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Govt Cracks Whip On Its Employees Bars Public Servants From Taking

Part In Protests, Strikes



Observer News Service

Srinagar- Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday restricted employees from participat-ing in any kind of demonstrations and strikes in favour of their demands and warned of strict action in case employees are found involved in such demonstrations.

... It has come to fore that some employees are resorting to demonstrations and strikes in favour of certain demands. In this regard, reference to Rule 20(ii) of the Jammu and Kashmir Government Employees (Conduct) Rules, 1971 is invited for all concerned", reads an order.

is reproduced as under: "Demonstrations and strikes. No Government employee shall resort to or in any way about any form of strike in connection with any matter pertaining to his service or the service of any other Government employee" reads the order.

"The aforesaid provision of law is not merely declaratory in nature and shall definitely entail consequences in the event of any such employee found immersive in such acts. Therefore, all Administrative Secretaries are requested to circulate these instructions to employees in their respective More on P9

Unwanted Newborns: Srinagar Hospitals Reveal Disturbing Trend

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: The disturbing trend of abandoning newborns continues in Kashmir, with over 71 unwanted babies being located and taken care of by two government-run hospitals in this capital city during the last 10 years.

The figures have been disclosed in a Right to Information (RTI) application moved by a lawyer and an activist based in Srinagar, who had previously raised the issue with the Social Welfare Department (SWD).The data, which spans from August 2010 to 2023, documents the distressing practice of parents

abandoning their babies near garbage dumps, water bodies, and other disposal sites in the vicinity of two hospitals- Lalla Ded and GB Panth. which is now the government hospital for children in Srinagar.



Notably, the Kashmir to 2023. Out of these, 45 ba-Valley has witnessed a surge bies were adopted, while 7 in cases of both baby dumptragically did not survive. At ing and baby abandonment, the Government Children's with a significant proportion Hospital in Srinagar, authoriof the affected infants beties have provided care and supported 29 unwanted ining female or children with down syndrome. The data fants till now. further reveals that LD hos-In response to this alarming trend, the administration pital reported52 cases of abandoned babies from 2011

centres at major hospitals and healthcare institutions in the Valley to address the distressing incidents of newborns being abandoned by their parents near disposal sites.

Advocate Badrul-Duja, who had filed the RTI, had urged the SWD to set up such centers in locations like mosques, marriage halls, water bodies, private and public hospitals, dispensaries, and garbage dumping sites to prevent the mortality of unwanted babies. He also stressed the importance of protecting the identity of these parents by

limiting CCTV access. Following his plea, the Director of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) directed all hospitals to install prominent signage for cradle centers, particularly in district hospitals with Maternity, Gynecology, and Pediatric units. "These More on P9 has been establishing cradle

Delhi Gasps For Breath As Air Quality Hits 'Severe Plus' Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Delhi's air quality worsened to the "severe plus' category on Friday with a hazardous layer of smog engulfing the national capital, even as the central government deferred the implementation of stricter measures saying air quality index in the region is already showing a declining trend.

Lt Governor VK Saxena, who held a high-level meeting with Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai, said the situation in the city is "extremely worrying" and appealed to the people to remain indoors and not to expose themselves and especially children and elderly to the alarming ambient conditions.

On Friday, Delhi's 24-hour average air quality index reached 468, placing it in the "severe plus" category. This is the stage in which all emergency measures, including a ban on polluting trucks, commercial four-wheelers, and all types of construction, are mandated in Delhi-NCR.

The city's AQI of 468 was the worst since 471 More on P9

Kashmir Inc Fumes Over 'Unprecedented Erratic' Power Supply

Urge LG Sinha's Intervention To End Miseries Of Industrialists; Shopkeepers, Traders And Commoners



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Coming down heavily on the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) for 'miserably failing' to stick to its power curhouseholds in genera

Admin Orders **Tough Action** Against Power Theft

t a time when Valley is grappling with acute power crisis. the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Friday asked Deputy Commissioners to sensitise people about disadvantages of usage of crude electronic appliances, and take against misuse of electricity, including power theft.

"The usage of crude electric devices by unscrupulous people is causing huge loss of electricity which also leads to

Killing Of Allochi Bagh Resident 'Important Leads Left Unchecked': **Court Discharges Accused**

M Ahmad

Srinagar: Observing that protection and liberty of an individual is the paramount consideration of every limb of the state, a court here has expressed disappointment over police investigation into the killing of one person allegedly by militants near Solina Srinagar in 2003. According to the

prosecution, on 6 January 2003, police station Shergari received information from reliable sources that a group of militants armed with illegal automatic weapon opened fire on one Abdul Hamid Sheikh son of Abdul Khaliq of Allochi information the case FIR No. 4/2003 under Section 307 RPC read with Section 7/27 Arms Act came to be registered in the Police Station Shergari.

Later a team of officers from the police station rushed to the place of occurrence and shifted the injured to the hospital where he was declared brought dead. The case was subsequently converted into one under

Section 302 RPC. "The material before this court in the form of the charge sheet and the statements of the witnesses recorded under the section 161 Cr.P.C. does not disclose any prima facie involvement of the accused in the commission of the alleged

Govt's Vision Document Shows Infra Gaps In 5000 J&K Schools

Agencies

Srinagar: In Jammu and Kashmir, nearly 5000 government schools located in remote and hilly terrains have infrastructural gaps.

The 'JK Vision docu-ment 2047' reveals that, docu-"Infrastructure gaps exist in 5000 schools located in remote and hilly terrain."

The Planning Department and Monitoring Department in the proposed vision has furealed. "Considerable

chunk of human resource is not skilled in the art of teaching, Over 36000 ReTs or RReTs are not possessing desired level of qualification have been

regularised." Stating the further weaknesses, the department has said, "Development works get delayed due to hilly terrain and Climatic Conditions-snow

bound areas. The documents also reveal that at least 1,67,106 teachers for 27.18 lakh students, i.e. one teacher for

Chamber of Commerce & Industry(KCC&I) on Friday said that unprecedented erratic power supply was gravely affecting the industry, trade, business of all sorts and the



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Microsoft Releases Major Windows 11 Update With New Features

IANS

icrosoft has started rolling out major updates to its Windows 11 PC operating system with new features.

The main change in the updates (known as Windows 11, version 23H2) includes the change of name from Microsoft Teams to Chat. "Chat is now Microsoft Teams

(free) and is pinned by default to the

taskbar," VP of programme management for Windows servicing and delivery, John Cable, said in a blogpost on Tuesday.

"When you click to launch Microsoft Teams, you will discover a mini communication experience that makes it possible to chat, call, meet, and create a space for community groups to come together, organize, and share ideas in just a click or two," he added.

The Windows 11 2023 update also

brings some improvements to app management. System components in Windows 11 now have a 'system' label and are segregated into a new section in settings.

The Microsoft Store, Game Bar, Phone Link, and Tips apps are all included, and it appears that Microsoft is getting ready to let Windows 11 customers remove these system components at some time.

"This update continues the annual Windows 11 feature update cadence,

with new feature updates released in the second half of the calendar year. This updated version resets the 24 months of support for Home and Pro editions and 36 months of support for Enterprise and Education editions," Microsoft said.

Moreover, the tech giant noted that the select features and enhancements initially shipped disabled by default in version 22H2 would be shipped on by default in version 23H2, including Copilot in Windows.

From the office of Advocate **M.A Peerzada and Associates** In the case of :Abdul Rashid Sofi (Wani)S/o Mohammad Akbar Sofi(Wani) R/o Kursoo Padshahi Bagh Caveators) Versus Public at Large (..Non-Caveators)

Caveat Petition u/s148 CPC.

In the matter of : That the Caveators are having reasonable apprehension that any person/s may approach before this Hon'ble court and may file any other proceedings against the caveators and may get an ex-parte interim order against the Caveators which will be pre-judicial and against the rights, interests of the Caveators and also against the express provisions of Law. That the Caveators are seeking leave of this Hon'ble court to file caveat against Public at Large as the caveators are having properties in and around Srinagar District, Bandipora and Baramulla District such as properties at Raj Bagh, Dalgate, Chanapora, under Survey no.'s 1083, 1017, 1023, 1332, and 1365. It would be proper that caveators be given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

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Office Of The Principal District & Session Judge Pulwama

(CHAIRMAN SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE POST OF DRIVERS, VACANT IN DISTRICT PULWAMA). Official Website:-districts.ecourts.gov.in/pulwama

Advertisement Notice No.01 Of 2023/PDSJP Dated : 02.11.2023

Subject:- Commencement of process of selection for three posts of Drivers, two newly created) one in the court of Addl Distt. Judge Pulwama and One in the court of Chief judicial Magistrate Pulwama) and one backlog post (in the court of District judge Pulwama).

1. Date of commencement of offline application: 07.11.2023 2. Last Date for submission of offline application: 22.11.2023

Total No. Of Posts advertised = 03

S. No.	Name of the	class	Scale of the Pay	No. o	f Posts	
	Post					
1.	Driver	IV	19900-63200 Level 2	03		
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					RBA	SC
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References:- No. 918/Psy: 621,dated 20.09.2023 and

No. 762/Psy-621, dated 18.08.2023 of High court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh

Offline applications are invited from eligible candidates belonging to District Pulwama for participating in the selection process of drivers mentioned above in this notification who:

1. Belong to District Pulwama, however the candidates who are applying under SC category can apply irrespective of the place of residence provided they are the domicile of UT of J & K.

Are domicile of Jammu and Kashmir in terms of S.O 166 dated 18.05.2020 issued by GAD. Government of Jammu and Kashmir and those who are residents of District Pulwama for a period of not less than 15 years before the date of applying and is actually residing in the area

3. The candidates must be a Matriculate from a recognized School/ Board and must possess a valid Driving Klcense with LMV/ HMV endorsement. 4. Minimum and maximum age shall be the same as prescribed by the Government in terms of the

Civil service regulations. Are having age as on 01.11.2023

- Not below 18 years
- Not above 40 in case of open merit.
- c. 43 years in case of SC/ST/RBA/ArC/OSC
- d. 48 years in case of Ex-serviceman.

40 years in case of candidates in Government Service/ Contractual employees.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR Jammu and Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Ltd **Office Of The Executive Engineer Transmission Line** Maintenance Division-I (TLMD-I), Bemina, Srinagar

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TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No: 18/JKPTCL/TLMD-I/SGR/2023-24; Dated: 03.11.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-Tenders (in Two Covers) from reputed, experienced, competent and financially sound Civil Contractors/Firms/ Joint Ventures fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in the standard bidding document are invited online for the works detailed below.

e-Tenders need to be accompanied with a non-refundable Tender Fee in the form of Demand Draft pledged to Executive Engineer, Transmission Line Maintenance Division-I, Bemina, Srinagar for Rs. 2000.00 (Rupees Two Thousand Only) on account of Cost of Tender Document and EMD amounting to Rs. 170000.00 (One Lac and Seventy Thousand only) in the form of CDR/FDR/BG as security deposit pledged to Executive Engineer, TLMD-I, Bemina.

Cover-I: The bidding process is online. However, hardcopies consisting of Tender fee and EMD in accordance with General Terms and conditions of SBD (original instruments) in cover-1 should reach to the office of Executive Engineer, TLMD-I, Bemina, Srinagar (Phone No. 9419181913) one day after the last date for online submission of e-Bid.

However, after opening of the tenders on-line, L1 Bidder will be called to submit his/her Original/Photocopies of documents viz. relevant documents valid and renewed contractor License /Labour Registration Certificate, GST registration, PAN card, TIN No. and all other documents related to the bid for synchronization with Techno commercial evaluation.

Cover-II: The bidder shall upload online rates as per detailed BOQ enclosed as Annexure-A The rates shall be inclusive of all taxes etc.

The Standard Bidding Document shall be kept available at website http://jktenders.gov. in.

Scope of the Work	Estimated	Tender	EMD	Time of
	Cost (in	Fee		Completion
	Lac)			
STABILIZATION OF 132KV HABBAK-BADAMP-	84.893	Rs.	Rs. 1.70	06 months
ORA-KANGAN-SUMBAL TRANSMISSION LINE		2000.00	Lac	

PUBLIC NOTICE

Seeking Objections for CID Verification of Registered Society In accordance with the requirements for applying to various government projects and the renewal of our society, Innovative-Minds Educational and Welfare Society, registered under 6593-S of 2014 in 2014, hereby notifies the public of our intent to obtain CID verification for our society members. The society members seeking CID verification are as follows:

1. Chairman/ President - Momin Hussain S/o Hyder Ali Banka R/o Malabuchan, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, J&K -193401

2. Vice- Chairman/ President - Syed Aga Amin S/o Aga Syed Jaffer Mousvi R/o Ahmadpora, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, I&K - 193401

3. Secretary - Irfan Ali Banka S/o Nissar Ahmad Banka, Wazir Bagh, Malabuchan, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, J&K -193401

4. Treasurer - Shamshada Rasool W/o Javaid Hussain Dar R/o Malmooh, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, J&K - 193401 5. Joint Secretary - Owais Ali S/o Mohammad Yousuf Mir R/o

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Executive Member - Kousar Ali Sofi S/o Gh Mohd Sofi R/o Sofipora, Tehsil Magam, District Budgam, J&K - 193401 Objections can be submitted in person or in writing to:

Registrar of Societies, Kashmir CID Headquarters, Kashmir

DC Office Baramulla

Objections must be received within 21 days from this notice's publication date. Include your name, contact details, and supporting documents, if any.

For inquiries, contact 6006506216. Published on 4/Nov./2023 BMG

Notice For Revocation Of Power Of Attorney

This is to inform the general public that I, Kanwal Krishan Bhat S/o Radha Krishan Bhat R/o 39/2 custodian guarter shivpora .Batwar Srinagar that i had executed a power of attorney before the sub registrar jammu south in favour of Dwarka Nath Bhat .Rai Nath Bhat .Kundan Lal Bhat and I have withdrawn and cancelled the the same and have filed a proper motion for cancellation/revocation of the said power of attorney

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f. the persons who are already engaged on adhoc or daily wage basis in the subordinate courts shall be eligible to apply irrespective of the minimum and maximum standards of age; and they shall be deemed to be given relaxation in the minimum and maximum standards of age.

5. The candidates shall have to undergo a written test to determine the general Knowledge especially knowledge about the traffic rules. On the basis of merit obtained in the written test the candidate shall be called for determining the Driving skills in the ratio of 1:5.

6. Driving skill shall be conducted for which an expert from the traffic department shall be coopted as a member of the selection committee.

7. Cumulative grade of the marks obtained in the written examination and driving test shall form the final merit.

8. A candidate must deposit fee of Rs. 300/- through demand draft from any j & k bank in the name of Principal District and session judge Pulwama.

9. Call letters shall not be issued individually, however, wide publication will be given through electronic media and District courts official website about the venue /dates of the written test for the information of eligible candidates.

10. The in-service candidates/ contractual employees shall submit photocopy of the filled up of offline application form through proper channel viz the concerned Head of Deptt. In the event of failure of the candidate to route the application through proper channel, his/her eligibility shall be assumed as if he/she is not in service candidate. The head of the Deptt. Concerned shall forward the application form of the in-service candidate at the address of principal District and Session judge Pulwama within the above referred period after filling their application form.

11. The last date for the submission of application forms as prescribed above shall be the cutoff date for determining the eligibility to apply for the post. The age limit however is determinable with reference to the 01.11.2023. Any gualification/experience acquired after last date of receipt/Submission of offline application form i.e 22.11.2023 shall not be taken into account for any purpose.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION FORM:

(a). Qualification certificate) Matriculate).

(b). Date of Birth Certificate) Matriculate).

(c) Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.

(d). Valid Driving License (LMV/ HMV).

(e). Category Certificate in case of candidate belonging to reserved category.

(f). Medical certificate to the effect that the candidate is fit to drive Vehicle.

Note: Application forms complete in all respects will be received from 10:30 a.m to 04: 30 p.m in the office of undersigned w.e.f 07.11.2023 to 22.11.2023.

Chairman Selection Committee (Principal District and Sessions Judge) Pulwama

PROCESS OF SELECTION:

There shall be a written test and skill test(driving test), the following criteria are laid down for conducting the test for determining the knowledge and the level of driving skills:

	Subject			
Part I	Written test to determine the general knowledge and the traffic rules.			
Part II	Based on merit obtained in the written test , the candidates shall be called for determining the driving skills in the ratio of 1: 5			
DIPK-11527/23 dated: 03-11-2023	Chairman Selection Committee (Principal District and Session Judge) Pulwama			

BY WAY OF PROVIDING PROTECTION WALL TO THE EXISTING TOWER FOUNDATIONS AS PER THE DETAILS GIVEN IN THE BOQ (PHASE II, PART-B)

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The information regarding schedule of downloading of the tender document, seeking of clarifications and submission dates thereof is as per the table below

CRITICAL DATES SCHEDULE e-NIT No: 18/JKPTCL/TLMD-I/SGR/2023-24; Dated: 03.11.2023

1.	Issue of NIT	03.11.2023
2.	Downloading of bidding documents (Start)	03.11.2023 (02:00 PM)
2. 3.	Start date for seeking clarifications	03.11.2023 (02:00 PM)
4. 5. 6.	End date for seeking clarifications	08.11.2023 (04:00 PM)
5.	End date for replies to clarifications	09.11.2023 (04:00 PM)
6.	E-Bid submission (start) date& time (uploading of e-tender	04.11.2023 (10:00 AM)
	fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats)	
7.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-	25.11.2023 (02:00 PM)
	tender fee, bid security and other supporting documents in	
	PDF formats)	
8.	Last date for submission of Hard Copy of e-Bid	27.11.2023 (01:00 PM)
8. 9.	Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid opening date and time.	27.11.2023 (02:00 PM)
10.	Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer,
		TLMD-I, Bemina
11.	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 2000.00
12.	EMD	Rs. 170000.00

Only the bidders possessing the qualifying criteria as mentioned in the SBD should participate in the bidding process.

Clarifications can be sought from the office of the under signed (Phone No. 9419181913) or on E-Mail addresses: tlmd1tech@gmail.com

Before participating in the bids, the bidder shall visit the site of work, have firsthand assessment of the tendered job and acquaint himself with the site of work and local conditions. The bidder shall make first hand assessment of the expenses involved with the actual execution of the contract at various sites and accordingly quote the prices. Any item or items required for arriving at the goal corresponding to a particular job item description in BOQ but not exclusively mentioned therein shall be treated to be included in the particular job item description without incurring any further financial liability on JKPTCL.

The Corporation (JKPTCL) reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

The Bidders are advised to furnish and upload complete bidder address including address of place of business along with all valid Landline/Mobile Nos /fax Nos plus e-mailing addresses.

No: TLMD-I/TS//23-24/18A/2221-25 DIPK-NB-4013/23 Dated: 03.11.2023

Executive Engineer, Transmission Line Maintenance Division-I, Transmission (Kashmir), JKPTCL, Bemina, Sgr

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lost important Documents Aadhar, PAN Card with Kani Shawl and Pashmena/Semi Pashmina Shawl in a black Bag while travelling from Singlora to Narbal.

I Zahoor Ahmad Malik residing in Gund khawaja Qasim Singpora , regretfully inform the public of a significant loss. On 02-Nov.2023 while traveling from Singpora to Narbal via motorcycle, I misplaced a bag containing important documents with Aadhar, PAN Card and Kani Shawl 12 No. and Pashmena/Semi Pashmina Shawl 10 number of Outity. The bag along with important documents, Aadhaar, PAN Card Kani Shawl, Pashmina shawls is of great sentimental value to me, and the documents within hold significant importance. If anyone has found or comes across a bag containing these documents and a shawls, please contact me at 9797100057 as soon as possible. A reward will be offered for the safe return of the lost items. Your assistance in locating these items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Sd/-

S/d Zahoor Ahmad Malik

ز نیابت پلہا کن فنوان: _ درخواست منجانب نثار بانو بیوه فاروق احمد میر ساکنداندرگام ستخصیل پیٹن بغرض تصول ڈیتھ سرکٹیکیٹ نجق شوہر فاروق احمد میر اشتهار هرخاص وعام معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدريين سائل نے ايک درواست بغرض حصول ڈیچھ سرٹفيکيٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں ریورٹ چو کیدار علاقہ ساے طلب کی گئی ہے جس ہے اس ہے کہ سائلہ موضع اندگار کی سکونت دار ہے اور سائلہ کا شوہر فاروق احمہ میر 08-10-1992 کوفوت ہو چکاہے اور سائلہ نے ابھی تک ڈیتھ سرگفیکیٹ حاصل نہیں کی ہے۔ سائلہ شوہر کی ڈیتھ سرٹفیکیٹ حاصل کرنے کی خوال ہے اس ضمن میں اگر کسی خص کو یونی عزر ماا عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد مشتہرا خبار سات دن کے اندرا ندراً بینے عذر پاعتر اض ودالت هذا کو فنزیادقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میعاد کویی عذر یاعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ نائب تخصيلدا FKO

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AIRPORTS

5-Year Tenure Of SMC Ends On Nov 5, JMC On Nov 14

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The five-year term of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) is coming to an end on November 05, while the terms of other urban local bodies (ULBs) in Kashmir will end between October 28 to December 26 after completion of five years.

Likewise, the term of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) will come to an end on November 14.

The term of Srinagar Municipal Corporation will end on November 5, which means the all-important local bodies in the summer capital will cease to exist for now until fresh elections are held or the government comes up with some alternative.

सालनीय प्रधानमंह

का वाइब्रेंट विले

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Last week, the Department of Law, Justice, and Parliament Affairs communicated to the Housing and Urban Development Department that the term and duration of members of municipal bodies shall expire after a lapse of five years from the date their appointment of first meeting.

The Law Department had cited section 13 and section 14 of the Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Act, 2000 and section 5(1) of the Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Corporation Act, 2000.

The elections for local bodies and panchayats were held in 2018, besides two municipal corporations in Srinagar and Jammu, there are 76 local bodies and 4,490 village panchayats in J&K.

Jammu and Kashmir is also with-

out an elected government for the last more than 5 years after BJP broke ties with its alliance partner PDP in 2018 and the erstwhile state was divided into two Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on August 05, 2019 when the Centre abrogation Article 370 that gave special constitution status to J&K.

The Centre also brought into being Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act 2019, through which the erstwhile state was downgraded to Union Territory and its special status was abrogated under Article 370.

So far as the term of local bodies in Jammu and Kashmir is concerned, several municipalities have ceased to exist as their term ended after October 28.

Even though the term of some local

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bodies has ended, while some will cease to exist after completion of five years, there is still no sight of elections to these local bodies and village panchayats as the government has maintained complete silence over the issue.

As per details, terms of municipal committee Kupwara and Bandipora ended on November 02, while terms of Langate and Handwara local bodies would end on November 18. In Baramulla district, the term of Baramulla municipal council will end on November 09, while the term of Sopore local body will end on November 4.

The 5-year tenure of Kunzer, Pattan, Uri and Watergam local bodies will also end tomorrow. The tenure of Hajin and Sumbal municipalities will end on November 18.

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This Day In History

- 1520- Danish Norwegian King Christian II crowned King of Sweden
- 1619- Frederick V crowned king of Bohemia
- 1846- American inventor Benjamin Palmer from Meredith, New Hampshire, patents the artificial leg 1856- James Buchanan elected 15th US president
- 1862- American inventor Richard Jordan Gatling patents the hand cranked Gatling machine gun in Indianapolis
- 1864- Battle at Reynoldsburg Island near Johnsonville, Tennessee: Confederate troops bombard Union supplies and fleet destroying four gunboats
- 1866- Kingdom of Italy annexes Venetia
- 1879 African American inventor Thomas Elkins patents the Refrigerating Apparatus [1]
- 1879- James Ritty patents first cash register, to combat stealing by bartenders in his saloon in Dayton, Ohio
- 1890- Great Britain proclaims Zanzibar as a protectorate
- 1903- Panama and Colombia wake up to news that the insurrectionists have declared an independent Republic of Panama
- 1910- Russian Tsar Nicholas II visits German Emperor Wilhelm II at Potsdam; they force tentative agreements on spheres of influence in the Middle East
- 1911- France & Germany sign treaty about Morocco & Congo

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- 1918- The Allied armistice with Austria-Hungary, signed 3 November, goes into effect
- 1921- Japanese Prime Minister Hara Takashi is assassinated by a right wing fanatic in Tokyo
- 1921- The Sturmabteilung or SA (the "Brown Shirts") is formally established by Adolf Hitler
- 1922 Howard Carter rediscovers the intact tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun in Egypt
- 1924- Stanley Baldwin becomes Britain's Prime Minister for a second time after a landslide victory over Ramsay MacDonald's Labour Party
- 1929- Richard E. Byrd, Laurence McKinley Gould and their polar expedition team begin a 2½ month, 1500-mile dog-sledge journey into the Queen Maud Mountains. The first exploration of the interior of Antarctica.
- 1939- US allows "cash & carry" arms sales during WW II
- 1942- 13th day of battle at El Alamein: Afrika Korps draws back
- 1944- German troops reconquer Schmidt Hurtgenwald
- 1946- United Nations Educational, Scientific, & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) formed
- 1948- American-born British poet T. S. Eliot wins Nobel Prize for literature
- 1950- US troops vacate Pyongyang, North Korea
- 1952- Republican candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower is elected President of the United States, defeating Democrat candidate Adlai Stevenson
- 1956- 200,000 Russian troops attack anti-Soviet movement in Budapest, Hungary
- 1957- 2nd Soviet Earth-satellite launched
- 1958- Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli crowned as Pope John XXIII
- 1958- Belgian minority government of Gaston Eyskens resigns
- 1960- Mary Leakey and Louis Leakey discover first Homo habilis jaw fragments (OH 7) at Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania
- 1961- Konstantinos Karamanlis becomes premier of Greece
- 1962- US performs atmospheric nuclear test at Johnston Island
- 1968 Battles between Jordanian army & Al Fataharm forces
- 1970 Russian nuclear physicist Sacharov forms Human Rights Comittee
- 1972 Bangladesh adopts constitution
- 1993 Bolivia becomes a member of the Berne Convention copyright treaty
- 2002 Chinese authorities arrest cyber-dissident He Depu for signing pro-democracy letter to the 16th Communist Party Congress

NEWS

America Waging War In Gaza: Nasrallah

Hezbollah leader says wider Mideast war possible if Gaza assault continues

Trans Asia News

BEIRUT: The leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah warned the United States on Friday that if Israel did not stop its assault on Gaza then fighting on the Lebanese front could turn into a wider war.

A strong military force backed by Iran, Hezbollah has been engaging Israeli forces along the Lebanon-Israel border in the deadliest escalation since it fought a war with Israel in 2006.

The Israeli military said seven of their soldiers and one civilian had been killed on the northern border as of Friday. More than 50 Hezbollah fighters and 10 militants with allied groups, as well as 10 civilians, including a Reuters journalist, have been killed on the Lebanese side of the border.

"We are ready for all possibilities," Hezbollah leader said in a televised speech, speaking for

the first time since the Israel-Hamas war erupted on October 7. "What's happening now in Gaza is not a usual war; it is not like wars before. This is a decisive conflict," the Hezbollah

leader added. Celebratory gunshots rang out over Beirut as tens of thousands packed into a square in the southern suburbs of the Lebanese capital to watch the much anticipated televised speech by Nasrallah.

"All possibilities on our Lebanese front are open and all options are on the table and we can go to them at any time," he threatened.

Calling Israel a mere American tool, Nasrallah blamed the United States for the war in Gaza and the high civilian death toll and said a de-escalation in the besieged enclave was vital

to prevent regional war. You, the Americans, can stop the aggression against Gaza because it is your aggression.

Whoever wants to prevent a regional war, and I am talking to the Americans, must quickly halt the aggression on Gaza," Nasrallah said. He added Hezbollah did not

fear the U.S. naval firepower Washington has assembled in the region since the crisis erupted.

"Ĥezbollah is not intimidated" by the deployment of nearly a dozen US warships to the Eastern Mediterranean. Your fleets do not scare us, nor have they ever, and we are all set for them." Nasrallah stressed. Nasrallah condemned the U.S.

for backing Israeli aggression on Gaza that has killed more than 9,000 people, mostly women and children.

The Hezbollah leader said President Joe Biden had made a "fake argument that Hamas cut off children's heads (without) evidence, but staved silent for the thousands of children in Gaza who were decapitated and



"YOU, THE AMERICANS, CAN STOP THE AGGRESSION AGAINST GAZA BECAUSE IT IS YOUR AGGRESSION. Whoever wants to prevent a regional war, and I am talking to the Americans, must quickly halt the aggression on Gaza.

their limbs were torn apart" by Israeli bombing. Nasrallah said that further

US House Approves \$14.5 Billion

border between Israel and his group - a Hamas ally - was contingent on what happened escalation along the Lebanese in the Gaza Strip, under assault

by Israeli forces since a deadly Hamas attack on Israel on Oct. 7. Nasrallah's remarks coincided with a visit to Israel by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who said the U.S. had been clear that it is determined there should not be a second or third front in the conflict.

Blinken was speaking to reporters in Tel Aviv following meetings with Israeli leaders, adding that Washington is committed to deterring aggression from any party.

Nasrallah praised Hamas' unprecedented incursion into Israel in which the fighters outsmarted Israeli forces and killed over 1400 people, a significant number of them soldiers.

"This great, large-scale operation was purely the result of Palestinian planning and implementation," Nasrallah said, suggesting Hezbollah had no part in the attack. "The great secrecy made this operation greatly successful."

He also said that Oct. 7 had

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi on Friday discussed the

situation in West Asia with UAE

said they shared deep concerns over

terrorism, the deteriorating security

scenario and the loss of civilian lives

In a post on X, Modi said they

agreed on the need for early resolu-

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The telephonic conversation be-

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Terrorism, Civilian Deaths

Modi, UAE President Discuss Situation In

West Asia; Share 'Deep Concerns' Over

come as "proof that Israel is weaker than a spider's web" and that one month into the war, it allegedly "has not been able to make any achievement." Israel considers the Iranbacked Lebanese group its most serious immediate threat, estimating that Hezbollah has around 150,000 rockets and missiles aimed at Israel, as well as drones and surface-to-air and surface-to-sea missiles.

Nasrallah also said that a victory for Hamas in Gaza against Israel would be a victory for Palestinians and not for Iran or any other group. He described supporting Hamas in the ongoing fight against Israel as its 'duty'.

"A victory for Gaza against Israel will not be a victory for Iran or the Muslim Brotherhood, it will be first and foremost a patriotic victory for Palestinians, but also for Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. It is therefore our duty to support Hamas in Gaza." Nasrallah said.

Israel Pushes Thousands Of Detained Cross-Border Workers Into War-Torn Gaza



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Thousands of Palestinians from Gaza, previously working in Israel and the occupied West Bank and then detained by Israel, are being pushed into the war-torn enclave, according to media reports.

Footage showed some of the workers returning on Friday through the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing in İsrael, east of the Rafah border crossing between the besieged Gaza Strip and Egypt.

It came after the office of Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday night that the "workers from Gaza who were in Israel on the day of the outbreak of the war will be returned to Gaza".

Workers crossing into the Palestinian enclave said they were detained and ill-treated

Military Aid for Israel Agencies WASHINGTON: The House ap-

proved a nearly \$14.5 billion military aid package Thursday for Israel, a muscular U.S. response to the war with Hamas but also a partisan approach by new Speaker Mike Johnson that poses a direct challenge to Democrats and President Joe Biden.

In a departure from norms, Iohnson's package required that the emergency aid be offset with cuts in government spending elsewhere. That tack established the new House GOP's conservative leadership, but it also turned what would typically be a bipartisan vote into one dividing Democrats and Republicans. Biden has said he would veto the bill, which was approved 226-196, with 12 Democrats joining most Republicans on a largely party-line vote.

Johnson, R-La., said the Republican package would provide Israel with the assistance needed to defend itself. free hostages held by Hamas and eradicate the militant Palestinian group, accomplishing "all of this while we also work to ensure responsible spend-



test as House speaker as the Republican majority tries to get back to work after a month of increasingly oppose aiding Kyiv.

While the amount for Israel n the House bill is similar to what Biden sought, the White House said the Republican plan's failure to include humanitarian assistance for Gaza is a "grave mistake" as the crisis deepens.

for our safety and alliances in the years ahead.'

It was unclear before voting Thursday how many Democrats would join with Republicans. The White House had been directly appealing to lawmakers, particularly calling Jewish Democrats, urging them to reject the bill.

White House chief of staff leff Zients, counsellor to the president Steve Ricchetti and other senior White House staff have been engaging House Democrats, said a person familiar with the situation and granted anonymity to discuss it.

But the vote was difficult for some lawmakers, particularly Democrats who wanted to



statement added.

"Had a good conversation with my brother HH @MohamedBinZayed, President of UAE, on the West Asia situation. We share deep concerns at the terrorism, deteriorating security situation and loss of civilian lives," Modi said.

"We agree on the need for early resolution of the security and humanitarian situation and that a durable regional peace, security and stability is in everyone's interest," Modi added.

Mobile Numbers Deactivated Or **Disconnected On Subscriber's Request Not** Allocated For At Least 90 Days: TRAI to SC

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Mobile phone numbers further with the present writ petition, once deactivated for non-usage or disconnected on the subscriber's request are not allocated to new subscribers for at least 90 days, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has told the Supreme Court. The apex court was hearing a petition raising concern about alleged misuse of data, after a mobile number gets disconnected or deactivated due to non-usage.

cloud or drive.

"We are not inclined to proceed as it is clear from the counter affidavit

It is also Johnson's first big

turmoil since ousting Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., as speaker. Johnson has said he will turn next to aid for Ukraine along with U.S. border security, preferring to address Biden's requests separately as GOP lawmakers

The White House's veto warning said Johnson's approach "fails to meet the urgencv of the moment" and would set a dangerous precedent by requiring emergency funds to come from cuts elsewhere.

by Israeli authorities in the wake of the October 7 attack by Hamas, the group that rules Gaza, on southern Israel. Some still had plastic stickers carrying numbers around their legs.

'We used to serve them. work for them, in houses, in restaurants, and in markets in return for the lowest prices and despite that, we were humiliated." said Iamal Ismail. a worker from the Maghazi refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip.

Those from areas in northern Gaza would have to stay in the south after Israeli forces completed cutting off roads linking

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close the names and locations of the detainees and to ensure humane holding conditions.

the two parts of the enclave

late on Thursday, according to

About 18,500 residents of Gaza

held permits to work outside the

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broke out. The exact number of

workers present in Israel as hos-

tilities began remains unknown,

but thousands are thought to

have been rounded up by the

Israeli army and transferred to

Jessica Montell, executive

rights organisation

director of the Israel-based

HaMoked, told Al Jazeera in

October that more than 400

families and friends of missing

labourers from Gaza had been

in touch with the organisation

since the beginning of the war.

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tioned Israel's High Court to dis-

A group of six local organisa-

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Palestinian officials.

According to the petitioners, some of the Palestinians were detained in the Almon area as well as in Ofer, near Ramallah, and Sde Teyman, near Beer al-Sabe (Be'er Sheva), in the southern Naqab or Negev desert.

Al Jazeera's Alan Fisher, reporting from East Jerusalem, says that the legal challenge from human rights groups appears to have convinced Israel to start releasing the workers, with about 3,200 believed to have been taken to the Kerem Shalom crossing.

ing and reduce the size of the federal government."

Democrats said that approach would only delay help for Israel. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., has warned that the "stunningly unserious" bill has no chance in the Senate.

The first substantial legislative effort in Congress to support Israel in the war falls far short of Biden's request for nearly \$106 billion that would also back Ukraine as it fights Russia, along with U.S. efforts to counter China and address security at the border with Mexico.

Biden on Wednesday called for a pause in the war to allow for relief efforts.

"This bill would break with the normal, bipartisan approach to providing emergency national security assistance." the White House wrote in its statement of administration policy on the legislation. It said the GOP stance "would have devastating implications

support Israel and may have trouble explaining the tradeoff to constituents, especially as the large AIPAC lobby and other groups encouraged passage. In all, two Republicans opposed the bill.

Rep. Brad Schneider, D-Ill, who voted against the package, said: "It was one of the hardest things I've had to do."

To pay for the bill. House Republicans have attached provisions that would cut billions from the IRS that Democrats approved last year and Biden signed into law as a way to go after tax cheats.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and SVN Bhatti, which considered the TRAI's counter affidavit, noted a subscriber can prevent misuse of WhatsApp data by deleting the WhatsApp account attached with the previous phone number and erasing the data stored on the local device memory,

filed by ... TRAI that the cellular mobile telephone number once deactivated for non-usage or disconnected on the request of subscriber, is not allocated to the new subscriber for at least a period of 90 days." the bench said.

"It is for the earlier subscriber to take adequate steps to ensure that privacy is maintained," the top court noted in its order passed on October 30. It further noted that as per the information available on the WhatsApp help center. "to eliminate enmesh/confusion in case of re-cycled phone numbers, they monitor account inactivity, and when an account is inactive for 45 days and then the account is activated on a different mobile device, the old account data is removed".



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DHSK Disengages Irregular Part-Time Sweeper Appointments

Calls For Disciplinary Action Against Officials Responsible

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHSK) has taken decisive action by ordering the immediate disengagement of all part-time sweepers who were engaged without following proper procedures. The move comes after it was discovered that these appointments were made in violation of due process.

As per the order issued by the Deputy Director of Health Services Kashmir, all Chief Medical Officers, Medical Superintendents, and Block Medical Officers across the region have been directed not to use the services of these part-time sweepers any further. They have been warned that failure to comply with this directive will hold the respective Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO) personally responsible for any associated liabilities.

The order clarifies, "As per the direction of the administrative department, it has been directed to disengage all part-time sweepers who were engaged without any due/proper procedure forthwith and identify the officers/officials who were responsible for the same so that disciplinary proceedings, as warranted under rules, shall be initiated against them for making such engagements without following proper procedure."

The Health and Medical Education (H&ME) department had on October 16 written to the DHSK Kashmir to disengage all part-time sweepers and submit an action taken report within one week.

Moreover, the process of sanitation had been outsourced, leading to unpaid wages for these part-time sweepers, as their appointments were not covered by regular budget allocations.

In response to this issue, the H&ME department directed DHSK to disengage these sweepers and submit an action report within a week. The department cited unnecessary continuation of these services, given the shift to an outsourcing model for sanitation activities, and also underlined the lack of a legal basis for retaining these part-time sweepers. The H&ME department, in its latest communication, reiterated the need to disengage the part-time sweepers and submit an action report. It also pointed out the necessity of complying with the orders of the Supreme Court and addressing the issue of arrears for the petitioners, in

line with Finance Department recommendations. Additionally, the H&ME department expressed dissatisfaction with the incomplete

information provided by DHSK regarding the issue and urged a more proactive approach in handling such matters in the future. ... your attention is brought

to your office letter No. DHSK/ Legal/7078516/248-49 dated 09.10.2023 where under you have simply forwarded the information, that too incomplete, without proposing any action to be taken against the delinquent officers/officials. This post office disposal may kindly be desisted from henceforth,'

the order reads-(KNO)

India Should Help Establish Peace In Palestine: Dr Faroog

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: India should help in finding ways to establish peace in Palestine, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah said after a meeting of the leaders of the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD)

here on Friday. PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, CPI(M) leader M

Tarigami and National Conference (NC) leader Hasnain Masood

cided that we should make a request to the prime minister. First, we thank him for the aid that India sent there. But what is needed the most is that peace gets established there,' the NC president said.

Abdullah expressed regret over India's abstention from voting on the United Nations

resolution on the Israel-Hamas conflict. "When we can talk about Ukraine. talking about Palestine is mportant as well he said. Abdullah said the situation is "like what happened in



THOUSANDS OF DEVOTEES CONVERGED at the Khanyar shrine of Sheikh Syed Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA), popularly known as Peer Dastgeer Sahib, on the occasion of Friday following Urs of the revered saint. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

BORDER FLARE-UP

Farmers In Border Areas In Crisis As Non-Local Labourers Leave

Press Trust Of India

ARNIA: Farmers in the border areas of Arnia in Jammu and Kashmir are facing a grave shortage of labourers for the harvest of Basmati rice following cross-border firing and shelling last week.

Most of the labourers who come from other parts of India have left the area following the ceasefire violation.

As the farmers raised serious concern over any delay in harvesting, the administration on Thursday sent mechanical

harvesters to the area for cutting the crops. The cross-border shelling by Pakistan Rangers, the first major ceasefire violation since 2021, started around 8 pm Thursday last in the Arnia area of R S Pura sector and lasted around seven hours, leaving two BSF jawans and a woman

injured. "We are facing difficulty in harvesting Basmati crop due to



a shortage of labourers. Most of the labourers who come from outside Jammu and Kashmir have fled the area following cross-border shelling and firing last week," Ram Singh, a farmer, told reporters here.

While rains damaged the crops in the second week of October, the cross-border firing and shelling affected the farmers further, he said.

Scores of families were seen

Revenue Department Acts Tough Against PSGA Defaulters

Govt Committed Towards Providing Time Bound Services To Citizens: Dr Singla

Observer News Service review of activities being undelay in delay in delivery of service. dertaken by sub ordinate offic- Dr Singla also reviewed the **SRINAGAR:** Revenue Depart- es as part of Vigilance Aware- processing of Regular Depart-

LG Sinha Visits World **Skill Center In Odisha**

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'Our Institutions Need To Connect Industry Needs, Workplace Change And Skills'



Observer News Service

BHUBANESWAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha visited the World Skill Center, a premier advanced skill training institute established by the Government of Odisha in Bhubaneswar, on Friday.

He was accompanied by Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor and Sh Saurabh Bhagat, Commissioner/Secretary, Skill Development Department, J&K. The Lt Governor took a walk-

through of the facility, lab and interacted with trainees and teachers.

In his remarks, the Lt Governor said the World Skill Center is playing a vital role in upskilling Odisha youth and preparing them for future ready careers. He highlighted the need to

replicate the institute's best practices and training porgrammes in other parts of the country as well in order to impart high-quality engineering and non-engineering skill training and novel process of mentoring and enabling trainees to sharpen their skills.

"Our institutions need to connect industry needs, workplace change and skills. Training modules should leverage technology and address problems of demand and skill gap, nurture young talents and create a cadre equipped with specialized knowledge to contribute to the growth of developed

India," the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor said rapid industrialization and expo-nential growth of technology

Kour said farmers can get themselves registered with the agriculture department for harvesting using the machine.

demand high skill sets and ca-

pabilities for ensuring better employment opportunities for the youth in the skill sectors.

We must explore every possibility to move the young workforce from the less productive informal sector to more productive formal sectors, he added.

The Lt Governor lauded endeavors of the Odisha Government under the 'Skilled in Odisha' initiative.

At the World Skill Center, the Lt Governor also talked about the ongoing industrial-ization in Jammu Kashmir and the unique initiatives of the UT Administration to develop J&K as hub of innovation and skill development.

Subroto Bagchi, Chief Advi-sor to Government of Odisha, Institutional Capacity Building; Ms Alka Misra, Chairperson, Odisha Skill Development Authority and other senior officers of Government of Odisha were present.

Later, the Lt Governor interacted with officials of Startup Odisha and discussed the reforms made by the team in building the startup and innovation ecosystem in the state.

Startup Odisha team informed the Lt Governor about 'O Hub', a state-of-the-art Incubation facility which aims to register more than 5000 startups by 2025.

Executive Chairman, Startup Odisha, Dr. Omkar Rai enumerated the notable achievements and future growth plans of Startup Odisha.

Azad Targets Congress For Joining Hands With NC, PDP

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday hit out at the Congress for joining hands with the National Conference and the PDP in Jammu and Kashmir

Congress and PDP - have come together. They level allegations against us. They are merely helping in division of votes... The NC, Congress and the PDP have united to ensure the BJP's victory," he said.

Azad formed the Democratic Progressive Azad Party after quitting the Congress in August last year. He said it was a belief in the Congress that his departure would lead to the demise of the party in Jammu and Kashmir, prompting it to align with the NC in order to survive in the region. He also criticised the National Conference over its dynastic politics.

engaged in harvesting themselves in the fields in various

hamlets along the International Border (IB) in Arnia

Treva Sarpanch Balbir Kour said, "We have been provided harvesters by the administration for their use by farmers of border areas.

were also part of the meeting held at Abdullah's residence at Gupkar here.

The leaders, how-

ever, said the surprise meeting was not a meeting of the PAGD an alliance of four political parties seeking the restoration of Article 370 which was abrogated by the Centre in August 2019.

"This is not a meeting of the PAGD. We met today because Mehbooba ji and I hadn't met for a long time. We discussed some issues, especially the situation in Palestine," Abdullah, who is also the president of the PAGD, told reporters after the meeting.

"We expressed concern over that (Palestine issue) and de-

South Africa during the apartheid." "Children, men, women, elderly are getting killed like they are not humans. Cities have been levelled and the people there are digging through the debris with their bare hands as

they have no machines," he said. The Government of India should raise its voice on the issue and find ways for peace to prevail, the Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar said.

"The country of Mahatma Gandhi should raise its voice... We want our voice to reach the powers that be and tell them that it is enough and it should

stop," he said.

ment, acting on directions issued by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, in a recent review of the department, has directed the Deputy Commissioners to act tough against defaulters of Public Service Guarantee Act, 2011 and initiate disciplinary action.

In a communication issued to the Deputy Commissioners, a list of 57 Revenue Tehsils, where an inordinate delay in delivery of online Revenue Services has been noticed, has been shared with the Deputy Commissioners with directions to issue notices to the concerned officers and solicit cause of delay. Further, they have been directed to proceed and take warranted action under the provisions of Public Services Guarantee Act, 2011. Speaking on the sidelines of

ness Week, Secretary, Revenue, Dr Piyush Singla, said that the Government is fully committed towards providing time bound services to citizens and officers acting casually in disposal of services will be taken to task. He said that regular monitoring of online service delivery is be-

ing undertaken. Secretary reviewed the activities being undertaken as part of Vigilance Awareness Week and was informed that while integrity pledges were organised in Revenue Offices at Tehsil, Niabat and Patwar levels, awareness camps were also held to acquaint people with the services being provided online. They were also informed that under PSGA, 2011 time bound service delivery has been guaranteed and they can appeal in case of an inordinate

mental Action / Complaint cases in the department. He was informed that in the last few months 80 cases have been taken up and 20 cases have been disposed off in this week alone. Secretary, asked for expedited processing of the under process cases. He said such actions are important for creating effective deterrence.

Addressing a public meeting

in Doda, he also targeted the NC and the Peoples Democratic Party over their stand on the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which gave Jammu and Kashmir special status. Azad said the Congress earlier won seats in Jammu and Kashmir because of his efforts. "Now all three parties - NC,

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DC Shopian Inspects SDH Zainapora

Stresses For Providing Better Healthcare Facilities; Interacts With Patients, Took Feedback Of Services Provision

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb inspected Sub District Hospital Zainapora and took stock of medical health facilities being provided to the patients there.

The DC convened a meeting of health functionaries attended by CMO, Shopian, Dr. Arshad Hussain Tak, BMO, Zainapora and doctors and other staff. BMO apprised the DC about the issues faced in the hospital. The DC assured them that their genuine issues would be looked into and taken up with higher authorities for early redressal.

The DC also inspected Emergency Ward, Gynae Ward, OPD and other wards and stressed upon health functionaries to provide healthcare services to the patients with utmost sincerity. He also interacted with the patients and enquired about their wellbeing and sought feedback from them.

He stressed on adopting a caring and compassionate attitude towards the patients.

During the inspection, the DC stressed on ensuring round the clock presence of doctors to ensure seamless medical care is provided to the patients.

During his visit to Zainapora, DC also took stock of activities of departments in the subdivision.

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An Israel-Palestine Peace Deal Brokered By India?

ANURAAG KHAUND

The momentum

of the initial dialogue could be channelised by India, along with the US, to arrive at a permanent solution acceptable to both Israel and Palestine. Given the recent increasing alignment between India and Egypt including shared concerns on the threat of terrorism emanating from the current crisis, Cairo could also be roped in the peacemaking process given the latter's vital stakes in the existence of a peaceful and stable Gaza bordering the Sinai Peninsula.

further to the instability plaguing the current international order along with other conflicts such as the conflict in Ukraine. With the intensifying of the Israeli offensive in Gaza, there has emerged the danger of the current clash spilling over the current borders and engaging other regional players including Iran and its proxies such as Hezbollah, Saudi Arabia and even the US and China. In addition to having adverse implications upon the political, economic, and other spheres of West Asia, the worsening situation in the Gaza strip has also raised concerns in India as well. Along with the effects on crude oil prices and energy supplies, the conflict also has led to fears of the potential derailment of the Israel-Saudi normalisation talks as part of the 2020 Abraham Accords which is crucial for the success of India included initiatives such as the I2U2 (India, Israel, US, and UAE) and the India- Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). Given its high stakes in the region, New Delhi cannot afford to remain as a bystander in the current conflict.

conflagration between

Israel and Hamas has added

India finds itself in a unique position with regards to its relationship with both Israel and Palestine. While the Indo-Israeli ties have witnessed new bounds under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi since the lat ter's visit to Tel Aviv in 2017 and thereby becoming the first Indian PM to do so, at the same time New Delhi has also maintained its solidarity with Palestine since the time of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) government in 1974. This was also reflected in the reiteration of India's 'longstanding and consistent policy' of the two-state solution of peaceful co-existence of Israel and Palestine while also condemning the actions of Hamas on October 7 in a call to Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu by Modi. At the same time, PM Modi also reached out to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas while also heeding to the latter's request

for humanitarian aid by sending an

IAF- C17 flight carrying nearly 6.5 tonnes of medical aid and 32 tonnes of disaster relief material to Egypt for delivery to the beleaguered Gaza population. Moreover, there have emerged voices, such as the Palestinian Ambassador to India, Adnan Mohammad Jaber Abualhayjaa, who sought the active role of India in persuading Israel for a ceasefire and allowing distribution of humanitarian aid while acting as a mediator between Tel Aviv and Ramallah.

In view of the above, India should not hesitate to play a more proactive role in brokering a peace deal between Israel and Palestine. This opportunity also comes at a time when there have emerged stumbling blocks in the relationship between Israel and China. The generic and ambiguous stance taken by China on the attacks of October 7 and Israeli actions while not actively denouncing Hamas or even referring to it in its official statement has ruffled feathers in the Israeli administration. Matters have also been aggravated by the stabbing of an Israeli diplomat stationed in Beijing by an unknown assailant and the vetoing of the US drafted resolution on the condemnation of the Hamas attack and the release of hostages by China, along with Russia in the UN Security Council. This downgrading has been further exacerbated by the removal of Israel or its name from the OI OIIIIII Alibaba and Baidu. India should not hesitate to take advantage of this situation in Sino-Israeli ties and be the first one to broker a peace deal between Tel Aviv and Ramallah in the manner of the Iran- Saudi détente brought about by China in April 2023. Such a deal will not only serve Indian interests by raising its stature in the eyes of Israel and Arab states, but also further cement the ties between New Delhi and Tel Aviv. This can be used to bolster the Indian strategic presence in the Haifa port a crucial part of the IMEC which also forms a part of the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). While supporting the Israeli

right to self-defense, India should also try to convince Tel Aviv that not all Gazans are supporters of Hamas and hence prevent the targeting of critical civilian infrastructure such as hospitals while allowing the entry of more humanitarian aid through its blockade. At the same time, New Delhi should also influence Tel Aviv to open backchannel diplomacy with the Palestinian government and other moderate actors in Gaza to bring about a halt to the current conflict and start the initial process to dialogue and reconciliation. At this juncture, India along with the US could also remind Israel of the long-term costs and consequences of intensified offensive in Gaza which would be detrimental not only to Israeli security but also the entire region.

On the other hand, the momentum of the initial dialogue could be channelised by India, along with the US, to arrive at a permanent solution acceptable to both Israel and Palestine. Given the recent increasing alignment between India and Egypt including shared concerns on the threat of terrorism emanating from the current crisis, Cairo could also be roped in the peace-making process given the latter's vital stakes in the existence of a peaceful and stable Gaza bordering the Sinai Peninsula.

While China, or certain sections of its military apparatus view the 'se-

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Skyrocketing Airfares Worry Tourism Players, Locals In Kashmir

> By Auqib Javed for Kashmir Observer

ven as the major roads and highways connecting Kashmir Valley with the rest of the world remain open, the soaring airfares between Srinagar and New Delhi have significantly surged in recent days causing concern among tourism players as well as the locals here.Traveling one-way from New Delhi to Srinagar now costs around Rs 15,000.

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

By Observer News Service

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

Lotus served the Valley for close to a decade and performed his job almost like a 'weather God,' forecasting rains and sunshine to the point of their actual duration. It was almost like he made it happen and vanish.

Metro Rail In Srinagar, Jammu To Be A Reality Soon: LG

By Observer News Service

ieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday that

vere thrashing of Israel' as a necessity in its future war against US in the Middle East, India sincerely seeks the establishment of peace and stability in the Levant not just for its own interests but for the benefit of all in the spirit of Vasudaiva Kutumbakam where 'The World is One Family.'

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

Anuraag Khaund is pursuing PhD in International Politics (IP) from Central University of Gujarat (CUG) the dream of metro rail in the twin cities of Srinagar and Jammu will become a reality soon, while asserting that smart mobility to optimize transportation services for harmonious balance with ecology is the top priority of his administration.

The LG was addressing a gathering after launching 100 electric buses under Srinagar Electric Bus Project here on Wednesday. He also flagged off a fleet of 75 e-buses at Nishat Bus Terminal.

E-buses will ply on 15 intra-city routes and 2 inter-city routes and will be running a minimum of 200 KM per day from 8 AM to 8 PM.

Sociopaths In Suits

By Andrew Mitrovica for Al Jazeera

or all their genteel embroidery and grand honorifics, the mundane men who lead Western "democracies" in Washington, DC, London, Paris, Berlin, Ottawa and Canberra, and the mostly men-in-waiting aching to take their place, are just sociopaths in tailored suits.

Gaza: Each Day Seems Darker Than the Last

By Hind Khoudary for Institute of War and Peace Reporting b oth mentally and physically exhausted, I find myself grappling with the unending fear of losing my family or my home while reporting on this unfolding catastrophe. I bear a heavy responsibility, as I report in English, a language in short supply within Gaza, to communicate the stark reality of the situation to the world.

The Pick Of The Bunch

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A War Where Humanity is on Trial Now

By Sonia Gandhi for The Indian Express

he power of the Israeli state is now focused on exacting revenge from a population that is largely as helpless as it is blameless. The destructive might of one of the world's most potent military arsenals is being unleashed upon children, women and men who have no part in the Hamas assault; they, instead, for the most part, have been at the heart of decades of discrimination and suffering.

70-Hour Work Week? Young Indians Should Seize The Opportunity

By Bharti Mishra Nath for NDTV

Rept MNCs, Indian IT and ITeS sector, consulting firms, central government which work five days a week, most other sectors retail, hospitality, healthcare, several Indian conglomerates, police, armed forces, manufacturing have six days working week. So, the brouhaha around Mr Murthy's comment is emanating from those who see a potential threat to their five days weekly working. Professionals - doctors, lawyers, chartered accountants, architects, journalists - and entrepreneurs, big or small, work long hours, even working on Sundays and holidays to serve clients and gain the extra edge in the tough marketplace.

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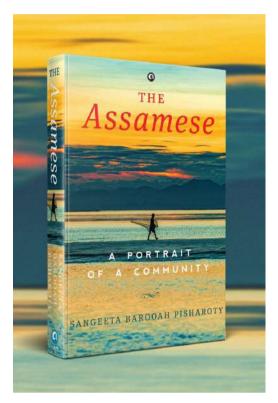


November Reads for Your Autumn Bookshelves

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Autumn bugles in its own routine. It's often associated with warm clothes, a cosy muffler, a cuppa tea and a book to read. Here's a collection of new releases by Aleph Book Publications and Rupa Publications that you can buy to upgrade your reading shelf and realise your reading goals for 2023.

The Assamese: A Portrait of a Community By Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty

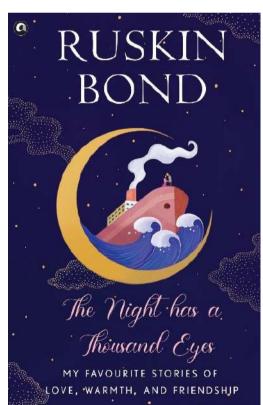


'Aami kun? Who are we?'

So begins journalist Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty's enquiry into the diverse cultures and peoples of Assam. Her book looks in detail at all the varying aspects of the land and its people—the astonishingly diverse physical appearance of the Assamese and what it reveals about their origins; the multiple kingdoms and rulers of the region from antiquity onwards, of whom the Ahoms are the best known; the Assamese language and its rich linguistic provenance; the folk beliefs and celebrations of Assamese culture, such as the three Bihu festivals, which cut across boundaries of caste and religion; the significance of the mighty Brahmaputra, the Red River, in the lives of the people; the quintessential food, drink, and cooking techniques to be found across the region; the many distinctive forms of cultural expression that are found nowhere else in the country-clothes, jewellery, literature, music, dance, cinema, drama, and art; and, finally, the politics of the state and how it informs the nature of contemporary Assam. Full of colourful anecdotes and unforgettable pen portraits, The Assamese is the first major attempt to provide a comprehensive and nuanced portrait of one of India's oldest and most distinctive communities.

lage life. In Pilllai's story 'Wooden Dolls' and Kesadeva's 'The Oath', we encounter the seemingly simple, but intrinsically complex personalities of three rural women characters. In his classic story 'The World-renowned Nose'. Basheer, the master satirist, resorts to biting satire to expose human vanity. In Antharjanam's 'Dhirendu Majumdar's Mother', the mother emerges as the revolutionary heroine of the Partition of 1947 and the Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971. 'Humans and Animals' by Nandanar narrates an unbelievably macabre incident from the horrors of Partition. In O. V. Vijayan's masterpiece, 'The Hanging', the reader is drawn into a father's sorrow over the death of his child. Madhavikkuty in 'Scent of a Bird' draws in bold strokes the existential angst of a modern woman who wishes to make a career for herself. P. Vatsala's story 'Pempi' describes the plight of Adiyar tribal women. M. T. Vasudevan Nair, in his celebrated story, 'Vision', underlines the freedom and liberated state of women choosing for themselves. 'Photo' by M. Mukundan is a harrowing story about child molestation. Zacharia, in his inimitable style, tells the story of an eccentric and reclusive masseur-physician who is challenged by a patient to heal her in 'The Garden of the Antlions'. Sara Joseph's 'Sweat Marks' shows how caste elites come together to dupe a brilliant Dalit student. These and other stories in this collection portray with brilliance and nuance the complex tapestry of the Malayali experience down the ages.

The Night Has a Thousand Eyes: My Favourite Stories of Love, Warmth, and Friendship By Ruskin Bond



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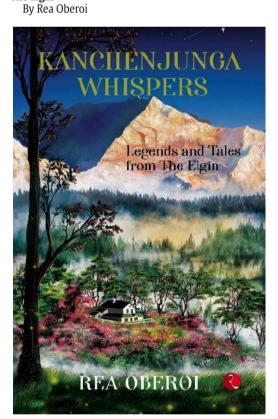
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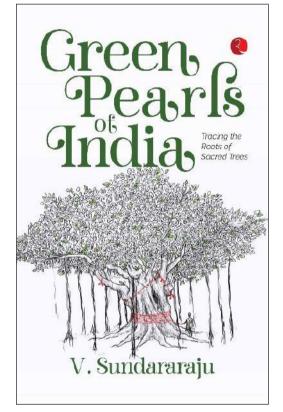


SHOM BISWAS and TITASH BANERJEA

forms a key theme.

Kanchenjunga Whispers: Legends and Tales from The Elgin





associated with them. From the origins of the 'germkiller' tree and 'sorrow-removing' tree to the trees associated with Lord Shiva and Gautam Buddha, this meticulously researched and richly illustrated book o[~]ers us a glimpse of the devotion that our ancient culture has shown towards sacred trees.

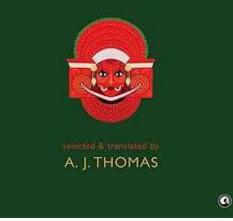
A must-read for environmentalists, scholars of religion and ecology, and people interested in the continued connection between spiritual practice and the natural environment, this book not only appreciates the special place that these trees have in our lives but also underscores the fact that communion with nature is indispensable for healing our planet.

Gain Your Financial Freedom with the 1% Formula By Deepak Mullick



The Greatest Malayalam Stories Ever Told By Selected and translated by A. J. Thomas

> GREATEST MALAYALAM STORIES EVER TOLD



The Greatest Malayalam Stories Ever Told is a collection of fifty brilliant short stories translated from the Malayalam. Selected and translated by poet, editor, and translator A. J. Thomas, this collection includes established masters such as Karoor Neelakanta Pillai, Vaikom Muhammad Basheer, Lalithambika Antharjanam, Ponkunnam Varkey, Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai, S. K. Pottekkatt, Uroob, O. V. Vijayan, M. T. Vasudevan Nair, and Paul Zacharia, as well as accomplished new voices such as N. Prabhakaran, C. V. Balakrishnan, Aymanam John, Chandramathi, and others.

'The Farmer' by Thakazhi and 'The Speaking Plough' by Varkey deal with the trials and tribulations of vilThe Night Has a Thousand Eyes is the newest collection of heartwarming stories from the master storyteller Ruskin Bond. It includes classics like 'Angry River', 'The Cherry Tree', 'The Blue Umbrella', 'Friends of My Youth', 'The Night Train at Deoli', and two new delightful stories that have never been published before. The title story, 'The Night Has a Thousand Eyes', traces the narrator's journey from London to India and his encounter with an ambassador's daughter. In 'High Water' the protagonist ventures near a beach where he finds a mysterious companion. These thirty-six moving stories of ordinary people who encounter extraordinary moments of warmth, tenderness, companionship, and grace in their lives once again show why Ruskin Bond is India's most beloved writer.

There Is No Misery Where There Is No Want: Life Lessons from India's Spiritual Masters

What is the path to a joyful, peaceful, fulfilling life? What do we need to transform the way in which we lead our everyday lives? How do we cope with pain, unhappiness, fear, desire, loss, and bad luck? The world's greatest philosophers, gurus, and spiritual savants have pondered these questions for millennia and have come up with insights and answers that will help us lead better lives.

This volume collects together profound wisdom from some of the world's greatest teachers including Swami Vivekananda, Adi Shankara, Lal Ded, Hazrat Nizamuddin, the Buddha, and others.

Of Spins, Sixes and Surprises: 50 Defining Moments in Indian Cricket

By Shom Biswas and Titash Banerjea

Nothing comes even remotely close to the excitement that cricket evokes in both the young and the old in India. Cricket in India is a religion, with cricketers revered as gods. While we have grown up watching cricket on our televisions, we have felt the tension, euphoria and joy that cricketers on the field may have experienced while playing. Of Spins, Sixes and Surprises: 50 Defining Moments

Of Spins, Sixes and Surprises: 50 Defining Moments in Indian Cricket is a humble attempt at reliving those occasions. Authors Shom Biswas and Titash Banerjea present an amazing journey of Indian cricket, from the time when the greatest Indian cricketer of his time (Ranji) used to represent another country (England) to a time when India has become the nerve centre of the world game. The emergence of women's cricket also Enchanting tales and vivid storytelling at its best from the land of Kanchenjunga.

Rea Oberoi takes you on an unforgettable adventure through a land of sacred, wish-fulfilling places; countless legends; supernatural presence; and mysterious myths. Daughter of legendary hotelier—the late Brij Raj 'Diamond' Oberoi, who took the Elgin group of heritage hotels to new heights—Rea weaves a narrative that immediately transports you to the Himalayas and stirs your wanderlust.

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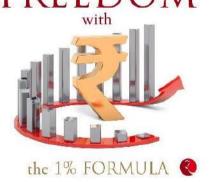
Green Pearls of India: Tracing the Roots of Sacred Trees

By V. Sundararaju

It is undeniable that primitive man worshipped trees with singular impartiality in reverence of their lifegiving nature. Throughout the world, every culture has formed enduring bonds with trees, and in appreciation of their inherent spiritual value, some have even been singled out for special veneration. India is no different. Here, too, people, irrespective of religion and race, revere and worship trees.

In Green Pearls of India: Tracing the Roots of Sacred Trees, V. Sundararaju captures the essence and beauty of 27 such sacred trees. He vividly describes the religious, social, economic, ecological, cultural and medicinal values of each and explores the stories and legends

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Cutting-Edge AI Raises Fears About Risks To Humanity. Are Tech And Political Leaders Doing Enough?

Associated Press

hatbots like ChatGPT wowed the world with their ability to write speeches, plan vacations or hold conversations as good as or arguably even better than humans do, thanks to cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems. Now, frontier AI has become the latest buzzword as concerns grow that the emerging technology has capabilities that could endanger humanity.

Everyone from the British government to top researchers and major AI companies are raising the alarm about frontier AI's as-yetunknown dangers and calling for safeguards to protect people from its existential threats.

The debate comes to a head on Wednesday, when British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak hosts a two-day summit focused on frontier AI. It's reportedly expected to draw a group of about 100 officials from 28 countries, including US Vice President Kamala Harris, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and executives from key US artificial intelligence companies including OpenAI, Google's Deepmind and Anthropic.

The venue is Bletchley Park, a former top secret base for World War II codebreakers led by Alan Turing. The historic estate is seen as the birthplace of modern computing because it is where Turing's team famously cracked Nazi Germany's Enigma code using the world's first digital programmable computer.

In a speech last week, Sunak said only

governments — not AI companies — can keep people safe from the technology's risks. However, he also noted that the UK's approach "is not to rush to regulate," even as he outlined a host of scary-sounding threats, such as the use of AI to easily make chemical or biological weapons.

"We need to take this seriously, and we need to start focusing on trying to get ahead of the problem," said Jeff Clune, an associate computer science professor at the University of British Columbia focusing on AI and machine learning.

Clune was among a group of influential researchers who authored a paper last week calling for governments to do more to manage risks from AI. It's the latest in a series of dire warnings from tech moguls like Elon Musk and OpenAI CEO Sam Altman about the rapidly evolving technology and the disparate ways the industry, political leaders and researchers see the path forward when it comes to reining in the risks and regulation.

It's far from certain that AI would wipe out mankind, Clune said, "but it has sufficient risk and chance of occurring. And we need to mobilize society's attention to try to solve it now rather than wait for the worstcase scenario to happen."

One of Sunak's big goals was to find agreement on a communique about the nature of AI risks. He's also unveiling plans for an AI Safety Institute that will evaluate and test new types of technology and propose creation of a global expert panel,



inspired by the UN climate change panel, to understand AI and draw up a 'State of AI Science' report.

The summit reflects the British government's eagerness to host international gatherings to show it has not become isolated and can still lead on the world stage after its departure from the European Union three years ago.

The UK also wants to stake its claim in a hot-button policy issue where both the US

and the 27-nation EU are making moves. Brussels is putting the final touches on what's poised to be the world's first comprehensive AI regulations, while US President Joe Biden signed a sweeping executive order Monday to guide the development of AI, building on voluntary commitments made

by tech companies. China, which along with the US is one of the two world AI powers, has been invited to the summit, though Sunak couldn't say with '100% certainty' that representatives from Beijing will attend.

The paper signed by Clune and more than 20 other experts, including two dubbed the 'godfathers' of AI — Geoffrey Hinton and Yoshua Bengio — called for governments and AI companies to take concrete action, such as by spending a third of their research and development resources on ensuring safe and ethical use of advanced autonomous AI.

Frontier AI is shorthand for the latest and most powerful systems that go right up to the edge of AI's capabilities. They're based on foundation models, which are algorithms trained on a broad range of information scraped from the internet to provide a general, but not infallible, base of knowledge.

That makes frontier AI systems "dangerous because they're not perfectly knowledgeable," Clune said. "People assume and think that they're tremendously knowledgeable, and that can get you in trouble." The meeting, though, has faced criticism

that it's too preoccupied with far-off dangers.

"The focus of the summit is actually narrow," said Francine Bennett, interim director of the Ada Lovelace Institute, a policy research group in London focusing on AI.

"We risk just forgetting about the broader set of risk and safety" and the algorithms that are already part of everyday life, she said at a Chatham House panel last week.

Government Of Jammu And Kashmir Youth Services & Sports Department Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject: Formulation of Jammu & Kashmir-Youth Services and Sports Outstanding Sportsperson (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules 2023.

Notice

Whereas, the Youth Services and Sports department vide Government order No. 44-JK(YSS) of 2023 dated: 11.10.2023 has created J&K Sports Cadre for outstanding sportspersons in the Youth Services and Sports Department alongwith the creation of 10 posts of Chief Coach in the Gazetted Cadre.

Accordingly, the YSS department has drafted the J&K YSS outstanding sportsperson (Gazetted) service Recruitment Rules 2023 annexed as Annexure A for inviting objections of all the stakeholders concerned as per the instructions of Circular No. 03-ARI & Trgs of 2023 dated: 22.09.2023. The objections with valid documentary proof must reach to the office of Secretary to the Government, Youth Services and Sports Department within 15 days from the publication of this notification on official mail: jkyss1234@gmail.com. The objections received after the stipulated time period shall not be entertained and the department shall place the draft recruitment rules before the Standing Committee for finalization of the same.

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(Monammad Ayub)* Deputy Secretary to the Government

4. Strength and Composition of the Service:

(1) The authorized permanent and temporary strength of the cadre and the nature of the posts included therein shall be determined by the Government, from time to time and shall at the initial constitution of the service under these rules, be such as specified in the Schedule-I annexed to these rules:

Provided that the Government may create temporary posts in the cadre or the service for specified period or purpose as may be considered necessary from time to time.

(2) The Government shall, at the interval of every five years or at such other intervals as may be necessary, re-examine the strength and composition of the cadre of the service and make such alternations therein as it deems fit.

5. Qualification & Method of Recruitment:

 No person shall be eligible for appointment or promotion to any post in any class, category or grade in the service unless he/she possesses

the qualifications as laid in Jammu and Kashmir (Appointment of Outstanding Sports Persons) Rules, 2022 notified vide S.O. 12 dated 06.01.2022 read with S.O. 412 dated 02.08.2023 and fulfills other requirements of recruitment as provided in the rules and orders for the time being in force.

Appointments to a service or class shall be made:

9. Maintenance of Seniority Lists:

Seniority of the members of the service shall be regulated under the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956 and strictly as per the years of their quota against which they were appointed. The Administrative Department shall maintain an up to date and final seniority list of members of the service.

10. Residuary Matters:

In regard to matters not specifically covered by these rules, the members of the service shall be governed by the rules/regulations and orders applicable to the State Civil Service in general.

11. Interpretation:

DIPK-11551/23

dated: 03-11-2023

If any question, arises relating to the interpretation of these rules, the matter shall be referred to the Administrative Department whose decisions thereon shall be final and binding.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Youth Services and Sports Department

No. YSS-Adm/161/2023-02-YS&S

Dated: 25.10.2023.

Annexure A

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Youth Services and Sports Department Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

NOTIFICATION

Srinagar _____, 2023

SO:_____ In exercise of the powers conferred by the provision to section 309 of the constitution of India, the Lt. Governor hereby makes the following rules namely:

1. Short Title & Commencement:

(1) These rules may be called the Jammu & Kashmir-Youth Services and Sports Outstanding Sportspersons (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules 2023.

(2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Government Gazette.

Definitions: In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a. "Union Territory" means the Jammu and Kashmir UT;
 - "Government" means the Government of Jammu and Kashmir;
 - "Rules" means the Jammu & Kashmir-Youth Services and Sports Outstanding Sportspersons (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules 2023.
 - "Administrative Department" means the Department of the Government in the Civil Secretariat holding the Administrative charge of the service;
 - e. "Cadre" means the cadre of the service;
 - "Member of the Service" means a person appointed to a post in the (Gazetted) Service under the provisions of these rules;
 - g. "Service" means the Jammu and Kashmir Youth Services
 & Sports Outstanding Sports persons (Gazetted) Service;
 - h. "Schedule" means the schedule(s) annexed to these rules;
 - Words and expressions used in the these rules but not defined, shall have the same meaning as are assigned to them in the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1956/Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Regulations.

3. Constitution of Service:

 From the date of commencement of these rules there shall be constituted the "the Jammu & Kashmir-Youth Services and Sports Outstanding Sportspersons (Gazetted) Services".

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- a. By promotion or by transfer from another service of class; or
- b. By direct recruitment; or
- c. Partly by (a) and partly by (b) in the ratio and in manner mentioned against each post in Schedulle-II appended to these rules.
- Provided that all the posts under direct recruitment shall be filled as per the provision of the Jammu and Kashmir (Appointment of outstanding Sports persons) Rules, 2022 notified vide S.O 12 dated 06.01.2023 read with S.O. 412 dated 02.08.2023.
- Provided further all posts to be filled by promotion shall be filled through Departmental Promotion Committee/Public Service Commission.
- 5. The departments shall refer vacancies in the direct quota to the Committee constituted under Rule 3(2) of the Jammu and Kashmir (Appointment of outstanding Sports persons) Rules, 2022 notified vide S.O. 412 dated 02.08.2023, and promotion quota to Public Service Commission and Departmental Promotion Committees, as per SRO-166 dated: 14-06-2005.

6. Probation:

(1) Persons appointed to the service either by direct recruitment or by promotion shall be "on probation for two years" and their confirmation for class or category shall be made under the provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956.

(2) The pay of a person appointed to the service under these rules shall be regularized as per the provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Regulations or General Rules as issued from time to time.

7. Reservation in appointments:

While making appointments by promotion, reservation shall be made in accordance with the rules and orders issued from time to time for members of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes/Backward Classes or any other category or class of permanent residents of UT under the provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 & the Reservation Rules in force.

8. Eligibility of Government Servants for Direct Recruitment:

A person already in the Government service may apply through proper channel for direct recruitment to a vacant post in any particular class or category in the service if he/she possess the educational and other qualifications prescribed for recruitment to such class or category of post under Jammu and Kashmir (Appointment of outstanding Sports persons) Rules, 2022 notified vide S.O. 12 dated 06.01.2022 read with S.O. 412 dated 02.08.2023. The upper age limit of such Government servants shall be as provided in the general rules. Youth Services & Sports Department

Schedule- I to S.O	dated	-10-2023
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	Gazetted				
S.No	Designation	Pay Level	Number of posts		
1	Chief Sports Officer	Level-11 (67700-208700)	03		
2	District Sports Officer	Level-10A(56600-179800)	11		
3	Manager	Level-8A (50700-160600)	20		
4	Chief Coach	Level-8 (47600-151100)	20		

(Sarmad Hafeez) IAS Secretary to the Government Youth Services & Sports Department

Schedule- II to S.O dated -10-2023

Class	Category	Designation	Pay Level	Method of Recruitment
Ľ	A	Chief Sports Officer	Level-11 (67700- 208700)	100% by promotion from Class-II Category "A" having atleast 05 years substantive service as Divisional Sports Officer.
II	A	District Sports Officer	Level- 10A(56600- 179800)	100% by promotion from Class-III Category "A" having atleast 05 years substantive service as Manager.
ш	A	Manager	Level-8A (50700- 160600)	100% by promotion from Class-IV Category "A" having atleast 04 years substantive service as Chief Coach.
IV	A	Chief Coach	Level-8 (47600- 151100)	a)50% by direct rectt. under outstanding sportspersons category (Gazetted quota).
				b)50% by promotion from Class-I Category "A" (Senior Coach of J&K Outstanding Sportspersons (Subordinate) service) having atleast 3 years substantive service.

(Sarmad Hafeez) IAS Secretary to the Government Youth Services & Sports Department

NEWS

India 'bright spot' amid despondency and churn in geopolitical landscape: Army chief

New DelhiL India remains a "bright spot" in the world amid an unprecedented churn in the global landscape arising out of geopolitical upheavals such as the escalating conflict in West Asia and the Russia-Ukraine war, Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande said on Friday.

In an address at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue, he said New Delhi's outlook for engagement with the world is focused on respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations as well as peaceful resolution of disputes, comments that came against the backdrop of the festering border standoff with China in eastern Ladakh.

Gen Pande also said India is establishing defence wings in new locations around the world and that the Army is keen to enhance the scope and scale of joint military training and exercises with friendly foreign partner nations.

"The globalised world that we once applauded is now fraught with difficulties. It is moving towards decoupling, de-risking and perhaps de-globalisation. Amidst such despondency it is my belief that India remains a 'bright spot'," he said.

Delving into current geopolitical upheavals, he emphasised on the need to take note of growing salience of national security in international affairs and the "renewed currency" of hard power.

"Our outlook emphasizes respect for sovereighty and ter-ritorial integrity of all nations, equality of all, peaceful resolution of disputes, avoidance of use of force and adherence to international laws, rules and regulations.'

The Chief of Army Staff said India's commitment towards positively engaging all stakeholders has been "unwavering and enduring" over the years. "In the military domain,

we understand our role in the



"We are now faced with an

The Army Chief said issues

like radicalisation, terrorism, pi-

racy, illegal migration, refugees

and climate change, add to the

Curtis said that Indo-Pacific is

turning out to be a region of

Strategic affairs expert, Lisa

bouquet of global concerns.

multilateral engagement architecture. We are keen to enescalating conflict in West Asia. hance the scope and scale of our These instabilities and challeng-es are compounded by notable joint exercises, interoperability, sub-regional perspectives and economic turbulence and the sharing of best practices, with weaponisation of a multitude our friendly foreign partner naof attributes and domains from tions," he said. information to supply chains," he said.

"To give a fillip to our defence cooperation outreach, we are establishing Defence Wings at new locations across the world." "The challenges we face are

significant but so are the opportunities and collective wisdom and strength," the Army Chief added.

Gen Pande highlighted the "unprecedented churn in global growing competition. Towards this Quad, a non-military grouping, is likely to emerge as a successful multilateral landscape" that has set into motion a chain of events as well as some new trend lines. organisation.

acknowledged that "Amongst others, we need to She take particular note of the grow-China's influence in the region ing salience of national security will continue to grow. in international affairs and the In his address, Gen Pande said India has a credible voice at the renewed currency of hard power," he observed.

world stage, "one that is distinct, "The pandemic, which began rooted in Indian ethos and effecas the health crisis and ended tive in articulating the concerns up as a national security event, of the Global South". closed on the heels of the cata-"India shares common inclysm in Ukraine." he said. terests and values such as

democracy, human rights and rule of law with our partners and like-minded countries. This alignment of shared values creates a solid foundation for cooperative security efforts," he said.

"The spin-offs of these collaborative efforts are not restricted to security but transcend into the economic realm, innovation and technology, capacity building, multilateral problemsolving and diplomacy as well," he said.

"Our initiatives are bedrock in the Indian way." The Chief of Army Staff said

the technology is driving geopolitics like never before transforming not only strategic competition but also war fighting.

"In fact technology is emerging as a new strategic arena of geo-political competition. Even as grey zone contestations in non-traditional domains seem to be expanding, so is the probability and arch of all out conflicts," he said.

The Chief of Army Staff noted that not only is the "Cold-War" peace dividend "dwindling, the world seems to be fracturing in

myriad ways." He said "new divisions" are coming to the fore between the East and the West as also between the global North and the Global South.

"An agile, resilient and consumer-driven economy has enabled us to brave the economic downturns of the Russia-Ukraine conflict," he said.

The 'Chanakya Defence Dialogue' has been organised by the Indian Army in partnership with Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS).

The Dialogue aims to carry out a comprehensive analysis of security challenges in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific with a focus on crafting a roadmap for collaborative security measures in the region to fortify India's position as a "ready, resurgent, and relevant" stakeholder in the region.

Judicial system can't allow economic circumstances to become death warrants, says HC on dowry case

New Delhi: The judicial system cannot stand by and allow the economic circumstances of a woman's parents to become her death warrants in her matrimonial home, the Delhi High Court has observed, emphasising the need to address with a heavy hand the issue of dowry.

The high court made the observations while refusing to interfere with a trial court judgment awarding 10-year jail to a man in a case of dowry death and cruelly towards his wife.

The HC said the appeal filed by the man challenging the trial court's order pertains to 2009 and he has been on bail for over 14 years. The man had remained in custody for four years and 11 months. The HC directed him to surrender to serve the unexpired portion of his sentence within 30 days.

The man and the woman got married in March 1999 and a girl child was born to them in January 2000. The woman's parents had said in the statement that she was being subiected to harassment for nonfulfilment of dowry demands of her husband and his family. The woman committed suicide at her matrimonial home in May 2000 by hanging herself to a ceiling fan.

Kanta Justice Swarana Sharma said the case presents a tragedy in which continuous demands of dowry made by the husband pushed his wife into despair so profound that she felt compelled to take her

trapped in her marital home, enduring relentless torment own life. "This serves as a reminder akin to custodial violence since of how the forces of greed can she was not even permitted to often eclipse the sanctity of call her parents on phone or human life and the bonds of visit them. matrimony. The collective ex-Her suffering reached a point perience of victims of dowry where she was denied even the death, as narrated through most basic necessities, such as food and clothing, compelling

their near ones after their demise as also visible in the present case, lays bare the excruciating psychological trauma that women endure when subjected to dowry demands," the high court said.

"It signifies a significant failure in our societal mindset. The courts cannot side with people who perpetuate this failure," the judge said.

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Delhi HC upholds 10 yr jail term for man who sexually exploited minor son

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has upheld the conviction and 10-year sentence awarded to a man for sexually exploiting his four year old son, saying the crime was not only against the individual but the fabric of the society and family.

Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain, in an order released on Friday, dismissed the father's appeal against the trial court orders of conviction under POCSO Act and the Indian Penal Code

and sentence, holding that the crime of the appellant, who was under a social, familial and moral duty to protect his

son, cannot be taken lightly. "It is a crime not only against the individual but against the fabric of the society and family," said the court as it held that the prosecution proved beyond reasonable doubt that the man committed aggravated penetrative sexual assault

upon his son. 'The trial court also observed and considered that the child victim was aged 4

years at the time of incident when the appellant sexually assaulted him. The trial court has already taken lenient view against the appellant and there is no reason to interfere in the punishment awarded to the appellant. The present appeal is accordingly dismissed," the court concluded in its order.

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umes about the deafening cry

It is a reminder that, in her

absence, the courts must step

in to become the voice of those

who can no longer speak for

The court said this case lays

bare the anguish of a married

woman who found herself

her to borrow clothes from her

"To subject a woman to a life

akin to a slave merely because

of her marital status is an egre-

gious injustice. When parents

arrange their daughters' mar-

riages, they do so with hopes

and dreams, never anticipating

that their cherished child will

sister, it noted.

themselves, the judge said.

in the silence of death.

The court observed that child sexual abuse was a serious problem impacting a large numbers of children and it deserved adequate attention of every stakeholder connected with administration of justice.

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Govt Cracks

Department(s) to desist from all such uncalled for demonstrations and strikes: an act of serious indiscipline and misconduct", the order reads.

"The Departments are also impressed upon to take strict disciplinary action against any such employee(s) found involved in organizing demonstration(s) and strike(s), in terms of rule

mentioned supra", the order reads further. Pertinently, this is the second strict direct hospitals so far" Sharma said. She further added that the idea for such points is to take care of those babies who are abandoned by their parents. **Delhi Gasps For**

recorded on November 12, 2021. During a review meeting, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) decided to monitor the air pollution situation for a day or more before implementing stricter curbs. It said curbs under Stage III of the Graded

the demand for air purifiers in the last couple days. Due to the deteriorating condition of air quality in the city, more and more people are now looking to purchase air purifiers," a shopkeeper based in Delhi's Rajouri Garden said.

Compared to last year, the surge in the demand for air purifiers this year has just started to grow up, another shopkeeper in Ghaziabad said, while adding that the sale of air purifiers is expected to further swell up in the coming days.

The hazardous pollution levels compelled

the miseries of all types of consumers," he said. The Chamber, he said, expresses its deep concern and disappointment with the unreliable and contradictory policies of the KPDCL being adopted for maintaining regular power supply to the consumers."It is strange that the department while starting the process of installation of smart meters had committed to uninterrupted flawless electric supply to the consumers, which has not proved true on the ground as the power supply has been severely erratic for most of the time during the year

and projects in all districts and impressed upon DCs to achieve given targets for this financial year," the spokesperson said.

Bidhuri, he said, instructed DCs to expedite the works at Tourist Spots to keep these places functional during the winters as a huge number of visitors flock to these destinations.

Also, Div Com emphasized upon DCs to focus on deliverables and quality disposal of grievances in their respective districts.

Further, he directed DCs to make strenuus efforts to increase the number of drug free panchayats. He instructed them to engage Numberdars and Chowkidars in programmes, activities and Nasha Mukhat Bharat campaigns.

passed by the Union Territory administration to its employees in the last 10 days.

On October 23, the administration prohibited all officials working on the e-office platform from accessing any sensitive data for which they do not have explicit authorisation from the competent authority.

In a circular issued by the general administration department, Commissioner-Secretary Sanjeev Verma had said unauthorised access to sensitive data is a breach of the extant Information Technology (IT) rules.

Govt's Vision

16 students on an average are available in the region.

"Pupil teacher ratio in J&K is well within the prescribed national norms and In case of government Schools, it is 1:14," it reads.

According to the 2047 vision document, currently an adequate number of schools, almost 28,805 for 27.18 lakh students, i.e. one school for 94 students on an average are available in Jammu and Kashmir.

"With a network of 28,805 schools, at least 23,117 government and 5,688 other management and total enrolment of over 27.18 lakh students from Pre-Primary to class XII, the School Education Department plays a vital role in the economy as well as in the overall development of the Union Territory of J&K," it reads—(KNO)

Unwanted Newborns

centers should be easily visible, accessible 24/7, and open year-round," the order reads. According to a report, approximately 10 babies are left at garbage dumps each month by their parents, making these locations perilous for newborns.

Duja expressed his concern, stating, "It is shocking that even newborns with conditions like autism. Down syndrome, or disabilities are being abandoned at dumping sites and other locations. Therefore, it is imperative to establish cradles at these locations without any delav.'

Commissioner Secretary to Government SWD, Sheetal Nanda didn't respond to phone calls of this reporter.

However, Dr Anupa Sharma, Child protection officer in Mission Vatsalya J&K told Kashmir Observer that the government has set-up cradle centers in 10 districts of the UT so far and work is underway to establish such centers in other districts as well.

"We have specialised adoption agencies for that in social welfare. We have also cradle points for abandoned babies in 15 district Response Action Plan were implemented only a day ago; and it is reasonable to allow time to have their full impact on AQI in the region, according to an update shared in the evening.

As the dense and pungent haze lingered over Delhi-NCR for the fourth consecutive day, the concentration of PM2.5, fine particulate matter capable of penetrating deep into the respiratory system and triggering health problems, exceeded the safe limit of 60 micrograms per cubic metre by seven to eight times at multiple locations throughout the region.

The Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) stage 3 has already been implemented in the national capital with a complete ban on construction or demolition activities. Deploying anti-smog guns and re-launching the 'Red light on, Gaadi off' campaign are among the measures taken by the Delhi government and other agencies.

Anti-smog guns have been deployed in several places like Anand Vihar, Kashmiri Gate ISBT, ITÔ, Pusa Road, Jahangirpuri, Narela Industrial area, and Burari Crossing, officials said.

Under the final stage (Stage IV) of GRAP, only CNG, electric, and BS VI-compliant vehicles from other states are allowed to enter Delhi, with exemptions granted to those involved in essential services.

It also includes work-from-home directives for 50 percent of staff in government and private offices. Stage IV also recommends banning all medium and heavy goods vehicles not engaged in essential services in the capital.

Meanwhile, a war of words erupted between the AAP and the BJP over the deteriorating air quality, with AAP minister Rai asking Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav to become more active in addressing the problem. He said it's not just the national capital but the entire north India that is breathing polluted air.

The BJP accused Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of incompetence and making false promises and said he is more dangerous to people than the stifling air endangering them.

Party's national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia noted that Kejriwal had sought a year's time exactly on this day in 2022 to curb pollution in the national capital and dared him to hold a press conference on the issue to highlight what steps his government has taken.

He has been in power for close to nine years but has taken no solid step to deal with the menace of pollution, Bhatia claimed.

The demand for air purifiers and masks meanwhile has shot up in Delhi-NCR amid increasing levels of pollution in the region, merchants and pharmacists said.

"We have seen a 20-25 per cent increase in

many to forgo their morning walks, sports, and other outdoor activities.

Dr Suranjit Chatterjee, senior consultant, internal medicine at Apollo Hospital in Delhi, said, measures to curb pollution need to be taken at the government level and as individuals there is "not much that we humans can do. except perhaps taking precautions".

"We are seeing cases now as well of prolonged coughing, throat infection, eye irritation and nasal discharge, and other kinds of irritation," he told PTI.

On Thursday, the pollution control body ordered a ban on non-essential construction work and specific categories of polluting vehicles. 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).

The Delhi government has also announced the closure of all primary schools for two days in an effort to safeguard young children from the health-threatening pollution. Parents are a worried lot as health experts say children breathe faster, taking in more pollutants.

The city's AQI skyrocketed from 351 at 10 am on Thursday to 471 at 9 am on Friday, reflecting a sudden increase in pollution levels due to highly unfavourable meteorological conditions and a sharp spike in stubble burning incidents in neighbouring states.

Delhi's 24-hour average AQI, recorded at 4 pm each day, was 392 on Thursday, 364 on Wednesday, 359 on Tuesday, 347 on Monday, 325 on Sunday, 304 on Saturday, and 261 on Friday.

These numbers indicate a gradual deterioration in Delhi's air quality over the past few days, culminating in a descent into the severe category on Thursday.

Rai said the large smog tower installed at Connaught Place two years ago to reduce air pollution in the vicinity has been shut down arbitrarily on the orders of Delhi Pollution Control Committee Chairman (DPCC) Ashwani Kumar.

He said Kumar, who assumed the role of DPCC chairman in December, "stopped the release of funds to IIT-Bombay and other agencies working on the project, without informing the government".

Kashmir Inc Fumes

statement released to the media, a KCC&I spokesperson said that the KPDCL came out with a schedule for electric supply instead of making sure of the regular supply. "However, astonishingly the KPCDL has miserably failed to stick to the announced schedule, further compounding the spokesperson said.

"It appears the Department is continuously failing in meeting the aspiration of the consumers and is not only hiding behind one or the other excuse but is resorting to false propaganda. Many weeks ago the KPDCL announced that it had procured power from Uttar Pradesh and was in negotiations for purchasing more from central Grid to ease out of the situation created by the Power shortage," he added.

The spokesperson further said that nothing has happened since then and the Department came out even with a power curtailment before the onset of winter when the power demand is lesser than that of harsh winter months.

The chamber, the spokesperson said, request the Lieutenant Governor to personally intervene, direct concerned officials to take measures in ensuring the power supply to the consumers and alleviate the miseries of the consumers particularly the Industries, Tourism Sector, Industrial Estates, CA stores, shopkeepers and Traders. Senior Citizen. Sick. students. Health. Education on account of non-availability of regular power Supply through the punishing cold winters.

He also reminded the government that it was spending crores on tourism promotion as a result of which the trade body receive a large number of tourists thereby contributing to various sectors of the economy.

"The helpless tourists not only face a tough time but become bad publicity for our tourism due to the prevailing and worsening power crisis," he said.

KCCI, he said, expects KPDCL to show some responsibility towards the beleaguered population, to say the least

Admin Orders

regular power supply," Bidhuri said in a meeting held here on Friday.

He enjoined upon Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to sensitise people about disadvantages of usage of crude electronic appliances. He also passed directions for appropriate action against misuse of electricity, hooking and power theft, an official spokesperson said.

Bidhuri, he said, maintained that to protect transformers from damage and costly gadgets at the receiving stations, a campaign must be started to educate the general public about the heavy cost of unethical power consumption.

Meanwhile, the Div Com appealed to the people to cooperate with the administration in ensuring regular power supply as per the published schedule.

"Div Com also reviewed completion of various projects under different schemes, plans

'Important Leads

Khursheed ul Islam, 1st Additional Sessions Judge, Srinagar, said.

There is no material on the file which would disclose any conspiracy hatched by the accused in furtherance of their common intention to kill the deceased, the court observed.

"I do not find any sufficient ground for framing of charge against the accused and prima facie their appears no ground for proceeding against the accused," the court said and discharged the accused including Showkat Ahmad Wani of Pantha Chowk Srinagar, Riyaz Ahmad Shah of Zero Bridge Rajbagh Srinagar, Fayaz Ahmad Bilal of Miasuma Lal Chowk Srinagar. Sami-ullah Khan of Tengapora Batamaloo Srinagar and Mohammad Altaf Mir of Gani Mir from the allegations levelled against them.

"Before parting with the file. I want to place on record, the disappointing standard which the police has adopted while conducting the investigation of the case, where a precious life was lost," the court said, adding, "The Investigating Officer was expected to be very careful in the collection of the evidence to search the truth and the evidence so collected should have been of such a quality that could be used as admissible evidence."

It was the duty of the police to investigate fairly and thoroughly and collect all such evidence whether for or against the suspects, the court underlined.

"The protection and liberty of an individual is the paramount consideration of every limb of the state, be it the investigating agency or the court of law, the procedure must be such as to ensure that the guilty are apprehended and punished in accordance with the law but in the process the innocent persons should not be harassed, that is the aim and object of the entire criminal justice system," the court said, adding, "The manner in which the police has conducted their investigation with complete indifference to the essential norms in proceeding against the accused has left important leads unchecked and glossed over the leads that did not suit the story that they had conceived and ultimately failed to present a cogent conceivable and fool proof chain of events that would point to the guilt of the accused.'

The evidence collected and relied upon by the investigating agency is not even admissible under law which has left the court with no option but to discharge the accused in the case, it added

SPORTS

Injury-Hit New Zealand Eye Turnaround Against Pakistan

Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: An injury-tormented New Zealand, further weakened by the exit of Matt Henry, seek resurgence while Pakistan need a continuation of their recent resurrection, and that subtext of desperation could turn their crucial World Cup match into a classic here on Saturday.

The fortunes of New Zealand and Pakistan went through sharp curves after a bright beginning, leaving them in a tight spot in the race to the semifinals of the quadrennial big bash.

The Kiwis started the tournament with four wins on the bounce, and it looked a matter of time before they sealed a last four berth. Since that point, they have fallen to three defeats in a row against India, Australia and South Africa, and are now stranded at eight points from seven matches.

On the other side, Pakistan are in an even dingier space with six points from seven matches, and they need to win mandatorily against New Zealand and England.



Apart from the dwindling on-field returns, New Zealand will also have to deal with a tall obstacle ahead of their clash with Pakistan - a growing injury list that has five names in it already.

Henry, who had taken 11 wickets from seven matches, hurt his right hamstring against South Africa and the

pacer has now been ruled out of the match against Pakistan, forcing the Kiwis to replace him with strapping fast bowler Kyle Jamieson.

James Neesham had suffered a hit on his wrist in the match against the Proteas and the Kiwis will keep a close eye on his recovery. Other than the duo, Kane

Williamson (thumb) and Mark Chapman (calf) are also in various stages of their recuperation process.

However, both Williamson and Neesham participated actively in the nets on this day here, giving a small indication of their readiness to take the field if it comes to that. Match starts at 10.30 AM.

Afghanistan Beat Netherlands To Keep Semi-Final Hopes Alive



Agencies

LUCKNOW: Afghanistan kept their hopes of qualifying for the World Cup semi-finals alive after beating the Netherlands by seven wickets in a lowscoring group game on Friday. Afghanistan climbed to fifth in the standings with eight points, behind New Zealand on net run rate. The top four teams advance to the semi-finals.

Afghanistan had won only one game in two previous World Cups, but the Asian side now have four wins in the tournament in India having also beaten defending champions

England, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Chasing 180 for victory, Afghanistan were 55-2 but Rahmat Shah scored a breezy 52 off 54 balls to set the platform for a comfortable chase. Shahidi then made 56 to guide Afghanistan home in the 32nd over, smashing the winning runs with his sixth boundary. Netherlands Earlier. the

won the toss and opted to bat first but Mujeeb Ur Rahman struck in the first over when he trapped opener Wesley Barresi lbw to claim his 100th ODI wicket.

Shahidi had praised Afghanistan's batting and bowling in the victory, but it was their fielding which restricted the Dutch to a low total as the next four batters were all run out after mix-ups. Max O'Dowd (42) looked set for a big score with nine fours but was run out.

Sybrand Engelbrecht was the lone middle order batter to provide resistance with a patient 58 but the Dutch were all out for 179 in the 47th over, with Alikhil involved in six dismissals and Mohammad Nabi picked up three wickets.

Afghanistan next play Australia and South Africa. The Netherlands, who are eighth, play England and hosts India.



J&K Football, Volleyball **Teams Dominate National School Games**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Hosts J&K has taken the 67th National School Games by storm as its football and volleyball teams have reached the final stages of the tournaments.

J&K Football team played Bihar in the Pre Quarter Final match on Friday morning, and emerged victorious with

on the official Facebook channel of Youth Services & Sports J&K. Joint Director YSS Waseem Raja visited different venues on Friday and took stock of the arrangements.

I&K's remarkable success at the 67th National School Games continues to capture the hearts of fans.

With the semi-finals on the orizon. I&K athletes will want

Real Kashmir Take On TRAU At TRC Today



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir FC are all set to take on TRAU FC in I-League 2023-24 season on Saturday, November 4, at Synthetic Turf TRC here

game for the Snow Leopards TRAU. against RUFC, and will look to keep up their winning run.

"I'm happy with the fact that we took our chances well in the game against RUFC," Ishfaq told AIFE. "I'm also very pleased that despite the relatively short preseason, the team had a cohesive structure and looked like a unit. It has to become a trend going forward." TRAU are a formidable opponent, and are coming off a -1 draw with Delhi FC. Coach Ishfaq understands the challenge Real Kashmir face in

Kashmir's New Adventure Sports

"They had a great start against Delhi and have already experienced playing away from home," Ishfaq told AIFF. "We have had a great start ourselves, and even kept a clean

Kashmir's Female Car Racer Makes Motorsport History

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Nighat Faheem, a courageous woman hailing from Ali Jan Road in Srinagar, has etched her name in Kashmir's motorsport history, as she became the first woman from the region to secure the top position in the District Srinagan Auto-X Race, marking a significant milestone in the sport.

Faheem, who is the mother of a 12-year-old daughter, has been passionately involved in car racing for over a decade. She proudly clinched the first prize in the 'Gypsee category' at the recent District Srinagar Auto-X Race event.

Her remarkable achievement has not only brought honor to her family but has also inspired young motorsport enthusiasts across the Kashmir valley. "I have been behind



second time riding a Gypsee as an off-road racer. My inspiration for this historical win is my husband, Faheem, who is also an off-road racer, and I have learned through his videos," said Nighat with adding in today's modern era, both men and women are equal, and women should step forward and participate in every possible event to make Kashmir proud

an impressive performance. In the evening, they locked horns with a formidable Uttar Pradesh team in the quarterfinals at Polo Ground. J&K secured a semifinal berth after defeating UP 2-0.

Meanwhile, J&K Volleyball team dominated the Pre Quarter Final against a strong Delhi side, with a commanding 3-0 set victory. The match was a live spectacle, telecasted to keep the momentum going.

The school nationals in twin disciplines is being organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K under the aegis of School Games Federation of India at various venues across Srinagar. The concluding ceremony/medal distribution function of the sports event is scheduled for 4th November at Synthetic Turf TRC.

Real Kashmir won their opening I-League fixture against Rajasthan United FC 2-0. The game was played at TRC, and the team, with six local players in the lineup, made full use of their 12th man: The crowd.

Real Kashmir coach Ishfaq Ahmed took charge of his first

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Kashmir is wit-

nessing an emergence of new

adventure sports, which draws

enthusiasts from across the

From mountain biking to

fishing competitions, these

exhilarating activities are be-

coming increasingly popular

in the valley, offering both

locals and tourists unique op-

portunities to explore the natural wonders of the valley.

Mountain biking has gained significant traction in recent

years, as adventure loving people move to remote places

to explore the rugged terrain

world.

Draws Thrill Seekers

sheet so we go on a high. We cannot rest on that though, we have to be careful and have to fight hard for a good result."

Real Kashmir vs. TRAU FC will be shown live on Eurosport. The game can be streamed live on Indian Football YouTube Channel and Fancode.

wheel for the past 12 years," Nighat Faheem said. "This victory is the result of countless hours of dedication and practice, and it's an incredible feeling to be the first Kashmiri woman to win the District Srinagar Auto-X Race."

"I have been dreaming of this race for a long time, and it's my

Likewise, the Auto-X Race is known for its challenging courses and rigorous competition, making Faheem's win even more remarkable. Her success serves as a testament to her unwavering commitment to motorsport and the immense potential that exists within the youth of Kashmir. (KNO)

IPL Auction To Be Held In Dubai On December 19

Press Trust of India

ahead of the 2024 season will

be held in Dubai on December

19 while the player retention

An IPL official confirmed the

deadline has been extended to

development to PTI. Teams on Fri-

day were informed that the player

retention deadline has been ex-

tended to November 26. Usually,

the deadline is November 15.

November 26.

extended to November 26," a team official told PTI.

"Due to the wedding season That is why we decided to host it in Dubai," said an IPL official.

MATCHDAY: Bayern Play Dortmund, Newcastle Take On Arsenal

Agencies

A look at what's happening in European soccer on Saturday:

ENGLAND

Arsenal's trip to Newcastle in the Premier League should give an indication of which team has taken the biggest step forward.

Man United tries to turn around its troubling form when it visits Fulham in the early kickoff, while defending champion Manchester City hosts Bournemouth in one of five 3 p.m. games.

GERMANY

It's the first "Klassiker" of the season in the Bundesliga as

'Yes the deadline has been NEW DELHI: The IPL auction

It will also be the first time that an IPL auction will be held outside India.

hotel availability can be an issue. The purse of all 10 IPL teams have been increased to Rs 100 crore from Rs 95 crore available in the previous auction.

Bayern Munich visits Borussia Dortmund.

Also Saturday, league leader Bayer Leverkusen looks to stay top with a win at Hoffenheim. Leipzig visits last-place Mainz. Union Berlin plays Eintracht Frankfurt, Cologne hosts Augsburg and Borussia Moenchengladbach visits Freiburg.

SPAIN

Barcelona will have Spain midfielder Pedri available for its trip to Real Sociedad in the Spanish league. Second-place Girona visits Osasuna aiming to move back ahead of Madrid. Nabil Fekir could play his first minutes for Real Betis against Mallorca. Celta Vigo hosts Sevilla.

Ace Para Archer Accorded Warm Reception On **Triumphant Return**



Observer News Service

KISHTWAR: Sheetal Devi, a 16-year-old armless archer hailing from the remote village of Loidhar, Tehsil Mughal Maidan, was warmly received and felicitated on Friday upon returning to Jammu Airport. She was welcomed by a team of senior functionaries of District Administration Kishtwar.

Sheetal Devi etched her name in the annals of history by winning a gold medal in the Compound Open Archery event at the prestigious Asian Para Games held in China.

Sheetal Devi's journey is a testament to the indomitable power of the human spirit.

Born without hands (Phocomelia) in a remote village in Kishtwar, she defied all odds to at-

Her exceptional talent was first noticed by the India Army during a camp in 2019 amid the

Since then, she has made a remarkable mark on the global stage, further supported by the Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, which offered infrastructure for her training in Katra. Sheetal Devi's remarkable achievements stand as a shining example and an inspiration to all, underscoring that with unwavering determination and the right support, one can overcome any obstacle on the path to achieving greatness.

tain international recognition.

rugged mountains.

and breathtaking trails of the Kashmir Valley. The sport is gaining popularity among both seasoned bikers and novices eager to embark on thrilling journeys through pristine forests and

picturesque meadows. MTB Riders Rule is a mountain biking group, which over

the years has discovered rugged terrains in various destinations to popularise the sport in Kashmir. "We see a lot of people are

getting attracted towards this sport. Initially we started with a simple expedition but then we got interested to explore more terrains across Kashmir. Now we are three experts who move to distant places and perform a downhill cycling sport," Mirza Mehdi, a downhill cycling expert who is a part of MTB Riders Rule club, said.

Similarly, Fly Fishing is also emerging as another adventure among locals as well as the tourists visiting the valley. To promote leisure and adventure tourism, the Department of Tourism has been organizing the Kashmir Fly Fishing Competition, which saw the participation of a lot

of people. Kashmir has a fly fishing federation, which looks after such events as well as participants in the competitions. "Fly fishing is popular in Eu-

faq Ahmad, an angler.

Pertinently, trout angling is becoming a popular adventure among tourists visiting Kashmir from different parts of the world.

Fisheries department said this year, they have organized 16 trout angling events in the valley

These events have attracted scores of angling enthusiasts who compete with other participants to get maximum and big catches. (KNO)

Image via J&K Fisheries

rope. In Kashmir we have resources like rivers and streams which are treasures of fish varieties. So we take part in such activities to popularise this adventure in Kashmir," said Ish-

BUSINESS

Rs 50,000 Cr FDI In Food **Processing Sector In Last 9** Years: PM Modi

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said India's food processing sector has emerged as a "sunrise" industry and has attracted Rs 50,000 crore in foreign direct investment (FDI) in the past

nine years. Modi was addressing the second edition of World Food India at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital. The threeday event will

conclude on November 5. last "In the

nine years, FDI worth Rs 50,000 crore has come into the food processing sector. It is a result of the government's pro-industry and pro-farmer policies," Modi said.

He said export of processed food has increased 150 per cent in the last nine years and the domestic processing capacity has increased significantly.

The prime minister disbursed seed capital assistance to over one lakh Self Help Groups (SHGs) and inaugurated a 'food street' as part of 'World Food India 2023'.

The event aims to showcase India as food basket of the world' and celebrate 2023 as International Year of Millets. The first edition was held in 2017, but in consecutive years the international event could not be organised due to the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

'Seed Capital Assistance' will help SHGs gain better price realisation in the market through improved packaging and quality manufacturing. Addressing the event, Union Food Processing Industries Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras urged foreign investors to invest in India in

this sector. Com-Union merce Minister Piyush Goyal said the Modi government has food ensured security of the country and also provided a boost to the food pro-

cessing sector.

He highlighted the development work done by the central government in the last nine years. The 'Food Street' features regional cuisines and royal culinary heritage, wherein over 200 chefs will participate and present will traditional Indian cuisine.

World Food India will provide a networking and business platform for government bodies, industry professionals, farmers, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders to engage in discussions, establish partnerships, and explore investment opportunities in the agri-food sector.

During the event, CEOs roundtables will also take place with focus on investment and ease of doing business. Various pavilions have been set up to showcase the innovation and strength of the Indian food processing industry.

Air India To Add 30 New Planes In Next Six Months, Fly To Four **More Overseas Destinations**



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Air India on Friday said it expects to induct more than 30 new planes, add over 400 weekly services and operate to four new interna-

routes and on the international network, it would operate over 200 weekly flights, of which over 80 weekly flights have already been added. "Between now and March

2024. Air India expects to in-

GST: FinMin Launches Amnesty Scheme For Filing Appeals Against Demand Orders



In its last meeting on Oc-

tober 7, the GST Council

had approved this amnesty

scheme for filing appeals.

The entities willing to avail

of the scheme will have to

pre-deposit 12.5 per cent of

the tax demand, against 10

The move will facilitate a

large number of taxpayers,

who could not file an appeal

in the past within the speci-

AMRG & Associates Senior

Partner Rajat Mohan said the

scheme would be a lifeline for

those who might have missed

per cent currently.

fied time period.

more month

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The finance ministry has come out with an amnesty scheme for filing appeals against Goods and Services Tax (GST) demand orders.

The scheme, which will be open till January 31, 2024, will be available for entities that were unable to submit their appeals against orders issued by the tax officer on or before March 31, 2023, according to the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).

The CBIC issued a notification with respect to the scheme on Thursday.

So far, the GST law allowed an assessee to file an appeal against an assessment order

seeking taxes within three the appeal deadline due to months of the tax officer administrative errors or unpassing such a demand order. foreseen circumstances. This initiative can also pro-This can be extended by one

mote enhanced compliance among taxpayers. By offering a fair and lenient approach to appeal filing, it encourages better cooperation with tax authorities and a willingness to resolve disputes or clarify tax matters.

"Additionally, by allowing disputes to be resolved more efficiently, the scheme may reduce the burden on the legal system. This benefits both taxpayers and the tax administration by streamlining the appeal process and potentially reducing the need for prolonged litigation," Mohan added.

Services Sector Activity In India Hits 7-Month Low In Oct On Softer Increase In Output, New Business: PMI

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- The services sector growth in India fell to a seven-month low in October on softer increase in output and new business, amid competitive conditions and price pressures, a monthly survey said on Friday.

The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index fell to 58.4 in October, from a 13year high of 61 in September, signalling the slowest rate of

expansion since March. In Purchasing Man



bers noted gains from clients in inflation expectations in in Asia. Europe and the US October dampened busir confidence," Lima added. "Export was an area of particular strength in Octo-

FCIK Pleads For Composite Industrial Policy With Parliamentary Standing Committee

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has solicited intervention of the Industryrelated Parliamentary Standing Committee for reframing of a comprehensive and composite industrial policy for providing equal opportunities to existing as well as prospective industrial units in Jammu and Kashmir. A high level meeting presided by Rajya Sabha Member and chairman Standing Committee Tiruchi Siva was held in Srinagar which, amoung others, was also attended by Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta, Commissioner/Secretary Industries and Commerce Vikramjeet Singh and other officers of the Central and UT Governments, MSME and various Banks. The FCIK delegation was led by President Shahid Kamili and included Syed Shakeel Qalander, M.D Qureshi, Syed Fazal Illahi, Muzaffar Hussain Munshi, Lateef Ahmad Shah and Syed Omar Rasool.

FCIK members informed the meeting that there existed lot of confusion amoung entrepreneurs and officials of industries department on ground owing to three industrial policies 2016-26, 2021-30 and Central Industrial Development Scheme 2021-37 concurrently in vogue with different proceFEDERATION OF CHAMBERS **OF INDUSTRIES KASHMIR**

dural guidelines. They opined that it would be proper to club all the three policies into a single composite and comprehensive policy applicable to all existing and prospective enterprises after removing certain deficiencies and impediments having simplified guidelines in consonance with policy of "ease of doing business".

FCIK made a detailed presentation of issues related to marketing of industrial units engaged in manufacture of capital goods for procurements by government departments. Ever since the UT Government changed its procurement policy in 2019, such units had completely been rendered workless. "A new trend of clubbing industrial goods with works contracts has started whereby composite turn-key tenders are floated that only benefitted the contractors". FCIK put forth the demand for enhancing the limit of local filter in the GeM Portal from current 5.00 lacs to 5.0 Crores besides ensuring segregation and procurement of industrial goods separately without clubbing these with works contracts or composite intent for industrial and non-industrial goods.

Govt Serious To Promote Sonamarg As 12 Month Tourist **Destination: Director Tourism**



Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir and Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yakoob Friday visited Sonamarg where they co-chaired a joint meeting of officers and stake holders to review winter preparedness and allied facilities for keeping Sonamarg open during the winter.

At the outset, threadbare liscussion was held regarding

at all levels as a twelve month tourist destination so that tourists can have the best experience here.

The DC asked the Director tourism that the pamphlets and other printing material regarding the promotion of Sonamarg as all-weather tourist destination may be pasted on airport road at prominent places and tourist vehicles.

The Director Tourism said that the government is co

tional destinations in the next six months.

Providing details about its ongoing network and fleet augmentation efforts, the Tata Group-owned airline said international expansion is planned in North Âmerica, Europe, and Southeast Asia.

Air India said it intends to add more than 400 weekly flights to its domestic and international route network until March 2024, as part of the winter schedule. The winter schedule 2023 is effective from October 29 to March 30 next year.

On the back of expected new aircraft deliveries over the next six months, Air India aims to add more than 200 weekly flights on several domestic

duct over 30 wide body and narrow body aircraft to its fleet, including six A350s, four B777s and 20 A320 neos," it said in a release.

Earlier this year, Air India placed orders for 470 aircraft with Airbus and Boeing.

Four new international destinations will be announced in due course.

"While modernising our fleet and introducing new products and services is a top priority in Air India's ongoing transformation journey, we are equally focused on densifying and expanding our route network to capture the rapidly growing demand in the market," Air India CEO and MD Campbell Wilson said.

Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 denotes contraction. The survey is compiled from

responses to questionnaires sent to a panel of around 400 service sector companies.

added.

staff costs.

On the price front, services

companies in India reported

an increase in their expenses

in October. which they attrib-

uted to higher food, fuel and

"Several companies managed to secure new contracts, but some mentioned subdued demand for their services and competitive conditions," said Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

The October data highlighted the second-fastest upturn in international orders placed with Indian services companies since the series started in September 2014. Survey mem-

Going ahead, the Future Acber, with new business gains tivity Index fell by more than from Asia, Europe and the US five points in October, signalboosting growth to its secling some loss of confidence ond-highest in the series over surrounding the outlook for its nine-year history," Lima services output, amid rising inflation expectations.

Meanwhile, the S&P Global India Composite PMI Output Index fell from 61 in September to 58.4 in October, indicating the weakest rate of expansion since March.

"Although survey par-"Although India continued ticipants passed these adto post substantial growth of ditional cost burdens on to aggregate business activity, clients, permitted by demand the upturn lost strength in October amid slower increasstrength, the rise in charges es in manufacturing produccould have been the trigger of the deceleration in sales tion and services activity," the growth. Moreover, a pick-up survey said.

the necessary preparations and arrangements including water, electricity, health, road, fire service, snow clearing operation, traffic management, operationalization of Z-Morh Tunnel, firewood and other related facilities to be put in place for keeping Sonamarg open during the winters.

At the outset, Director Tourism said that the role of various stakeholders associated with tourism at Sonamarg is imperative for better regulation of tourism trade and all facilities need to be available to the tourists especially heating arrangements in hotels, water and electricity, maintenance of roads during winters besides proper plan for its promotion mitted to promote Sonamarg as all-weather tourist destination with all requisite facilities and recreational activities. In this regard proper promotion will be done during the trade fairs organized in various parts of the country and other appropriate platforms including Social Media handles of the department, he said.

While reviewing the snow clearance operation, Beacon was directed to keep sufficient men and machinery stationed on identified location from Gagangeer to Youth Hostel Sonamarg so that snow is cleared timely from the main road besides joint control room should be established at CEO office SDA for better coordination.

Equity Benchmarks Stay On Upward Track For 2nd Day

per cent) and energy (0.73

Overall during the week,

the BSE benchmark jumped

580.98 points or 0.91 per

cent while the Nifty climbed

183.35 points or 0.96 per

by firm global clues, steady

macroeconomic data and

strong domestic corporate

earnings. Clues that Fed is

unlikely to hike rates in the

"The optimism is buoyed

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty sustained their upward movement for the 2nd straight day and ended with gains on Friday in line with positive trends in global markets.

Extending its previous day's rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 282.88 points or 0.44 per cent to settle at 64,363.78. During the day, it jumped 454.29 points or 0.70 per cent to 64,535.19.

The Nifty went up by 97.35 points or 0.51 per cent to close at 19,230.60.

Among the Sensex firms, Titan, Tech Mahindra, Tata Motors, JSW Steel, ICICI Bank, Infosys, State Bank of India, and Sun Pharma were the major gainers.

Bajaj Finserv, IndusInd Bank, Nestle, Tata Steel and Bajaj Finance Bank were the

major laggards.

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future and modest decline in In the broader market, the oil prices are adding to the BSE smallcap gauge jumped optimism," said Vinod Nair, 0.94 per cent while the mid-Head of Research at Geojit Ficap index climbed 0.71 per nancial Services.

In Asian markets, Seoul, All the indices ended in Shanghai and Hong Kong setthe green, with realty rallytled with gains. ing 2.64 per cent, services European markets were jumped 1.60 per cent, con-sumer durables (1.44 per trading in the positive terri-

tory. The US markets ended cent), consumer discretionwith significant gains on ary (1.15 per cent), oil & gas Thursday. Global oil benchmark Brent (0.94 per cent), bankex (0.68

crude rose 0.01 per cent to USD 86.86 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) continued to be net sellers in the capital markets and sold equities worth Rs 12.43 crore on Friday, according to exchange data.

On Thursday, the BSE benchmark jumped 489.57 points or 0.77 per cent to settle at 64,080.90. The Nifty climbed 144.10 points or 0.76 per cent to 19,133.25.

SKUAST-K Holds EAP For Tribal Farmers Of Budgam

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: SKUAST-K, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Budgam Friday organized a one-day Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP) on 'Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Milk Processing and Value Addition Industry' for tribal farmers of Shanglipora, Khag Budgam.

The awareness programme was approved by Director Planning and Monitoring SKUAST-Kashmir and sponsored by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME), Gol.

The programme was designed to sensitize and build entrepreneurial mindset among the farmers/rural youth in the dairy industry. A total of 70 tribal farmers/rural youth from the said area were sensitized.

During the programme, Dr. Bilal Ahmad Lone (Sr. Scientist & Head KVK Budgam) stressed upon the need of up-skilling of youth for instilling an entrepreneurship spirit among the people especially in Dairy Industry.

Course Coordinator, Dr. Mir Nadeem Hassan (Scientist Animal Science) provided an overview of the programme and delivered lectures on Processing and Value Addition of Milk and Development of Market Linkage in Milk Industry for Better Profitability.

Dr. Shafkat Wani (Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Animal Husbandry Department) discussed different schemes offered by the Govt. of J&K in Dairy Sector for the benefit of rural youth.

During the programme, Mudasir Ahmad Dar (Entrepreneur) also shared his Dairy Entrepreneurship Journey Experience for inspiration of farmers who attended the programme.

The programme was also attended by other faculty members of Kendra.

Two Days HRD Training Programme On Integrated Pest Management Held

Observer News Service

PULWAMA: Under a reach out programme and to put the expertise at disposal to farming community, the Central Integrated Pest Management Centre, Srinagar, Govt. of India, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare in collaboration with State Agriculture Department, Sub-Div Kakapora, conducted two-day train-ing programme on "Integrated Pest Management" (HRD) at Village Kakapora, Block Kakapora of Pulwama.

Programme was presided by Dr. Mithilesh Kumar Arya, Assistant Director (PP). Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India.

his keynote address, Dr In Mithilesh presented the importance of effective management of pests in the farm field with use of scientific and technological interventions.

Tariq Rasool Rather, Associate Professor, Plant Pathology SKUAST who was invited as a guest expert in his presentation gave a detailed account in managing various pests taking in account the localised circumstances.

A large number of farmers took part in the programme wherein they were made aware regarding the concept of IPM and objective of organizing such a programme.

They elaborated in full detail the techniques of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and when as well as at what stage the use of chemicals, while seeing ETL level, use of pheromones traps, light traps, delta traps and yellow sticky traps should be made.

Moreover, Mohd Shafi Wani, AEA Kakapora also made the farmers aware regarding various Cultural, Mechanical, Biological and Chemical control measures under IPM techniques for the welfare of farmers.

Progressive farmer Ghulam Nabi Ganaie also appreciated the Department for conducting such programmes for welfare of farmers and asked the farmers to come forward to take maximum benefits from the departmental schemes.

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