

KASHMIR OBSERVER

Saturday 04 November 2023 | Srinagar | Vol: 26 | Issue: 274 | Pages: 12 | Price: ₹3

www.kashmirobserver.net • twitter.com/kashmirobserver • facebook.com/kashmirobserver • Postal Regn: L/159/KO/SK/2014-2016

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 participating 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.

"The said provision 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.

Unwanted Newborns: Srinagar Hospitals Reveal Disturbing Trend

Auqib Javed

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.



Notably, the Kashmir Valley has witnessed a surge in cases of both baby dumping and baby abandonment, with a significant proportion of the affected infants being female or children with down syndrome. The data further reveals that LD hospital reported 52 cases of abandoned babies from 2011

to 2023. Out of these, 45 babies were adopted, while 7 tragically did not survive. At the Government Children's Hospital in Srinagar, authorities have provided care and supported 29 unwanted infants till now.

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 centres 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.

Delhi Gasp 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.

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 (KPDC) for "miserably failing" to stick to its power curtailment schedule, the Kashmir

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 households in general.

Admin Orders Tough Action Against Power Theft

At 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.

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 the killing of one person allegedly by militants near Solina Srinagar in 2003.

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.

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 document 2047' reveals that, "Infrastructure gaps exist in 5000 schools located in remote and hilly terrain."

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."

Prestige Shubh utsav. Celebrating 75 years of innovation. 16th Sep - 15th Nov, 2023. Advertisement for Prestige products including cookers, mixers, and stoves with various discounts.

Introducing JUDGE. Quality meets Affordability. Advertisement for Judge products including pressure cookers, cookware, and gas stoves.

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.

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

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.

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311 ✈

RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBHARA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS

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



HIJRI CALENDAR
19 Rabi-ul-Sani
1445

PRAYERS

FAJR	5:28
ZUHR	12:14
ASR	3:58
Magrib	5:39
ISHA	7:00

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
- 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 Fatah-arm forces
- 1970 - Russian nuclear physicist Sacharov forms Human Rights Committee
- 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

“This Diwali, let us illuminate our homes only with a product

which embodies the fragrance of the tireless hardwork of one of my countrymen, the talent of a youth of my country and which has provided employment to my countrymen.”

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Let us become vocal for local while doing festive shopping and fill happiness in the lives of our artisan brothers and sisters.



#vocalforlocal

Upload your selfie with the product or artisan using **#vocalforlocal** on **mygov.in** or share it directly with **the Prime Minister on NaMo app.**

The Prime Minister will share some of those posts on his social media.

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.

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.

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.



"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 escalation along the Lebanese border between Israel and his group - a Hamas ally - was contingent on what happened 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.

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



Agencies

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 Kerem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing in Israel, east of the Rafah border crossing between the besieged Gaza Strip and Egypt.

US House Approves \$14.5 Billion Military Aid for Israel

Agencies

WASHINGTON: The House approved 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.



It is also Johnson's first big test as House speaker as the Republican majority tries to get back to work after a month of 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 increasingly oppose aiding Kyiv.

Modi, UAE President Discuss Situation In West Asia; Share 'Deep Concerns' Over Terrorism, Civilian Deaths

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday discussed the situation in West Asia with UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed, and said they shared deep concerns over terrorism, the deteriorating security scenario and the loss of civilian lives in the region.



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.

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 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.

cloud or drive. "We are not inclined to proceed further with the present writ petition, as it is clear from the counter affidavit 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.

Advertisement for Jammu & Kashmir Horticultural Produce Marketing & Processing Corporation (JKHPMC) Ltd. Includes contact information, logo, and an advertisement notice for hiring of consultants.

Tender Notice for the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Project Division 1st Srinagar. Includes details about the tendering process, dates, and contact information.

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)



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

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."

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

India Should Help Establish Peace In Palestine: Dr Farooq

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 Y Tarigami and National Conference (NC) leader Hasnain Masoodi were also part of the meeting held at Abdullah's residence at Gupkar here.

"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.

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 important as well," he said. Abdullah said the situation is "like what happened in South Africa during the apartheid."

"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.

The leaders, however, 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-

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.

"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.

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.

GOVT. OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT HOSPITAL PULWAMA

Telefax:- 01933-241530 | E-mail :- dhpulwama@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE Dated 31/10/2023

MEDIUM

1. For and on behalf of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Sealed tenders are invited with a revenue stamp of Rs 5/= along with a CDR of Rs 20000/= (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) pledged to Medical Superintendent District Hospital Pulwama for refilling of 9.4/ 10 ltr water capacity Oxygen cylinders (Medium) type B with 1360 liters of oxygen filled in the cylinder should be 1.8 kgs and cylinder pressure as 140 kgs/ cm²-

BULK

2. Refilling of 46.6/ 47/47.2/48/49 ltr water capacity oxygen cylinders (Bulk) type D, with 6800 ltrs of oxygen having purity above 93%. The net weight of 6800 ltrs of oxygen filled in cylinder should be 9.0 kgs and cylinder pressure as 140 kgs/ cm².

The tenders, complete in all respects, along with the necessary documents, should reach the office of the undersigned up to November 9, 2023, until 2 pm.

No:MS/PUL/Acctts/3417
Dated:-31/10/2023

DIPK-11517-23
DT: 03/11/2023

Medical Superintendent
District Hospital Pulwama

NORTHERN RAILWAY						
E-TENDER NOTICE						
Sr.DEE/G/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders (www.ireps.gov.in) against below titled Tenders. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only.						
Tender No.	Name of Work	App. Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Completion Period	Opening of Tender	Website Particulars
251-Elect-T-38/2023-24	Electrical work in c/w Provision of basic amenities like toilets, benches, sheds, watering facilities for merchants and other miscellaneous improvement works at Jalandhar City and Kartarpur Railway Stations on JUC-ASR Section	1,12,94,457.21	2,06,500.00	06 Months	24.11.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
251-Elect/T.Nice No. 31-Elect/2023-24 Dated:- 03.11.2023						
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE						

ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

AWANTIPORA, KASHMIR.

Tele: 01933-247954/247955 Website: www.iust.ac.in

Tender for Supply and Installation of Liquid Chromatography - Mass Spectrometer (LC-MS) Instrument

For and on behalf of Vice Chancellor Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, tenders in Two Cover System (Technical & Financial Bid) are hereby invited from original manufacturers/authorized dealers (having specific authorization from their original manufacturer/s) to quote against this tender as per the format provided in Annexure - B of the tender for supply and installation of **Liquid Chromatography - Mass Spectrometer (LC-MS) Instrument** as detailed in the tender document/BOQ.

Tenders shall be submitted in the office of Dean, Health Sciences by or before 24-11-2023. The detailed tender document can be had from the office of Procurement and Stores, IUST or can be downloaded on the University website www.iust.ac.in.

The tenders must accompany with the cost of Tender document in the shape of Demand Draft favoring to Islamic University of Science & Technology, payable at Awantipora and earnest money deposit (EMD) in the shape of CDR/FRD from any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank pledged to Islamic University of Science and Technology Awantipora.

No: IUST/Reg PS/DHS/2023/340
Dated: 03-11-2023

DIPK-NB-4006-23
DT: 03/11/2023

Sd/-
Dean, Health Sciences/Principal Investigator



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 peace-making process given the latter's vital stakes in the existence of a peaceful and stable Gaza bordering the Sinai Peninsula.

The conflagration between Israel and Hamas has added 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.

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 latter'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 heading 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 Abuahayja, 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 maps of online Chinese platforms of 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 'severe 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 WEEK That Was

KO Web Desk

Skyrocketing Airfares Worry Tourism Players, Locals In Kashmir

By Auqib Javed for Kashmir Observer

Even 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

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

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

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

By Observer News Service

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday that 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.

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

Except 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.

OPINIONS

The Pick Of The Bunch

KO Web Desk

Sociopaths In Suits

By Andrew Mitrovica for Al Jazeera

For 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

Both 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.

A War Where Humanity is on Trial Now

By Sonia Gandhi for The Indian Express

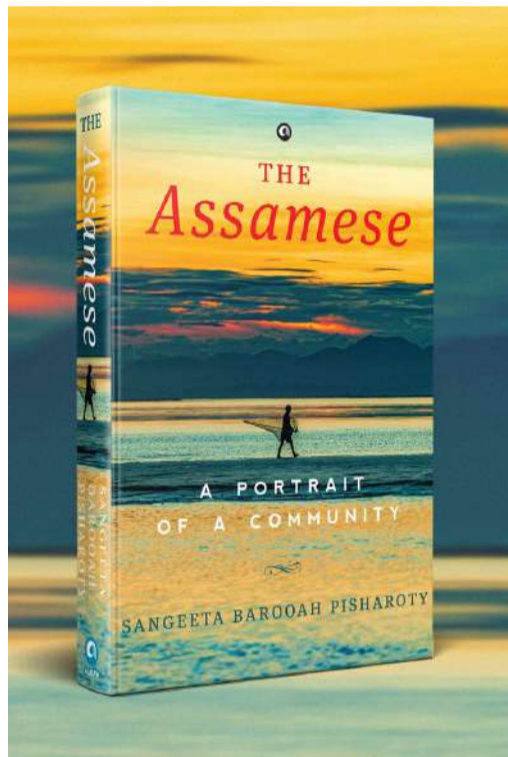
The power of the Israeli state is now focused on exacting revenge from a population that is largely as helpless as it is blameless. The destructive might of one of the world's most potent military arsenals is being unleashed upon children, women and men who have no part in the Hamas assault; they, instead,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

November Reads for Your Autumn Bookshelves

KO Web Desk

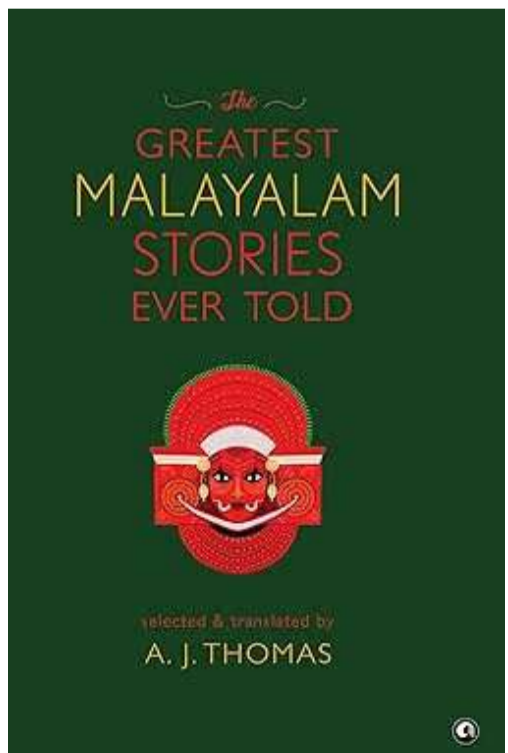
Autumn bugles in its own routine. It's often associated with warm clothes, a cosy muffler, a cuppa tea and a book to read. Here's a collection of new releases by Aleph Book Publications and Rupa Publications that you can buy to upgrade your reading shelf and realise your reading goals for 2023.

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.

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

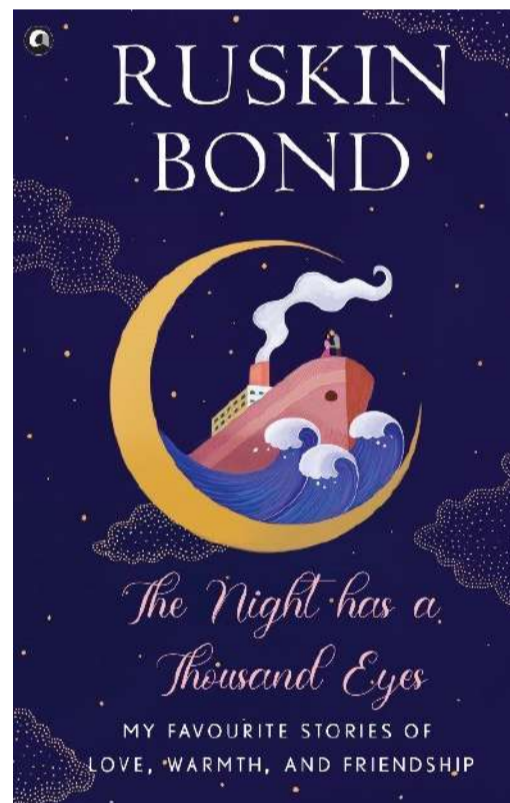


The Greatest Malayalam Stories Ever Told is a collection of fifty brilliant short stories translated from the Malayalam. Selected and translated by poet, editor, and translator A. J. Thomas, this collection includes established masters such as Karoor Neelakanta Pillai, Vaikom Muhammad Basheer, Lalithambika 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 vil-

lage life. In Pillai'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. Madhavikuty 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



The 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.

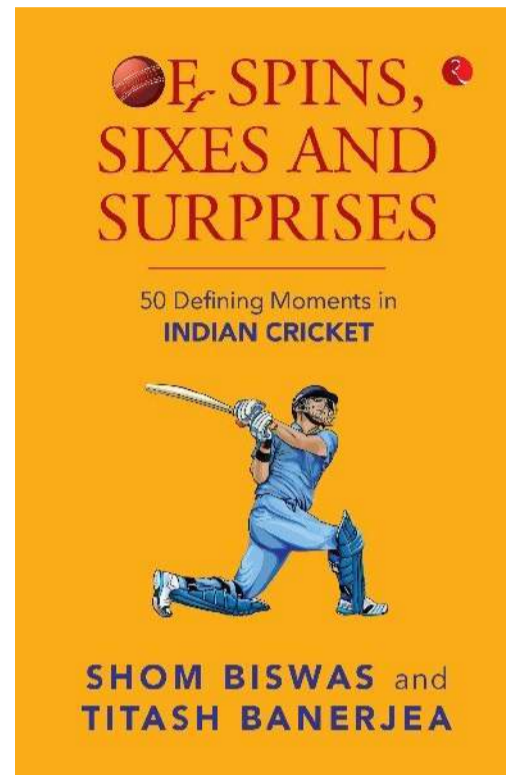
There Is No Misery Where There Is No Want: *Lessons from India's Spiritual Masters*
What is the path to a joyful, peaceful, fulfilling life? What do we need to transform the way in which we lead our everyday lives? How do we cope with pain, unhappiness, fear, desire, loss, and bad luck? The world's greatest 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 Banerjee

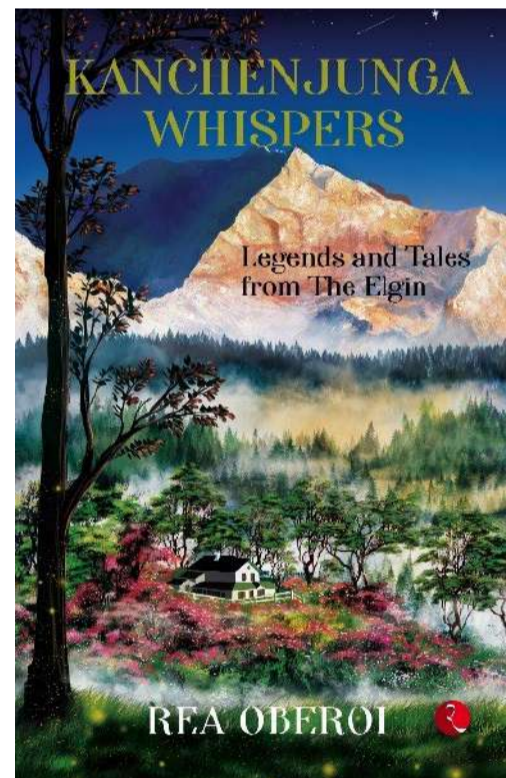
Nothing comes even remotely close to the excitement that cricket evokes in both the young and the old in India. Cricket in India is a religion, with cricketers revered as gods. While we have grown up watching cricket on our televisions, we have felt the tension, euphoria and joy that cricketers on the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

Of Spins, Sixes and Surprises: 50 Defining Moments in Indian Cricket is a humble attempt at reliving those occasions. Authors Shom Biswas and Titash Banerjee 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



forms a key theme.

Kanchenjunga Whispers: Legends and Tales from The Elgin
By Rea Oberoi



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.

In *Kanchenjunga Whispers*, discover forest shamans, bodhisattvas, hidden tribes, gods and goddesses and travel with them to the valley of flowers, the ruins of an ancient kingdom, sacred forests, magical caverns and mythical monasteries. Venture into the land of the thunderbolt and rolling tea gardens and join the author as she forages for Himalayan gold and tries to cross over to Shambhala—the land of enlightened beings.

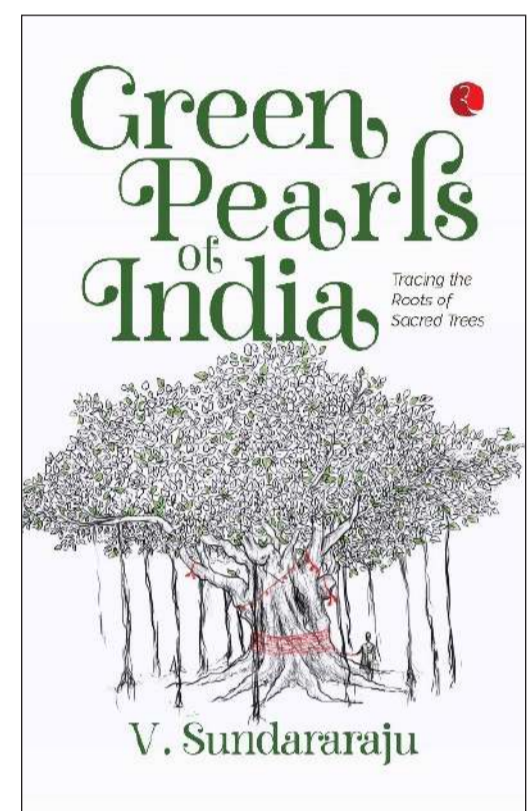
With hair-raising accounts that unfold as darkness settles over the misty mountains and road trips that take you to uncharted realms, this collection will also give you a glimpse of the author's Himalayan home, where Sansar (the visible world) meets Moksha (the soul).

Join Rea on this fulfilling journey of self-discovery and surround yourself with soaring mountains and the sweet aroma of the tea gardens.

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 life-giving 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.

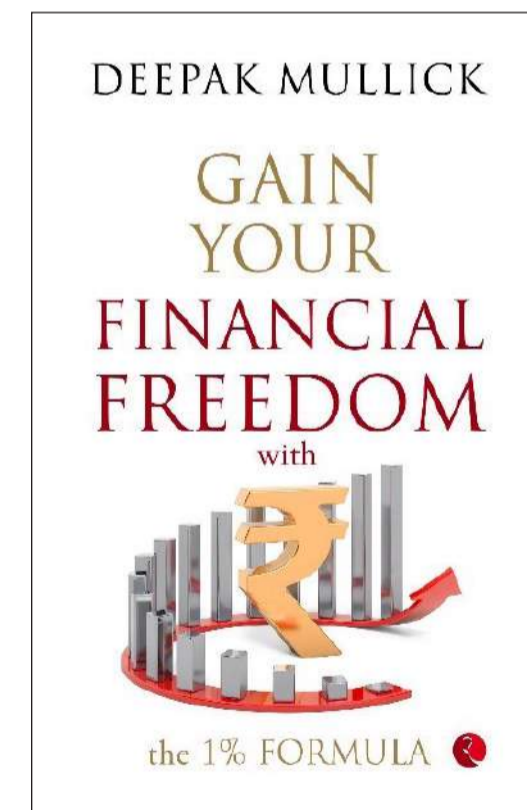
In *Green Pearls of India: Tracing the Roots of Sacred Trees*, V. Sundararaju captures the essence and beauty of 27 such sacred trees. He vividly describes the religious, social, economic, ecological, cultural and medicinal values of each and explores the stories and legends



associated with them. From the origins of the 'germ-killer' tree and 'sorrow-removing' tree to the trees associated with Lord Shiva and Gautam Buddha, this meticulously researched and richly illustrated book offers 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



Can you ever stop working for money? Do you know how much corpus is enough? How do you turn your investments into a sustainable income source?

If your answer is no to any of these, then you need to pick up this book now!

Most people end up exhausting their lives chasing money as an end goal without focusing on turning their investments into a sustainable income source, consequently, ignoring other dimensions of life such as health, family and personal passions.

In *Gain Your Financial Freedom*, investment veteran Deepak Mullick

- simplifies planning framework for financial freedom,
- analyses asset classes and makes a distinction between ones that can earn you your financial freedom from the ones that will cost you your freedom, and
- Recommends a simple mutual funds-based approach to participate in Indian equities for an accelerated path to financial freedom.

Gain Your Financial Freedom also contains stories of people who used the 1% formula and created a nest egg without giving in to stress, anxiety or overwork. This book is a must-read for anyone who wants long-term wealth creation and a comfortable lifestyle off that wealth so that they don't have to keep working for money.

Cutting-Edge AI Raises Fears About Risks To Humanity.

Are Tech And Political Leaders Doing Enough?

Associated Press

Chatbots 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-yet-unknown 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 will 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 worst-case 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: jkys1234@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.

(Mohammad Ayub)
Deputy Secretary to the Government
Youth Services and Sports Department

No. YSS-Adm/161/2023-02-Y&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.

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

- a. "Union Territory" means the Jammu and Kashmir UT;
- b. "Government" means the Government of Jammu and Kashmir;
- c. "Rules" means the Jammu & Kashmir-Youth Services and Sports Outstanding Sportspersons (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules 2023.
- d. "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;
- f. "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;
- i. Words and expressions used in 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:

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

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:

- 1. 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.

- 2. Appointments to a service or class shall be made:

- 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 Schedule-II appended to these rules.

- 3. 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.

- 4. 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.

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:

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.

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

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

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

J&K Outstanding Sportspersons (Gazetted) Service				
Class	Category	Designation	Pay Level	Method of Recruitment
I	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.
III	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.

DIPK-11551/23
dated: 03-11-2023

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

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 low-scoring group game on Friday. Afghanistan climbed to fifth in the standings with eight points, behind New Zealand on net 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.

Earlier, the Netherlands won the toss and opted to bat first but Mujeeb Ur Rahmat 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 an impressive performance. In the evening, they locked horns with a formidable Uttar Pradesh team in the quarter-finals 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

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.

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

With the semi-finals on the horizon, J&K athletes will want 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 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.

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

game for the Snow Leopards against RUF, 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 RUF," Ishfaq told AIFF. "I'm also very pleased that despite the relatively short pre-season, 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 1-1 draw with Delhi FC. Coach Ishfaq understands the challenge Real Kashmir face in

TRAU.

"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 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.

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 attain international recognition.

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

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.

Kashmir's New Adventure Sports Draws Thrill Seekers

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Kashmir is witnessing an emergence of new adventure sports, which draws enthusiasts from across the world.

From mountain biking to fishing competitions, these exhilarating activities are becoming increasingly popular in the valley, offering both locals and tourists unique opportunities 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 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



Image via J&K Fisheries

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-

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 Ishfaq 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)

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 Srinagar 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 the 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



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.

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

NEW DELHI: The IPL auction ahead of the 2024 season will be held in Dubai on December 19 while the player retention deadline has been extended to November 26.

An IPL official confirmed the development to PTI. Teams on Friday were informed that the player retention deadline has been extended to November 26. Usually, the deadline is November 15.

"Yes the deadline has been extended to November 26," a team official told PTI.

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

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

The purse of all 10 IPL teams have been increased to Rs 100 crore from Rs 95 crore available in the previous auction.

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

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.



Caringly yours



Make your existing health policy more comprehensive by adding



HEALTH PRIME RIDER



Preventive Health Check-up

(45+ Test Parameters at Network Centres)



24x7 Unlimited Tele-Consultation

Individual and family members



90,000+ Doctors

(35+ Specialisations for Tele-Consultation)



Rider for both Individual & Family Floater Basis*

*Based on the variant opted in your health plan

Health Prime Rider can be opted only with Bajaj Allianz Health and PA products

To know more:

Contact your nearest J&K Bank Branch

Health Prime Rider is a supplementary benefit to the Health Prime product. It is not a separate health plan. It is subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of the Health Prime product. Please refer to the Health Prime policy document for more details. *T&C apply.