blaming, embracing imperfection, and fostering a growth mindset are all crucial steps in reducing suffering.

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A Jolt to What We Believe

Sara Gorman Jack M. Gorman

It is never easy to confront something Ithat challenges a deeply held belief. One could feel, for instance, the collective sigh of relief among physicists in September when a study showed that antimatter particles fall down when released, thus demonstrating that they are subject to the same gravitational force as particles of ordinary matter. This finding represented the resolution of a long-standing question in physics; the opposite finding would have meant the need to revise fundamental laws of physics. Scientists are clearly not immune to the anxiety we all feel when something we are sure is true may not be.

Consider what happens when we ask readers of this article not to think about elephants. That instruction to suppress a thought inevitably leads to intrusive thoughts of elephants that one cannot, in fact, suppress. This rebound effect suggests that telling someone to suppress a thought leads

to an increase in thinking about it. What to do, then, with the recent report in the journal Science Advances that suppressing negative thoughts may have mental health benefits? As United Kingdom authors Zulkayda Mamat and Michael C. Anderson note, the fields of psychology and psychiatry

have long held to the notion that a road to treating some forms of mental illness, like anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and depression, is to "make the unconscious conscious." Freud, of course, believed that the repression of traumatic events into the unconscious is a cause of psychological symptoms and invented the procedure of psychoanalysis in part to retrieve these memories to help the sufferer exert greater control over them. More recently, using the paradigm of Pavlovian fear conditioning in rodents, it has been argued that there is a molecular basis to this idea and that making unconscious traumatic memories available to conscious manipulation before they are reconsolidated in memory may be therapeutic (see, for example, Gorman JM, Neuroscience at the Intersection of Mind and Brain, Oxford University Press, 2018).

SUPPRESSING NEGATIVE THOUGHTS FOUND

Now, however, the long-held belief that suppressing painful memories is harmful is challenged by Mamat and Anderson's study. In this work, conducted via Zoom, they recruited 120 people, 93 percent female, and asked them to identify negative, neutral, and positive thoughts, each with singleword reminder cues. They then trained 61 of them to suppress the negative and 59 of them to suppress neutral thoughts over a three-day training period. Measures of various components of mental health were collected before, immediately after, and three months after the experiment was conducted.

They then presented the negative and neutral memory cues to the participants in the respective groups and asked them to suppress their thoughts about them. The results of the experiment are clear and startling. The participants were indeed successful in suppressing both negative and neutral thoughts, and, contrary to the example of trying to suppress the thought about elephants (and there you go again, thinking about them), there was no rebound effect among the participants in the negative memory suppression group. More surprisingly, the people in the negative memory suppression group, as compared to those in the neutral memory group, experienced improvements in ratings of several measures of anxiety and depression, which they attributed to their ability to suppress negative thoughts and which were sustained three months later.

Even those in the group who, at baseline, scored high on measures of anxiety and pandemic-related posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms experienced improvements in those symptoms and in overall mental wellbeing. Contrary to expectation, focusing on positive thoughts had no such effect on improving mental health measures in any of the research participants.

NEGATIVE THOUGHT SUPPRESSION COULD BE A NEW THERAPY

Mamat and Anderson conclude that 'the substantial and durable mental health benefits, safety, high endorsement, spontaneous use, and accessible delivery make suppression training a promising and scalable intervention on its own or as a neurobiologically grounded complement to standard treatments such as exposure or cognitive behavioral therapy." Thus, they suggest that training people with anxiety disorders, PTSD, and depression may be a viable new therapeutic approach. This, of course, challenges long-standing beliefs among many in the fields of psychology and psychiatry and even in the neuroscience community that suppressed thoughts are invariably harmful and must be released into consciousness to effect therapeutic improvement.

Of course, this work must be replicated before we jump to developing new therapies, and, as Mamat is quoted as saying, it is not clear that thought suppression would be helpful with all types of negative thoughts or with every person suffering from a mental health condition. "There are some thoughts that you try to think

about and process and deal with, but there are other thoughts about the future you can't do anything about, and suppressing them could help," he says. It is important to note that none of the research participants in this study was actually diagnosed with a mental health disorder as part of the study, but rather that some of them scored higher than others on measures of mental health. Hence, whether thought suppression works in clinical situations remains to be studied.

Here is a good example of a significant challenge to a long-held scientific belief. Unlike in the case of the discovery that antimatter particles fall down because of gravity, behavioral scientists will now have to grapple with this potential paradigm shifter. Physicists were left at least temporarily off the hook for having to reimagine their basic concepts in September, but psychologists and psychiatrists were not. It will be fascinating to see how they deal with this study. Will the anxiety it provokes cause some to try to suppress its significance, or will a substantial number embrace the findings and move to further study them? Considering the needs of people suffering from anxiety disorders, PTSD, and depression, we certainly advocate for the latter course.

- Psychology Today

Severe Air Quality In Delhi-NCR Prompts Ban On Non-Essential Construction Work

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi: The central government on Thursday ordered a ban on non-essential construction work in Delhi-NCR as a thick layer of pungent haze obscured the national capital's skyline with pollution levels entering the "severe" zone for the first time this season.

While scientists warned of a spike in pollution levels in Delhi-NCR over the next two weeks, doctors expressed concerns about a potential rise in respiratory problems.

The Delhi government has also called an emergency meeting on Friday to review the situation.

The city's Air Quality Index (AQI) was 402 at 5 pm, the worst this season so far. The 24hour average AQI was 364 on Wednesday, 359 on Tuesday, 347 on Monday, 325 on Sunday, 304

on Saturday, and 261 on Friday. Not just Delhi, several cities in neighbouring Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh also reported hazardous air.

These included Hanumangarh (438) and Sri Ganganagar (359) in Rajasthan; Hisar (414), Fatehabad (423), Jind (413), Rohtak (388), Sonepat (374), Kurukshetra (343), Karnal (343), Kaithal (379), Bhiwani (355), Faridabad (368) and Gurugram (297) in Haryana; and Ghaziabad (286), Noida (313) and Greater Noida (402) in Uttar Pradesh.

The concentration of PM2.5, fine particulate matter that can penetrate deep into the respiratory system and trigger respiratory problems, exceeded the safe limit of 60 microgramme per cubic metre by six to seven times at several locations in the

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'

Alarmed by the spike in air pollution levels, the Centre's pollution control panel issued directions to halt non-essential construction work, stone crushing and mining in Delhi-NCR.

This action comes as part of Stage III of the Graded Response

Action Plan (GRAP) -- the Centre's air pollution control plan which is implemented in the region during the winter

GRAP categorises actions into four stages: Stage I - 'poor' (AQI 201-300); Stage II - 'very poor' (AQI 301-400); Stage III - 'severe' (AQI 401-450); and Stage IV -'severe plus' (AQI above 450).

At a meeting to review the air quality situation in Delhi-NCR, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), a statutory body responsible for developing strategies to combat pollution in the region, said the pollution levels are only "expected to increase further" owing to highly unfavourable meteorological and climatic

conditions. An official from the India Meteorological Department reported that visibility reduced to just 500 metres at the Safdarjung Observatory around 7 am, gradually improving to 800 metres as temperatures increased during the day.

Cold temperatures create stable atmospheric conditions, known as temperature inversions, where a layer of warm air traps cooler air

near the ground, allowing the accumulation of pollutants.

Health professionals have expressed concerns that air pollution is increasing asthma and lung problems in children and the elderly.

"We are recording a surge in the number of irritative bronchitis infections. It is recommended that people suffering from respiratory issues such as chronic bronchitis and asthma take their medicines regularly and do not go out in the open unless absolutely necessary," said Jugal Kishore, the head of the medicine department at Safdarjung Hospital.

Considering the spike in indoor pollution in Delhi, he advised people to use air purifiers

Air pollution in India resulted in 1.67 million deaths in 2019 -- the largest pollution-related death toll in any country in the world -- and accounted for USD 36.8 billion in economic losses, according to a new study by researchers from the Global Observatory on Pollution and Health at Boston College, the Indian Council of Medical Research, and the Public Health

One of the major reasons behind the accumulation of pollutants in recent days is the lack

of rainfall during this post-mon-

soon season so far.

According to government data, Delhi's air quality in October 2023 was the worst since 2020, with meteorologists attributing it to the absence of rainfall. The capital recorded an AQI of 210 in October, compared to 210 in October last year and 173 in October 2021, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

In contrast to October 2022 (129 mm) and October 2021 (123 mm), Delhi experienced only one rainy day (5.4 mm of precipitation) in October 2023.

Unfavourable meteorological conditions, combined with emissions from firecrackers, paddy straw burning, and local pollution sources, contribute to hazardous air quality levels in Delhi-NCR 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

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mosque management commit-

tee had presented its objection,

alleging the ASI was digging in

the basement as well as other

places of the Gyanvapi complex

without permission and accumulating debris on the western

Hindu and Muslim sides. During an earlier hearing, the CAQM reported that the num-

ber of stubble burning incidents in Puniab and Haryana since September 15 has reduced by around 56 per cent and 40 per cent, respectively, compared to the corresponding period last year.

The Punjab government aims to reduce farm fires by 50 per cent in this winter season and eliminate stubble burning in six

According to Punjab's action plan to curb paddy straw burning, about 31 lakh hectares of land in the state are under paddy cultivation, expected to generate around 16 million tonnes of paddy straw (non-basmati).

Haryana estimates that about 14.82 lakh hectares of land in the state are under paddy cultivation, expected to generate over 7.3 million tonnes of paddy straw (non-basmati). The state is making efforts to nearly eliminate farm fires this year.

According to a numerical model-based system developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) in Pune, vehicular emissions (11 per cent to 16 per cent) and stubble burning (seven per cent to 16 per cent) currently stand as the two major contributors to Delhi's air quality.

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai announced on Wednesday that the city government would ban construction work in areas where the AQI remains above the 400-mark for five consecutive days.

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.

In line with the practice of the last three years, the Delhi government last month also announced a comprehensive ban on the manufacture, storage, sale, and use of firecrackers within the city. It has launched "Red Light

on Gaadi Off" campaign to curb vehicular pollution and plans to hire 1,000 private CNG buses to strengthen public transport and reduce vehicular pollution.

SC To Examine Whether Transgender Person Who Becomes Woman After Surgery Can Seek Relief Under Domestic Violence Act



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has agreed to examine whether a transgender person, who chooses to become a woman after undergoing gender reassignment surgery, can seek relief under the Domestic Violence Act (DV Act).

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Rajesh Bindal admitted the appeal filed against the Bombay High Court order for hearing in 2025 and asked the counsel for the husband and his estranged wife to complete their pleadings by then.

"Leave granted. Hearing expedited. Counsel who is appearing through caveat, waives formal notice on behalf of the respondents. She prays for and is granted four weeks' time to file a counter affidavit. Rejoinder affidavit be filed by counsel for the petitioner within six weeks, as prayed. List the appeal for hearing in the year 2025," the bench said in its October 30 order.

The husband has approached the top court against the high court's March 16 verdict which said a transgender person who chooses to become a woman by undergoing gender reassignment surgery can seek relief under the DV Act, upholding the lower court's decision directing the man to pay maintenance to his estranged wife who was earlier a transgender person.

The high court had said in its order the word "woman" is no longer limited to the binary of women and men and also includes transgender persons who have changed their sex in tune with how they identify themselves.

It had noted that section 2(f) of the DV Act that defines a

der neutral and hence includes persons irrespective of their sexual preferences.

There is no manner of doubt that a transgender person or either a male or female who has undergone a sex change operation is entitled to the gender of their choice, the order said.

"The object and purpose of the provisions of the Domestic Violence Act is to provide more effective protection of the rights of the women who are victims of violence of any kind that occurs within the family," it had said.

"Therefore, a transgender person who has undergone surgery to change their gender to female needs to be termed as an aggrieved person within the meaning of the Domestic Violence Act," the high court had said.

It had passed the order on a plea filed by the husband challenging the trial court order of October 5, 2021 by which he was asked to pay Rs 12,000 every month as maintenance to his wife who had initiated proceedings against him under the DV Act.

According to the estranged wife, she became a woman in 2016 after a gender reassignment surgery. The couple got married the same year but differences arose two years later following which she filed an application before a magistrate seeking maintenance under the DV Act.

The man told the high court in his petition that his wife did not fall within the definition of an aggrieved person under the Domestic Violence Act as such right was conferred only on "women" in a domestic relationship.

Gyanvapi Survey Complete, ASI Tells Varanasi Court; Gets Time Till Nov 17 To File Report

Varanasi: A Varanasi court granted the Archaeological Survey of India an extension till November 17 after the ASI said it has "completed" the survey of the Gyanvapi mosque complex but needed more time to draft

The ASI was to submit the report of the survey by November

Accepting the ASI request for more time to submit the report, District Judge A K Vishvesh passed the order on Thursday, Central government counsel Amit Srivastava said. The court was informed that

the ASI has completed its survey, but it may take some more time for compiling the report along with the details of the equipment used in the survey work, Srivastava said. On October 5, the court grant-

and said that the duration of the survey would not be extended beyond this. The Varanasi court, on August

ed four more weeks to the ASI



4, had granted the ASI an additional month to complete the survey, extending its original deadline (from August 4) to September 4. The court provided another extension of four weeks for the survey work on September 6.

The ASI carried out a scientific survey of the Gyanvapi mosque

wall of the structure, which risks collapse of the structure. The ASI team was not authorised to survey the premises by removing debris or garbage, the

premises, next to the Kashi

Vishwanath Temple, to deter-

mine whether the 17th century

mosque was constructed over a

pre-existing structure of a Hindu

The ASI survey had begun

after the Allahabad High Court

upheld a Varanasi district court

order and ruled that the step is

mosque panel had said. The Gyanvapi committee had also moved the Supreme Court against the Allahabad High Court's order. The apex court had on August 4 refused to stay the high court's order on the ASI survey.

In its order, the bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, however, asked the ASI not to carry out any invasive act during the survey. This ruled out any excavations, which the Varanasi court had said can be conducted, if necessary.

DC Shopian Reviews Sector-Wise Progress Of Zainapora Subdivision

Instructs Departments To Ensure Timely Completion Of Dev Works, Extending Scheme Benefits

Observer News Service

Shopian: To review the status of the works taken up under District Capex Plan 2023-24, PRI Grants, and CSS/ UT Schemes in the Zainapora sub division of the district, a meeting of all Sectoral/ District/ sub divisional officers was held Thursday by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb at Common Facility Centre

(CFC) Zainapora Shopian. DDC Chairperson, Bilqees Jan also attended the meeting. District/ Sectoral Officers and other concerned sub divisional officers and officials also attended the meeting.

At the outset, detailed re-

view of funds released and expenditure made under R&B, Jal Shakti, Education, Health, RDD, PMGSY and other sectors was conducted besides progress of works taken up under



also discussed threadbare.

The DDC after taking sector wise review of all works directed the officers to ensure 100 percent expenditure in the set time line by accelerating the pace of the works scheduled for completion during the current year.

He directed the officers to work in coordinated manner

with line departments to achieve development goals well in time keeping in view the limited working season.

On the occasion it was anprised that almost around 800 works have been approved in the Sub Division. 79% of the allotted works have been completed on ground and instructions were passed for completion of the rest of the works.

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11 New Cold Storage

17 storages are operational in various districts including Shopian, Srinagar, Anantnag, Baramulla, and Jammu.

Notably, during the peak season, fruit markets (madnis) witness a substantial influx of individuals seeking to sell their produce. However, a new practice has emerged. Rather than transporting apples directly from orchards to the markets, growers are opting to store their fruit in cold storage units and sell their harvest when

market prices become more favorable. When apple and other fruit seasons are at their peak, market demand tends to decrease, resulting in growers not receiving optimal prices for their labor and produce.

"The CA stores will help growers to sell their products only when the market rate is good. They will also pack the products without any rush," Mir said.

He said the government will encourage new entrepreneurs to set up CA storage capacity and they will provide them with a subsidy in setting-up the units.

According to the government, the valley exports over 2 million tonnes of apples annually, generating Rs 12,000 crore in revenue.

Horticulture plays a vital role in the J&K economy, providing direct and indirect employment to about 23 lakh people.

Kashmir Attracted

also encouraged turning the union territory into an investment hub to ensure development and jobs for the youth," they said—(KNO)

Highlands Receive

07 and 08. He added that on November 9 and 10, the weather would remain generally cloudy while light rain and snowfall would occur over

a few higher reaches during the period. Overall, there is no significant weather activitytill 10th November, he said.

Asked about the dip in the temperature, he said there would be change in the temperature in coming days—(With KNO inputs)

Kupwara Students

for teaching underprivileged students in Kupwara if these teachers are attached in Budgam and Srinagar?"

Director School Education Kashmir (DSEK), Tasaduq Hussain Mir did not receive repeated phone calls from this newspaper.

However, CEO, Kupwara Abdul Hamid Fanie told Kashmir Observer that there is no shortage of teachers in the district and that some teachers might have been deployed in other districts on valid orders.

"The order of deployment comes from higher authorities. Many of them have been deployed on security grounds. This happens in every district" Fanie said.

He further explained that they have still taken-up the matter with higher authorities.

Dangerous To Hold

prove connecting link between the accused

and commission of offences," the court said, adding, "It would be highly dangerous and hazardous to hold the appellant/convict guilty of offences alleged against him on the basis of weak, shaky and unacceptable evidence."

The court subsequently allowed the appeal and resultantly, set aside the judgment dated 10.10.2022 and order of sentence dated 17.10.2022 rendered by the Court of Principal Sessions Judge Shopian.

Two Al-Badr

28 Pistol rounds and a hand grenade was recovered from their possession. "Regarding the incident, a case vide FIR No. 159/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered in PS Parimpora and investigation has been initiated," the spokesperson added.

Man Arrested

Kishtwar Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Khalil Poswal said a police team conducted raids based on the information regarding the absconder's whereabouts and finally nabbed him.

Poswal said Malik was presented before the court in Kishtwar following his arrest.

The SSP also warned all other absconders to surrender before the police or strong action shall be taken against them.

Missing Woman

to the family for conducting last rites. Meanwhile, police have started an investigation in this regard.

House Attached

Reyaz Naikoo was holed up and killed in this house during an encounter—(KNO)

14 Fresh Covid

health ministry's website.

The case fatality rate stands at 1.19 per cent. According to the ministry's website, 220.67 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the country so far.

Azad Promises More Jobs, Development In Chenab Valley

Observer News Service

DODA: Democratic Progressive Azad Party chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad said that his party will sweep the Chenab valley in upcoming elections and reiter-ated that if his party is elected

to power by people many more massive developmental projects will be sanctioned and executed for the welfare of

Azad said that it was during his tenure that the Chenab valley was connected

with the rest of Jammu and Kashmir after he built road connectivity and created economic opportunities for the people.

"When I talk to you today I speak with confidence since I have countless projects to count I sanctioned and executed for the people of Chenab valley. No other political party or leader can speak to you with this confidence since they only exploited people for the votes," he told his workers during a function at Goha village in Doda.

Azad promised his workers that once he is back in power, he will ensure more job opportunities are created and no one

from this hilly region is forced to migrate for employment purposes.

"I have some more projects envisioned for this region and with the support of people if elected to power, I will immediately start working on those

projects "he said. The DPAP chairman said that the economic potential of the region is untapped given the poor governance and misplaced economic policies due to which the common people are suffering.

He said his party has an aim of economic empowerment of people and for that he will continue to work since the agenda of DPAP is to remove the miseries of common people and bring back smiles on their faces.

Azad said that it is only his party that holds public programmes across Jammu and Kashmir since people have reposed faith and trust in it. " I assure you I will bring back smiles on your faces that you lost due to the governance deficit. Your economy will improve and no one will be jobless since the developmental works will start in triple shifts again if DPAP comes to power," he said.

'ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD'

Union Secretary Inaugurates Awareness Programme In Jammu

Highlights Significance Of Scheme For Ensuring Food Security For Vulnerable Sections Across Country



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Union Secretary, Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), Sanjeev Chopra, inaugurated an awareness programme on "One Nation One Ration Card" here at Udhyog Bhawan on Thursday.

Union Secretary Department of Food public distribution, while addressing on the occasion, highlighted the importance of the scheme for ensuring food security for vulnerable sections across the country. He emphasized that Government of India has been making all out efforts to ensure success of the flagship programme, for the larger interest of the beneficiaries. He also elaborated to beneficiaries the highlights of the scheme and need for availing and promoting benefits under the scheme.

To symbolize the program's success and government's commitment towards food security, Sanjeev Chopra personally distributed fortified rice packets among the beneficiaries present at the event. This gesture marked a significant step toward realizing "One Nation One Ration Card" initiative's goals.

"The program's launch and the positive responses from beneficiaries in Jammu demonstrates the program's effectiveness in facilitating access to essential food items and ensuring that no eligible citizen goes without basic necessities, regardless of their location within India", maintained the Union Secretary.

During the event, Commis-Secretary Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Zubair Ahmed, made a detailed presentation on coverage under the Public Distribution System in J&K. He revealed that the Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs is currently providing free and subsidized food grains to 25 lakh households, benefiting 98 lakh beneficiaries. Of these, 66,56,907 beneficiaries, covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), receive free food grains, while 31,55,292 beneficiaries receive food grains at highly subsidized rate in the NPHH group.

Commissioner Secretary said the department has been actively working on reforms and technology interventions to make the Public Distribution System more transparent and convenient for beneficiaries. Additionally, I&K has been providing additional top-up of up to 10 kilograms per month to Priority Households under the Prime Minister's Food Supplementation for Priority Households Scheme. Statutory mechanisms have been established and strengthen to ensure efficient operations of the Public Distribution System for the greater public good, he added.



Yasin, Nana Ji Appear Before **Court In Rubaiya Sayeed Case**

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Separatist leader Yasin Malik and his associate Rafiq Pahloo appeared before a special court here on Thursday via video conference in connection with the 1989 abduction of Rubaiya Sayeed, the daughter of the then Union home minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

Two eyewitnesses examined in the court identified Ali Mohammad Mir as another accused in the case, Senior Additional Advocate General and Chief Prosecutor of the CBI Monika Kohli told PTI.

She said the next date of the hearing was fixed on Decem-

"In the 1989 Rubaiya Sayeed abduction case, two witnesses were examined. They identified one accused Ali Mohammad Mir," she said.

Giving further details, senior public prosecutor S K Bhat told PTI that two witnesses numbers 24 and 25 were examined. They supported the prosecution and identified accused Ali Mohammad Mir. he said.

Ali Mohammad Mir, who is

the prime accused in the kidnapping case after Malik, had taken Rubaiya Sayeed in his vehicle to Sopore from Srinagar and kept her at a guesthouse.

Bhat said Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief Malik and Pahloo appeared via video conference.

Malik, who is lodged in Delhi's Tihar Jail where he is serving a jail term in a terror financing case, was not produced in the court physically due to a Union Ministry of Home Affairs order restricting his movement.

Pahloo is lodged in the Central Jail in Srinagar following his arrest for reviving the ter-

rorist apparatus in the Kashmir valley, Bhat added.

He said that Pahloo, alias 'Nanaji', was among 10 terrorists arrested in July from a hotel in a case related to a conspiracy to revive the banned IKLF and separatist amalgam Hurriyat conference in the valley.

In a separate case connected with the killing of four Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel in a terrorist attack in Srinagar in 1990, the court had summoned a witness for identification but he could not appear as he in unwell, Bhat said.

The court has set December 14 as the next date of hearing in the IAF killing case and called for the summoning of witnesses for cross-examination, the prosecutor said.

The special Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act court has already framed charges separately against JKLF chief Malik and several others in both cases.

The charges against Malik, Pahloo and eight others in the 1989 abduction case of Rubaiya Sayeed were framed by the court on January 11, 2021.

ARTO Bandipora Tightens Noose On Traffic Violators

Realises Rs 1L Fine, Suspends 7 Licenses; Seizes 15 DLs

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: In a stern move to ensure road safety and enforcing traffic regulations, the Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Bandipora, Bilal Ahmad Mir took decisive action against traffic violators by realising fine amounting to Rs.1 lac, and suspending 7 driving licenses.

While sharing the details, ARTO informed that, as many as 15 Registration Certificates besides 15 Driving licenses were also seized on the spot.

Ahmad said that, with the goal of promoting responsible driving and safeguarding lives, Motor Vehicle Department Bandipora has adopted a 'zero tolerance approach' towards traffic regulation violators.

The ARTO said that the recent action comes as a strong message to those who flout traffic rules and endanger the lives themselves as well as the lives of others on the road.

The violations leading to license suspension included not wearing helmets while driving two wheelers, reckless driving, over speeding, and repeated offenses of not wearing seat belts while driving, among others.

He said that repeat offenders will face even stricter action and their licenses will be cancelled permanently. He said that driving two wheelers without wearing a helmet has been identified as the main cause of many deaths/accidents in Bandipora from the last many years.

Prerna Puri Felicitates Winners Of DIPR Logo Redesigning

Advocates Enhanced Opportunities For Local Designers, Artists To Promote, Preserve J&K's Rich Cultural Legacy

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary, Information Department, Prerna Puri on Thursday felicitated winners of Logo redesigning of Directorate Information and Public Relations (DIPR).

The Commissioner Secretary presented the certificates and cash awards to the top five winners, Rayees Ahmed Bhat from Srinagar (Rs 25000), Musaib Yousuf from Srinagar (Rs 15000), Suhaib Rasool from Srinagar (Rs 10000), Sheetal Verma from Jammu (Rs 5000) and Bhavini Sharma from Jammu (Rs 5000).

Meanwhile, the Commissioner Secretary also honored the departmental employees including District Information Officer Kathua, Neeraj Bhargav and MTS, DIC Kishtwar, Subhash Chander for their participation in the logo redesigning competition despite being busy in their official work.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner Secretary said that such initiatives help in further cementing the bonding between the public and the department. She added that DIPR

has been appreciably organizing such events since the past few years which has hugely streamlined its functioning. In this regard, she mentioned the holding of mega exhibitions, cultural bonanzas and awareness programmes highlighting the achievements of the J&K Government since creation of the Union Territory.

Commending DIPR for receiving a good number of entries in all its events, Commissioner Secretary exhorted upon the concerned officers to give further push to social media activities which play an instrumental role in this regard. She also applauded all those who actively participated in the various initiatives organised by the department and appealed them to further raise their participation in such events.

Prerna Puri emphasized upon the officers to give space to local designs in their photo galleries which will immensely help towards promoting and preserving our magnificent cultural and traditional legacy. She also ask them to step up efforts towards designing of departmental annual e-calendar.

TARGETED KILLINGS

J&K Cong Hits Out At Centre Over Kashmir Situation

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Expressing regret over the recent cases of targeted killings in Jammu and Kashmir, Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool said on Thursday that the Centre should focus on improving the situation in the Union territory rather than just making claims on ending militancy.

"We regret it. Target killings should not take place. A police personnel was martyred and a non-local person was also killed. The government should work on the ground rather than just making claims," Rasool told reporters in Baramulla district in north Kashmir.

Rasool, the president of the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), said while assembly elections are on in five states, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah were "beating drums" about improving the situation in Jammu and Kashmir and ending militancy.

"If that is the case, then how were ten of our soldiers martyred in Raiouri? Why were a colonel, a major and a DSP martyred in Kokernag? A policeman was martyred in target killing, why? Is this an improvement in the situation?" Rasool said.

"The BJP and Modi should focus on the situation more than doing politics and improve the situation in J&K. The Congress party wants the situation to improve in J&K," he said.

Asked whether the Congress would contest the elections alone or as part of the opposition's INDIA alliance, the JKPCC chief said the party would contest the Lok Sabha election as part of the INDIA alliance, and would take a decision on the assembly polls in the future.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT **DISTRICT HOSPITAL GANDERBAL**

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor UT of J&K, E-Tenders are invited from Registered/ Firms/Contractors dealing in civil, repair and construction works. The E-Tenders are invited as part of preventive maintenance as per the actual requirement of hospital administration from time to time for a period of 01 year which will start from the date of finalization of the E-Tender.

The NIT containing all the details/Terms & Conditions can be downloaded from the J&K govt Official website www.JKTenders.gov.in.

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1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	02-11-2023		
2	Date and time of Publication of NIT online	03-11-2023		
3	Date and time for downloading the NIT online	06-11-2023		
4	Date and time for submission of Bid online	13-11-2023		
5	Last date for submission of Bid online	15-11-2023		
6	Date and time for opening of bid online	16-11-2023		
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Kishtwar SSP Visits Family Of Armless Archer Sheetal Devi

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Kishtwar SSP Khalil Poswal met the family members of armless archer Sheetal Devi -- the first Indian woman to win three medals at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games -- as a gesture of recognition and appreciation for her outstanding achievements, officials said.

Sheetal (16) who holds her bow with foot, defied all odds to win multiple gold medals and a silver medal for India at the Asian Para Games. Earlier this week, she clinched the gold medal at

the women's individual compound and the compound mixed team event, and a silver at the women's doubles compound event. During his visit, the Senior Superintendent of Police

expressed his heartfelt congratulations to Sheetal's parents, recognising their unwavering support and encouragement in her journey.

He commended Sheetal's resilience and determination, highlighting her as a shining example of what can be achieved through dedication and passion. The SSP further said Sheetal's achievements serves

as a source of motivation for the aspiring athletes in Kishtwar and beyond. It showcases that an individual can overcome challenges and achieve greatness with hard work and

determination, he added. The SSP's visit underscored Kishtwar Police's commitment to celebrate and honour local talent, officials

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER **POSHAN PROJECT RAMBHALI**

(Annexure-I) are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch wards/ Municipal Wards shown against the below mentioned Panchayat Halqas/Municipal Wards, for the engagement of Sahayikas (AWHs) "preferably married" for the Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Ramhall on "Honorarium basis" The applications along with required documents shall be deposited in the Office of the undersigned i.e Child Development Project Officer Ramhall by or before 12th of Nov, 2023 against proper receipt.

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

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

Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be considered for the post.

The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.

The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where Anganwadi Centre is located

Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be Matriculation

In case no matriculate candidate is available in the Panch Ward/MC Ward, candidates with qualification not less than

8th standard shall be considered. The committee shall select the most destitute/needy married women of the Panch ward/MC Ward as helper from amongst those who fulfill the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate can

Self-attested copies of documents to be attached with the application form: -

Panch Ward /MC Ward Certificate/ Present / continuous, Ward residence certificate issued by BDO/Executive Officer which ever applicable duly countersigned by ACR/SDM.

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Date of Birth Certificate. Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10th

Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/

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

No:-CDPO/POSHAN/Adv/2023/490-506 DIPK-11455-23 Dated:02-11-2023

Sd/= Child Dev. Project Officer DT:02/11/2023

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

E-mail:- xenrnbdivbud@gmail.com, Phone-FAX:- 01951-255208 **FRESH TENDER NOTICE**

E-tendering NIT No:-121-MDB of 2023-24/9551-65 DATED:-01-11-2023 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Gov Cost of 1 Project Name of Work onev CDR/ Completion Head of Cost Doc **FDR** (days) account Upgradation of Gutlinora Capex Chief Hardpanzoo road by way of GSB Engineer

and G-II and Cross drainage pipes, Rs.8.00 Rs.300/-20 days Rs.16000/-DEE/ CEE Upgradation of link road at Pathan by way of GSB G-II and cross drainage pipes **Proiect Authority** Position of AAA = Accorded

Position of TS = Accorded Position of funds:- = Available/Committed. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <u>www.jktenders.gov.in</u> as pe schedule of date given below:

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice 01-11-2023 2. Period of downloading of bidding documents 01-11-2023 Bid submission Start Date
 Bid Submission End Date 01-11-2023 07-11-2023 upto 4.00 P.M 08-11-2023 at 11.00A.M in the office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Date & time of opening of Bids Division Budgam Within 7days of receipt of LOI. (The bidder as to provide 5% of allotted Submission of Performance Security (PS) Cost as Performance Security within 7days after opening of Financial Bid) in shape of CDR/FDR/BG No: FF/MDB/NIT/ 9551-65

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India Crush Sri Lanka To **Enter WC Semis**



Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj intimidated and scarred an under-prepared Sri Lanka with a fast bowling exhibition for the ages as India demolished the islanders by a record 302 runs to enter the World Cup semifinals here on Thursday.

On a Wankhede track that looked placid, India piled on a mammoth 357 for 8 in 50 overs.

Sri Lanka crumbled under lights for a paltry 55 in 19.4 overs to ensure an eighth semi-final appearance for India at the global event. This was India's biggest victory by margin of runs in the 48vear history of the tournament.

With 14 points from seven games, Rohit Sharma's army will like to finish with an all-win record as they now face South Africa in Kolkata on November 5 and the Netherlands in Bengaluru on November 12.

Shami (5/18 in 5 overs) took his second five-wicket haul in this edition and with 45 scalps, became India's highest

wicket-taker in World Cup history.
Siraj (3/16 in 7 overs) was equally incisive and Jasprit Bumrah (1/8 in 5 overs) formidable as ever in a pictureperfect bowling performance.

While Virat Kohli (88 off 94 balls) missed out on a world record-equalling 49th ODI hundred with the maestro Sachin Tendulkar himself in attendance, batting seemed like the easiest job on the planet.

Shubman Gill (92 off 92 balls) and Shreyas Iyer (82 off 56 balls) pulverised the opposition even as they missed out on personal landmarks.

Kohli enjoyed a 189-run second wicket stand with his heir apparent Gill, who looked a million dollars during his run-a-ball 92.

Dilshan Madushanka (5/80 in 10 overs), who bowled a peach of a delivery to get skipper Rohit Sharma (4) first up, also denied all three Indian batters what would have been deserving hundreds.

Spinners Make Afghanistan Favourites Against Holland On Ekana Surface





Press Trust of India

LUCKNOW: They have outlived tags like 'minnows' and 'giantkillers' with their lion-hearted performances but spirited Afghanistan's quest to reach the next level starts in earnest against an equally inspirational Netherlands in a World Cup match between the two teams here on Friday.

Starting as favourites on a tricky Ekana Stadium surface, with a quality spin attack at its disposal, Afghanistan (6 points) will not only look to secure two points against the Dutch (4 points) but also aim to win big and improve the net run-rate in its bid to remain relevant in the race to semi-final

> back towards the sun, it was a lot harder visually than it was

on the other side of the ground.

or what, it was definitely an

experience I've not had before,"

Root said.

"Whether it was air quality

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday expressed concern

over the "deteriorating" air

The manner in which Afghanistan's top-order batted to outclass sides like Pakistan and Sri Lanka, it showed that the victory against defending champions England wasn't a mere flash in the pan.

Just like Kenya, with a bit of luck, made it to the semi-finals of the 2003 World Cup, Afghans will hope that the rub of the green goes their way, beginning with the Dutch test.

After this game, they take on Australia (November 7) and South Africa (November 10) in what would determine whether they have it in them to go to the next level -- the World Cup semifinals. One defeat and it all comes crashing down.

The 'Orange Army', too have

been a surprise package of this World Cup, securing upset wins over South Africa and Bangladesh.

It has put them ahead of Bangladesh and bottom-rung England in the 10-team standings to keep a slender semifinal qualification hopes alive although even their biggest supporters know that it would be miraculous if they happen to make it to final four.

On six points each, Pakistan and Afghanistan are two other teams outside top-four who are very much in the mix of a lastfour berth.

But Afghanistan with a muchinferior net run-rate (-0.718) compared to Pakistan (-0.024) would mean that the Hashmatullah Shahidi-led side have a lot of catching up to do.

Young Athletes Shine At National School Games In Srinagar



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As Srinagar City hosts the ongoing 67th National School Games in Under-19 Football and Under-17 Volleyball, young athletes from across the country are showcasing their skills and sportsmanship in a spirited competition. games, hosted by the Department of Youth Services & Sports J&K, have given a platform to many budding sportspersons.

J&K's participating teams have so far emerged as strong contenders, securing victories in their football and volleyball matchups, placing the state at the top of the leaderboards after two days of intense competition.

Waseem Raja, Joint Director YS&S Kashmir, has been the driving force behind the flawless execution of the event. Working

tirelessly day and night, he has been meticulously overseeing every aspect of the tournament. From well-placed boarding and lodging arrangements to impeccable mess facilities and topnotch playing venues, Raja has left no detail unattended to ensure the comfort and satisfaction

The JD paid a surprise visit to the Green Valley Institute, the host for the football matches, to personally inspect the arrangements. Following this, he visited the Indoor Sports Complex, one of the venues for volleyball matches, to monitor the proceedings.

The 67th National School Games in Srinagar have not only been a celebration of young talent but also a testament to the collaborative spirit and dedication of officers and officials of YSS department.

England Cricketers Resort To Inhalers For Tackling Alarming Pollution In India

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: England cricketers have resorted to a sporadic use of inhalers to deal with high-pollution levels in major Indian cities over the course of their dismal World Cup campaign.

British newspaper 'I' reported that the some of the England cricketers were forced to take inhalers, usually used by people suffering from Asthma.

Test captain Ben Stokes was seen using the inhalers during training ahead of the game against Sri Lanka in Bangalore.

Delhi breached the AQI (Air Quality Index) mark of 400 on Thursday to enter the 'Severe' category. The pollution has caused a major concern in Mumbai as well with India skipper Rohit Sharma touching on the subject ahead of the Sri Lanka game on Thursday.

"I mean, in an ideal world, you don't want a situation like this, but I'm pretty sure the concerned people are taking the necessary steps. It's not ideal, everyone knows that. But obviously, looking at our future generations - your kids, my kids – obviously, it's quite important that they get to live without any fear."

"So, yeah, every time I get to speak outside of cricket, if we are not discussing cricket, I always talk about this. You know we have to look after our future generations," said Rohit on Wednesday.

England are currently in Ahmedabad for their game against arch-rivals Australia but the British paper reported the players are unlikely to use inhalers due to acceptable air quality in the city.



asked about air pollution in Mumbai following the heavy loss to South Africa last month but he did not say it was a factor in the team's defeat. "It just felt like you couldn't get your breath. It was unique," he said.

"Who knows whether it was air quality? I am not qualified to know. It felt like quite a hazy day, wasn't it? And you could definitely see that from one side of the ground looking taking suo motu cognisance of

the issue. The situation is worse in Delhi where Sri Lanka will take on Bangladesh on November 6. In 2017, the Sri Lankan players were forced to wear masks while on field in New Delhi during the third match of the Test series.

As per a Lancet Study, pollution caused more than 2.3 million deaths in India in 2019.

Iran's Sepahan Penalized **After Saudi Team's Walkout**



The Associated Press

TEHRAN: Iranian soccer team Sepahan was penalized with a 3-0 loss and a fine over a canceled Asian Champions League match against Saudi Arabia's Al Ittihad, Iranian media reported.

The match was called off last month when the Saudi team — featuring former Premier League stars such as N'Golo Kante and Fabinho walked out at the last minute, apparently over the presence a statue of a slain Iranian general on the sidelines.

Iran's foreign ministry had earlier said that an agreement had been reached to replay the match, amid concerns that the incident could further strain a recent rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran, longtime rivals who have backed opposite sides in conflicts across the Middle East. But Iranian media reported that the Asian Football Confederation ruled that Al Ittihad should be awarded a 3-0 win and that Sepahan should pay a

fine of \$200,000. According to the reports, Sepahan was also banned from hosting its next three Asian Champions League matches at home.

The AFC did not issue a public statement about the decision, and still listed the game result as "canceled" on its website Thursday.

Al Ittihad was set to play Sepahan on Oct. 2 but did not come out onto the field in Isfahan, where some 60,000 fans were in attendance. Saudi Arabia's state-run Al Ekhbariya TV said they refused to come out because of a statue of the late Gen. Qassem Soleimani placed outside the entrance tunnel.

Soleimani, who commanded the elite Quds Force of Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, is seen as a war hero by Iran's clerical rulers and their supporters but vilified by Western and many Arab nations because of his role in leading Iran's military activities across the region. He was killed in a U.S. drone strike in neighboring Iraq in 2020.

Morata & Griezmann Have Atletico Poised For Possible Title Run In Spanish League

The Associated Press

BARCELONA: Antoine Griezmann and Álvaro Morata have Atletico Madrid dreaming of a title run in the Spanish league this season.

The France forward and Spain striker have scored 13 goals in the league and Atletico is the only team to beat leader Real Madrid so far this campaign.

Atletico visits Las Palmas on Friday seeking a win to pull level with Madrid and secondplace Girona at the top of the table. Diego Simeone's side

also has a game in hand. After 11 rounds, Atletico has emerged as the top threat to Carlo Ancelotti's Madrid.

It has proven to be the only team capable of beating Madrid, when in September Morata scored a double and Griezmann added another goal in a 3-1 win at Atletico's stadium. Atletico also has a game in hand after a match against Sevilla was postponed due to bad

"We have to keep doing our own thing," Simeone said about



his team after last round's 2-1 win over Alaves which tied its longest home winning streak of 14 straight victories.

Simeone's side started clicking in the second half of last season, when it finished third in the standings mainly because of its poor start to the campaign, and that good form has carried over to 2023/24.

That momentum is largely

thanks to the attacking partnership of Morata and Griezmann. Morata, now 31, joined At-

letico in midway through the

2018-19 season from Chelsea, where he failed to reach his potential after standing out both at Real Madrid and on loan at Iuventus.

But at Atletico he lacked the ruthlessness of Atletico's former striker Diego Costa, and was soon shipped back on loan to Juventus, making room for a veteran Luis Suárez to lead Atletico to the 2021 league title.

Morata returned to Atletico when his loan deal ran out at the start of last season, but he only kept his starting job, reportedly, because Atletico couldn't find a better replacement.

Atletico is now more than happy with the player, whose seniority with the national team has led him to becoming Spain's captain following the international retirement of Sergio Busquets.

Morata is off a great start with nine goals — six in the league and three in the Champions League — in 12 appearances.

"Álvaro is the same player, just that now he is finishing his chances better," Simeone said recently about Morata. "He had the opportunities to score more goals in past seasons, and we have to help him continue to grow and keep this level of performance up, which is the most complicated thing in soccer."

Griezmann, 32, similarly spent two seasons at Barcelona before returning to Atletico in 2021, when he had to endure jeers from some fans before he quickly restored his status as team leader, scorer and playmaker. He has matched Morata's goal tally with nine overall, including a team-high seven goals in the league.

Atletico is hoping to have a third strong scorer when Memphis Depay recovers from

Madrid hosts Rayo Vallecano on Sunday with Jude Bellingham in outstanding form. The England midfielder struck twice in a 2-1 comeback at Barcelona in last weekend's "clasico" game to give him 13 goals

in as many games overall. Girona visits Osasuna on Saturday, when Barcelona needs to respond to its loss to Madrid on its visit to fifth-place Real